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CALLING ALL PARENTS!

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CALLING ALL PARENTS! CALLING ALL PARENTS! Where are your children tonight? What are they doing? Who are their companions?

NO MY FRIENDS, this is not a Gallup Poll or a radio quiz program, nor will you receive sixty four dollars from the "Draugas" for answering these questions. Yet, their answers are worth infinitely more to you as parents and to your children.

What’s that you’re saying? Not interested? Besides your children are old enough to take care of themselves. To know what they are doing? Certainly, I agree with you one hundred percent on that point.

But let us strike closer to home. Suppose someone had just told you that your son or daughter had been apprehended by the police in some criminal act. You would certainly sit up and take notice then. What’s more, you would probably rant and rave and curse that child of yours.

Yet, that is what is happening tonight and every night to Astyrics' children. Juvenile delinquency has increased at an alarming rate. According to the experts this increase will continue during the post-war years. This is by no means a pleasant prospect. It is no credit to America as a nation that its children, the world’s most fortunate children, have chosen crime as a career.

The experts, who seek reasons for every fact of life, have named various causes of child delinquency. As many as sixty have been enumerated. Likewise, from the fullness of their knowledge, these experts have attempted to lay down ironclad rules by which we may remedy the situation. But few, if any, have managed to get to the core of the problem.

The Catholic Church, on the other hand, concerned with the moral guidance and salvation of men, has given causes and named remedies. Only strict adherence to its teachings will enable us to solve the pressing problem of child delinquency.

According to Catholic teachings the core of the problem lies in the very core of human society, the family. What could be more logical? The family is the core of human society. If family life is disrupted, rotten, then society, too, will be rotten.

It is a nation must admit that immorality has made vast inroads into the American way of life and its tint is rapidly spreading and undermining the very foundations of our nation.

We must never forget the old adage, "Like father, like son". Children learn from their parents, follow their teachings, examples. If these teachings and examples are good, the children will be good. If not, the result will be evil.

THIS THEN IS THE ROOT OF THE DELINQUENCY PROBLEM.

Parents, now is the time to make an examination of conscience. Remember that you are bound from justice to teach your children, to set them on the road of life well prepared, fortified by the necessary knowledge.

HAVING TAUGHT YOUR CHILDREN TO LOVE GOD, to love their fellow-men as themselves? Have you taught them to respect the rights of others and not to covet their goods? In a word, have you taught them the precepts of our Faith? What’s more, have you lived up to those teachings yourselves or have you been hypocrites? Has your bad example drawn your children from the path of virtue and righteousness to the road of vice and crime?

PARENTS, answer these questions truthfully and you will realize that, if your children are criminal bent, YOU and YOU ALONE are to blame. It is time to do something about it.

"Frozen" Coffee

From coffee cubes may make coffee brewing as simple as boiling water, their enterprise manufacturer predicts.

Dropped into a pint of boiling water, one cube of the frozen, concentrated extract will make steaming, sedimentless coffee in an instant.
COMMENTS

Edward J. Kubaitis

THREE CROSSES
In Lithuania

By Capt. Alec Richards
Catholic Digest, February, 1946

A condensation of THREE CROSSES IN LITHUA-
NIA, which first appeared in the APOSTLE, is found in
the February issue of the CATHOLIC DIGEST.

This story tells of the tragic death of Father Jus-
tais Dabrila, fellow mas-
ty,- Catholic clergy, and
other Lithuanian citizens. In
this brief but interesting ar-
icle you will find a great
deal of information about
the Lithuanian people, their cus-
toms, industry, and anec-
dotes. Don't miss it if you
can help it.

The publishers of CATHOL-
IC DIGEST, should be con-
gratulated for including this
condensation, which will en-
lighten many people who
have not heard and have
forgotten about Lithuania.

For more information as
to the original, THREE
CROSSES IN LITHUANIA,
crosses to the APOSTLE, P. 0.
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Frances Siedlik

Talking It Over

A Study in Black and White

The lad couldn't go home for Christmas. He was poor,
—lucky to be going to the well-known Eastern college
at all. But he had ability — he must have won a
scholarship. Scholarships are fortunate things for young
men of ambition. Yet there he was — stuck for Christ-
mas. While many would be home thousands of miles
away, he couldn't make the eight hundred
miles to Detroit.

The dormitory corridor took up a collection. It was
time enough to buy him the ticket home and back. They
made him a glorious gift. A Christmas gift with the spirit
of Christ behind it. How much is it worth?

When this young man had arrived at college, the offi-
cials had thought it better to place him in a room by him-
self, rather than with another younger as his roommate.
There was a reason for this. The Negro, the only one,
the first one in the college. It may have been a good reason,
but it wasn't necessary. Another student asked to room with
him.

These things really hap-
pened to a young Negro at
an Eastern college in the
United States. Of course, it
was an ideal case, one that doesn't hap-
pen every day. But the fact
is that it did happen. The
Negro "problem" vanished
when the Negro lad and his
white fellow students pas-
sively refused to recognize
that there was a Negro
"problem!"

The young Negro's color
didn't prevent him from
betting himself and his
race by enrolling in college
when he had the talent and
the means to do so. — even
if he had to be the FIRST
Negro to do it.

Nor did his color prevent
his collecting comics from
helping him in his splendid
venture. Color didn't make
any difference. Why should
it?

Yet color does matter.
For thousands upon thou-
sands of American men and
women, it seems that color
is enough to account for an
entirely un-American, un-
Christian prejudice against
the Negro race. Yet Neg-
roes died in Europe and in
the Pacific as to their own
and white men's souls could
enjoy America's God-given
blessings.

It is a sad fact that White
men frown (if anything at
all) if their sons are forced
to attend the same schools as the sons of Ame-
rican heroes. They frown
because color means much
to them.

They frown because
they (or never learned) that Negroes pos-
ses the same high dignity of human beings as they
themselves have. They (or never learned) that the
common Father, immortal,
and redeemed with the Blood of Christ shed at
Calvary for black and white alike,

Talking It Over
K. OF L BUILDING PROJECT GETS GREEN LIGHT

A long cherished K. of L dream is about to become a reality. For years K. of L members have dreamed and planned for a centrally located cultural and recreational clubhouse center for the benefit and use of all K. of L units here in the Chicago area. Progress in this venture was slow and for a time seemed to be a hopeless project. But several years ago a firm basis was established with the establishing of a Building fund entrusted to the care of five trustees. This fund gradually grew and today, it has become the nucleus of a unified effort to realizing the project.

A joint K. of L Building project committee, selected from the Chicago District and the K. of L. Senior organizations, consisting of thirteen members, was organized and empowered to study plans and investigate all possibilities. After several months of effort and deliberations a plan was worked out and a site was selected. The committee then submitted their plans and recommendations for approval and further instructions to their constituent organizational bodies. By overwhelming majority in the K. of L. District and Senior organizations their plans were enthusiastically approved and the committee was authorized to proceed with the transaction of purchasing of a building structure and site located in Brighton Park, and later to remodel and furnish the premises to fit the particular needs.

The committee now will meet in session with Mr. Joseph Grish, Supreme Legal Advisor of the K. of L. organization, to work out legal problems involved. The members of the joint committee are as follows: Mr. Ignatius Sakalas, Chairman; Rev. Ignatius Batulis; Rev. Anelctas Linkaus, Mr. Matas Zizas, Mr. John Kass, Mr. Stanley Simulis, Mr. V. Ed. Pavis, Mr. Anthony Ziekus, Miss Stella Bruzas, Mr. Frank Chiauskas, Mr. Kastas Zaromskis, Mr. Victor Balanda and Mr. Vincent Rēkus.

K. OF L DISTRICT CHOIR CONCERT

PLANS PROGRESSING

That their first public presentation, since reorganization, will be a gala event and a tremendous success is apparent and foreseen from the early reports on proceedings. The choir group that has a capable committee in charge of arrangements and the work is progressing nicely, Darius-Grenas Memorial auditorium has been contracted for the evening of Sunday, May 19th. The choir, under the capable leadership of their Choir director, Mr. Leonard J. Simutis, Jr., is preparing repertoire of new and rarely heard Lithuanian choral renditions.

Concert tickets are being distributed throughout every K. of L. council and group. An all K. of L. cast, under the leadership of Vinc Rēkus, are rehearsing their play "Melis Elyxys" for the occasion. A fine dance orchestra has been engaged to play after theasonic and play presentations. And everywhere you go, There is is centering around the K. of L. District Choir Concert, Play and Dance Festival — May 19th at the D-G auditorium 4416 South Western Avenue.

By the way, new members to the choir are still welcome. So come on all you music lovers, join the jollies, and most loyal choral group here in Chicago. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday evening, at the GAGE PARK FIELD HOUSE in the Legion room, 55th and S. Western Avenue.

CICERO COUNCIL CHANGES SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Hereafter K. of L. Cicero Council 11 meetings will be held every Friday and last Saturday of the month in lieu of every first and last Monday. This new meeting will be held on Friday, March 29th, at St. Anthony's School, at 8:00 p.m. sharp. This was decided at the last regular meeting of the council held last Monday evening.

The Cicero Council has had a successful Sunday evening, PASSION PLAY MOVIE presentation at the parish auditorium, SUNDAY, APRIL 14th. The traditional "LAZY DAZY" DANCE program has been set for Friday, JUNE 7th, also at the parish auditorium. Tickets are on order and will soon be distributed to the members to sell to their friends and neighbors. All K. of L. councils are invited to sit aside at this date and join with the Cicero group in an evening of fun and relaxation.

A Book Review

"Timeless Lithuania" Brings One Up on Lithuania's Present, Not Past

Review by Lucy Valatka

Dr. Owen Norem's book, TIMELESS LITHUANIA, is one of the few books written in English dealing with Lithuania's past, and perhaps the only one, to date, which presents important Lithuanian events in the near past of World War II. Included in the book are maps, pictures of famous places, brief narratives of the history of the country, a review of its politics, and a chronology of events from 1917 to 1949.

Of all his chapters, the author seems most at ease in writing about the leaders, the culture, and commerce of Lithuania. Here, he almost abandons his wordly style while he relates two delightful legends, one about a queen who turned into a chattering swallow; the other about a little girl who changed into a cuckoo so she could tell the world of her sorrow at the death of her three brothers. Here too, Dr. Norem compares words in Lithuanian, Sanskrit, and Latin to illustrate the remarkable similarity between these languages.

You will understand why TIMELESS LITHUANIA cannot be classified as a history if you will note the author's vagueness of expression, conflict with opinions of reliable historians on some points; e.g., the causes of the Crusades and the decadency of the Teutonic Knights. Moreover, many of the events recorded have happened so recently that one cannot yet realize their full historical import.

The book is worthwhile in that it can help one understand the problems of the present-day Lithuania, and to seek for a solution to these problems.

MANY THANKS...

BRIDGEPORT, — Our dance was a success boys... and we want to take this opportunity and "space" to thank each and every member of all organizations for your splendid cooperation and willingness in helping us make our dance a success as it was.

To you "who gave us a helping hand," and to you "who progressed the sale of tickets... many thanks again!"

Young Ladies Sodality Social Life Committee

Make it and Lose it

Why no butter? According to the American Dairy Assn., the trouble is that the OPA ceiling on butter is 56 cents a pound, although the butter makers must pay 60 to 72 cents for the cream they need to produce it. So...
HOLY NAME NEWS

ST. GEORGE'S (BRIDGEPORT)

Communion On March 10th For His Holiness Pius XII
Pope Pius XII, beset with the enormous problems so evident after this war, needs our prayers not only for good health but most of all for continued courage and guidance to lead us to a better understanding of our purpose on this earth.

With this in mind, we directed our intention of our Holy Communion this Sunday, March 10th to His Holiness, realizing that adding strength to His cause is also adding strength to our own.

After Holy Communion, and the end of Mass all returned to the school hall for breakfast. A meeting followed thereafter.

Dates Set For 1946 Membership Campaign

It is hoped that a “LIVING GIFT” of 87,000 new members will be enrolled in the Chicago Archdiocese for presentation to His Eminence, the Most Rev. Samuel Alphonse Cardinal Stritch, at the climax of the 1946 Holy Name Membership Campaign.

In percentage figures, each Holy Name branch will have to increase its own parish registration by fifty percent. At St. George, we will have to increase our membership to approximately 75 additional men. This should be quite an easy mark to reach if our aim is for 100 more men.

The campaign got under way March 10th and will end April 10th, in time to conduct the reception ceremonies on the regular monthly Communion Sunday, April 14th.

1946 Officer's Training Schools A Complete Success

If numbers indicate success, the training school at the Congress Hotel Sunday, February 24th had an exceptionally big turnout. Joe Puniskis, Harry Sabin, Andres Bruozis, Tom Wanat, Victor Balanda, Norbut Kantovich and John Raymond represented St. George Holy Name.

The Rev. J. Roger Lyons, S. J. discussed “Organization Strategy and Programming” and had most of the men taking notes. Even Harry Sabin was quite busy filling up pages of a recently acquired note book!

Final Report On Annual Dinner Dance Held Sunday February 3rd

Members who have not as yet accounted for their tickets for this affair are requested to do so in order that the financial report may be completed at the next meeting.

This affair helped to increase our treasury to the point where funds for an active and most interesting program may be planned.

Furnishings For Club Room

An earnest effort is now being made to acquire such furnishings as will be most useful to the entire membership. Tom Wanat, chairman of this committee, expects to report on the progress already made in that department.

Coming Events

Another busy year of activities is being planned for Holy Name Men, their wives or sweethearts and families.

Among them are the Annual Spring Dance which promises to be bigger — and better than ever, Mother’s Day Celebration with a special treat — for all of the Mothers of our entire membership together with their families, and our own Annual Spring Picnic.

Both the Mother’s Day Celebration and Annual Spring Picnic involve elaborate planning and considerable effort in order to make them outstanding achievements of the year.

Annual Retreat At Mayslake, For June 7th, 8th and 9th

Save those dates for the most unique experience you have ever had in your life by attending this Annual Retreat.

Without a doubt, after attending you will agree that your outlook on life will improve — more noticeably than with anything you have experienced before.

You will be absolutely sold on making Annual Retreats!

Soft Ball Team

Discussion on the advisability of organizing a Soft Ball Team

Keistitius Chorus Notes

All has been quite well with the Chorus the past two weeks. On March 2nd it sang at a program given by the “Ukininkiu Society”. The four numbers rendered were very warmly received by the audience, especially “Mėlynu Gėli”, in which Miss Helena Bitinas, a fine soprano, did a splendid job of her solo part.

Rehearsal last Thursday was well attended and much was accomplished. Mrs. Metricks handed out a new song which may take some time to learn. Once it is perfected, however, it will be a fine bit of music to hear.

After rehearsal, Keistitius Chorus held its monthly business meeting. Perhaps the recent warm weather was an influential factor, but one of the things suggested was a picnic. The suggestion was well thought of, and plans are being made for it.

A young man’s fancy turns to love” — well, may be. Most of the men in the Chorus have started a “Bachelors Club”. The funny part of it is that they all like the ladies, so how long will last or how many of the young men will marry are matters for discussion and pun.

J. A. T.

A new rubber-covered potato basket produced by a rubber manufacturer cushions the potatoes against bruising when they are thrown into the receptacle.

Truth For Sale

Truth is for sale on the market of self-interest. It has become a highly relativistic thing, a charade changing with the needs of the moment and the party.

It has been increasingly rare, totally proscribed by Russian and international agents. Even here in our country, such papers as the ad- nauseating liberalistic PM, the biased Post, and the equally prejudiced News, serve up a highly colored and distorted interpretation of the news. The radio is no better. W. Winceff’s hysterical rantings, Gabriel Heatter’s sentiment- alizing and H. V. Kalten- bór’s postfidelit predictions only serve to confuse a pub- lic hungry for news.

Never before has the need been more urgent for a sane, constructive and wholly un- biased analysis of the world situation. It is the duty of every Catholic to repudiate propaganda and to insist upon the whole truth. This can best be accomplished by supporting the Catholic press of this country.

ANNUNCIATOR

Ball Team — were aired out by members of the executive committee.

Although many points were brought out pro and con in regard to such a team, no clear cut recommendation can be made to the membership at large.

All those interested, are asked to offer recommen- dations.

Gives Civic Ovation

America’s new Cardinals returned home to receive a joyous welcome from Catholics in all walks of life. Chicago’s new prince of the Church, Samuel Stritch, is pictured (left photo) upon his arrival in the Chicago Stadium, being greeted by Mayor Edward J. Kelly.