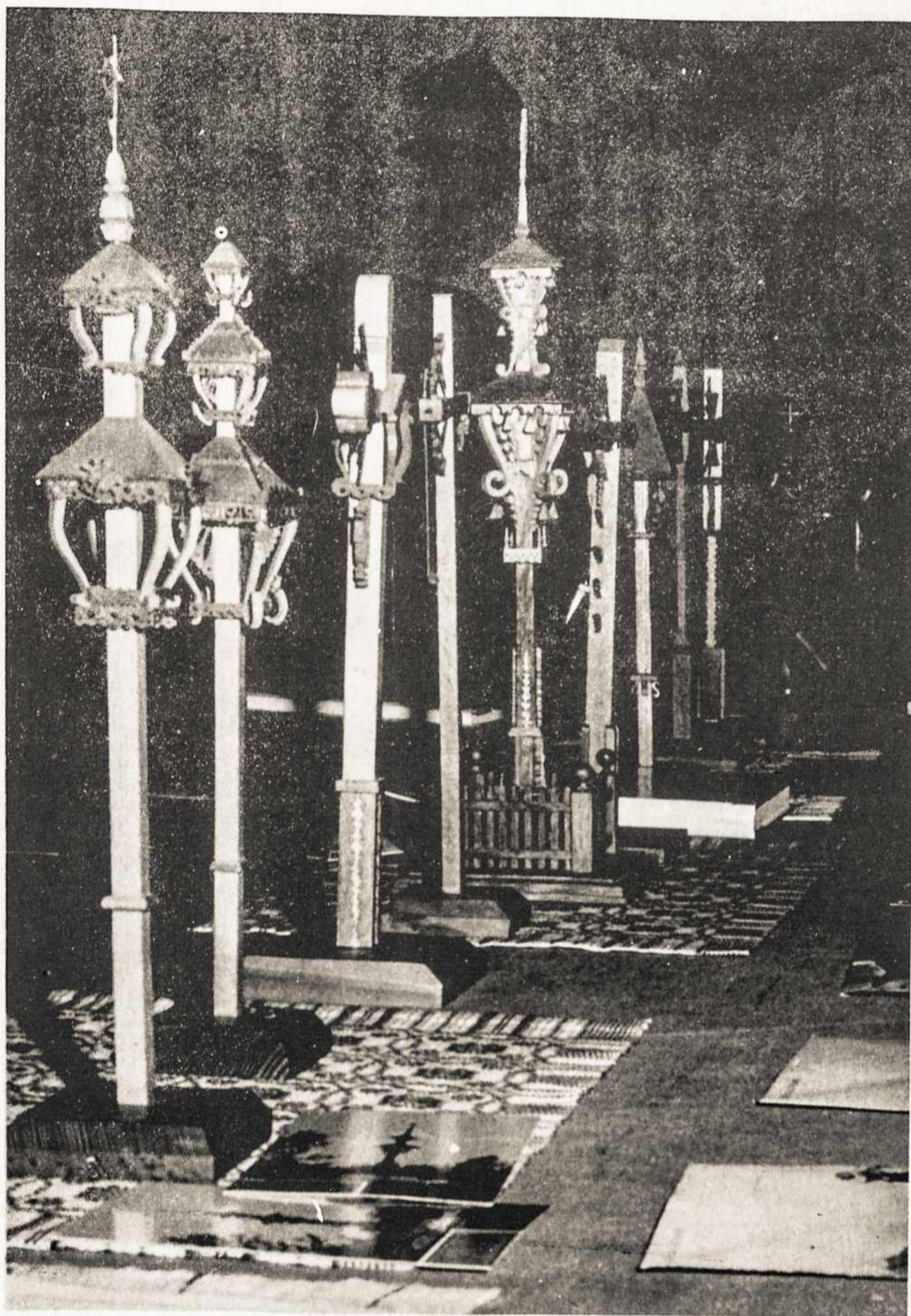


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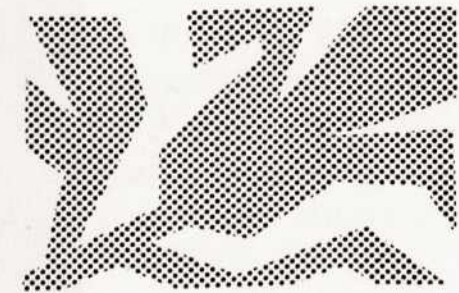
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LAPKRITIS prieš 50 metų

POV. DIRKIS

Lapkritis mėnuo yra svarbus ir atmintinas visai žmonijai, nes ši mėnesį užsibaigė I p. karas, išnaikinęs milijonus gyvybių. Lietuvių tautai jis yra tapęs istoriniu, būtent: 1916 m. lapkričio 22 d. Stockholme buvo sušauktas masinis susirinkimas, kuriame buvo išnešta rezoliucija, kad "karo sukūryje turi iškilti laisva lietuvių tauta, tačiau pati turinti pasirūpinti savo likimu"; 1917 m. lapkričio 2-10 d.d. įvyko Šveicarijoje - Berne konferencija su atvykusiais iš Lietuvos atstovais, Lietuvos Tarybos prezidiumo nariais, dalyvaujant visiems Šveicarijos lietuviams, įsteigti informacinį biurą; 1918 m. lapkričio mėn. 2 d. Lietuvos Taryba atsisakė kviešti vokiečių kunig. Urachą į Lietuvos karaliaus sostą; lapkričio mėn. 4 d. Lietuvos Taryba pakvietė prof. Augustiną Voldemarą sudaryti pirmąjį laisvos Lietuvos ministerių kabinetą; lapkričio mėn. 9 d. prof. A. Voldemaras Valstybės Tarybai pristatė naują ministerių kabinetą patvirtinti; lapkričio mėn. 11 d. valstybės tarybos prezidiumas naująjį pirmąjį laisvosios Lietuvos ministerių kabinetą patvirtino sekančiame sąsate: prof. A. Voldemaras - ministras pirmininkas ir užsienio reikalų ministeris, Vl. Stašinskas - Vidaus Reikalų ministeris, P. Leonas - teisingumo ministeris, M. Yčas - finansų ministeris, J. Yčas - švietimo ministeris ir J. Tubelis - ūkio ir valstybės turtų ministeris. Beto, krašto apsaugos ministerio vietą pasiėmė prof. A. Voldemaras, susisiekimo - Martynas Yčas ir darbų bei maitinimo - Vl. Stašinskas.

Lapkričio mėn. 14 d. įvyko Valstybės Tarybos posėdis, dalyvaujant naujam ministerių kabinetui. Šis posėdis buvo visų labai laukiamas. Dar gerokai prieš prasidedant posėdžiui Valstybės Tarybos rūmuose susikimšo minios žmonių, laikraštinių ir net užsienio valstybių atstovų. Valstybės Tarybos prezidiumui ir ministerių kabineto nariams įžen-

giant į salę, visa publika su didžiausiu entuziazmu juos sutiko. Pirmuoju į susirinkusius prabilo Tarybos pirmininkas Ant. Smetona. Jis pasveikinęs naują ministerių kabinetą pasidžiaugė, kad po virš 10 metų pertraukos vėl pavyko atkurti Lietuvos valstybę ir paprašė ministerių p-ką prof. A. Voldemarą paskaityti deklaraciją, kurioje iškalbėjęs valandą laiko ir išdėstęs savo užsimojimus atstautant naują valstybę pabrėžė, kad dirbs valstybės ir piliečių gerovei iki prives kraštą ligi steigiamojo seimo.

Po to prasidėjo ministerijų steigimas ir jose organizaciniai darbai. Lapkričio mėnesį buvo įsteigta policija - vidaus apsaugai ir 23 dieną atkurta kariuomenė su vyriausiuoju štabu.

Savo krašto vyriausybės sudarymo faktas buvo nepaprastos politinės reikšmės įvykis ir didelis Lietuvos laimėjimas. Visa tauta

jį sutiko su didžiausiu džiaugsmu ir dar didesnėmis viltimis. Nuotaika tuomet visame krašte buvo taip pakilusi, kad gyventojai buvo pasiryžę nesigailėti jokių naujų aukų, kad pagelbėtų tautinei krašto vyriausybei skubiai sustiprinti atgautą valstybinę nepriklausomybę. Patriotiškoji jaunuomenė ir lietuviška karininkija, kurios daugumas iki to laiko jau buvo suspėję grįžti iš Rusijos ar iš kitų kraštų nelaisvės, nekantraudama laukė, kuomet vyriausybė pašauks stoti prie ginklo. Visi instinktyviai nujautė, jog pats vyriausybės sudarymo faktas dar nereiškia tikrosios laisvės atgavimo ir kad už ją dar gali tekti sunkiai pakovoti, atsižvelgiant į pavojų, kurį visa lietuvių tauta nujautė iš bolševikinės Rusijos ir iš lenkų legionierių. Taip ir buvo. O beto dar visame krašte tebetrypė Vokietijos Kaizerio II žandarai plėšikaudami ir gyventojus terorizuodami.

LATEST GEOGRAPHIC DATA ON OCCUPIED LITHUANIA

MAIN CITIES

1. Vilnius	- 316,400 inhabitants
2. Kaunas	- 283,700
3. Klaipėda	- 130,600
4. Šiauliai	- 81,700
5. Panevėžys	- 64,700

TERRITORY

North - South	- 276 kilometers
West - East	- 373
Boundaries (total length)	- 1842

HIGHEST ELEVATION

Juozapynė Mountain - 292 meters

LARGEST LAKES

Drušiai	- 4500 hectares
Dysna	- 2490
Dusia	- 2333
Vištytis	- 1787

MAIN RIVERS

Nemunas	- 475 kilometers (out of 937)
Neris	- 235 (out of 510)
Venta	- 167 (out of 350)
Šešupė	- 211 (out of 299)

(NEMUNO KRAŠTAS, Vilnius) (ELTA)

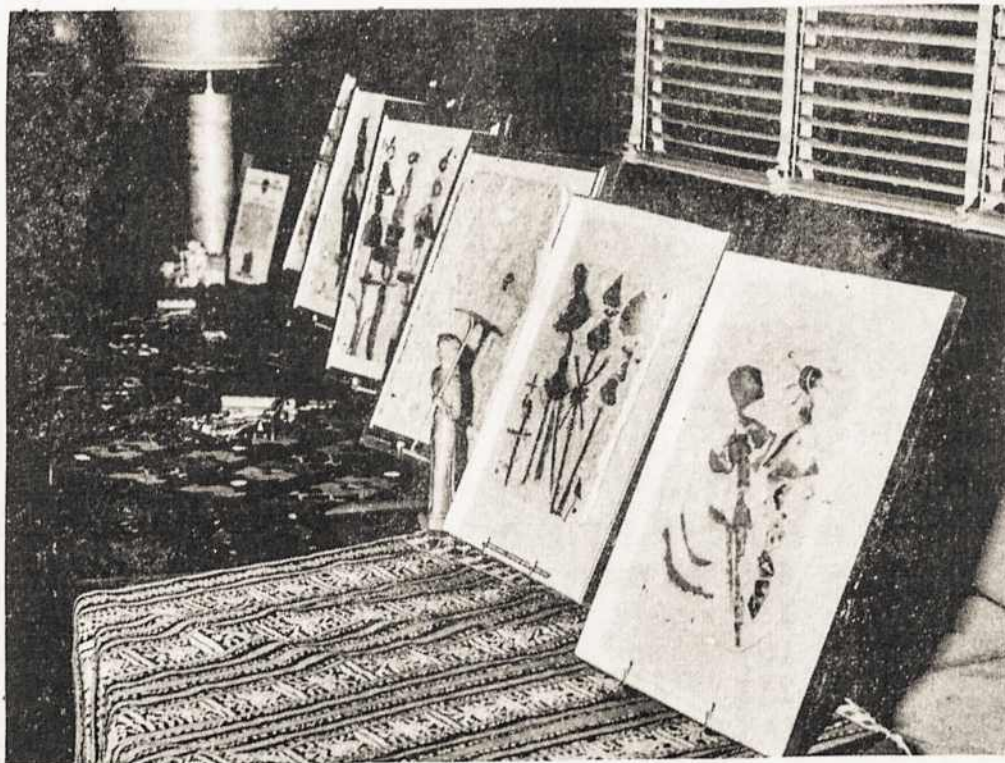
SAINT MICHAEL FORUM - NEW YORK

For several years, the Saint Michael Forum has scheduled special programs pertaining to the Baltic Nations among its many interesting events. Speakers well acquainted with this subject and communism included Eugene Lyons, Senior Editor of Reader's Digest, Rev. Norbert Trepsa (Latvian), Antanas Milukas (Lithuanian, released a few years ago from a Siberian labor camp prison), and others. On Jan. 19th, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Balkunas, K of L Scholarship Committee, was the main speaker at the Overseas Press Club. Musical programs were presented, art, folkcraft, amber, stamps, books, etc. were displayed each time mainly to acquaint the non-Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian major part of the audience with these facets of our culture and heritage.

With the intention of holding this event as an observance of the 50th Anniversary of Lithuania's Independence, the Forum was prevailed upon to publish a larger bulletin with photos and decorations and to double the number of copies usually printed. The three short paragraphs about Msgr. Balkunas, gleaned from his 40th Anniversary Souvenir Journal by the Editor, Catherine Babich, was expanded to two pages as a means of showing the activities and achievements of many Lithuanian committees and organizations. The bulletin stated: "The Monsignor is by no means a mere figurehead, whether he be an elected officer or an honorary member of the numerous organizations and Committees with which he is associated ... he has contributed more than personal participation and dedication. A dynamic speaker and untiring fighter against communism ..."

Almost 1500 bulletins were mailed to Missions to the U.N., several Consulate Generals, press and radio services, American and foreign language newspapers, columnists, commentators, national magazines, various Congressman, local religious, civic, political, veterans, organization, etc.

Stella Willworth (NY Senior Council and Forum member) and I were co-chairmen of this event, as we have been for the previous programs. Louise Senken, a rising star soprano, accompanied by Algirdas Kacanauskas, opened the program with



Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Balkunas emphasizes a point during his talk on "Freedom for the Baltic Nations From Present Soviet Domination" at the Overseas Press Club on Jan. 19th. Listening attentively are L. to r. - Timothy Mitchell, President of the Saint Michael Forum, the organization which sponsored the event, Fr. John Ryder, S.J. of John XXIII Center of Fordham University and Director of "Lessons in Christian Doctrine" which reaches 62 countries via radio, and Rev. Thomas Power, missionary from England. (Photo - C. Binkins)

the Star Spangled Banner and the Lithuanian National Hymn, followed by songs in Lithuanian.

The Lithuanian exhibit, sponsored by the K of L, was arranged by Mrs. Vince Leskaitis, President of the Federation of Lithuanian Women's Clubs. It consisted of her own beautiful and rare pieces and material loaned by Robert Novak (C-41), Stella and myself. Bob again arranged an interesting Lithuanian stamp exhibit. Aldona Zaunius (NYSC), who supplied the floral decorations, Anna Barris, and Nancy Umbrasas were on the Reception Committee. Mrs. Victoria Checheta - Committee For Free Lithuania, and Mrs. Galia Zilionis, President of the Baltic Women's Council helped in many ways. Literature for distribution was provided by the Committees for a Free Lithuania, Free Latvia and Free Estonia as well as the Assembly of Captive European Nations.

We are grateful to Timothy Mitchell, President of the Saint Michael Forum, which helps support Fr. John Ryder's radio program and other anti-communist activities, and his admirable cooperative wife, Julie, for giving us the opportunity to reach many people. We greatly appreciate the hard work they and other members, did especially Miss Babich for the beautiful typing she did for the bulletin, trying to make this a successful event. Over a hundred people attended, an average that usually come. However, very few Lithuanians, Latvians or Estonians were there - far short of the number expected considering the wide publicity given in Lithuanian papers and on radio, and the recent editorials, articles and letters printed in Lithuanian newspapers urging our people to make contacts among non-Lithuanians as "emissaries" to regain freedom and independence for Lithuania.

Helen V. Kulber
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NATIONAL JUBILEE UNDER COMMUNISTS?

Dr. K. DRASA

Officially and historically, Lithuania is dated and known as a Nation from the year 1251. Throughout her history she has enjoyed reknown, suffered several occupations and partitionings. On June 15, 1940 the Soviets invaded Lithuania. On August 3, 1940 she was militarily and politically occupied by the Russians a second time.

Since Lithuania's declaration of independence occurred on February 16, 1918, this year of 1968, therefore, marked the 50th Anniversary of the Restoration of Lithuania's Independence. It is difficult to imagine the strained emotions of all Lithuanians and their friends as they view the sorrowful predicament of their Mother Country in this Jubilee Year. Lithuania and her people today are under Russian Communist occupation. Lithuania is being re-colonized and her nationals are being persecuted and dispersed. Where there would have been great rejoicing in commemorating the Golden Jubilee of her independence with many cultural, economic, and national advancements, Lithuanians today are being unspeakably degraded, are suffering a satanic persecution enslaved under a foreign yoke. Perhaps the most painful paradox of the 20th Century is that the Lithuanians today are obliged to smile, praise the "Great Russian" culture, be thankful for morsels as they watch the destruction of everything dear to Independent Lithuania. The Lithuanian tri-colored flag, as also the symbolic knight, have been replaced with Communistic emblems. Lithuanian partisans and volunteers who fought and died for Lithuania are now called bandits, when in actuality the very occupants themselves merit this slander.

Foreboding shadows darken little Lithuania's 50th Anniversary Jubilee. These shadows may be subtitled and dealt with as follows:

1. The Contrived Occupation.
2. The Deportations and Liquidations.
3. The Destruction of Lithuanian Culture.
4. The Constant War Against God and Religion.
5. The Hopes and Expectations of the Enslaved.

1. THE CONTRIVED OCCUPATION:

Lithuania was occupied by the Communists under false pretenses and through deceptive means. Thus the Soviets evaded public, international censure and condemnation. Russia could easily have enslaved Lithuania openly with little difficulty, but then her projected image of liberator would have been nullified. Back in 1939, August 23rd and September 28th to be exact, secret Nazi-Soviet agreements were compacted regarding the fate of Lithuania. Ridiculous as it may seem, Lithuania was deemed to be a danger to the USSR and, consequently, was forced to adjust her government according to pre-conditioned

Russian plans. By threats the Soviets induced the government to disenfranchise the executive leadership and, in turn, grant favor toward those with Communistic leanings. Finally, on June 15, 1940 when the Russian Army occupied Lithuania, accompanied by a show of might in tanks and planes, the Soviets blandly announced their aim to be a liberation of Lithuania. And so the cry was taken up in those first hours of occupation that Lithuania had been liberated. Ninety-nine percent of the Lithuanians looked upon this liberation as a national calamity and in their hearts wept grievously, for they knew that Lithuania's Independence no longer existed. This condition in all its abomination has persisted until now for twenty-six years.

2. ARRESTS, DEPORTATIONS, LIQUIDATIONS:

The occupying forces began their usurpation with a reign of terror. Arrests were numerous, especially among the more active nationals. It is difficult to establish a true account, yet by careful estimation through documentation it is possible to show approximately 700,000 Lithuanians suffered banishments, deportations, incarceration and exile - not to mention those among them who were murdered. Group liquidations were common in 1941 and many died in exile in Siberia. Even today, Lithuanians are judged and executed for so-called offenses against the State attributed to them 25 years ago. This gross inhumanity is mentioned in "The Rainių Murders". In this locale in 1941, June 24-25, 73 political prisoners taken from Telsių Prison were violently executed. Only 27 were able to be identified so disfigured and mutilated were the bodies. Many similar group executions occurred throughout Lithuania at this time.

3. DESTRUCTION OF LITHUANIAN CULTURE:

Immediately upon accession to power, the Communists systematically began to destroy, and even now are continuing to destroy, the culture of the Lithuanian people. They have rewritten the History of Lithuania, altered and modified facts, so that the Communist point of view is presented in a favorable light. Fact and truth are not important to them. Millions of books have been destroyed especially those of religious, patriotic or idealistic content.

Documents, pacts, agreements all were confiscated, destroyed or used publicly to establish distorted facts presenting the occupying forces as the "liberators" of the people. The Lithuanian press, patriotic organizations and their activity were all suppressed. Any manifestation of Lithuanian patriotism of whatever nature, all national cultural endeavors either in schools, or, of a personal kind, are now forbidden. Those who dare to oppose are persecuted, jailed and fined. Every cultural activity, all literature, the theatre, television and any other medium of communication must be in accordance with

Communist directives. Because of this, all expressions of every art have come to suffer under this rigorous, restrictive discipline. History shall painfully score this totality of destruction of the Lithuanian culture.

4. THE WAR AGAINST GOD AND RELIGION:

Godless Communism seeks not only to curtail but to destroy Catholic Lithuania's religious life. Fearful to think of and more difficult to describe is the insidious persecutions inflicted on the Faithful in Lithuania. Simply to enumerate them would require tomes and volumes. However, a lucid summarization of this aspect is contained in the recently published and documented book, "The War Against God in Lithuania", which may be obtained at the Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, Inc., 64-09 56th Road, Maspeth, L.I., N.Y. 11378. For this instance, briefly, we may sketch some of the major catastrophes visited upon the Lithuanian people and the Church:

- a. To date 180 Priests have been exiled to Siberia plus 4 Bishops, 2 of whom have died in exile, while the other 2 upon returning to Lithuania in broken health, died soon after their return.
- b. Bishops Julius Steponavičius and Vincas Sladkevičius are still under house arrest.
- c. All convents, Catholic schools, publishing houses and religious organizations have been closed and are forbidden to operate.
- d. All lands and material possessions of the churches, convents, and religious organizations have been confiscated.
- e. Churches and chapels, in number 448, have been closed to worship. Many of them have been converted into warehouses, barracks and even Godless museums.
- f. Three seminaries have been shut down.
- g. Millions of devotional and religious paintings, books, liturgical objects have been wantonly destroyed.

Probably the most heart-rending and difficult burden to bear is to see the constant and daily battle against the Faith being waged through the children and the youth by diabolically organized anti-religious propaganda. No one dares to oppose the regime.

For example, here in one letter which came out into the free world is a delineation of the typical life of persecuted priests. "One city pastor has established his living quarters on the Church walls. There are no windows and a naked electric bulb burns day and night. Another has taken up his quarters in what was once the baking chamber for unleavened Mass bread. Whenever I wanted to visit with him, while living in Vilnius, I would have to climb in through a window to do so. In place of a water-closet there is a pail... Another pastor in the city of P. has established himself in an old, broken down shed which was once a storage for processional banners... damp, cold and rheumatic-inducing."

This is the trend of conditions in the cities. In the provinces, towns, villages, priests have learned to adjust themselves to every given situation. Some have made their quarters in storage rooms of shrines and churches, other in cemetery vaults, others have

found subsistence quarters near their churches or rent a room in private homes. Priests of the town A. have been living in a cellar without windows. Only recently were windows installed and the cellar walls painted. A priest of Parish D. has taken up his abode in a home for the aged. Fortunately, he has now found quarters in a village a mile and a half from the church. His room is tiny with wooden chimneys. Behind the separating partition lives a family with small children. Each day, winter and summer, in rain and in snow, this little old priest must trudge a mile and a half to get to church. An arduous task for one in his final years of life.

5. THE HOPES AND EXPECTATIONS OF THE EN-SLAVED:

The oppressed people of Lithuania place their deeply-secreted hope in the sympathetic understanding of the people who live in freedom. They dare not speak of this openly and often are fearful to think of these hopes lest in their sleep they might make known what they most desire, and if accused, would be subject to judicial action. However, reluctant as they may be in expressing their hopes, from private conversations and from other sources, the consuming desires of the enslaved peoples can be summarized as follows:

- a. The first and most important yearning is that the free world's radio, press, television and theatre would make known their sufferings and that a concerted issue be made for religious and national freedom as well as for freedom of conscience. Concrete and sympathetic support by the communications media is their one great desire.
- b. Public protests, demonstrations, resolutions against their oppressors seem to act as a moral force, which in turn, for a time, seems to lessen the ferocity of the persecutors. They pay attention to world opinion. This fortifies the enslaved with renewed hopes.
- c. Frequently, the question is raised as to why those who live in freedom do not demonstrate for the freedom of the house-arrested Bishops Julius Steponavičius and Vincas Sladkevičius, why the Cathedral in Vilnius is not permitted to offer religious services, why there are no protests against the closing of so many churches, why religious books are not permitted to be printed. They, in Lithuania, would like to see protests made for permission to receive Lithuanian prayer and missals, devotional pamphlets, Lithuanian books and newspapers from the free world just as the flagrant lies of Communist propaganda are sent out of Lithuania to the free world.

Communists use every means at their command to spread their insidious propaganda and yet those who live in the free world do not seem to be able to bring to light and to the attention of the world the Communistic atrocities committed against God and humanity. If the free press would pointedly print the shocking cruelties against man and humanity, against God and religion, against international relationships, then Communism, of itself, like the walls of Jericho, would the sooner crumble.

LAIMINGAI PAMINĖJO SAVO 75-tąjį GIMTADIENĮ

Matas Zujus, senosios kartos milžinas, mūsų organo "Vytis" buvęs redaktorius ir L. Vyčių organizacijos didelis darbuotojas pereitą metų minėjo 75-tąjį gimtadienį. Šia gražia proga norime prisiminti Matą ir jo nuveiktus darbus lietuvių ir vyčių tarpe.

Štai Lietuva jaulaisva, "Vyties" redaktorius Matas Zujus, jausdamas savo širdyje tėvynės Lietuvos meilę - 1920 metais rugsėjo mėnesį palieka "Vyties" darbus kitiems, o pats grįžta į Lietuvą. Čia jis stoja karo mokyklon, kurioje išbuvęs keletą mėnesių perkeliamas į karo mokslo skyrių. Čia Matas dirbo pačiame redakcijos štabe.

Matas Zujus, po trijų metų ir vėl apleidžia Lietuvą ir grįžta į laisvės šalį - Ameriką. Pirmiausiai buvo pakviestas į dienraščio "Draugo" redakciją, kurioje Matas tegalėjo išdirbti porą mėnesių, nes "Vyčiui" skubotai prireikus redaktoriaus, jis ir vėl paėmė šį darbą. Jame išdirbo ligi gruodžio pabaigos 1924 metų. Ir štai, balandžio 1 dieną, 1926 metais, Matas Zujus jau sėdi "Garso" redakcijoje ir "Garso" jis išleidžia keturis sykius į mėnesį. Ji šiam darbui pakvietė A.L.R.K. Susivienijimo vyriausią vadovybę ir jis šiame darbe tebedirba ligi šiol - 42 metus.

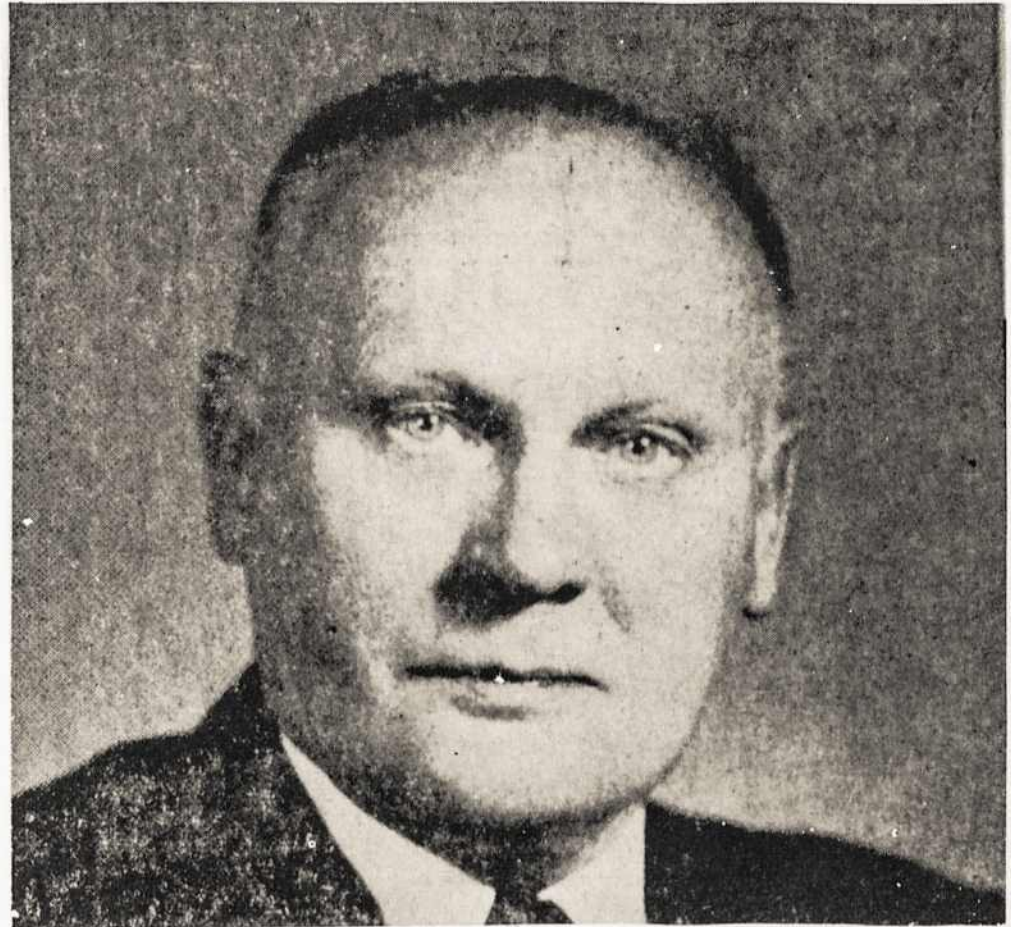
Mato darbai buvo žinomi visiems, nes juose Matas lošdavo vyraujančias roles. 1950 metais visuotiniame A.L.R.K. Federacijos seime, Pittsburgh, Pa., jis pravedė seimą, o 1945 metais buvo išrinktas Balfo direktoriumi ir kartu ėjo kontrolės kom. nario pareigas. Pirmininkavo Balfo 3-čiam seimui, Chicagoje. Jis daug pagelbėjo savo broliams ir sesėms, kada jie pabėgo iš Lietuvos nuo komunistinio žiaurumo. Su jais Matas ir dabar palaiko glaudžius ryšius per A.L. Bendruomenę. Matas Zujus paprastai būna išrinktas A.L.R.K.S. visuotiniuose seimuose nutarimų raštininku. Šias pareigas jis jau yra ėjęs 7-iuose seimuose.

Matas Zujus niekada nevaizduoja didelio žmogaus, bet yra draugiškas ir inteligentiškas. Kaip nuolatos dalyvaujančiam L. Vyčių organizacijos visuotiniuose seimuose, visada tenka išgirsti šio idealisto vyčio gražius sveikinimus delegatams ir kuklias seimui prisiustas aukas. Tai yra didingas ir vytiškas gestas.

Matas yra gimęs 1892 m. rugpiūčio 14 d. Ciudiškių kaime, Klebičchio valsčiuje. Pradinį ir aukštesnį mokslą Matas ėjo Prienuose, Seinuose ir Kaune, bet paties aukščiausio mokslo savo tėvynėje nebuvo laiko baigti, nes Matas savyje daugiausiai jausdamas patraukimą plunksnos puoselėjimo darbui ir negalvodamas apie didelius turtus, dar būdamas jaunas, pradėjo tos dirvos arimą nuo 1911 metų. Jis rašinėjo korespondencijas ir mažesnius straipsnius į tais laikais leidžiamą "Saltinį" ir Vilniuje "Viltį".

Taigi mūsų Matas gali tik pasidžiaugti ir pasididžiuoti sulaukęs 57 metus besidarbuodamas lietuviškame ir plunksniškame darbe, o juo daugiausiai bebūdamas "Vyties" ir "Garso" redaktorium.

Matas Zujus būdamas "Vyties" redaktorium ir administratorium, nors ir daug darbo turėdavo bebūdamas "Vytį", bet jis dar atrasdavo laiko



aplankyti lietuvių kolonijas begyvindamas ir beorganizuodamas L. Vyčių naujas kuopas. Jo darbai ir šiandieną yra minimi, nes Matas atsilankęs į Clevelandą, visada aplankydavo vyčių veikėjus ir su jais pasikalbėdavo organizacijos reikalais.

Bet gal grįšime atgal ir prisiminsime - kada jaunas Matas apleido savo tėvynę Lietuvą, kad nereikėtų tarnauti rusų kariuomenėje, tai 1913 metais ir atvyko į šią laisvės šalį - Ameriką. Ir kaip mums visiems, taip ir Matui Zujui nebuvo lengva pradėti naują gyvenimą, bet, kaip ir dauguma darėme, taip ir šis jaunikaitis, suieškodavome darbus, vieni juos mokinomės, kiti kiek užsidirbę dolerių, vykdavo į mokyklas siekti aukštesnio mokslo. Šį pasirinkimą padarė ir Matas Zujus - tų metų pabaigoje jau jis buvo Valparaiso, Indianos universitete, kuriame Matas rado ir sau draugų: dr. K. Drangelį, Br. Balutį, prof. Pr. Savicką, dr. S. Biežį, dr. prof. K. Pakštą, Lietuvos Konsulą Chicagoje dr. P. Daužvardį ir dar daugiau tokių mokslo mylėtojų, iš kurių daug tapo L. Vyčių organizacijos vyraujančiais vadais, o vėliau ir garbės nariais. Tik gaila, kad nūnai nėra tos dvasios ir tos gražiosios bytiškos plunksnelės, kuri kitados išardavo plačiausias vytiškas dirvas, o ją reikėtų daugiau arti, nes šią dirvą, gali apaugti ne kviečiai, bet piktžolės. Jas greičiau išnaikinti galėtų padėti Matai Zujai, Leonardai Šimučiai, gražiadainiai Kazimierai Jonaičiai ir jiems panašūs.

Matas Zujus žadindavo savo tautiečius, kad jų širdyse vis ilgiau pasilaikytų lietuviškas žodis ir savo tėvynės Lietuvos meilė. Šiais kilniais žadinimais labiausiai susižavėjo Kazimiera Tamošiūnaitė, kuri tapo Kazimiera Zujiene. Kazimiera daug padėdavo Matui visuose jo didesniuose darbuose, kad ir turėdavo šeimyninių rūpesčių, nes augino du sūnelius - Matą ir Kazimierą ir dukrelę Onutę, kurie patys dabar augina savo šeimas.

Nuo savęs tiek galiu tepasakyti - giliausių metelių, geriausios sveikatėlės ir didžiausios Dievo palaimos linkiu Matui Zujui, jojo žmonai Kazimierai ir jų visai šeimai.

Senelis

Lithuanians in The NEWS



Amerikos Lietuvių Tarybos ir Vyriausiojo Lietuvos Išlaisvinimo Komiteto darbo posėdžio dalyviai 1968 m. birželio 8 d. Chicagoje, ALT pirmininko E. A. Bartkaus įstaigoje 222 W. Adams St. Sėdi: iš kairės į dešinę Lietuvos Generalinis Konsulas Dr. P. Daužvardis, ALT Garbės pirmininkas L. Simutis, VLIKO pirmininkas Dr. K. Valiūnas, ALT pirmininkas inž. E. A. Bartkus ir ALT I-mas vice-pirmininkas Dr. P. Grigaitis. Stovi: iš kairės į dešinę ALT vice-pirmininkas T. Blinstrubas, protokolo sekretorius B. Pupalaigis, VLIKO vice-pirmininkas Dr. Br. Nemickas, ALT protokolo sekretorius J. Jasaitis, ALT išdininkas M. Vaidyla, VLIKO finansų tvarkytojas Pr. Vainauskas, ALT finansų sekretorius J. Talalas ir ALT sekretorius Dr. Vl. Simaitis. (Foto - V. Noreikos).

A. A. PRANAS ZDANKUS



1968 m. vasario mėn. 19 d. Vilniuje, klinikose mirė buvęs JAV Lietuvos Vyčių Garbės Narys ir vyčių žurnalo "Vytis" redaktorius, dienraščio "Draugas" bendradarbis, A. Katalikų Federacijos ir spaudos ratelio Chicagoje "Žaibas Žaibuoja" sekretorius, Vilniaus Universiteto anglų kalbos lektorius ir Vorkutos kalinys Pranas Zdankus.

Velionis Pranas Zdankus gimė 1894 m. lapkričio 24 d. Raseiniuo-

se. 1896 m. tėvų buvo atvežtas į JAV; kur pradžios ir vidurinę mokyklą baigė Mishawaka, Ind., ir toliau studijavo humanitarinius mokslus: De Paul universitete įsigijo bakalauro laipsnį 1926 m.; Notre Dame universitete - magistro laipsnį 1930. Veikė vyčių organizacijoje, ARK Federacijoje, Katalikų Susivienijime, "Žaibas Žaibuoja" ratelyje ir buvo vyčių ir pavasarininkų organizacijų ryšininku. Dirbo dienraščio "Draugo" redakcijoje 1921-1923 m.; žurnalą "Vytį" redagavo 1924-1930 m.; 1931 m. grįžo Lietuvon, kur dirbo Lietuvos banke Kaune. 1935 m. vėl atvyko į JAV, bet po metų vėl grįžo Lietuvon. 1944-45 m. Vilniaus universitete dėstė anglų kalbą. Ištikus Lietuvą tragedijai ir Zdankui atsivėrė nauji vargai, naujos bėdos. Sovietams pradėjus Lietuvoje šeiminkauti velionis tapo iš universiteto atleistas, kalintas ir ištremtas į Vorkutą. Po penkių metų iš tremties grįžo ir apsigyveno Vilniuje. Grįžęs dar kurį laiką dirbo vienoje technikos mokykloje ir vertėsi kitais darbais. 1958 metais išėjo į pensiją. Pensijoje būdamas labai sunkiai vertėsi ir pradėjo sirgti. Nors velionis Vilniuje gyvendamas giminių neturėjo ir buvo viengungis, bet būdamas

draugiško būdo, įsigijo draugų, kurie jį rėmė ir globojo. Vienas iš tokių buvo Silvestras Urbonas, kuris velioniui ir šermenis suruošė.

Prano Zdankaus sveikatai visai pašlijus, jis buvo paguldytas Vilniaus klinikose, kuriose išbuvo gydomas ir prižiūrimas prof. dr. Algimanto Marcinkevičiaus. Zdankui mirus jo palaikai buvo pašarvoti jo bute Debesijos g-vėje 12 nr. Vilniuje. Vasario mėn. 21 d. susirinkę draugai, pažįstami, mokiniai (apie 100 asmenų) su katalikiškomis apeigomis, dalyvaujant kun. Alf. Svarinskui, jo palaikus palydėjo į Saltoniškių kapines. Eisenoje dalyvavo ir prof. dr. Marcinkevičius, ligoninės vedėjas, su žmona. Prie karsto atsisveikinimo kalbas pasakė Vincas Uždavinsys, Vilniaus veikėjas ir buvęs sykių su velioniu Vorkutoje. Iš moterų pusės atsisveikino klinikų darbininkė vardu Natalija. Velionės karstas visą laiką buvo apstatytas degančiomis žvakėmis ir papuoštas 4 vainikais: vienas nuo brolio sūnaus, antras nuo mokinių, o du be užrašų...

Lietuvoje liko brolio vaikai, o čia JAV sesuo Pažerienė, kuri buvo išrūpinusi leidimą atvykti į JAV, tačiau velionis nebepasinaudojo - liga ir mirtis sutrukdė. Tai gyvenimo ironija. Lai būna Tau, didis lietuvi, lengva Lietuvos žemė! Išsėkis ramybėje.

Pov. Dirkis

OFICIALUS SKYRIUS OFFICIAL NEWS

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our National Financial Secretary remind us that membership dues will be due in January, 1969. If a new member joins a Council the dues are as follows:

- \$5.00 if the members join from
January - March
- 3.75 April - June
- 2.50 July - September
- 1.25 October - December

- 2.50 Non-Subscribing
- 7.00 Couple (first Year)

Dues should be collected for a FULL YEAR. Member record sheets and applications for new members are available without charge from the National Financial Secretary. Membership cards are available for social members at a cost of \$0.10 each.

"VYTIS" THANK YOU

Our appreciation to the following generous contributors to the "Vytis": Prof. Alexander Aleksis of Waterbury, Conn., Mrs. Adelė Gabaliauskas of Chicago, Ill., and Matas Zujus of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. All three are Honorary Members of the K of L.

SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

The Officers and Chairmen of the Supreme Council met at the Midway House, Chicago, Ill., on October 20th. A report to the members will appear in the next issue.

"VYTIS" DEADLINES

December (Christmas) issue deadline for all material was Nov. 5th. Christmas greetings deadline will be Nov. 20th.
January 1969 - deadline December 5th.



KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA COMMEMORATIVE STAMP. The tri-color seals are still available at \$1.00 per sheet from your council president, Mary Kober and in the Chicago area, Irene Sankus. Addresses listed on page 2. End this commemorative year in the right way by using the seal on all your Christmas mail.

ELECTIONS

Election of new District and Council officers must take place in the months of September or October. 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.

Immediately after the election of new officers, PLEASE send their names and addresses to the National Recording Secretary, Nancy Kober, 2 Bayview Avenue, Port Washington, N.Y. 11050.

The Supreme Council, your National Spiritual Advisor and committees cannot operate efficiently without the names of YOUR officers and chairmen. This year - let us ALL cooperate with our Supreme Council.

ALL MEMBERS, COUNCILS, DISTRICTS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE!

Merry
Christmas

Suggested Donations for Christmas Greetings in the December issue of the "Vytis":

Full page	- \$50.00
1/2 "	- 25.00
1/4 "	- 12.50
1/8 "	- 7.00
One line greeting	- \$2.00

Be a "Vytis" booster - AND wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year. Mail your Greeting copy and donation to:

Irene K. Sankus, Editor
2520 West 68th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60629

DEADLINE - NOVEMBER 20, 1968



HAPPY
NEW
YEAR

JUNIOR NEWS

The "Vytis" Supreme Council Officers, National Juniors Chairman Stanley Vaitkus, sponsor of the Essay Contest Marcella Andrikis, and all K of L members extend sincere congratulations to the winner of the Junior Essay Contest, Miss Joan Adamaitis of So. Worcester, Mass. Her winning essay appears below.

WHAT LITHUANIA MEANS TO ME

I am extremely proud of the fact that my ancestry traces back to that brave little country on the Baltic - Lithuania. It is now a country small in size, but great in spirit. It is a country that my grandfather described as a place where the sky was bluer, the grass greener, the birds sang more sweetly, and even the earth had a special fragrance. Truly, it was "Marijos Žemė," for the Blessed Virgin showed her love for Lithuania at Siluva and at Vilnius. My own parish church is Our Lady of Vilna, so I have an affectionate feeling for Aušros Vartai in Vilnius.

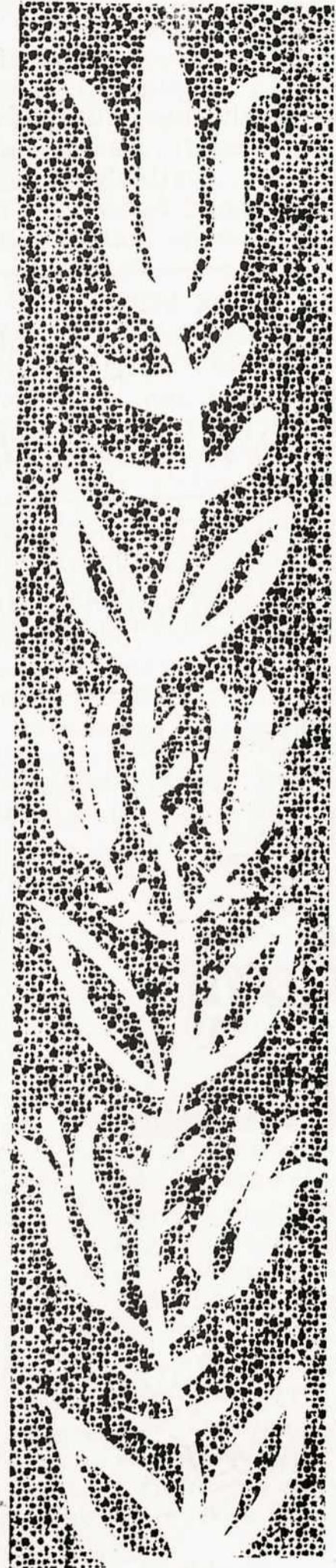
I feel that if ever I should be fortunate enough to visit Lithuania, I would find very friendly people there, for that's the way all Lithuanians are, even here in the United States. Lithuanians, even under oppression, are a gay, happy people, and when it comes to fun and festivals, it is hard to surpass them. They sing of the simple things in life, such as a thatched cottage, gently flowing river, a lovely sunset, or their everyday tasks on the farm. They dance in gay, colorful costumes expressing their happy spirits. And on special occasions, such as weddings, the singing and dancing would last for days, according to my grandfather. I know that when I attend picnics sponsored by different Lithuanian organizations in our area, this same happy spirit prevails. Even people of other nationalities like to come for the good food, music, songs, and dancing, for they always have a good time.

I am proud that I can speak Lithuanian, which is one of the oldest living languages spoken in the world today. It is an Indo-European language quite different from the Slavic tongues and it is as old as Sanskrit.

Older than the language, and world-famous, too, is Lithuania's amber. How the good Lord must have loved this little country to deposit this lovely, gold-colored substance on its Baltic shores. Besides making distinctive jewelry, amber has perfectly preserved the remains of prehistoric life which died millions of years ago. Ancient tribes in Lithuania also used amber for their artwork.

The most glorious chapters in Lithuania's history were written during the middle ages, when her borders stretched from the Baltic to the Black Sea, and she alone turned the tide against the hordes of Moslems on one side, and the Teutonic Knights on the other. Lithuania was once the home of countless brave, romantic, fearless knights, such as Vytautas, Algirdas, Kęstutis, Mindaugas and Jogaila. Many lovely princesses also lived there. What an inspiring sight it must have been in those days to see gleaming armor, giant, snorting, wild-eyed war chargers and the solid, looming protection of a castle! And who is to say that Vytautas the Great was not greater than King Arthur? We Lithuanians certainly would say so!

Not all of our medieval past is gone, though. Look at our national emblem and you will see Vytautas on his charger. Or is it really a charger? Look again. It may be a Žemaitukas, a breed of pony that flourished in Lithuania. They were unique because they were a Lithuanian breed, not one borrowed from another country. A dark stripe down the back and a cream-colored mane and tail characterized them. These ponies certainly are a proud part of our heritage. After the Communists took over Lithuania, the pony seemed to vanish. Of course, some may still exist, but they must be found before it is too late. Let the other



countries keep their Shetlands and Welsh - Lithuania has her Žemaitukas. I can hold my head high and say that a famous breed of pony inhabits Lithuania. Since I have a soft spot in my heart for horses, I would find it sad if this special Lithuanian breed of pony should die out. But, I take heart in the fact that even though Lithuania has been subjugated by others for hundreds of years at various periods in her history, neither the language nor the people have been wiped off the face of the earth, as so many others already have.

May the yellow, green, and red of the Lithuanian flag fly bravely in the breezes that blow across the Baltic Sea. May its amber-colored wheat fields always grow plentifully and its earth abound with God's blessings. Though Lithuania has suffered many hardships, let us hope and pray that one day soon a Lithuanian may be able to walk tall and proud, and free again, in his own land.

This is what Lithuania means to me. It is what I learned from my grandfather who belonged to the Knights of Lithuania when it was first organized in this country, and from my father, mother, and older sister, who are members. I was happy when I finally became old enough to become a Junior K of L'er. I feel we have a wonderful organization that helps to keep alive the Lithuanian language, customs, songs and dances, and even works for Lithuania's Independence again. I hope that every Lithuanian feels this way also, for I believe that Lithuania has an unconquerable spirit, which is part of our heritage.

Valio Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės Auksinis Jubiliejus!



Junior K of L, Council 116
Our Lady of Vilna Parish, So. Worcester, Mass.

Joan Adamaitis, age 12
4 Whitney St., Worcester, Mass. 01607

Camp DAINAVA

Miss Peggy Bitner
12867 Coyle
Detroit, Michigan 48227

Dear Readers:

This year we had a beautiful week at Camp Dainava. During the week the children learned several songs and dances with the help of our two sisters, Sister Ignė and Sister Jurgita.

The evening program's consisted of talent night, scavenger hunt, masquerade party and most important the camp fire which the children did skits on camp life.

This year the children went on a two mile hike to a farm where they saw horses, goats, lambs, and even rabbits. This was a real thrill to them.

On Saturday night the girls had visitors. The boys surprised us by running through the barracks with water. This was really a surprise to us.

I wish to thank our two sisters, the chaplain, the camp administrators and our counselors that helped us out to make Camp Dainava one week the children will never forget.

God Bless each and everyone of you. I hope to see all the youngsters back next year. Bring a friend along.

Sincerely yours,
Miss Petty Bitner
(Girl's Leader)

DAYTON JUNIORS

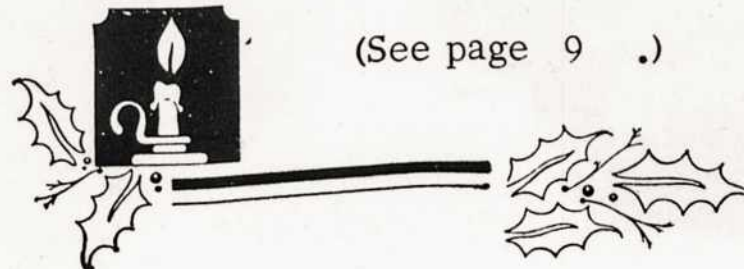
The challenge to earn money by various projects throughout the year has again been met by the Dayton Council and as during previous years the goal was reached and sixteen members had a wonderful time at Camp Dainava. We wish to thank everyone at the Camp, the Senior Knights for their assistance, the drivers, and especially our advisors, Mrs. Sluzas and Mrs. Prasmantas. We were very proud that Sharon Prasmantas was chosen "Best Girl Camper". Now that vacations are over and we are all back in school we have but the memories of a wonderful summer!

Mary Petkus



SEND YOUR FELLOW JUNIOR
COUNCILS
CHRISTMAS WISHES IN
THE "VYTIS"

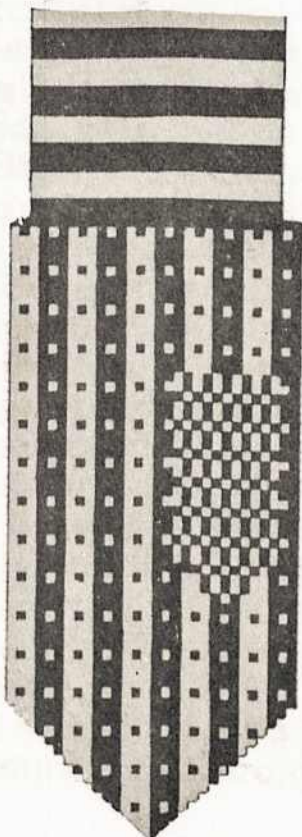
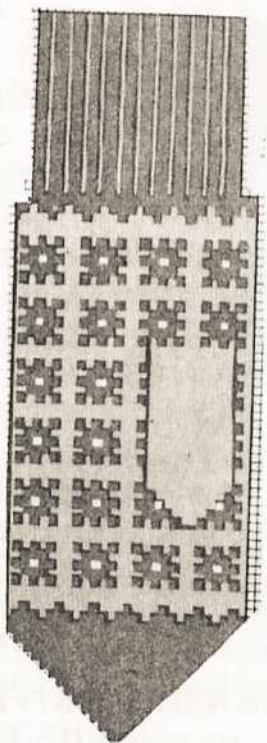
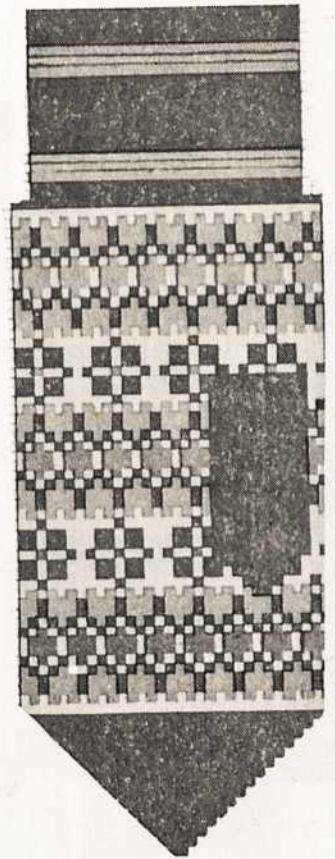
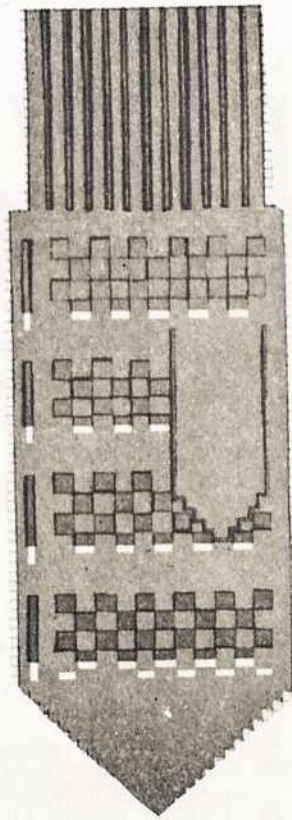
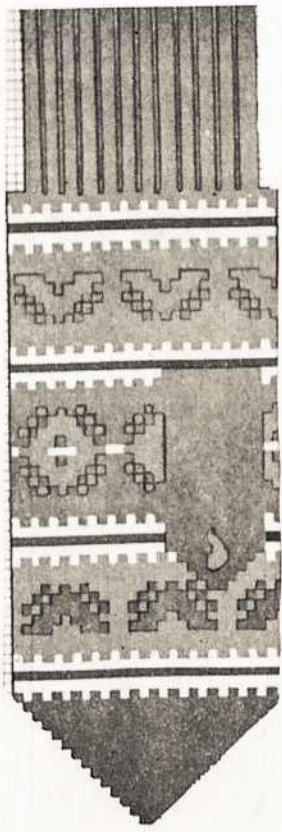
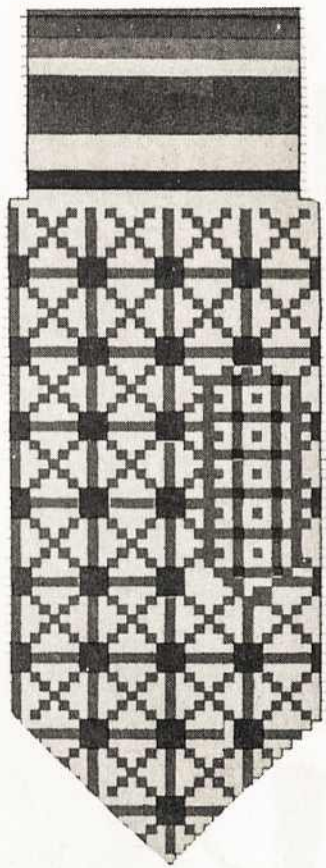
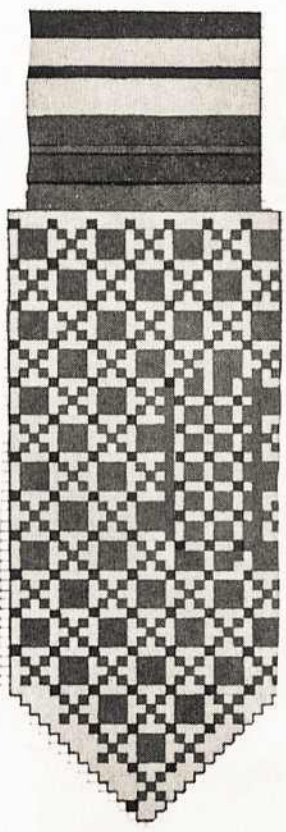
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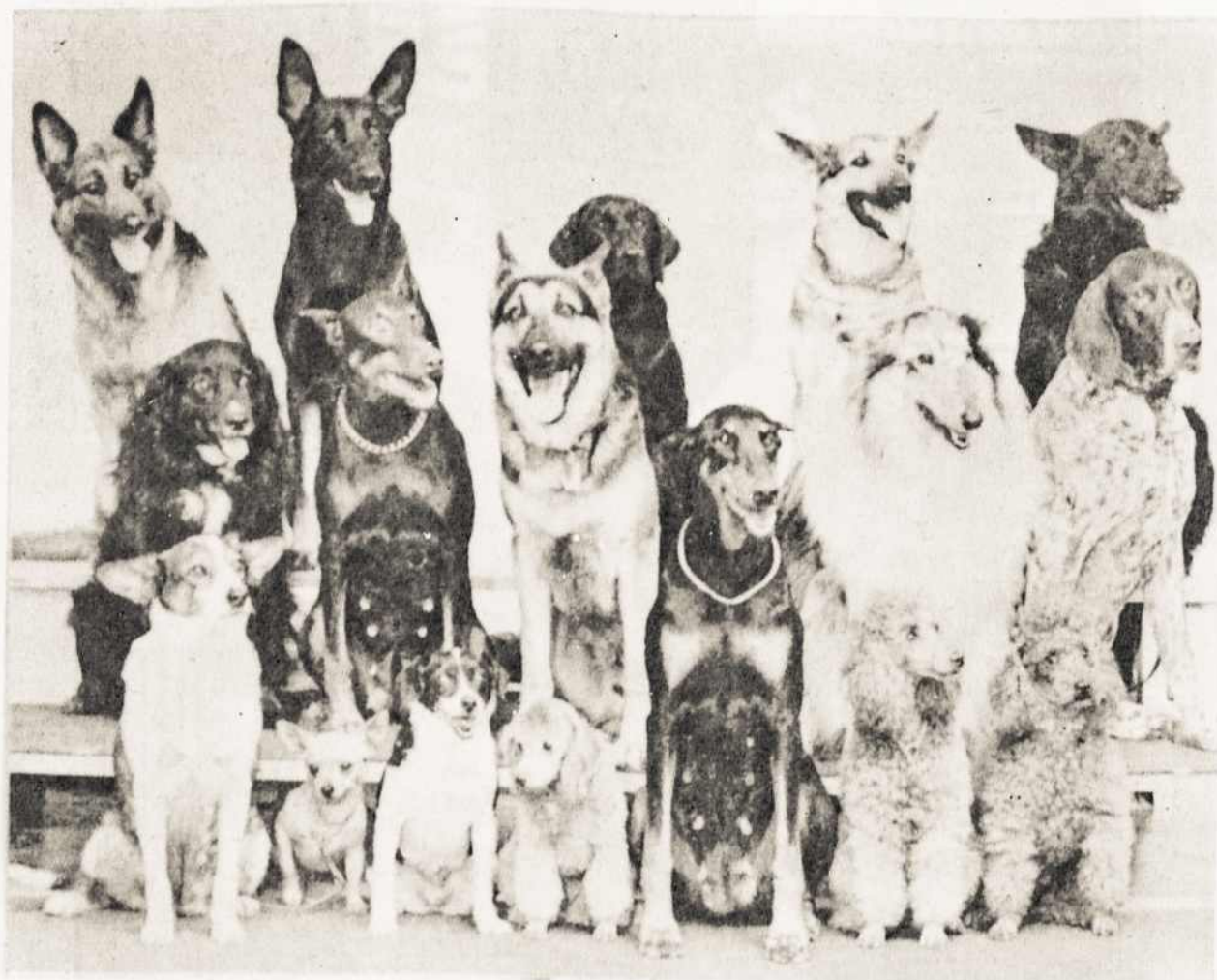
LIETUVIŲ TAUTINIS MENAS

PIRŠTINĖS





ORGANIZE A COMMITTEE.. and START



HOUNDING for the DUES NOW!

Here we go again, a new K of L year is in full swing! And it's about time for all of us to renew our memberships. We all face costly Christmas shopping and, more than likely, expensive New Year entertainment. But, K of L dues payments certainly will not bring any of us to public aid enrollments.

At this time of year, as far as the K of L is concerned, the important thing is getting those dues in. Last year some councils were 100% paid up before January 1st. So, you had better believe that those first place councils in dues payments last year are trying to do the same. That is the competition every council faces. It is a big job, but it was done, and can be accomplished by more councils than in the past.

One important, but easy way, to get those dues flowing in, is to remind fellow members about dues payments. During casual conversations at K of L socials, dances, banquets, and other activities, mention dues. Help your councils by reminding others about dues payments.

There is recognition for you and your council too - special awards will be presented again at the next convention. The first councils in four categories to be 100% paid up will get awards. There will also be awards for the new-member drive. But, do not forget that these are based on net membership gains. In other words, you may have signed up quite a few members, but it is also possible for your council to lose just as many because dues have not been received. In that way your council will not have gained a thing, it barely managed to keep even. First, therefore, be sure that previous members are still

K of Lers. And, there is only one way to do that. Help to get those dues in. Then, new member enrollments really begin to count.

By the way fellow Vyčiai, have YOU paid your dues yet? We want you as a member this coming year.

RULES FOR THE 1968-1969 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Special awards will be presented to councils in each of the following categories for being first to have their council dues 100% paid up: First Category - 11-29 members; 2nd - 30-59 members; 3rd - 60-99 members; and finally, 100 members and over. These awards will be based on the national financial secretary's membership records as of August 1, 1968.

Credit for enrolling members will be earned only if the following rules and dates are observed:

TEN points can be earned for each new or rejoin member enrolled from August 1, 1968, until April 1, 1969.

Earn FIVE points for each new or rejoin member you enroll thereafter until July 10, 1969.

Membership totals will be supplied by the national financial secretary according to her records as of August 1, 1968. Council awards will be presented for the greatest percentage of per capita increase based on these figures.

LEON PAUKSTA
Membership Vice President

IŠ SENDRAUGIŲ GYVENIMO



JONUI PUIKUNUI 75 METAI

Šių metų birželio 25 d. Jonas Puikūnas atšventė 75 metų sukaktį. Jis gimė 1893 m. birželio 25 d. Rogupių kaime, Griškabūdžio valsčiuje., Šakių apskrityje. Jonas baigęs Griškabūdžio pradžios mokyklą, įstojo į Veiverių mokytojų seminariją, kurią baigęs porą metų (1913-1914) mokytojavo Kybartų pradžios mokykloje.

Didžiajam Pasauliniui karui prasidėjus - 1914 m. J. Puikūnas persikėlė mokytojauti į Rusiją, Poltavos guberniją, o 1915 m. į Maskvą, kur dirbo lietuvių pabėgėlių mokykloje ir laisvu laiku lankė Seniavskio liaudies universitetą.

1916 m. buvo paimtas į rusų kariuomenę ir Kijeve pabaigęs karo mokyklą, buvo pasiūstas į frontą Galicijoje. Revoliucijai prasidėjus dalyvavo lietuvių karių susirinkimuose ir suvažiavimuose Kijeve, Berdičeve ir 1917 m. Lietuvių Seime Petrapilyje. Jonas buvo vienas iš pirmųjų atskiro Lietuvių Batalijono Galicijoje - 1917 m. liepos 24 d., vėliau atsikėlusio į Vitebską.

1918 m., Lietuvai atgavus nepriklausomybę, Jonas grįžo į Lietuvą ir įstojo į kariuomenę, į karo technikos dalinius. Dar būdamas kariuomenėje, įstojo į V.D. Universitetą Kaune, kur pirma studijavo techniką, paskui perėjo į teisių fakultetą. 1927 m. baigė universitetą, jau išėjęs į atsargą iš kariuomenės majoro laipsniu. Būdamas teismo kandidatu ėjo Kauno I, vėliau III-čios nuovados taikos teisėjo pareigas. Vėliau buvo pa-

skirtas taikos teisėju Širvintuose, o nuo 1937 m. pradėjo advokatūrą.

1944 m., bėgdamas nuo komunistų, pasitraukė į Vokietiją. Augsburgėje buvo teisėju bendrame Pabaltiečių DP stovyklos teisme, atstovaudamas lietuvių grupei. 1949 m. atvyko į JAV, Gary, Indiana. Čia su savo sūnumis įstojo į Lietuvos vyčių kuopą. 1952 m. Puikūnai persikėlė gyventi į Los Angeles, Californiją. Čia J. Puikūnas, steigiant Lietuvos vyčių senjorų kuopą 1957 m. prisidėjo prie steigimo, ir vėliau valdybose ėjo įvairias pareigas. Taip pat, Jonas Los Angelyje įsijungė į Lietuvių Katalikų Susivienijimo kuopą, į Karininkų Ramovę, Teisininkų draugą, Bendruomenę, ALT-o skyrių ir aktyviai dalyvauja visuose kultūrinuose subuvimuose.

Jonas mėgsta rašyti. Bendradarbiavo šiuose laikraščiuose bei žurnaluose: Šaltinyje, Lietuvių Balse, Karyje, Trimate, Mūsų Žinyne, Ateityje, Vytyje, LAV ir kitur. 1958 m. baigė rašyti lietuvių patarlių ir priežodžių rinkinį, kurį išleido Lietuvių Dienų leidykla, pavadindama ją Šmulkioji Tautosaka. Dabar Jonas turi paruošęs mįslių rinkinį, kurį greit žada atiduoti spausdinimui. Jonui Puikūnui, sukakties proga, linkime puikios sveikatos ir sėkmės pensininko gyvenime.

A.Sk.

LOS ANGELES VYČIŲ SENDRAUGIŲ SUSIRINKIMAS

Jis įvyko birželio 30 d. - šivasarinė Joninių iškyla gražiai praėjo Yucaipoj, vienoj gražiausių vietovių Los Angeles apylinkėje.

Iškylą užkvietė į savo erdvią rezidenciją-sodybą uolūs vyčiai Zuzana ir Stasys Tikniai, kur jie su savo kaimynais Juozu, Marija ir Viktorija Mileriais, o taipgi Elena ir Juozu Svetikais padarė gražius sutikimo sveikinimus ir vaišingą priėmimą.

Iškylos susirinkimą atidarė Vyčių kuopos pirm Jonas Činga, plačiai išaiškindamas šiais metais švenčiamo Lietuvos nepriklausomybės atstatymo 50 metų jubiliejaus visokeriopą reikšmingumą. Tolimesnį susirinkimo vadovavimą perdavė inž. Juliui Kiškiui, kuris pravedė svarbesnius Vyčių reikalų aptarimus. Kalbėtojų buvo



Juozas Sadauskas, savo gražiame rožių darželyje, rodo poniai Rožei Sankalienei medalį, įteiktą jam Seimo metu New Yorko Sendraugių už jo pasižymėjimą žurnalizmo veikloje.

prisiminta, kad Vyčiai daug pasidarbavę ir prisidėję prie Nepriklausomybės atstatymo, o ir dabar vėl neatsilieka tais reikalais iš naujo rūpintis, ypač per amerikiečių žymesnius veikėjus ir jų spaudą. Kuopos sekr. Jonas Puikūnas perskaitė ir paaiškino Vyčių vadovybės prisūstus raštus ir pageidaujantiems išdalino vyčių vadovybės raštus, atspausdintus su Vytim, vokams ženkliukus.

Toliau buvo aptariami Los Angeles Vyčių kuopos reikalai. Kuopos išdo sekr. Antanas Skirius savo pranešime paaiškino, kad šiom vyčių sendraugių ir jaunesnių vyčių kuopom narių padaugėjimui ir nuolatiniam papildymui reikia susirūpinti Vyčių prieaugliu, būtent, įtraukti į Vyčių veiklą ir studentus bei vyresnius moksleivius. Besirūpinanti vyčių paruošimu vicepirmininkė Adelė Petras paaiškino, kad Los Angeles lietuviai vyresnieji moksleiviai reiškiasi gabumais organizuoti vytiškai ir su vyresniųjų vyčių visokeriopa pagalba galėtų tapti veikliais nariais. Susirinkimas šiam reikalui pilnai pritarė.

Baigiant susirinkimą buvo pasveikinti vardinių ir gimtadienių proga seniorai vyčiai Jonas Činga ir Jonas Puikūnas, o taipgi sulaukę 75 metų deimantinio jubiliejaus Zuzana ir Stasys Tikniai ir Jonas Puikūnas.

Susirinkimas - iškyla baigta padėka minėtiems šeiminkams, taip nuoširdžiai lietuviškai vaišingai priėmusiems šią skaitlingą - 42 asmenų - vyčių iškylą. (P.)

YYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES



ILLINOIS - INDIANA DISTRICT

I-I DISTRICT

"Taitytė"

The lucky thirteen who attended the Philly Convention finally all returned home; Helen Pius took a little extended tour of her friends and relatives in Pennsylvania and Loretta Macekonis took a little longer tour - of Spain. John Evans held down the fort but when all the little leaders returned, John left for his own little tour - of Japan. One of these cold autumn evenings we'll have to have an "International" party to get some of the fun details. Cis Matul and Al Raubiskis are still recuperating because they had to squeeze all the action into a shorter time since they had to leave earlier.

Irene Rakaitis, Estelle Rogers and Dolores Wainauskis also had to double up on the fun to make up for their missing "Maffia" buddy Lorraine Wainauskis, who, by the way, will become Mrs. Frank Svelnis, Jr. come Thanksgiving weekend. Two others who had a special celebration that Convention weekend were Jerry Jesulaitis, with a Happy Birthday song to Jerry from the entire audience attending the

Saturday Night Ball and Mrs. Adele Gabaliauskas, with her Honorary Member Medal being presented to her, since travel had kept her from being able to receive it on previous occasions.

And, needless to say, the President himself couldn't have enjoyed the Convention more than Eleanore Laurin, Irene Sankus and Helen Zimmer, since they had his suite to entertain in, his beverage cupboard to guard from the souvenir hunters, his beds to sleep in, his "Hot Lines" and the jolly good company of old K of L friends. Leon Pauksta seemed to enjoy the various accommodations of the suite, which go along with "THE" Office, so much, that the District delegates deemed it only proper to accommodate Leon with the title "President", of the District, at the September meeting.

And what a K of L year we should have, with Leon Pauksta as President; John Evans, who did such an outstanding job during the past term, now as Board Chairman; Helen Pius as 1st Vice Pres. and Juniors Coordinator; Frank Zapolis, with some interesting and enthusiastic ideas on Membership, as 2nd Vice Pres.; Alex Budris, who is also Chairman and an invaluable member of the Building Management Trustees, as 3rd Vice Pres. and Seniors representative; Birutė Baskauskaitė, a bright,

young K of L'er as Secretary; Michael Lawrence, another interested newcomer, as Treasurer; Albina Gaides, always willing to help and willing to take another term as Board Secretary; ever reliable, Jerome Jankus and Napoleonas Sapkus as Sgts-at-Arms; Joseph Nausedas and Eleanore Laurin as Trustees and our very dear Father John Savukynas remaining with us as Spiritual Advisor. We wish to thank Father John for his constant interest and support not only during the past year, but also the many years he has been associated with the K of L. All the officers did such a splendid job last term, that those who are taking over some of the offices or continuing them should find their tasks easier for they will find something, not to overcome, but to build upon.



NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

NED FALL CONVENTION WJS

Waterbury's C-7 played host to the New England District Group of Councils on Sept. 28, 1968 at 8:00 P.M. in St. Joseph's Hall. The convention began with a social, welcoming approximately 170



Pictured at ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT BANQUET are C-112 members Prudencija Bičkienė and Estelle Rogers; C-36 members Stanley and Irene Balzekas; and K of L supporters Felix and Aldona Daukus of the Sophie Barcus Radio programs. (Photos - A. Raubiskis)

K of L Calendar

NOVEMBER

- 10 - IID, Chicago Seniors' MEMORIAL MASS, Our Lady of Vilna Church, Chicgo, Ill.
- 16 - RUTA ENSEMBLE CONCERT, Lithuanian Liberty Hall, Elizabeth, N.J.
- 17 - C-139 Detroit, ANNUAL FEATHER PARTY, Detroit, Mich.
- 30 - C-17 So. Boston, FALL DANCE, So. Boston Lithuanian Citizen's Club, So. Boston, Mass.

DECEMBER

- 14 - C-112 Chicago, ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY, K of L Hall, Chicago. Ill.
- 15 - C-36 Chicago, BOWLING SOCIAL, Archer-Kedzie Lanes, Chicago, Ill.

JANUARY 1969

- 12 - TELEVISION MASS sponsored by the NED, Cardinal Cushing TV Center, Boston, Mass.

ALL DISTRICT, COUNCILS and other LITHUANIAN ACTIVITIES will be announced in our K of L Calendar provided the events are called to the attention of the editor well in advance of the date.



NED LEADERS AT FALL CONVENTION. Father Albin Janiunas, C-17, So. Boston; John Alankas, Treas. C-7, Waterbury; Irene Adamaitis, C-116, So. Worcester; Albert Jaritis, NED Pres., and Father Albert Contons, newly-appointed spiritual advisor of the Supreme Council. (Photo - David Richard Marselinas)

guests from the various councils of New England. Featured were variety games, prizes, and refreshments. After the social several of the more durable knights retired to the K of L club rooms, which were just dressed with a new coat of paint.

Chairman of the social evening was Otto Shatas, assisted by Dr. William J. Shukaitis, Al Alankas, and Joseph Samoska, Jr.

On the following day, Sun., Sept. 29th, the members were brought together with registration at 2:00 P.M. Shortly after, the meeting began. Our pastor, the Reverend George Vilchauskas, along with the president of C-7, James Vilaitis, welcomed the delegates and wished them success at their meeting.

Albert Jaritis, president of NED, Irene Adomitis, 2nd V-P, gave her report along with treas. Benjamin Coach. Mary Jankowski provided us with a detailed report of the Philadelphia convention. Father Contons stressed the need for a greater spiritual effort and suggested that we invoke a discussion period in which the controversial religious topics can be discussed. Rita Pinkus of the Ritual committee spoke of the development of a youthful bowling league of her council which began with 4 members and is now 20. She suggested that other councils try the same. Longinas Svelnis, 3rd V-P of the Supreme Council

suggested that the New England district donate \$100 to the million dollar fund in memory of the late Dr. Leimonas. A letter was received from Father Jutt which emphasized the need for new members while Father Janiunas also spoke briefly on the lessening tendency for the people to take on greater responsibilities.

The meeting adjourned to attend the 5:00 P.M. mass at St. Joseph's Church. Upon returning from mass, the delegates were treated to a Lithuanian feast.

Piloting the Sunday afternoon activities was John Alankas along with Lillian Paulauskas and Nell Diggles, all of c-7. James Valaitis, in charge of the buffet supper, was aided by Ed White and Joseph Rushauskas, also of C-7. Professor Alexander Aleksis provided the musical entertainment with the singing of the "Vyčiu Hymn" and also the musical accompaniment at the mass.

After dinner the delegates elected their officers of the New England District. The meeting was adjourned by Father Contons.

NED CONVENTION

Susan K. Boroskas
At the NED Convention held recently in Waterbury, the following were elected as District officers: Pres. Albert Jaritis; 1st V-P. Joseph Sakaitis; 2nd V-P. Mary Min-

kus; 3rd V-P. Larry Svelnis; Rec. Secy. Irene Adamaitis; Corres. Secy. Susan K. Boroskas; Treas. Benedict Coach; Trustees Alphonse Barauskas and Leo Shakalis; Spiritual Advisor. Rev. Albin Janiunas; Ritual Rita Pinkus and Mary Jankowski; Sports Anna Bender and Helen Gillis; Lith. Afrs. Nellie Lapinskas and Ann Barauskas; Cultural Howie Beaudette and Valentine Bazilauskas.

The next District convention will be hosted by C-30 of Westfield.

NED CULTURAL PICNIC

In observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the restoration of Lithuania's independence, the NED K of L sponsored a cultural picnic at Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass. on Sun., Sept. 15th.

The picnic began at 12 noon with an outdoor Mass celebrated in Lithuanian by Father John C. Jutt, pastor of St. Casimir's parish in Worcester. Anthony Miner C-116 served as lector.

After the well-attended Mass, everyone moved into the Maironis Park building which is decorated in Lithuanian motif. There the guests found delicious Lithuanian and American food prepared by Foods' Chairman Ann Miller C-116, and her hard working committee. Ann's kitchen staff consisted of Marion Lucason C-116, Ann Markvenas C-116, Millie La-

pinkas C-116, Helen Daltwas C-116, Ruth Ciras C-116, Trudy Zibinskas C-116, Joan Treinas C-116, Dorothy Sinkavitch C-116, and Claire Grigaitis C-26.

The warm day produced a thirst for the liquid refreshments which were ably dispensed by Algis Glodas C-26 and his assistants Al Jaritis C-17, Leo Shakalis C-18, Larry Svelnis C-17, Jack Mattrick C-26, Stanley Grigas C-116, and Bill Wisnauskas C-10.

A fine cultural display of Lithuanian handicrafts arranged by Chairman Mary Jankowski C-26, Wanda Pajeda C-26, Dana Pauliukonis C-26, and Charles Grigaitis C-26, graced one wall of the dance hall. Next to it was a very elaborate Lithuanian Christmas table arranged by Susan Boraskas and several other C-1 members whose names are not available, complete with prepared foods and a Christmas tree. This "Kūčių" table attracted everyone's eye.

In order to provide an opportunity to obtain genuine Lithuanian amber and other articles, a sale of such articles was organized by Tony Miner C-116, and conducted by Mrs. Irene Adamaitis C-116, Stanley Grigas C-116, and Joan Adamaitis C-116 Juniors. A lively interest was shown in these articles, and many guests are now proud owners of imported Lithuanian items.

The raffle table under the chairmanship of Benedict Coach C-30 did a land office business. Selling raffle tickets for the main prize, a portable T.V., were Helen Gillus C-26 and Ann Bender C-26. Tickets for the lesser raffles were sold by three teams made up of Dana Pauliukonis C-26, Elaine Salkaus C-26, Edwina Ginkus C-26, Adele Degutis C-26, Lorraine Harris C-17, and Judy Dabreckas C-17.

When the hall was filled to overflowing in mid-afternoon, the cultural program began with a fine, concise talk presented by Father Albin Janiunas. Participating in the program were Marilyn Virbasius, the only Lithuanian folk singer in the area, the Worcester Lithuanian Scouts' Folk Dance Group, Ann Bender's C-26 sextet, and a new and popular Worcester sextet, the "Aidai". Master of Ceremonies was Tony Miner.

The "Cavaliers" provided music for dancing from five to nine.

The picnic was extremely well attended. The president of Maironis Park claimed that this picnic drew a record number of people. This is probably due to the fact that this was a novel type of picnic for the New England District.

As Picnic Chairman, I want to express my most sincere thanks for the unstinting work and cooperation shown by all the picnic workers. This was a perfect example of dedication to the K of L and also of what can be achieved by unified effort.

Thanks also to the people like Al Jaritis, Father Janiunas, Ann Miller, Algis Glodas, Stanley Grigas, and Charlie Lapinskas who contributed so much effort to the behind-the-scenes preparations.

Last, but certainly not least, thanks to Father Jutt, the C-26 sextet, the Lithuanian Scout Dancers, Marilyn Virbasius, and the "Aidai" who not only participated in the program, but also led the singing of Lithuanian hymns during Mass.

On behalf of the entire New England District and myself, thanks to each and everyone who in any way contributed to the success of the NED picnic. My humble apologies are extended to anyone whom I neglected to mention.

Vytiškai,
Anthony M. Miner
President C-116

ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS., C-10
Vincukas

Member of the Month - The Rev. Michael Tamulevicius, newly appointed pastor of Our Lady of Vilna, Worcester, was treated to a testimonial in honor of his silver jubilee in the priesthood. The event took place on June 25 in St. Francis parish, Athol.

Father Mike was born in Branford, Conn., son of the late William and Frances Tamulevicius. He was graduated from Marianapolis Preparatory School, and after two years of post graduate work there entered the Grand Seminary in Montreal. He earned his bachelor of sacred theology degree there in 1942 and was ordained by Bishop O'Leary in Springfield on June 19,

His first assignment was St. Francis in Athol. He later served at St. Casimir's and then was named administrator of Our Lady of Vilna Parish. He served as pastor of St. Francis from June

4, 1965 until June of this year. We all wish Father Mike many more years in the priesthood.

The May 6 issue of "Newsweek" showed a former Garnerite, Mrs. Lillian Genaitis Erickson of Arlington, Texas greeting former Gov. George Wallace at a Dallas rally boosting third party candidacy for president. Mrs. Erickson is secretary of the American party in Tarrant County and precinct chairman for some four thousand workers. The local "Gardner News" also carried the picture and write-up. She is the daughter of active K of L members Charles and Blanche Genaitis.

On Sun., Sept. 24 a large group of some two hundred and fifty friends gathered at Our Lady of Vilna Hall, Worcester to wish Father Albin Yankauskas well on the appointment of his first pastorate, St. Francis, Athol. Committee Chairman, Tony Minor did a fine job. The meal was fine and we also enjoyed some good entertainment.

The NED sponsored Fall Picnic at Maironis Park was a huge success. An afternoon of varied entertainment was enjoyed in many phases, plus a cultural display, fine food and dancing to the music of the Cavaliers rounded out the day. The day began with a Mass offered by Father John Jutt.

Howard Beaudette attended the National Convention in Philadelphia with his Worcester friends. He was also a delegate to the District Convention in Waterbury ...

SO. BOSTON, MASS., C-17
"Klystugnis"

With the summer season past, our council is having fall and winter get togethers once more. The gang has started the bowling season and all are invited to partake at the Broadway Recreation Alleys, West Broadway, So. Boston, on Thursday nights at 8:30 P.M. From the stork we have the following news: Joe and Paula (Antonelis) Casey are the proud parents of their third child, a son; Joe and Ruth Ann (Neveira) Nauyokas, a son Stephen Joseph; Pat Plansky's sister Eleanor, a daughter.

Bill and Joanne (Antonelis) Sweeny had plenty of visitors while they were living in Jamaica, West Indies. First visitor was mama Mrs. Ann Antonelis, and she was

given a grand tour of the island by her daughter and son-in-law. Then Butch and Madeline Venis detoured and spent a short time in the island. Then they made their way to California where they visited Madeline's brother, Tom, who has taken up residence in the Golden State.

We had a few of our council members who made their way to Europe and vice-versa. Jackie Burke and Carol Wisotsky made a short trip to the continent. Leo and Albina Rudziunas toured Spain, Portugal and North Africa. Claire Sawiski toured Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Germany. She paid our friend Ed Rudis a visit. Speaking of Ed Rudis, he came home for two weeks and saw his old friends and then made his way back to Germany. Ed's mother is in the hospital, but is on the road to recovery. John Daniels is also a world traveler. John is now in Germany. He said that he would pay Rudy a visit and then when he returns from Europe he is heading for Taiwan for a month.

Bob and Phyllis (Rudis) Gendreau and family spent their vacation in Vermont. Adam and Madeline Druzdis visited their daughter and new son-in-law, Paul Neveira, at their Washington D.C. home. Seen were John and Alice Olevitz and family along the boardwalk of Nantasket Beach, Hull, Mass. Adele Martus and her sister-in-law Mary Martus and

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 9 for info.)



daughter spent their vacation at Lake Middleton, New Hampshire and Ann Chaplik was there also. Pat Plansky visited sister Eleanor at her Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada home and then went down to visit relatives in California. Bill Zaremba is the proud owner of a new Fiat. Angie Yelmokas is out of the hospital and on the road to recovery. John and Betty Grigalunas spent some time in California and Las Vegas and Betty said she hit the jackpot, but not enough to retire. Leo Shakalis is also the new owner of a Buick. Jerry and Rita Venis and family toured Montreal and New Hampshire and Niagara Falls over four days, that was some driving and they were glad to get home.

Lorraine Harris and Julie Dabriskas had some misfortunes while visiting New York City. While the girls were sleeping, a sneak thief stole their valuables out of their hotel room. Bill Gorski achieved a dream of a lifetime, he bought his own horse. Florence Zaleskas

is the new owner of a Plymouth Fury. Speaking of cars, Ann Kleponis had an accident with hers.

Looking around you can see those four hockey buffs warming up their vocal cords to cheer the Boston Briuns on to victory. John Olevitz, Bob Gendreau, Jerry Venis and Al Jaritis are the fans and don't say anything about the Briuns that isn't flattering. We learned through the grapevine that Millie Vallis is also a season ticket holder.

The NED Cultural Picnic was a huge success. Our council had workers there and at the Sisters of Jesus Crucified picnic in Brockton. Florence Zaleskas was the lucky winner of the television set. Hospitalized at the present moment is Steve Mickevich who was the lucky winner of the television that was offered at the cultural picnic. Get better Steve, we miss your smile around the city.

In your prayers remember the mother of John Valatka and the brother of Father Al Abrichinskas of



NEW HONORARY MEMBER HONORED. Miss Marcella Andrikis, C-7 Waterbury, was honored Sun., Oct. 6th, at a surprise reception in the Hartin House to mark her elevation to Honorary Membership in the Knights of Lithuania. (Left photo) Mrs. Joseph Rutkauskas, arrangements comm. member; Rev. George J. Vilciauskas, pastor of St. Joseph's church, Waterbury; Miss Andrikis; Prof. A. J. Aleksis, composer of the K of L Anthem, who made the presentation of the medal on behalf of the Honorary Membership Committee; and Mrs. Bernice Ortlief, arrangements chairman. (Right photo) U.S. Rep. John S. Monagan, former recipient of the K of L Distinguished Service Gold Medal and author of House Resolution 415 on behalf of the Baltic States; Miss Andrikis; Mrs. Monagan; and Prof. A. J. Aleksis. (Photos - F. Vairo)

Norwood.

Bill and Joanne Sweeney are home from Jamaica and we hope to see you folks around again. Help your council by supporting all activities of your council and by attending the meetings and find out what is going on.

WORCESTER, MASS., C-26
"Dzūkelė"

Sincere thanks to C-3, Philadelphia, hosts to the 55th Knights of Lithuania Convention. It was a spirited, fruitful and happy event and we welcome this opportunity to list the names of the people in our Council who attended - all 26 of them - . Charles Grigaitis, one of our delegates, is to be commended on his excellent convention report. Attending the convention with Charles, were the following: Donna Jankowski (who won the K of L Scholarship and has begun her freshman year at Hahnemann Hospital), Helen Gillus, Anne Bucinkas, Rose Chestnut, Claire Grigaitis, Alena Pinkus, Janice Tagman, Carol Osper, Virginia Lileikis, Pauline Janusas, Frances Grigas, Valentine Baziliauskas, Paul Kuzmeskas, Carol and Bill Grigas, Edward Grigaitis, Joseph Drumstas, Edward Daniels, Al Grigonis, Joseph Pauliukonis, our Pastor, Father John C. Jutt, as well as the following three of whom we are extremely proud: Anne Bender, Mary Jankowski, and Joseph Sakaitis were awarded Honorary Memberships. True, the Knights of Lithuania have the finest people and these three are certainly among the "finest". Congratulations, warm and true!

Charles Tagman, Sr. has always made Catholic and Lithuanian action a big part of his life. Charlie is a 4th degree Knight and, in spite of all his activities, both in business and organizational works, has time for everyone, anytime. Can you blame us, then, for being proud that for the coming term, Charlie will be the only Lithuanian in the Massachusetts State Legislature? He was recently elected State Representative for Ward 4. We could add a lot more, but Charlie would only say, "go on, now". Congratulations and "Ilgiausią Metų, Kazimierai!"

Carol (Tagman) and Bill Grigas have a new baby daughter, Karen Denise, who has brought with

her much, much joy. She's a lovely little infant and all of us join in congratulating the happy parents. Lynne Marie Walinsky, Carol's Goddaughter, has a new baby brother, Mark Stephen. The happy parents are Eleanor (Anusauskas) and Stephen Walinsky, Jr. Congratulations! September was a happy month and the theme song should have been, "Everything's Coming Up Roses".

Rita Pinkus looks just wonderful, having undergone surgery recently at St. Vincent Hospital. Eddie Daniels has brought a new member to C-26. She's the former Dianne Beletsky of C-3. Dianne and Eddie were married in September in Philadelphia and now reside in Worcester. Best wishes to you both for life's best.

Bill Grigas and Ed Daniels are our starting committee for plans for the coming Variety Show. Mary Jankowski and Eddie Daniels are co-chairmen for the annual fall dance was held in Shrewsbury at Maironis Park on Oct. 26. Bill Grigas will announce shortly the date of our annual clambake. Elections of new officers is scheduled for October. A pilgrimage was held to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Holliston, Mass. on Oct. 20. Our new spiritual director is Father Justin Steponaitis. Father has a wonderful reputation for working with Lithuanian youth and we welcome him in the name of C-26 regulars, juniors, CYC and CCD. Thanks for accepting the appointment, Father! We are so pleased and happy to have you with us.

The NED Cultural Picnic was a beautiful event. We would like to



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT Donna Jankowski with her mother, Mary, and the selecting Scholarship Committee, Jay Paulukonis, Dr. Jack Stukas and Walter Svekla.

list those who participated in the program: A Sextet including Claire Grigaitis, Adele Degutis, Edwina Ginkus, Edward Grigaitis, Francis Degutis, and Joseph Sakaitis, sang several very lovely Lithuanian songs. They were accompanied and directed in her very, very able manner, by Anne Bender. Many other council members participated in various ways and another lovely event recorded for the Knights of Lithuania.

Bowling is now underway. Captains and team-mates will be listed in the next edition of the "Vy-tis". Heavy competition already!

Several of our Council members participated in the recent "Tautos Sventė" held at Maironis Park on Sept. 22. The invocation was given by our spiritual director, Father Steponaitis. Participating in this event were Valentine Bazliauskas, Dana Pauliukonis, Charles Grigaitis, Francis Glodas, and Olga Kersis.

How fortunate we are to have Dr. Jack Stukas lead our entire K of L organization. Congratulations, Dr. Stukas, on your election to the presidency of the K of L's Supreme Council.

WESTFIELD, MASS., C-30

Kukienė

C-30 is swinging from Summer to Fall with Anne Kylis and Mary Minkus distributing the holiday fruitcakes (already?) as our annual end-of-the-year fund raising project.

Our summer family picnic was held in July at Father Congamond and was a tremendous success with the oldsters' appetites almost as large as the kids. Plenty of swimming, boating and water-skiing was enjoyed by all. Helen Alexik and Cooky were in charge of arrangements with chefs Willie Alexik and C-30 President Benny Coach on the grill.

Congratulations to Cooky and Benny Coach, who were surprised with a real Lithuanian party in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary. Plenty of food including kielbasos and kopūstai, beverages and wonderful music. The highlight of the evening was a greeting and some good stories told by Fr. Vincent Puidokas who joined Cooky and Benny as the guest of honor table just as he did 25 years ago after uniting them in Holy Matrimony. Also, congratula-

tions and very best wishes to Flo and Al Cilcius in their new home. Glad to have you come in from way out in the country to our big city.

All of us are glad to hear that Louise Renaud is coming along well after surgery. Wilfred found out that keeping house for three young daughters was more complicated than winning all those pistol meet medals he keeps bringing home. All would-be criminals beware of Westfield's crackshot policemen - Wilfred Renaud and Benny Coach.

Jim and Marcia Rogers and family had another wonderful vacation in Florida. All the rest of us will surely enjoy the trip viewing the pictures and slides this winter over hot coffee during our K of L Meeting social time.

SO. WORCESTER, MASS., C-116 Ramblina

C-116 had three members attending the national convention in Philadelphia, Anna Miller, Barbara Mazeika, and Dorothy Sinkavich. For Anna Miller, it was probably the most memorable convention she has ever attended, for she was awarded her Fourth Degree. We are all proud and happy for Anna, for she is one of our hardest workers and certainly richly deserved this high honor. She brought back word that one of our Juniors, Miss Joan Adamaitis, a 12-year old miss who has served as Secretary - Treasurer of C-116's Juniors, was announced as the winner of the \$50.00 bond in the Junior Essay Contest sponsored nationally by the K of L. This was happy news for Joan and C-116.

September was an especially busy month for us. We played a prominent part in staging the very successful NED Cultural Picnic. Our own president, Tony Miner, served as chairman of this commemorative affair to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the restoration of Lithuania's Independence. Tony spent a great deal of time and effort and with the help and cooperation of many others, we can boast that it was probably the greatest event that ever took place at Maironis Park. The weather was perfect and there were people from all over New England. It was a day in the best K of L tradition, spiritually, socially, and culturally - and we

also made money for the NED, too!

The testimonial banquet for the Rev. Albin Yankauskas was held on the following Sunday, Sept. 22. He had been recently appointed to his first pastorate in Athol and had been at Our Lady of Vilna for 10 years, serving as spiritual adviser to C-116, all that time, so the Council had initiated plans for this testimonial to take place in the church hall. Almost 300 people attended this very successful affair - everyone wanted to show their affection for Father Yankauskas. The food was delicious and there was plenty of it - roast beef and kielbasi. The tables were decorated beautifully with Fall flowers and there were people present from all over New England - all friends of Father Al. About seventeen Clergy were in attendance with Father John Jutt as M. C. The "Aidai" sextet entertained with a variety of Lithuanian songs and proved to be very popular with the audience. Tony Miner again served as general chairman - he's getting so expert at handling all these affairs, for they all turn out so well. He also presented Father Al with a purse from the K of L, as well as the proceeds from the banquet. Ann Markvenas and Miss Irene Adamaitis sold tickets after Sunday Masses - Irene also made up all the publicity posters for the occasion. Mrs. John Adamaitis and Anna Miller served as hostesses during the banquet.

Without even having time to catch their breaths, on the following Wednesday night, Sept. 25, Tony Miner, Anna Miller, and Mrs. John Adamaitis, together with Mary Mrozinski, represented C-116 in front of City Hall when the Worcester Area Council of Lithuanian Organizations presented a Youth Festival. There were Lithuanian folk songs and dances and displays of Lithuanian articles and literature. The people of Worcester were enchanted with the program and displays, which were put on with the cooperation of the Worcester Parks and recreation Department under the direction of Edward Struckus, who is of our own Lithuanian descent - we're proud of him. We all had a good time afterwards at Maironis Park.

A few days later, on Sun., Sept. 29, Anna Miller and Mrs. John Adamaitis were off and running again.



CONVENTION PRESIDUM
CHAIRMAN Larry Janonis with
wife, Jeanne, all set to swing
into the polka.

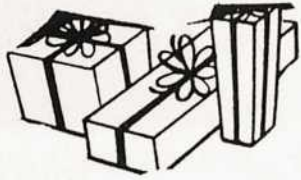


At the CONVENTION'S INAUGUR-
AL BALL, V-P Stanley Vaitkus
starts his new year in office in
perfect step with the new record-
ing secretary, Nancy Kober.

This time to represent 116 at the NED Convention in Waterbury, Conn. Marion Lucason was the very capable driver and Millie Lapinskas, was the front-seat navigator. We had a great time navigating the highways and by-ways of Connecticut. Anna Miller, the newest fourth degree member in the group set a course for Waterbury by way of Philly, for she had such fond memories of that national convention. It was a hilarious trip and we discovered a brand new route to Waterbury. It was a very enjoyable day and a wonderful convention - Waterbury did itself proud. Mrs. John Adamaitis was reelected recording secretary of the District and Mrs. Millie Lapinskas was appointed District Chairman for the Lithuanian Affairs Committee - she has done



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outstanding work in this field in the past and we know this job is in capable hands. Anna Miller served on the Mandate and Resolutions Committee. The supper was delicious and then we had more welcomes staged for us in the K of L clubrooms - they have a building all to themselves and we were very much impressed with Waterbury.

MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

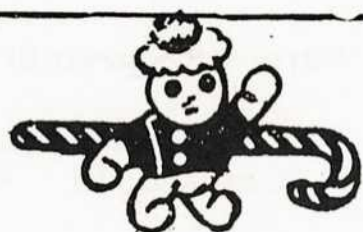


DETROIT, MICH., C-79 Soffi

With the month of September the wheels began to turn toward the opening of meetings - card parties - social hours - and this year a New Church Committee activity for the continuation of Divine Providence parish due to the new expressway coming through the area. A committee of ten parish members was formulated. Five members were chosen to meet with Archbishop John Dearden, and those who met with him this summer under the chairmanship of Tony Dainus were Jos. Chaps, Ralph Valatka, Frank Zager and Mrs. E. Paurazas (subbing for Dr. A. Damušis who was vacationing in Calif.). The committee was told that the parish will be put on a probationary period for one year pending the support of Lithuanian parishioners. A full-scale parish membership drive is on with a Lithuanian Mass, Sundays, at 10:00 A.M. The committee members are in a process with Father Kundrat's assistance in hunting for a Lithuanian assistant priest. Sounds like a busy year for our parish.

Seventy-niners have received books of tickets for our Annual Christmas Cheer Raffle. We need the full support of each and every member. Don't leave it up to the next guy. So we sincerely ask for your cooperation with our chair-lady Mrs. Elizabeth Paurazas and her co-chairman, Joe Chaps, in making this Fall Raffle a huge success.

The K of L National Convention in Philadelphia is now passe; but our delegates Frank and Sophie Zager, officially sanctioned the 55th assemblage a success in their



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report before the first fall meeting on Sept. 4. The sessions were interesting; even the debates were beneficial. Awards Luncheon was a high point of convention's Saturday afternoon and high spirits, too (not THAT kind) when two of our members - Jos. Chaps and Ed Sackle received membership awards.

The delegates were always kept on the go. A most responsive gathering for commemorative services of the 50th anniversary of the Republic of Lithuania before the Liberty Bell at Independence Hall on Sunday was most impressive. It was a terribly hot day with the Temp. hovering at 96 degrees. But there were compensations when the guests and members finally assembled in the cool ballroom, Sunday evening, for the Farewell Banquet and took the "weight off" their feet for an hour or so. And it all ended much too soon!

Soffi Snooping - More and more of our '79ers are moving to the suburbs. Bertha and Frank Janus are among our latest members who have settled in the house they built in Novi after moving from their former home on Mendota ... We don't have Fran and Joe Brown's new address but when we do, we'll let you know ... Among our stay-a-way people who attended our Oct. meeting were Bill Adams, A. and B. Vitchus, B. and F. Petroski and Cel Yunck. It was nice seeing you all... A couple of months ago, Susan Waszkiewicz was injured in a motorcycle accident and returned to the hospital for a series of skin grafts and to have her leg reset. We hope that she will hurry up and get well... We are delighted to see Mrs. Mary Yekulis on her feet after being stricken with a heart seizure in August... There were two K of L

weddings in September. First, the Leonard Vitchus and Pat Connor wedding on Sept. 20. And, wouldn't you guess - parents, Bernie and Adeline made the five-tier wedding cake. Then, for all the glitter and glamour of a beautiful fall day on Sept. 24, a number of K of L members and many guests gathered for the reception of Joan Zilvitis and Victor Lutzky ... An "Annie Oakley" family picnic of C-79 was held Sept. 14, at Lola Valley park. As a result of the horse shoe tournament held there, Emil Byville emerged as victor for the second year and Jos. Tollus was the runner-up. Congratulations to both men... Many thanks to our monthly hostesses: "Bingo" Stanulis - Sept: Helen Patocki and Helen Gillis - Oct; and Adeline Vitchus and Cel Yunck - November.

Your Lithuanian Affairs chairman, Sophie Zager, expresses her thanks to Joe Chaps and Stella Hotra for their assistance in selling Lithuanian Stickers. Fifty sheets were sold. And to the many members who bought them - Ačiū labai!

DETROIT, MICH., C-139 Ann

The members of our Council, together with many of our K of L friends in Detroit, wish to extend their sincere "Get Well" wishes to our Spiritual Advisor Rev. Victor Krisciunevicius. Father has undergone two operations this summer and is still not very well. We hope the good Lord will grant him full recovery soon as his work with us and his interest in the K of L is greatly appreciated.

Our first meeting of the Fall Season was held Sunday, Sept. 22, and if first meetings are any indication, our Council should have a very successful season. The attendance and enthusiasm were terrific. This was a combined Pot Luck Dinner and Birthday Party honoring Fr. Kris., with Fr. J. Walter Stanievich as our guest. Along with partying, the members got down to business and plans were laid for the coming months. A gala Halloween Party was scheduled for October at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Podolski. A Christmas Party in December is to be hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kurtinaitis. Plans were completed for our Annual Feather Party, Sunday, Nov. 17. It was



C-79 HORSESHOE PITCHING CHAMP Emil Byville, left, receives congratulations from Lee Galinskas, center, Past Pres., C-79, as Frank Zager, current Pres. looks on. 'By' is some pitcher and had to beat a load of great talent in the council!

nice to have our President, Ann Sirvydas, back presiding over the meeting after her serious illness.

Dan Cupid was a busy little man in our Council this summer. Our sincere good wishes go out to Ed. Waitkus and his beautiful bride who had a lovely wedding in July. Also to Barbara Kurpowic who on graduating from college in June became a charming bride in July. Ed is now working in New York and we are sorry to hear is very ill. Our prayers and best wishes to you Ed for a speedy recovery.

Along with Cupid, the stork was a busy little fellow also. Congratulations to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Podolski, Jr. who became proud parents of a baby boy. Also to Catherine and Joseph Kurpowic, Stella and Charles Podolski, and Mary and Ed. Waitkus who became new grandparents this summer.

September 1, Betty and Stanley Wesley celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a special Anniversary Mass. Many of their out-of-town relatives surprised them by arriving en masse at the Church and to spend the day wishing them well. Stan is now retired and keeping busy working for the Church and trying to line up some World Series tickets. Helen and Al Gadwell also celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in September. Our best wishes to both couples for many more years of health and happiness.

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