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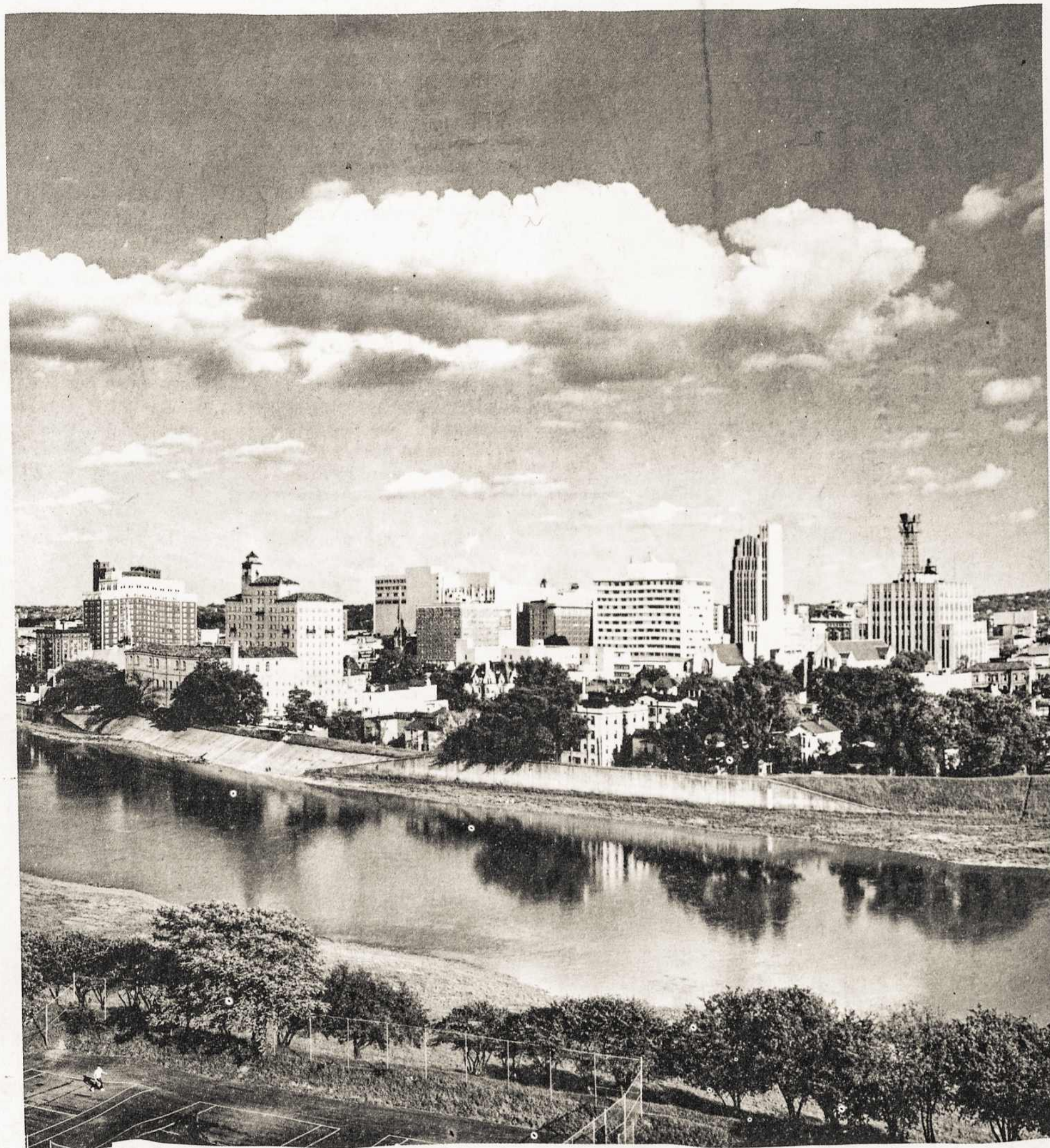
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THE DAYTON STORY

ELINOR SLUZAS

Located in the rolling hills of West Central Ohio is Dayton, the fastest growing metropolitan area in Ohio.

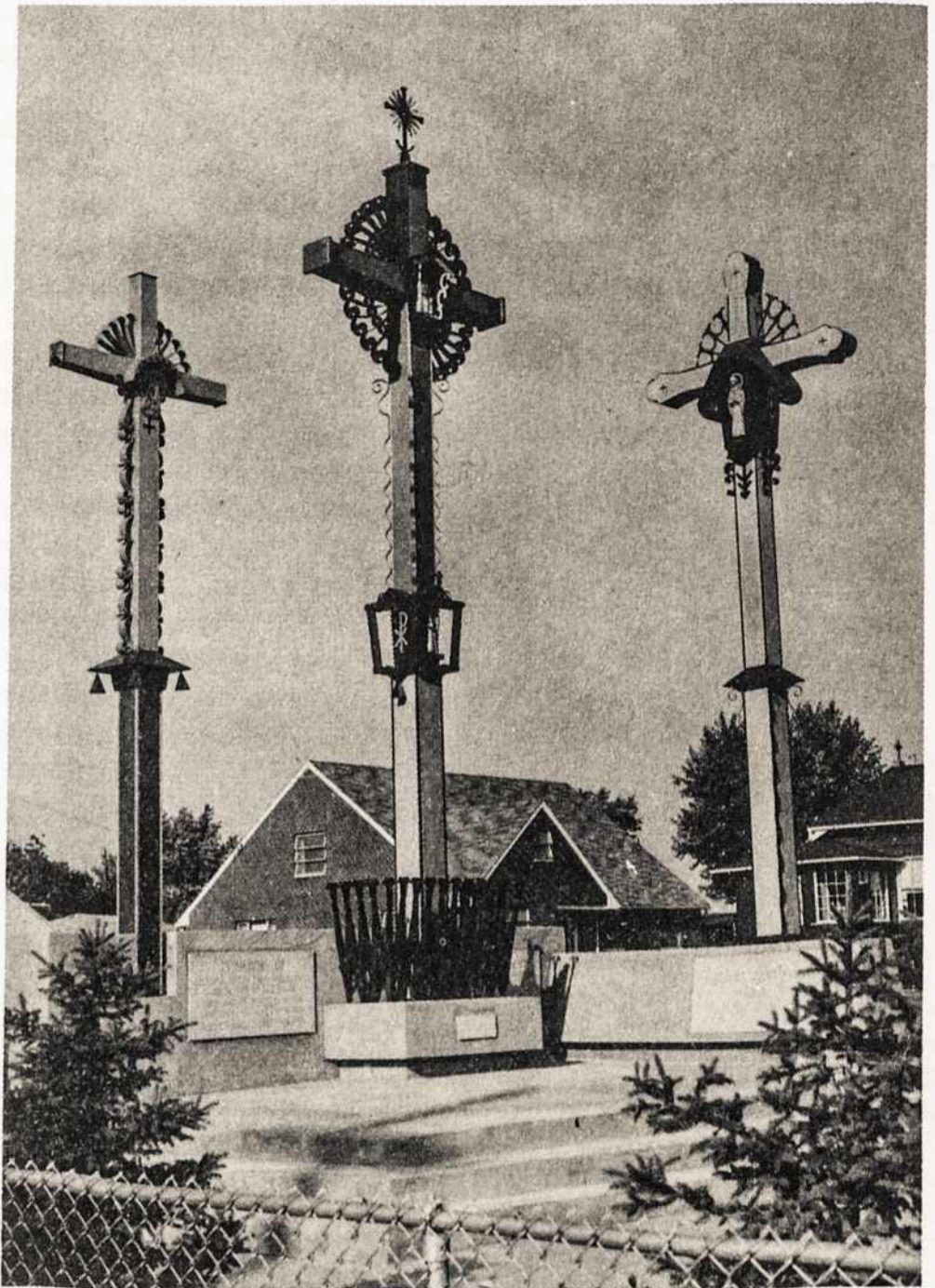
Dayton has a rich heritage and a proud future!

I COULD tell you ... of Newcom's Tavern built in 1796. All travelers lodged there, and the citizens gathered before a roaring fire to discuss the news of the day. The first court sat in this building, committing prisoners to Colonel Newcom's corn-crib or down his well for their offenses. Itinerant preachers conducted services. Reluctant children studied the three R's. It was the heart of the community.

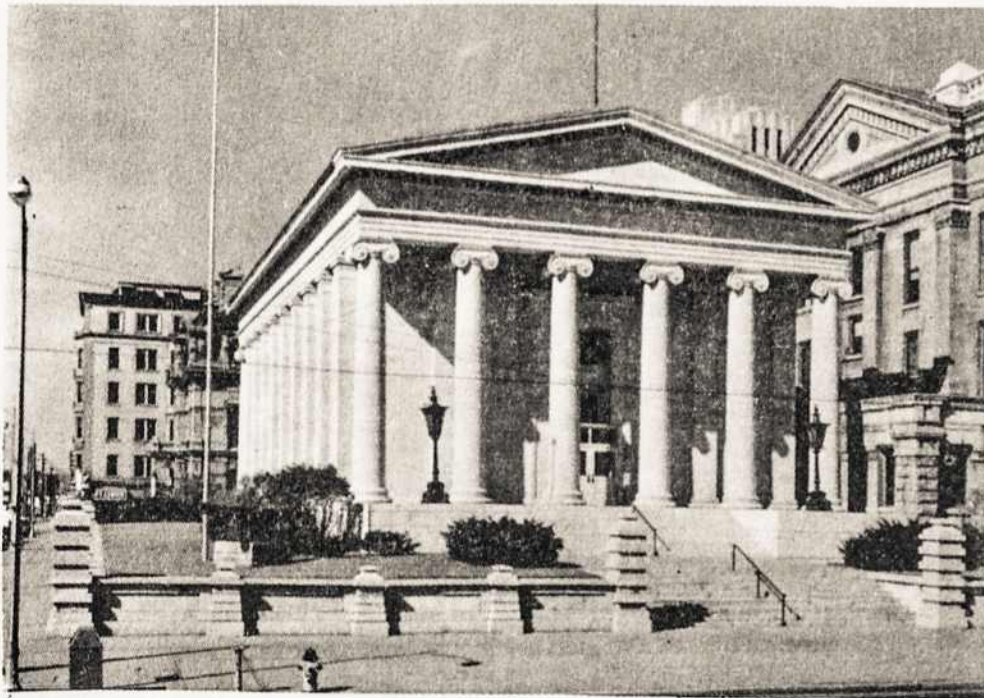
Today, this same building stands in Carillon Park along with other reminders of early Americana and Dayton.

I COULD tell you ... of Orville and Wilbur Wright ... the two "nutty" proprietors of a small bicycle shop on West Third Street, who were trying to solve the problem of human flight. Ridiculous... everyone in Dayton knew it couldn't be done. On December 17, 1903, they flew. The work of the Wrights was the start of a long record of aviation accomplishments which has earned Dayton the title, "Birthplace of Aviation". the first parachute jump, first solo instrument landing, night flying advances, world altitude records and pioneering in aerial photography! Although it may not be well known, the Thor, Atlas, Titan, Agena, Minuteman, the F-1 engine utilized on the Apollo and Gemini programs, the now famous Mercury program, trace their beginning to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The Air Force Museum at Wright Patterson Air Force

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SHRINE OF THE THREE CROSSES



(Left Photo) Montgomery County Court House, a replica of the Theseum, an example of Greek Revival Architecture. (Right Photo) Newcom's Tavern.



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Base ... the largest museum of its kind in the world... will thrill you!

I COULD tell you of many more places to visit such as our Memorial Hall, where we have Summer Theatre with famous Broadway Stars ... our beautiful National Cash Register Company... our Salem Mall ... all enclosed, with its fascinating shops... fountains and gardens ... our restaurants and night spots featuring cuisine to satisfy every taste ... our parks and lakes for relaxing and swimming!

I COULD tell you ... but I won't. We want YOU to come to the Knights of Lithuania National Convention to see for yourself and enjoy the company of our Knights of Lithuania Family. We are all working hard to give you the best Convention we can possibly arrange.

The Sheraton-Dayton Hotel will be our Convention headquarters. It is in the heart of the City and only minutes away from Holy Cross Church and the imposing Shrine of the Three Crosses.

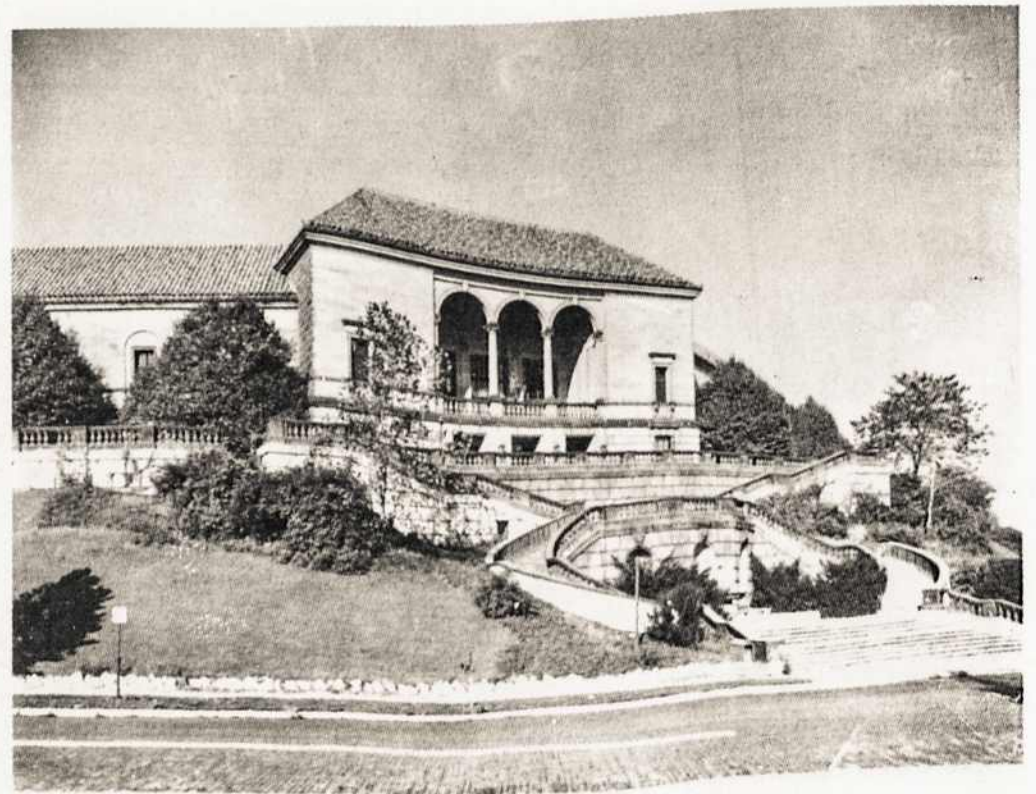
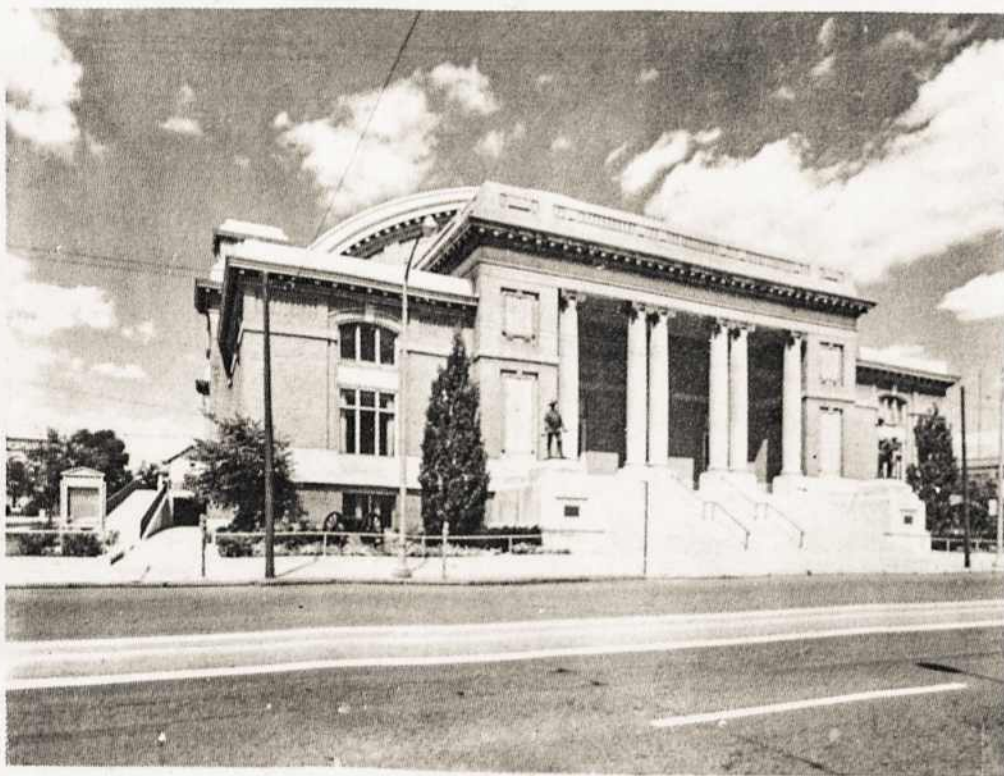
The cross at the left has the motifs of the crosses in the region of Vilnius and the southern part of Aukštaitija. It has on it a woodcarving of Our Lady of the Gates of Dawn. The picture of Our Lady is from the 16th century.

The middle cross has the motifs of central Lithuania and the eastern and southern parts of Žemaitija. The upper statuette is the meditating Christ (Rūpinotjėlis). Since the Lithuanian people throughout the centuries have suffered much, they expressed their sufferings in art representing Our Lord sitting sad faced and meditating. The lower carving is of St. Casimir.

The third Cross has the motifs of that part of Lithuania called Dzūkija. The statuette on the front is of Our Lady of Šiluva. On the other side of this Cross is the statuette of Our Sorrowful Mother. It is a Pieta in Lithuanian folk style. Seven swords pierce her sorrowful heart. This shrine was erected to serve as a constant reminder of those martyrs who gave their lives for God and country under the cruel persecution of Godless Soviet Communism.



SCENES OF DAYTON. (Above) The Deeds Carillon in honor of Edward A. Deeds, National Cash Register Company. (Lower left) Memorial Hall, home of cultural activities such as the Summer Theater. (Lower right) Dayton Art Institute.



"Rūta" LITHUANIAN ENSEMBLE

25 YEARS OF LITHUANIAN CULTURE

LORETTA I. STUKAS

To the "Rūta" Lithuanian Ensemble of New Jersey, the 1966-67 season is a very special one, for it has been designated the group's "Silver Jubilee Year", to celebrate its 25th Anniversary, and will be marked by numerous concerts, appearances, and other festivities. The Jubilee Year's festivities began last November, with a Jubilee Reunion Banquet, at the Holy Trinity Parish Hall in Newark, N.J. In the ensuing months, the ensemble plans a spring concert, and a presentation of Sasnauskas' "Requiem" to commemorate Lithuania's loss of freedom. Also, the "Rūta" Ensemble has been invited to present a special Jubilee concert in Baltimore, Md. early in spring.

The ensemble had its start in October, 1941, when Jack J. Stukas, youthful director of the newly organized New York radio hour, "Echoes of Lithuania", formed a chorus as a part of his broadcast activity, naming it "Lietuvos Garsai", or the "Echoes of Lithuania" Chorus. The chorus of 35 voices, under Mr. Stukas' direction, first appeared in December, 1941, at a program honoring Antanas Smetona, president of the Lithuanian Republic.

As World War II called away most of the young men (including its director), the chorus suffered a short period of inactivity. In 1944 after Stanley and Ona Pocius had discontinued the Lithuanian radio program, the chorus was reorganized as a 20 voice women's chorus, and renamed the "Rūta" Chorus, following the resumption of the broadcasts now called "Memories of Lithuania". "Rūta" again began en-

tertaining audiences in the New York-New Jersey area with Lithuanian songs. In 1945, a "Rūta" Lithuanian Folk Dance Group was also formed, as an adjunct to the Lithuanian Hour.

The women's chorus eventually became only a women's quartet. In 1950, under the leadership of Louis Stukas, a mixed chorus was again organized and continued singing under the name of "Rūta". At the same time, the dance group was united with the choir, to form the "Rūta" Lithuanian Ensemble. The ensemble, plus the still active quartet, appeared together as a unit in January, 1951, at the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of "Memories of Lithuania".

During its existence, the dance group of the "Rūta" Ensemble made numerous successful appearances in Lithuanian and non-Lithuanian circles. It participated in the First Lithuanian Dance Festival of the USA and Canada, in Chicago, and danced on TV several times, as well as at countless Lithuanian community festivals and concerts. It represented Lithuania in various civic affairs, including the American Folk Dance Council's Festival "America Dances and Sings" in 1958 at Seton Hall University, New Jersey, and a celebration commemorating the 350th anniversary of the Hudson River, held in Central Park, New York, in 1959. The dance group slipped into inactivity in 1961.

The "Rūta" Chorus, under the direction of Algirdas Kačanauskas since 1951, has continuously grown in size, activity, and popularity. Although no longer an adjunct of "Memories of Lithuania" Radio,



"RUTA" Lithuanian Ensemble of New Jersey
(In center - Algirdas Kačanauskas, Director and Louis Stukas, Choirmaster)

it appears frequently on special commemorative radio shows and/or radio sponsored concerts. It has also appeared several times on Lithuanian TV programs and at various Lithuanian and non-Lithuanian concerts and commemorations. For its performances at its own concerts or at other functions, "Rūta" can draw from a vast repertoire of Lithuanian folk songs, recent Lithuanian compositions and opera selections, as well as many international classical and popular favorites. The "Rūta" Chorus can boast furthermore, of its many exceptional soloists.

"Rūta" participated in the First and Second Lithuanian Song Festivals of the USA and Canada, held in Chicago, and in several religious festivals, including one this year in Washington D.C. The chorus was significantly present at the New York World's Fair in 1964. It formed part of the combined

chorus singing at the Fair's mammoth Lithuanian Day at Singer Bowl in August, 1964, and also sang at several Lithuanian Day festivities in other pavilions of the Fair. As a "request performance", "Rūta" recorded a special video-tape at the RCA Pavilion, which was played on TV for the pavilion's audiences for two weeks.

The present "Rūta" Chorus recorded its first long-playing record in 1959, together with soloist Lionė Jodis. Since then they have made two best-selling "Sing Along in Lithuanian" Albums for Request Records, featuring favorite Lithuanian folk songs.

We sincerely hope that "Rūta" will continue bringing "Lithuanian Culture" to audiences throughout the Eastern United States and elsewhere, and will successfully attain its "Golden" and "Diamond" Jubilees.

EDITORIAL . . .

LITHUANIAN WORLD REVIEW

MANIFESTATION OF JUSTICE FOR THE BALTICS

The following editorial commentary was prepared and edited by the staff of Lithuanian World Review, which is solely responsible for its comments:

Last February 13th, according to Reuters, and to the outright dismay of many, a settlement of Baltic claims and debts in dispute between Britain and the Soviet Union since World War II was announced in London talks between Prime Minister Wilson and Soviet Premier, Aleksis N. Kosygin.

The Baltic claims, estimated to total from \$31 million to \$39 million relate mainly to confiscated property (British) and outstanding loans and debts in the Baltic States of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia, which were taken over by the Soviet Union illegally in 1940 after the outbreak of World War II.

Soviet counterclaims have been lodged for about 8 million British gold pounds and other assets deposited in London by the central banks of the Baltic States. Word finally has it that the claims problem has been solved. London has agreed to take \$16 million gold of Baltic deposits left in trust to the British and give it to the Soviets in return for something not yet publicly disclosed. A situation, tragic indeed, for the Baltic Question since Britain already recognized "de facto" incorporation of the Baltics into the Soviet Union. One Lithuanian-American newspaper draws the parallel that the German Nazis through the secret Molotov-Ribentrop Pact of 1939, handed over Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia to the Soviet Union. Now, Mr. Wilson has handed over its gold.

Ironically, Mr. Wilson writes off the Baltic issue as a world problem yet continues to stress necessary sanctions against a rebellious Rhodesia, noting that it serves as a potential threat to world peace.

Therefore, through Mr. Wilson's actions, it can be logically interpreted that Soviet aggression or illegal annexations are not threats to international peace.

But to add insult to injury, in its editorial of February 14th entitled, "Anglo-Soviet Detente", the New York Times is quoted as saying:

"The British-Soviet communique at the end of Premier Kosygin's visit to London suggests that something approaching a detente was agreed to by the Russian leader and Prime Minister Wilson. If the communique's words mature into action, there will be major increases in trade, air service, technological cooperation and cultural and other exchanges between the two countries, as well as the conclusion of a treaty of friendship and peaceful cooperation.

That substance underlies these statements of intent is indicated by the final agreement reached on an old sore, the problem of debts arising from Moscow's seizure of the Baltic States in 1940".

The New York Times, obviously re-iterates its policy of unconditional "building of bridges of understanding" with the Soviets.

No mention of constructive steps is even contemplated toward solving the Baltic Question, as far as the Times is concerned, except to refer to them as "an old sore".

Would the Times EVER be in favor of raising the Baltic Question in the United Nations?

Once again, justice manifests itself on an international scale.

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TWENTY FIVE YEARS OF THE VOICE OF AMERICA

On February 24, 1967, the Voice of America celebrated its 25th anniversary. Its first broadcast was in German, on February 24, 1942, shortly after America's entrance into World War II. The opening words were:

"The Voice of America speaks. Today America has been at war for seventy-nine days. Daily, at this time, we shall speak to you about America and the war - the news may be good or bad - we shall tell you the truth."

That historic broadcast established the Voice of America's policy. It has continued for a quarter century. Its motto is still TRUTH and the many transmitters now in operation all have but one aim, telling the story of America as honestly as possible.

Now a section of the United States Information Agency, the Voice of America (familiarly termed VOA) daily talks to its millions of listeners around the globe in English and 37 other languages. It provides them with day-to-day news, facts about U. S. policies, information concerning the life, culture and activities of the American people. It answers questions about life in the 50 states, and includes a generous measure of music, including popular American music and jazz. No aspect of American life is too remote for VOA script writers to deal with, so long as it is likely there will be interested listeners within the reach of its transmitters.

The Voice of America broadcasts around the clock to reach its audiences at their peak local-time listening periods - usually before they go to work in the morning or when they come home at night. More than half of its programs are beamed to, or are audible in communist countries.

Almost from its beginnings efforts were made to prevent people from hearing what the Voice of America had to say. The Germans first and later the Russians and others established transmitters on the same radio frequencies and tried through noise and similar means to "jam" the VOA broadcasts. With the passage of the years and improved technology such interference became less and less effective. Some truths always got into the airwaves of the jamming countries. Today only Bulgaria, Cuba, China and East Germany try to blot out the messages and music of VOA.

The effectiveness of the Voice of America is in part gauged by the 500 to 1000 letters and post cards it receives every day from all over the world. There are comments on programs, requests for special music at certain hours, for books, for answers to specific question, often relating to a comparison of American conditions with those of the homeland of the

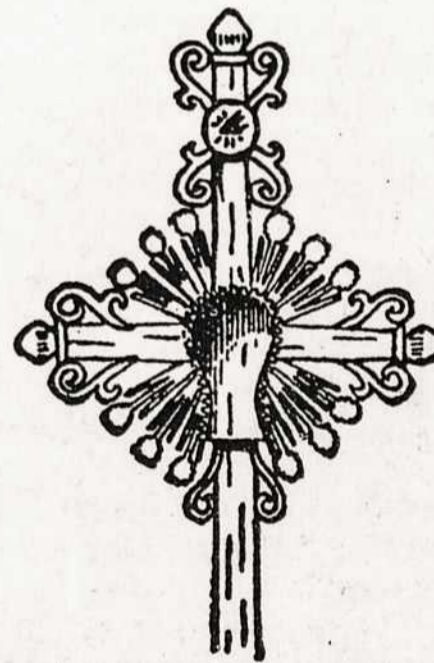
letterwriter. Some write complaining of weakness of reception, suggesting that VOA should be able to beam a stronger signal in their direction.

For all its activity, the Voice of America is still only third in world-wide broadcasting. Its weekly 850 hours of air time is topped by the 1,374 hours of the Soviet Union and 1,027 of Communist China, nations which consider international propaganda of prime importance. But what it may lack in comparative hours, the Voice of America more than makes up in the acceptance of its messages by the nationals of totalitarian countries.

In hailing the VOA's 25th anniversary President Johnson paid tribute to radio as a means for promoting a "mutual understanding among the peoples of this planet," and more specifically to the Voice of America's contribution to the "furtherance of better relations among the nations of the earth." Leonard H. Marks, the director of the U. S. Information Agency, summed up that contribution by saying, "By transmitting news and views from America, by broadcasting music, cultural programs and features on American life, the VOA is an emissary of good will."

As the Voice of America begins its second quarter century, it is important to remember that radio provides the only consistent means for a government and its people to talk to the other peoples of the world directly and without delay. VOA is spokesman, in a sense, for all of us, and as such deserves not only our congratulations, but even more our best wishes and cooperation.

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Elgetos Žemaičių Kalvarijoje

POV. DIRKIS

Žemaičių Kalvarijoje vasaros metu vyksta kasmet didieji atleidai, į kuriuos suplaukia iš visos Žemaitijos minių minios žmonių, kurių tarpe ir šimtai elgetų. Leidau ir aš į tą kelionę, kuri skendo sukeltų dulkių sukuriuose. Atlaidų metu mane labiausiai suįdomino elgetos ir jų elgsena, kurių čia buvo prisėdusių ištisos eilės, ir, kurie su ištiestomis rankomis iš praeivių laukė bent kokios aukos. Daugumoje išmaldos elgetoms dalija moterys ir prašo už ką pasimelsti.

Elgetų laikysena man atrodė įtartina. Jie visai nesidomi moterų skelbiama intencija, bet skubiai sugrobę auką, kemša į maišą ir skubiai atkiša ranką naujai aukotojai. Beto, supdamiesi net visu kūnu, galvomis linguodami, šaukia: "Pasigailėkite, susimylėkite, mieli prieteliai, nepraeikite šaltais stebėtojais mūsų nelaimių". O kokių ten nebuvo - raišų, kreivų, pusaklių, aklų, nebylių, skambinančių varpeliais, tokie ir tikslo maldos nesuprato. Moterys išimties nedarė. Dalino išmaldą nė vieno neaplenkdamos bei skelbdamos intencijas.

Viena elgeta meldėsi skirtingai, tampydamas didelę armoniką. Jam pritardamas, spygavo vaikiškas balselis. Man priartėjus, armonika nutilo: ar maldą baigė ar pavargo. Aš juos visus stebėjau, kaip jie godžiomis akimis seka aukotojus, rūščiai stumdo savo bendrininkus, jei kas ir netyčia prisiliečia aukų maišo. Aišku, kad jie aukotojų neatjaučia, matydami jų gausias aukas. Jie juos laimingais laiko. Jų pagrindinis tikslas - griauti aukotojus, kad šie būtų dosnesni. Viena iš moterų paprašė pasimelsti, kad Dievas suteiktų vienam moksleiviui sveikatą. Į tą prašymą elgeta pasiūlė kreiptis į gerą gydytoją.

Stebėjau kokias orgijas jie kečia už surinktas išmaldas. Nėra ko stebėtis, juk dauguma elgetų yra

apsimetėliai. Būna atsitikimų, kad jie pavogia vaikus, suluošina ir rodo praeiviams dirbtinas žaizdas.

O kai priėjau visai arti pirmiau matyto muzikanto, tai pamačiau kokių 5 metų vaikeli. Tas elgeta neatrodė, kad jis būtų to vaikučio tėvas, nes buvo per senas. Vaikutis buvo aprenktas vidutinės švaros marškinėliais, nesusektais, su di-

dele iškarpa, per kurią buvo matyti ant vaikučio pilvo raudona žaizda. Vaikelis buvo gražus, ir jo poza man priminė šv. Augustino angelėli. Juk nei vaikučio, nei elgetų, nei jų žaizdų nepatikrinsi, pasigirdo balas iš minios. Tas nežinomo žmogaus balsas mane taip sujaudino, kad tą "paradą" apleidau ir nuo to laiko nustojau šelpti elgetas.

PAVASARIS LIETUVOJ

Pavasarielis laukiamas visų,
Senų, jaunų ir mažų.
Dienos ilgesnės, saulė, šiltesnė,
Tirpina sniegą skubiai.
Sniegas tirpsta nuo saulės spindulių;
Varo ledus upeliais:
Į Nerį, Viliją ir Nemuną,
O iš ten į Baltiją.
Paukšteliai grįžta iš šiltų kraštų,
Gėrisi Lietuvos oru,
Giedodami Lietuvai giesmeles,
Renka lizdams vieteles.
Artojėlis eina arti dirvos,
Kad gaut vaisių dėl šeimos.
Piemens gena gyvulius į laukus,
"Rokuodami" sav vargus . . .
Mergelės audžia baltas drobeles,
Dainuodamos daineles,
Apie: rūtą, mėtą, lelijėlę,
Ir jauną bernužėlį.
Javai dygsta, auga ir žaliuoja,
Tas džiugina artoją,
Kad už jo sunkų darbą, prakaitą,
Bus gausiai apmokama.
Medžiai kraunasi pumpurus žiedų,
Rengiasi tuojau žydėti,
Ir duoti derlingą vaisių,
Kuriame viltį idėti.
Bitelėms didelė darbymetė,
Imti medų iš žiedų.
Bitininkui tikras malonumas,
Turėti darbščių bičių.
Gėlių, medžių žydėjimas,
Sudaro malonumą.
Paukščių giesmės, laukų žaliavimas,
Duoda širdžiai linksmumą.
Lietuvos grožis, laike pavasario,
Sunku plunksna aprašyti:
Reikėtų Lietuvą aplankyti,
Ir jos grožį matyt . . .

J. KUZAS

Lithuanians in The News

Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos pirmininkas Antanas J. Rudis š. m. Vasario 16 d. lankėsi Washington , D.C. dalyvauti Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės paskelbimo paminėjime ir liudyti Senato Užsienio Komiteto prieš konsuliarinės sutarties patvirtinimą tarp JAV ir Sovietų Sąjungos. Nepriklausomybės minėjimai jau eilė metų yra surengiami Senate ir Atstovų Rūmuose Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos pastangomis.

Ta Proga Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos pirmininkas aplankė JAV Vicepresidentą Hubert H. Humphrey, kuriam įteikė savo liudijimo kopiją, asmeniškai paaškino sutarties neigiamas puses JAV ir pakalbėjo kitais Lietuvų liečiančiais reikalais.

Nuotraukoje yra iš kairės į dešinę - Msgr. J. Kučingis, Los Angeles Šv. Kazimiero lietuvių parapijos klebonas, kalbėjęs maldą Atstovų Rūmuose, Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos pirmininkas A. J. Rudis ir svečiai visuomenės veikėjai, savanoriškai atvykę paklausti istorinio liudijimo Senate dėl konsuliarinės sutarties - Dr. L. Kriaučeliūnas, Dr. K. Bobelis iš Elgin, Ill., Edw. McElroy ir radio stoties WJJD direktorius iš Chicagos.



Antanas J. Rudis (stovi) įteikia savo liudijimą senate senatoriui E. Dirksenui iš Illinois.

Nuotraukoje iš kairės į dešinę - Dr. K. Bobelis, Elgin, Ill., p. Maria Rudienė, Chicago, Ill., Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos p-kas A. J. Rudis, speakeris John McCormack, kongresmanas D. J. Flood iš Pa., Msgr. J. Kučingis, Šv. Kazimiero parapijos klebonas iš Los Angeles, atlikęs invokaciją Atstovų Rūmuose, p. I. Kriaučeliūnienė ir Dr. L. Kriaučeliūnas. Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės-Vasario 16 d. - minėjimai eilė metų, kaip suruošiami Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos pastangomis. Minėjimo iškilmių ir ALT pirmininko A. Rudžio liudymo paklausti buvo savanoriškai nuvykę aukščiau pažymėti lietuvių visuomenės veikėjai.



CLEVELAND, OHIO L. VYČIAI GALI TIK PASIDIDŽIUOTI

Visos tautos ir bisos šalys, kokioms joms bebūtų - mažos ar didelės, turi vadus. Mes lietuviai irgi tuo galime pasididžiuoti, ypač L. Vyčių organizacija, nors jos vardas ir neskamba mūsų išeivijoje, kaip kitados, kada jai vadovavo: a.a. Mykolas Norkūnas, didžiakalbis a.a. dr. A. Račkus, a.a. dr. prof. K. Pakštas, gražiadainius Leonardas Simutis, visų mylimas ir gerbiamas a.a. kan. prof. F. Kemėsis, komp. prof. A. Aleksis ir dar daugiau tokių išžymybių, kurių vardai niekad nebus išbraukti iš mūsų lietuvių išeivijos istorijos, o juo labiau L. Vyčių organizacijos istorijos, nes ši organizacija, pirmesniais laikais ir čionykštės lietuvių kartos, o ypač jaunuomenės, buvo tikra pažiba, nes jos žibintuvai degė ir scenos vaidinimuose, didžiuose choruose, o gal daugiausiai vyčiai sielojasi, kad jų tėvynė Lietuva būtų laisva ir nepriklausoma. L. Vyčių org. nariai ir nūnai nesėdi nuleidę rankų, bet dirba, sielojasi, kad Lietuva ir vėl būtų laisva ir nepriklausoma. Jei ir ne visi vyčiai pasišventę savo tautai, lietuvių ir pačios Lietuvos didiesiems darbams, bet jie ir dabar gali džiaugtis ir didžiuotis, kad jų organizacijai priklauso, galima drąsiai sakyti, didžiausi ir uoliausi vadai mūsų išeivijoje.

Man ir davė mintį parašyti šį straipsnelį į mūsų lietuvišką spaudą, ypač, kai išgirdau, vasario 12 d., šv. Jurgio parap. bažnyčioje, prelato Jono Balkūno pamokslą, laike sumos, o po pietų. švč. P. lėš N. Pagalbos parap. auditorijoje, tėvelio Balkūno pasakytą kalbą, Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės šventės minėjime. Nors man jau ne sykį teko girdėti pareiškimų, kad prelatas Jonas Balkūnas yra didžiausias pamokslininkas ir išžymiausias patriotiškų kalbų sakytojas. Taigi su šiomis mintimis ir pats pilnai sutinku, kad tėvelis Balkūnas tikrai yra didysis oratorius-auksakalbis. Kada tėvelis Balkūnas sakė, čia pažymėtoje dienoje pamokslą, kurį taip visus sujau-dino, kad ne tik moterys, bet ir vyrai braukė ašaras. Visus neišpasakytai sužavėjo šv. Jurgio parapijos choras, vadovaujamas muziko Prano Ambrazo, ypač visiems giedant "Marija, Marija" ir "Lietuvos Himną".

Prakalbų metu publika sukėlė tėveliui Balkūnui didingas ovacijas, už jo kovingą ir patriotišką kalbą, kuri tikrai visus atgaivino ir pažadino tėvynės Lietuvos didesnei meilei ir patriotizmui, ko clevelandiečiams jau ir reikėjo. Beje, negalima pamiršti ir mūsų tautos garsiojo tenoro - Stasio Baro, kuris ne tik sužavėjo šešiašimtinę publiką, bet ir nuste-bino ją savo gražiu tenoru, nes tą liūdijo didžiosios auditorijos milžiniški plojimai - ovacijos po kiekvienos jo dainos. Bet tikiu, kad apie tai parašys kiti daugiau ir plačiau.

Kada tėvelį Balkūną, susitikęs šioje lietuvių dienoje, pasveikinau ir trumpais žodžiais prisimini-au apie pamokslą ir žodį kitą apie L. Vyčių org. ir padarėva pasižadėjimus, kad ir šiais metais dalyvausime L. Vyčių org. 54-tame seime, kuris įvyksta Dayton, Ohio. Pastebėjau, kad didysis mūsų išeivijos oratorius, tėvelis Balkūnas turi viešai prisegęs L. Vyčių org. ženklelį ir juo didžiuojasi.



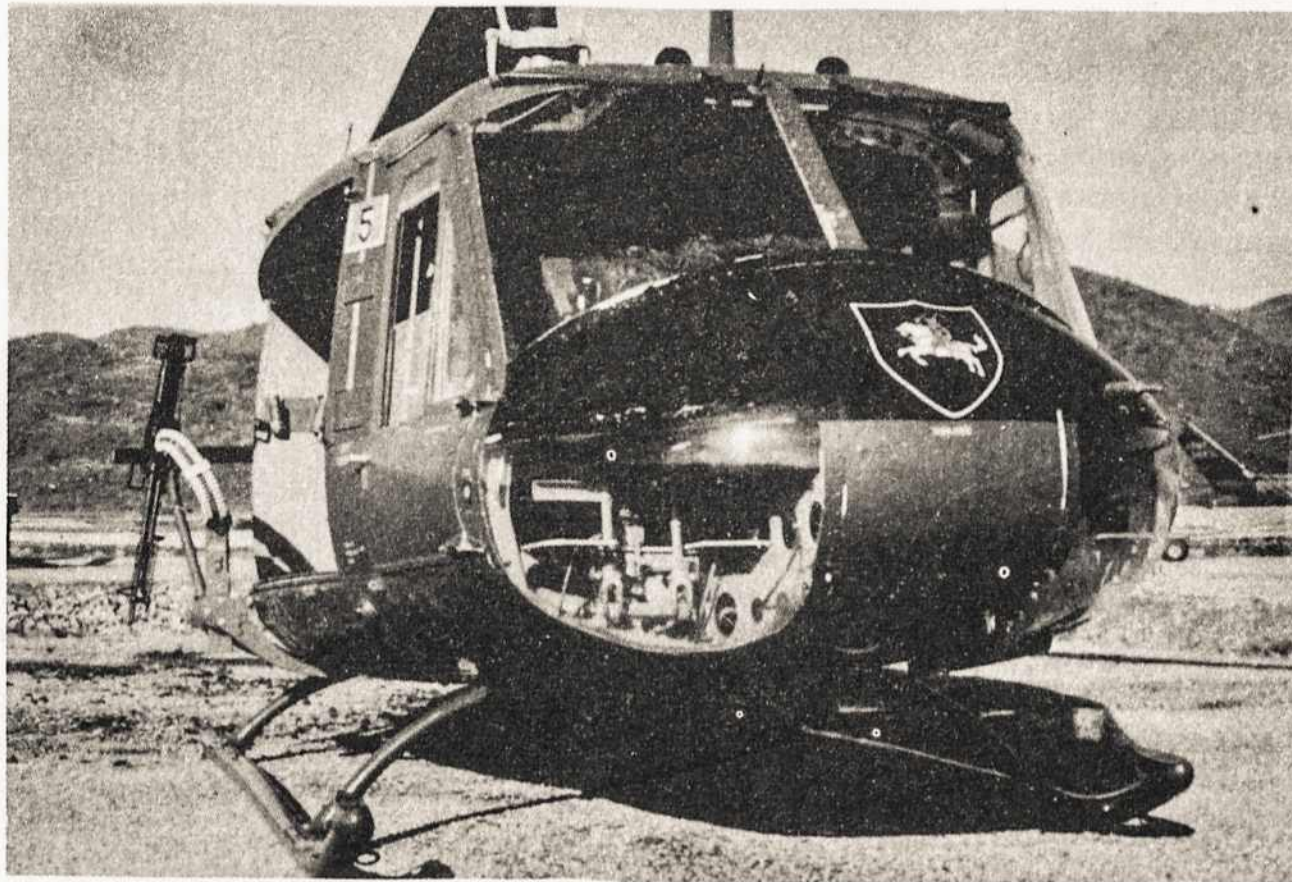
PRELATUS JONAS BALKŪNAS

Taigi, ar ne garbė vyčiams, turint toki oratorių savo organizacijoje? Prelatas Jonas Balkūnas, vytis, yra dešimties tautų pirmininku, kurios yra sudariusios didingą komitetą kovoms dėl savo tautų išlaisvinimo rytinėje Europoje, dabar esančioms pavergtomis komunistų rusų. Taip pat tėvelis Balkūnas prisiminė, kad jis priklauso ir kitom komisijom, kuriose yra ginami Lietuvos reikalai, nes jis yra tikras, kad Lietuva ir vėl bus laisva ir nepriklausoma. Tai čia prisimenama tik vienas vytis patriotas ir tėvynės Lietuvos kovotojas, bet mes turime ir daugiau tokių didingų vyčių, kurie kovoja ir sielojasi visokiais būdais už Lietuvos laisvę - Leonardas Valiukas, kuris buvo šios šalies kongrese, rezolucijos pravedimo vyriausias sumanytojas, kovotojas ir laimėtojas, Washington, D.C. Antanas Mažeika ir dr. Alg. Budreckis vyriausi sumanytojai ir vadai užperretais metais žygiuojant New York'e į pasaulio Jungtinių Tautų įstaigą. O kas, ar ne vyčiai inž. Antanas Rudis, Amerikos lietuvių pirmaujančios org. - A.L. Tarybos pirmininkas, didis darbuotojas Lietuvos reikaluose ir kovotojas už jos laisvę. Kun. E. Abromaitis, kuris nūnai yra vienas iš populiariausių ir pajėgiausių mūsų liet. dvasiškosios narių, nes tėvelis yra ne tik Kunigų Vienybės pirm., bet ir dydis vytis ir L. Vyčių 13-tos kp. dvasios vad. Išžymusis solistas - baritonas Algirdas Brazis, New York'o Metropolitan operos solistas, kuri ne visiems yra prieinama, bet mūsų vytis ir pažiba, šioje operoje išbuvo keletą metų.

Taigi, tik pagal šias išžymybes, mūsų lietuviškai išeivijai reikėtų arčiau pažvelgti į L. Vyčių org., nes joje dar ir daugiau didelių veikėjų ir kovotojų randasi. Vyčiai prašo, kad padidintų jų eiles tas jaunimas ir senimas, kuris yra pajėgesnis lietuviškame žodyje, lietuviškoje dvasioje ir Lietuvos meilėje, kad jie dar galėtų ilgai palaikyti tos gražios šalies meilę ir patriotiškumą savo vytiškoje širdyje. Beje, vyčiams reikia daugiau vyčių Povilų Dirkių, kad jų vardas daugiau skambėtų lietuviškoje spaudoje.

SENELIS

A LITHUANIAN VYTIS... IN FAR-OFF VIETNAM



Several months ago, a young Lithuanian, Algis Reivitis of Middle Village, New York, who is now serving in the United States Air Force in Vietnam, wrote to friends back home with a special request. He had decided he'd like to decorate his helicopter with a Lithuanian VYTIS, and thus identify himself, in that far-off land, as a Lithuanian, and one proud of his heritage. He asked several friends to write to his commanding officer, asking that he be granted permission to display the VYTIS. Many New York area Liths wrote, explained the significance of the VYTIS, and achieved the desired result for Algis.

Among the writers was Dr. Jack Stukas of Hillside, New Jersey, who recently received the following letter of explanation and gratitude from Algis Reivitis.

Feb. 13, 1967

Dear Jack,

After all this time I thought you might be rather curious how the Vytis came out.

I'm happy to say it got quite a lot of publicity in recognition of the fact that it was the only U.S. aircraft in Vietnam carrying a foreign nation's crest of arms. I was very proud to have a ship like that and never forgot what the crest stands for. During the 800 hours that I crewed it, it sustained numerous barrages of mortars, artillery, and 23 direct hits from automatic weapons with never more than a shudder. Wherever we flew, I was constantly being asked what unit it represented and I really enjoyed explaining it was the crest of arms of my native

country - Lithuania. Surprisingly, I was never asked for authorization for its display on the aircraft, although I always carried the written O. K. from the 14th Avn. Bn. C.O. on my person.

When I had to transfer from the 174th to the 161st two months ago, my company commander suggested, that if I wanted to take my crest with me to my next assignment, he would OK a requisition for a new radio compartment door. So I did just that. I took it off my ship when I left the 174th and will bring it home with me when I complete my tour here Mar. 15.

So until then, please pass on my sincere thanks to all the people that made its existence possible. Ačiū!
Sincerely,
Algis Reivitis

Our heartiest congratulations to Algis, for his ingenuity, in finding- and carrying out - a most imaginative and effective means of spreading the knowledge of Lithuania in distant and war-torn VIETNAM!
l.s.



LEGENDARINIAI AKMENYS LIE TUVOJE

POV. DIRKIS

Nuo ledynų gadynės Lietuvoje daugelyje vietų ir dabar yra pasilikę didelių akmenų, įvairiomis legendomis apsuptų. Vienas iš žymiausių ir didžiausių yra arti Anykščių, vadinamas "Puntuku", savo aukščiu lygus dviem žmonėm. Jis apkrautas daugumos legendų ir labai gražiai apdainuotas poeto-dainiaus a.a. Vyskupo Ant. Baranauko.

Senovės lietuviai iš akmenų dirbdavę savo dievus ir tikėję, kad dievai gali paversti akmeniu nusikaltusį žmogų. Tas buvo pagonijos laikais. Išlikę kai kur kryžiai, iškalti akmenyse žiloje senovėje, parodo tų seniausių laikų prisiminimus apie ugnį ir saulę. Mat, dviem sukryžiuotais pagaliais senovės lietuviai pasigaudavę ugnį, kurią garbindavę kaip saulę. Iškalti akmenyse kryžiai liudija apie tuos priešistorinius laikus dar prieš Kristų, kada tokie akmenys buvo traktuojami kaip altoriai, ant kurių saulės garbei žmonės užberdavę rūdų ir užpildavę medaus. Prie tokių aukūrų dar ir paskutiniaisiais laikais valstiečiai susirinkdavę paviėšėti, kad galėtų atšvęsti pavasarinių darbų pabaigtuves. Lietuvos nepriklausomybės laikais pagerbimui transatlantinių lakūnų - Dariaus ir Girėno ant "Puntuko" buvo iškalti tragiškai žuvusių biustai.

Daugelyje vietų išlikę senoviniai akmenys parodo senovinių įvykių pėdsakus, liekanas. Vienas toks akmuo esąs prie kelio į Varėną. Kaip savo žmonės, tas akmuo buvo kadaise mergužėlė, kurią vertė ištekėti už nemylimo vaikiną. Tačiau ji pasakiusi, kad jai geriau būti pavirsti akmeniu prie kelio, negu ištekėti už nemylimo vyro. Štai ir dabar dar prie kelio tebestovitas aptvertas akmuo su geležiniu kryžiumi ant viršaus ir prie jo dar yra pridėtas dubenėlis - bliūdas, kuriame susirenka lietaus vanduo - atseit suakmenėjusios mergužėlės ašarėlės. Tikintieji žmonės ir dabar dar tą sukryžiumi akmenį laiko šventuoju, galinčiu išgydyti visokius negerumus. Ta vietovė yra pavadinta Akmuo. Jame yra sena medinė bažnytėlė, kapinės ir kun. namas. Ją lanko, kaip istorinę vietą, įvairios ekskursijos ir šiaip pavieniai nuotykių ieškotojai.



O Lietuva, Didvyrių Motina, Tu!

Prisimenu, kaip ten plezdėjo vėliavos trispalvės,
Džiaugsmu virpėjo mūsų širdys,
Daina skambėjo iš jaunų krūtinių,
Nes laisvę atgavus žydėjai, o Lietuva motina tu!

Nors vargo keliu tuėjai
Skandinavai tu žieduose jausmus,
Džiaugsmą ir skausmą kartu,
Prie mylinčios glaudei tu širdies.

Prie Baltijos toli ten krantų.
Menu, koks gyvenimas buvo gražus,
Nežinojom, kad priešas jau rengias,
Iš rytų vėl tave pasigrobt.

Neilgaitu ta laime džiaugeisi,
Neilgai tu skendai žieduose,
Pasruvo krauju veidas tavo
Pravirko motulės ir sesės gailiai.

Kaip iš pragaro slinko ten tankai,
Apdriskę mongolai, alkani ir basi,
Grobuoniai, kur pėdas tik dėjo,
Paliko ten žymės kraujų.
Ir taip laisvės varpas nutilo,
Ir juodo skausmo šydu uždengė tave.
Tikėkim teisybė turės vėl laimėti.
Nes o, Lietuva, didvyrių motina tu!

Prisimenu, kaip sodai žydėjo,
Birželio pavasari gražiajam,
Pravirkai tu tėvyne, nes sūnų ir tėvą
Į Sibirą vežė tremtin.

Praeis tau skausmų, sunkios dienos,
Užmiršta ir apleista neliksi tu!
Nors ir reikės dar daug kraujo pralieti,
Bet išlaisvinta vėl būsi tu!

Tu daug esi priešų turėjus,
Turėsi gal jų dar daugiau.
Jei reikės - mes stosim tave ginti
O Lietuva, tu didvyrių daug davei.

Mes kovosim už tavo laisvę, tėvyne,
Iškankintų didvyrių dvasia, mus prikels.
Ir nurodys kelius,
Kaip išlaisvint tave.

O Lietuva, didvyrių motina tu!
Išsiilgę mes tavo vaikai,
Iškelsim dar kartą trispalvę
Tik palauk, pakentėk, o brangi!

Gėrda L. Blums
New Wilmington, Pa.

OFICIALUS SKYRIUS

OFFICIAL NEWS

FOUNDERS DAY

54 years ago our organization formally came into being. It would be most appropriate for all Knights to officially commemorate K of L Founders Day on April 27th.

A M D G

The Award Medal Raffle received an additional return from the Rev. Paul Sabulis of Waterbury, Conn. of \$5.00. All donors should have been mentioned in the VYTIS. If your name was not mentioned or if there was an error in the tabulation, please notify Rev. John C. Jutt. A final and complete report will be submitted at a later date.

"VYTIS" DEADLINES

May issue - deadline was April 5th

June-July (Pre-Convention) Issue -
- deadline May 15th

August-September - Convention issue

October issue - September 5th

K of L PINS

The new K of L pins (slightly larger than the previous issue) are now available at a cost of \$1.00 each. It is suggested that each district and council obtain a supply for their members' use by writing to national treasurer Frank V. Svelnis, Jr. It would be a convenience to our treasurer if your orders are paid in advance.

1967 MEMBERSHIP DUES

National financial secretary Helen Zimmer informs us that the 1967 membership dues are now being accepted. Council financial secretaries should submit membership dues immediately after collection. Dues are to be paid on a January to December basis.

When a new member joins a Council, dues should be collected as follows:

\$4.00 if members join from January - March

3.00 April - June

2.00 July - September

1.00 October - December

2.00 annually for non-subscribing member (Not entitled to receive VYTIS. Primarily for second or additional members of family living at one address not wishing to receive extra VYTIS copy)

6.00 Couple (First year, subsequent years, couple pays only \$4.00 per year)

Member record sheets and applications for new members are available without charge from Miss Zimmer.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD REMINDER

The time is now to contribute to the Knights of Lithuania Scholarship Fund. A \$600 Scholarship Award will be presented in August to some deserving Knight or Knights. Your donation will make it possible. Send your contribution to the Joseph Paulukonis, Commodore Hotel, Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44106.

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.

TEN points were earned for each new or rejoin member you enrolled by JANUARY 31, 1967 provided the application cards are received by the national financial secretary BEFORE February 28, 1967.

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

Earn FIVE points for each new or rejoin member you enroll during MAY AND 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 members.

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 totals from 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.

WE HAVE ANOTHER 100% PAID-UP DUES WINNER -
 COUNCIL 133 SENIORS (Los Angeles) AND
 ANOTHER NEW COUNCIL BEING ORGANIZED -
 COUNCIL 17 SENIORS (So. Boston) BUT

DON'T GET RID OF YOUR BATTLE AXES YET !

THERE IS ONE MORE WINNER'S LAUREL TO BE CLAIMED IN THE "DUES" DUELS AND - THE NEW MEMBERS CONTESTS ARE JUST GETTING INTO SWING.

Congratulations to the Council 133 Seniors, who have now joined the other two 100% Paid-Up Dues victors, as winners in the 30-59 member category.

We are all now looking forward to announcing the last award winner of the dues contests - one of these four in the 30-59 membership group: Council 7 (with 73% paid-up), Council 29 (63%), Council 36 (91%) or Council 96 (with 83% paid-up).

Although a more detailed report will be made in the next edition, we could not help but headline the news of another council being formed - the So. Boston (Council 17) Senior group. Congratulations and Welcome.

All this is very encouraging, just as the fact that nine of our councils are 100% or more paid up and, now each new member they enroll in the New Member Competitions, is a plus for the K of L. However, WE CANNOT GET RID OF OUR BATTLE AXES YET, because there are still too many councils who are far from making entries on the plus side of the membership ledger.

Even with the eleven councils which are between 75% and 100% paid-up, about half of our total number of councils appear uninterested in seeing their organization grow, or at least it seems so, to date. Perhaps we can look over the list or chart showing the council standings once to see how our own group is doing and then take a few minutes more to look it over again to see where we can help another group.



For example, perhaps our District Membership Vice Presidents or Chairmen can begin with the councils in their respective areas which have less than ten members as of the last Convention Report. These are Council 6 in Hartford, Council 24 in Chicago, Council 61 in Paterson, Council 67 in Bayonne, and the Senior Council in Pittsburgh. We have some wonderful people in these councils; people who, with a great deal of dedication, have given much to the K of L during their K of L lives. Let's see if we can keep them with us - on our active rosters.

As of the first week in March, we have 108 new K of L'ers enrolled, yet we are still short 216 members to meet last years total of 1,615 members. This means we must still collect dues from 324 members to make this figure of 108 count as an overall increase. Let's not let the lack of effort to keep the previous members active, nullify the accomplishments of the conscientious members who are trying to add to our life and growth.

Let's hope that we can bring down the house with applause for Council 26 at the coming Convention for being winners in the New Member Contest, providing the sum of 35 new members will not be used to "replenish". Or perhaps it will be Council 112 we will be cheering, because to date, their 10 new members are practically all a per capita increase and not replenishments. Or, in this same category of "Giants", perhaps Council 79 will catch up to and surpass these eager contenders.

In the next group we have several councils which have been sending in dues and enrolling New K of L'ers: Council 36 (5 new), C 29 (5 new), C 7 (4 new), C 17 (4 new) and C 96 (2 new). In the smaller council category, Council 41 has 14 new members, C 1 (7 new), C 3 (6 new), C 100 (3 new) and councils 111 Srs., 133 Srs. and 139 have one new member each.

So, as we can see, with that little bit of cooperation and pride in where our council stands, we can make our new member enlistments grow from one to five, or from five to twenty five for each council and make our K of L the greatest it's been in years.

Eleanore H. Laurin
 Membership Vice President

JUNIOR NEWS



OPEN LETTER TO THE K of L JUNIORS

Junior K of L'ers - the future of the Knights of Lithuania is in your hands. From your ranks, I hope will rise the future leaders of our organization.

At present you are being taught under the supervision of your Spiritual Advisors and counselors what is expected of you as Junior members of the K of L.

I know your counselors are a dedicated group. They are giving up their time being with you at your meetings and various programs.

What are you doing for your councils? Here are a few things you can do to help make them stronger: Start a drive for new members. Invite prospective members to your meetings to see your council in action. Make them welcome and their time spent with you interesting and most important, make them feel at home.

Keep your council busy with well planned activities so that everyone will look forward to attending meetings. No council can be led successfully by one person. Each member should take an active part in the council and its activities. Officers of each council should learn what their duties are and do everything in their power to carry them out to the best of their ability. You, Juniors K of L officers, are the backbone of your council and whether your council grows and progresses depends on you.

Be active members, attend meetings and participate in all the activities of your council. If you all just put a little more effort behind your council I know you will grow and will make us all proud of you - our Juniors.

In closing remember, be true to the K of L motto "For God and Country", keep working and you will keep growing.

Mary H. Stonis
Junior Vice President

(Left photos) CHICAGO JUNIORS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS. In December 1966 the Chicago Juniors along with their counsellors, Cis Matul, Camila Bereckis, Helen Pius enjoyed a Christmas party in the K of L Building. The most capable "Santa" was Leon Pauksta, C-112 President. (Photos: A. Raubiskis)

IŠ SENDRAUGIŲ GYVENIMO

LOS ANGELES, CALIF., C-133 Sr.

Lietuvos vyčių 133 senjorų - sendraugių Los Angeles kuopos metinis susirinkimas įvyko 1967 m., sausio mėn. 29 d., Lietuvių Bendruomenės namuose, 4423 Santa Monica Blvd.

Kuopos pirm. Juozas Andrius atidarė susirinkimą pakviesdamas seniausią amžiumi vyti sukalbėti, visiems pritariant, malda. Buvo prisiminta mirę kuopos nariai: prieš trejus metus miręs kuopos dvasios vadas kan. Antanas Steponaitis ir praėjusių metų gruodžio 11 dieną miręs vytis Motiejus Ambrose. Jie buvo pagerbti atsistojimu, susitelkimu ir nutarta už juos užsakyti pamaldas š. m. balandžio 2 dieną.

Metiniam susirinkimui pirminkauti pakviesta J. Cinga ir sekretorium V. Tuskenis. Kuopos pirm. J. Andrius savo pranešime pastebėjo, kad 1966 metai buvo Lietuvių Jaunimo metai ir todėl jiems buvo duodama visur progos lietuviškoj veikloj pasireikšti. Vyčių senjorai kiek ir kur galėjo jaunimą rėmė. Kuopos dvasios vadas dr. kun. P. Celiešius dalyvavo Jaunimo Kongrese ir Dainų Šventėj Chicagoj. Finansų sekretorius A. Skirius padarė pranešimą apie narystę mokesčius pastebėdamas, kad visas pusšimtis narių tvarkingai jį įmoka, atsilikusių yra nedaug. Išdininkas L. Oksas pranešė kuopos kasos stovį. Protokolų sekretorius J. Puikūnas perskaitė paskutinio susirinkimo protokolą; rev. komisijos pirm. V. Tuskenis perskaitė pranešimą. Abu protokolai buvo priimti ir patvirtinti. Dvi kadencijas išbuvusiai kuopos valdybai pareiškus atsistatydinimą, tapo išrinkta naujoj sudėty sekanti valdyba. Dvasios vadas dr. kun. P. Celiešius, J. Cinga - pirm., Adelė Petras ir Jonas Puikūnas - vice-pirm., A. Skirius - fin. sekretorius, V. Tuskenis - protokolų sekretorius, Ann Arnashus - išdininkė. Rev. Kom. išrinkti: J. Andrius, B. Skirienė ir B. Starlienė.

Išrinktoji vice-pirm. Adelė Petras pranešė apie jau pribrendu-

sias galimybes suorganizuoti jaunųjų vyčių būrį ir apsiėmė jam vadovauti.

Aptariant kitus svarbesnius Los Angeles Vyčių reikalus besiplečiančioj šioj jaunoj lietuvių kolonijoj Pacifiko pakrantėj pripažinta reikalinga ir vyčių sendraugių kuopos išsikūrimo ir veiklos dešimtmetį atžymėti kultūriniu - meniniu parengimu. B. Skirienė referavo apie programos sudarymą. Koncerto programa susidarys iš kelių dalių: vienoj daly moterų "Sutartinė" sudainuos gražiai suharmonizuotas senas liaudies dainas ir kitoj - įvairių kompozitorių naujas dainas. Visa bus atvaizduojama atatinkamuose montažuose. I talką prisidės solistas Henrikas Paškevičius, su kuriuo numatyta išpildyti idomos dainų variacijos. Šokėjų grupė pašoks bavarų šokių, kurių dalis buvo šokta statant "Faustą".

"Sutartinė" dabartiniu metu sudaro Aukštkalnytė, Bajalienė, Dambrauskaitė, Radvenienė, Skirienė, Stroputė, Tumienė ir jų muzikos vadovė Metrikienė.

Koncertas įvyko balandžio 2 dieną, sekmadienį, lietuvių šv. Kazimiero parapijos salėje, 3855 Evans St., Los Angeles, 1:30 val. po piet.

J.M.

CHICAGOS SENDRAUGIŲ VYČIŲ SUSIRINKIMAS

Š. m. vasario mėn. 21 dieną vyčių namuose, 2455 W. 47 St., Chicagoje, įvyko mėnesinis kuopos narių susirinkimas, kuriame buvo aptarti bėgamieji kuopos reikalai, pristatytos dvi knygos, išleistos pirmūnų vyčių ir paminėta Vasario 16-ji.

Visų pirma buvo aptartas pobūvio klausimas, kuris vietoje 26 dienos vasario, tapo nukeltas į balandžio 2 dieną ir pavadintas vietoje kalakutų - kiaušinių parengimu. Kuopos revizijos komisijos pirminkui Pov. Dirkiui dėl lygos atsisakius, jo vietoje išrinktas Aleksas Budrys. Kuopos uoliausios narės dabar sergančios: Kazė Petrulienė, Teklė Norbutienė ir Uršulė Žemaitienė. Joms išreikšta

užuojauta ir palinkėta kuo greičiau pasveikti. Beto, buvo paskatinti sendraugiai dalyvaut vyčių apskrities baliuje vasario 26 dien, kuriame bus paminėta Vasario 16-ji. Po to, ėjo pirmūno sendraugių kuopos nario, farmacijos daktaro Kazio Jonaičio - Žilvičio parašyta ir išleista bei dedikuota vyčių moksleivių fondui knyga, kurią pristatė ir gražiai apipavydalino Lietuvių Istorijos Draugijos narys Pov. Dirkis. Autorius buvo karštai dalyvių pasveikintas bei buvo išklaudyta keleta būdingesnių eilėraščių, kuriuos išpūdingai paskaitė pristatytojas ir išreiškė apgailėstą, kad autorius išleido tik dalį savo kūrinių, o du kartus didesnę kiekį paliko tūnoti pageltusiuose žurnalo "Vytis" puslapiuose. Tačiau poetas Žilvitis, šios dienos solenizantas, pasižadėjo kiek vėliau ir likusius savo kūrinius išleisti į svieta. Vis dėl to Vyčiai turėtų džiaugtis turėdami savo eilėse žmogų, kuris nežiūrint kad su savo kūryba iškilo į Parnaso aukštumas, nepamiršo savo organizacijos mokyklinio jaunimo ir savo knygą paskyrė jų fondui.

Po to, P. Dirkis pristatė ir antrą knygą, išleista kito autoriaus, jau mirusio, a.a. Zigmo Gedvilos. Ryšyje su pristatytomis knygomis, P. Dirkis iškėlė pageidavimą, kad netolimoje ateity tektų suruošti iškilmingą pobūvį, kuriame būtų pristatytos išleistos vyčių sendraugių kuopos narių knygos plačiai visuomenei, iškeliant tų knygų svarbą ir reikšmę organizacijai ir tautai.

Pabaigoje, Vasario 16-tos dienos proga, susirinkimas išklausė turiningos paskaitos, kurią paskaitė P. Dirkis, ir pagerbė savo atsistojimu bei malda užbaigė susirinkimą, kurį pravedė Ig. Sakalas ir O. Aleliunienė.

P. Erdvys

CLEVELANDO
SENDRAUGIŲ SUSIRINKIMAS
Clevelando Vyčių Sendraugių susirinkimas įvykęs vasario 26 dieną pas Vyčius Gaižučius, praėjo darbingoj nuotaikoj J. Sadauskas pranešė apie Vasario 16 d.

minėjimą, kuriame kalbėjo vyčių garbės narys prelatas Balkūnas, ir dainavo solistas Stasys Baras. Minėjimas įvyko vasario 12 d. Youngstowno vyčiai rengė minėjimą vasario 19 d. Ponų Blumų namuose. Buvo graži programėlė. Iš Clevelando dalyvavo 5 nariai. Tautos fondui buvo paskirta 5 doleriai ir Prof. Stuko rengiamam koncertui. Po susirinkimo šeiminkai pavaišino.

Clevelando vyčių 25 kuopa, surengė šv. Kazimiero minėjimą kovo 5 d. Buvo pakviestos ir dalyvavo Clevelando ir Youngstowno vyčių sendraugių kuopos.

Mišios prasidėjo 10:30 šv. Jurgio bažnyčioje, visi vyčiai organizuotai ėjo prie šv. Komunijos. Gražų pamokslą pasakė klebonas Ivanauskas.

Po pamaldų buvo iškilmingi pietūs Smith restorane. Dalyvavo 60 vyčių. Garbės stalą užėmė apskrities Dvasios Vadas kun. Ivanauskas. Apskr. pirmininkas E. Pavis ir sekretorė jo žmona, J. Sadauskas, Saigo.

Sveikinimų programą pravedė 25 kuopos pirmininkas E. Kuncaitis, kalbėjo visi garbės svečiai. Buvo paminėti mirę 25 kuopos nariai: Ruseckas, Greičius, Michaličienė, Mačiokienė, Ribinskas ir kiti. Prieš ir po valgio maldas sukalbėjo kun. Ivanauskas.

Pabuvs.

AUDRAI

IŠTIKUS

(Skiriu Vyčių #111 nariams)

"Daug gražių žvaigždelių,
Danguje ten spiečia,
Nemanyk, varguoli,
Kad tai tau jos šviečia" . . .

Mylimo poeto žodžiai teisybės,
Tarp mūs grupelės nėra vienybės.
Kad audrai ištikus, verstu stulpą vieną,
Kas atlaikytų griuvančią sieną?

Tarp mūs, mylimieji, reikia kantrybės,
Audrai ištikus, visų vienybės.
Vietoj silpno - supuvusio stulpo vieno,
Statyti naują, tą pačią dieną.

Saulės Brolis

PAID MEMBERSHIP AS OF MARCH 11, 1967

C #	City	% PD	9/66	3/67
41	Brooklyn	159%	17	27
61	Paterson	120%	5	6
100	Amsterdam	107%	27	29
112	Chicago	105%	122	128
6	Hartford	100%	2	2
103	Providence	100%	0	10
111S	Youngstown	100%	17	17
133S	Los Angeles	100%	31	31
139	Detroit	100%	22	22
3	Philadelphia	97%	36	35
113	Linden	96%	23	22
25S	Cleveland	95%	38	36
12	New York	94%	33	31
36	Chicago	91%	64	58
116	So. Worcester	91%	45	41
109	Great Neck	90%	21	19
25	Cleveland	89%	27	24
10	Athol	86%	21	18
135	Ansonia	85%	47	40
96	Dayton	83%	76	63
1	Brockton	76%	21	16
7	Waterbury	73%	97	71
29	Newark	63%	72	45
41S	Brooklyn	63%	24	15
Chicago Seniors		58%	43	25
78	Lawrence	50%	12	6
Pittsburgh Seniors		50%	2	1
14	Cicero	45%	11	5
26	Worcester	40%	182	73
17	So. Boston	35%	57	20
5	Chicago	29%	14	4
79	Detroit	7%	167	12
19	Pittsburgh	2%	41	1
13	Chicago	0%	27	0
18	Cambridge	0%	14	0
24	Chicago	0%	1	0
27	Norwood	0%	16	0
30	Westfield	0%	31	0
52	Elizabeth	0%	27	0
67	Bayonne	0%	5	0
82	Gary	0%	16	0
90	Kearny	0%	26	0
102	Detroit	0%	41	0
133	Los Angeles	0%	7	0



VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

PHILA., PA., C-3 Twinkle II

C-3 held its February meeting on the fifth with a large attendance present. Agnes Mickunas introduced a prospective new member - Bill Wasikanes, whom we hope will make the sixth new member of this new year. Our usual business was attended to and reports made by all officers and committee chairmen. Dianne Beletsky urged all members to write letters for the Feb. 16 Anniversary of the Lithuanian Declaration of Independence and even set up an official meeting. C-3's annual St. Casimir's Day Communion Brunch was planned for Sunday, Mar. 5 so that our members also attended the NY-NJ District commemoration the following week. The third and final round of our dart tournament followed the meeting (the Champs - Nickie Armata and Alberta Bekeris) and Ronnie Ozalis and Stan Kalazinskas served delicious meatball sandwiches and coffee to the hungry group.

We're all looking forward to seeing some of the movies Charlie Petronis has taken on his flashy new camera. February's third weekend was a busy one: Al and Irene Ozalis acted as Godparents, Dianne Beletsky and Alberta Bekeris made a retreat, the Mickunas' and Svekla's skied the weekend away at Killington, Vermont.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

CLEVELAND, OHIO, C-25 Urs

The pins were really flying at our Bowling Party held in January. Ruth Guzauskas came through with a 635, Gene Kunsitis with 617 and Peter Luiza with a 614. Most improved bowler since our bowling parties began is Alvina Luiza. The

man to watch, though, is John Andrulis - ever since he started to take the game seriously he's really caught on - he may be our secret weapon in the forthcoming Tournament. Following bowling we gathered at the Andrulis' for hot vittles and more relaxation.

We hear from Al Shigo and Charlie Machutas, Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Mid - West Bowling Tournament that plans are being made to make this a real FUN and CHALLENGE Tournament. We must warn you though that C-25 has its eye on the BIG TROPHY.

The Feb. 12 Card Party held for the Benefit of the Rev. Lawrence Louis, Maryknoll Missionary in Africa, netted a profit of \$160. Thank you again Mrs. Yan-kauskas for the use of your home and to all our members for their donations, home-made baked goods and untiring efforts for this good cause. You'll never guess who won the Wiglet donated by Mrs. Luiza - Yup! our own President - EPK! Wow... we can hardly wait to see him model it.

We are glad to learn that Kenny Andrulis, son of Evelyn and John, is well on the road to recovery after his hair-raising auto accident.

We all wish Agnes Bartkus a speedy recovery after her painful foot operation - hurry and get well soon Agnes!

We also hear that our up-and-coming Designer, Andrew Palzes has just returned from a three-week winter vacation of skiing, fun, etc., etc.

Ed Marculaitis, our newest member, formerly of Pittsburgh, has just been transferred back to Pittsburgh. Ed promises though to come back for some of our doings and we promised to keep him informed of all coming events! Good luck Ed!

C-25 was joined by the Cleveland and Youngstown Seniors for our Annual St. Casimir's Day celebration Sunday, March 5th at St. George Church followed by a lun-

cheon-banquet at Smith's Restaurant.

Ruth Guzauskas, Chairman, reports that she and her committee are hard at work on plans for the Card Party to be held Apr. 30 for the BENEFIT of The Lithuanian College in Rome to be sponsored jointly by C-25 and the Cleveland Seniors at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Keep this date open!

DETROIT, MICH., C-79 Soffi

Turn your back on the typewriter for a while and the council news piles up. Come on in, and let's peek in on the results of our elections.

First - makes you think a bit mistily of that old refrain, "The Song is Ended, but the Melody Lingers On"... We mean the stepping down of Dorothe Martin from presidency, following the death of her husband. We can understand Dorothe's loss. However, we hope she won't step down completely from other council activities. Our new president is our ex-president Leon Galinskas. Others in office are as follows: 1st V. Pres. - Mrs. J. Medinis; 2nd V. Pres. - P. Stanulis; Fin. Sec. - Mrs. M. Kazlauskas; Rec. Sec. - Mrs. M. Smailis; Treas. - B. Walls; and trustees - J. Salinas, C. Nashlon and A. Calvin. Our new Board: J. Kazlauskas, A. Dainus, J. Kolinske, Ann Calvin, Sophie Zager, J. Salinas and the two newest members, Adele Vale and Ann Zilvitis, often known as those two "Bopsy" twins. Let's welcome our new officers with best wishes for continuing success.

Our Pancake Breakfast for the parish sponsored by C-79, was successfully held on Feb. 12. Chairman Sophie Zager says "thanks muchly" to her co-chairman Gerry Chaps and committee - Ann Petroski, M. Smailis, Tony Dainus and Marge and Chester Nashlon, as well as all the workers who helped so splendidly. And no matter how you look at it - Vicki Chepelonis is "bestest" in bringing the "mostest" in the Raffle

Dept. Labai ačiū.

Something big's always happening at the Lithuanian Veteran's Hall. Several 79'ers gathered for the annual Commanders Ball, Feb. 4. Neither cast, nor crutches was going to prevent Sam Newberry from "shagging" along with his wife Marianne to the ball. Sam picked up the cast as a result of falling and breaking his ankle on

Our spies tell us That Argyle Bowl No. 2, and 24th Street Bar are tied for first place in the K of L Bowling league. Picking up points in Girls Hi Single - Evelyn Galinas 221, and Men's Hi Single - J. Wasse 290. George Stanulis almost required the services of the "Brinks" wagon to haul away that Pot o'Gold that he won in February. With his hi average game he came up over \$600. Now how about that. He sets up everybody and does it coolly.

Lithuanian food, Lithuanian decoration, followed by a Mass in Lithuanian. That's the way St. Casimir's Day shaped up commemorating our patron saint at St. Peter's church where we were guests of C-139. A responsive crowd from C-79 showed up for

the occasion and the program was interesting. The viewpoints of St. Casimir by the Rev. V. Kristunavicius, speaker for the event, gave us an absorbing thought. Our own spiritual adviser, the Rev. M. Kundrat was honored with the third degree during the program. Others receiving their third degrees included: Leon Galinskas, Mary Kazlauskas, Clem and Helen Patocki, Elizabeth Paurazas and Charlie Step. Those receiving awards for Lithuanian Affairs were Ruth Grasha and Ona Walls. Our congratulations to all.

Soffie Snooping: Dropping in on popular Patockis', they're popping "buttons" proudly upon birth of their first grandchild, Eve Landon Redmond, (how's that for a fine old French - Irish - Lithuanian monicker?)... No "Alice sit by the fire", Ann Zilvitis joined her mother for a visit in Chicago before going down to Florida... While we were clearing up those "partly-clouded" driveways for several weeks, Joe and Mary Kazlauskas took the easy way out by flying down to Florida for some fun and sun ... Prizes were popping like mushrooms for the Nashlon-Smailis clan. First, Chester won a case

of "cheer" on our annual raffle; then his lovely mother-in-law was a lucky winner of the 50-50 drawing at the pancake breakfast... It was good to see our long stayaways, Andy and Pat Milius at the January meeting. Now that "Bingo" and Pete Stanulis are thru shopping for a new refrigerator (we heard it was an emergency) they'll be attending our meetings again, as well as many others who sayed away much too long... Back from a month's stay in sunny Florida is Ceil Yunck, who learned that she missed receiving her third degree at St. Casimir's function... When the Golden Agers meet on Thursdays they have been missing Mrs. Pat Bandza who has gone vacationing in Arizona and enjoying a visit with her niece... Mr. and Mrs. Kasmer Arman celebrated their 50th Golden Wedding anniversary... Victoria Chepelonis retired from Michigan Bell Co., after almost 40 years of service. She was honored with a tea on Feb. 24 at the main office. We wish her the best future... Our condolences to Mary Rusas on the death of her father Mr. Lapinskas... Sympathy to Ona and Bill Walls, and Mary

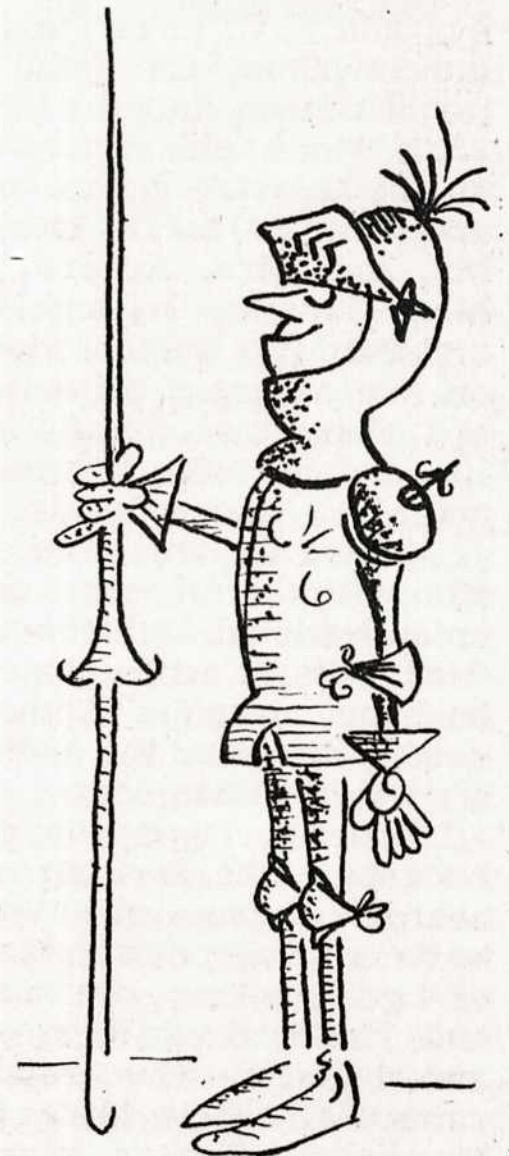
ATTENTION KNIGHTS

IN CHICAGO, DAYTON, DETROIT,
PITTSBURGH, YOUNGSTOWN, GARY

MAKE PLANS TO
ATTEND THE

MIDWEST BOWLING
TOURNAMENT

WHERE: Cleveland, Ohio
WHEN : May 26 - 28



Tollus on the passing of their brother and brother-in-law, John Kase... We skipped a few names on our New Year's list of committee that of Joe and Mary Kazlauskas and Betty and Frank Petroski.

ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

I-I DISTRICT "Taitytė"

The District's annual commemoration of Lithuania's Independence, the "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet was highlighted by this year's award to Stanley Balzekas, Jr. The "Vytis" plaque was presented to him in recognition of establishing the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture; displaying one of the richest collections of art, crafts, books, coins, stamps, amber and a host of other material, tracing our cultural heritage back many, many centuries.

Among the many honored guests were Father Abromaitis, Pres. of the Lithuanian Priest's League, Father Prunskis of the Marian Fathers, Dr. Petras Dauzvardis, Consul General of Lithuanian, and Mrs. Dauzvardis, Dr. Joseph B. Jerome, who introduced our "Man of the Year", Adolph Baliunas, Pres. of the Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce, Father Adolph Stasys and S. C. Legal Advisor Connie Savickus, who acted as Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

It was a pleasure to see some of the special guests of Stanley and Irene Balzekas - Mrs. Jerome, Mr. and Mrs. Aukers, Mr. and Mrs. Zapolis, Dr. and Mrs. Prusis and Mr. Gramont also present on that occasion, as well as our K of L Choir director, Faustus Strolia, and his wife Theresa Strolia, and Mrs. Aldona Brazis.

Algird Brazis opened the program with the American and Lithuanian National Anthems and Alvina Giedraitis, accompanied by her husband, organist Anthony Giedraitis, delighted the audience with a few Lithuanian songs.

Despite last minute planning because the weather caused a change of dates, the event proved to be quite successful. Many thanks to Leon Pauksta, Eleanore Laurin and Frank Svelnis, co-chairmen and the many who assisted: Lorraine Wainauskis, Mirga Pakalniškis, Estelle Rogers, Vince Samas-

ka, Bill Janus, Helen Zimmer, Helen Gudauskas, and the others we inadvertantly may have neglected to mention.

This year's St. Casimer Day Commemoration was held in Cicero, with Council 14 as hosts. Msgr. V. Balchunas, from Putnam, held the Mass and gave the inspiring sermon. Rev. John Stankevičius, pastor of St. Anthony Parish conferred the Fourth Degree on the recipients immediately after the Mass.

Both Msgr. Balchunas and Father Vilkaitis attended the brunch, which followed. The program portion included Lithuanian Folk Dances by the District Juniors, under the direction of our Junior Counselors Cecile Matul, Helen Pius and Camilla Bereckis. Very young, pretty and talented Miss Donna Bartkus accompanied the dance group on her accordion. Others at the speaker's table who particularly enjoyed this portion of the program were Irene Sankus, "Vytis" Editor; Helen Zimmer, S.C. Fin. Sec'y. Leon Pauksta, Pres. C-112, Eleanore Laurin, Dist. Pres., who acted as Mistress of Ceremonies and Povilas Dirkis, guest speaker, who delivered a most interesting review of the life of St. Casimer. Among the other guests present were Frank V. Svelnis, Jr., S. C. Treasurer; Johanna Jakunas, S. C. Scholarship Comm. Sec'y. Jerry Jesulaitis, S. C. Sports Co-Chairman; Vince Samaska, S. C. Public Rel. Comm., Mrs. Emilija Pakalniškis, Draugas "Vyčių Veikla" column editor and Vladas Paliulionis, K of L Choir Pres.

Edward Pocius, Commander, Tony Yuknis, Frank Jurgaitis, Peter Butkus, Adam Anderson, and others of the Don Varnas American Legion post Color Guard, posted the colors in Church and for the program. Alvina Giedraitis was the featured soloist during the Mass.

The program portion of the day ended with conferring the third degree to four recipients. Congratulations are in order for the "mighty" little committee - Helen Gudauskas, Cecile Matul, Camilla Bereckis, Regina Endriukaitis and "guest helpers" Gi-Gi Maluska, Loretta Macekonis, Leon Pauksta, Jerry Jesulaitis and Michael Micka.

One pleasant face and K of L heart missing on St. Casimer Day

was that of Msgr. I. Albavičius. He is now recuperating at the St. Anthony Parish rectory after a "vacation" at Loretto Hospital. We all wish him the very best of health for the future.

We just love to have out-of-town guests and our surprise visitor during the Chicagoland Lithuanian Independence commemoration events was Joe Boley. We don't know what other activities he was able to include in his one day stopover, but we do hope his dinner with Jack Jatis, his visit to the Commemoration at Maria High School and supper (sans shoes) at the Diamond Head, with Eleanore Laurin and Bernie and Leon Pauksta, will be remembered with the same pleasure as ours.

CHICAGOS VYČIAI MINĖJO ŠV. KAZIMIERĄ P. E. D.

Chicagos ir Indianos Vyčių apskrities vadovybė priešakyje su jos pirmininke Eleonora Laurinaite š. m. kovo mėn. 5 d. Cicero šv. Antano bažnyčios salėje suruošė šv. Kazimiero, vyčių globėjo, minėjimą su bažnytinėmis pamaldomis. Chicagos vyčių kuopų nariai iš salės organizuotai su vėliavomis nužygiavo į bažnyčią, kurioje mišias atnašavo prel. Balčiūnas iš Romos ir pasakė tai dienai pritaikytą pamokslą. Vyčiai mišių metu priėmė komuniją ir keturi buvo klebono kun. Stankevičiaus prisaidinti 3 laipsniui. Po pamaldų vėl organizuotai grįžo į salę ir užėmus vietas už stalų buvo pradėta puota, kurioje dalyvavo prel. Balčiūnas ir kun. Vilkaitis. Abu labai gražiais žodžiais pasveikino susirinkusius vyčius. Kun. Vilkaitis prisipažino, kad jis pirmą kartą gyvenime dalyvauja vyčių tarpe ir džiaugėsi čia patekęs. Puotos pirmininkė E. Laurinaitė pradėdama minėjimą visus dalyvius pasveikino 14 vyčių kuopos vardu, nes tos kuopos rūpesčiu ir pastangomis yra suruošta ši šventė. Po to, panelė pirmininkė pakvietė pasakyti pagrindinę kalbą sendraugių kuopos narį ir daugelio organizacijų atstovą bei žurnalo "Vytis" bendradarbį Povilą Dirki, kuris visą savo kalbą grindė šv. Kazimiero vardu ir jo šventumu.

Bažnyčioje ir puotoje dalyvavo apie šimtas vyčių vyrų ir moterų. Tarpe dalyvių buvo matyti dr. Atkočiūnas, farm. dr. Jonaitis-



ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT'S "MEMORIES OF LITHUANIA" BANQUET. (Upper left) Dr. Joseph Jerome, M.C., Eleanore Laurin, I-I Pres., and Stanley Balzekas, Jr. shown with "Man of the Year" award. (Upper right) Vincent Samaska, I-I Board Chairman with Mr. Balzekas, Lithuanian Consul Dr. Petras Dauzvardis, and Frank Zapolis. (Lower left) Mr. Balzekas thanks the District for his award. Seated: Dr. Dauzvardis, Rev. Edward Abromaitis and Konnie Savickus. (Lower right) Guests at the "M of L" Banquet. (Photos: V. Samaska).

Žilvitis, redaktorė E. Pakalniškienė su vyru ir dukra bei sūneliu, žurnalo "Vytis" redaktorė Irena Sankutė, Elena Zimmer, C. V. Fin. Rast., Pranas Švelnis, C. V. Ižd., Vincas Samaska, C.V. Reikl., Jonas Jesulaitis, sporto kom., Johanna Jakunas, stipend. kom., 36, 112 ir 14 vyčių kuopų pirmininkai ir vyčių choro pirmininkas Paliulionis.

Didelio pasigėrėjimo buvo arba yra vertas minėjimas, kuris labai ryškiai išsiskyrė iš kitų minėjimų dėl to, kad jame vyravo grynai lietuviška dvasia ir pirmą vietą užėmė, kaip bažnyčioje, taip ir puotoje, lietuvių kalba. Viskas buvo atlikta labai gražiai ir lietuvių kalboje.

Tiesa, puotos metu dar būrys

jaunųjų vyčių pašoko kelius tautinius šokius ir keturi vyčiai buvo apdovanoti vyčių ženklais - laipsniais. Ir dar kas metėsi į akis, kad minėjime dalyvavo daugumoje jaunesnieji vyčiai, o sendraugių beveik nesimatė.

CHICAGO, ILL., C-36 J.J.

Since the weather (all that beautiful? white stuff) cancelled the council's Las Vegas Night, plans are being made to hold a Spring Dance. Members of the previous committee are volunteering their services for the dance.

Many council members were seen at the recent I-I "Memories of Lithuania" Banquet as guests and volunteer workers. Stanley Balzekas, Jr. received the "Man

of the Year" award and considering the weather postponed the affair by a week, there was an excellent representation.

St. Casimir's day, this year, was held in Cicero with C-14 as hosts. Many council members who hadn't attended recent doings were heartily greeted by all. GiGi Maluska was put right to work and made to feel at home. Council members really made a showing in the ritual presentations. John Kilkus, Vince Samaska, Terry Strolia and Wally Tenclinger received their 4th Degrees from Father John Stankevicius, the pastor of St. Anthony's. After the breakfast, Senior member, Povilas Dirkis gave a talk on St. Casimir. Third Degrees were then presented to council

members Stella Gregar, Wally Gregar, Al Kassel and Frank Svelnis, Jr. The program with the dancing of the K of L Juniors was delightful. Many thanks go to Cis Matul, Camella Bereckis, Helen Pius and Ray Samoska for their fine work with the Juniors. As a result of the Juniors, we are getting some of the parents to join the K of L.

Warm wishes and congratulations go to Emily and Marty Gestautas on the birth of their son.

CHICAGO, ILL., C-112 The Sheik

In striving to increase the council's membership Estelle Rogers, Membership Chairman, and Financial Secretary Al Dagus have distributed so many applications that Mayor Daley, noted for his "Keep Our City Clean" campaigns, may start calling us the Knights of Litter ... During a recent outing to the Playboy Club, Julie Zakarka overheard her husband Al comment admiringly that one Bunny must be at least 38. Disagreeing, Julie remarked, "Oh, she couldn't be that old." But, Al still has hopes of being the most thoughtful father of the year by bringing home a real bunny for Easter. Incidentally, Al just returned from his second six-week stint of schooling in New York sponsored by his employer, Western Electric ... The February council meeting was saddened by news of the death of Walter "Red" Cibulskis' father ... Holiday Household Hint: Many of us shorten the stay of visiting relatives on Easter by making prior arrangements to attend the council's dance on Easter Sunday. Music by Ramanauskas from 6:00 p.m. on entertained us all. Dance Chairman Vladas Paliulionis enjoyed all the family visitors we brought along... Our council meeting on March 21st included a color film "Expo-67" about Canada's centennial to be held in Montreal this summer as the world's fair of them all ...

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

BROCKTON, MASS. C-1 Patti
January 20, 1967 was a night of nights. Our Council held its 23rd

annual Snowflake Ball, and believe me it was a ball! The Walk-over Club, in Brockton was decorated in large glittering snowflakes, and from Connecticut we had Dick Pillar's Orchestra.

Adding a "new touch" to an old tradition, we had the selection of a King and Queen done by five judges, instead of the "lucky number" drawing. The judges were Bob and Emily Dillis, Frank and Jennifer Korsak, and Al Jaritis. We had a grand march lead by Peter and "Ronnie" Bizinkauskas, our former King and Queen, and then the judges selected their choice - Chris and Cheryl Coviello. With the placing of the traditional tiara and presentation of a bouquet of roses, Chris and Cheryl danced their "first dance" as King and Queen.

A raffle was also held, and the three lucky winners were Chris Coviello (it was a lucky night for Chris!), John Tamoshaitis, and Peter Bizinkauskas.

After seeing old friends from Norwood, Cambridge, South Boston, and Worcester and meeting new ones, it was the last dance. Thus, came an end to our 23rd annual Snowflake Ball - with our looking forward with great expectation to our 24th!

We would like to thank the following for contributing their time and efforts into help making this dance the success that it was: - Honorary Chairmen, Rev. Joseph Petrauskas, Rev. John Paulauskas, and Rev. Mykolas Vembrė; Chairmen, Marilyn Yuskaitis and Tony Skirius; Tickets, Pauline Pigeon; Patrons, Al Skirius; Decorations, Connie Grein; Orchestra, Sylvia Shukis; Publicity, Pat Miskinis, and Sue Boroskas; and our General Committee, Bob and Emily Dillis, Andy Grein, Rolly Pigeon, John Uskaitis, Don Prusaitis, Tom Pileski, and Roland and "Jo" Genhold.

Many thanks again to everyone who helped make our dance a success!

WATERBURY, Conn. C-7 M.A.

What a proud and beautiful sight and feeling at that wonderful K of L turnout Jan. 22 to help Professor A. J. Aleksis, composer of the K of L anthem, fittingly mark the monumental milestone of his eightieth

birthday, half century of distinguished, dedicated musical and social leadership and service and fifty years of Knights of Lithuania honorary membership! It was the friendliest invasion from various councils in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York, plus the windfall of congratulatory greetings and best wishes from far and near. Visibly moved by such a sincere display of fraternal charity and respectful fellowship, Professor simply stated that "words just cannot match" his sentiments of genuine, heartfelt and loving gratitude for each and every one who in any way contributed to this grandiose and unforgettable occasion.

Rev. Paul Sabulis, chaplain, gave the Invocation and Rev. Raymond Yuskauskas, the Benediction. Rev. A. Edward Gradeck, pastor, presented the Professor with the Papal blessing and a purse. Soloist Louis Stukas (Dr. Jack's brother) provided a delightful musical interlude. Lou's personality and talent enthralled the audience.

Joseph Samoska gladly interrupted his winter vacation to be toastmaster for the testimonial. He flew back to Florida the following day. Ann Gervickas and Ann Rutkauskas needed no pretty corsages to distinguish them as

arrangements committee members. Like chairman James Valaitis, they really worked hard selling tickets for the event. All agree it was a tremendous affair.

It was only appropriate and expected that K of L'ers participated in the local observance of Lithuanian Independence Day held Feb. 19. Prof. Aleksis, only Waterburian with the distinguished rank of Free Lithuania's Order of Gediminas, arranged a special musical program in the church and at the afternoon exercises in St. Joseph's Hall at which he also read the historic act proclaiming to the world the reconstitution of Lithuania's Independence in Vilnius, Feb. 16, 1918. Marcella Andrikis, national board members of the Lithuanian American Council, read Gov. John Dempsey's Proclamation and presented a resolution that was unanimously adopted by the assemblage. As per annual custom, C-7 gave a donation to Taryba to further its Lithuanian liberation activities.

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ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS., C-10 Vincukas

At a recent meeting of C-10 it was voted to retain the entire slate of Officers: Pres., Dr. Henry Gailiunas; first vice pres., Frank Anoris; second v.p., Howard Beaudette; finc. secy., Lennie Davidonis; rec. secy., Frances Milosh; spir. advisor, the Rev. M. Tamulevicius, VYTIS Corr., William Wisniauskas; treas., Nellie Melaika; and social chairman, Alvin Rodski.

Our annual Communion Sunday in honor of our patron, St. Casimir, was held in St. Francis Church, Athol, on Sun., Feb. 26. The Mass was celebrated by our pastor and spiritual advisor, Father Tamulevicius, who also delivered the sermon. The group attended a dinner at French King Restaurant in Irving. Miss Nellie Melaika and Dr. Henry Gailiunas were in charge of the event.

Our local council for the second year now did not sponsor its now famous "Winter Carnival". Many regrets.

Fran Milosh has been enjoying the many snow storms this winter by skiing every chance she gets.

At least six persons from Gardner plan a trip to Lithuania this summer, including Al Rodski's father, who hasn't been to the "old sod" in fifty-five years.

John Dapkevich of Gardner rolled twelve straight strikes at Ten Pins of Gardner to score a perfect 300 game. A bowler's dream come true! It is the first time in the history of Gardner leagues that anyone scored a per-

fect game. He received many awards, including a five hundred dollar cash award. Valio, Jonuk!

WESTFIELD, MASS., C-30

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A belated congratulations to our officers for 1967 - Spiritual Advisor - Rev. V. Puidokas; Pres. Francis Bernadicius; V.P. John Kucharski; Sec. Sophie Kucharski; Treas. Al Ciulcius; Ritual committee - "Cooky" Coach and Helen Alexik; Cultural - Mary Minkus; Lith. Affairs - Benny Coach; Trustees - Jos. Sabonis and John Tarnauskas; "Vytis" scribe - Marcia Rogers.

On Jan. 7 we held our annual Christmas party at the Hotel Westfield. Our thanks to committee members Sophie Kucharski and Jos. Sabonis for a wonderful time.

A thank you to chairman Anne Sabonis for making this year's Fruit Cake Sale even more successful than our last.

Following our February business meeting we all took a lovely trip out West via colored slides provided by Benny Coach.

On Sunday Feb. 26 sixteen members met for an afternoon of bowling. Top scorers were Doris Tarnauskas and Benny Coach. Refreshments were served later in the church parlors.

PROVIDENCE, R.I., C-103

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The newly reorganized Providence C-103 Seniors, held its sec-

ond meeting February 26th. Mr. Albert Jaritis, President of the New England District and Mr. Longinas Svelnis, Vice President of Seniors, were honored speakers. Many of their ideas will help us in reorganizing the K of L in Providence.

Father Martinkus recently returned from Argentina where he attended the Lithuanian Catholic Youth Congress.

Former Spiritual Advisor of Juniors, Rev. Anthony Kacevicius, has been appointed Pastor of St. Andrews Church on Block Island, Rhode Island.

Dom. A. Jurgelaitis, Head of the Language Department at Providence College, was recently interviewed by Chris Clark of Channel 12 T.V. The topic of conversation was about the new Language Laboratory at the College. Rhode Islanders are saddened by the death of Congressman John Fogarty. To us he will be remembered for his interest in Lithuanian Affairs. To Mrs. Fogarty and his daughter we send our deepest sympathy. A memorial mass was said, for the late Congressman, at St. Casimers Church.

WORCESTER, MASS., C-116

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The month of February has been quite an active one for our members. First we hosted the 4th NED Bowling Roll-off and Officers meeting. We were very pleased at the nice turn-out. Short order was made of the luncheon of pizza, sandwiches, coffee and cake.

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by all the hungry bowlers. The fifth and final roll-off was held in Brockton in March.

The second, and no doubt, most important affair was the attendance by our members at the Lithuanian Naturalization and Social Club to mark the 49th Anniversary of Lithuania's Declaration of Independence. Many dignitaries were in attendance U. S. Rep. Harold Donohue, State Sen. Vito Pigaga, Mayor Casdin, Dist. Atty. William Buckley, Doanld Johnson, Assist. to the Publisher of the Worcester Telegram & Gazette and Dr. Petras Vileisis of Waterbury, Conn., whose father was the first Lithuanian Ambassador to the United States. It was a very impressive affair and the local newspapers gave it very good coverage. In recognition of the day, Mayor Casdin, proclaimed the week as Lithuania Independence

Week in Worcester.

A bus trip to Boston was sponsored by our Council to see the Ice Follies. At Boston Garden we were dazzled by the greatest precision skating. At times we felt we were in the magical world of the Tartars, Vikings, Gaslight era, space age self-illuminating world and were treated to a spectacle of wedding gowns from many lands. The youngsters were highly entertained by an uproarious tiger and some French sailors on leave. We are sure all our members, their families, parishioners and friends, eighty-eight people in all, who traveled in two buses had a very memorable evening. Perhaps in the near future our Council can plan other exciting trips.

We extend a warm welcome to Vinny Savage who is back home after a tour of duty in the Armed Services. Vin has become a regular

Friday night bowler. Vin's goal is to beat kid brother John's records. He did pretty good hit a string of 131. But, it was a little short of John's 146 and a triple of 370. It will be interesting to watch this pair. And speaking of records Dotty March has all of them all sewed up. She holds the triple of 324 and Average of 92. She held high single for quite a while, until, Rita Paluses came through with a terrific string of 131. Both these gals are on Bob Paluses team. No wonder he has first place all to himself.

Our annual spring Military Whist will be held in the church hall on Saturday evening, April 15th. We hope all our members will pitch in and help make this a successful financial affair. In the past, we have had some very nice turn-outs. So let's all get on this committee and make it a smash.

K of L Calendar

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| April | 15 | C-116, Worcester, Annual Spring Military Whist, Church Hall, Worcester, Mass. | May | 20-26 | Lithuanian Opera of Chicago's presentation of "Gražina", Civic Opera House, Chicago, Ill. |
| | 16 | C-29, Newark, Dr. Jack J. Stukas' Testimonial Dinner, Robert Treat Hotel, Georgian Room, Newark, N.J. | | 21 | Lithuanian Chamber of Commerce of Illinois, Annual Banquet and Dance, Beverly Country Club, Evergreen Park, Ill. |
| | 16 | SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING, NY-NJ area. Members will be notified by the S. C. secretary as to the time and place of the meeting. | | 26-28 | Mid-West Bowling Tournament, Host C-25, Cleveland, Cloverleaf Bowling Center and Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, Independence, Ohio. |
| | 22 | First Anniversary celebration of the Lithuanian World Review Radio Program, Concert and Dance, Transfiguration Church Hall, Maspeth, N.Y. | June | 3 | C-109, Great Neck, Spring Ball, Transfiguration Church Hall, Maspeth, N.Y. |
| | 30 | C-25 and C-25 Seniors, Cleveland, Co-sponsors. Card Party for the Benefit of the Lithuanian College in Rome, Italy. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Hall, Cleveland, Ohio. | | 4 | NY-NJ District Meeting, Host C-67, Lithuanian-American Citizen's Club, Bayonne, N.J. |
| May | 6 | CORRECTED DATE. I-I District's K of L Choir Dance, Pakštas Hall, Chicago, Ill. | | 4 | NY-NJ District Picnic, St. Michael's Parish Picnic Grounds, Bayonne, N.J. |
| | 7 | Mid-Central District's 7th Annual Pilgrimage - Our Lady of Consolation Shrine, Carey, Ohio. | | 18 | C-96, Dayton Annual Lithuanian Day Picnic. |
| | 20 | C-7, Waterbury, Spring Dinner-Dance, St. Joseph's Hall, Waterbury, Conn. | July | 4 | I-I District Annual K of L Picnic, Chicago, Ill. |
| | | | August | 3-6 | Knights of Lithuania 54th National Convention, Host C-96, Dayton, Ohio. |
| | | | | 20-26 | K of L Week at Camp Dainava. |
| | | | Sept. | 3 | Lithuanian Day, Canadian World's Fair, "Place de Nations", Montreal |