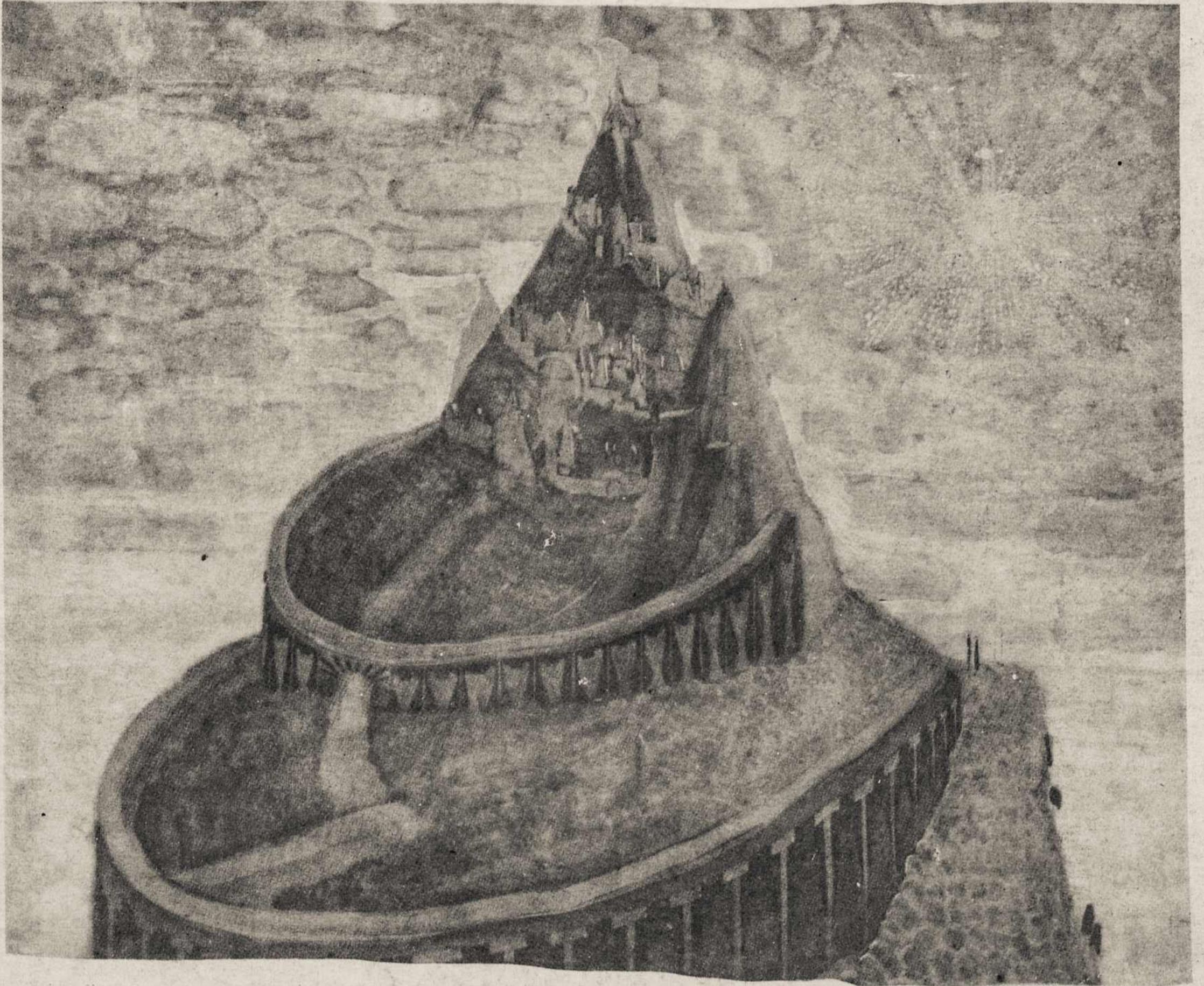


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# ONE FOLKSONG - MANY TRANSFORMATIONS

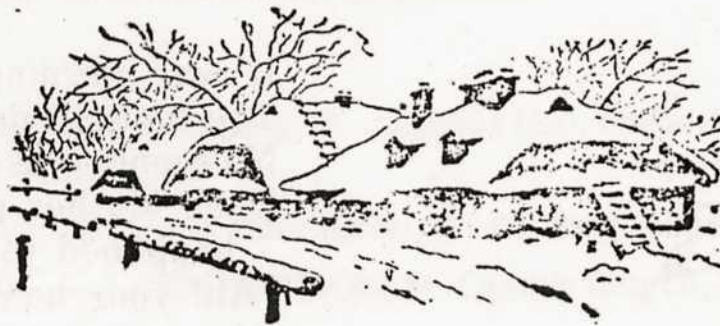
Antonia M. Wackell

All our young mothers and fathers from Lithuania sang many gay, and lovely folksongs in their youth (many of which we also learned in our young days) singing them at various festivities - parties, weddings, group-gatherings and of course picnics. How many of us remember the following?

## PER GIRIĄ GIRELĘ...



Per gi - ria, gi - re - lę  
sau - le - lė te - kė - jo, —  
po stik - le - lio lan - ge - liu —  
mo - čiu - tė sė - dė - jo. 1. 2. dė - jo.



Per girią girelę saulutė tekėjo,  
Pó stiklelio langeliu močiutė sėdėjo.

Pareina dukrelė viešuoju keleliu;  
Klausinėjo močiutė jaunosios dukrelės:

“Dukrele jaunoji, kur tu vaikštinėjai?  
Kodėl tave rūbelius raselė užgavo?

Kodėl tavo rūbelius raselė užgavo  
Ir rūtelių vainikėlių miglė užkrito?”

- “Lydėjau broleli viešuoju keleliu,  
Su broleliu po berželiu žodelį kalbėjau.

Tai tenai rūbelius raselė užgavo  
Ir rūtelių vainikėlių miglė užkrito”.

This delightful little song in couplet by Chopin gives us the beauty of the word sounds in the ancient tongue of the Lithuanians known for its economy of words, its brevity, and its tenderness, sadness or humor.

In translating the above folksong (and succeeding versions of it) I did not set it into rhyme nor did I strive to set it to the rhythm or beat of the original song. The translation, nevertheless, interprets the mother's concern, love and fear for her young daughter that does not appear in Liudvik Osinkis' Polish version, nor in Dr. G. FR. Reiss' German rendition nor even in the Kirkupas' English translation from the Lithuanian.

The following is my translation of the folksong -

Thru the forest, the little forest shone the rising  
sun  
Under the glass-paned window mother was sitting.

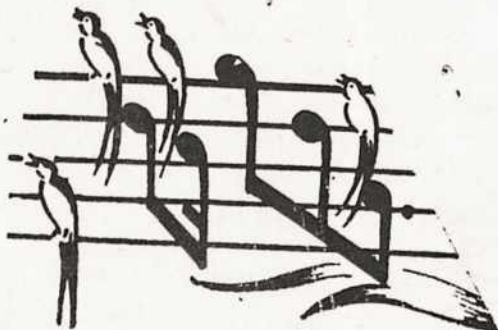
Along the open road her youthful daughter comes;  
Questioned the mother her youthful daughter:

"My daughter, my young one, where have you  
been wandering?  
Why are your garments damp with dew?

Why are your garments damp with dew  
And why is your crown of rue wet with mist?"

- "I accompanied brother along the open road,  
With brother under the birch tree I exchanged a  
few words.

It was there that the garments became damp with  
dew  
And the crown of rue wet with mist".

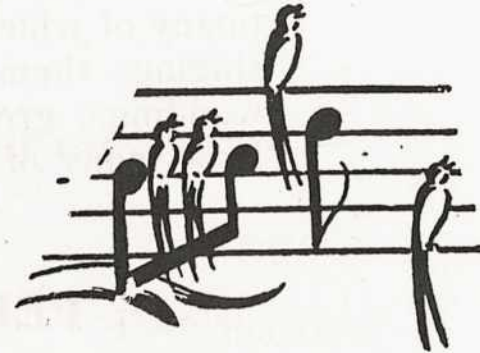


Sometimes certain words are difficult to translate. No language can have the exact equivalent of another language in its vocabulary. We may see our words in another's tongue yet the definition can be totally different.

In translating from one language to another, the emotion, sense, mood, meaning, interpretation and swing can easily be lost if the translator is not faithful, careful and conscientious enough. Then glaring liberties (thoughtlessness really) are taken by a translator which thru indifference for the originator's

work (poet, author or songwriter) can produce an entirely different poem or song - rendering it more as an adaption or recreation rather than a translation.

Some remarkable examples of the above folksong are the following from the Polish, German and Kirkupas' English which certainly did not stick to the original text - more is the pity.



Now, Liudvik Osinkis' Polish version according to my translation is such -

Very early in the East the sun was gleaming,  
Mamma by the small glass window was sitting,  
"A scandle this is", she asked, "where daughter  
are you returning from  
With your withered garland upon your head?"  
"Why is your dress wet so early in the morning,  
Not surprising that your wreath is bedewed".

"Ei! I wonder, child, perhaps you hastened  
to meet your young man for a chat in the field".  
"It's the truth, my mother, it's true I confess,  
I wished to see him and we talked for  
only a few moments,  
Meanwhile the garland became wet on my head".

Whereas Dr. G. FR. Reiss' German translation came out like this after I translated it:

It was morning already in the entire valley;  
The little birds singing in the fields and hilltops.  
No sooner was I home and sat myself to the meal,  
Then Mother put questions to me: "What  
happened to you?  
"Ah! your hair and bodice are all damp!"  
Alas, my heart failed me.  
"I know very well, by the spring you lingered  
awhile  
I know that for a fact!"

No one should know that you meet  
Your beloved so early in the morning!"  
"Ah, yes, dear Mother; I will tell you everything:  
He had so much to complain about to me,  
Spoke again and again of his love:  
Oh, Mother, oh, mother, tears flowed so profusely  
Down on me on my hair and bodice!"

Finally, the following is the Kirkupas English translation of the original -

Early one morning the sun was just rising  
and by her window my mother was sitting.

"Tell me, my daughter, where have you been  
roaming,  
how did you wet your pretty garland?"

"I rose early, oh, so early,  
and the morning dew was heavy.  
It is no wonder that I wet my garland".

"Now you are lying, yes, you are lying,  
I am certain, yes, I am certain.  
You have gone out so early to prattle with your  
lover".

"True, mother, I went to meet my lover,  
I only went to see him for a moment.  
In the field we wandered, wandered hand in hand,  
but 'just talking.  
Dewdrops fell upon my garland".

One charming folksong - many strange versions  
and no mention of the rue.



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**Calendar**



**AUGUST 20-24 62nd NATIONAL K of L CONVENTION, Hotel Taft, New York, N.Y. - Hosts, MAD.**



**SEPTEMBER**



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**27 C-112, Chicago - Rutu Balius, K of L Bldg., Chicago, Illinois**  
**28 NED FALL CONVENTION, St. Casimir Church, Worcester, Mass.**



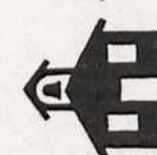
**OCTOBER**

**5 NED CULTURAL PICNIC, Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass.**  
**11 C29, Newark, 60th ANNIVERSARY DINNER & DANCE, Holy Trinity Hall, Newark, N.J.**



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**14 NED TV Mass, Government Center, Boston, Mass., Channel 7.**





## A LOOK AT M. K. CIURLIONIS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

Philip A. Skabeikis

Few nations can point to a single one of its sons and say, "this man was a catalyst for uniting our culture with the mainstream of Western Civilization". Lithuania can say this of Mikalojus Konstantinas Čiurlionis. Even fewer individuals can claim to approach the ideal of the truly "Renaissance Man" who had knowledge of and familiarity and facility with all forms of human creativity. Again, Lithuania can point to Čiurlionis.

September 10, 1975 marks the centennary of the birth of this, Lithuania's greatest artist and musician. Like most great men, he came from humble roots, but was driven by some innate force that allowed him to absorb all that his surroundings offered, thus nurturing that most intangible of commodities, creativity.

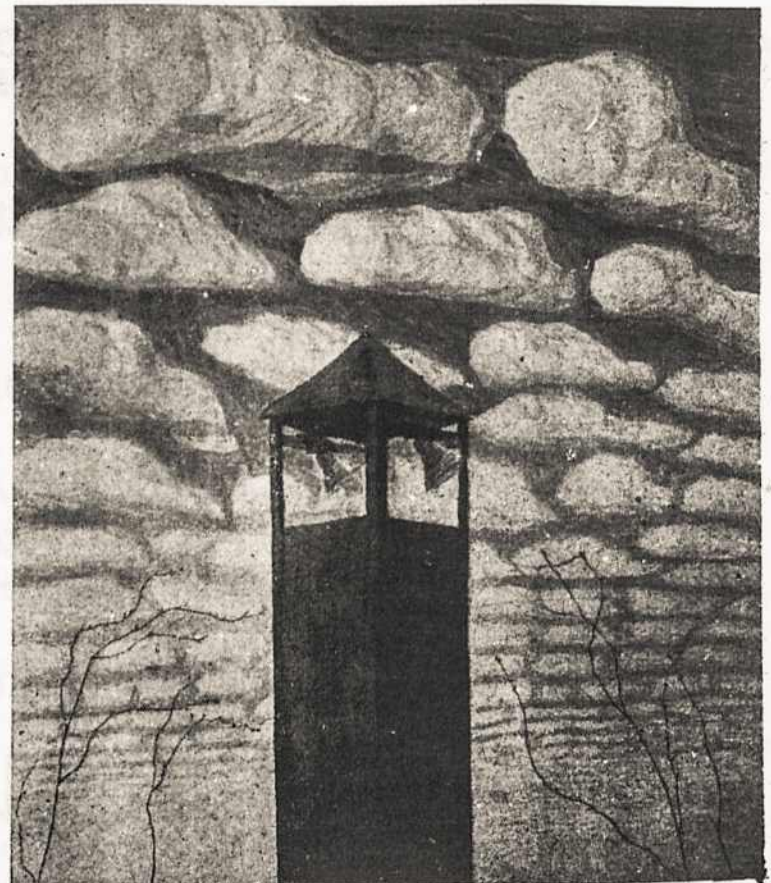
### I. HIS LIFE

Čiurlionis was born the son of a town organist in Lithuania's southern town of Varėna. He moved at an early age to Druskininkai, where he spent his early years. Druskininkai was a fashionable health spa, ideally situated amid myriad pine forests, lakes and the banks of the legendary Nemunas river. From his early years, young Mikalojus was spellbound by the wonders and beauty of nature, by the poignance of peasant folk songs and the marvelous complex symbolism of folk tales. These childhood surroundings left an indelible mark on all of his future creations, whether musical or graphic. His rapport with nature was evident even in later years when his developing career took him away from these idyllic settings. In a letter to a friend, Čiurlionis writes from Leipzig, "...how good it would be to take a walk and go down to the Nieman, to our little hills, the dunes, and pine forests. A month in the fresh air, and in spring too! I would just gaze and gaze at the trees and the grass; and here in my presence the buds would swell and redden, then a light green shoot would appear... and

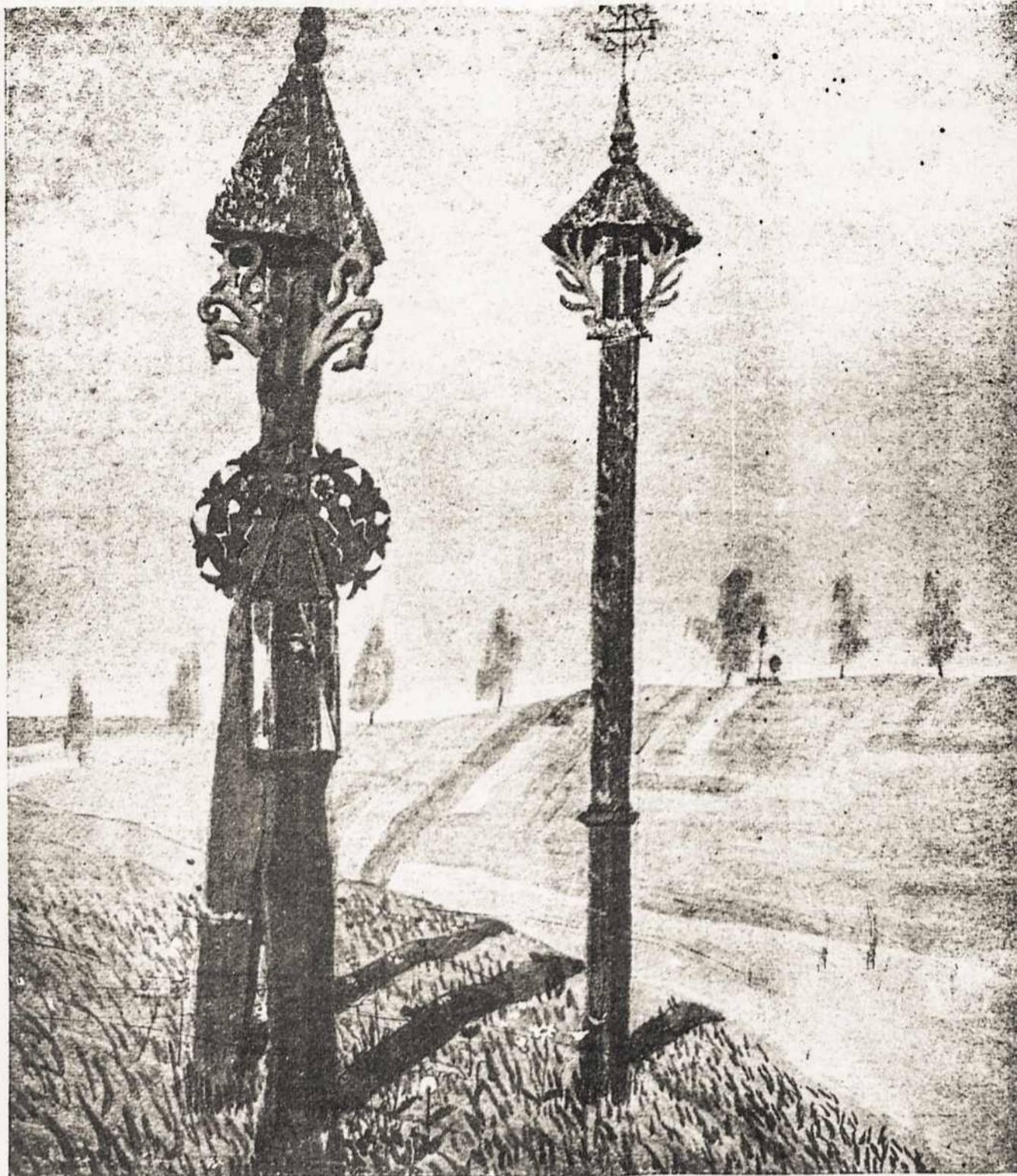
then in a trice, from the big leaf a flower would be pushing up its pretty head and smiling at the sun... again you would hear the murmur of the pines, so earnest, as if they were confiding their secrets to me. And nothing seems to be intelligible as this murmur. The forest is getting thinner, and behold, through the branches the lake shimmers in the distance..."

The natural beauty of his country was undoubtedly the first profound influence as well as a continuing source of nourishment for Čiurlionis, as it remains for all Lithuanian Folk Culture.

His father's involvement with the musical life of the town exposed Čiurlionis to the rudiments of musical expression at an early age. He was sight reading at the age of seven. The facility he revealed encouraged his father to begin formal training. The young Čiurlionis enrolled at the Prince Oginski Music School in Plungė in 1882. As in today's music schools,



*Pavasaris*



*Žemaičių koplytėlės*

the regimen was designed to eliminate all but the truly gifted. The young Lithuanian found himself among competitive German and Polish contemporaries. Čiurlionis' success soon caught the attention of Prince Oginski himself. The Prince became his patron and supplied both the financial and psychological support to carry young Čiurlionis to the Warsaw Conservatory of Music from 1893-99. There he began an intense study of piano and composition. The Conservatory's faculty encouraged all of their budding musicians to further their knowledge of the liberal arts and sciences as well as their musical training. Čiurlionis' excursions into the natural sciences brought him an appreciation for the innate harmonies and rhythms of the Universe. In his evolving interest in understanding Man's position in the universe and nature, Čiurlionis delved deeply into the writings of Kant, Wundt, Nietzsche and Laplace. His literary interests centered on Hugo, Ibsen, Dostoevsky, Andreev and Edgar Allan Poe with their unique approaches to exploring the human soul.

Once he had mastered the intricacies of composi-

tional theory, Čiurlionis had the means to express his artistic yearnings: The Warsaw years saw the creation of a Cantata DE PROFUNDIS for chorus and orchestra, two piano sonatas, variations for a string quartet and shorter pieces for various instruments and voices singularly and in combination. These later works were probably fulfillments of assignments in theory class for they demonstrated use of the various species of counterpoint, the juxtaposition of two or more differing musical lines.

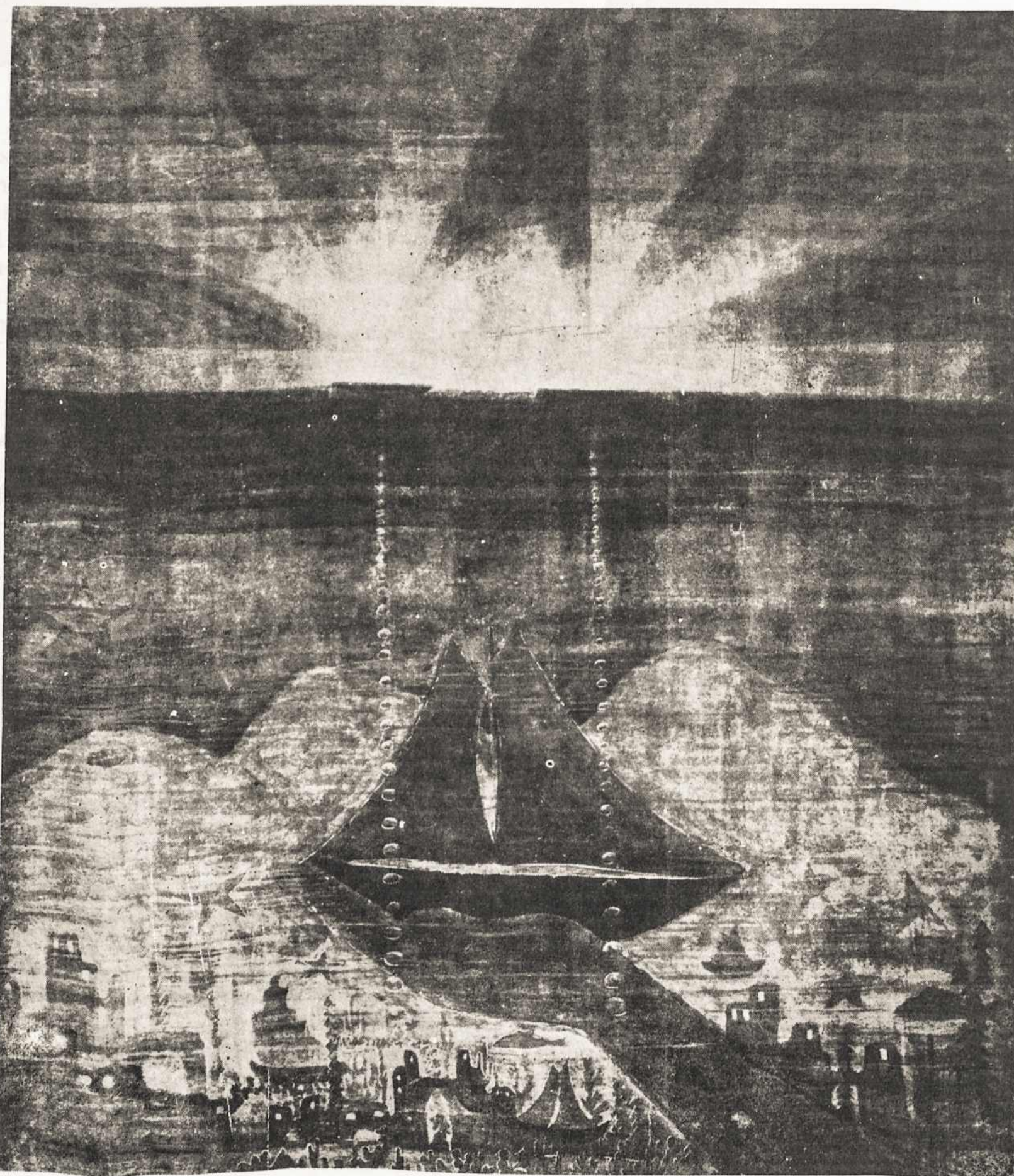
It was probably his still restless soul or perhaps homesickness that made him refuse the directorship of the Lublin School of Music offered to him upon his graduation from Warsaw. Instead he began giving private music lessons, continuing also to sate his voracious appetite for the literature of his time. He composed his symphonic tone poem MIŠKE (In the Forest) and won first prize in a local Polish competition. His growing circle of friends and the ever present Prince Oginski encouraged him to further his education. In 1901-02 he studied in Germany at the Leipzig Conservatory, and acquired a love for the works of Beethoven, Wagner, Berlioz and Tschai-

kovsky. From this period stem his String Quartet and a Fugue for Strings.

Returning to Warsaw in 1902, he again refused a teaching position at the Conservatory and continued private lessons. He became a regular at musical gatherings hosted by the wealthy nobles. A warm friendship developed between the struggling composer and one such family in particular, the Volmann family. As had Prince Oginski, the Volmanns provided the necessary financial security to enable Čiurlionis to travel extensively. His trips took him to the mountains as well as to the great art centers of Europe. The masterworks of graphic expression exerted a magical metamorphosis over Čiurlionis.

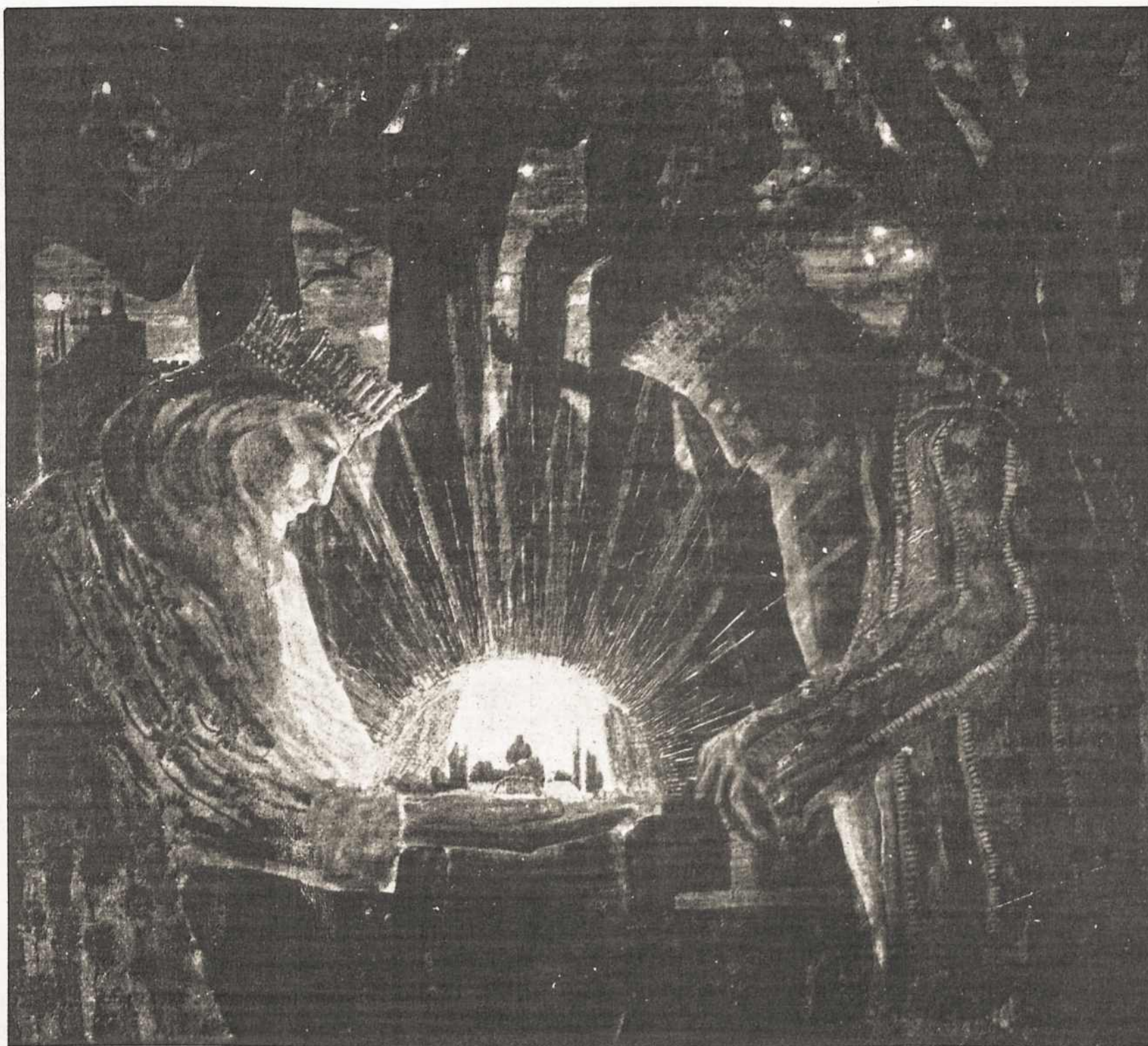
His creative soul was about to embark upon a new voyage. Music suddenly took second place as Čiurlionis delved into sketching. His travels ceased and he enrolled in the Kauzik Drawing School and the Academy of Art, both in Warsaw. His imagination and free style technique quickly drew attention to him. His facility and prolific output exceeded his acquisition of the principles of painting. His early canvases appear undisciplined and primitive, yet possessing something indefinably unique. His paintings were singled out for distinction at numerous exhibits and competitions.

At this same time, Čiurlionis' literary exploration had led him to a knowledge of and fascination with



*Jūros sonata*





*Karalių pasaka*

Eastern religions and mysticism. Both influences found their way first into his paintings.

A precursory look at this biographical narrative at this point might elicit the query: "What role then, did Lithuania play in the life of Čiurlionis and vice-versa?" It must be remembered that Tsarist oppression stunted intellectual growth in Lithuania. There was neither the atmosphere nor facilities to train and cultivate a Lithuanian musician in Lithuania. All such training had to be secured from Poland, Germany or Russia. In 1904-05 when the ban on the publication of Lithuanian books was lifted, new cultural development sparked. Self-exiled Lithuanian nationals flocked back spreading the seeds of political and cultural consciousness. Despite his involvement with his work, Čiurlionis followed these developments carefully and immediately found himself caught up in its fervor. In a letter to his brother Povilas dated January 7, 1906 he declares, "I intend to dedicate all my previous and future work to Lithuania". Although history had forced a prodigal status on Čiurlionis, he never relinquished his ethnic roots.

Čiurlionis now explored Lithuania's rich history

and folk culture, becoming a scholar in both. He became an active member of the Lithuanian Art Society of Vilnius, organizing and conducting the Rūta Society Chorus. The first Lithuanian Art Exhibition held in Vilnius December 27, 1906 thru February 15, 1907 included Works of Čiurlionis as well as his contemporaries Žmuidzinavičius and Rimša. His articles on music and art appeared in all major Lithuanian papers. He wrote in VILNIAUS ŽINIOS November 25, 1908 "Lithuanian folk art... must be the foundation of our art; an original Lithuanian style must come out of it; it is our pride because the beauty which it contains is pure".

As many of history's great men, Čiurlionis found that not everyone could easily understand his mode of expression. His work did not receive the same acclaim in Lithuania as it had enjoyed on foreign soil. There is little evidence to tell us about Lithuanian public reaction to his music also. His harmonizations of folk songs were popular, but one can only guess as to the popularity of his formal works. Čiurlionis' work was already an end product of his Weltanschauung or world-view, born of his vast literary

experience and formal training in current trends of thought. There was not yet a consciousness existing in Lithuania that might be receptive to his message. Feeling somewhat dejected perhaps, Čiurlionis left Vilnius to travel the countryside, from the glistening Baltic to the rolling hills and quaint villages of the highlands, working on new paintings all the while. This contact with his beloved Lithuanian countryside provided a necessary revitalization for the artist-musician.

Upon returning to Vilnius, he met and wed the Lithuanian authoress Sofija Kymantaite on January 1, 1909.

History says that poor finances and lack of support for his work forced Čiurlionis to leave Vilnius and settle in St. Petersburg, where his work had always been well received. Several exhibits featured his creations and critics acclaimed his rare originality and wealth of ideas.

Financial conditions deteriorated for Čiurlionis. He frequently found himself without canvas, oils or water colors and unable to meet mounting bills. He saw his solution in an intensified work effort. He worked without pause for rest or food, often into the early morning hours. His wife and friends became alarmed and pleaded with him to no avail. Čiurlionis suffered a nervous collapse in 1909 and found himself in a sanatorium near Warsaw. Although his mental condition showed signs of improvement, his weakened physical state left him susceptible to illness. He contracted a severe cold and died on April 10, 1911, at the age of 35. He was buried in Vilnius' Fasu Cemetery.



*Iš Zodiako ženklų ciklo*

## PRELIUDIJA

(Parašyta 21 gruodžio 1904 m.)

## II HIS MUSIC

Čiurlionis' first love, first mode of expression and the field in which he received the most formal training, was music. He was Lithuania's first composer of chamber and symphonic music which helped bring Lithuania into the general stream of Western culture. Approximately 250 compositions make up his total musical legacy. Over half are for his first instrument, the keyboard, notably the cycle "Jūra" (the Sea), later paralled with a cycle of paintings. His piano compositions include preludes, fugues, canons, etudes and sets of variations. They explore various emotional states and employ all techniques of mood and color. Although most are short, they frequently contain violent contrasts.

Outside his piano repertoire, his major works are the STRING QUARTET IN C FLAT in the Classical Sonata form (only three movements survive), the Overture KESTUTIS of which only the piano score remains, the aforementioned Cantata DE PROFUNDIS based on the Psalm of David for orchestra and mixed chorus, and the two symphonic tone poems MIŠKE (in the Forest) and JŪRA (the Sea). The former depicts the wooded Lithuanian countryside while the latter draws a sound picture of the various faces of the sea, from calm to tempestuous. Scored for large orchestra, this piece remains Čiur-

lionis' greatest work and is deserving of world recognition. The numerous harmonizations of Folk Songs that Čiurlionis left, are still performed by Lithuanian choirs throughout the world.

### III HIS ART

Čiurlionis left some 300 canvases, the earliest ones stemming from around 1903. From his first attempts to his last, Čiurlionis seems to have had freer expression on canvas than in music, the sometimes strict forms of which may have restricted him. His graphic works remain unique in all the history of art for their treatment of color, their use of symbolism and the wealth of imagination they contain.

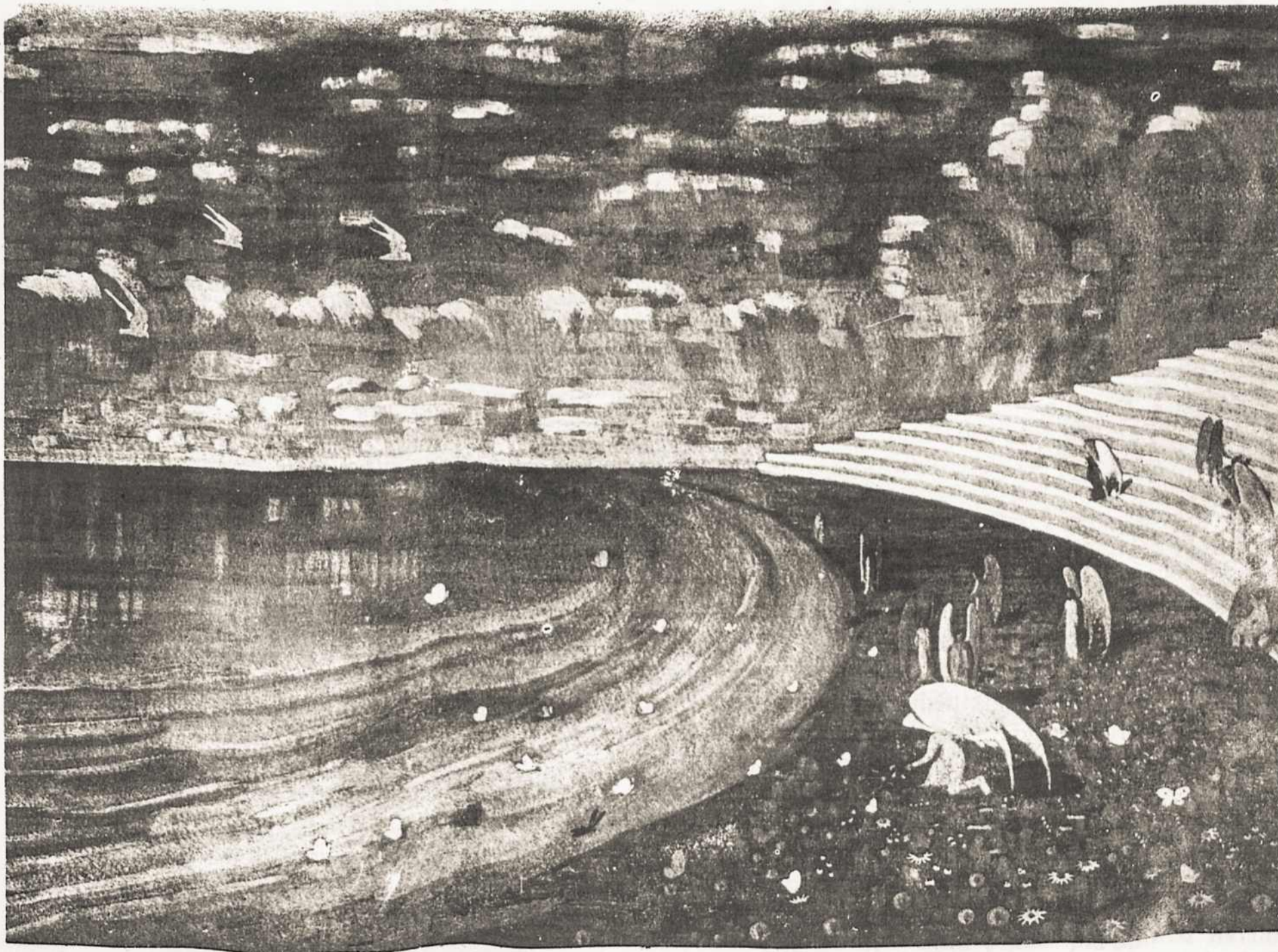
Art historians have said that through painting, Čiurlionis tried to express musical ideas, because he saw basic rhythms and harmonies binding all elements of the universe together. Indeed many of his works bear musical names like Prelude, Fugue, Sonata and even Andante, Allegro, Finale, etc. that refer to individual parts of a musical composition.

Very few of his works can be described as realistic

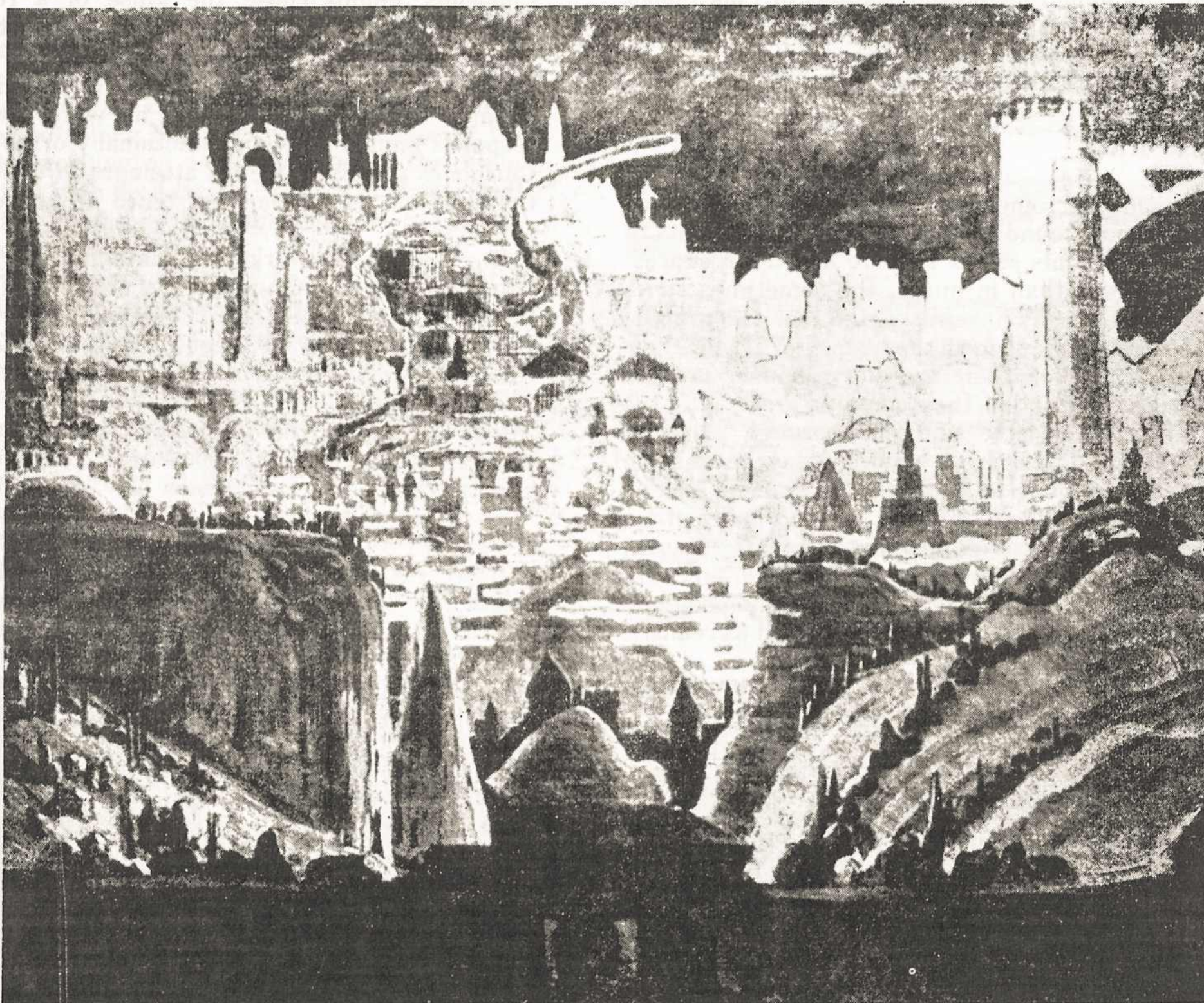
in their depiction of natural scenes or landscapes. Čiurlionis' genius chose the guise of a romantic dreamer and mystic, expressing at once, art, philosophy, emotion, and science, all pointing to the human soul as Čiurlionis felt it must be. The viewer is impelled to think when viewing his work. He either responds immediately and emotionally or not at all. Čiurlionis' paintings are his attempts to understand the problem of human existence in an ordered Universe.

His best known works are contained in cycles of paintings each containing a series of works. The best known of these cycles are "Creation of the World" (Let there Be Light), "Winter", "Signs of the Zodiac", "The Funeral", "Sonata of the Sun" and "The Sonata of the Sea".

Some of the individual works that are representative of his differing approaches are: "The Crosses of Samogitia", "The Cemeteries of Samogitia" and "Raigardas" (Realism), and, "The Fairy-tale of Kings", "Prelude: The Knight" and "Rex" (Symbolism). In a loose sense, much of Čiurlionis' work might be called Abstract. His works are too numerous and varied to cover in their entirety.



*Rojus*



*Raitelis*

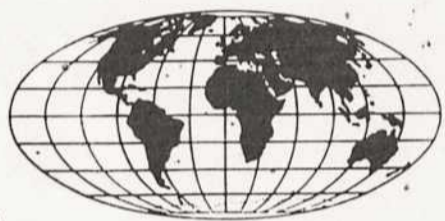
We can only wonder, what kind of contribution Čiurlionis might have made had he lived a natural span of life. What place might he hold in the history of Art were his works more available for study. Today, one hundred years after his birth, how many Lithuanians can say that they have heard his music or seen an example of his art and shared in his vision of a better world?

Who was Mikalojus Konstantinas Čiurlionis? Suffice it to say, this was a man unique in the world, who wrote a vital page in the history of art and... was a true son of Lithuania.

# KAS PAŠAUKĖ VYČIUS GYVENIMAN?

## III-ia Dalis

1931 metais seime nutarta organizacijon įvesti laipsnius: 1-mo, 2-ro, 3-čio ir 4-to. Laipsnių planui ir ritualui paruošti išrinkti: kun. S. Vembrė, J. Marčiulaitis, A. Visminas ir J. Sadauskas. Surošta ekskursiją į Lietuvos pavasarininkų jubiliejinę šventę, Chicago apskrities pastangomis suruošta didinga Chicago ir Wisconsin apskričių diena Waukegan, Ill., plačiai išgarsino lietuvių vardą. Seimo metu Brooklyn, N.Y., kuopos choras, vedamas A. Vismino suvaidino operetę "Consilium fakultatis".



1932 metais nuolatos kylanti JAV ekonominė depresija palietė ir vyčių organizaciją. Dėl nedarbo kuopos nusilpo. Dauguma narių ir nenorėdami turėjo išeiti iš organizacijos, nes neturėjo pinigų net nario mokesčiui. Tokiu būdu sustojo visoks veikimas. Laimė, sunkioju laiku 1936 metais iš Lietuvos atvyko dr. J. Leimonas ir J. Laučka atveždami Lietuvos pavasarininkų dovaną vyčiams - turtingą tautinio meno parodą, su kuria aplankyta dauguma kuopų. Lietuvos tautininkų vyriausybei įvedus katalikiškųjų draugijų varžymą ir spaudos cenzūrą, seimas pasiuntė prez. A. Smetonai sekantį protestą:

"Vieningai su katalikiškąja visuomene, protestuojame prieš dabartinės vyriausybės patėvišką Lietuvos valdymą, prieš Bažnyčios ir tautos veikimą, prieš spaudos cenzūrą, kuri draudžia laikraščiams skelbti savąsias nuomones ir verčia jų redaktorius talpinti vyriausybės propagandinius straipsnius".



Matas Zujus, buv. VYTIES Redaktorius, dabartinis GARSŲ red., Vyčių Garb. Narys.

## I. Sakalas

Centro Valdyba įgaliota rūpintis, kad Lietuvos vyriausybė iš skiriamų Amerikos lietuviams stipendijų Vytauto Didžiojo universitete, bent viena stipendija būtų paskirta ir studentui iš Vyčių organizacijos.

1937 metais organizacijon daugiau gyvumo įnešė Chicagoj susidaręs komitetas pakviesti Lietuvos sportininkų reprezentacinę rinktinę, nes tais metais krepšinio ratelis Kaune laimėjo Pabaltijo čempionatą. Grupei atvykus liepos 10-18 dienomis Chicagoj suruošta įvairaus sporto šventė Chicago universiteto stadione. Komitete pusė narių buvo vyčiai.

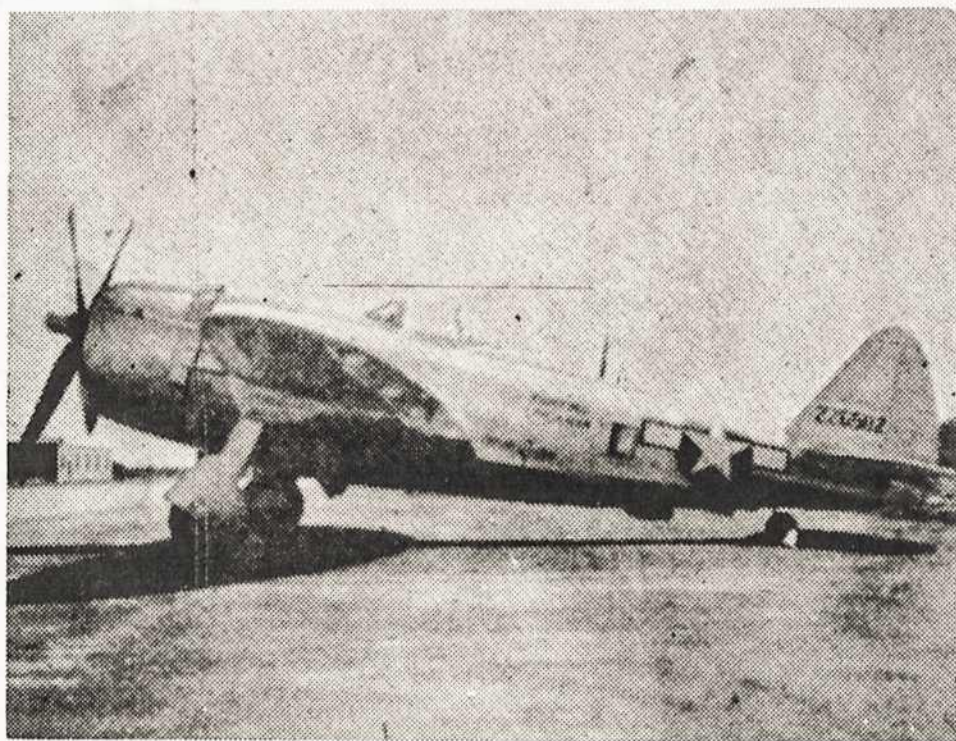


1938 metais vyčių vardą labai išgarsino Amerikoje ir Lietuvoje: Amerikoje vyčių 24 kp., Chicagoje, narys Jonas Šarkauskas savo žygiu: pėsčiomis pereiti išilgai JAV - iš New York į San Francisco. Visų miestų, pro kuriuos jam teko eiti, spauda dėjo jo nuotraukas ir aprašymus. Visur buvo vadinamas kaip "transcontinental walker", o Lietuvoje - Amerikos lietuvių sportininkų rinktinė, kuri laimėjo Lietuvos čempionatą. Dauguma sportininkų buvo vyčiai. Pradėta narių klasifikacija laipsniais.

1939 metais baigta laipsniais klasifikacija. Tas įnešė organizacijon daugiau gyvumo, nes gavę laipsnius nariai glaudžiau susirišo su kuopomis. Pavasarininkų vyčiams paaugotą rankdarbių parodą, organizacijai neturint savo patalpų, seimas nutarė padalinti į tris dalis ir paaugoti vienuolynams: Šv. Kazimiero, Šv. Pranciškaus ir Tėvų Marijonų. Įsteigtas vadinamas "Book-of-the Month Club", kad parūpintų nariams rinktinių knygų lietuvių kalba, taipgi anglų kalba leidinius, kuriuose bus rašoma apie Lietuvą ir lietuvius. Chicagos vyčių choras dalyvavo New York

Pasaulinės parodos Lietuvių dienos programoj, o namie suruošė šaunų spektaklį "1939 metų įvairumai". Choro vedėju buvo muz. J. Sauris.

1940 metais dėl karo organizacijos veikimas buvo apsilpęs, o 1941 metais, JAV įstojus į karą, vyčiai buvo labiausiai paliesti. Apie 1,000 jaunų narių vėl buvo pašaukta į karinę tarnybą ir daug jų žuvo. Namie gi karas pareikalavo naujų darbo jėgų. Žmonės dirbo dieną ir naktį. Nebuvo laiko rūpintis organizacija. Ir vyčių spaustuvės darbininkams, išėjus į pelningesnius darbus, nebuvo kam spaustos darbu atlikti. Prisėjo spaustuve uždaryti, o 1945 metais parduoti. Kaip visi gyventojai, taip ir vyčiai buvo įpareigoti pirkti ir pardavinėti Karo bonus. Įsteigtas ir Karo fondas, Vyčiai nuoširdžiai dirbo. Pavyzdžiui, Bostono kuopa surinktomis aukomis nupirko karišką lėktuvą. Jo šonuose buvo išrašyti stambiomis raidėmis žodžiai "Fighting Lithuania". Hartford, Conn., kuopa savo surinktomis aukomis nupirko Amerikos Raud. Kryžiui "Blood donors mobile", o Philadelphia, Pa., kuopa, talkinant visiems miesto ir apylinkės lietuviams, nupirko ir karo valdžiai pasiuntė bombonešį, kainavusį arti pusę milijono dol. Bombonešio šonuose buvo įrašas stambiomis raidėmis "The Knights of Lithuania".



Lėktuvas "Fighting Lithuania"

Antrasis Pasaulinis karas, kaip žinome, atnešė Lietuvai nelaimę, kurios ir šiandien galo nesimato - žiauriają Rusijos komunistų okupaciją ir tautos genocidą. Vyčiai tai skaudžiai atjautė ir 1944 metais seimas buvo pradėtas veik ašarotomis visų dalyvių akimis, malda ir priesaika: aukotis ir darbuotis už Lietuvos išlaisvinimą iš žiaurios vergijos, raginti kuopas ir apskritis padėti tautos vadams visuose Lietuvai laisvės atstatymo darbuose, remti Informacijos centrą ir visais būdais padėti skleisti propagandinę literatūrą. Tais metais organizacijoj įsteigtas sendraugių skyrius ir pirmoji kuopa suorganizuota Chicagoje.



a.a. Kun. J. Jutkevičius su "Friend of Lithuania", Kongr. P. Rodino.

pakalbėtų dienos ir jaunimo klausimais. Žinant lietuvių tremtinių Europoj sunkią padėtį, užmegzti ryšius su tremtinių stovyklomis, joms rašyti laiškus, siūsti laikraščius, knygas, maisto ir drabužių siuntinius, dalyvauti komitetuose, kurie rūpinasi tremtinių atvykimu į JAV. Išleisti Garbės nariams ženklelius, įsteigti Lietuvos Reikalų komisiją, kuri sektų anglų spaudą apie Lietuvą ir už palankias žinias rašytų redaktoriams padėkos laiškus, o klaidinančias žinias tikslintų. Komisijos pirmininku išrinktas kun. J. Jutkevičius (Jutt).

1947 m. seime pasidžiaugta Lietuvos Reikalų komisijos veikla, nes daugumoje kuopų įsteigti rateliai talkinti centrinei komisijai jos pareigose.

1948-9 metais vyčių veikla daugiausia buvo nukreipta į religinį gyvenimą. Centro dvasios vado skatinimu kuopos ruošė dažnas dvasines puotas, o kai kurios įvedė net mėnesinės komunijos praktiką. Marianapolio kolegijoj suruošti vasariniai kursai vadams religiniais klausimais. Kursus lankė 25 vyčių veikėjai. Pittsburgh, Pa., ir apylinkės vyčių iniciatyva suruoštas lietuvių tremtinių Vokietijoj naudai piknikas davė gryno pelno \$1,000.00, o sekančiais metais panašus piknikas Balfo naudai davė \$2,000.00. Chicago apskritis Vytauto parke suruošė jaunimo demonstraciją už Lietuvos išlaisvinimą. Rezoliucijos pasiūstos JAV vyriausybei. Naujosios Anglijos apskritis Romuvos parke, Brockton, Mass., suruošė didelę sporto šventę, pagerbė žymų vyčių sportininką Al. Bložį, kuris žuvo Pasauliniam kare Prancūzijoje. Ignas Sakalas išrinktas Lietuvos Vyčių Organizacijos istorijai medžiagą rinkti ir redaguoti.

1950-1951 metais vyčių veikimas daugiausia buvo nukreiptas į šelpimą lietuvių pabėgusių nuo karo Vokietijoje. 102 kuopa, Detroit, Mich., net vadovavo drabužių rinkime savo rajone ir jų paruošimą siuntimui. Užmezgė ryšius su Lietuvos Laisvinimo komitetu Europoje, rinko ir siuntinėjo žinias anglų spaudoje apie Lietuvą. Pasiūsta padėka popiežiui Pijui XII, kuris paskelbė visiems laikams Šv. Kazimierą ypatingu danguje globėju viso Lietuvos jaunimo. LRK pirm. kun. J. Jutkevičius (Jutt) popiežiaus Pijaus XII pakeltas prelatu, o Worcester, Mass., vysk. J. D. Wright - jį paskyrė diacezijos tribunolo notaru. Balandžio 1 d. mirė Lietuvos Vyčių steigėjas M. Norkūnas, išgyvenęs 82 metus.

1952 metais nutarta pastatyti paminklą a.a. M. Norkūnui ir tam reikalui įsteigtas fondas, kurio pirmininku paskirtas Garbės narys J. Bulevičius (Boley), o padėjėjais K. Zaromskis ir J. Sadauskas. Vyčiai įsijungė į Amerikos Lietuvių Bendruomenę. Suruošta vyčių ir ateitininkų vadų konferencija. Buvę "Vyčio" redaktoriai: adv. J. Petraitis (Peters) paskirtas Altedeno, Calif., teisėju, o A. Skirius pradėjo leisti mėnesinį žurnalą "Lietuvių Dienos".

1953 jubiliejinis seimas So. Boston'e, buvo vienas didžiausių. Suvažiavo ne tik apie du šimtai kuopų atstovų, bet ir veik visi iki to laiko Garbės nariai jų tarpe ir svečias iš Lietuvos vysk. Padolskiš. Antros dienos pirmas posėdis buvo pašventas jubiliejui minėti. Išsamią paskaitą apie organizacijos nueitą kelią šūkiu - veikiam Dievui ir Tėvynei skaitė buvęs "Vyčio" redaktorius Garbės narys Ignas Sakalas, o kalbas pasakė dr. J. Leimonas ir svečias vysk. Padolskis.

Šiame seime priimta viena labai svarbi rezoliucija. Angliškai ji skamba sekančiai:

"RESOLVED: that any resolution which affects or changes any fundamental principle on which Knights of Lithuania organization was founded, in order to be presented to the National Convention assembly for action, must first have the approval of at least two-third of the active councils, then submitted to the Supreme Council in writing prior to the opening session of the National Convention at which such resolution is to be presented. The term "fundamental principle" as used shall include:

1. Change of motto.
2. Change of name of the organization.
3. Acceptance of non-Lithuanians.
4. Acceptance of non-Catholics.
5. Affiliation or merger with another organization.

Brooklyn, N.Y., Academy of Music suruoštas koncertas M. Norkūno paminklo fondui, kurio programą išpildė Metropolitan solistai: Anna Kaskas ir Algirdas Brazis.

Loyola universiteto Chicagoj globojamas Lietuvybės Studijų institutas suručsė ciklą paskaitų, kurių

viena buvo tema "Lietuvos Vyčių problemos". Ją skaitė žinomas katalikų veikėjas Chicagoj S. Rauckinas.

1954 metai buvo - Marijos metai, dėlto ir vyčių seimui buvo duotas šūkis: Per Mariją - laisva Lietuva. Šūkis rado stiprų atgarsį kuopose ir apskrityse. Susirinkimuose, konferencijose visuomet pirmiausia buvo kreipiamasi prie Marijos, nes Josios "asmens dovanos buvo Dievo permatytos dar prieš pasaulio ir žmogaus sutvėrimą" (Penkauskas). Prašantiems Marija visiems padeda kūno ir sielos reikaluose.



Vyčių steigėjo M. Norkūno paminklas, vyčių aukomis pastatytas Saldžiausios Širdies kapinėse, Lawrence, Mass.

Pastatytas a.a. M. Norkūnui paminklas, kainavęs \$1,095.14, ir pašventintas balandžio 25 d. Paminklo pašventinime prie gėlių vainiko fondo pirmininkas J. Bulevičius (Boley) pridėjo ir vyčių priesaiką, kad iki mirties "vyčiai pasiliks uoliais katalikais ir gerais lietuviais, savyje ugdys lietuvišką dvasią, brangins lietuvišką kalbą, dainą, lietuviškus papročius ir didesniu uolumu skleis vyčių idėjas". (Pilnas priesaikos tekstas yra organizacijos archyve).

1955 metais seimui paskelbus šūkį: "Šios dienos jaunimas - rytojaus vadai", veikimas buvo nukreiptas į ruošimą naujų vadų-veikėjų, kad seniems pasitraukus būtų kas užimtų jų vietas. Be to, įsteigta Kultūros komisija, kad rūpintųsi rinkimu ir paruošimu medžiagos škyriams lietuvių tautinės kultūros reikalais.

1956 metais seimas įvyko Chicagoj ir jis pradėtas iškilmingomis pamaldomis naujoje Šv. Petro bažnyčioje, vidurmiestyje. Posėdžiauta Sherman viešbutyje. Daug dėmesio kreipta į organizacijos dvasinę sritį, kuopoms išsiuntinėta religinė programa, kuri buvo vykdoma konkurso keliu ir registruojama taškais. Pirmojoje vietoje atsistojo 52-ji kuopa, Elizabeth, N.J. Iš Lietuvos gauta žinia, kad Garbės narys ir buvęs uoliausias organizacijos veikėjas kun. F. Kemėšis komunistų išvežtas į Sibirą ir ten mirė. Chicagoj ir daugelyje kuopų suruoštos gedulo pamaldos.

# LITHUANIANS IN THE NEWS



The officers of Bridgeport Council #141, Knights of Lithuania, received their charter during the organization's first Amber Ball on Saturday, April 19, 1975, which was held at St. George's church hall, 443 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Mrs. Alphonse Trainis, president (second from right), receives the charter from Anthony Miner, Supreme Council, 2nd Vice President, as Mrs. Antanas Ivaska, second Vice President and Sylvester Marcavage, first Vice President look on. Council #141 formed in August, is dedicated to the preservation of Lithuanian culture, arts and language in the Greater Bridgeport area.

Recent arrivals from Lithuania were honored guests of Jack & Loretta Stukas at the recent "Memories of Lithuania" Radio Picnic, Priedaimė Park, N.J. L. to r.: Eleanora Juocepienė, Seaman Jonas Stankevičius, Genė Kudirkienė, J. Stukas, Simas Kudirka, L. Stukas.

Photo R. Kisielius



On November 7, 1974, two days after the arrival of Simas Kudirka and his family from Lithuania, a very productive press conference was held at the Hotel Waldorf Astoria. Many newspaper, wire services, radio and TV reporters covered the event. Among dignitaries present were Senators James L. Buckley and Jacob K. Javits. Our K of L Public Relations Co-chairman, Helen Kulber (right), managed to line up (l. to r.) Algis Ruksenas, author of "Day of Shame", Mr. Kudirka and Roberts Breize, recipient of the 1971 Knights of Lithuania "Friend of Lithuania" award, for this photo. Helen noticed the K of L pin in his lapel. Mr. Breize, Latvian, said he was proud to wear it. Copies of the book, "Day of Shame", about the Kudirka - U.S. coast guard cutter "Vigilant" - Soviet fishing vessel incident, may be purchased from Philip Skabeikis, K of L Cultural chairman.

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# Vyčiai Veikia Council Activities

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## MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

C-29 - NEWARK, N.J.

The cake sale sponsored by the council for the benefit of our Holy Trinity Parish realized a nice profit. The committee under the chairmanship of Adele Urban deserve a nice round of applause for their endeavors. Our only regret was we ran out of goodies to be sold due to the good turnout of customers.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Albinas Zukauskas and Ann Abromaitis who received their 3rd Degree in Elizabeth, N.J. on Apr. 6.

At our Apr. 27 meeting, prayers were offered in memory of the late Jonas Gvazdaitis, an Honorary Member of C-29, and for Leonard Simutis, former Chairman of the Honorary Membership Committee of the Supreme Council.

Our heartfelt condolence and sympathy to Marge Brazaitis in the recent passing of her father, Frank Sneider.

Our Day of Prayer for Suffering Lithuania on May 6 in Holy Trinity Church saw a very good attendance. After services, coffee and cake was served in the parish hall, and slides were shown by Msgr. John J. Scharnus, Spiritual Director.

At our May 18 meeting, Dr. Jack J. Stukas gave a very interesting talk on the 100th Anniversary of

the death of Bishop Valancius. His discourse dealt on the life and works of this outstanding Lithuanian prelate and patriot of the time.

The council donated \$200. towards the parish Easter Collection, and a \$25. donation to the Lithuanian Religious Aid organization.

Recent visitors to Florida were Dr. Jack & Loretta Stukas, Antanina Skroudys, Helen Radisch, and Frank Vaskas. Frank was a visitor at the Deland, Fla. home of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Kurpalis and Carol Shirviski, who were K of L members while living in Gary, Ind. The good old days of the K of L were rehashed in their talks many times. Who knows - perhaps a K of L council can be organized in the Sunshine State!

Regina Schmidt returned from a European trip with many enjoyable memories.

We urge one and all not to forget to put a circle around the date of Oct. 11, the date of our annual dinner-dance, marking the 60th Anniversary of the council. The committee in charge is certainly making every effort to make this an outstanding event in our council's calendar.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Urban who are observing their 30th Anniversary of wedded bliss this year.

The Wanderer

C-100 - AMSTERDAM, N.Y.

On May 12, members of our council gathered at the St. Casimir's Social Center for a business meeting.

President Tony Radzevich reiterated the need for writing letters to our representatives in Washington in behalf of Lithuania.

Sadie Karbus brought to the attention of the members Tony

Radzevich's write-up on Amsterdam's activities in the Vytis Section of the Darbininkas. Thanks, Tony, for a well-done job!

It was also noted that Rev. Anthony Grigaitis' name appeared in the Darbininkas on the list of donors (\$300.) for Religious Aid in Lithuania. God bless you, Father.

A hot dog roast was planned to be held at Dr. Kindar's on June 15. Co-chairmen for the event were Sophie Olbie and Gene Gobis, assisted by Richard & Linda Alexander.

Linda Alexander, Richard's wife, was welcomed as a new member of our council.

Father Baltch brought in some magazines and newspapers, such as Lituanus, etc., for the members to look over. He spoke briefly of religion in Lithuania. For example, a man who worked on a collective farm who was without religion for 30 years was buried with the Catholic rites because his relatives would not hear of his being buried without them.

May 12 was also the wedding anniversary of Helen & Leo Druziak. Everyone at the meeting joined in congratulating them on this happy occasion.

Ann & Tony Radzevich, planning a trip to Europe, were wished a hearty bon voyage!

Father Grigaitis closed the meeting with a prayer, and the singing of the Vytis Hymn followed.

Refreshments were served by a committee of Edna Stokna, Jean Maldutis, Linda & Edith Orante, Frances Drzewicki, and Helen Augun.

In the very near future, there will be a new arrival for Norbert & Judy Sherbunt. Bernice Sherbunt is looking forward to being a grandmother once again.

Smile & Sparkle

C-12 - NEW YORK, N.Y.

**LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY** - in February as a remembrance of all the Lithuanians who gave up their lives for Faith and Freedom, our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. George Gurinkas offered a Memorial Mass at Our Lady of Vilnius Church in commemoration of Lithuanian Independence Day.

**ST. CASIMIR** - The annual Communion breakfast of St. Casimir was held in the church hall on Mar. 2. Larry Janonis served as toastmaster. On this occasion, Pastor Gurinkas explained to us the significance of having an active Lithuanian Parish Church in N.Y.C. to satisfy the spiritual needs of the parishioners. He expressed gratitude of our understanding that it takes active participation by us to help maintain the church. After breakfast, the Ritual chairlady, Helen Cuperwicz conducted a ceremony and bestowed 1st Degrees upon John Antonovich, Jeanne Janonis, Ona Kscenaitis, Adele & Arthur Nelson, Milly Maskacimis, Barbara & Charles Pupelis and Kazimiera & Antanas Yacavonis. Our thanks to Co-Chairladies Jeanné Janonis and Millie Pietz for organizing the St. Casimir event. They were ably assisted by the committee, Helen & Vincent Cuperwicz, Larry Janonis, Helen Matthews, Matthew Yatkaukas, Helen Yorkus, Jovita & Joseph Sleder and a good friend of C-12, Lillian Kozlowski.

**VELYKOS** - On Easter Sunday, Pastor Gurinkas introduced an additional community service of hospitality. To parishioners and guests an Easter brunch buffet was served in the church hall after Resurrection Mass. We witnessed the blessing of the food on this holy morn as once more we reaffirmed our Easter Faith. Bright and early, K of L members Jeanne Janonis, Helen Matthews and Larry

Janonis arose to organize the event. Mention must be made of the creative talents of Helen Matthews. Her Easter Table was an artistic display of "Margučiu" on a table of grass, surrounded by ceramic figurines and flowers. It is especially pleasing to report that Helen took the time to employ the "art of designing" the eggs for a public appreciation of a Lithuanian culture.



C-12: Blessing of food by Pastor Gurinkas at Easter Morn Brunch.



C-12: Committee of Easter Morn Brunch: Jeanne Janonis, Helen Matthews and Larry Janonis.



C-12: Pres. Matthew Yatkaukas extending hand of fellowship to Adele & Arthur Nelson after Ritual Ceremony.



C-12: Daughter Millie Pietz giving warm wishes to Mrs. Ona Kscenaitis after 1st Degree ceremony. Jeanne Janonis beaming over her 1st degree and a good friend of C-12, Lillian Kozlowski.



C-12: Life Member John Antonovich smiling about 1st Degree as Jim Sabal offers congratulations.



C-12: Ritual Chairman, Helen Cuperwicz extending welcome to Barbara & Charles Pupelis after 1st Degree Ceremony.



C-12: Sponsor Jim Sabal congratulating Kazimiera and Antanas Yacavonis on 1st Degree Installation.

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS -**  
 Additions to our "Century Note Club" are Barbara & Michael Kartanowicz who have joined the life members roster in the council. Congratulations! Helen Matthews is busy attending classes to become a sculptress; her latent artistic tendencies are producing works of art. Congratulations, too for being elevated to the 3rd Degree at the M.A. Dist. meeting on Apr. 6.

Re-elected to Our Lady of Vilnius Church Parish Council for the coming year are members, Joseph Kscenaitis, Helen Matthews, Albert Yatkaukas and Mary York.

**U.S.A. INDEPENDENCE DAY-**  
 We sincerely hope all the Knights and Ladies across the U.S. seriously reflected upon their country's Independence Day on July 4. It would be of interest to read in the Vytis how you observed the day in your community, especially during the Bicentennial Era.

Liberty Lady

#### C-109 - GREAT NECK, N.Y.

Our June picnic-in-the-woods at Kings Point Park was a fun day with lots of good food on the picnic table, and a great deal of congeniality among several generations of members. It was difficult to tell the children apart after they finished playing in the damp mossy grounds of the park, but the "elders" were too busy enjoying the day to put a damper on the spirits of the children. We enjoyed seeing Billy Bernatovich so active after his serious illness and hospitalization. Thank you all for coming, and for the generous donations for the picnic table. A very special thanks to Star and Al Wesey who supplied the cooking equipment, and purchased everything that was essential for a cookout.

We heartily congratulate Al Wesey who has now been elevated to Honorary Membership. Al has been our council's President for many, many years, and has been

active in all branches of the organization. We are indeed proud that his many achievements have been recognized, and that "our local boy has made good". He has truly been a guiding light to our council, and we wish him good health and many more years of K of L activity.

Sincere condolences to Lou Ann Rutha whose mother, Anna Sosaris, died on June 25. Lou Ann and her mom were more like sisters. She had a very pleasant countenance, and was a Lithuanian immigrant who, while cherishing her own heritage and traditions, very comfortably became Americanized to fit into today's society. Members attended her wake, had a Mass offered, and will remember her in their prayers.

Starsy Wesey's nieces, Cindi & Elizabeth Carey from Rumford, Me., (Star's birthplace), are spending the summer in Great Neck. Elizabeth who is 17 yrs. old jogs 4 miles every morning, having won 2nd place in the State of Maine's track meet for girls. In the wintertime, she travels with her school throughout the N.E. States skiing in cross-country meets. Quite a gal!

We congratulate John Marks Jr. on his graduation (with cap & gown & commencement exercises) from St. Aloysius kindergarten class, and his 6th birthday a week later. Beverly & Ricky arranged a lawn party for him under a beautiful, large tent. We hear, though, that Ricky could use a few lessons on the art of putting up a tent. They're not meant to collapse!

Joe Zukas again this year was awarded the High Average Trophy in the Bklyn-Queens Section of the CYO Bowling League. This coupled with the ribbons he won in the horse shows will keep him in a glow for a little while. Other bowlers doing well in their respective leagues are Tony Kober, Charlie Rogers, and Bill Bernatovich.

Have a great day!



#### NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

#### C-17 - SO. BOSTON, MASS..

The slumbering bear has come out of hibernation after all these long months. Members have been wondering what has happened to C-17's column which hasn't been in the Vytis for quite a spell. This reporter just got tired, and wanted to see if someone would take over, but this hasn't happened. Apathy has taken hold in the council, and the few workers that we have are tired of being on every committee and never getting any relief from other council members.

Let's catch up with the news. It's now Lt. Fred Hirst of the US Marine Corps; we sorely miss Fred because of his devotion to and working for the K of L. Congrats to Helen "Honey" Zemaitis on her engagement and coming marriage to Buddy Chase. Helen Zarembo has been traveling around the world to Hawaii, California, & Florida. She was also laid up for awhile with a twisted ankle. Alice Taruska reached her 80th birthday with a trip to Hawaii, accompanied by her daughter Helen Zemaitis and sister Helen Zarembo. Joanne Markuns graduated from H.S. and has been accepted at Salve Regina College, Newport, R.I. Joanne was one of the Mass. Miss Teenager Contest contestants. We sincerely hope that Estelle Janus is well on the road to recovery after her hospitalization. Estelle is the prefix of St. Peter's Woman's Sodality. Congrats to Maddie & Ronald Venis who are the proud parents of their fourth child. Alice

Olevitz is a "baseball mother" and the Pres. of the Home & School Assoc. of the Horace Mann School, a busy gal. Stanley & Brenda (Statsky) Dzierzeski and son Stanley spent some time at Virginia Beach, Va. Congrats to Jean Pasakarnis who became the bride of Bob Buchanan. They have moved from inner Boston to suburbia. After being laid up in the hospital for a long siege, Al Jaritis semi-toured the country with stops in N.Y., Arizona, Mexico, Calif., back to the Bay State, and back to the hospital again. He is on the road to recovery but as yet has not returned to work. AnnMarie Markuns was busy working for supplementary income for her coming school year, as well as busy with council and parish activities.

Father Albin Janiunas was instrumental in leading the N.E. Dist. Holy Year Holy Hour held at the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament of the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. Father Albert Contons also aided in the celebration. There was a good turnout of N.E. Dist. members; C-17 & C-17 Srs. hosted a collation following services.

Helen Suprin spent some time in Vermont skiing and then went to Disneyland, Fla. for some sunshine. Lil & Bill Gorski took a spring vacation and also went skiing. They then took a few days off to head for Cape Cod along with Noe Noe (Bill's mare), where Bill rode her on the beaches of the Cape. Ann, Mary & Joan Kleponis toured Penn. & Martha's Vineyard. Joanna & Frank Grigas spent a few days at the Bahamas. Frank Sabiski is recovering from a freak accident, breaking his hip, and now doing well. Betty & John Grigalunas spent a fortnight in Hawaii and Las Vegas and came home in good shape. Vytautas Bruzgys has been traveling throughout the continent of Europe. Our Pres. was called to work at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; Johnny O certainly gets some good assignments. John Daniels has been traveling throughout Korea, Iran, France, Germany, Greece -



C-17 Srs., Alexander Akule, Frank Markuns and Joe White.

all on company time. Frank Yonika, living in Washington, D.C., has come up this way to do some fishing at Cape Cod. Aldonna Keaney was busy getting her cottage ready for the summer at Halifax, Mass. Congrats to Ruth & Joe Nauyokas who welcomed their fourth child. Adele & Mary Martus, and daughter Adele, paid a short visit to Disneyland, Fla.

For whom the bells tolled: Sister of Dr. Al Kiburis, Teddy Vallis; Vyto Ulevicius, husband or Dorothy, father of three children, son of Mrs. Ona Ulevicius; Joseph Rudis, father of Edmund & Phyllis Gendreau; Edmund "Rudy" Rudis, son of Mrs. Joseph Rudis & sister Phyllis Gendreau; and our good friend from C-18, Leo Shakalis. May they rest in peace.



Tony Miner, C-116, the late Leo Shakalis, C-18, Susan Boroskas, C-1 and John Alanskas, C-7 at Our Lady of Sorrows Convent, Brockton, Mass.

Plans are underway for the coming "Novemberfest" and the committee promises all that attend a good time. Donna (Grigas) Reina is on the recovery list, and we hope that we may see her active again real soon. C-17 is looking for workers for the N.E. Dist. Cultural Picnic to be held Oct. 5 at the New Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass. To those who are interested and have the time available, please contact our council Pres. John Olevitz. The "Hiking & Marching Chowder Club" is trying to revive its old policy of both mountain and flat hikes. Check with our Pres. regarding coming activities.

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C-116 - SO. WORCESTER, MASS.

On Apr. 19 which marked the opening of the Bicentennial of this great country of ours, the representatives of the 132 parishes of the Diocese of Worcester gathered in St. Paul's Cathedral for the "solemn liturgical celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Diocese to give Glory, Honor, and Thanksgiving to Almighty God". Mr. & Mrs. John Adamaitis represented Our Lady of Vilna Parish on this great occasion. We requested Mrs. Adamaitis to give us her views on the events and the following is her report:

"This was a most splendid occasion, with all the pomp and circumstance of the Roman Catholic Church - almost a medieval spectacle, with, of course, that greatest gift which our Church possesses - Holy Mass with the Most Sacred Eucharist.

Presiding at the Mass was Humberto Cardinal Medeiros, Archbishop of Boston. The homilist was John Cardinal Wright, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Clergy and the first Bishop of Worcester. The concelebrants were the following: Most Rev. Jean Jadot, Archbishop of Zuri and Apostolic Delegate to the U.S.; Most Rev. Bernard J. Flanagan, Bishop of Worcester; Most Rev. Timothy J. Harrington, Auxiliary Bishop of Worcester, Most Rev.

John F. Whealon, Archbishop of Hartford; and 15 other Bishops, and hundreds of other clergy, and religious.

The music for the occasion was truly inspired - it seemed as though Heaven itself burst forth in song - the organ, the trumpets, the percussion instruments, the voices - and, of course, the people themselves when they joined in the response - it was a magnificent outpouring of faith and thanksgiving to Almighty God".

We ended our bowling season on a grand scale. The bowling banquet was held May 18 at the elegant Chateau de Ville dinner & theatre Club. We dined & wined on champagne & glazed chicken and were entertained with a marvelous performance of "Spice on Ice". A thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent. Many, many thanks to Dotty March for all the arrangements, and to her husband Bart; they were treasurer and score keeper's for the entire season. Another fine job for the umpteenth time by this fine couple. The team captained by John Yurkenas, which included Bart March, Helen Daltwas, Marion Lukason and Anna Miller won the team standing of 1st place. We congratulate the winners. From the beginning this team made an auspicious start, never relinquishing their lead, fighting a hard stalwart battle all the way, even when Bob Paluses' team, in the final weeks acquired a lot of steam and inched up to where the final weeks were cliff hangers. But John's team rallied and help up. Good show, gang. Individual honors went to the following: For the women, Dot March, hi-average; Mary Mrozinski, hi-triple; Ann Yurkenas, hi-single; for the men: Gene Borek, hi-average; John Yurkenas, hi-triple; Bob Paluses, hi-single; to the rest - we say - lotsa-luck next year. We will miss our Friday-nite bowling, for it was truly more of a social get-to-gether than anything else. We certainly will look forward to resuming our bowling in the fall.

Our K of L members are always in the forefront of all parish activity. Ed Tamulevich, a great fisherman along with Bob Paluses, John Yurkenas and Bart March, served as chairman of the Bishop's Fund this year. We extend our condolences to Mrs. Rudis and to Phylis on the untimely death of their beloved Ed. We were much saddened when we heard the news. Joan Adamaitis, who is majoring in Foreign Languages at Assumption College, spent some time in Montreal, Canada polishing up her French - what better place if you can't actually go to France? And speaking of the very active Adamaitis family, Carolyn Adamaitis, one of our Juniors, is participating in the All City Elementary School Orchestra Concert. She plays violin and the entire Adamaitis Family will be there to enjoy it. Our travelers to Lithuania, Mary Duggan and Irene & Ed Tamulevich have returned with many interesting stories. In spite of the many restrictions, they enjoyed the trip very much. Get Anna Miller to tell you of her experience the first night in Tokyo. They made a great impression on arriving, they were greeted with an earthquake at 3:15 AM; but Hong Kong was her favorite.

We extend our sincere condolences to the Shakalis Family on the untimely passing of their beloved brother, Leo. We were much saddened by the death of this gentle and unassuming friend. His familiar face will be sorely missed at all K of L functions, both on local and national levels. May he rest in peace.

We wish a happy summer to all our members and Vytis readers.

Taradaika

C-10 - ATHOL-GARDNER, MASS.

It is with deepest regret we announce the death of Paul Shatos of Athol, who was killed on June 3 in an accident on the railroad tracks in Dummerston, Vt. He was a veteran employee of the B&M Railroad, a foreman of a 24-man crew, with more than 44 years of service. Paul was an usher at St. Francis Parish for 35 years, a past president of the K of L, a 4th Degree member of the K of C and the Lithuanian Club. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, a brother, and four sisters. The K of L members attended the wake in a body.

Condolences are also sent to the families of Eddie Rudis and Leo Shakalis, well known K of L'ers to all our local members.



Bill Wisnauskas, C-10, Jim Rogers, C-30,  
Charles Genaitis, C-10.

One of our best liked members, Charles Genaitis, suffered a heart attack on Palm Sunday while at church. Charles recuperated nicely and has returned to work. It is good to see him back in action.

The St. Francis Parish Picnic took place in Gardner at the Lithuanian Country Club on Aug. 17. A fine time was had by all who attended.

Vincukas

C-141 - BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

At the June meeting, the First Degree Ritual was conducted and 17 members were inducted. "Congratulation" are extended on their

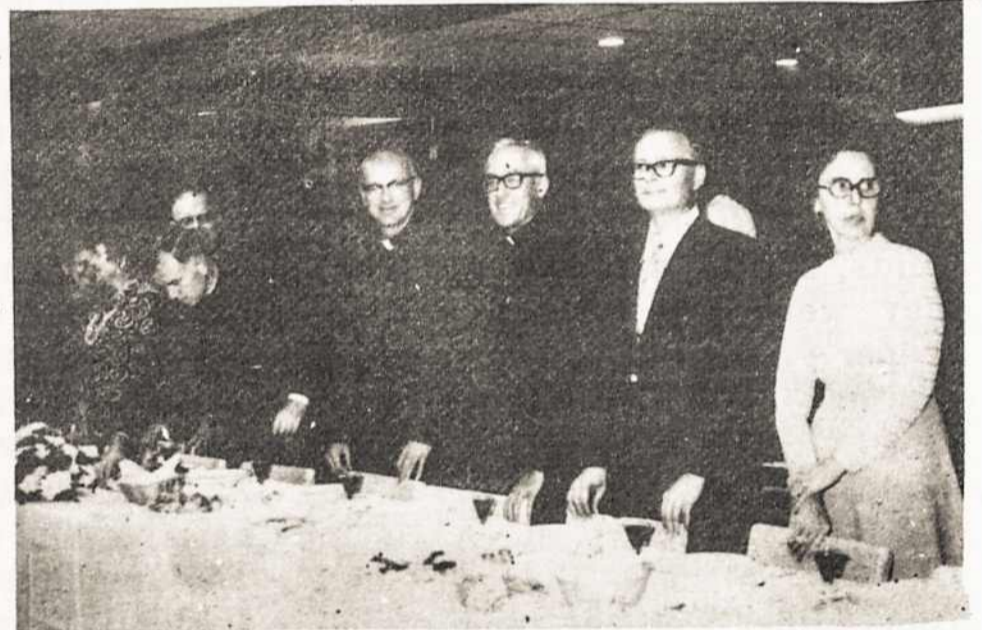
taking this first step. The members receiving this First Degree are as follows; Mrs. Vladas Barius, Miss Anne M. Gecevich, Antanas Ivaska, Mrs. Antanas Ivaska, Mrs. Joseph Janiunas, Mrs. Helen Krasnowski, Sylvester Marcavage, Mrs. Sylvester Marcavage, Mrs. John Marcinka, Mrs. Margaret Narofsky, Mrs. Wilma Palaske, Leo Shuck, Edward Simons, Mrs. Edward Wimons, Alphonse Trainis, Mrs. Alphonse Trainis, and Charles Ziobo.

During the Barnum Festival days - the International Institute held their International Folk Festival and our Council #141 participated in this community

activity. Friday night a social evening of dancing to many kinds of music for all nationalities was held and our Council filled two tables. Saturday, the cultural booth was set up and it was just fantastic displaying woven materials, woodcarvings, Lithuanian costume and a fabulous collection of amber. The success was due to the cooperative efforts of everyone that lent us objects for display and those persons who gave of their valuable time to do duty at the booth. Mrs. Antanas Ivaska was chairperson and the following members assisted: Mrs. Walter Barius, John Butkus, Antanas Ivaska, Mrs. Janiunas, Mrs. Sigi-



*NED TESTIMONIAL DINNER. L to R: Pat Akule, Sue Boroskas, Rev. Jurgelaitis, Rev. A. Contons, Rev. J. Zuromskis, John Olevitz.*



*NED TESTIMONIAL DINNER. Msgr. Balciunas, Pat Akule, Susan Boroskas, Rev. Jurgelaitis, Rev. Janjunas, Rev. Contons, Rev. J. Zuromskis, John Olevitz, Ann Bender*



*Rev. Anthony Jurgelaitis, O.P. and guests at head table.*



*NED TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR REV. A. CONTONS & REV. A. JANIUNAS -*

tas Liaukus, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Marcavage and Mrs. Bernard Witkavitch.

Another highlight in June was the New England District weekend Retreat, which was held at the Franciscan Monastery in Kennebunkport, Maine. The NED Retreat Committee welcomed us warmly upon arrival, and it was like living on a millionaires estate as... the grounds are so beautiful and the atmosphere so serene... the accommodations are equal to that of any of the better hotels... the meals tasty. The Retreat Master, Rev. Justin Vaskys, O.F.M. was most informative and his "dialogue" was down-to-earth and brought to mind many thoughts - to discuss and to ponder. Those attending from our Council #141 were: Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Marcavage, Miss Ann Petrus and Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Trainis.

Teresa Trainis,  
President C-141



**MID-CENTRAL**

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### MID-CENTRAL DISTRICT

This is the second year the District held its Convention in conjunction with the Mid-West Bowling Tournament. Members came in great numbers and again it was almost like a Nat'l. Convention. The scene this time was Pittsburgh, Howard Johnson Motel, May 16-18.

The meeting was opened by Pres. Elinor Sluzas and led in prayer by Joseph Sadauskas in the absence of our clergy.

Highlights of various council reports were as follows:

The Ritual Chairman's report stated that two fourth degrees and eight third degrees were presented in the past year.

Quite a few councils honored Simas Kudirka - meeting him at the airport, honoring him with dinners and gifts.

Some of the councils are encouraging prayers in Lithuanian at the meetings and encouraging speaking amongst the members in Lithuanian. This is especially true of the Dayton council. Dayton has also added a new cross for this year's festival and has encouraged members to put up crosses on their home grounds. During the month of February they had a large sign displayed on a highway which read "Remember Enslaved Lithuania".

Elinor Sluzas reported she had attended a meeting on Lithuanian affairs at Kent State University.

Among numerous other activities, C-19 members made Lithuanian Christmas Tree Ornaments. The most diligent workers were Sister Francesca, Sister Alverna, Mrs. Kolicius, Julia Aleshunas - close to 1000 ornaments were made. At Christmas time Pres. Anne Allalunis arranged to have a Lithuanian Christmas tree displayed in a local bank in Pittsburgh's downtown section. Another small tree was displayed at a local library and at the main library in Oakland.

Quite a few councils are continuing Lithuanian classes. In Pittsburgh, they are sponsored by a group other than the K of L, and some of our members attend the classes. In Detroit and Cleveland they are K of L sponsored. One unique feature of the Detroit C-79 Lithuanian Classes is that they are taught by a non-Lithuanian Franciscan!

Cleveland will again sponsor this year's Pilgrimage in the Fall.

C-96 planned an affair for the Bicentennial Year and arranged to hold it in a lovely park with an open air pavilion. All councils of the District were invited to participate - by sponsoring a booth, supplying Lithuanian dancers, or contributing handmade articles and baked goods for sale.

There was also some discussion of the number of points given for



Proud recipients of 3rd degree medals:  
Gena Barbah and Grazina Vaskelis.



C-102 members at get-to-gether in Pittsburgh. L to R: Joe Guerriero, Terry Medonis, Donna Bunikis, Mary-

ann Guerriero, Grazina Vaskelis & Barbara Nevins.

certain assignments by the ritual committee towards the earning of degrees. Some of the members felt these points were not evenly assigned to the types of jobs undertaken by the members. This matter will be taken up with the Ritual Committee of the Supreme Council.

As usual, these affairs always include a social side which is thoroughly enjoyed, and this year was no exception. Starting with the Friday evening get-together which drew a large crowd this year, the Saturday morning brunch at Howard Johnson's, the Saturday Night Swing and the Sunday Dinner at the Mona Lisa - one thing in common for all these events was good food and a continuous reacquaintance with members of all the various councils.

The new officers for the coming year are: Spiritual Advisor Rev. Walter Katarskis, Pres. Elinor Sluzas, First V.P. Ruth Grasha, Second V.P. Grace Vaskelis, Secy. Sally Miller, Treas. Mildred Chinik, Trustees Albena Kurpovic, Anne Allalunis, Pete Luiza, Vytis Corr. Mildred Chinik, Sgt-at-Arms Andy Rozger.

Committee Chairmen: Ritual Stan Vaitkus, Lith. Affairs Alice Petkus, Catholic Action Mary Trainey, Public Relations Joseph Sadauskas, Cultural Mary Lucas.

The Bowling Tournament was well attended and for the first time in many years a Pittsburgh team was the winning team.

It was great to see St. Casimir's Church filled to overflowing at the 10 AM Mass with members of the convention.

A rather nice feature, and to some really the highlight, was an event to take care of those who attended and did not bowl. For those members there was a lovely "Open House at St. Francis Convent" planned for Saturday afternoon hosted by our two very active and talented members, Sister Alverna and Sister Francesca. They also made all the beautiful Lithuanian dolls assigned to each table at the Mona Lisa Dinner and some lucky people went home with

these prized dolls. The small table favors given to each person who attended were also made by Sr's. Alverna and Francesca. Our sincere thanks!

Everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves as was evidenced in the lovely thank you notes sent to C-19 by the visiting Councils of Detroit, Cleveland and Dayton. Next year we will all meet again in Chicago.

Mildred Chinik



C-96 - DAYTON, OHIO

Through the planning of Carolyn Ambrose, Joan & Diane Kavalauskas, Teri Scott, and with the help of the bowlers and council members, a very successful Pancake Breakfast was held Apr. 6 in the church hall. Profit from the breakfast enabled us to sponsor a bus to the Mid-West Bowling Tournament in Pittsburgh. A fun and great job was done by all.

Much thanks to Elinor Sluzas and Eleanor Mantz, co-chairmen of the Apr. 20 Fashion Show/Card Party, for the success that it was. Helping them were Rita & Carolyn Ambrose (Frank, Jr. also), Judy Petrokas, Christine Mantz, Eleanor's daughter, Barbara Goecke, and Mike P. Petkus. Maxine & Audrey Bakanauskas and Fran Petkus handled the prizes; Sue Mantz did a fine job as MC; Joe Mantz and Sam Baka-

nauskas reigned over the refreshment bar. Eleanor's flower pots and the notepaper containers rounded up by Elinor but decorated by Sally Miller made very attractive table prizes. Donations by the members for prizes and cookies were in abundance. This cooperation added much to make the party a success. The committee thanks one and all!

A hearty THANK YOU to Joan Kavalauskas for the time and work she put into the council's bowling league this past season. Also a thanks to all her helpers. Congratulations to the winners! First place team was made up of Mike & Donna Jean Dailey, Christine Mantz and Raymond Gečas. For the Men; HG - John A. Berczelly (246); HGW/Hcp - Steve Kolakowski (292); H Series - Mike Dailey (619); HSW/Hcp - Mike Blum (660). For the Women; HG - Chris Mantz (207); HGW/Hcp - Joyce Boston (247); H Series - Joan Kavalauskas (553); HSW/Hcp - Teri Scott (616). Greg Blum maintained his hold as having the only triplicate in the league - 112!

Congratulations to Dennis Norikas, Leo & Elynor Matkins on receiving their First Degree at the April meeting. Participation in annual retreats for the year saw Pat Zelinskas making hers at Bergamo in Dayton. George Mikalauskas coordinated the men's group that headed for Milford, O., with Frank Ambrose, Mike P. Petkus, Lou Prasmantas, and for the first time Ray Gecas and Ed Sluzas.

Frank Ambrose, Sr. and Jr. had their pictures in the Dayton Daily News in conjunction with a series the newspaper has been running on ethnic groups in the Dayton area. Fr. Walter Katarskis and Elinor Sluzas contributed verbal material for the article.

The Vėjeliai dancers performed Apr. 18 and 19 at Fairborn, O. They were helping our neighbors in the area to celebrate their 25th Anniversary as a city. They also performed on Apr. 30 at the new Miamisburg, Ohio H.S. with 400



people in attendance. The occasion was a Mother/Daughter Brownie Dinner involving the entire city of Miamisburg.

Hurry and Get Well wishes are sent on the double to our dear friend in Detroit, Frank Petroski. Careful what you say these days, Eleanor Mantz's hearing has improved. Pat Zelinkas came back from a trip to Torrington, Conn. telling us of a fine time spent with some of the Waterbury members and 'A Night At The Races'. Sounds like fun!

We were most unhappy to hear from Elena Zukaitis of the break-in at her home recently while she was away. Congratulations to Joe Ryan for retaining his title as Treasurer of the Ohio Society of Professional Engineers. Aldona Ryan remains President of the Wives League of the same group. Mary Agnes Mikalauskas (Jr. Pres.) and Ed Sluzas performed at their HS, Charminade-Julienne, in a four-day performance of "Godspell". Mary played guitar while Ed handled the drums. Congratulations to Jr Knight George Mikalauskas! He placed second in writing a patriotic essay in a contest involving the Catholic Schools of Dayton sponsored by the K. of C. He also came in second in the North Riverdale Optimist Club Speech Contest on "Give Me Your Hand".

Congratulations to Joe & Amelia August on the birth of their second grandchild, a boy, and to C. Mike & Eileen Wilemaitis on the birth of their third grandchild, a girl. Our deepest sympathy to Teri Scott on the loss of her grandfather. May his soul rest in peace.

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### C-102 - DETROIT, MICH.

The old adage "One person's junk is another's treasure" was well proven at our recent Rummage Sale held in St.



C-102, Pres. Margie Bupikis and Veep Bob Klucens examine some wares.

Anthony's Rectory hall. Thanks to members such as Jo Jonulate, the Bunikis - Frank, Donna & Pres. Margy; V.P. Bob Klucens & his mother Edna; Maryanne & Joe Guerriero, Gena & Gus Baibak, Grace Vaskelis and Annetta Byrnes, who sorted, priced and sold anything and everything from clothing to furniture. Do you miss your chair, Maryanne & Joe? By unanimous vote, the "Saleslady of the Year Award" definitely goes to Jo Jonulate, who never lost a sale. A lot of preparation and work is put into this kind of undertaking, and the above mentioned deserve



C-102, Maryanne & Joe Guerriero setting things up for Rummage Sale.



C-102, Rummage Sale Committee: Ray Klucens, Edna Klucens, Donna Bunikis, Maryane and Joe Guerriero and Margie Bunikis.



C-102, Super Saleswoman Josephine Jonulate in action, making the Rummage Sale a success.

to be applauded by their fellow members. "Ačiū Labai" to those who parted with their castaways and made it all possible, and a special "Thanks" to Fr. Simaitis for his cooperation, and to Bill Pluto for the use of the clothes racks.

With the coming of Spring came an end to another bowling season, nostalgic to those bowlers who really enjoy the sport as well as competing with their fellow knights from C's 79 and 139. We're especially delighted to congratulate Peoples Federal Savings' teammates Ruth & Mart Wagster, Clem & Evelyn Galinas from C-102, and C-79's Ed Salas who took the No. 1 spot.

It takes an interested and loyal bowler to make a good teammate, and one fellow in particular, namely, George Kayganich fits the description to a "T". Even though he's working in the Battle Creek area, a 2 hr. drive, neither sleet nor rain kept him from showing up on Fridays. That's dedication!

Our prayers and good wishes are with Dr. Zilvitis for a speedy and complete recovery after his recent operation.

It's always a pleasure to see Past Pres. Frank Peterson and his lovely wife, Isabel, who now reside in Conn., on their occasional visits to this area, - the most recent being their daughter's graduation from Nursing College. Congratulations, Patty!

B-Z-B

#### C-79 - DETROIT, MICH.

In April we had snow, freezing rain, sleet, thunder and gusty winds. However, 15 members braved the storm on Apr. 2 to attend our meeting. Those who braved the bad weather deserve a medal. The social hosted by Elizabeth Paurazas and Ona Walls was a real treat. Thank you, ladies.

We welcome Virginia Kirsch into our council. We hope to see more new faces as well as some of those ole familiar ones we've been missing. Lauksim jūs!

Activity reports of the council were given. Sophie Zager requested that, due to a successful St. Casimir's Day event, proceeds be utilized to obtain necessary items for the church and other charitable requests. Anthony Dainus exhibited a large sketch of the wayside cross to be erected as a K of L Memorial to our former Pres. Ed Martin and other deceased C-79 members. Hopefully, it is expected to be completed for the 2nd anniv. of the new Divine Providence church.

Pres. Maggie Smailis reported on the M/C Dist. Convention in Pittsburgh. Approximately 49 of our council members attended, and had compliments for a smooth, well-organized convention. Delegates were H. Patocki, O. Walls, V. Waseloskus, A. Vitchus, M. Smailis, B. Janus, M/M C. Nashlon, and R. Grasha - 1st V.P.

Our thanks to Eleanor Grasha and M. Newberry who were hostesses for our May meeting.

After business was concluded at our June meeting, we were invited to a lovely set table, centered with a statue of the Sacred Heart, surrounded by beautiful peonies, and laden with homemade goodies. Our thanks to hostesses V. Chepelonis and J. Medinis. Our former administrator of Div. Prov., Father A. Babonas, came later. Ačiū, Father, for travelling a distance to be with us.

"Big but downright Vytiškai" Joe Yakstys traveled with a full van to Pittsburgh for the Bowling Tournament and M/C Dist. Convention. However, not all was that smooth. There was much screeching of the brakes when they almost hit a streetcar, lost their way a couple of times, and encountered a lot of slipping and sliding going up those "steep" hills of Pittsburgh. The Bowlers who enjoyed the ride were M. Banion, Chet & Marge Nashlon, D. Sackle, M/M Ed Sackle, pres. M. Smailis, Tony Sackle and Joe Yakstys. In Addition to Joe, thanks to the other two "expert" drivers - Chet Nashlon and Ed Sackle, who made it home

safe and sound. Ray Laconis brought home 3 awards and a trophy. Congratulations, Ray.

Presentations of 1st and 2nd Degrees were held following the 5 PM Mass on June 7. Our pastor, Rev. Fr. V. Kristy administered the oath, and a bit of his usual humor added to the initiations. Members who received awards were C. deVine, Geo. Kase, Antoinette and C. Kaminskas, E. Kulikauskas, Mary M. Panavas, L. Smilgis, M. Vale, G. Walsh and J. Zvirblis. Afterwards, refreshments were served. Labai Ačiū to Bertha Janus, Ritual Chairlady, for making the arrangements.

We want to thank our council members and M. Smailis, who serves on the Educational Affairs of the Parish Council, for initiating the Lithuanian Classes. They ended for the summer, and will resume again in the fall. Brother Richard Saxton was our Mokytojas. Those who "graduated" were Pres. M. Smailis, M/M C. Nashlon, C. Milius, J. Chaps, S. Hotra, E. Kasievich, H. Skratek, C. deVine, Ann Uhas, V. Panavas, H. Tucker and Ed Sackle. Sveikiname juos. Thanks to Helen Tucker who rounded out the event with refreshments. In appreciation a gift was presented to Br. Saxton.

Birthday congratulations to Chip Newberry who celebrated his 11th birthday on June 22 in California. Chip and his mother, Marianne flew to San Diego June 13 for a two-week vacation.

Our sympathy to Jos. Chaps upon the death of his step-dad, Alex Cigauskas. A K of L Rosary was said and burial services were held at Div. Providence.

Charles Milius "graced" the Knights of Lithuania on "Bowling for Dollars", a TV game program. Hats off to you, Charlie, for giving our K of L a boost.

It was a real pleasure to see a fine article written by Frank Angelo of the Free Press about Brian Morrison, a grand-nephew of Helen Tucker, who is afflicted with muscular dystrophy. He is a men-

tally bright lad and a real "fighter" of the disease.

What's with all these men taking sick? Dr. Bruno, husband of Ann Zilvitis is recuperating from major surgery; Frank Petroski with repeated visits to the hospital; Frank Zager also was hospitalized and Bill Walls home from the hospital after a lengthy stay. Our hearty wishes to all for a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to Betty and Frank Petroski who became proud grandparents for the first time. Son, Bob's wife, Marilyn, gave birth to a son, Robert Michael, May 22.

Bertha Janus, and daughters Christine and Nancy and husband, went to Cleveland to attend a family wedding and met many relatives that they haven't seen for a long time.

Sophie Bitner underwent surgery at Mayo Clinic. Linkime greit pasveikti. Have a safe and happy summer; see you in the Fall.

Sophie

## ILLINOIS-INDIANA

### DISTRICT



## ILLINOIS-INDIANA DISTRICT

The District's business meeting was held June 4 at which time Convention delegates were selected. Our thanks to Eleanore Laurin who served us her secret punch, and to Gerry Mack and Irene Sankus for the goodies they provided.

There was K of L representation on the occasions of Rev. Adolfas Stasys' 70th birthday, Dr. K. Donelevicius' 60th birthday, and also at the honoring of Dr. George Wiltrakis by the Int'l. Lithuanian Doctors.

Edward Krivickas was the lone Chicago representative at the

Mid West Bowling Tournament in Pittsburgh. We are told that he was treated royally by all. The Chicagoans are looking forward to hosting the tournament next year.

Hoosier

## C-112 - CHICAGO, ILL.

A big welcome to our newest members: Vidas Mikunas, Irene Ditchman, Donald Dausinas, Bernice Kudoba, Victor & Frances Lapacinskas, Dr. & Mrs. Jurgis Wiltrakis, Anne Pullan, Eleanor Kasputis, Jonas Plienaitis, Rita Steffel, Kazys Nosanskas, John Auskalnis, Donald Krivickas, Robert & Angie Svehla, Kazys Gecevicius, & Dr. Zenonas Donelevicius. We are looking forward to their active participation in our council and the IID activities.

At the May business meeting, Dr. Donelevicius, who is the Senior Editor of the American Medical Assn. Journal, spoke to the assembled council members regarding the K of L and the new group of "Bendruomene". His ideas and presentation were well received.

Our Council Board meetings continue to function as the sounding and planning board of the council and although the business meetings were suspended for the summer months, the Board continued to meet to plan the various council functions. The meetings for the months of April, May, and June were hosted by Monica Kasper, Estelle Rogers and Sophie Nieminski, resp. The social following the April meeting was hosted by Emilija Pakalniskis, who prepared her famous torte and other Lith. goodies, and the May social, by Irene Sankus and Julie Zakarka.

The May social outing for council members was an evening at the Sabre Room with dinner, dancing and entertainment as arranged by Social Chairlady Julie Zakarka.

Congratulations: to Antanas Balcytis, the new Fin. Secy. for the ARCA, Chapter 103; to Rev. Adolfas Stasys, who was feted on the occasion of his 70th birthday by

friends and compatriots (M.C. for the event was our own Dr. Leonas Kriauceliunas); to Amber Ball Deb, Sharon Savickas, daughter of State Senator Frank Savickas; to Dr. George Wiltrakis, honored at the Nat'l. Lith. Medical Assn. dinner; and to Dr. Donelevicius, honored on the occasion of his 60th birthday for all of his Lithuanian works.

Anniversary greetings to IID prexy Algerd and Aldona Brazis, who celebrated their 35th by inviting friends to their newly-reddecorated home; and to Al & Gerrie Mockus and Al & Ruth Dagus. Emilija ("Vyčiu Veikla" Editor) and Alexander Pakalniskis recently became grandparents. Emilija journeyed to Detroit for the christening of daughter Milda's baby, and had the opportunity to visit with a Chicago favorite, Rev. Victor Kriščiunevičius, pastor of Divine Providence Church.

Our Lithuanian Affairs Chairman, Albert Zakarka, is doing a terrific job with his letter writing. His resolution regarding the Baltic States annexation was unanimously accepted by the IID delegates and was mailed to members of the government and the press. Al has received much recognition and continues to keep us all aware of the importance of the Lithuanian Affairs Committee's work.

Date To Remember - Sept. 27 - "Rutu" Balias, K of L Bldg. All are invited to join us for this Lithuanian gala, and chairladies Julie Zakarka, Gerrie Mockus and Ruth Dagus and their committee are already making plans to entertain everyone.

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### IN MEMORIAM

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## JUNIOR NEWS

### JUNIOR C-17 - SO. BOSTON, MASS.

We had our first cake sale to raise funds to help send more than two Junior delegates to the N.Y. National Convention. Those Juniors who were busy were Kathy Norinkavich, Nancy Flynn, Nan & Doris Balaconis, Paula Keaney, Adele Martus, Claire Yuskauskas, Mike Gendreau, Larry Venis, Steve Moran, Ziggy Gavelis, Billy Collins, Joan Ronukaitis, Laima



*C-17 Juniors Cake Sale: Donna Ruseckas, Kathy Norén, Joan Ronukaitis, Laima Ambutavicius.*

Ambatavicius and Donna Ruseckas.

With the warm weather, you can see the following parents bundled up watching their sons playing hockey in the Spring Leagues: John Olevitz observing his son John Casimir; Phyllis & Bob Gendreau watching sons Michael, Paul & Mark; and Rita & Jerry Venis viewing son Larry. At least they got cooled off while the rest of us were enduring the heat. The



*C-17 JRS. — Joanne Markuns and Janice Vallis.*

rush of changing uniforms from hockey to baseball also keeps those parents busy!

There is a need for more adults to assist Al Jaritis, our Junior Counsellor. To those who can spare the time, it sure would be appreciated. Al Jaritis keeps telling us we're the lifeline of the organization, and we sure hope we can carry on with the aims and ideals of the K of L.



*Cake Sale: Ed Gailus, C-17 Srs. and Kathy Norenkavich with Joan Ronukauskas of C-17 Jrs.*



*NED SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT: Joan Adamaitis C-116 with Tony Miner and members at Maironis Park, Shrewsbury, Mass.*



*NED SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS: Paula & Patricia Tamashunas*