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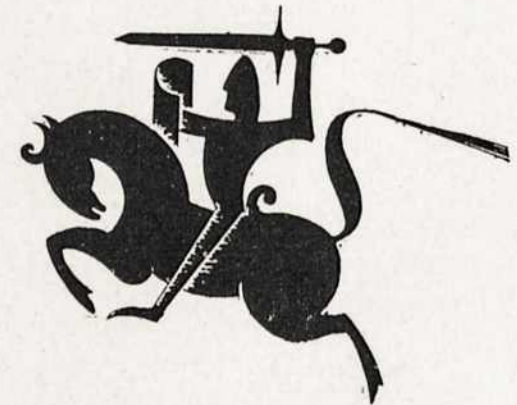
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J. A. VAL

Didžiosios JAV lietuvių katalikų iškilmės vyko š.m. rugsėjo 3-5 d.d. Washington, D. C. Istorinis Šiluvos Marijos koplyčios įrengimas Amerikos katalikų šventovėje yra labai reikšmingas. Koplyčia kalbės visiems lankytojams, kad Lietuva yra gyva, kad lietuviai yra katalikai ir kad mūsų tėvų kraštą reikia išvaduoti iš pavergėjų Rusijos komunistų.

Amerikos Lietuvių Romos Katalikų Federacijos Kongresas prasidėjo 1966 m. rugs. 3 d., 1:00 val. p. p. Statler Hilton viešbuty, Washington, D.C. Su Federacijos kongreso atidarymu buvo pradėtas ir lietuvių religinis kongresas bei visos didžiosios iškilmės.

FEDERACIJOS 60 METŲ SUKAKTIS

Katalikų Federacijos pirm. Kazys Kleiva, kuris vadovavo kongreso iškilmingam posėdžiui, pristatė Federaciją, 300 posėdžio dalyvių, kaip 60 m. jubilatę. Garbės prezidiumą sudarė: vysk. V. Brizgys, vysk. C. Salatka, vysk. Pr. Brazys, min. J. Kajeckas, prel. J. Balkūnas iš Romos, prel. L. Tulaba, iš P. Amerikos Prel. P. Ragažinskas, NCCM atstovas Dr. J. Bowen, provincijolai - marijonų Tėv. V. Rimšelis, pranciškonų Tėv. L. Andriekus, Kun. Vienybės pirm. kun. E. Abromaitis, Kat. Susivienijimo pirm. L. Simutis, Kat. Moterų s-gos pirm. J. Medinienė, ALT pirm. A. Rudis, PLB pirm. J. Bachunas, JAV LB pirm. J. Jasaitis. Beveik kiekvienas iš jų sveikino jubilatę Federaciją, pabrėždami jos nuveiktus darbus katalikybei ir lietuvybei. Prie sveikinimų prisijungė BALF garbės pirm. prel. J. Končius ir jėzuitų vardu Tėv. J. Borevičius.

VYČIAI FEDERACIJOS KONGRESE

Katalikų Federacijai priklauso visos lietuvių katalikų organizacijos. Lietuvos Vyčių vardu kongresą sveikino A. Mažeika. Pirm. A. Wesey-Vasiliauskas įgaliojo muz. A. Aleksį ir E. Karpus atstovauti Liet. Vyčius kongrese. Kongrese atstovais užsiregistravo Chicagos, New Yorko, Detroito, Newarko ir kt. vietovių vyčiai. Federacija turėdama gerus santykius su vyčiais, džiaugiasi jų dalyvavimu savo kongrese.

KATALIKŲ FEDERACIJOS ATEITIS

Vėlesniam Kat. Federacijos posėdžiui vadovavo prezidiumas: dr. V. Simaitis, P. Ažuolas, J. Medinienė. Sekretariate: M. Remienė, J. Damušienė, A. Vainius, A. Radžius. Paskaitą apie lietuvių katalikų likimines problemas turėjo kun. V. Bagdanavičius. Iš paskaitos paaiškėjo, kad Bažnyčios suvažiavimas reikalauja aktyvesnės katalikybės ir kad pasauliečiams uždedami didesni uždaviniai Bažnyčioje ir gyvenime. Kongresas nutarė artoriaus bendruomenes organizuoti, pirmoj eilėj,



K. Kleiva

kad išlaikyti lietuviškas mišias. Antrasis nutarimas siekia Lietuvos katalikus ir pastangas jų persekiojimą stabdyti.

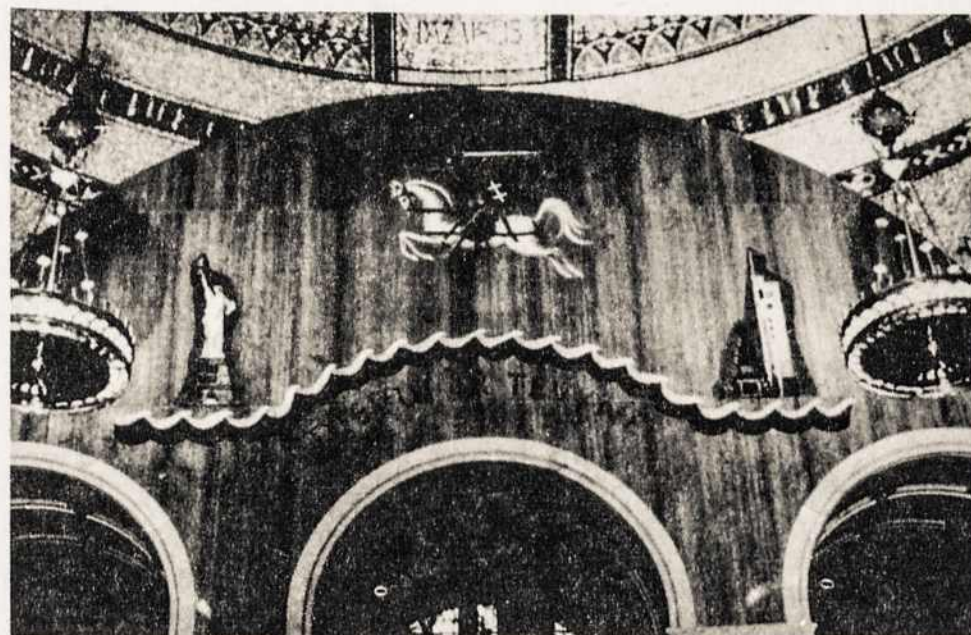
Federacijos pirm. K. Kleivos platus veiklos pranešimas sako, kas Fed. Valdyba dirbo įvairiose srityse. Pranešime nurodoma: Valdybos 10 punktų veiklos planas, 14 posėdžių nutarimai, išleista 10 aplinkraščių ir virš 4000 raštų, suorganizuota plataus masto religinė meno paroda, Kat. Federacijos Tarybos suvažiavimas, informacija, jaunimo įjungimas, geri santykiai su organizacijomis, ALTO problemos, BALFO reikalai, dalyvavimas tarptautiniam forumui, Kat. Akcijos Fondo organizavimas.

L. Simutis padarė izdo globėjų pranešimą, dr. A. Damušis ALRKF-jos stovyklos Dainava pranešimą. Visi pranešimai patvirtinti. Kongresas pakeitė konstituciją ir leidžia pavieniams katalikams priklausyti Federacijai, skyriams, apskritims ir seimeliui.

Mandatų ir registracijos komisiją sudarė: E. Pauzazienė, P. Dirkis, J. Sveda ir Dr. Vl. Viliamas.

I naują Kat. Federacijos Valdybą išrinkti ir pareigomis pasiskirstė: pirm. K. Kleiva, dvasios vad. prel. Ig. Albavičius, I vicepirm. dr. J. Meškauskas, II vicepirm. dr. A. Damušis, III vicepirm. A. Rudis, sekr. M. Remienė, izd. A. Dzirvonas, izdo glob. L. Simutis, informacija kun. p. Garšva, organizaciniai reikalai kun. K. Trimakas, izdo glob. ir jaunimo direktorė inž. D. Stakytė.

Katalikų Federacija apjungia ir atstovauja visus JAV lietuvius katalikus. Josios veikla ateityje dar labiau išsiplės, todėl ir naujų skyrių tinklą reikia didinti.



Scene from Siluva Chapel, Washington, D.C.

PRASMINGAS JAUNIMO PAREIŠKIMAS

Lietuvių Religinio Kongreso metu, lietuvių jaunimas ir jų vadai savo posėdyje labai giliai svarstė pagrindinę simpoziumo temą: "Jaunimas ir religija mūsų laikų priešreliginėje įtampoje." Jaunas studentas Vyt. Radzivanas savo referatu trumpai, bet giliai dėstė savo temą religingo jaunimo įtaką į liberalinį jaunimą. Kalbėtojas išskėlė pačius svarbiausius jaunimo uždavinius - gerai pasirengti, laikytis santūrumo ir būti budriam. Jo žodis taikė ypatingai į ateitininkišką jaunimą ir Lietuvos Vyčius, kad dabar laikas būti religijos apaštalais. Nuoširdžiai ragino jaunimą gilintis į religines tiesas, ypač susirinkimuose, studijų dienoje, skaityba, kad galėtų daryti įtakos į liberalinį jaunimą. Jaunasis kalbėtojas siūlė užkirsti kelią šūkiui: "Dievas yra miręs".

Jo puikus referatas davė progos jaunimui ir vyresniesiems jų draugams geros medžiagos diskusijoms. Sąryšyje su tuo buvo priimtas čia duodamas labai svarbus lietuvių jaunimo pareiškimas. Šis nuoširdus, draugiškas lietuvių jaunimo žodis taikomas sau ir broliams ir sesutėms pavergtoje Lietuvoje. Tai galėtų būti lietuvių jaunimo šūkis veikti ir aukotis pagal čia numatytą planą. Per Vatikano radiją šis broliškas žodis lietuvių jaunimui bus kartojamas ir kartojamas, kaip gilios lietuviškos meilės balsas.

Tikime, kad šis pareiškimas nebus pamirštas, bet tikslingai ir planingai vykdomas mūsų jaunimo visam pasaulyje.

Lietuvių Religinio Kongreso Jaunimo Sekcija

P A R E I Š K I M A S

Lietuvių jaunimas savo posėdyje Lietuvių Religiniam Kongrese, 1966 - Pasaulio Lietuvių Jaunimo Metais, rugsėjo mėnesio 5 dieną, Washington, District of Col-



WE BET YOUR WIFE AND YOUR
FAMILY WILL NOT WANT TO
LEAVE HOME . . .

(SEE PAGE 13)
(FOR INFO.)

when they see you cared
enough to wish them a
Merry Christmas with a
Greeting in the Vytis.

umbia, apsvarstęs ir diskutavęs referatą "Jaunimas ir religija mūsų laikų priešreliginėje įtampoje", vieningai skelbia šį pareiškimą:

Mes, lietuvių jaunimas, sąmoningai tikime Dievą, Kristų ir Jo Bažnyčią. Mūsų tikėjimas ir religinis gyvenimas yra mūsų pačių giliu įsitikinimu ir laisvu apsisprendimu priimtas kaip esminė ir prasmingoji mūsų gyvenimo ir veikimo dalis. Mes savo tikėjimu didžiuojamės ir stengiamės juo gyventi. Mes laikomės Kristaus ir Jo Bažnyčios paskelbtų doros dėsnių savo asmeniškame, viešajame ir visuomeniniame gyvenime. Mylėdami savo artimą Kristaus meile, mes gerbiame visų įsitikinimų, visų tautų, rasių ir visų religijų žmones. Svarbiausiai vertindami žmogaus asmenybę, mes visuomet rūpinamės, kad kuo daugiau žmonių būtų Kristaus sekėjais savo gyvenime ir savo veikime.

Broliai ir Seserys pavergtoje Lietuvoje,

Mes suprantame ir su nepaprasta rimtimi atjaučiame jūsų gyvenimo sąlygas ir jūsų patiriamus sunkumus savo tikėjimą išpažįstant. Mes jus ypatingai mylime ir džiaugiamės, kad jūs neprarandate sąžinės balso garbinti, išpažinti, pažinti ir mylėti savo Kūrėją ir Atpirkėją Dievą. Jei jūs ir negalite tikėjimo laisvai pasirinkti bei jo viešai praktikuoti, viduje jūs tikėjimą išlaikote, laukdami dienos, kada, laisvai gyvendami, galėsite šį pažinimą stiprinti ir atvirai išreikšti. Mūsų draugiškas linkėjimas, kad toji diena greitai ateitų yra svarbiausias laisvėje gyvenančių lietuvių žodis jums. Mes norime, kad jūsų sąžinės laisvė būtų skubiai pripažinta, kaip kad ją turime mes ir milijonai laisvų žmonių.

Pavergėjų atskirti jūs ir mes netapkime priešais, bet visada jauskimės vienos lietuviškos tautos nariais. Kai mes išgirstame jūsų balsą, mes stengiamės jį suprasti ir jei galime jums padėti. Kai jūs girdite mus, būkite tos pačios minties, nes yra tik vien tiesa, vienas Dievas ir vienas amžinas gyvenimas. Mėginkite savo gyvenime atskirti tiesą nuo melo, teisybę nuo apgaulės, tikrą mokslą nuo visa iškreipiančios propogandos.

Mes, laisvame pasaulyje ryžtamės vykdyti maldos, aukos ir veikimo planą:

1. Save krikščioniškai ugdyti ir krikščioniškoje moralėje užgrūdinti.
2. Pažinti visus, įvairiai galvojančius lietuvius ir daryti savo geru pavyzdžiu jiems įtakos.
3. Stengtis visais būdais padėti pavergtos Lietuvos jaunimui religiniuose reikaluose.
4. Aktyviai, noriai ir darbingai jungtis į bendras visų lietuvių pastangas už Lietuvos ir Bažnyčios laisvę.
5. Būti uoliais lietuvių parapijų parapijiečiais ir veikliais lietuvių bendruomenės nariais.
6. Tuo pat pradėti platinti labai svarbią informacinę knygą "The War Against God in Lithuania" ir visais būdais informuoti laisvą pasaulį apie Lietuvos pavergimą.

CEREMONIES AT THE TOMB OF LITHUANIA'S UNKNOWN SOLDIER

DR. JACK J. STUKAS

On November 11, Veterans Day, we mark the anniversary of the armistice which ended World War One, and pay tribute to our veterans of all wars. Each year on this date, the unknown soldiers of various countries are honored in ceremonies commemorating them and their comrades. It was on November 11th, 1920, that the body of an unknown soldier was buried under the Arc de Triomphe in Paris and also in Westminster Abbey in London. The following year a similar ceremony was performed at Arlington National Cemetery, in Washington, D. C.

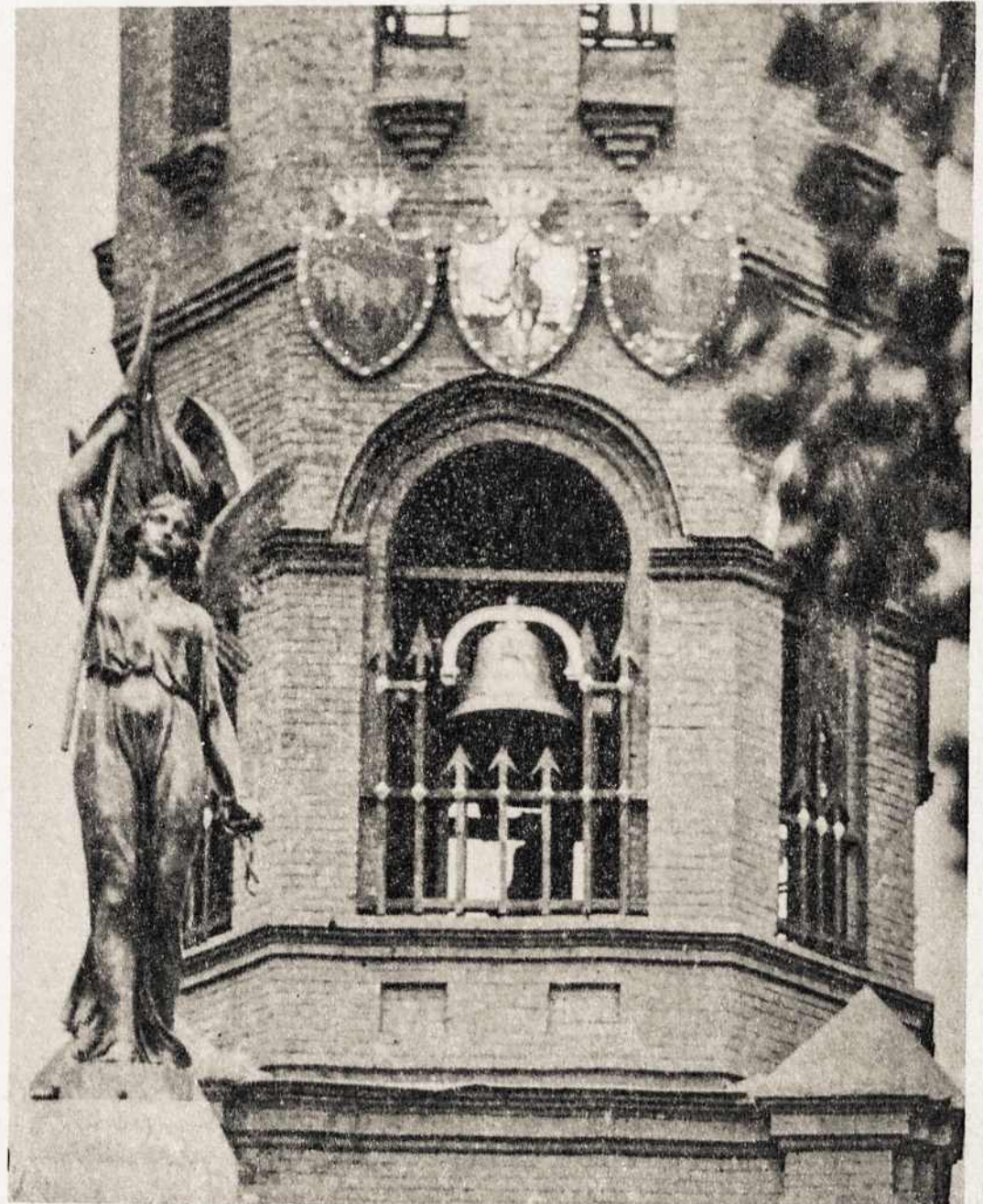
Standing close by the Museum of War in Kaunas, the provisional capital of Lithuania during her independence, was a tower which had a unique symbolic connection with Lithuanian independence. A few paces from the tower was the tomb dedicated to the memory of Lithuania's unknown soldier. All visitors to Lithuania before her brutal occupation by the Soviets, were deeply impressed by a daily observance to the memory of Lithuania's war-dead. At break of day a trumpeter would mount the steps leading to the top of the Liberty Tower, from which he would send a clear call to observe the coming of a new day. At the close of each day, the trumpeter would again mount the steps send a call to observe a day's passing and to send a prayer of thanksgiving to the Maker of man.

Answering the trumpeter, at the close of day, was still another trumpeter. Emerging from a side room of the Museum, a solemn procession slowly advanced along an arched pathway through the tower base and on to positions by the side of Lithuania's tomb of the Unknown Warrior. In calm and dignified manner, the ceremony was held. Following the Lithuanian National Anthem, the band played a hymn dedicated to the unknown dead who courageously gave their lives that Lithuania might live. At a signal, the lancers presented arms and appropriate music was played. During the ceremony, there was an exchange of clarion-calls from the tower to the group below. Most interesting, perhaps, was the advent of a soldier who came in from the side of the plaza to light the pagan fire offering on the small altar standing immediately in front of the Tomb. This was to honor the pagan religion of old times.

The government had placed a neon cross slightly above the bronze placque on the pyramidal tomb. The Tomb or cairn had been constructed of stones gathered from the various battlefields where Lithuanian soldiers had fought the Russians, Germans, and other enemies. The cross was lighted and at the signal all bowed their heads in silent prayer. Flags were then lowered, and Lithuania had again observed the passing of a day with a renewal of the pledge to be over mindful that liberty

is sweeter than everything else. The band would then strike up a recessional tune, and the party of disabled Lithuanian Veterans would wend its way to the starting point within the Museum... Few people have observed this unique ceremony without feeling a strange emotion. Here was a nation which remembered in a daily manner sacrifices of its heroes. How unfortunate, indeed, is the fact that the barbaric Russian Communists, upon occupying Lithuania during World War Two, maliciously destroyed this sacred shrine honoring Lithuania's Unknown Soldier.

For Americans, living in Lithuania, it was customary to gather at this shrine to observe the 4th of July. A replica of the Liberty Bell had been sent as a gift from American Lithuanians and it was fitting that the bell should be rung on this occasion. On the bell appeared the words - "Skambink Per Amžius Vaikams Lietuvos; Tas Nevertas Laisvės, Kas Negina Jos," which mean: "Forever Toll to Sons of Lithuania; Whoever Fails to Defend Their Liberty Is Unworthy Of It."



Laisvės Varpas senajame karo muziejaus bokšte.

ALRKE YRA VYČIU MOTINA

Šiomet balandžio mėn. 17 d. sukako 60 metų nuo įsisteigimo Amerikos Lietuvių Katalikų Federacijos, kuri yra Vyčių organizacijos motina. Amerikos Lietuvių Rimo Katalikų federacijos seimas arba tretysis kongresas, įvykęs 1913 metais birželio mėn 24 dieną Pittsburge įsteigė Lietuvos Vyčių organizaciją pagal M. Norkūno pateiktą projektą. Tai buvo didelis istorinis įvykis įvykdytas ir atidarytas kelias neorganizuotam lietuvių katalikų jaunimui burtis į būrius ir organizuotai dirbti Lietuvos labui. Vienas iš kongreso kalbėtojų kun. Kaupas aiškiai pasakė: "mes nenorime, kad mūsų jaunimas išstatėtų, išsižadėtų tėvų palikimo, pa-

mintų po kojų kas mūsų širdims miela ir brangu. Mes norime, kad jis mokėtų gražiai lietuviškai kalbėti, mylėtų savo tautą, būtų mūsų tikrais tėvynainiais, o ne renegatais." Tai buvo labai reikšmingi žodžiai pasakyti, kurie ir šių dienų lietuvių jaunimui tinka. Tas pats kongresas nutarė įsteigti lietuviams jaunuoliams Lietuvių kolegiją, kuri telktų lėšas ir remtų mokyklinį jaunimą.

Amerikos Lietuvių Romos Katalikų Federacijos tretysis kongresas tikrai yra ir bus Lietuvos Vyčiams istorinis ir amžiais bylos Lietuvos Vyčių istorijoje, kaip neišdildomas dokumentas.

Amerikos Lietuvių Romos Katali-

POV. DIRKIS

kų Federacijai šiomet švenčiant šešių dešimtų gyvenimo jubiliejų privalėtų jungtis Lietuvos Vyčiai, kaip vaikai prie savo motinos, ir draug atšvęsti tą reikšmingą, istorinį įvykį, atžymint paskaitomis, suruošiant akademijas kon koncertais, kuriose turėtų dalyvauti Lietuvos Vyčių chorai bei vyčiai ir vytės dainininkai. Tuo būdu būtų padaromas labai gražus gestas, lyg pareikšta padėka, ir galima būtų prisiminti visi tie, kad ir mirę, Vyčių steigimo dignitoriai.

Tat ruoškime Amerikos Lietuvių Romos Katalikų federacijai jos 60 metų sukakčiai paminėti, kiek galint platesnio masto iškilmes.



THE LITHUANIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF NEW YORK

Looking for a good hobby? One of the most popular hobbies in the world is stamp collecting. From stamps we can learn the history, culture and traditions of a nation. It might interest many readers to know that during the period of independence, the Lithuanian Post Office was most active in issuing stamps. They honored the ancient glory of Lithuania by showing the Kings of Lithuania, Algirdas, Kestutis, Gediminas and Vytautas The Great, of her modern history and its leaders like Kudirka, Basanavicius, Smetona and many others who lead in the struggle for Lithuanian freedom. There are views of Lithuanian cities and of the countryside, of the 'Vytis' and of men who loved their country and gave their lives for it, like Darius and Girenas. It might come as a surprise to know that many non-Lithuanians are familiar with Lithuanian names and history because they collect Lithuanian stamps! Here is a good way in which Lithuanian-Americans and especially the young can learn more about the land of their ancestors. Lithuanian stamps are attractive in design and color and can be collected in singles, imperfs. blocks of four, on

covers or errors. An interesting collection can be made of postmarks or city and town cancellations. If you are interested in learning more about Lithuanian stamps, the Lithuanian Philatelic (stamp collecting) Society of New York is inviting you to join its group. This Society was organized in April 1954 and since that date membership has expanded throughout the U.S. and into many other countries. The Society's aims are to popularize the collecting of Lithuanian Postage stamps and to let people know that there are enough Lithuanian stamps for a lifetime of collecting! The Society puts out a bulletin five times a year which is printed in the English language and gives many facts and interesting stories dealing with Lithuanian postage. Membership dues are three dollars per year and a membership card will be sent to you. Dues should be sent to the treasurer: Mr. J. A. Norton, 143 Merrick Road, Lynbrook, N.Y. The Society welcomes you to enjoy a wonderful hobby, to make new Lithuanian friends and to take pride in your heritage.

R. Novak

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The author's major area of concentration is preceded by an historical summary, and is followed by an historic background of the tragic events which have beset Lithuania in the 20th century.

Chapter titles give an indication of the breadth of the book: Historical Background, Nationalism Defined, Beginnings of a National Renaissance, The National Awakening, The Struggle for Lithuanian Rights, Problems of a Nationally - Matured People, The Lithuanian-American Contribution, Conclusions, and Historical Epilogue. An excellent bibliography is also included, along with extensive footnotes.

The author, Dr. Jack J. Stukas, has utilized his doctoral dissertation at New York University, "The Rise of Modern Lithuanian Nationalism", for the major portion of the book. Dr. Stukas is currently Associate Professor and Director of the Institute of International Business at Seton Hall University, in South Orange, New Jersey, and has lectured at Pace College and City University in New York. He received his master's degree at Columbia University, and studied the economic problems of Europe at Oxford University, in England.

Joseph Kajeckas, Charge d'Affaires a.i., of Lithuania, in Washington, D.C., in his foreword to the book, writes: "... Lithuania's period of independent life between the two world wars was not an historical fluke, but something to which Lithuania had long aspired, and for which her people had prepared through long years and even centuries of hardship... Lithuania, even from the dawn of her history, has always sought to be a distinct entity among peoples. It is this crucial matter of a nation's right to freely expressed self-identity that Dr. Stukas' book most admirably documents.

"Lithuania's fate is a still developing paradigm of human hopes and fears, a challenge to lovers of freedom, and a testing ground of the ability of lasting human values to prevail. How this paradigm came to be is eloquently and painstakingly described in Dr. Stukas' excellent book; it deserves not only the praise of those who champion "keeping the record straight," but a wide reading as well."

Mr. Kazys Sipaila, an active K of L member of the Newark council, was the sponsor of "Awakening Lithuania".

"MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA"

(Produced by J.J. Stukas. Manufactured by eurotone International LDT, New York City. Price - \$4.00)

The capacity-filled Webster Hall in New York City was overcome by a subdued silence of anticipation as the audience of Lithuanian-Americans, among them many notables, awaited the stage appearance of outstanding Lithuanian talent.

They gathered to express their gratitude to Jack Stukas, on the occasion of the 25th Silver Anniversary of his "Memories of Lithuania" radio program. They came to express their appreciation for Jack Stukas' untiring efforts to keep alive the culture and tradition of the land of their ancestors - Lithuania, now, temporarily, under Communist subjugation.

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You'll hear the "Ruta" Ensemble sing an excerpt from B. Budriunas' cantata, "Tėviškės Namai" (The Fatherland's Home); an aria from "Eglė, Queen of the Serpents" (Eglė, Zalčių Karalienė), sung by Algirdas Brazis; "Lietuva", by Lionė Juodytė; "Avietėlė" (Raspberry) and a folk melody, "Man Ne Vistiek", by the Zibuoklės Sextet; a duet by Miss Juodytė and Mr. Brazis, "O! Berneli, Vienturi" (My Only Lad); the Young Nobleman's aria from the opera, "Gražina" with Mr. Brazis and the "Ruta" Ensemble, in addition to other enjoyable numbers.

You will also delight to the comedy of Vitalis Zukauskas and Alfonsas Petrutis in a skit entitled, "Domynikas ir Motiejus, ir Jų Draugas - Timotiejus", with music by A. Mrozinskas.

This album was dedicated to Jack Stukas, and to the oppressed people of Lithuania for their tireless struggle for liberty and independence. The flame of freedom will some day burn its way across their land, to glow radiantly and gloriously once again ...

A "must" for all Lithuanian record collections!

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AN IMPORTANT RESOLUTION

EDGAR ANSEL MOWRER

U. S. representatives who passed, and U. S. Senators who are supporting, House Concurrent Resolution 416 are on the right track - provided they keep going after the coming election.

H. Cong. Res. 416 calls upon the President to arouse world opinion to see that self determination is restored to the captive peoples of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

The House passed this by a big majority in June, 1965. The Senate - as I write - has not yet made up its mind. Maybe the expression of approval by the American voters would help doubtful senators decide.

Most Americans have forgotten that the illegal seizure of the three Baltic peoples (with Red Poland taking a slice of Lithuania) was one outrage which even those devotees of Soviet friendship, F.D.R. and the early Truman, refused to recognize. So far as the U. S. administration is concerned, all three peoples are under temporary foreign occupation and still maintain diplomatic representatives in Washington.

The trouble is that no American president has done anything serious to free them nor has any Congress urged concrete steps whereby Washington could accelerate their liberation. Here gain we are indulging our habit of make believe - substitution of territories taken by force for positive action.

Yet we could have done, and can still do many things. The first, as the backers of H. Cong. Res. 416 argue, is to demand that the illegality of self determination to the three Baltic peoples should cease.

A second could be a skillfully planned offensive aimed at convincing all the world that the worst, indeed, the only serious "colonialism" remaining is that within the Soviet Union, more than half of whose population are "colonials".

U. S. diplomats could insist on accompanying any discussion of Rhodesia, South Africa, French Somaliland, the Portuguese overseas providences, with the demand for self determination for the minorities within the Soviet Union, not only Armenia, Georgia, Usbekistan, etc., but the Ukraine as well. During Hitler's invasion of that country, millions of Ukrainians indicated their hatred of Moscow by assisting the Germans.

Twelve months in insistent U. S. publicity along this line would vastly raise the spirits of all the captives of communism. (Incidentally, nobody has yet answered my former question, what would Moscow do if five satellite peoples revolted simultaneously?)

But the United States could go further: It could refuse any more cooperation with Moscow until such time as the Kremlin tyrants permitted the three Baltic peoples, the East European satellites and the East Germans, to indicate their political preference by free plebiscites. Such a political offensive could entirely change the world picture, and if maintained for a while - cause even the Russian people furiously to think. Naturally, we should accompany any such move by a flat refusal further to give economic its people.

As the first step in a new, anti-appeasement American policy, the Senate's acceptance of H. Con Res. 416 would be electric. If it remained merely a verbal appeal primarily to American voters of Baltic origin, it would reveal to the American people how little Washington is trying to win a Cold War which it has barely begun to fight.

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: H. Cong. Res. 416 passed through the Senate committee and now is scheduled for voting on the Senate floor.)

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EDITORIAL . . .

LITHUANIAN WORLD REVIEW

We call your attention to an article in the August 29th issue of Newsweek magazine entitled "Halfway House" highlighting a ten day visit made by Newsweek's Moscow bureau chief, Robert Korengold.

Mr. Korengold makes a valid attempt at presenting an objective picture of life and conditions in these three Soviet occupied Baltic States today. Important cities, towns, resorts were visited and much of the local color is mirrored in his account dealing with present day fads and outlooks. His most important observation is that although they were isolated for twenty-six years from all Western contacts, they remain to this day unquestionably Western in almost all aspects of living and at the same time display much anti-Soviet sentiment. This indeed creates a very unpleasant situation for the Soviet Union which has attempted and still attempts to completely Russify these areas.

However, in a more clinical examination of the article, it should be remembered that Mr. Korengold is Newsweek's chief Moscow correspondent and certain statements in his report must be analyzed with that fact in mind. The Baltic States, we must remember are in an entirely different category from the satellites such as Poland, Yugoslavia, Rumania... to interview university students in satellite nations, asking them their opinion of the Russians and the Soviet Union would almost always pre-suppose a candid answer. However, this question put to university students in Vilnius proves both embarrassing and dangerous. Let us make no mistake about it... Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia are virtual police states. No rational thinking student would openly show anti-Soviet resentment or pro-Baltic nationalist sentiment.

Further, referring back to his position as bureau chief, how much of the truth concerning the Baltic States can he safely write without being given an involuntary passport out of the Soviet Union? Therefore, we reiterate the necessity of the reader to interpret the words of Mr. Korengold as to the present overall outlook. Here are a few considerations:

First, a figure of 80% was quoted reflecting the number of inhabitants that are native born and are members of the local bureaucracies in the three Baltic States. However, this is vastly oversimplified if not exaggerated. No mention is made of the significant influx of Russian colons into the Baltic republics. On a strict population ratio basis, the figure 80% may be approximate for the Southern part of this area, namely, Lithuania - but it is less in Latvia and significantly less in Estonia. The local bureaucracy follows a similar ratio pattern - most in Lithuanian and least in Estonia.

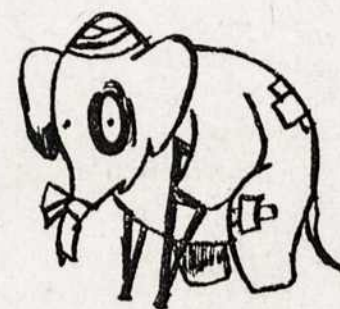
Second, Korengold states that "clothes are more Western in cut". This is true particularly in comparison with clothes worn in other parts of the Soviet Union. However, the "Western cut" is not due to freedom al-

lowed Baltic clothing and weaving establishments but to clothing made individually by people themselves from material and patterns included in gift parcels sent to the Baltics by nearly two million relatives living in the United States and Canada. Without this outside support (which is substantial but inconvenient due to exorbitant tariff rates levied on the senders), the living standards and appearances would appear similar to life in the rest of the Soviet Union - colorless and drab indeed!

Finally, the article states that "according to Soviet statistics, industrial output in the three republics has jumped eighteen time in the last 25 years". Twenty-five years ago would roughly put us in the year 1941-1942; at that time, Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia were battlegrounds for the Withdrawing Soviet armies and the advancing Nazi Germans. It would almost be impossible to describe the vast devastation and loss of life. During the German occupation that followed, approximately 250,000 Lithuanians were deported or executed. With the collapse of the Germans in the East, the Russians reinvaded again in 1944. The Russians then carried out mass executions and deportations to Siberia. Deportations of Lithuanians alone numbered 570,000. To describe the industrial capacity and output of this period from 1941-1944 in a nutshell, would necessitate the term "almost nil - chaos at the most." Therefore, to use the figure eighteen times industrial output to impress the outside world means almost nothing in absolute economic values. Eighteen times zero - always give zero in any mathematical calculation!

It is Lithuanian World Review's hope that Newsweek will not satisfy itself with a one ten day visit to the Baltic States in order to formalize a definite attitude and opinion in this unfortunate portion of the world. However, it should be noted . . . Newsweek has taken a very important step in breaking down "the wall of silence" surrounding the Baltic States.

Anthony B. Mazeika, Director
Lithuanian World Review



IT'S A MAMMOTH JOB -
WRITING ALL THOSE CARDS..

Wish all your K of L
friends a Merry Christmas
with greetings in the
"Vytis".

(SEE PAGE 13 FOR INFO.)

LITHUANIAN WAYSIDE SHRINES

Lithuania, as the youngest daughter of the Catholic Church in Europe is distinguished by a countryside dotted with quaint, artistic, and home-made crosses. The history of these crosses is interesting, because it goes back to the time when the people were still pagan. Many authorities on Lithuanian roadside crosses, assure us that the inspiration for the various forms goes back to the Greek pillar, the monumental columns erected by King Assok of India, and the valley of the Ganges.

It is difficult to say precisely what the Lithuanian crosses have in common with the pagan monuments that were erected on the graves of the rich and the poor in Lithuania. The baptism of Lithuania in 1387 spread the use of crosses throughout the country. In observing the infinite variety of crosses existing in Lithuania and noting the special forms of ornamentation, we can say that the custom of erecting such monuments does not come from Christian countries, but directly from pagan times. The Lithuanian archeologist Basanavicius dates the custom back to the cult of the Lithuanians for the dead, since they constructed monuments on their tombs, usually made of wood.

When Christianity was introduced into Lithuania, the Church authorities began a bitter war against all remembrances of the pagan cult. The grave monuments of pagan times had consisted for the most part of rough beams: oak for men and birch for women. These beams were enhanced with strange and diverse ornamentations.

Today, there are no remains of the pagan forms of grave monuments or symbols that were erected along the roads where travelers experienced accidents of horrible deaths. The conversion to Catholicism also meant a change of the monuments and figurines. The crosses were known as "krikštai" and statuettes as "dievukai". Where the countrysides and graves were adorned with pagan monuments and symbols, they were replaced with the crosses and Christian symbols.

Adam Varnas, an artist of free-Lithuania, touring the country, photographed and collected a thousand types of crosses and said that at least two thousand more could have been photographed! Some examples seem to come from types of ancient Greek Crosses. Many form architectural constructions. Others resemble architecture of Indian temples. Then again, there are those that show the slim lines of Gothic construction of the pompousness of the Baroque style.

Solar emblems are the dominating motives of many crosses and this style seems to bring back the memories of the pagan veneration of fire. But the one point which distinguishes the Lithuanian crosses from those of other Christian countries is the development of the halo. In Lithuania all the power and talent of the worker is concentrated in that part of the cross, so that the original form of the four arms seems to disappear, covered by solar rays of the aureole. Some halos are simple, with straight rays; others are very complicated and decorated with geometric motives. Still other artisans use Catholic symbols, the crown of thorns, etc. It should be noted

that very often the figure of Christ is too small in proportion with the design of the cross.

The most striking features of the Lithuanian crosses are the little statuettes, that decorate the bases and roofed niches on chapels. These attractive statuettes are of less importance than the crosses themselves and often detract from the simple beauty of the statuesque landmarks. They are the hand-work of rough carvers. They used this simple form of art to give a plastic representation of their own fancy and frank sentiments for the saintly heroes of their faith. The most famous of all is "Pensive Christ" (Rūpintojėlis). Christ is represented seated on a log with His face between his hands in an attitude of profound and sad meditation. This seems to be one of the most original expressions of rustic sculpture. Many say that it is symbolic of the contemplative and concentrated character of the Lithuanian people.

The Communists are tearing down these wayside shrines and crosses but our American parishes such as Dayton, Elizabeth, Newark, Kearny and many others are erecting them here in the free world. It is a sad commentary that many of our Lithuanian parishes will erect shrines to Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of Fatima on their church properties and will fail to erect a Lithuanian Cross or a statue to Our Lady of Siluva.

JOSEPH YANULAITIS
Cultural Chairman



Šiluvos Kopyčios "Rūpintojėlis"

Lithuanians in The News

"THE MUSIC OF LITHUANIA"

WSOU*FM (89.5 meg.) The Voice of Seton Hall University in South Orange, N.J. which has been broadcasting albums of outstanding Lithuanian artists throughout the summer months on "International Night," announced that its weekly cultural feature - "The Music of Lithuania" returned to the air Mondays, October 3, 1966. "The Music of Lithuania" broadcasts regularly featured folk music and compositions, also commentaries on the rich cultural heritage of the Lithuania people on Mondays, 8:05 to 8:30 P.M. (EST). Dr. Jack J. Stukas is the Director and Announcer.



WOMAN OF THE WORLD PRAY FOR PEACE
Sunday, October 16, 1966 the Lithuanian women in Chicago participated, for the third year, in the Annual Catholic Woman of the World Day of Prayer of Peace. This year, the official ceremony was held at Nativity B.V.M. Church during the High Mass, celebrated by Canon Vaclovas Zakarauskas with Msgr. Victor Cernauskas participating. His Excellency Bishop Vincentas Brizgys gave an inspiring sermon directed at the role of woman in the home, in business, in community and the world quest for peace. The main committee was composed of: Emilija Vilimaitė representing the Ateitininkai and Student Organization, Donna Zilius and Mrs. Paurazas of the Moterų Sąjunga, and Eleanore Laurin from the Knights of Lithuania. Lithuanian Catholic women all over the country were urged to plan in advance to organize or cooperate with this movement.

A fund-raising "USO Canteen Night" at the Overseas Press Club was sponsored by the Publicity Club of New York and the New York Chapter of Public Relations Society of America. Entertainment was provided by celebrities of TV, state and screen. (Above photo, l. to r.): Helen Kulber (C-41 S), presented contributions to the USO from the NY-NJ District and the "Memories of Lithuania" Radio Program, Kay Barkan, Elena Kulber, Marine Corporal Frederick W. Alcaro of Garden City, L. I., recently returned from Viet Nam, Nastutė Nancy Umbrasas & Pat Steen, director of public relations for the United States Organizations of N.Y.C.

Bendrojo Amerikos Pabaltiečių Komiteto susirinkimas š. m. rugsėjo 26 d., Washington, D.C. Amerikos Latvių Sąjungos Biure Washingtone dalyviai. Siame susirinkime Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos pirmininkas Antanas J. Rudis perėmė komiteto pirmininkystę iš prof. Petro Leinso, latvių sąjungos pirmininko. Susirinkimo dalyviai: (iš kairės) Sigurds Rudzitis, latvis, dr. P. Grigaitis, Bruno Albats, latvis, Antanas J. Rudis, L. Simutis, dr. V. Lejins, H. Liesment ir G. Buschman - estai.



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OFFICIAL NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Knights and Ladies:

Thank you for the honor you have bestowed on me in selecting me your President for another year. I can only say I will do the best I can and all my efforts will be for the benefit of our wonderful organization. We accomplished something last year and have much on the agenda for this year. I hope time and health will permit us to accomplish much. Articles and notes will be sent to the "Vytis" and to your councils to keep you informed of what is going on.

A new thought to be presented to you is that our organization is a family. We are united in our ideals for "God and Country" so let's not keep our family separated. We are pressing to have our non-Lithuanian spouses become members in our organization (with certain restrictions). We are hoping for the organization of more Junior Councils. Then we have regular member, and, finally, Seniors. So divide your family into the different age groups and you can see where we can absorb the entire family. In order to do this all councils should understand this division of membership and divide itself accordingly.

If you have a council of different age groups and don't get along please divide yourself into a regular group and into a senior group. A division of this sort is better in separating and keeping harmony rather than having one large group that is always fighting and possibly losing members because of friction. You are allowed such a separation of membership because our By-laws state "regular membership" and "Seniors".

Please consider this thought and act on it if you see it will be advantageous to your council. Let me know if you have any questions, or if you have any opposition or objections within your council for such a division.

Al Wesey
National President

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

The "Vytis" received a letter from Msgr. John Balkunas on behalf of the Lithuanian Religious Congress Committee expressing their appreciation and gratitude for the cooperation, prayers, donations from the Lithuanian parishes, organizations, newspapers and individual participants in making the Congress in Washington a tremendous success. A special note of thanks to the Music Committee, the choirs and directors as well as the soloists who participated. The Monsignor stated: "Visiems, visiems lietuviškas ačiū!"

A letter was also received from K. Dockus, treasurer of the Third Lithuanian Song Festival, who on behalf of their committee extended appreciation to the "Vytis" for the publicity given the "Dainų Sventė" activities. A check for \$50.00 was included to cover some of the expenses incurred in this publicity work.

ELECTIONS

Election of new officers should have taken place in September or October for each District and Council. This constitutional change was approved at the 1964 National Convention and should be adhered to in the same manner as all other articles of the Constitution.

Please send a list of new officers (names, addresses and zip codes) to the national recording secretary, Josephine Zukas. It is important that the Supreme Council has a listing for every District and Council.

"VYTIS" CONVENTION ISSUE AVAILABLE

Several hundred extra copies of the October 1966 Convention Issue are available, and are intended for use in membership drive, council reorganization work, etc. Anyone desiring extra copies should contact Irene K. Sankus, 2520 W. 68th St., Chicago, Ill., 60629.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Helen Zimmer, National Financial Secretary requests that dues be paid as of January 1 to December 31. If a new member joins a Council, the dues should be as follows: \$4.00 if member joins from

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LITHUANIAN AFFAIRS

The month of November has a two-fold meaning for us; first of all, we pay homage to all our war dead on Veterans Day, so let us, in our prayers, remember our fellow Lithuanians behind the Iron Curtain who gave their lives that we may live in peace. Secondly, we observe the great feast of Thanksgiving, so once again let us be thankful to the Almighty God for His blessings upon us. Let us pray for our fellow man behind the Iron Curtain so that they may also be able to share with us on this great day of Thanksgiving.

Alex Kardokas
Chairman Lithuanian Affairs
New England District

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1966 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Sept. 17, 1966

Dear Jack,

This is a letter to thank you and the scholarship committee for having considered my application and awarding me the scholarship. I will try to live up to the ideals of the Knights of Lithuania and also those of Seton Hall University which is the college of my choice.

I appreciate the award very much and it is going to be a big help in the financing of my education.

Yours truly,
Ralph Radecih

92 Houston St.
Newark, N.J. 07105
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August 29, 1966

Dr. Jack J. Stukas, Chairman
Scholarship Committee
Knights of Lithuania
1016 Schleifer Road
Hillside, New Jersey 07205

Dear Dr. Stukas:

I wish to express my deepest gratitude to you as chairman, to the other members of the Scholarship Committee, and to the entire Knights of Lithuania organization for awarding me a Three Hundred Dollar scholarship this year.

It was such a thrilling and exciting experience to hear my name called out by you at the convention banquet last night, that it will surely remain as one of the most memorable evenings of my life. I felt as though I could go out and slay "dragons" for our organization.

Once again, Dr. Stukas, "širdingai ačiū", and please feel assured that I shall always try to live up to the ideals of our beloved organization and will always work for the Knights of Lithuania to the best of my ability.

Gratefully yours,
Irene M. Adamaitis
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vakarą. Abi kultūrinės popietės buvo papildytos paskaitomis: Lietuviškas Gintaras ir Lietuviška Daina, kurias skaitė nuolatinis Sendraugių kuopos paskaitininkas Povilas Dirkis. Tenka pastebėti, kad Kun. Juknevičius yra vienas iš uoliausių Dvasios vadų, nes nei vienas kuopos susirinkimas be jo neapsieina. Jis jį malda pradeda ir malda baigia.

ANTANAS BACEVIČIUS, Vyčių organizacijos pirmūnas, daugiau 50 m. kaip priklauso vyčiams, dabar dar

yra aktyvus sendraugių narys. Prieš 40 metų yra buvęs spaudos ratelio "Žaibas Žaibuoja" narys - fotografas. Šiuo laiku daugiausiai rūpinosi Vyčių namų remontu, jų patobulinimu ir tinkamu užlaikymu. Dar vis uoliai lanko kuopos susirinkimus ir yra susidomėjęs šv. Antano gyvenimu, apie kurį ne kartą yra prašęs paskaityti.

VINCAS PETRAUSKAS, vaistinin- kas, Vyčių organizacijos pirmūnas,

buvęs spaudos ratelio "Žaibas Žaibuoja" vadovas, rūpinasi savo profesijos žmonių biografijomis, kurias klasifikuoja ir ruošia spaudai. Taip pat rūpinasi kaip suruošti buvusio ratelio 40 metų sukaktį, kurio minėjimo metu būtų galimybė išskelti ir įvertinti buv. ratelio narių nuveikti darbai savajai tauta ir kur patarnauta lietuvių spaudai.

ONA ALELIULIENĖ, Vyčių organizacijos pirmūnė, organizacijoje išbuvusi daugiau penkiasdešimt metų ir dabar dar veikli, nes yra Chicagos sendraugių kuopos ilgametė sekretorė. Prieš keliolika metų priklausė literatūros ir kultūros rateliui, "Žaibas Žaibuoja". Buvo jo aktyvi narė ir korespondentė. Dabar jau iš kitų pareigų dėl susilpnėjusios sveikatos atsisakė, pasilikdama vien kuopos sekretorium. Beto, čia netolimoje praeity buvo stipriai susirgus ir per tai turėjo porą mėnesių pagulėti lovoje. Dabar pats pagrindinis Onos Aleliulienės rūpestis rašymas kuopos susirinkimų protokolų ir jų skaitymas. Tiesa, ji dar priklauso savo kilmės klubui - Panevežiečių Klubui. Yra net valdyboje.

KAZYS JONAITIS, Vyčių organizacijos pirmūnas. Organizacijoje dirba daugiau 50 metų. Yra buvęs žurnalo "Vytis" viename laike redaktorius. Iš profesijos yra vaistininkas, o iš prigimties poetas - eilių rašytojas. Priklauso Chicagos Sendraugių Vyčių kuopai. Dabar labai susirūpinęs išleidimu knygos, kurioje bus sutalpinta ištysa pinė eilių, parašytų bėgyje 20-30 metų. Toje knygoje bus įrašytos visos autoriaus eilės, kurios buvo jau spaudoje ir kurios nebuvo. Knyga turi pasirodyti pabaigoje šių metų. Ją spausdina V. Vijeikio spaustuvė. Ateity žada išleisti kitą knygą, kurioje tilps kūriniai parašyti proza.

ST. JONYTIENĖ, ilgametė Vyčių organizacijos narė ir Chicagos sendraugių kuopos struopi finansų sekretorė. Visuomet rimtai nusiteikus ir malonios išvaizdos moteris. Savo pareigose uoli darbininkė ir matyti gera administratorė, nes knygos ir bylos vedamos pavyzdinčiai. St. Jonytienė yra nuolatinė ir ilgametė tarnautoja dienraščio "Draugas" administracijoje. Jos pareigos surištos su finansų atskaitomybe. Ji turi vyrą Antaną, kruoštų žemaitį, kuris savo žmoną labai gerbia ir saugo, kad nepavargtų, nepersidirbtų ir užtat jis jai visuose reikaluose talkininkauja. Atrodo, kad

VYČIAI SENJORAI !

Pasveikinkite savo Senjorus draugus ir visus Vyčius Šventų Kalėdų Metu sekančiame "Vyties" Numeryje. Sveikinimai turi būti prisiusti prieš 20 d. lapkričio mėn. Visas informacijas rasite 13-tam puslapyje.

pavyzdinga šeima.

IZID. KARLAVIČIUS irgi senas vytis, sendraugių kuopos pinigų saugotojas. Kietas saugotojas, nes iš jo iškovoti dolerių kitą kokiems nors organizacijos reikalams yra sunku. Jis į visus reikalus žiūri gaspadoriškai, kaip tikras iš prigimties žemaitis. Yra labai vaišingas ir nesigaili cento kitam, kad ir "seven up" bonką pastatyti su tikslu panaudoti kilniems reikalams.

Izid. Karlavičius, kiek teko pastebėti, į visus vyčių organizacinius reikalus, o ypač Vyčių namo reikalus, gaspadoriškai žiūri, t.y. kas reikia, tai reikia padaryti, o be ko galima apsieiti, tai iš jo pinigų neišvilios. Užtat Sendraugių kuopos išdas visuomet pilnas.

POV. DIRKIS

NEW YORK SENIOR COUNCIL 41 AT THE CONVENTION

Joseph Boley, Secretary of the Council and Delegate to the Convention, was unable to attend as he was summoned to South Carolina to take part in a play. Helen V. Kulber substituted for him at the Convention and was placed on the Greetings Committee. Eugenia Karpus assisted ably on this Committee.

Anthony Mazeika, President, was presented with the First Place Award for obtaining the most members in the Small Council Category and accepted Second Prize in behalf of the Council for most new members in the same category. He served on the Resolutions Committee.

Original drawings of historical and prominent people, by our member, John Subacius, which will illustrate the book "Awakening Lithuania" by Dr. Jack J. Stukas, were displayed by the latter in the meeting room.

Color postcards of the Lithuanian Shrine at the New York World's Fair were obtained from the Lithuanian Committee for the New York World's Fair through the efforts of Alexander Vakselis, President, and Helen V. Kulber, Vice President, 1965. We are grateful also to Msgr. J. Balkunas for

transporting the cards to Worcester ... The Wayside Shrine can still be clearly seen on the Fair grounds from the highway. It is protected from vandals by the woven wire cage that protected the Pieta between seasons which was purchased by the Committee from the Vatican Pavilion.

An album, containing 89 items and many pictures pertaining to Lithuania and Lithuanians which appeared in newspapers throughout the United States in one month, February 7 to March 7, 1966 was displayed by Helen Kulber. Most of the articles, some quite lengthy, concerned the 48th Commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day, February 16th. Several were about the engagement of Luci Baines Johnson and Patrick Nugent, mentioning that he was of Lithuanian descent on his mother's side and that Rev. John Kuciskas, also Lithuanian, was going to perform the marriage ceremony.

Helen also brought a petition sponsored by a non-Lithuanian organization in New York, the St. Michael Forum, urging the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Senate to act immediately on the House Concurrent Resolution 416 which was signed by many at the Convention. The forms were bound and airmailed, special delivery, to Sen. J. William Fulbright, Chairman of that Committee in Washington.

H. V. K.

CLEVELANDO SENDRAUGIŲ SUSIRINKIMAS

Rugpjūčio 21 dieną, Igno Visockio namuose, įvyko vyčių sendraugių mėnesinis susirinkimas. Išrinkta atstovai į Vyčių suvažiavimą: Stasytė Sankalaitė, Marytė Trainauskaitė ir Juozas Sadauskas - jiems įteikta po 30 dolerių apmokėt registracijos išlaidoms. Pavaduotojų išrinktas Antanas Buknis. I Siluvos iškilmes Vashingtone, vyčių suorganizuoti vyks 2 autobusai, 70 žmonių. Už 20 dolerių nupirka naujosios parapijos loterijos bilietų. Po susirinkimo ponai Visoc-

kai, skaniai visus pavaišino. Jie visuomet duoda namus susirinkimams ir kortavimo vakarams ir gražų didelį sodą gegužinėms.

Pabuves

IR VĖL NETEKOME VYČIO IR TAU- RAUS LIETUVIO

Rugsėjo 15 d., su mumis ir su šiuo pasaulio persiskyrė plačiai žinomas Clevelando lietuvių visuomenės veikėjas ir gerų darbų remėjas - a.a. Florijonas Saukevičius. Velionis ilgą laiką sirgo ir savo gyvenime turėjo, berods, net šešias operacijas. Paskutinė buvo sekminga, bet kraujui sukresėjus, (ko mielas Florijonas negalėjo nugalėti) mirė. Nors jis su mumis ir persiskyrė amžinai, bet jojo nuveikti darbai savo tautai, lietuvybei, katalikybei ir lietuviškoms organizacijoms bei vietinėms draugijoms ilgai su mumis pasiliks.

A. a. Florijonas buvo gimęs Mižionių kaime, Leipalingio parapijoje, Lietuvoje. Jis savo tėvynėje praleido tik jauniausias dieneles: nuo gegužės 4, 1890 m. iki 1910 m. Apleido tą gražų dzukijos kraštą, kurio niekada negalėjo pamiršti, ypačingai tų vingiuojančių upelių, liuliuojančių ežerėlių ir žaliuojančių girelių. Iškeliaavo į laisvę šalį - Ameriką. Mielas Florijonas apsigyveno Clevelande, kuriamė besidarbuodamas su savo tautiečiais praleido virš 56 m. Florijonas troško pamatyti savo gimtą kaimelį, kur dar tebegyvena jojo jaunesnis brolis Mamertas, vyriausias brolis jau senokai miręs. Nekęsdamas dabartinės valdžios Lietuvoje, jis nusprendė geriau amžinai ilsėtis svetimėje, bet laisvoje šalyje - Amerikoje, kur, neklysiu pasakęs, 20 metų dirbo valdišką darbą, iš kurio gavo gražią pensiją.

A. a. Florijonas Saukevičius, nuo savo atvykimo į šią šalį ir nuo savo pirmų dienų Cleveland'o lietuvių kolonijoje, įnešė daug gerų minčių organizacijų darbams. Pirmiausia įsijungė, kitiems pradėjus ją organizuoti, į Cleveland'o L. Vyčių 25-tą kp. Jis ir buvo pirmas išdininkas, uolus veikėjas, choristas. 1914 m. įsijungė į kitą darbą. Su a. a. K. Saimanu, a. a. J. Kilikausku ir kitais tų laikų veikėjais suorganizavo garbingą vietinę draugiją - L.D.K. Vytauto kareivių draugiją, kurioje Florijonas daug dirbo. Si draugija buvo gražiausias Cleveland'o lietuvių papuošalas. Jos nariai devėjo



uniformas. Daugumas buvo dzukai, aukštaičiai ir žemaičiai. Jie dalyvaudavo didesnėse lietuvių išskilmėse, dalis net jodavo arkliais.

A.a. Florijonas daug dirbo ir kitose mūsų org., kaip A.L.K.S. 8-ta kuopa. Joje daug kartų ėjo valdybos nario pareigas. Daug darbavosi ir A. L.K.D. Sąjungos kp., kuri anksčiau turėjo daug narių. Kol Clevelande laikėsi C.L.D. Sąryšis, kuris tvarkė Clevelando lietuvių parengimus, tautos šventes bei apvaikščiojimus, mūsų Florijonas visada jame dalyvavo ir daug kartų buvo valdyboje. Kada susitvėrė Clevelando Liet. Kul. Darželio Sąjunga, jis buvo didelis ir uolus jos darbuotojas. Mielas Florijonas ilgus metus buvo Liet. Salės Bendrovės direktoriumi, o Liet. Piliečių Klubas jį pakėlė net į garbės narius. A.a. Florijonas darbavosi ir A.L. Tarybos skyriuje, A.L.K. Federacijos skyriuje, Tautos fondo skyriuje, kuris dabar vadinamas Balfu. Kai buvo pardavinėjami Lietuvos laisvės bonai, jis daug darbavosi - platino savo tautiečių tarpe. Buvo vienas iš pirmų šv. Jurgio ir Svč. Plės. N. Pagalbos parap. organizatorius ir remėjas. Kada mūsų broliai ir sesės lietuviai, pabėgo iš Lietuvos į vakarų Vokietiją, bijodami bolševikų, a.a. Florijonas ir Marijona Saukevičiai, stengėsi kuo daugiau jų atsikviesti į Ameriką, juos priglaidavo. Daugumai parūpindavo darbus ir vėliau padėdavo gauti šios šalies pilietinius dokumentus.

Kada jis buvo pašarvotas Adelės ir sūnaus Jakubauskų laidotuvių koplėčioje, visas tris dienas buvo susi-

rinkę daug giminių, draugų ir pažįstamų, ypačingai šeštadienio vakarą, kuomet buvo ir trumpa programėlė apie jo nuveiktus darbus. Pirmasis į visus prabilo F. Eidimantas, L.B. pirmos apylinkės pirm., toliau kalbėjo Stasys Barzdukas ir Juozas Sadauskas, velionies ilgametis bendradarbis. Siuodu kiek plačiau prisimėne ne tik jo veikimą lietuvybės ir tėvynės labui, bet ir jo šeimyną - a.a. mielą žmoną Marijoną (Markelionietę), sūnus ir dvi dukras, kurie visi kalba savo tėvėlių kalba. Nors jų a.a. mamytė buvo čia gimusi ir augusi, bet buvo tikra lietuvaite vytė. Juodu vytišką šeimos židinį sukūrė 1917 m., būdami abu L. Vyčių 25-tos kp. nariai ir choristai.

Po šių užuojautos kalbėlių, atvyko ir kun. J. Angelaitis, kuris su visais kalbėjo rožančių už a. a. velionies sielą. Pirmadienio rytą, rugsėjo 19 d. buvo nulydėtas paskutinį kartą į Svč. P-lės N. Pagalbos parap. bažnyčią. Bažnyčia buvo pripildyta žmonėmis. Sv. mišias atnašavo ir gražų pamokslą pasakė kun. J. Angelaitis, primindamas velionies gražiuosius darbus šiai parap., kad jis buvo vienas iš jos organizatorių, kad mokėjo gražiai sugyventi ir kad buvo didis mylėtojas lietuvybės ir pačios Lietuvos.

Prie altoriaus matėsi besimeldžias ir visų mylimas dvasios vadas kunigas Al. Goldikovskis, kuris nors ir ne lietuviškoje parapijoje darbuojasi, bet daug pasitarnauja sergantiems lietuviams, ypač gulintiems ligoninėse - išklauso išpažinčių ir sunkiai sergantiems suteikia paskutinius patepimus. Siam tėveliui lietuviai yra labai artimi.

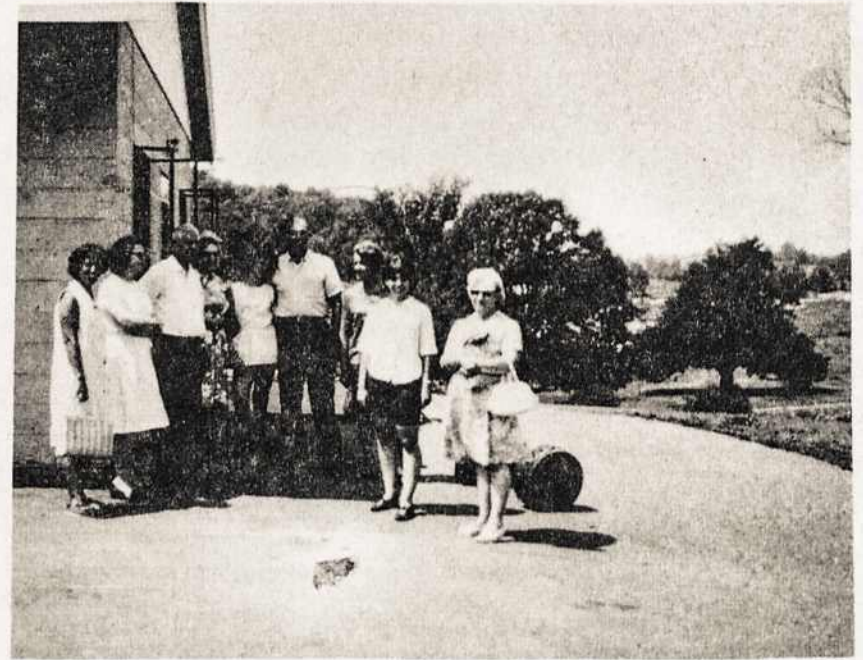
Po bažnytinių pamaldų, buvo nulydėtas į All Souls kat. kapines, kur a. a. Florijono žmona a.a. Marijona ilsisi jau keturis metus. Jis šalia jos amžinai priglaidostas. Prie kapo paskutines maldas kalbėjo irgi kun. J. Angelaitis. Saukevičių šeima, visus palydovus, kurių buvo didis skaičius, paprašė grįžti į parap. salę, kur visiems buvo paruošti skoningi pusryčiai.

Clevelando lietuvių visuomenė, ypačingai Saukevičių giminės, reiškia didelę užuojautą sūnams ir dukroms: Juozui, Edvardui, Povilui, Jurgiui, Marijonai, Katalinai, jų vyrams, žmonoms bei 16-kai vaikaitiui.

Didis lietuvi ir vyti, ilsėkis Viešpatyje.

Senelis

JUNIOR NEWS



DYNAMIC DAINAVA

Fifty-seven pairs of little tan legs propelled a tribe of ponytails and tow-heads across the rambling grounds of Camp Dainava ... , and that's how all the youngsters between the ages of 8 to 14 started the K of L Youth Week, July 31 to August 7. The camp, incidentally, coincided with "Dainavos Sventė" and at the end of all commemoration loud "shushes" quelled shrieks and giggles as they plopped into a tidy circle around the flagpole. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Star-Spangled Banner and announcements, legs scampered off to more adventures.

From the touch of football, a game of softball, running races, to swimming and fishing, the boy and girl campers filled their days.

In addition there was a fascinating world of nature study. Mr. Clem Patocki came out on Wednesday to take the youngsters for a hike. You could see a long line of campers scouring the grassy parts of Dainava hills looking for leaves, berries, flowers and other rare greens. Clues were given to help a camper discover and become acquainted with the various plants, animals, insects and birds. And where else could you find sassafras roots? At Dainava many a camper was found sampling sassafras

tea "in the raw". For those having a top collection of plant life, prizes were given at the end of the hike. (And who cared for anymore hikes after that workout!) That was not all. For the evening's program, Mr. Patocki accompanied the youngsters on a well-spent Lauzas. Boys made skewers out of twigs and roasted wieners and marshmallows to everyone's delight. The twosome of the Zager cousins, Mike and Tom, were billed as the "coolest" woodchoppers who prepared the firewood for both Wednesday's and Friday's campfires. Clem's most appropriate van served as a neat concession area for all the goodies afterwards.

There was always a short break for a snack such as donuts and milk. On hot days the good Sisters made Kool-aid. The weather for the week was perfect. Sometimes during chilly nights a blanket became a cuddlesome convenience.

"I was a little scared last night", admitted wide-eyed little Bernadette Walls after spending her first night at Dainava. Her barrackmate's ghost stories, coupled with a breeze shuffling through the trees and leaves pattering on the roof top didn't help much. It was first time for some who had spent the night away from home. How-

ever for most, it was a repeat camping experience.

One of the busiest parts of Dainava was the swimming area. It's a place tailor-made for sitting and sunning. Here a young lifeguard, Kass Buitkus, with his shirt off and a "mean" whistle dangling from his neck sat up on top deck, checking frequently as the campers swam about. Awards were presented for various swim meets. Rimas Kasputis captured all 4 meets for older boys, 11 and above. Mike Zager placed first in three swim meets. Among the girl winners were: Shirley Officer, Marjorie Semetko, Carol Mykolaitis and Margaret Bunikas.

For a cultural workshop as well as an educational background the campers were attended by Mr. Rimas Grazielis who volunteered his teaching talents to acquaint the youngsters with the history and religion of Lithuania as well as many interesting customs of their ancestors. And, to insure spiritual needs Mass was offered daily in Lithuanian at the new chapel. Rev. Fathers M. Kundrat of Divine Providence and, J. W. Stanievich of St. Anthony came out to visit the youngsters.

Of course, the camp staff peeked to "overhear" what was said in the youngster's notes for the camp newspaper, but the only impression re-

ceived of the campers is a collection of assorted appetites and tastes. A big salute to Joan Byville and Mary Gadwell who "worked nights" editing the newsy amusing pages of the "Grasshopper".

For fun and entertainment, the campers held a masquerade party where all came in their own handmade costumes. The ingenuity expressed - Sherlock Holmes, Old Lady, Wind-up Doll, Bunnies, Hawaiian Girl, a Princess and many others who could have qualified among first place contenders in the Great Mardi Gras. There was a talent show one evening and the youngsters came up with a truckful of entertainment. They also drummed up a wonderful program for variety show (Parents Night) depicting some Lithuanian skits and taking part in the "Flirtation Dance" which was danced by Bill Janas of Chicago. There was a Hawaiian dance by "Skipper" Step; a piano solo by Kathy Medonis and a monologue "Wilfreddie and I" by Mary Pat Gadwell. The Vaitkus boys and John Kavy of Dayton did a hilarious "Supercalifragilistic - expelidocious". It was a terrific program. - and may we add one of the best - with many parents in attendance, including a fine representation from Dayton-Columbus area. Also in attendance were the president of the Mid-Central District and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. V. Ed Pavis of Youngstown, Ohio.

The camp director, Mr. Anthony Rasgaitis; and the girls' counselor, Miss Valentina Hotra did a superb job. Others deserving salutes in the counselling staff were: Joan Byville, Mary Gadwell, Donna Cernevicius, Kass Buitkus, George Stanievich and Tom Martin, otherwise known as "Tex". Bill Janas' assistance was also muchly appreciated.

For effort and enthusiasm the Columbus-Dayton area score 100%. They all earned money through bake sales and other means to obtain funds to attend the camp. Our heartiest congratulations! Groups were divided according to age and classified themselves as the Little Rascals, Fillies, Daffy Daffodils, Lucky Seven, Travelers, Eagles, Falcons, Leopards, and Wildcats.

The success of the camp was highly instrumental due to the work of a wonderful committee consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Byville, Mr. and

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WITH A CHRISTMAS GREETING
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Mrs. Al Gadwell, Joseph Kazlauskas, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kurpowic, Clem Patocki and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zager. Sirdingai Ačiū - to Emil Byville, known as Mr. Wonderful, who "roomed" at the camp the entire week to see that all went smoothly. Also lending a big hand and "moral support" though recovering from a recent serious illness was Alex Gadwell. Missed was Joseph Kazlauskas who was hospitalized and could not attend this year's camp.

In the meantime there was one brave trooper like our friend Alex "Skip" Fetingas who was unable to go swimming for the entire stay of camp due to a baseball "casualty", but wouldn't allow himself to be discouraged: "This is my third time here but I'm going to come back for the rest of my life". And we hope the rest of the youngsters will be coming back, too!

Sophie M. Zager, C-79
Mid-Central District

DAYTON JUNIORS

Fourteen members spent a fun filled week at Camp Dainava. Awards were presented to: John Breczelly for active participation in sports; Joe Cernevicius, John and Joe Prasmantas won fishing awards; Connie Mayauskas, Sharon Prasmantas and Regina Mikalas won for dancing and most beautiful costumes at the masquerade party; best camping group picked by the judges went to Mark and Steven Vaitkus and John Kavy; Mark also won for exeptional talent; Steven fo best camper.

Donna Cernevicius enjoyed her week, helping as assistant counselor.

Some of the parents drove up for the weekend and stayed for closing ceremonies and the return trip home.

Junior members enjoyed two swim parties at Cowan Lake this summer.

A successful money making project was selling sweet corn to friends and neighbors.

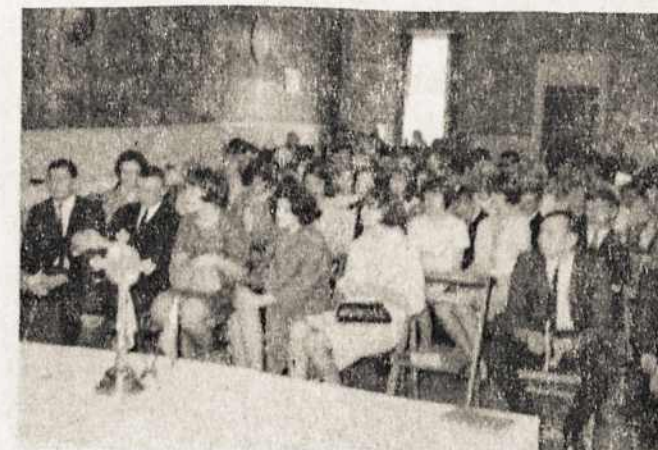
Our parish festival was a good success. We juniors sold tickets for the grand prizes that were raffled off.

Cathie Lavender

**MORE PHOTOS
N. Y. - N. J. RALLY**



The successful New York-New Jersey Junior Rally was held in Bayonne, N. J. this past spring. Photos: Above, Some of the counselors who attended with their Junior groups. Upper Right, Judy Stukas, C-29, received an award for her Christmas straw decoration from Elena Nakrosis. Lower Right, Junior members during their rally session.



5,000 NEW MEMBERS

IN 5 SECONDS.....



if you own this Magic Lamp. Yes, Jennie the Geenie can even collect all your Council's 1967 dues before you can say "kugelis". But if you are not the proud possessor of this rare item, would you believe that it will take days, weeks and even months to accomplish these things? So maybe we should start NOW - and sign up at least one member this month and try to get the dues collected before December 31st of THIS YEAR. In the rules outlined below, you will notice that a SPECIAL AWARD will be presented to the Councils, (according to size categories) which reach the 100% Paid-Up status FIRST. You will also notice that you will earn the greatest number of points for new or "rejoin" members in the first period of the Membership Drive.

RULES FOR THE 1966-67 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Credit for enrolling members in the new drive will be earned only if the following rules and dates are observed.

Earn TEN points for each new or rejoin member you enroll by JANUARY 31, 1967. However the cards and dues must be post-marked and received by the National Financial Secretary BEFORE February 28, 1967.

Earn SEVEN points for each new or rejoin member you enroll during FEBRUARY, MARCH & APRIL, 1967.

Earn FIVE points for each new or rejoin member you enroll during MAY & JUNE, 1967.

Membership totals will be supplied by the S. C. Financial Secretary according to her records as of 8-1-66. The Council awards will be presented for the greatest percentage of per capita increase based on these 8-1-66 totals.

There will be FIVE AWARDS:

- (1) Individual in a large Council with the most points;
- (2) Individual in a small Council with the most points;
- (3) Council with less than 40 paid-up members;
- (4) Council with 40 or more paid-up members;
- (5) District with the greatest number of new mem•

BE FIRST TO BE 100% PAID-UP and GET A SPECIAL AWARD

Effective immediately, the councils in four categories will be eligible to receive an added citation for being first to have their council dues 100% paid-up. Your quota is the 8-1-66 total, as listed in the Financial Secretary's Convention Report.

- 1st category - 11 to 29 members
- 2nd category - 30 to 59 members
- 3rd category - 60 to 99 members
- 4th category - 100 members and over

If councils 61, 67 and 133 can double their membership they will also be eligible for competition in the first category.

When the standings are shown statistically in the following issues, I am convinced that not one member will enjoy seeing his or her Council at the bottom of the list with "zeros" for new membership or only 20%, 40% or 60% as paid-up for the current year.

Remember, the sooner we can get our fellow Lithuanians to join us, the more we can accomplish for the principles for which the K of L is dedicated. And there is so much more to be accomplished. We must look to reorganization of dormant Councils in the areas where there are still some Lithuanian inhabitants remaining. We must organize Councils where there are new groups of Lithuanians. (For these purposes, a listing of previously active councils will be published, by city, in the near future.)

So let's all take care of the routine dues collections NOW. Let's all enroll the new members during the most active part of our year - NOW. We will need the time and energy for other activity later.

Eleanore H. Laurin
Membership Vice President

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Edited by: Theresa Strolia, 15325 Sequoia St., Oak Forest, Ill. 60452

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

I-I DISTRICT Taitytė

There are many activities planned for the year and at the helm will be the following officers elected to serve for the 1966-67 term: Eleanore H. Laurin (C-13) Pres., Ceil Matul (C-14) 1st Vice Pres., John G. Evans (C-112) 2nd Vice Pres., Alex Budris (Srs.) 3rd Vice Pres., Milda Pakalniškis (C-112) Sec'y., Walter Gregar (C-36) Treas., Jerome Jankus (C-36), Sgt-at-Arms, Albert Raubiškis (C-112) Trustee, Stella Gregar (C-36) Trustee.

Vince Samaska will remain as Board Chairman. The various Committee Chairmen will be selected at the Board meeting.

(Mrs.) Emilija Pakalniškis has graciously agreed to continue as Editor of the Vyčią Veikla column in the "Draugas". This column is for every Council and District of the K of L. We strongly urge everyone to take advantage of this and submit articles to Mrs. Pakalniskis. Address her at - 3948 South Artesian Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60632.

Besides the District Juniors beginning their new season of activity, the monthly bowling socials will also begin with the District sponsoring the first one.

Thanks to the dedicated efforts and artistic talents of Loretta Macekonis, the monthly bulletin "The Trumpet" is keeping the members abreast of the various important events, in the Councils and in other Lithuanian circles.

The Choir Officers for the coming year are: Valdas Paliulionis, Pres., Leon Pauksta, Vice-Pres., Helen Gudauskas, Sec'y., Albert Zakarka, Treas., Vytautas Krikščiūnas, Sgt-at-Arms, Mirga Pakalniškis, Librarian and Alfonse Plienaitis, Scrap Book.

The "Big Affair" coming up now is the Choir's Golden Jubilee Dinner Dance. General Chairman Algird Brazis, Choir Director Faustas Strolia,

President Vladas Paliulionis and the Committee members feel certain this will be "The Lithuanian Event of the Year" in Chicago.



Mr. and Mrs. E. Sutkus announced the engagement of their daughter, Anita, to Ludwig P. Zebrauskas. The wedding date has been set for Aug. 26, 1967. The engaged couple are members of C-36, Chicago.

(Photo by Ernest Studios)

CHICAGO, ILL., C-112 The Sheik Election of officers for C-112 was held at our Sept. 20th meeting in the parish hall of Nativity B.V.M. with the following results: Leon Pauksta, Pres., Lorraine Wajnauskas, Vice-Pres., Jean Korsak, Rec. Sec'y., Monica Kasper, Treas., Albert Daggis, Fin. Sec'y., Bernadine Lazisky, Corres. Sec'y., Al Schulicke, Vladas Paliulionis and Jim Jagiella, Sgts-at-Arms, Albert Zakarka and Dolores Wajnauskis, Trustees.

Appointed to committee chairmanship were: Membership - Estelle Rogers, Lith. Affairs - Jim Jagiella, Rituals - Ruth Daggis, Publicity - Lithuanian, Emilija Pakalniškis, English, Louis Rogers, Social - Irene Rakaitis and Gifts - Monica Kasper.

Our regular council meeting in October was held at the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture. Before the meeting, members had an opportunity to view the displays of this most interesting exhibit. During the meeting Stanley Balzekas, Jr. spoke to those assembled about future plans and exhibits scheduled for the museum. He also invited the K of L to make use of the various facilities at all times and expressed his interest in a possible exhibit of K of L activity. Guests at the meeting were Eleanore Laurin, Nat'l. Membership Vice-Pres. and I-I Dist. Pres., Frank Svelnis, Jr., Nat'l. Treas. and C-36 Pres. and Vincent Samaska, a member of the Nat'l. Public Relations Comm. and I-I Chairman of the Board.

A fun-time Halloween party was held on Oct. 29th in the Zakarka-Rogers Rathskellar. The hostess-with-the-mostest Estelle Rogers was the chairman.

Our annual Thanksgiving Dance will be held on Nov. 19th at the K of L Bldg. Music by "Eddie Grad and the Musical Lads". Chairman Albert Raubiškis and his committee resolved that everyone attending will have a "ball".

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

BROCKTON, MASS., C-1 Patty

We had our first meeting of the fall season, and it proved to be rewarding. With a large attendance and plenty of enthusiasm shown, we are starting the season off with a bang!

A report on the 53rd National Convention was given by our delegates Sylvia Shukis and Pat Miskinis, who also presented our President, Roland Pigeon the Membership Drive Award that our Council had won at the convention - First Prize in the Small Council Category. Congratulations are also extended to Roland and Pauline Pigeon for individual honors in

the Small Council Category.

Also during our meeting, delegates were chose for the N. E. District Convention in Norwood. Roland and Pauline Pigeon, John and Marilyn Yuskaitis will represent our Council, with Sylvia Shukis as the alternate.

Our "Social Schedule" for the end of the year will include a hay ride, Halloween Party, International Supper, Football Game and our annual Christmas Party.

WATERBURY, CONN. C-7 Auksė

ANNIVERSARY ANNOTATIONS

Many years will pass before the glowing light of memory will fade into the still darkness of oblivion. The eventful, unforgettable day was May 21, 1966. It was a gala social marking our council's FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

The Golden Jubilee dinner dance was a many-splendored affair thanks chiefly to chairman Cal Kerwin's ambition and to the arduous efforts of a most dedicated arrangements committee. Little wonder that hundreds came. But, then, who wouldn't - with Otto Shatas distributing the handsomest invitations ever printed? Needless to say that we were especially happy to have Honorary Member Frank Vaskas (Newark) and a whole table of Worcester confreres at our big night's festivities.

Personalities in government were particularly prominent among the guests, including Lieutenant-Governor Fred Doucy, Mayor Frederick Palomba, Judge James R. Lawlor, former mayors Raymond Snyder and Edward Bergin with their charming, lovely wives and others. Clergy present were Rev. A. Edward Gradeck, pastor, Rev. Paul Sabulis, Rev. Raymond Yuskas, Rev. Dr. Benedict Gauronskas (New Britain), charter member of Council 7, and Rev. Leonard Kvedas, our affable chaplain who so spiritedly emceed the program.

Marcella Andrikis, Berenice Ortlieb and Locadia Sulauskas sang the Star Spangled Banner, the Lithuanian National and Knights of Lithuania anthems directed by Prof. A. J. Aleksis. (Short and sweet). The merry assemblage was visibly delighted with the centrally suspended 50 candle chandelier and the many other colorful decorations.



BE A DOLL !!

USE THE VYTIS TO GREET ALL YOUR K of L FRIENDS THIS CHRISTMAS.

It will makè the "Vytis" Staff very happy, too.

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In summation it was a night of inspiration, beauty and conviviality - a tangible, indicative proof that the Knights of Lithuania organization is deeply rooted, and, God willing, will long survive. This is our fervent, prayerful ANNIVERSARY wish.

CONVENTION COMMENTARY

C-7 figured prominently at the 53rd national Knights of Lithuania convention held this year in Worcester, Mass. A resolution was adopted honoring Prof. Alexander J. Aleksis, composer of the K of L Anthem. This year marks 50 years of Honorary Membership and leadership in the K of L for Mr. Aleksis.

James Valaitis, president, Lillian Paulauskas, rec. secretary, and Nell Diggles, fin. secretary, obviously were highly pleased that our council merited the national membership drive's special award. City Clerk and Mrs. Frank Shaknaitis won the pre-convention golf and bowling tournaments' trophies respectively.

It was announced that Marcella Andrikis is a qualified candidate for the Knights of Lithuania Honorary Membership to be awarded at next year's convention in Dayton, Ohio.

John Alanskas, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rutkauskas, Anthony Alexander and the rest of the Waterbury delegation unanimously agreed that they were the proudest contingent at the banquet because it was Waterbury's own distinguished and popular Congressman, JOHN S. MONAGAN,

who received the K of L's Friend of Lithuania award.

HEARTFELT "FAREWELL"

At this writing we are deeply saddened because we have lost a treasured friend and counselor. Late September our beloved chaplain, Rev. Leonard Kvedas, was transferred to a non-Lithuanian parish in New Haven, Conn. God Love and Bless you, Father Leonard, and some day return you to us.

ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS., C-10

Vincukas

In July Boston and area K of L'ers gathered at the Gardner Lithuanian Country Club for a day in the country and to hold a beach party and cook-out. It was an excellent day except for the down-pour in the evening. The group enjoyed volleyball, enjoyed swimming and dancing.

This and that! ... Alec and Lil Kuzmickus have moved into their new home on Fredette Street, Athol. Congratulations, kids! ... Nellie Melaiika has started her second year in ceramics ... Lennie Davidonis, our council photographer, spent his vacation touring the New England coast... Mary Gauronsky spent some time on the Cape ... Howie Beaudette spent his vacation at Boys State in Amherst as a counselor and also painting his home (really looks like a piece of art) ... Al Rodski as usual spent his free time sunning himself at the various beaches ... Frank Anoris spent his summer vacation at his own Camp on White's Pond ... Charles and Blanche Genaitis spent the summer taking summer courses plus teaching special classes and doing a bit of traveling ... No one seems to know where Father Mike spent his spare time... Some of our members were seen attending the District dance held at Maironis Park, the District Convention and dance at Norwood and Joe and Nancy Kondrotas' wedding, which was blessed on Sept. 17th in St. Casimir's Church, Worcester.

Our council takes off their hat to C-26, who hosted the National Convention. They surely planned well and all in attendance enjoyed themselves to the fullest. Bravo, Worsteriečiai!

The Lithuanian Outing Association of Gardner started their bowling sea-

son. The group consists of 10 teams with the following names: Baravykai, Vytis, Mirta, Pijokai, Saulė, Audra, Draugai, Rožės, Zvaigždės and Ubagai. The season will run for 33 weeks. There are some real champs in the group and it is a close-knit group that is well organized.

Thought for the Month! During the month of November we celebrate Thanksgiving Day. Let us not forget that we surely have a lot to be truly thankful for. Let us not forget our less fortunate brethren at home and in the Communist-dominated countries especially our own beloved Lithuania. If we cannot help materially, we can spiritually.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

DAYTON, OHIO, C-96 Eleanor M.

Bringing our council up to date our Juniors had a wonderful week at Camp Dainava and in all are looking forward to next year. We received a very complimentary letter from Sophie Zagar, Camp Director about our campers.

Our thanks to Bill Knoeffle and Anita Goldick who did a fine job at our last family picnic. I understand Kay Sluzas was still aching the day after. Could it be because she and John Goldick were never defeated in the "jart game".

During the district convention in Cleveland, Ohio on Oct. 29, Veronica Omlor, Eloise Berczelly and Fran Petkus received their third degrees. Many of our members attended this convention.

Mary Lucas, Joe and Ada Sinkwitz, Stephonas Buchmys, Pat Zelinskas, John and Adele Kveityis and Mike Petkus Jr. made up a delegation from our Parish for the dedication of the shrine of "Our Lady of Siluva" in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. Mary Lucas' showed slides and a detail description of the shrine at our September meeting. I for one and all the other members appreciated her thoughtfulness.

C-96 will be honored to be host for the Knights of Lithuania National Convention in 1967. Mary Lucas did a fine job in representing our council in the convention at Worcester. She gave a complete report of her activities. A Victory Party was held after the meeting. We wish to thank our Mid-Central

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENTS - PLEASE NOTE!

Our council news editor has a new address. Please send your correspondence to Terry Strolia at: 15325 Sequoia Street, Oak Forest, Ill. 60452.

Dist. Pres. Ed Pavis for his staunch support in obtaining the convention for Dayton. Thanks also for Steve Buchmys who assisted Mary at the convention and to Elinor Sluzas for the Printing work donated by her. Mary Lucas brought back with her from the convention a membership citation to be given to Eloise Berczelly for signing up new members. Congratulation, Eloise!

We have a growing list of members that were hospitalized during the last month: Amelia August, Francis Vangas, Mary Ann Blum, Ted Sluzas, Ann Scott and Alice Petkus. Fr. Praspalius of our parish was also hospitalized. Sincere get well wishes to all.

Congratulation goes to Mr. and Mrs. Wilimaitis on the marriage of their daughter Connie in September. Delayed congratulation on the birth of a son to Charlie and Sarah Petkus.

C-96 elected Mary Lucas as chairman for the convention in '67. The convention will be the first part of August and Mary will be busy appointing her committees. We know with Mary for our chairman no one will regret coming to the National Convention in 1967.

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

NY-NJ DISTRICT

F. V.

The annual convention of the New York-New Jersey District took place in Newark on Sun., Sept. 25th, at St. George's Hall. Hosts for the day were the members of C-29. The session was called to order by President Alexander Wesey and opened with a prayer by District Spiritual Advisor Rev. Peter Zemeikis of Bayonne, N.J. Greetings on behalf of the host council were extended by vice-president Edward Schmidt.

The minutes of the meeting held in June at Linden, N.J. were read and accepted. Reports were given by the executive board members and the various committee chairmen of the district. C-29 of Newark received an award for the most members in our

district during the recent membership drive. The award was accepted on behalf of the council by president Kazys Sipaila. The Mandate committee reported that 11 councils were represented at the conclave. Miss Nancy Kober gave the report of the 53rd National Convention held at Worcester.

The annual elections took place with the following chosen as members of the executive board: pres. Alexander Wesey, Great Neck, N.Y., vice-presides Edward Schmidt, Newark, N.J. and Miss Virginia Dutkus, Paterson, N.J., secys. Miss Nancy Kober and Mrs. Josephine Zukas, both from Great Neck, N.Y., treas. Miss Dorothy Dutkus, Paterson, N.J., trustee, Miss Ann Mitchell, Elizabeth, N.J., ritual, Joseph Boley, Brooklyn, N.Y. and Larry Janonis, New York, N.Y.; Lithuanian afrs. Kazys Strolis, Newark, N.J. and Vytautas Radzivanas, Brooklyn, N.Y., Sports, Joseph Sable, Linden, N.J., Cultural, Miss Dianne Beletsky, Philadelphia, Pa., Publicity, Frank Vaskas, Newark, N.J. and Mrs. Helen Kulber, Brooklyn, N.Y.

It was decided to have an ad in the Souvenir Journal sponsored by the Ruta Anseble in connection with their dinner-dance of Nov. 19th, at Holy Trinity Parish Hall. The event will be one of several by the choral group in connection with the observance of their Silver Jubilee. We at this time offer our congratulations to the group and wish them many more years of success.

The district also extends many happy returns of the day to Monsignor Mykolas Krupavičius and Honorary Member Alexander J. Aleksis. Congratulations are also in order to our President and Mrs. Wesey who are celebrating their silver anniversary of wedded bliss.

The meeting was closed with a prayer and the singing of the K of L Hymn. Many, many thanks to C-29 for a most enjoyable stay while in their midst.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., C-3

"Twinkle"

C-3 had one of the finest elections in many years. There were many contenders for each office and enthusiasm ran high. The final results were as follows: Spiritual Advisor- Rev. Albin J. Neverauskas, President - John K. Mickunas, Jr.,

Vice-President - Irene Ozalis, Recording Secretary - Alberta Bekeris, Financial Secretary - Irene Svekla, Treasurer - Albert Ozalis, Trustees - Agnes Mickunas (2 yr. term), Julian Greymas (1 yr. term).

Even the elections for the various committees were pursued vigorously. The resultant vote was as follows: Spiritual Committee - Ann Alsankas and Veronica Ozalis (Co-Chairmen), Cultural Committee - Joseph J. Yanulaitis (Chairman), Ritual Committee - Lillian Sasnauskas (Chairman) 3 yrs., Anthony Burch (2 yr. term) and Irene Ozalis (1 yr. term), Lithuanian Affairs - Dianne Beletsky (Chairman), Activities Director - Anthony Burch.

Congratulations to C-3's new officers and committee members. We are sure that our achievements will surpass those of the last year because of their outstanding leadership and we will continue to be among the top K of L councils in all aspects.

Irene Varevice and Walter Svekla became Mr. and Mrs. on October 8. We wish them all the luck and happiness that they deserve and are sure that God's blessings will always be upon them.

Prior to their marriage Walt Svekla was the guest of honor at a Bachelor Party on Sat. Sept. 24. Marty Rusgi sped down the Jersey Turnpike to join the Philly group in their "Boys Night Out". Not to be left behind, the girls took Irene Varevice out for a night on the town and after hearing the gay, old time the girls had, the fellas unanimously decided that the next time there is a "Boys Night Out" they're going with the girls. The girls r-r-r-e-a-l-l-y know how to have a good time!

C-3 was well represented at the Worcester Convention and are eagerly looking forward to Dayton next year. We want our worcester friends to know that we had a wonderful time and congratulate them on a well-planned and enjoyable convention. The management of the "Fancy Lace Cafe" hope that all of their guests had a good time at their establishment. We enjoyed planning the party, convention songs and the decorations. Also, in case the Scholarship Fund Committee is wondering where they got a check for \$8.00 plus from, this came from Philly's Convention Party where they passed the hat around to "send

CONGRATULATIONS to Council News Editor Theresa Strolia and her husband, Choir Director Faustas Strolia, on the birth of their son, Jonas Vytenis who was born on Wednesday, October 15th and weighed in at 8 1/2 pounds.

the banjo man, John Mickunas, to Dayton". We do hope that our Honorary Philly Good Guy, Bill Grigas, is taking extremely good care of his new white hat. Also, the "Philly Good guys" salute the "Chicago Bad Guys" and thank them for the "Bad Guy" cups they gave us. We sure had fun, didn't we!

We enjoyed having Eddie Daniels and Sparky Morkunas down for a visit. The gals from C-3, especially the married ones like Agnes and Irene, always like to have out-of-town guests because this always means an extra special dinner, dancing and the works! Dianne Beletsky and Ann Alsankas took Eddie and Sparky in to town to see the Shriner's Parade. All four reported this doesn't even come near to New Year's Parade. Lucky for them, they were even treated to a Christening Party - Philly Style. We all extend to Charlie and Margie Petronis our best wishes on the birth of their "Baby Charlie". We enjoyed ourselves immensely at their Christening Party, and are sure the Worcester boys did, too.

C-3 was well represented, too, at the dedication of the Our Lady of Siluva Shrine in Washington, D.C. Our own Al Ozalis had the honor of carrying the Supreme Council flag and had a box seat during the ceremonies. Helen Shields was in charge of organizing the bus trip from St. Casimir's parish and from all reports everything ran smoothly.

Our Council has a full schedule of events coming up. In October, we had a quarterly Communion Breakfast and Installation of Officers, and a Halloween "Hawaiian Luau" Party; scheduled for November, - Monthly Meeting; in December, Christmas Party; and January 22, C-3's 25th anniversary banquet and dance.

C-3 attended in full force the NY-NJ District Convention. Congratulations to the new District Board and to our own Dianne Beletsky who accepted the position of Cultural Chairman.

A hearty note of welcome to our

new member, Richard Varevice, who is Irene's younger brother.

Irene Svekla celebrated her birthday on October 1 and we wish a Happy Birthday to Margie Petronis - November 3, and Helen Shields - November 21.

Also, Happy First Wedding Anniversary to Margie and Charlie Petronis who will celebrate on November 20. Many, many more years of happy wedded life to you both.

Wedding bells pealed for Ann Simmons on October 29. We wish her all the luck in the world in her new life.

That's all. See you next month!

NEWARK, N.J., C-29 The Wanderer

Well we are back into the swing of things once again after a long summer hiatus.

Our first bit of activity was the annual dinner-dance which took place on Sat., Sept. 24th in St. George's Hall. There was a good attendance on hand for the event. The program began with the singing of the Star-Spangled Banner and the Lithuanian National Anthem by the audience, accompanied by Louis Stukas. The invocation was offered by our Spiritual Director, Rev. Peter Totoraitis. Chairman for the event was Edward Schmidt and co-chairman, Miss Mary Stonis.

Notes on the Cuff... The council had a busy time of it besides the dinner-dance. On the 25th, we played host to the annual district convention... Belated birthday greetings to Kazys Strolis... Congratulations to Ralph Radisch upon being awarded a portion of the K of L Scholarship Award... Sincere and heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Ann Goodis in the passing of her husband, Simon, and to Mrs. Helen Radisch and the members of the Radisch family in the loss of their mother... Results of the council elections will be made known in the near future... This columnist wishes to express sincere thanks to all who sent get-well wishes during a recent illness... More Anon!

AMSTERDAM, N.Y., C-100 Smile & Sparkle

Dr. and Mrs. Adam Kindar were hosts to the K of L, C-100, at their summer residence in Galway, N.Y. on Sun., June 19.

A special program was planned by Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Orante.

Dr. Kindar was presented with the Lithuanian flag, a beret with the Lithuanian insignia, and a medalion of the Cross of Kęstutis the Great, king of Lithuania. Mr. Orante checked back into the family tree of Dr. Kindar and had the Coat of Arms made for the doctor. The Rev. Robert K. Baltch explained the meaning of the symbols to all present. The program ended with the flag raising ceremonies.

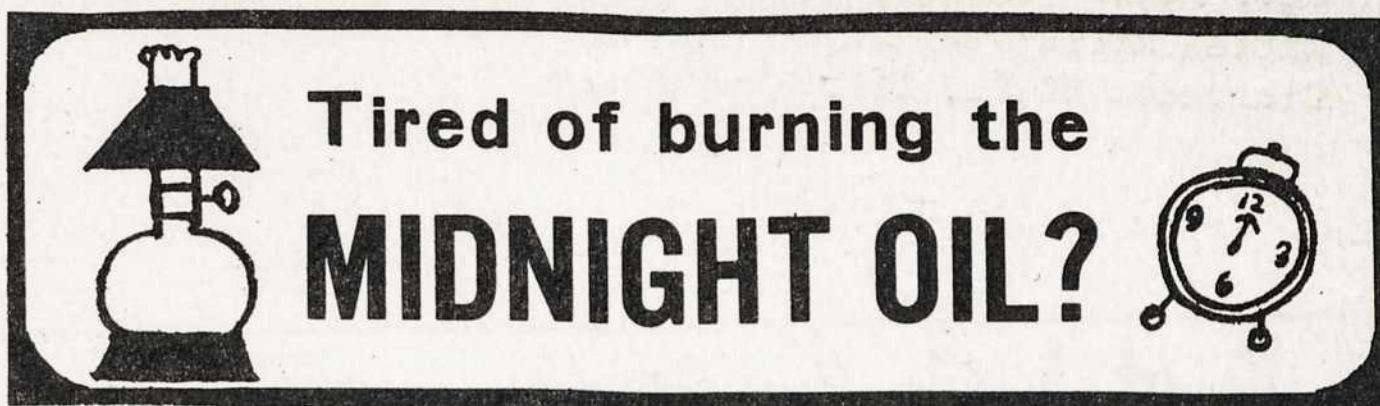
Attorney and Mrs. A. C. Stokna, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on June 29, were surprised with a large anniversary caked especially baked by Mrs. Charles Maldutis.

The members participated in various games, boating, fishing, community singing of Lithuanian and American folk songs. A Smorgasbord was served.

The Co-Chairmen of the party were Mrs. Anthony Radzevich and Mrs. Charles Karbus. They were assisted by Mrs. Ann Sweet, Miss Helen Radzevich, Mrs. Paul Abeling, Mrs. Leonard Olechowski, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Kazlauskas, Mr. Bill McCune, Mrs. Jean Maldutis, Mrs. Barbara Kroup, Mrs. Sophie Olbie, Mrs. Ann Beleckas, Mrs. Anna Yunker, Mrs. Josephine Nikstėnas, Mrs. Virginia Miciulis, Miss Genevieve Gobis, and Mr. John Gerutis.

Others in attendance were: Rev. Alphonse Petraitis and Rev. Victor Pioma, Schenectady, N.Y., Mr. and Mrs. Victor Orante and Daughter, Miss Pauline Urban, Mrs. Nellie Rogers, Mr. Charles Karbus, Mr. Anthony Radzevich, Mrs. Ann Kutichis and daughter, Mrs. Frances Kopraski, Mr. Jerry Kopraski, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kerbelis, Mrs. Sadie Dzek, Mrs. Anna Chacks, Mr. and Mrs. Vytenis Miskinis and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ziausys, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Abeling and family, Mrs. Lucy Lolos, Mr. Anthony Beleckas and children, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Kroup, Sr., Mr. Benjamin Kroup, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Al Saikals and family, Attorney and Mrs. A. C. Stokna, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lekutis and son, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ralys and daughter, Mr. Joseph Piliponis, Mrs. Mary Ann Drozinski and family, and Mrs. Sophie Ziausys, Mr. Michael Kindar, Mr. Paul Damphier, Mr. Skip Rugar, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Nikstėnas and son.

Sorry we are a bit slow in our



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news, but here's a run down of the summer happenings. Father Baltch and Father Jonaitis vacationed in Europe this year, spending time in France and Spain. Sophie Olbie and Gene Gobis spent much time at Lake George this summer. Also, Gene and Helen Dombroski spent a week at the Jersey Shore - Manasquan. Isabelle and Milton McKinley took a pleasant trip to Canada and stopped in Amsterdam to see their friends and relatives. Benjamin and Barbara Kroup went to Chicago to attend the Lithuanian Youth Rally in July. Don and Mary Ann Nikstėnas did much traveling this summer, spending time in the New England States, Pennsylvania and also our own New York State. Lake George was also the vacation spot chosen by Sadie and Charles Karbus. Irene Wood went South this summer, visiting New Orleans, Louisiana, Kentucky and Tennessee. Rochester and various spots in Vermont were the places where Tony and Ann Radzevich and son, Michael, toured. Helen Radzevich traveled to Brooklyn and Manasquan. Tony and Edna Stokna attended the graduation ceremonies of their daughter, Juanita, at Chamberlain Junior College in Boston, Massachusetts this past June. On Sept. 25, Tony Stokna was elected President of the Past Exalted Rulers of the Elks of New York State Capitol District.

Bill McCune did a wonderful job at the K of L outing as head bartender. Wouldn't rest for a second. He

wanted all to be served!

Deepest sympathies go out to Ginny Miciulis in the loss of her beloved mother.

Our secretary, Eleanor Stakauskas, was married to Leonard Olechowski on May 7, at St. Casimir's Church. The marriage ceremonies and the Nuptial Mass was performed by Father Baltch. Gene Gobis was maid of honor.

Matthew Orante spent a few weeks in Europe this September. He was unable to visit Lithuania which he especially wanted to do.

Connie Yunker and Michael Hauer were married in July. They are now residing in Buffalo, New York. Best of luck to you, Connie, from our council.

We have a new member ... Peter Hayes ... Glad to have you join our council, Peter! Peter is the owner of Chief Textiles in Amsterdam.

Michael and Louise Kerbelis have moved to their new residence on Hollywood Road. God bless your new home!

At the September meeting Sadie Karbus was surprised to receive the certificate on getting second place for a small council in the membership drive. Gene Gobis presented it to her and then brought out a cake to celebrate the occasion.

Father Baltch, Prof. Joseph Olsauskas and Gene Gobis gave a run-down of the happenings at the national Convention in Worcester.

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- November 12 Supreme Council Meeting, Chicago, Ill.
- November 12 Illinois-Indiana District K of L Choir's Golden Jubilee Banquet, Chateau Busche, Chicago, Ill.
- November 12 C-96, Dayton, Polka Party, New Lithuanian Hall, Dayton, Ohio
- November 19 C-112, Chicago, Annual Pre-Thanksgiving Dance, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
- November 19 "Ruta" Ensemble 25th Silver Jubilee Dinner-Dance, Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Newark, N.J.
- December 3 C-29, Newark, Lithuanian Movies
- December 4 Chicago Seniors, Mass for Deceased K of L members, Immaculate Conception Church 12:30 P.M., Breakfast, K of L Bldg.
- December 4 5th Annual Contest and Display, Lithuanian Jesuit Center Art Gallery, Chicago.
- December 11 C-100, Amsterdam, Christmas Banquet, Chanticleer Restaurant, Amsterdam, NY
- December 11 C-112, Chicago, Christmas Party, Red Lantern Club, Chicago, Ill.
- December 18 C-79, Detroit, "Kiddies" Christmas Party and Raffle, Detroit, Mich.
- December ? C-3, Christmas Party, Philadelphia, Pa.
- December 31 C-79, Detroit, New Year's Eve Party, Detroit, Mich.
- December 31 I-I District New Year's Eve Party, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
- January 22, C-3, Philadelphia, 25th Anniversary Banquet and Dance, Philadelphia, Pa.
- August 3,4,5 & 6, 1967 Knights of Lithuania 54th National Convention, Dayton, Ohio



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