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MINTYS VYČIAMŠ

Dr. P. Kisielius

Vyčių globėjas šv. Kazimieras yra gimęs iš garsiausios ir Lietuvos šviesiausios mūsų kunigaikščių dinastijos, kurios prosenelis Algirdas buvo dar stabmeldys ir pagal to meto papročius, jam mirus, buvo sudegintas ant laužo drauge su medžioklės šunimis ir karo žirgais. Gi jo senelis didysis kunigaikštis Jogaila, pradžioje taip pat stabmeldys, vėliau priėmė krikštą iš Katalikų Bažnyčios, pakrikštijo lietuvių tautą, pritarus jo pusbroliui Vytautui Didžiajam Jogaila tapo Lietuvos-Lenkijos karaliumi.

Šv. Kazimieras gimė 1458 metų spalio 3 d. Krokuvoje, tuometinėje Lenkijoje, nors lenkų tautos kraujo jame nebuvo nei lašo. Jo tėvas - Lietuvos ir Lenkijos karalius Kazimieras, Jogailos sūnus, jo motina - karalienė Elzbieta, Austrijos imperatoriaus Albrechto duktė.

ŠVENTOJO KELIAS

Būsimas šventasis gimė apdovanotas gausiais talentais: gražiausiu charakteriu, švelnumu, gražia išvaizda. Buvo retų gabumų moksle jaunikaitis. Turėjo nepaprastą iškalbą ir išmintį, kalbomis, buvo jautrus vargstantiems, nepaparasto pamaldumo, skaistus ir šventas. Dėl savo gabumų tėvo karaliaus buvo ruošiamas sosto įpėdiniu ir vos 13 metų tebebūdamas jau siunčiamas su didele kariuomene į Vengriją. Vėliau porą metų labai rūpestingai ir labai tvarkė Lenkijos reikalus, jo tėvui esant Lietuvoje. Tačiau jaunąjį karalaitį viliojo ne vienos iš stipriausių to meto pasaulio valstybių, Lietuvos-Lenkijos karūna, bet malda, asketiz-



Šv. Kazimieras – Adomas Varnas

mas, skaistybė, vargšų globa, nuolankumas. Stoka poilsio, alkini-masis buvo priežastimi jo dži-ovos ir ankstyvos mirties 1484 metais.

Daug būtų galima suminėti šio jauno karalaitės gerų darbų ir šventumo pasireiškimų, kurie yra būdingi visiems šventiesiems. Šv. Kazimierui būdingiausia yra tai, kad jis sužibėjo istorine misija ne tik lietuvių tautai ir vakarų kultūrai, bet ir visai Bažnyčiai. Gyvendamas Vilniuje jis giliai suvokė, kad Lietuva yra kraštas, kur tuo metu susidūrė katalikybė su pravoslavija, slavų kalbos su lietuvių kalba, lietuvių tauta su gudų-rusų tautomis. Jis aiškiai matė, kad jo misija yra sustabdyti rusiškosios kultūros veržimąsi į Lietuvą ir kovą pravoslavijos su katalikybe konfrontacijoje laimėti katalikybės naudai. Tuometiniame Vilniuje stačiatikių įtaka buvo labai ryški,

ir vakarų krikščionybė čia dar nebuvo stipri.

ŠV. KAZIMIERAS IR LIETUVA

Toji kovatebevyksta ir šių dienų Vilniuje. Vadinas, ji nenutrūko per 500 metų. Šv. Kazimieras jai vadovavo remdamas vienuolių bernardinų misijas rytų Lietuvoje, pristatydamas cerkvių statymą, organizuodamas pastangas gilesniam katalikybės supratimui. Ano metu lietuvių tautai jis tapo ryškiu simboliu pasipriešinimo rusiškai ekspansijai. Nepaprastai gilų lietuvių tautos pasitikėjimą savo šventuoju parodo ir 1518 metų Dauguvos mūšio legenda, kur šv. Kazimieras ant balto žirgo pasirodęs lietuvių pulkam, ir šito regėjimo įkvėpti jie sumušę daug didesnę rusų kariuomenę. Idomus ir ano meto faktas, kad šv. Kazimieras pasipriešino

Maskvos įtakos kilimui, prikaldamas Šv. Tėvą nepripažinti Maskvos kunigaikščiui Jonui caro titulo. Ir suprantama, kodėl nepriklausomoje Lietuvoje šv. Kazimiero vardu puošėsi tiek daug bažnyčių, draugijų, organizacijų. Ir čia, JAV-se lietuvių statytojai pirmoji bažnyčia buvo šv. Kazimiero (Shenandoah, Pa.) Šv. Kazimiero vardo bažnyčių bei koplyčių Amerikoje dabar turime apie 20. Ir pati pirmoji lietuvių seserų kongregacija buvo pavadinta šv. Kazimiero vardu. Chicagoje buvo įkurta Šv. Kazimiero akademija. Atsirado lietuvių marijonų šv. Kazimiero provincija Amerikoje. Kenebunkporte įsikūrė lietuvių pranciškonų šv. Kazimiero provincijos centras. Romoje yra Šv. Kazimiero lietuvių kolegija su šv. Kazimiero koplyčia. Tuo gi tarpu rusai verčia jo garbei pastatytus paminklus, uždaro jo vardo bažnyčias.



DIDINGA VYČIŲ ORGANIZACIJA

Garbingoji ir veikloji Lietuvos vyčių organizacija šį lietuvių šventąjį pasirinko savo globėju jau 1913 metais, kai buvo pašaukta į lietuvišką gyvenimą. Tenka su didžiausiu malonumu ir pagarba stebėtis, kiek daug ši Amerikos lietuvių katalikų organizacija yra atlikusi lietuvių tautai, kokią gražią veiklą yra įrašiusi į savo istoriją. 1913 metais vyčiai turėjo apie 130 kuopų, apie 4000 narių. Pirmame savo gyvavimo dešimtmetyje jie daug jėgų skyrė atsikuriant čios Lietuvos laisvės reikalams: Tautos fondui, Lietuvių tautos tarybai, siuntė aukas Lietuvos šaukliams, moksleiviams. Lietuvai laisvės netekus, rašo laiškus laikraščių redaktoriams, senatoriams, vyriausybės kabineto nariams, politikams. Kasmet jie parašo apie 50.000-60.000 laiškų. Lietuvos laisvinimo rezoliucija, pravesta kongrese ir senate, didžiausia dalimi buvo taip pat Lietuvos vyčių nuopelnas.

NAUJIEJI ATEIVIAI IR VYČIAI

Lietuvos vyčių darbo talkininkais galėtų būti naujieji ateiviai bei jų vaikai. Kai naujieji emigrantai lietuviai pasirodė čia prieš 20 metų, nepažino jie šio krašto salvgu. nebuvo praktiški, kai kurie buvo linkę į nesveiką kritiką, kuri dažnai buvo neteisingai skaudi čionykščiams lietuviams. Per 20 metų jie suprato ir susiprato, ir dabar nepaprastai vertina visų šio krašto lietuvių lietuvišką veiklą, o ypatingai Lietuvos vyčių veiklą. Atseit, mes esame labai suartėję ir ateityje lietuvišką darbą turėtume sugebėti dirbti drauge, koordinuotai.

Vyčiams linkiu tęsti jų pirmtakų šaunaus darbo tradicijas, gi jų talkininkais, jei nesugebėsime būti mes, tai mūsų vaikai tikrai turėtų ateiti jiems į pagalbą. Dirbkime visi Lietuvos šventojo pradėtąjį darbą, o jis mums padės iš aukštybių. Nes jis, nors ir auklėtas svetur, mirė Gardine, taigi savo kelią į šventumą užbaigė Lietuvoje.

(DRAUGAS)



Sv. Kazimieras
V. Stančikaitės - Abraitienės pav.

PRAYER TO ST. CASIMIR

Saint Casimir, Patron of Mary's land,
who did honor the Blessed Virgin with hymns;
who, while kneeling at night
at the door of the church,
did pray for her aid;
you loved purity so dearly
that for it you even forsook
all earthly comforts and honor.
Our holy Patron, obtain for our land
the flowers of purity
that by their sweet smell
they may draw us to your ways.
Saint Casimir, unwilling to leave your land,
yet, when it was in danger,
you aided our armies.
With aching hearts, we beg you -
help our fatherland to rise to noble life.
help us to return without delay to our land
consecrated by the blood of martyrs,
by innocent tears
and boundless anguish. Amen.

ADOMAS VARNAS

Lithuanian Art Patriarch

By Marci Greenwald, (Chicago Tribune)

In a modest southside home, a man who 15 years ago was acclaimed by the Lithuanian press as the country's art patriarch lives in virtual obscurity.

For the last 20 years, Adomas Varnas, and his wife Maria have been in a self-imposed exile, having fled their native country in fear of government retaliation for their revolutionary political views.

Today, at 90, all that remains of Varnas' once-illustrious life are several scrapbooks containing photographs of some 1,200 works he had to leave behind.

Novel Life

His story reads like a page out of an historical novel. Born in Joniskiai, near the Baltic sea and what now is Riga Latvia, Varnas was the first son of Catholic land-owner parents.

Alexander III, one of a line of Russian czars, was in power when Varnas came on the scene.

"Altho there was religious freedom there between 1863 and 1884, I recall harsh punishments for people trying to smuggle in books in Lithuanian," he said. "There was no printing allowed then because of a government effort to install Russian as the official language."

Enters Seminary

After completing five years of high school, Varnas entered a seminary to "find peace and con-

"I would sign up on the sick list and rest all day so I could stay up and draw all night," he recalled. After three years, the young man discovered that "there was as much restriction there as there was in life outside," so with 400 rubles in his pocket he fled to St. Petersburg (now Leningrad) to spare himself from family disfavor.

Joins "Freedom Fighters"

As an art student and later a teacher there, his political affiliations were formed with the country's "freedom fighters." Again he was forced to evade execution or imprisonment by fleeing, when he was discovered in an anti-government meeting by the military police.

On the way to Krakow, Austria, a small diversion altered the course of his life.

"I got off the train to visit a village where I wanted to see a museum," he recalled. "I was mistaken for one of the many attempting to join the great exodus to America, and was sent back to Lithuania."

Travels in Disguise

After yet another narrow escape, Varnas resumed his travels incognito by shaving off his moustache, and borrowing vestments from a friendly priest.

"To avoid suspicion, I told everyone I was on my way to a spa for health reasons," he said.

mentment." He explained that many boys were forced into religious life by their families, but that he went "of my own free will." It was at this point that the artist in his soul began to emerge, and was constantly suppressed by a law forbidding side interests.

Lists Works

In 1917 he returned to his now free native country, with a reputation as a fine portrait painter. In 1919 he married a girl he had met 27 years before. They are observing their 50th anniversary this year.

In the interium, until he left Lithuania, Varnas designed a series of government currency and several stamps, handcarved 2,300 wayside crosses, and turned out numerous graphics and 1,200 paintings.

He said that his most famous work is an immense painting depicting the crowning of a 13th century monarch, Mindaugas.

For the first five years of their life here, Mrs. Varnas, formerly a teacher, who has studied in France and Germany worked in a factory.

She Teaches Deaf

"Our first home was a two-room flat where six people slept in one room," he said.

Eventually, Mrs. Varnas began teaching deaf children in their present home. Four years ago, she formed a corporation which subsidized a \$70,000 Montessori school at 3038 59th st. Four other Chicago area institutions of this type were started by her proteges.

Altho still active, spry, and alert, Varnas leads a quiet life, inhibited, he explained, by his inability to speak English, altho he is fluent in seven other languages. A large second-story room is his private domain, a studio where he works mostly on portraits.

The only scar on what he calls "an optimism that never fails," is his pining for his homeland.

"I would go back in a moment - if I could," he said.

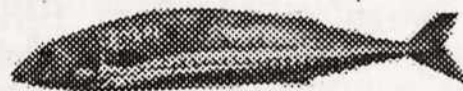


How To Grow Slim

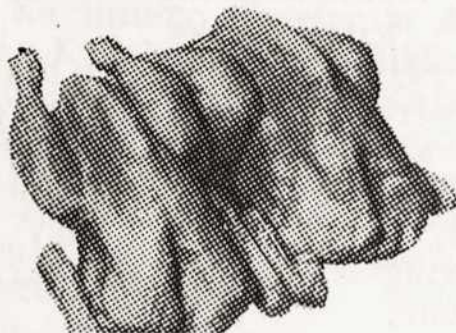
By Tony Yuknis



VEGETABLES - LEAN MEATS - FRUITS -



DO'S



LETTUCE - FRIED FISH - CELERY

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- SKIM MILK - COTTAGE CHEESE - EGGS -

If a person stays slim he or she is much less likely to get hardening of the arteries (atherosclerosis), diabetes, kidney disease, heart disease, cancer or other ailments. Dr. Seymour Dayton, professor of medicine at U.C.L.A., after conducting tests involving over 800 persons over the age of 40, stated, "There is reason to believe that people are better off having diets that are meager in saturated (solid, animal) fats and cholesterol". The latter is the substance (fats) that builds up on the arterial walls choking the flow of blood. A complete stoppage (clot) results in a stroke or a coronary heart attack.

High cholesterol dairy products are whole milk, cream, butter, ice cream, and creamed soups. Included are ham, pork, lard, hot dogs, hamburgers, pork sausage, shortening and gravy.

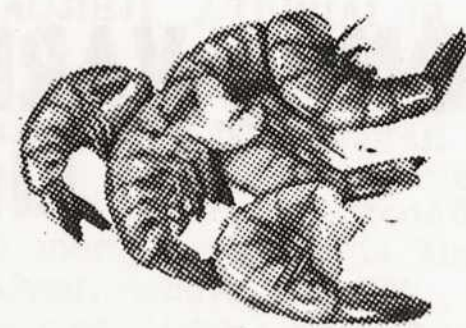
Dr. John Yudkin, professor of nutrition at Queen Elizabeth College, stated that his recent research with mice and 19 human volunteers proved that the high consumption of sugar caused weight increases, raised the insulin blood levels and blood platelet's stickiness, all of which lead to heart disease.

Therefore the weight reducer would be wise to reduce his intake of sugar or sugared foods like cakes, sweet rolls, cookies, pastries, candy, jam, jelly, pies,

breakfast cereals and alcoholic beverages. An exception is the natural, nutritious wheat germ cereal and whole wheat products. Wheat germ granules contain the vital vitamin B complex and E. The latter is a natural anti-coagulant for the blood and an antioxidant.

That bread is fattening isn't the worst aspect of it all. The commercial white bread is so devoid of nutrition that mice living on it for 90 days starved to death. So reports Dr. Roger J. Williams, University of Texas biochemist and nutritionist. Meanwhile, 64 mice living on white bread fortified with vitamin E mostly survived. Just for fun try to locate a white bread that was "enriched" with vitamin E. It was milled out originally because vitamin E spoils without refrigeration. White bread has a longer shelf life for that reason. Eat only whole grain bread, limiting yourself to one slice per meal.

The Nutrition Review (April, 1967) reveals the loss of the important vitamin B complex in the milling of Flour. Lost are biotin, inositol, pantothenic acid, aminobenzoic acid and some folic acid. The wheat germ is discarded or is sold separately in the super markets and health food stores. Most people pass up God's own highly nutritious, natural food for Cracky Wackies, Flaky Wakies and other sugared, manufactured products. After all, they get prizes for the kids for a box top, being brainwashed by the TV commercials that the sports champions eat them. Malarky. They have sold themselves for a price. People eat French bread, Italian bread, rolls and buns because everybody else is eating them in the restaurants. Why they even serve this plain starch, empty calories, in hospitals. It is sad to say that Lou Gehrig died in a hospital of lateral sclerosis (degeneration of the nervous system) due to a deficiency of vitamins B 12 and E.



Yes, white bread is sometimes "enriched" with usually four vitamins. But what have they taken out of it? Milling removes 40% of the chromium, 86% of the manganese, 89% of the cobalt, 68% of the copper, 78% of the Zinc and 48% of molybdenum and most of vitamin E. So white bread can be mostly starch that is converted into fat-causing sugars in your system.

Refined sugar can very well mean that almost all of the nutrition is refined out. When the nutritious brown molasses were refined from the sugar cane all the vitamins and minerals went with it. Blackstrap molasses contains iron, calcium, phosphorus, sodium, potassium and traces of vitamin B. Four tablespoons of molasses meets the minimum daily requirement of iron for anemic persons. But people were brainwashed into believing that sugar and candy were good for them. Honey and molasses are sources of longer lasting energy because they have food value. The reducer must limit his use of these energizers, though.

Nutritionist Lelord Kordell recommends that you supply the body's requirements for sugar by daily eating fresh fruits or drinking their unsweetened juices. He contends that the natural sugars are all that you need and that they are best for you. Buy the un-

BUTTER - LARD - FATS - SAUSAGE -

SWEET ROLLS - CAKES - COOKIES - SUGAR



DON'TS



JELLIES - JAMS - PIES - ICE CREAM -

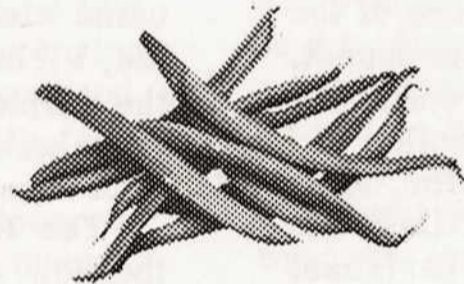
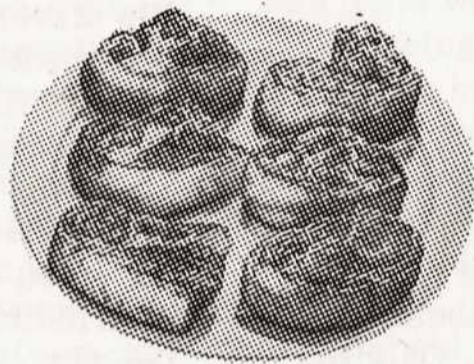
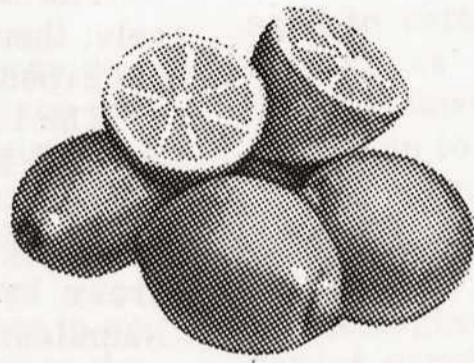
PASTRIES - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

sweetened or packed in water type. Get into the habit of reading the label on what you are going to buy and eat.

A large vegetable salad topped with yogurt, or a large bowl of soup before meals will cut the appetite. Though no between meals snacks are permitted, Kordell suggests using carrot sticks, celery, cucumbers, radishes or other vegetables snacks if one gets impatient before meals.

For dessert you may try yogurt with a sprinkling of prunes or raisins. Raisins, bananas, figs and dates are high in carbohydrates and are on the limited list. Nutritionists hold yogurt up high on their list of best food along with cottage cheese. They build body health instead of fat. Since yogurt is made from fermented skim milk it is low in butterfat, is easily digested, destroys harmful internal bacteria and manufactures vitamin B. It was handed down from biblical times. You can cut down your calorie intake by one-third by using yogurt instead of sour cream on your food.

Cottage cheese is high in protein, calcium and other nutrients minus the fats. Kordell suggests a snack (if you had a previous



light meal) of meat or cottage cheese on a leaf of lettuce or cabbage, omitting the bread.

Whole milk is only for babies, nutritionists assert, because of its high fat contents. They favor the use of skim milk, or make your own with nonfat dry milk powder. The latter will save you one half on your milk bill.

Fruits contain the vitamins and minerals which create the enzymes needed to burn up fat. Fresh fruits are the best when in season. Otherwise use their juices regularly. Scrub off the DDT with a brush under running water if you use fresh fruits and vegetables.

Besides watching your diet it is important that a person get some sort of exercise to burn up some unwanted fat. You may achieve this shoveling snow, mopping the floors, walking the dog around the block or washing your car.

By eating only highly nutritious foods you will make it easier on your system and may reduce the number of colds you have, but if you eat junk foods you will tax your system with poisons and will become so lethargic that you will have to muster all your strength to turn on your TV set.

Be mūsų tautiečių - gyvenančių Amerikoje, pagalbos 1918-20 m. atgimstančiai Lietuvai kaip piniginės rinkliavos paskolos bonų platinimai bei jaunų vyrų verbavimas savanoriais į Lietuvos atkurtą kariuomenę daug kuo padėjo ir JAV valdžia. Ji 1918 m. kovo mėn. 15 d. atsiuntė Maisto Komisiją, su tikslu ištirti ir sužinoti, ko Lietuvai trūksta.

Sia komisiją tada ištiko nemalonūs smūgis. Ją apgyvendintą Metropolio viešbutyje saugojo jaunas savanoris Eimutis, kurį vokiečiai nušovė.

Tų pačių metų gegužės 13 d. atvyko kita JAV misija, vadovaujama E. J. Dowley. Jos uždavinys buvo teikti pagalbą maistu ir ūkiniais patarimais.

Pirmoji misija Lietuvos kariuomenei yra daug padėjusi maistu, gi antrosios patarimu, Lietuva gavo 6 milijonų dolerių vertės iš JAV Europon atgabento tur-

KUO AMERIKA PADEJO LIETUVAI?

Pov. Dirkis

to. Mat, I p. karui pasibaigus liko daug nesunaudoto maisto, aprangos, avalynės ir amunicijos. Misijos sprendimu dar turtas buvo atiduotas pigiausiomis kainomis ir išsimokėtinai. Kalbamas turtas buvo atgabentas 1920 m. į Liepojos uostą laivais, iš kur šių eilučių autoriui, to meto Kauno Karo Komendantūros karininkui, teko garbė traukiniais pervežti į Lietuvą, į Kauną.

Beto, prie šios pagalbos prisidėjo ir Prancūzija su Anglija.

Tačiau negana to, daug prisidėjo ir JAV Raudonasis Kryžius, vadovaujamas dr. Ryan. Ivairių medikamentų ir vaistų Lietuva gavo už 156,190.99 doleriu. Cia išvardytų ano meto geradarių jau nebėra gyvųjų tarpe. Dr. Ryan Lietuvos vyriausybė, už jo nuopelnus Lietuvai, apdovanojo Vyčio Kryžiumi ir pavadino vieną ligoninę jo vardu.



The Tale of the Chirruping Sparrow

BY A. VAICIULAITIS

Deep in the shelter of the trees, close to the Green Forest, stood a small wooden church. No one recalled the time when Mass was said there, or remembered the playing of the organ or the singing of hymns. Only the owls hooted in its loft and the squirrels cracked nuts perching on the shingles of the roof.

Each evening a starling alighted on the cross of the tower and sat there whistling his song to the sunset.

No doubt in time the church would have collapsed altogether, gnawed at as it was by the bark-beetles and the wood-worms, had it not been for our pastor, Most Reverend Bishop Antanas who stopped at the village one summer day, as we was visiting the various parishes.

In his honor the inhabitants of the Green Forest erected a gate garlanded with wreaths and adorned with birch branches.

From his seat in the shadow of the maples, the Bishop proceeded to bless the men, the women and the children, whose mothers the night before had taken them to the river Seimena for a good scrubbing, just as if they were little lambs.

Then up hobbled Motiejus Kvarbošius. He was an old man, lame in his left leg, and he lived in a hut at the end of the village.

The Bishop gazed at him and grew thoughtful.

"And are you still able to attend church, my son?" he asked him after a pause.

But as the old man did not reply and only looked fixedly at the Bishop's ring, village elder Pijus Labutis began to elbow his way through the crowd. He was a person of some education and thought himself well able to converse with his elders and betters.

"Your Excellency, I should like to observe," he started to speak in a polite voice, "that it takes me, a man of strong constitution no less than one-and-a-half hours to reach the churches in Vilkaviškis or in Naumiestis - to say nothing of a man who is lame in one leg and well advanced in years."

But before he had time to finish, a strange noise broke out from the direction of the church, distracting the people's attention. There, on the roof two squirrels were quarreling, shrieking and chasing one another about.

The Bishop also turned to look at the warring squirrels; then he let his gaze wander over the elfry and the old crosses in the cemetery, and he smiled.

The faithful smiled too.

And he said: "Aha!" - loudly, as if to himself.

When he had said that, he rose, blessed the small gathering once more, climbed into his coach which was drawn by the two dappled greys, and set off at once for Naumiestis, whose white churchtowers could be glimpsed through the pine trees of the forest.

The countryfolk tried hard to guess the meaning of His Excellency's "aha" as they walked home through the borders of the wheat and oat fields. But it was not for the likes of them to fathom the secret thoughts of the Bishop.

In the evening, however, several village men who were cleverer and perhaps more curious than the others called on their elder Pijus Labutis, in an effort to solve the riddle. But darkness fell, and the stars came out in the sky: the corn crakes grew tired of shouting in the cleverfield - and still the men were not a whit wiser.

It was only after several months that everything became clear to them. The rectors of Vilkaviškis, Alviatas, Virbalis, Naumiestis and Didvyžis announced from the pulpits one Sunday morning that such and such villages were to belong from now on to a new parish - and would you believe it, to the parish of Green Forest.

The Reverend Simanas Svirplelis was appointed as the new rector. No one recalled having either seen or heard of him in those parts before.

But it did not take long for the pious women of the village to discover that their new priest was as gentle as down, as devout as a saint, and as good as the angel of God himself. He never grew angry in the confessional, nor was he given to scolding people. He instructed his parishioners in as kind a manner as possible and preached such wonderful sermons that often he himself was moved to tears.

Unfortunately, it was his sermons that betrayed his only shortcoming. For the good Father lisped, and seemed to pronounce the words of God as if through a whistle.

For his sacristan he brought with him from Naumiestis Izidorius Čiaučionas, a man well-known for his piety, with whom no fault could be found, except perhaps that his sight was poor, and that in summer and winter alike, he wore a long, old-fashioned coat of seemingly indestructible cloth. Moreover, it was as if he didn't know how to walk, for he always went about at a run, bending his knees or scuttering with his feet like a mouse.

From the very beginning he grew deeply attached to his church, as a mother to her child, and at once without wasting time busied himself by cleaning it thoroughly. He took down the cobwebs from the holy pictures and the statues, he drove out the stale smell of sour sheepskins, and he worked at the windows ceaselessly, until they shone like mirrors. It is not surprising that such a commotion, such a clatter brought difficult days for

the owls in the church loft. Soon they were seen abandoning their old abode, and except for an aged tawny owl, which made no attempt to give up her roost, they moved out into the hollows of the oak trees.

After serious deliberation Izidorius Čiaučionas decided that the House of God was scarcely the place for the tawny owl's nocturnal concerts, and talking the matter over with his superior, he went and plucked the flaunting, angry bird from her nest and pushed her into a hole in a sycamore tree.

The owl, however, was not of a mind to give in so easily, and spent several restless nights circling the church building, but as the entrance to her old roost had been barricaded, she settled at last, all abristle, on the Branches of trees to sing her mournful melodies.

Neither the priest nor his sacristan had anything more to complain of. The people came willingly to church, and during the time of the fair they surrounded the building from all sides, just as bees surround their hive on a hot summer's day, so that the visiting preacher had no choice but to address his congregation from under the limetree, while the oriole sang in its topmost branches.

Days, weeks, months passed monotonously by. A year and a second year brought no changes, except that the village folk took to amusing themselves by saying that their Rector's lisp was growing more pronounced, while Izidorius Čiaučionas' sight went steadily from bad to worse.

It happened that one summer afternoon the Reverend Simanas Svirplelis was reading his breviary in church. He prayed with zeal, with inspiration even, but there was a sound as if a young sparrow were chirping gaily along with him, as it waited for its mother to come back home.

The sacristan, who had been bustling about with a duster, stood stockstill and began to listen. Then suddenly threw up his head and examined the ceiling intently. He found nothing there - and went to look behind the altar. He inspected each corner of the church carefully, and even climbed up into the chancel. The chancel was quite empty. He came down the steps again and stood rooted in the middle of the church, listening. Yes, he could hear the little bird chirping. What a clear, gentle and drowsy sound it was.

Crestfallen he approached the priest, and the latter looked up from his breviary. But no sooner had the priest stopped praying, than the bird fell silent also.

Izidorius Čiaučionas cleared his throat timidly and said,

"Did you happen to see it, Father?"

"See what?"

"A bird."

"What bird?"



"Well, I don't quite know myself... a sparrow maybe..."

"Sparrows in the church? What next! Have you been leaving the windows open or something?"

"No, Reverend Father, you can see for yourself. And it may not have been a sparrow after all. A wren

or a wagtail even ..."

"Where did you see it then?"

"The whole trouble is, Father, that I haven't managed to catch sight of it at all. My eyes are not very strong, as you know, but I did hear it chirping."

The Reverend Simanas Svirplelis closed his book and began to look around him anxiously.

No, there was nothing to be seen in the windows, in the chancel or behind the altars. There was no sparrow, goldfinch or swallow anywhere.

He sighed, and began to examine each corner of the church carefully, while the sacristan grew very excited and followed him about offering advice, until the priest was quite worn out.

Glancing at Izidorius Čiaučionas somewhat suspiciously, he cautioned him:

"Are you really sure that you heard something?"

The sacristan thought for a while, raised his eyes to the ceiling and replied in a trembling voice.

"I could swear in the name of Mary, the Holy Mother of God..."

The old man's words moved the rector and he began to look about him once more. Carefully he inspected the altar, the statues of the saints, the pipes of the organ and even the coffin-space. Still he saw nothing and said in a soothing voice, "It's getting late now. We shall look again tomorrow." He knelt down, and said a quick prayer and walked out of the church.

The rustling and the sighing of the forest met him as he closed the church door. The starlings, the thrushes, the jays, the rollers and the oriole sang, each in its own way.

Taking a deep breath of the fragrant summer air, the rector began to walk up to the presbytery, while the sacristan droned close to his side, brushing with the skirts of his coat the flowering caraways which grew near the pathway.

They did not speak to each other any more that day, lost as they both were in examining their souls, as to what could have caused such a persistent noise.

When it grew quite dark, and the Great Bear appeared in the sky, Izidorius Čiaučionas left the presbytery, crept up to the churchdoor, put his ear to the keyhole and stood listening, faint with apprehension.

It was so quiet inside the church that one might have heard the winnowing of the angels' wings, had they decided to stir afield from above the altars.

He stood there for a long time, until the dogs grew tired of barking in the village, and the owls fell silent in the willow tree near the river, where the roaches and the chubs were already fast asleep.

Izidorius Čiaučionas felt at peace with himself after his vigil. He made a broad sign of the cross, returned home and at once fell into a deep sleep.

He slept soundly and did not even dream about his chirping sparrow, until dawn broke slowly in the sky.

He got up feeling refreshed and cheerful, and as he was waiting for the priest to come and celebrate Mass, he listened to the sighing of the pine trees, watched the storks return from the marshes, and gazed after them as they descended, pecking with their beaks, into their nests on the ridges.

The day went by slowly, wreathed in stillness, sunshine and clouds.

Towards evening the rector came into the church again to read his breviary while Izidorius Čiaučionas bustled about, in fine spirits, singing a hymn.

Suddenly an expression of amazement, of terror even, stole over his face.

"It's chirping!", he called out loudly, so that his voice echoed in the church.

The rector, who had been deep in prayer, jumped and his breviary fell out of his hands.

They stood and looked about them thoughtfully, and then began their search once more. They exerted themselves for a long time and went home only as dusk was falling; they were worn out and empty-handed.

From that day onwards, whenever the Rector came into the church to read his psalms, Izidorius Čiaučionas used to hear the strange, mysterious and elusive warbling of the bird.

Summer and autumn passed in this way, and even when the cold winds of winter piled mountains of snow in the lanes, and only the crows and the sparrows remained in the land, the evasive little bird went on chirping at infrequent intervals, just as before.

The priest and his sacristan went on looking for him, until they grew weary, and since they were both elderly, soon they began to complain of pains and ailments, until one day Izidorius Čiaučionas took to his bed, and died after a few weeks.

Not long after the sacristan's death, as the wrathful winds continued to rage in the forest, the Reverend Simanas Svirplelis took leave of this world also.

Scarcely would anyone have remembered them after a while, since neither had lived long in Green Forest, had it not been for a rumor, which said that on winter and autumn nights, something chirped or chirruped in the wooden church and that two shadows moved about cautiously, as if looking for something.

But Rožė, one of the pious women of the village, swore that one evening when she had stayed on in her pew longer than usual, she saw with her own eyes the departed Rector and his Sacristan (God rest their souls) glide down from the chancel with arms raised, as if making ready to catch, or frighten away some unseen bird.

(Translated by Danguolė Sealey and reprinted from "The Marian".)



K of L Calendar

MARCH

- 6 C-100 CORPORATE COMMUNION AND DINNER – St. Casimir's Church and Brothers Restaurant, Amsterdam, N.Y.
- 7 I-I. DISTRICT ST. CASIMIR'S DAY MASS AND BREAKFAST. Immaculate Conception Church and K of L Bldg., Chicago Seniors, Hosts.
- 7 C-29 ST. CASIMIR'S DAY MASS AND BREAKFAST, Holy Trinity Church, Newark, N.J.
- 14 N.Y.-N.J. DISTRICT - ST. CASIMIR'S DAY COMMUNION BREAKFAST AND MEETING – Our Lady of Sorrows Church and Hall, Kearny, N.J. C-90, Hosts.
- 27-28 – PIRMYN Chorus' presentation of "DE FLEDERMAUS", Maria Auditorium, Chicago, Ill.

APRIL

- 4 IID BOWLING SOCIAL, Hosts C-36, Archer-Kedzie Lanes, Chicago, Ill.

APRIL (Cont.)

- 18 IID BOWLING SOCIAL, Hosts C-112, Wood-Mac Lanes, Chicago, Ill.
- 24,25 30TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT, DANCE AND BANQUET of Memories of Lithuania Radio Hour, directed by J.J. Stukas, Lith. Liberty Hall, Elizabeth, N.J. (Concert) and Holy Trinity Church and Hall, Newark, N.J. (Mass and Banquet).

MAY

- 1-2 and 8-9 – Lithuanian Opera of Chicago's presentation of "LA TRAVIATA", Maria Auditorium, Chicago, Ill.
- 21, 22, 23 MIDWEST BOWLING TOURNAMENT, Ford City Bowling Alleys and Ford City Holiday Inn, Chicago, Ill. I-I. District, Hosts.

AUGUST

- 11-15 58th NATIONAL K OF L CONVENTION, Harrison House, Glen Cove, N.Y., C-109, Great Neck, Hosts.

Lithuania - Land Of Song

The love of music is deeply ingrained in the Lithuanian people. Lithuanian devotion to nature in her many aspects, and much incidental evidence of the nation's pagan past are reflected in the Lithuanian folk songs, the "dainos." In scarcely any avocation could the Lithuanian dispense with song and rhythm - at work or play, when pasturing his flock, dancing, going to war, storytelling, mourning his dead kindred. But the love lyric is the most prevalent of all. It may well be doubted whether there is in all Europe any other nation that has so copiously and variously extolled in song the love of the simple peasant. Foreign experts have noted with interest the pleasing effect produced by the use of diminutives and the purity of tone and the almost total absence of grossness characterizing these lyrics. A grave yearning, a tender melancholy leave their impression on these dainos.



The true origin of the earliest of these innumerable songs has long been a subject of pleasing speculation among foreign researchers. One theory is that many of them are the product of an ancient and a highly intellectual aristocracy and that they must be symbolically rather than literally interpreted, and a common source of what is called the Lithuanian and Hindu "tradition" is even suggested. This theory is further supported by the fact that of the living European languages, Lithuanian is the most ancient and most closely akin to Sanskrit. One other distinctive characteristic of the Lithuanian daina wherein it marks a departure from nearly all other traditions, is the representation of the sun as feminine and the moon as masculine.

The girl in the daina dreams of a maiden-wreath. In one third of the dainos the wreath of rue is mentioned. The rue or "Rūta" is a native blossom with which the maiden adorns her head until her wedding day, and remains green only as long as the daughter is free and at home. The rue - "ruta" is compared to the fate of the maiden, fading when the maiden weeps. She sings so touchingly of how her mother teaches her to plant rue. "I have sown the rue," she sings, "like my young days." - It seems only natural, therefore, that a daina which tells how days grow and die away like flowers, like the rue, should be sung from generation to generation producing many variants.

The boy in the daina dreams of a pony. About one half of the dainos mention the bay-colt, - the žirgelis the pride of youth. The dark-brown horse is beautifully saddled with a saddle of saffron leather. The fellow waters the horse with a linden pail, and the horse neighs for green fodder. The finest and best of everything, however, the Lithuanian very rarely or never enjoyed, but he dreams of them and all this is wonderfully reflected in the daina.

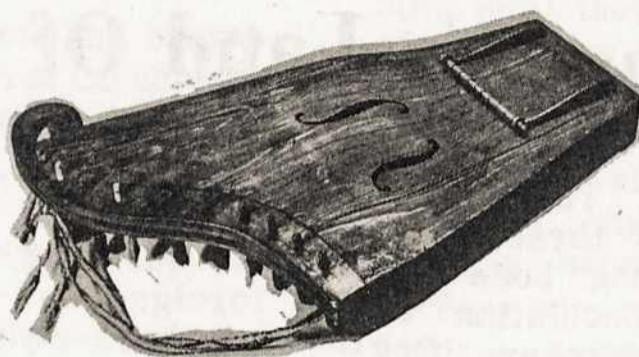


The Lithuanian maiden attends to her garden, obeys her mother, zealously saves her dowry in the tinted strong-box. On the other hand, she depicts her destiny after marriage in a morbid, dismal light. The new life that awaits the bride is allegorically compared to a lake that has frozen. She asks Laimė, in her daina, the goddess of fortune, to grant a sunny day to melt the frozen lake.

Many may have the opinion that folk songs live and flourish only in eras of happiness. The songs of the Lithuanians, nonetheless, existed for hundreds of years in the face of affliction and oppression. A nation, then, does not cease to sing though the tears may sparkle, and the song become bitter and constrained.

The songs of the Lithuanians may be classified according to the phases of life, from birth to death. But they may also be classified in a different order, the order of nature, beginning with the warm winds which tear away the snowy shroud from the fields, and send it whirling to the raging rivers and streams; when the waving trees in the forests rejoice in their new garments of green buds, when everything sprouts and grows green. The human heart is then pervaded with fresh hope. Then

come the dainos of the shepherd, of the maiden, and of children playing in the yards, merry though always with a slightly lyrical tone. Spring passes, the trees are in full bloom, the fields are covered with golden waves, and there are heard the summer songs of the blossoming trees and the streaming water, songs of the clover, grain and wheat. Then come the hay and grain harvests. All work, binding the sheaves, threshing, grinding; every task is accom-



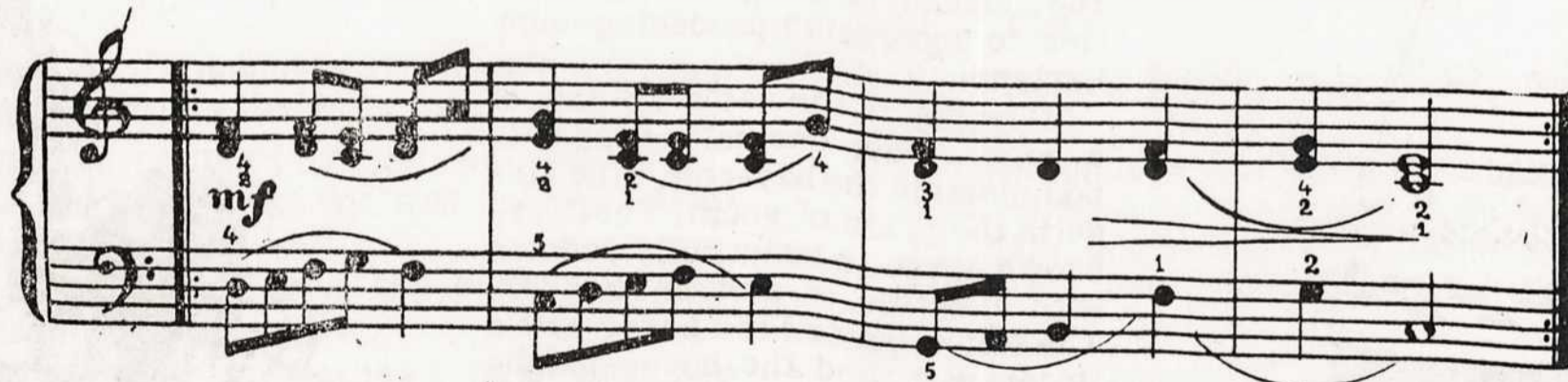
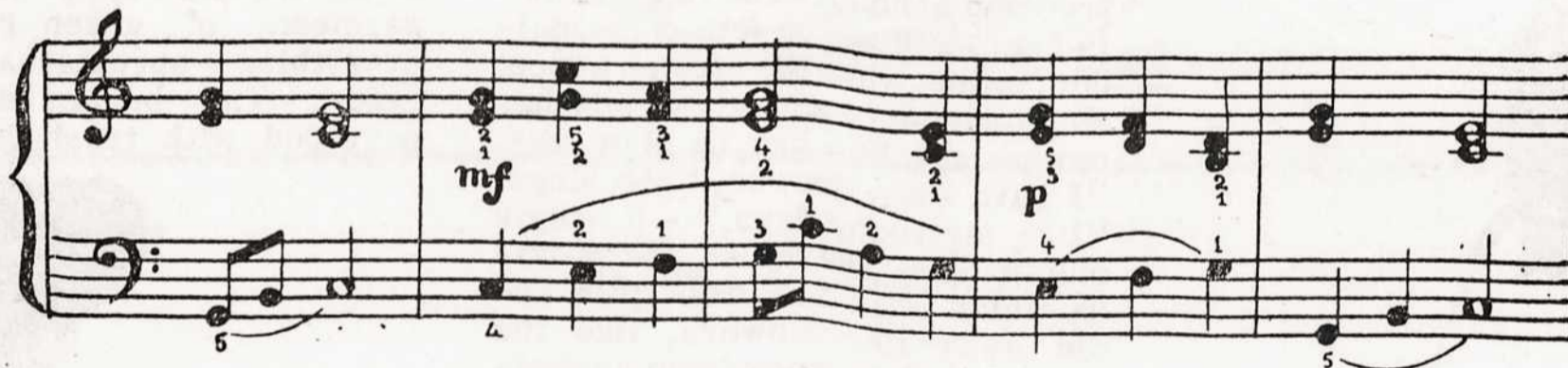
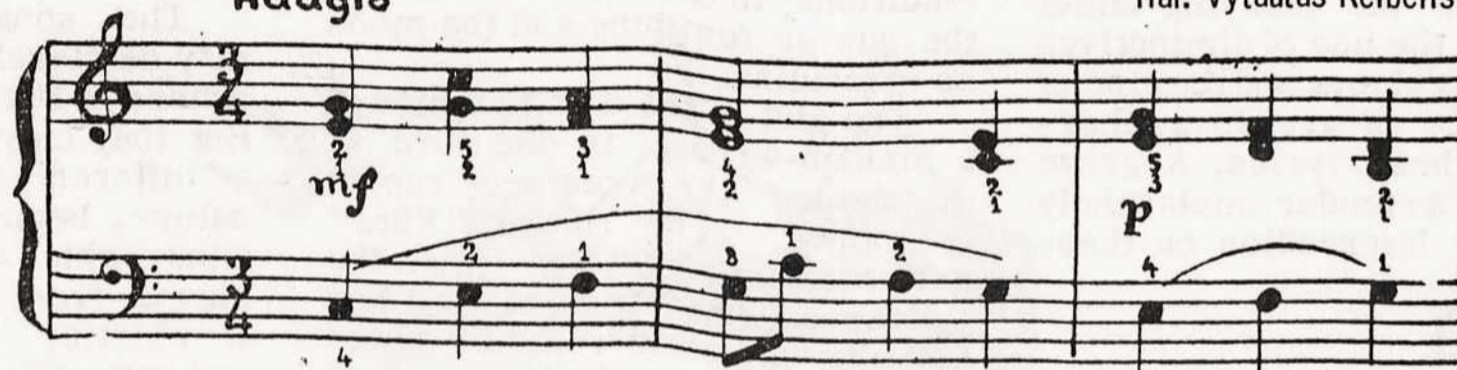
panied by songs. In winter comes the housework by burning torches, weaving and spinning, with domestic songs. Then come - betrothal, and moving into new homes, family worries, old age, sickness and death. Generations come and go, but the Lithuanian nation itself remains and its dainos do not fade into silence at any time of the year.

Dainos, oh dainos,
You never have an end.
With dainos comes delight
Without dainos, sorrow.

UŽ JŪRŲ MARIŲ

Liaudies Daina
Har. Vytautas Kerbelis

Adagio



*Už jūrų marių, už mėlynujų,
už jūrų marių, už mėlynujų,
rinko mergelė, rinko jaunoji
smulkias uogeles,*

*Atjoj bernelis per žalią lanką,
atjoj bernelis per žalią lanką,
artyn prijojo, tolyn viliojo
jauną mergelę.*

*Ne tiek ji rinko, kiek gailiai verkė,
ne tiek ji rinko, kiek gailiai verkė,
pati sau viena, per visą dieną
ji vis dūmojo.*

O Ramunėlė

MUZ. Vincas MAMAITIS
ARR. LIUDAS STUKAS

1. O ra-mu-nė-lė pa-sa-kyk.
Kas ma-ne my-li at-sa-kyk.

Kas iš šir-dies(širdies)-ma-ne my-lės(my-lės) -

O ra-mu-nė-lė at-sa-kyk. - - -

Gir-di-si dai-nos, girdis to-li(to-li, to-li)

Te-viš-kę bran-gią šir-dy jau-ti (šir-dy jau-ti)-

Kur tu be bu-tum Ko-kioj ša-ly (ko-kioj ša-ly),

Nie-ko bran-ges - nio - - - ne-su-ra-si. - - -

2. Nukritę lapai ant takų, po kojom šnara kur gi tu?
Tuos takelius jau pamiršai, kitą mergelę sutikai.

3. O vėjužėli pasakyk, kam lapai krinta atsakyk,
Kam tu draskai žalius lapus, kam jais nukloji takelius.

GEGULĒI

Jonas Minelga

Faustas Strolija

1. KU-KUOK, GE-GU-LE, KAI VYŠ-NIOS
 2. NU-LĒK...

RY-TA — PA-LINKS! LAN-GA — A-TI-DA-
 RY-TA, KU-KUOK, RAI-BO-JI, KLE-VE AR
 Amin
 LI-O-SY, O GAL-LAI-MU-ZE... MAN IŠ-KU-... IŠ-BURK, GE-
 KUO-SI? MAN IŠ-KU-KUO-SI?
 2. G
 GU-TE! IŠ-BURK, GE-GU-TE!

2. Nulēk, pasveikink
 Tēvynēs gojus!
 Ka jai, sakyki,
 Atneš rytojus?

Ar žiaurūs vējai
 Ten pūs, kaip pūtē?
 Ar laisvēs rytā?
 Išburk, gegute!

JUOZAS OLŠAUSKAS - Muzikas, Aktorius

LEONAS HARTVIGAS

Pries 47 metus Amerikos lietuviškose kolonijose nuskambėjo mažai šiame pasaulyje žinomo muzikos instrumento, kanklių garsai. Lengvų pirštų paliestos stygos ir "Vaidilos Maldos" žodžiai nukėlė klausytojus į neperseniausiai paliktą mielą tėviškę.

Tai buvo kanklininkas ir solistas J. Olšauskas, kartu su Vanagaičiu, Dineika ir Dikiniu linsminęs Amerikon suplaukusius lietuvius.

Juozas Olšauskas gimė Alytaus apskr., Talokių kaime. Nuo pat jaunystės domėjosi muzika. Nuo 14-tųjų amžiaus metų mokėsi muzikos pas A. Kačanauską ir vėliau pas J. Naujalį. Turėdamas puikų balsą, Pirmojo Pasaulinio Karo metu dainavo garsiam C. Sasnausko chore. Būdamas meninės sielos žmogus, jis nepasitenkino vien tik daina, bet kartu priklausė Tautos ir Vilkolakių teatrams, Kauno konservatorijoje dėstė retoriką. Nors operos solistas Kipras Petrauskas ir skatino Juozą tapti operos solistu, tačiau jis ryžosi skleisti lietuvišką dainą išeivių tarpe. Atvykęs į Ameriką, kartu su Vanagaičiu, Dineika ir Dikiniu, sukūrė gerai visiems žinomą "Dzimdzi-Drimdzi". Dainos, vaidinimai jų dėka pasiekė beveik visas Amerikos lietuviškas kolonijas. Dar ir šiandien daug kas su malonumu juos prisimena.

Visų J. Olšausko nuopelnų ne-



būtų įmanoma čia suminėti. Jo įdainuotos lietuviškos plokštelės dar tebėra grojamos. Jo koncertai, pav. Simtmečio Progreso Parodoje Chicagoje dar nepamiršiami. Vaidinimai, kuriuose vaidino ir kuriuos režisavo, ir dabar išspaudžia malonius prisiminimus. Publikos pilnos salės atidžiai sekė jo puikiai paruoštų chorų koncertus ir kėlė ovacijas.

J. Olšauskas aplankė daug lietuvių. Gyveno Chicagoje, Ill., vargoninkavo New Britain, Conn., Detroit, Mich., Clevelande, Ohio ir 1934 m. kun. A. Zidavičiaus

kviečiamas, apsisistojo Amsterdame, kur ir šiandien tebegyvena.

Gal būt, geriausiai būtų galima apibūdinti J. Olšausko atliktą darbą ištraukomis iš "PADEKOS RASTO", įteikto Juozui Amsterdame lietuvių jo garbei suruoštam bankete, pagerbime:

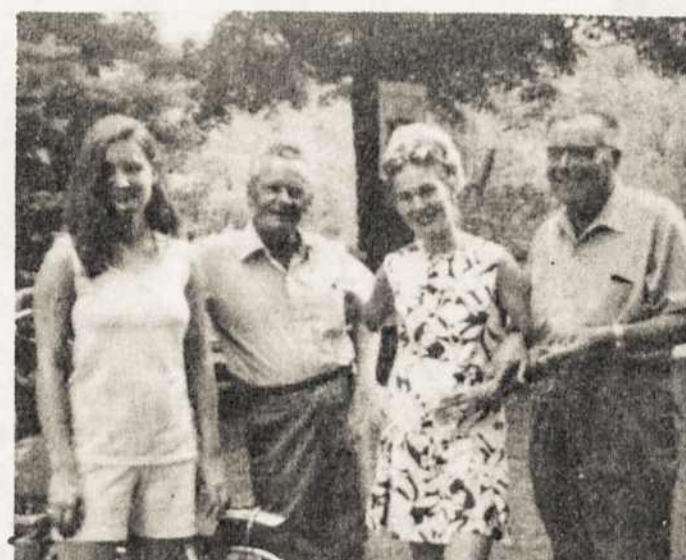
"Vieną iš pirmųjų Tautos Teatro ir Satyros Teatro "Vilkolakio" aktorių;

Solista, kanklininką ir Amerikoje pagarsėjusio "Dzimdzi-Drimdzi" dalyvį, garsinusių ir iškėlusią lietuvišką žodį ir dainą išeivijos lietuvių tarpe;

Nepavargstantį daugelio lietuviškų chorų steigėją ir vedėją, kurio nuopelnu paskleistos dainos ir šiandien tebeaidi daugelio širdyse ir lūpose;

Ilgametį Sv. Kazimiero p-jos choro vedėją; Lietuvos Vyčių skyriaus organizatorių ir narių; A. L. Klubo narių-rėmėjų; Balf'o skyriaus Amsterdame steigėją ir uolų darbuotoją; A.L.B. Apylinkės steigėją ir aktyvų narių; ilgametį Amsterdame lietuviškos radijo valandos vedėją, savaitinėmis ir kasdieninėmis programomis teikusį paguodos ir džiaugsmo gimtojo žodžio pasiilgusioms širdims;"

JUOZA OLSAUSKA sveikina visi Amerikos lietuviai ir ... reiskia gilią pagarbą ir dėkingumą už plačią ir šakotą veiklą, palikusią žymius pėdsakus Amerikos Lietuvių gyvenime".



Some happy moments in JUOZAS OLSAUSKAS life. Left: at his 75th Birthday Banquet, 1968, as Man of the Year of The Amer. Lith. Club. Center: accepting a gift on behalf of the St. Casimir Choir during a surprise St. Joseph's Celebration, 1968. Right: at a K of L Outing in Galway, N.Y., 1969.

Lithuanians in The News

HELEN KULBER HONORED

Helen Kulber, member of Seniors' C-41, was recently one of seven persons selected to receive an award for outstanding work in various phases of Lithuanian activity in New York, by the Editorial Staff of DARBININKAS. At a Tea held at the Lithuanian Franciscan Fathers Cultural Center in Brooklyn, Mrs. Kulber was presented the Lithuanian Independence Medal and a Scroll, for "having done the most during 1970 in New York for Lithuania in non-Lithuanian areas." For many years, Mrs. Kulber has been especially active in propagating the name of Lithuania in the American press and various non-Lithuanian organizations. She was also very active in demonstrations arising from the recent incidents of Lithuanian seaman Kudirka, and Brazinskas' and Simokaitis' hi-jacking incidents. In the above photo, Mrs. Kulber is pictured during an interview with Robert Miller of WABC (New York) Radio, during the Jan. 23 demonstration at the Soviet Mission to the U.N. to protest the death sentence passed on Vytautas Simokaitis for his attempted hi-jacking of a Soviet plane from Vilnius to Sweden.



"HELP!"
CRY FOR FREEDOM
By BOB KLUCENS



K OF L-er MEETS "MOON MAN"

Violet Brazaitis, member of C-135 (Ansonia, Conn.) and an employee of Sikorsky Aircraft, was recently lucky enough to greet Neil Armstrong and to obtain his autograph, during his visit to the Aircraft Company. Violet is pictured above at the left, with Mr. Armstrong and other of his fans. Mr. Armstrong was the first man to walk on the moon, July, 1969. (Photo courtesy of Sikorsky Aircraft).

Unknown, unnoticed and forgotten by many, a suppressed captive nation exists. . . It is one of three countries betrayed by the western world at the end of World War II, when the world leaders heedlessly forgot about them and let them fall into the monstrous hands of Russian Communism. Many fought this oppression in a losing cause as the free world neglectantly turned its head. Many of the fortunate ones escaped this treachery, but the less fortunate were thrown into Siberia or executed. Their conquerors cast out their freedoms and established a puppet government under the iron hand of the Kremlin. They were known as the Baltic Nations, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

I call for the cease of this unjust oppression of these and all of the other puppets of the Kremlin, which are still recognized nations such as Poland, Hungary and East Germany. The freedom loving people of the world should put diplomatic pressure on the "Old Bear" and demand the release of these captive nations.

We should all protest to the U.N. and the Russian embassies and councils to halt this unjust captivity. This tyranny should not be tolerated any longer! Make Lithuania an example of freedom. Show that things can be accomplished without wars - PRESSURE USSR - FREE LITHUANIA!

(The above was published in a Detroit high school paper, "The Lance", and written by a young member of C-102, Detroit.)

Iš Sendraugių Gyvenimo

KAZYS JONAITIS - ŽILVITIS
SUKAKTUVININKAS

Prieš 50 metų buvęs Vyčių Centro valdybos pirmininkas ir žurnalo "Vytiš" redaktorius Kazys Jonaitis - Žilvytis, buvęs vaistininkas - farmaceftas, dabar pensininkas, 1970 m. gruodžio 20 d. atšventė savo 80-tąjį gimtadienį.

Mes, vyčiai, ypačiai sendraugiai, sveikiname sukaktuvininką ir

linkime ilgo ir laimingo gyvenimo. Jonaitis - Žilvytis yra prisimintinas ne tik kaip buv. Vyčių organizacijos pirmininkas ir žurnalo redaktorius, bet ir kaip didis lietuvis patrijotas. Jo vaistinė Chicagoje buvo užteigta vietą lietuviams. Seimininkas kiekvieną sutikdavo su atvira lietuviška širdimi. Jis priklausė ir tebeprisiklauso dar kitoms patrijotinėms organizacijoms, bet apgailestauja, kad dėl susilpnėjusios sveikatos ir ilgo

amžiaus nebepajėgia jose aktyviai pasireikšti.

Sukaktuvininkas mums, vyčiams ir Chicagiečiams, yra žinomas kaip rašytojas - poetas Žilvyčio vardu. Jis Vytyje yra išspaudinęs kelis šimtus savo eilėraščių. Jų dalį galime rasti knygoje "Sielos Garsai." Kiti lieka arba rankraščiuose arba šiaip jau išblaškyti, nes dėl senatvės nebepajėgia jų sutvarkyti spaudai.

Aleksas Budris Dvigubas Sukaktuvininkas

Adelė Gabaliauskienė Pagerbta

Sendraugių Vyčių kuopos vice-pirmininkas, Vyčių namų prižiūrėtojas ir Namų Tarybos direktorių pirmininkas Aleksas Budris šiomet švenčia savo gimtadienio 75 metų ir 50 metų Vyčių tarnybos sukaktį. Jis jau 1922 metais buvo 16 kuopos pareigūnas Bridgeporte, Chicagoje.

Sukaktuvininkas yra labai darbštus žmogus, nors priklausė daugybei kitų patrijotinių organizacijų: Katalikų Susivienijimui ir kt. Jis prieš mėnesį buvo susižeidęs ir po to ištisą mėnesį išgulėjo ligoninėje. Dabar pasveikęs vėl dirba įprastu tempu Vyčių labui.

Visi sendraugiai sveikiname sukaktuvininką ir linkime jam ilgiausių metų.

Tradicinės Kario ir žurnalo Krivulės metu Chicagos ramovėnai ir birutininkės spalio 25 d. Jaujimo centre pagerbė Vyčių Garbės narę ir sendraugių kuopos sekretorę Adelę Gabaliauskienę - Rubliauskaitę.

Tai buvo netikėta, bet maloni staigmena, kai Kario ir Vyčių žurnalo bendradarbis Pov. Dirkis susirinkusiems karininkams ir jų žmonoms pristatė pobūvyje dalyvaujančią Adelę Gabaliauskienę - Rubliauskaitę. Ji 1927 metais Kaune, pavasarininkų kongreso metu, įteikė buvusiam kariuomenės vadui generolui Silvestrui Zukauskui Amerikos Vyčių dovaną - aukso kardą. Amerikos Vyčiai, vadovaudamiesi JAV papročiu, dovanoti žymiesiems karo vadams aukso kardus, ilgus metus po visą kraštą tam tikslui rinko aukas, kad galėtų atžymėti ir pagerbti Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės kovų vadą. Šis kardas buvo laikomas Karo Muziejuje. Dabar jo likimas mums nežinomas.

Sv. Kazimiero Sventės Programa

Sausio 12 d. kuopos valdyba ir komisija priėmė šią sv. Kazimiero šventės minėjimo programą:

1. Šiais metais Chicagoje sv. Kazimiero šventę ruošia Chicagos Sendraugių kuopa.

2. Sventė švenčiama kovo mėn. 7 dieną - sekmadienį iškilmingomis pamaldomis Nekalto Prasidėjimo Mergelės Marijos bažnyčioje - Braitonparke.

3. Iškilmingos Mišios 10 val. ryto, kurias atnašauja ir pamokslą sako prel. Mozeris - klebonas. Pamaldų metu organizuotai dalyvauja: vyčiai ir kitos organizacijos su vėliavomis. Prieš tai, 9 val. ryto, renkasi Vyčių namuose, iš kur organizuotai žygiuoja į bažnyčią.

4. Pamaldų metu bažnyčioje gieda Vyčių choras, vadovaujamas muziko Fausto Strolis.

5. Po pamaldų visi grįžta į Vyčių namus iškilmingiems pietums, dalyvaujant bažnyčios ir Vyčių aukštiesiems pareigūnams. Pagrindinis kalbėtojas ALTO pirmininkas dr. K. Bobelis. Pietų metu choras duoda savo dainų programą.

Sventės ir pietų vadovu paskirtas Chicagos Sendraugių kuopos pirm. Vyčių garbės narys Ignas Sakalas. Sventėje kviečiami dalyvauti visi.

Chicagos Sendraugių Vyčių Nauja Valdyba

Sausio 12 d. Sendraugių Vyčių susirinkimas, Vyčių namuose, išsirinko naują kuopos valdybą 1971 metams. Valdybą sudaro:

Ignas Sakalas - pirmininkas

Aleksas Budris - vice pirmininkas bendriems reikalams

Povilas Dirkis - vice pirmininkas spaudos reikalams

Adelė Gabaliauskienė kuopos sekretorė

Stefanija Jonykienė - finansų sekretorė

Nikodemas Karlavičius - kasininkas

Kazimiera Petrulienė ir

Juozas Ramanauskas - kasos globėjai

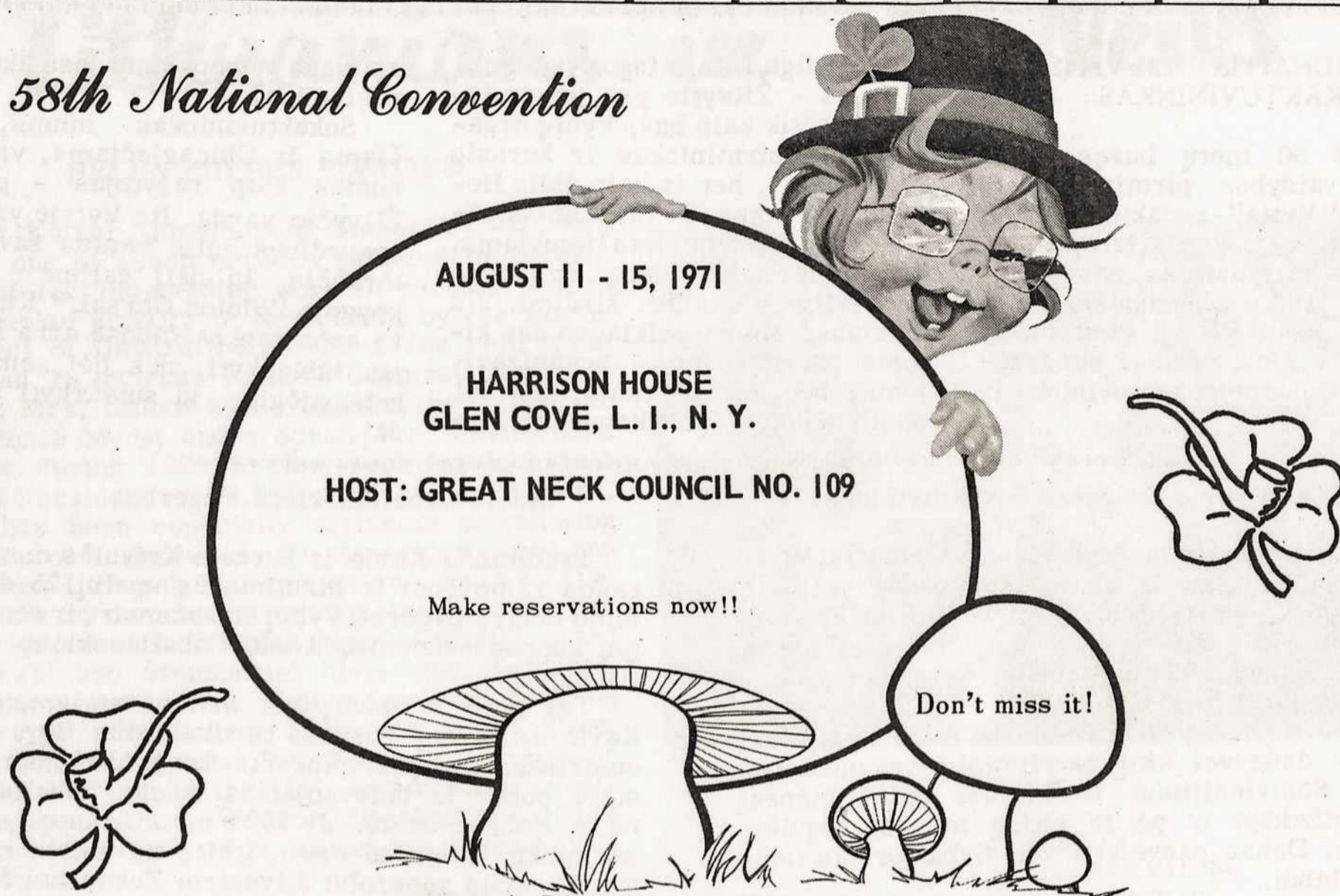
Ramanauskienė ir Gabaliauskienė - paskirtos į Namų Tarybą kaip Sendraugių atstovės. Beto, Aleksas Budris, Namų Tarybos pirmininkas taip pat atstovauja kuopą.

Pov. Dirkis

Vice Pirmininkas Spaudos

Reikalams

58th National Convention



TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 11th

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| 6:00 p.m. | - Dinner |
| 9:00 p.m. | - Get-Together Social - Host Council's Headquarters |

THURSDAY - AUGUST 12th

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| 7:15 - 8:45 a.m. | - Breakfast |
| 9:00 a.m. | - Mass |
| 9:30 a.m. | - 1st General Session |
| 12:00 noon | - Lunch |
| 2:00 p.m. | - 2nd General Session |
| 6:00 p.m. | - Dinner - By the Pool (weather permitting) |
| 9:00 p.m. | - Las Vegas Night - Recreation Room |

FRIDAY - AUGUST 13th

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| 7:15 - 8:45 a.m. | - Breakfast |
| 9:00 a.m. | - Mass |
| 9:30 a.m. | - 3rd General Session |
| 12:00 noon | - Lunch |
| 2:00 p.m. | - 4th General Session |
| 6:00 p.m. | - Dinner |
| 9:00 p.m. | - Semi-formal Dance |

SATURDAY - AUGUST 14th

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| 7:15 - 8:45 a.m. | - Breakfast |
| 9:00 a.m. | - Mass |
| 9:30 a.m. | - 5th General Session |
| 12:00 noon | - Lunch |
| 2:00 p.m. | - 6th General Session |
| 6:00 p.m. | - Dinner (Banquet) |

SUNDAY - AUGUST 15th

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| 7:15 - 8:45 a.m. | - Breakfast |
| 10:00 a.m. | - Mass - Outdoors (weather permitting) |
| 12:00 noon | - Lunch |
| 1:00 p.m. | - Check-out time |

VYČIAI VEIKIA



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

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NEW ENGLAND

DISTRICT

WORCESTER, MASS. - C-26

"Dzukele"

Neither strike nor snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays our council from the swift completion of its calendar of events and the months move on!

Wanda Pajeda was chairman of the Kugeli supper which preceded the Feb. meeting. She and her committee served the usual pre-Lenten fare so this alone was quite an incentive to attend that meeting. Helping Wanda grate potatoes for the kugeli were Ginny Lelakis and Dana Pauliukonis.

Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass. was the scene for the Scavenger Hunt and Ice Skating Party held Feb. 7. Carol Grigas was chairman who planned the menu consisting of hot dogs, hot pastrami sandwiches, pickles, chips, hot chocolate, coffee and dessert. This was a great afternoon. Assisting Carol were her husband, Bill, and Ginny Lelakis, Wanda Pajeda, Joe Sakaitis, and others.

A most interesting talk was recently presented by our Spiritual Director, Father Justin Steponaitis. He explained the meaning of first, second and third class relics and brought examples of same. The bone of St. Justin, his patron, exemplified the first class relic. It was interesting to examine the certificates verifying the authenticity of the relics.

Ann Bender is busy at work doing research on degree eligibles. First Degree will be presented at the annual St. Casimir's Day Communion Breakfast. We know the committee is planning a ham and egg breakfast.

The First Lady of our Council, Eleanor Walinsky, spent a brief time recently at Memorial Hospital.

but she is fine now. Elly is the wife of our president, Steve Walinsky (and is our recording secretary as well).

Mary Jankowski, club room committee chairman, is getting ready for spring cleaning and is recruiting every possible assistance. Steve heartily endorses her ambition in this regard, so volunteers for this big effort will certainly be appreciated.

In this 25th anniversary year of Father Jutt's Lithuanian Affairs Committee, we are happy to announce that we still have an active Committee in our council. Writing letters in this project are chairman Olga Kersis, Bill & Carol Grigas, Val Baziliauskas, Mary Jankowski, Rita Pinkus, Helen Gillus, Frances Grigas, Anne Bucinskas, Frances Degutis, Ann Bender, Ann Morunas, Charles Grigaitis, along with Father Steponaitis.

This is certainly an anniversary year! We of C-26 will commemorate our 55th anniversary on May 1 and plans for celebration are in the making.

Rita Pinkus reminds us that yearly council dues are payable now, so please make it a point to see her in this regard. In closing, we invite all our friends to join us in each activity, whether it be a program of prayer, work, or recreation. We'll love having you. Su Diev iki sekancio numerio!

ANSONIA, CONN. - C-135

"Topstone"

By the time you read this, the new year will have been here for some time, so let's make it a memorable one. To do this, the membership has chosen the following qualified members to lead us: Rev. Paul Sabulis - Spiritual Advisor; Alfonse Barauskas - President; Violet Brazitis, - Vice-President; Ann Barauskas - Secretary; Mildred Driznus - Treasurer; and Ann Gyba - Financial Secretary. These people cannot do it alone and will need our help throughout the year for various functions, committees, etc. Let's all pitch in and help. Remem-

ber, it's your organization; how well things turn out depend upon you. If you don't like the way certain things are done, volunteer for the job and do it your way, otherwise relax.

Our Christmas Party was celebrated in true K of L fashion. A nice crowd attended, gifts were exchanged, food and beverages served and music provided as never before for dancing and sing-a-longs. Everyone attending enjoyed themselves fully and hated to call it a day and go home. It's a shame that every member couldn't attend, but with the hectic life we all lead, we can't be everywhere at the same time.

Speaking of good times - we had a real "bash" at our New Year's Eve Party. The crowd was really beautiful, one of the largest we've had in a long time. It was good to see the "ole gang" together again to help ring in the new year. Johnny Sabulis and his Music Makers were brought back for this gala event, after providing the music for the Christmas Party. The various music selections delighted everyone. This time Johnny went a little further by putting on a little floor show with Lil "Twinkle Toes" Chaplik. Lil was heard to say that she finally found a partner who can keep up with her antics. They were two of a kind. Anne Sabulis states she's going to have it recorded on film; she claims she could sell it. Lots of Luck Anne!

Millie Driznus had a workout on the Polkas with Walt Tabaka. He's quite a dancer and gave poor Millie no time to rest. Anne & Howie Gyba with their gang from Waterbury added a "spark" to the party. Others who were not to be outdone were the Barsevich "Gang". Fran, Barb, and Mitch were a pleasure to watch with their fancy polka footwork. Rose Marie and Walt Tabaka had their little "nook" jumping with activity. Nice to see you folks again!

Attending also for a while were our Pastor, Father Paul, and his "assistant", Father Ed ("Tiny") who traveled all the way from New

Jersey just to be with us. Says he wouldn't miss one of our times for anything. Glad to have you both.

The Vigil Mass New Year's Eve helped everyone fulfill his obligation for New Year's day, as was proven by the snow storm we had later.

HERE & THERE: It was good to see Martha Akelaitis up and around after her auto accident.. Lots of Luck, Martha! Al Barauskas is still working on his "Italian Night". Being a perfectionist, he's gathering all the material together to make sure nothing is omitted in his presentation of the K of L trip to Italy Mardi-Gras time is drawing near and it looks like another good time coming up. This will be our last "lively" time until after Easter Ann & Bill Winkis celebrated the New Year in Florida. Too bad folks, you missed all the snow, besides the good time Sorry to hear about Tony Yuskis' illness-hope you're better soon and able to join us once again New Year's Eve was such a success, that it has been mentioned to limit the crowd. Keep this in mind folks, so when it rolls around again, make your reservations early, or you'll lose out Violet Brazitis hasn't been the same since she met Neil Armstrong when he recently made a tour of Sikorsky Aircraft where she works. Violet got his autograph and wished him well, - claims he's quite a guy. So do we, Vi!

MARCH



MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

DAYTON, OHIO - C-96 FBP

Our Council received a petition drawn up by Lithuanian students at the University of Indiana. These students have formed a committee called the "Simas Committee" and are circulating this petition which is asking the United Nations to check into the Simas affair caused by both the United States and Russia. This petition has been sent to various organizations



Members of C-1, Brockton, Mass. - Robert Dillis, Susan Boroskas, Michael Boroskas - demonstrating the art of making "Ausukes" at Parish Bazaar held last November.

throughout the U. S. Members present at the Jan. meeting participated in the signing of this petition. In conjunction with the Simas Mass held in Dec., Fr. Titas Narbutas used the council's Mass stipend to light a memorial candle at our Shrine of the Three Crosses for the unfortunate Lithuanian seaman.

Also, in connection with the Simas Affair, Stan Vaitkus participated in a local call-in program, Conversation Piece - WHIO. Stan spoke to our local Congressman, Charles W. Whalen, who appears on the show the first Monday of each month. Congressman Whalen, a recipient of our Knights of Lithuania Award Medal at the Dayton Nat'l Convention in 1967, was asked by Stan what he plans to do and how he feels about this unfortunate incident. Congressman Whalen expressed that he was disturbed, concerned and will work at clarifying this problem.

Our first social of the year proved to be a success although it would have been great if more members had attended. A big thank you to the committee - Mike & Fran Petkus, Joe & Eleanor Mantz and Eloise Berczelly. It was a "Chow Mein come-as-you-are Supper". We were treated to live music by Jr. Mary Mikalauskas on her guitar. The ladies were to tend bar but Eloise, who was in charge, was relieved by her son John, and he, in turn, let the ladies have a night out. A big thank you to other volunteers - Cathy Mantz and her fiance, Jerry Roberts, Juniors, Chris Mantz

and Michael Petkus. Ada Sinkwitz was in a hurry to leave so she helped with clean-up as did some others. Fritzie Mikalauskas was winner of the 50/50 raffle; to show her appreciation, everyone was treated. Joe Noreikas, our Pres., did some treating with his winnings, also. With the University of Dayton beating the University of Detroit's basketball team, "down-in-the-dumps-and-dressed-in-blue" was Dave Petroski.

ODDS AND ENDS One of our "Perle Mesta's" of the council, Eva Leasure, has been on the sick list too long. Eva, our prayers and hurry-get-well-wishes are sent to you on the double. Our parish hosted the monthly diocesan Eucharistic Night on Jan. 2 and at this time special intentions were offered for Eva. The Eucharistic Night will be celebrating its first anniversary in March and is an evening well spent. We start with Mass at 7:30 p.m. and end with Benediction at midnight. Moments of open and silent prayer and a homily, plus a break in between round out the evening. Joe & Aldona Ryan and two of our new members, Jerry & Karen Bedrowsky, are very active in this diocesan project.

Get well wishes also go to Ida Kavy and Ann Kondrotas who both recently underwent surgery. Good to hear all is well with Stan Vaitkus after a recent stay at the hospital. Adding to the hospital list is Alice Petkus and our Treasurer, Sally Miller. We pray all goes well for them, also. Congratulations are sent to Charlie and Sarah Petkus on the arrival of their newest baby - their fourth boy and seventh child.

After a recent trip to Florida, John Razauskas reports all is going great with our Hialeah, Fla. members, Pete & Paulette Petkus. Enjoying a ten-day cruise to Haiti and San Juan, Puerto Rico, were the Podoyak's, Jerry & Marianne.

On Jan. 31, Joe & Aldona Ryan hosted a cocktail party at their home for opera star, Arnold Voketaitis. Mr. Voketaitis was in Dayton taking part in one of the leading roles in the Opera, "The Crucible". Mary Lucas helped Aldona with the arrangements in setting up the party and those members attending enjoyed meeting with Mr. Voketaitis and his wife.

Have you seen something strange in the Huber Heights area? It's Pat Zelinskas delivering news-

papers for her nephew who is ill.

To members who haven't been reading the council's bulletin, you have been missing out. Liquid refreshments after the meeting - on the house. Polly Pietrzak has been doing great, and throws in some goody thoughts along with the news items.

With the New Year in, we greet our newest members - Albert & Marion Owens, Jerry & Karen Bedrowsky and Georgia Zelinskas. Re-joining the council are George & Frances Zelinskas and moving up from the Jrs. is their former Treasurer, Mark Vaitkus. May all of you have many years of involvement with the council. Have you heard? Our former Jr. President, Jon Prasmantas has gone into wrestling in high school. Much luck to you, Jon, in your new venture.

Council birthdayites in Feb. were: Ann Boeke, Pat Zelinskas, Sarah Petkus, Anna Mae Petrusky. Anniversary greetings are sent to Sam & Maxine Bakanauskas, Jim & Phyllis Richey, Joe & Ann Boeke, Lou & Kitty Prasmantas, Jim & Joan Kavalauskas.

CLEVELAND, OHIO - C-25 "Patty"

All of our '70 officers offered their services for another year. Good Show! Rev. B. Ivanauskas - Spiritual Advisor; Bruno Bartkus - President; John Andrulis - Vice-President; Nelda Machutas - Recording Secretary; Joanna Shigo - Treasurer; Alice Karklius - Financial Secretary; Adele Svet - Sunshine Girl; Ursula Yankauskas - Correspondent; Peter Luiza - Sgt.-at-Arms; and Trustees - Ben Karklius and Andrew Palzes.

Congratulations to Kathy and Ray Shigo on their first-born - a son, Scott. Al and Joanna Shigo, the grandparents, are quite proud, too.

Belated Birthday Wishes to Peter Luiza - Jan. 30th, John Andrulis - Feb. 10th and Ursula Yankauskas on the 17th. Best wishes and many more to Nellie Arunski, Mar. 20th and Kathy Shigo on the 23rd.

Glad to hear that Al Shigo is recovering nicely after surgery in Jan. Nellie Samas' fractured wrist is almost as good as new after carrying a cast around for about 5 weeks - during the holiday season too!

Missed seeing the happy smiling

faces of the Bendokas', the Samas' and Andrew Palzes at our Annual Christmas Party held Dec. 19th. Many thanks to the Andrulis' for hosting and making this a wonderful event.

Ben Karklius proved to be quite a bowler at our January Bowling Party. He walked away with first prize with his 635 with handicap. Mind you, he hasn't bowled in years - every time he went up to bowl, it seemed he cleaned the alleys. Keep up the good work, Ben. Guess where Alice Karklius came in that evening? All in all, it was a great evening and a big thank you to Debbie Andrulis for arranging such a nice snack for us!

Word has it now that Bill Jakubs and Gene Kunsitis no longer have their boats; they have both become Land Crabs! Three cheers to the memory of the AMADANDY and the Unnamed STARCRAFT for the many joyous, pleasant hours they provided to many of us along the shores of Lake Erie!!

We've just been informed that the debonair gentleman seen pedaling along the Boulevard and Lakefront is none other than our own Peter Luiza.

The three lucky ladies who had tickets to the Wednesday Matinee Performance of COCO were Nellie Samas, Mrs. Yankauskas and Ursula. They thought it was one of the finest performances they ever saw. Loved every minute of it.

C-25 is looking forward to having the Cleveland Seniors, the Youngstown Seniors and the Pittsburgh Council join them in their St. Casimir's Day Celebration on Mar. 7th at St. George Church, 6527 Superior Ave. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. followed by a buffet luncheon.

DETROIT, MICH. - C-79 Soffi

Our first meeting of the New Year on Jan. 6 seemed to set a pattern for future meetings. Newly elected President, Gerry Zager, was committed to the Pistons' game and had 1st Vice Pres., Ed Sackle, take over for him. Ed attended and fulfilled his role but the members didn't. Only a handful were present, three officers, two members and our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. A. Babonas. Without a quorum, the meeting had to be cancelled. Our thanks to Ed, and the faithful five - Tony Dainus, Maggie Smailis, Frank & Sophie

Zager and "Chip" Newberry for coming out when the temperature outside hovered around zero.

The mean, cold gusty weather on Jan. 26 blew a blizzard across the Detroit area which forced cancellation of our first Executive Board meeting.

Lo and behold! Some "nuisance" snow came into our area on Feb. 3 and we had to cancel a meeting for the third time. However, spring is not too far away and we should be having better luck and well attended meetings.

Our spring raffle drawing will be held at the May 5th meeting, following the business session. A social will also be held. Please make it a success by selling your raffle books. This is an opportunity to help your council financially.

This year C-79 commemorated St. Casimir's Day on Mar. 7 with C-102 and C-139 at St. Anthony's with C-102 hosting a fine program. This was also the occasion for celebrating two birthdays - our President, Gerry Zager (Mar. 7) and Fr. M. Kundrat (Mar. 6), Pastor of Our Divine Providence. To both - Ilgiausiu Metu!

SOFFI SNOOPING All that snow brought its share of aches and pains. Betty Petroski was in the hospital for several days undergoing tests and Xrays. Vicki Chpelonis wrenched her back soon after moving into their home in Redford and has been under treatment. Sophie Bitner's daughter, Peggy Salo, who is a fairly new bride, contracted double pneumonia which necessitated hospitalization and a long convalescence. At one time there was some concern, but Peggy is a gallant fighter and overcame the odds. John Laurinaitis was hospitalized for a length of time and would appreciate some cards. Just home following surgery is Stella Hotra. Latest reports indicate all are doing well and we wish them a speedy recovery. Many thanks to Ann Zilvitis, Sunshine Chairlady, for her cheery notes and cards to our sick members "Chip" Newberry, who accompanies his grandmother, Maggie Smailis, to our meetings proves to be an enthusiastic sgt-at-arms making certain he misses no one when members sign in. His mother, Marianne, attends classes and is unable to be present at our meetings Globe trotting Ann Zilvitis and her husband, Dr. Bruno, enjoyed a holiday vacation to Italy. Ann reported there

was so much celebration in Genoa that they were unaware of minor tremor from an earthquake on New Year's Eve. They also toured Rome, visited the Basilica and saw the countryside with all the quaint churches and buildings Jan. 15 marked a red-letter day for Adele Vale who has retired. Welcome, Addie, to the Homemaker's Club ... Valentina Hotra bid "Su Diev" to Detroit as she departed for Lincoln, Ill., to work at the Abraham Lincoln Hospital. She will be missed. "Daug sekmes", Tina Eleanor Waskiewicz also leaves our fold to enjoy a resort retirement community in northern Michigan. Her husband, Victor, leaves Ford and their daughter, Susan, will join them. "Viso geriausio" to the threesome Something sharp and sparkling was recently noticed on the left finger of Patricia Salas. It happened to be an engagement ring from Tom Martin. Our congratulations.

Whatever happened to our many stay-aways? We missed you and would like to have you back. This organization does not belong to the officers. It is YOUR organization. It is a place to see and meet new and old friends, exchange ideas and make plans to better your council. We do hope to see you at the next meeting. Mes Lauksime!!

DETROIT, MICH. - C-102

Things are somewhat less hectic since our gala 50th Anniversary celebration, but still moving along.

Our annual Christmas party was a little different this year. Mr. & Mrs. Vaskelis hosted 40 people at a traditional Lithuanian Kucios. To begin the evening, Rev. Walter Stanievich offered Mass for us and created a feeling of true brotherhood and piety through an intimate celebration of the Holy Sacrifice. Following Mass we sat down to a delicious meal beginning with the breaking of plotkeles and then followed with all the traditional Christmas delicacies. We all sampled the tasty fish prepared by Mrs. Vaskelis, Charlotte Ruseckas' herring and the aviezu kiselis, Bob Boris' homemade sauerkraut, and mushroom barley soup by Terry Medonis, and for dessert, mushroom cookies brought by Margy Bunikis, topped off with a magnificent torte by Mrs. Vaskelis. A truly memorable

evening was created by the committee: Charlotte Ruseckas, Ann Uznis, Grace and Ace. The atmosphere was festive with a tree, garlands and candles. Among guests who helped us celebrate were Gerry Zager, President of our neighboring council, and Vince Boris, who was home for the holidays.

St. Anthony's parish will be celebrating its 50th anniversary this spring and many of our members are participating in the preparations. On the committee are Chairman Vince Ruseckas, Bob Boris, Grace Vaskelis, who is Recording Secretary of the Parish Council, and Ann Uznis. Everyone's cooperation is requested to make this a successful event.



NEW YORK- NEW JERSEY DISTRICT

PHILADELPHIA, PA. - C-3

Happenings by Vladas

C-3 hopes that 1971 will be kind to all K of L members. So far it has been good to members of C-3. On Jan. 2, C-3 held its Second Annual Christmas Traveling Dinner Party. About 30 members and guests, including Rita & Ted Pinkus from Worcester, Mass., met at Irene and Al Ozalis' home in Northeast Philadelphia for cocktails and "Lithuanian appetizers". From there we traveled to Blackwood, N. J. (about 25 miles away), where Alberta and Chuck Wiegand served the main course of delicious beef bourguignonne. We completed the evening at Irene & Walt Svekla's home in Cherry Hill, N.J. for for dessert (make-your-own ice-cream sundaes) and the planned party: The highlight of the party was a visit by Santa Claus (Richard Varevice) complete with red suit, whiskers, and bells, who gave out Christmas presents, kissed the girls, spanked the boys, and led everyone in Christmas caroling. Everyone thought the evening was a success and it afforded an opportunity for council members to greet each other during the holiday season.

Our monthly meetings continue to be held at members' homes. In January, we were hosted by Joe

Yanulaitis who always invites the Council to his home to celebrate "Russian Christmas". Joe keeps coming up with "prospective new members" without looking for them.

January continued to be a good social month. Several members attended the concert given by the Gintaras Ensemble from Montreal at the Philadelphia Lithuanian Music Hall. The concert was a success and offered a pleasant surprise in that Nat'l President Jack Stukas attended and greeted some of our members. Jack was a delegate of the Lithuanian-American Community held in Phila. that same weekend.

Irene & Al Ozalis hosted a Lithuanian Affairs letter-writing session. Over 160 letters were written protesting the Coast Guard handling of the Kudirka case and urging the re-establishment of Lithuanian independence.

During the last weekend in January, C-3 trudged upstate to the Pennsylvania Poconos for our "upteenth" Annual Winter Weekend. For the second year we visited Pocono Crest in Pocono Pines, Pa. This year, 23 members and friends participated. It was a weekend filled with tobogganing, hiking, skiing, shooting pool, swimming, fire-watching, partying, and other fun; although there was some discussion about going to a "more restful" resort next year.

Until next month, Sudiev!

NEW YORK, N. Y. - C-12

Liberty Lady

As with every fine organization which identifies itself with a symbol, we in C-12 are on a promotion-



Mary York - C-12 receiving clock award for twenty years safe and courtesy driving from New Jersey Bell.

al drive with an objective toward seeing that every member obtains a K of L emblem pin which we intend to proudly wear at all functions and meetings.

To increase our Lithuanian knowledge, a circulating library has been started amongst the members. The first reading assignment shall be the Lituanus Journal of Arts and Sciences pertaining to the Baltic States. Also, upon securing a supply of the pamphlet "Religious Freedom in Lithuania, Soviet Myth", we have distributed this interesting article to the members and their friends in order to publicize the truth about the lack of religious freedom in Lithuania.

Irene & Edward Senken are justly proud of their nephew, Peter A. Lenk, affectionately nicknamed "Andy" by the family. Presently a sophomore at University of Notre Dame majoring in chemistry, he is also a Sophomore Manager of the football team. Andy was part of the team effort performing management duties at the Cotton Bowl game on New Year's Day at Dallas, Texas when Notre Dame won over the University of Texas by a score of 24 to 11. Incidentally, his mother, the former Alice Ashman was a member of the Great Neck council before her marriage and currently resides with husband, Peter, in Valley Stream, N. Y.

The past year has been rather special to Mary York, receiving awards from the organization she works for - New Jersey Bell Telephone. Because of her interest in improving the image of the city she lives in, Mary received the "Good Citizen Award" for outstanding services in the community and was presented with a plaque and a desk pen and pencil set at a dinner in her honor. In recognition for being on the job for thirty years without absence, she was presented with a gold charm bracelet (unquestionably her good Lithuanian stock had a lot to do with that) and the latest award was for twenty years of safe and courteous driving of the business car, for which she received a Seth Thomas clock. Mary, still functioning as a citizen is serving jury duty and conveys it was of interest to hear the Judge explain to the jurors that the administration of justice could not operate without the juror's service. It seems, in many

parts of the world, jury service has been abandoned, but we in the U. S. A. still believe in administering justice impartially by jury trial.

AMSTERDAM, N.Y. - C-100

Smile and Sparkle

Our most competent secretary, Cynthia Thomas, said "I do" on Jan. 23. We wish Cindy and her husband, Richard Douglas, a very happy future. The sad note is that Cindy will be moving to Iowa where she will continue her studies. We are most grateful to Nellie Liberis who volunteered to take over the secretarial job. Cindy's last report was given on Jan. 4 and she was presented with a wedding gift from the council. Champagne was served by Pres. Anthony Radzevich and Charles Karbus. Fr. Baltch gave a

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Glen Cove, N. Y.
Kad Seimas būtų tikrai įdomus
ir įspūdingas,
Jau dabar pradėta jam ruoštis.
Todėl
Visi Vyčiai jau dabar planuoja
Ir Ruošiasi jame dalyvauti.

toast to Cindy, wishing her good luck and happiness.

Fr. Baltch spoke of the serious problem - financial to be exact - which is being experienced by the Catholic schools.

A committee made up of Ginny Miciulis, Sophie Olbie, and Anthony Radzevich was approved for the Corporate Council Communion and Lithuanian Day celebration. The event will take place at the Brothers Restaurant on Mar. 6. The council will attend 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Casimir's Church and will proceed to the restaurant for the dinner and speeches. One of our speakers will be Frank Petrauskas of Syracuse, N. Y. who is still a K of L member of the Dayton council. Frank is in the landscaping business. Congressman Samuel S. Stratton has also been approached to attend our commemoration. We are uncertain if he can make it.

NEWS BITS: Birthdays have been celebrated by many of our K of L's during the winter season. Belated felicitations to Don Nikstenas (Feb. 1), Polly Ziausys (Feb. 9), Fr. Baltch (Feb. 17), and Eleanor Olechowski (Feb. 27). Feb. 2 marks the 14th wedding anniversary of Aldona & Paul Abeling.

A hearty welcome to Peter & Ronni Urba, our newest members to join THE GROUP. May we also wish Pete a happy birthday (Mar. 14). Peter is a very active member of the Amsterdam community. He is Past-President of the American Lithuanian Club, a former reporter of the Amsterdam Evening Recorder (writes a column on Skiing in the Sports Section of the paper), was photographer for the New York State Assembly in Albany, and is presently the Executive Manager of the Amsterdam Chamber of Commerce. Not a bad accomplishment for a young man in his twenties. A bundle of joy greeted Pete & Ronni on Nov. 8. They are the proud parents of a baby girl whom they named Alisha Lynn.

Regina Hartvigas (with a little push from Gene Gobis) decided to enroll her husband, Leonard, as a member of our council. Glad to have you in our midst, Reggie. Donald Nikstenas, too, signed up his wife, Mary Ann, as another new addition to our growing K of L council. Welcome, Mary Ann.

Sophie Olbie is a grandmother again. Daughter Barbara and son-in-law, Floyd, had a daughter who was christened Lisa Ann on Jan. 24.

Fr. Baltch entertained his mother on her 80th birthday on Jan. 10. Also present and wishing her well were her daughter, Aldona (Dr. Baltch) and son-in-law, George Gravrogkas.



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DON'T YOU WANT TO LEARN LITHUANIAN?

With our ever-shrinking world, the study of languages not native to us is fast becoming a most popular activity, for the ability to speak two or more languages has become a status symbol, and apparent evidence of better-than-average intelligence among many. Yet it is surprising how many fail to actually learn the language of their ancestry, even when it should come so much more easily to them than a completely foreign tongue. For K of L-ers, the knowledge of Lithuanian should come especially easily, for they are exposed to it constantly ...at meetings, in VYTIS, and among many of their friends. Many universities are now offering courses in the Lithuanian language. We strongly urge K of L-ers to try to avail themselves of these courses whenever possible, and also to inform the VYTIS editor of their existence, so

that the information may be passed on to interested parties.

In the Chicago area, we have been advised that ST. XAVIER COLLEGE is currently offering several Lithuanian courses. While it is too late to enroll for the current semester, interested parties are urged to contact: ST. XAVIER COLLEGE, 103rd & Central Park, Chicago, Ill., for information regarding next semester's courses. The Lithuanian program at St. Xavier's was made possible through the moral and financial assistance of K of L-ers Anthony and Mary Rudis of Chicago.

In the East, FORDHAM UNIVERSITY, Bronx, N.Y. will once again present its summer Lithuanian Program, offering several courses, for graduate and undergraduate credit. The following courses are planned:

SUMMER '71

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Indo-European Background: Relationship to Sanskrit, Greek, Latin, and Germanic. The problem of Balto-Slavic.

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The sound system and accentuation. Word formation and inflectional system. The use of grammatical forms. An introduction to literature in Lithuanian will complete the course work. Independent reading and composition will be required. A series of lectures and discussions in language teaching methods will be conducted.

June 21 - Aug. 6; Mon. through Fri. 1 - 4:30;
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A limited number of partial stipends up to \$300 are available. Applications for stipends—letter, transcript and 2 references must be postmarked no later than May 1, 1971. All applicants for admission must enclose a check or money order for \$25 made to Fordham University as partial prepayment for tuition.

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