OPEN LETTER —

Dear Sodal - Sali:

Spring is peeking at us from all corners — in ads, songs, feelings. Soon it will be right with us bringing with it those glorious days of sweet blossoms, perfumed flowers, bees and honeyed words of the aspiring bees.

Gee, that sure sounds pretty "goosey" doesn't it? well, "goosey" or not we have to admit that Spring is a pretty wonderful time. The things start all over again, everything seems to be alive again. No more sluggish, dead, dreary winter days, no more whipping winds — unnum how good to have Spring around again — A-Choo!

Every month I sit down at this typewriter of mine, look at it, squat at it, and try eternally and calmly to get a letter going to all of you. But this Bessie of mine just looks up at me and with a shudder starts off on the well worn track of — NEED ARTICLES — NEED — ARTICLES — NEED ARTICLES.

Honestly, we are getting is the well-known rut. It seems that all this Bessie can do is complain. Now, please gals! couldn't you try to sort of perk Bessie and me up? Couldn't you try to get your brains whirling on some little poem? How about that picture of your crowd in a hilarious moment? Come on now — HIT THE PRINT!

It would only take a couple of minutes to send me a postal card — carrying your opinion of something, how about it you and you and YOU! Get in the know and make this page of ours grow and grow some more, yes?

Now look, I'll be expecting to hear from some of you and please, please, don't make Bessie shudder and groan again.

Just your — SODAL SEC.

Bishop Bucys Feted at Marian Seminary
His Excellency Bishop P. Bûcys, M. I. C., Superior General of the Congregation of Marian Fathers was solemnly feted at Marian Hills Seminary, Hindale, Ill., on the occasion of a formal visit, March 19.

His Excellency, together with his secretary, Rev. Dr. J. Vaitkevičius, M. I. C., former rector of the seminary, recently arrived in this country from Rome, where the Mother-house of the Congregation is situated.

At a formal reception attended by all the Marian Fathers from Kenosha, Milwaukee and Chicago and the members of the Bântas House, His Excellency spoke about the Marian

Don't Miss!
The Regular Sodality Union Meeting
Sunday, March 31, 1946
Marquette Park Jr. Sodality hosts
POINTS OF DISCUSSION
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May Crowning
Social Life
Bowling and Splash Party
Program for May Crowning
Publicity
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Airplane bunco to be played after meeting
SEE YOU ALL THERE!

IRISH EYES ARE SMILING

Yes, Irish eyes are smiling, and sure it's little wonder when this sturdy seventeen-colin Betty Bresnahan Irish harp at the St. Patrick's party of the Alexandria, Va. USO Club operated by the National Catholic Community Service. Photo by John Galvin.

Sodality Girls Enjoy Retreat

HE first week-end of Lent, thirty-nine sodalis from the Lithuanian Sodality Union attended their Third Annual Retreat at the Convent of Our Lady of the Caselle, Warrenville, Illinois.

True, this Retreat can be called a "spiritual vacation" as those who attended this Retreat for the first time found out soon after her arrival. The pleasant, quiet surroundings soon put each one in a "spiritual" mood. There is no need for an explanation of a Retreat which simply means in the words of Jesus — "Come apart and rest a little".

His Excellency again spoke, reminding those gathered that they were united by a common bond of Faith and defense of the Eternal Truth. He pointed out that this flight is being waged against the materialistic forces of communism and wished that the youthful energy of those gathered before him prevail for a long time to come.

At the conclusion of the program His Excellency imparted his blessing to all present.

After an appetizing supper we convened to the Chapel of Benediction and after the Retreatmaster, the Rev. Reginald Gillman, S. M. M., introduced himself and began his conferences. He proved to be a "coincident" in this respect, the order he belongs to has special devotion to Mary and the sodalis are Daughters of Mary, and many of his talks were based on the life of Our Lady and the Rosary.

Each girl retires to her room at an early hour which affords her the opportunity of a good nights' rest. Rising for morning Mass is early the following two days a busy program has already been planned by the Religious of the Concele.

Night, and just one more day to be spent at the Caselle. If any of the Retreatants wish to have a talk with the Retreatmaster, he is always

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I HATE LENT!

FRANCIS J. JANCU, MIC.

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TOO LONG AND TOO OFEN!

YOU know, folks, at times my friend Joe irks me. He's perpetually complaining and never satisfied with things as they are. This time our Lenten services have incurred his wrath. Church services, helearned proclaims, should be short, snappy affairs—the shorter the better. (Now, why couldn't the Pope think of a simple think like that?)

Streamlines are the thing nowadays, Joe says. Why, just look around—everything is streamlined from cars to baby carriages. Even the women are going in for streamlines (yes, and some men, too). The Church, too, in keeping with the trends of the times, should streamline its services. Then no Catholics could complain that they have to attend long services.

What Joe and most of us forget is that it is not "how to" about true. During Lent there are many more devotions than ordinarily, but no one forces us to attend them. No one is roped and dragged to Church or compelled to stand at the point of a bayonet. Only the Conmies use those tactics to increase attendance at their meetings.

There are no rolls called either, with a penalty for non-attendance. Catholics! I've never heard of such things, but then perhaps I just don't get around or maybe I don't go to the right Church. For attendance or non-attendance Catholics need answer to no authority save their own consciences.

What hurts most, though, is the fact that all of us know that we need those devotions. By complaining against them we are recognizing our own spiritual inadequacy. The devotions are a multiplied means of sanctification. By not availing ourselves of them we are making a serious mistake.

Lent is a time for getting down to fundamentals—something we all dislike. During Lent the Church takes us aside from the responsibilities of life and the struggle to make ends meet. She takes us aside from the world we so eagerly serve and places us before God's altar.

Lent is the most realistic season of the whole year. Most of our lives are spent in a state of spiritual drowsiness, in pleasant forgetfulness of the purpose of life and in neglect of the means of achieving that purpose.

We drift along with the tides of chance, engrossed in the things of sense.

But Lent shakes us up. It reminds us of the melancholy days ahead, of death and the doom of sin. It penetrates behind the mask of life, awakens us from the opium dreams of what is transient and trifling. The Lenten devotions cut to the very marrow by reminding us of our shortcomings. Hence their unpopularity.

Presenting This Month's Outstanding Girl Sodalist

Ann is tops! There is no one else like her! She is our outstanding Sodalist!

A girl with soft, gentle eyes, kind face, understanding nature combined with vitality, enthusiasm, and endless energy for the Sodality—that is Ann Mockus.

Ann was born and raised in Kenosha, educated at St. Peter's and now works for Cooper's in Kenosha.

Ann's list of friends run high as she is well-liked and most cooperative. She likes cooperation and hard work to work for the betterment of the Sodality. She has been an active Sodalist for ten years, having held the office of President four times as well as other offices.

Teaming with ideas, suggestions and hard work Ann has found a place in the hearts of all her fellow Sodalists. When anything is to be done Ann is there ready, willing at all times.

Miss Ann Mockus

When Our Last Picture Is Painted

When Earth's last picture is painted and The tubes are twisted and dried.
When the oldest colours have faded, and the youngest critic has died. We shall rest, and faith, we shall need it—lie down for an aeon or two.
Till the Master of All Good Workmen shall put us to work anew. And those that were good shall be happy;
They shall sit in a golden chair;
They shall splash at a ten-league canvas with brushes of comet's hair;
They shall find real saints to draw from Magdalen, Peter and Paul;
They shall work for an age at a sitting and never be tired at all!
And only the Master shall praise us, and only the Master shall blame;
And count work for money, and no one shall work for fame.
But each for the joy of working, and each, in his separate star.
- Shall Our Life Time as he sees It for the God of Things as They are! — Kipling
From Here and There

ST. GEORGE'S (BRIDGPORT)

First Sunday of each month, happens to be this parish Sodality's monthly meeting. This month's meeting had quite a few absentees due to the traditional K of L St. Casimir day observance held at St. Michael's parish. Among them was our Spiritual Director, Rev. Julian Grinis, on whom was conferred the Fourth Degree — Order of St. Casimir — at this observance... Congrats — Rev. Father — from your Sodalities!

Among other Sodalists who are also K of L Choir members, and participated in the K of L day, was our Eucharistic — Our Lady's Committee Chairman, Adelle Abromavičiūnė. In her absence, she had delegated Helen Adomaitis, Sodality Secretary, to present the report for this civil, which was concise, and kept within a few minutes. The reports are of exemplary quality, and worth commendation inasmuch as there is quite a bit of research involved in order to keep us posted with Spiritual Thoughts and Actions for each month. These are always presented in a thorough, yet, concise method. The month of March included a Summary of Last and the Life of St. Joseph.

In the line of Social Life, a group of 15 Sodalists including our Spiritual Director, attended a Theatre Party, Tuesday, March 2nd at the Selwyn Theatre, featuring Ethel Barrymore in the "Joyous Season".

Final steps have been taken towards the first issue of this Parish's Sodality Newspaper which will definitely be off the press for April 1st... Helen Gadwel, one of our comparatively new members, was chosen Editor... Gene Gunuskauskas was selected as Artistic Director and has begun work on the front cover. Other Sodalists interested and cooperating in this undertaking are: Adelle Abromavičiūnė, Stella Arlauskaus, Virginia Balins, Bernice Martin and Helen Norbut.

An invitation was accepted from the Sisters of St. Casimir to attend the St. Casimir Academy Auxiliary Dinner which will be held on April 7th in our parish hall... Ann Kazlauskas will be our delegate representing the Sodality, with responsibility for the registration of all. Further details and destination remains unrevealed.

Out of the group of 39 attending the annual Lithuanian Sodality Union Retreat at the Convention Of Our Lady Of The Cenacle — a total of 7 seniors and 4 juniors attended from this parish.... From all reports, those were the most wonderful days spent in prayer and reflection. Everyone came back refreshed both in mind and body... Sodalists of this parish, including the less fortunate ones who were unable to get away for this week end, have participated in making the English Missions conducted during the week ending Sunday, March 24. Rev. Paulinas, O. F. M., who spent four years and four months in a Japan concentration camp and returned from China, co-directed this mission.

The Lithuanian Mission beginning March 25 is being conducted by Rev. A. Mazukas, M. I. C... There certainly are plenty of opportunities of gaining spiritual benefits. So, be vigilant, one can’t help taking advantage of them.

It was grand to see Father Julian Grinis, our Spiritual Director arrive at the Cenacle in time to lead us in procession and “Act of Consecration” recited at Our Lady's statue in the pergola... Upon proceeding to the Chapel, following service of Mass, further devotions which included the Papal Blessing and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament were conducted by the Retreat Master, Rev. Reginald Gilman, S. M. M., whose meditations presented to the retreatants were full of inspiring thoughts to be maintained in our minds and hearts leading us along the right path in life.

Friday, March 29, 1946

LITHUANIAN DAILY FRIEND

Marquette Park Sodality Play is Huge Success

CHICAGO — The Nativity of B. V. M. parish Senior Sodality was again in its true form in its latest dramatic production "THE ARMS OF THE LAW", a Three-Act Mystery presented at the parish auditorium Sunday March 24th and Wednesday, March 27th. Although a rather heartening attendance was present during the whole of the performance, the girls deserved a much larger audience for their splendid performances.

While the whole cast of Christine Kuoja, Donnie Norbut, Angela Jabulis, Helen Shebeski, Louise Kairis, Tiffie Kuoja, Sonia Bartkus, Sophie Spethly, Phil Norbut and Hattie Lasaks should be complimented for a job well done, special bouquets should be tossed to Sophie Spethly, Christine Kuoja, Norbūt, Donnie Norbut and Helen Shebeski for an exceptional portrayal of the roles.

Sodality Spethly as the pistol packing, sleuthing detective and Christine Kuoja as the domino-cracking genius, carried the brunt of work in making the performance knit together with all the thrill of a mystery; while Helen Shebeski as a would-be jewel-buyer and Phil Norbut as the Irish cook did a wonderful job of injecting a humorous twinge when things got too involved and strained.

Well selected scenery and deftly maneuvered technical effects helped immensely to produce a performance which may well stand the test of exacting dramatics. This Sodality group decided—has a concentrated group of selected talent and should be encouraged to follow it up with repeated performances of this kind.

A special orchid should go to Emily Prose for her very efficient direction and to the arrangement committee of Teresa Restitutis, Lee Gedens, Dolores Laskutka and Doris Mattie for their share in making this production such a full success.

Maybe it’s because money is the root of all evil — that everyone tries to dig it up.

BRIGHTON PARK

Helen Paulitis sure is glad the March 3rd Dance is over and if you look closely you’ll notice a few strands of gray hair. (That’s alright, it’s a sign of intelligence. Helen, so we have been told...). Dpl Tlumont and Val Kruckas seem at every party, selling tickets and now that it is over we’re just wondering when we can have our own dance with all the spare time that they will be having. Now you two will be able to catch up on all the sleep you both have lost.

Irene Pakelsis and Helen Chapes are all a “beaming” because they have their “one-and-only’s” home. Just think they are having escorts and we sure are happy for the both of you.... Monica Kazinskas has been seen walking around in a haze since she has received a little "diamond" from her Valentine. Congratulations, Mona. Another gal (continued on p. 4).

Sophie Spethly

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Mention sports to her and she glows. for sports are her passion. A.S. 4 for her! There is no sport in particular she takes to, for she indulges in them all. A typical all-American girl, and a typical daughter of Mother Mary, Ann is conscientious in no matter what she undertakes. Is it small wonder that we think she is an outstanding Sodalist? To us, Ann is truly a Sodalist in the truest sense of the word, fast prepared by Ann Mockus and Mary Kranszlas. We are still hard at work with our Variety Show — don’t fail to see it... A farewell party is being planned for Mickey Jusis (Mrs. Roznikaitis). She will receive the usual gift to departing Sodalists. Sodalists are busy with devotions during Lent and at the recent Forty Hours Devotion the Sodalists kept an hour in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

During our past Father Pauškutis (a high rater as a spiritual advisor with us) helps and advises us in matters of Faith. We have him buzzing trying to keep up with our questions and inquiries...

This winds up KENOSHA — Bits for this month...
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This and That From The

Lithuanian University Club

A real Spring Festival, with laughter, music, and dancing will be presented at the Lithuanian University Club, Friday evening. The laughter will be plentiful because of the one-act comedy "O. S. S or the Wedding Dowry." A variety of good music will be heard from club members who are well known in our own Lithuanian circles. To top it off, there will be a display of 5 piece orchestra. starting at 8:00 P. M.

The proceeds from the L. U. C Spring Festival will be set aside for the re-fugee Lithuanian students who are attending the newly formed British University at Hanenburg. The club will try to do more aid the students with money. Next Sunday will see the start of book drive to be held every week until we hope everyone will contribute. We are asking all who attend Mass on Sunday to bring with them any un-used textbooks they have, and have no need for. Books copied in any library subject and printed in any language will be appreciated by the refugee students.

Just a few words regarding the program. The comedy centers around the troubles of a father (Al Adams) who keeps trying to marry off his daughter (Irene C. Mankus) to any young man having the initials O. S. S. Unknown to his family, the father wants his daughter to marry before her 20th birthday — one week later so that she could inherit $40,000 left by an aunt. He gets into all sorts of complications in trying to keep a secret, and has plenty of trouble with his prospective (Claude Luth, Bon Noubat, and Al Mirkievicius). Alice Stephens-Ingelis plays the part of the mother. She also is director, aided by Joe Kucynski.

The concert stars will be Helen Mathews, soprano, three young ladies with the names of Christine Miller, soprano, and Evelyne Stankus and Christine Krieseius, duet. Lucelle Vilkaitis, pianist, of the Mundelein School of music, will also appear and Guest artists are the Mathies, Stapien, Burtonos, and Otto Slika, pianist (with Hawthorne Men's Chorus). The L. U. C is certain that this Spring Festival will be enjoyed by the young and old. It hopes that all of its friends will make it point to attend and help in aiding the Lithuanian students in Europe.

The program will start at 4:30 P. M. at the Auditorium, 3133 S. Halsted St. Price is $1.10. Dancing will start at 8:00 — price 50c. We hope to see you there! I. C. M.

What's my name?

We're looking for an attractive name for the Sodality Section. Do you have one? Send it in.

We're giving away a very worthwhile price for the winning title. Send your suggestions to Angela Cibulskis, 2316 W. 89th St., or the ENGLISH PAGE, Drainage, 2394 South Oakland Ave.

Ology: "Before we were married my wife always said 'by' so sweetly as I went down the steps".

Snoddy: "And what does she say now?"

Offisy: Oh, just the same — 'Buy boy'.

(HERE AND THERE from page 3) seen walking around with a beaming face in Virginia Ka-valauskas, who has also received a ring and the lucky fellow is from Alabama way down south. Congratulations!!... Say, Helen Jaros, why don't you inform us girls, who are hungering for a few prospective bachelors, about the handsome looking sailor cousin you have. Could his name be Steve, by any chance?... A certain trio are seen at least twice a week roller skating. Say girls, if you are trying to find these giriish figures and keep in trim??... Say Del Talmont, before we forget we were just wanting how many members you have in the Huba, Huba Club... Emily Paulkis is sure there have all her spare time taken up by that certain discharged serviceman and we think he's pretty good looking, but please don't ever get involved with Aldona Kamianskas because somewhere down the line he is related to her and we are sure you won't like to hear about it.

SODALITY UNION

The Sodality Union officers had an opportunity to visit the Town of Lake Sodality, meeting on Monday, March 18th. Father Julian Grinius and Irene Pakelis addressed the sodalists. A pleasant hour or two was spent in discussing the benefits of the Union. Father John Krywnasauskas and the officers greeted the guest cordially. The Holy Cross Sodality is working hard to make their coming dance on May 22 a huge success.

Spiritual Directors Father Julian Grinius and John Stakavicius, officers of the Union and Chairman of the Parish sodality, arranged the commencement of two parishes. Sodality Union officers who are involved in the annual May Crowning, which is taking place on May 5th at Brighton Park. Result of the discussions of the evening will culminate in a perfect planned affair. Two parishes sodalities have already chosen their two members who will be in the court for the annual May crowning: Bridgeport Seniors have: Virginia F. Balnis, Helen Adams.

Brighton Seniors have: Helen Paulius, Monica Kasiunas.

Points for discussion at the Union Meeting 3-31-46

1. Enthusiastic Committee — Virginia F. Balnis, (a) Retreat. (b) May crowning

2. Publicity Committee — Angela Cibulskis. (a) Constitution (b) Newspaper contest (c) Page in Dramas

3. Social Life Committee — Helen Paulius. (a) Bowling tournament (b) Program for May Crowning (c) Splash Party (d) Picnic

After the meeting, there's gong to be a social, a surprise and that very entertaining game of "airplane bunco".

The SODALITY UNION IS DOING THINGS!

The next foremost activity in line is the annual May Crowning which will take place May 5th at Immaculate Conception Parish (Brighton Park). The queen selected is the prefect of the Union, Irene Pakelis and her court will consist of two delegates from the parish sodalities. Three bouquets of live flowers will be presented to the Blessed Mother representing Her Titles, our activities and in thanksgiving.

The Publicity Committee chairman, Angela Cibulskis, is submitting copies of the individual Sodality newspapers to the Queen's Work for judgement.

Now for the social activities which are many and great. There's the Bowling Tournament on April 11th. We are inviting all kind of bowlers to join — good, "poor", mediocre and the "super de'ux". The girls will be divided into three groups according to their averages. Cash prizes will be offered to each group.

Some time in May there is to be a Splash Party and maybe hot dogs and root beer will follow the swimming social.

For the summer there's nothing like a good picnic out in the woods with sandwiches and pickles and potato chips to help spend the time sociably! Oh yes! we can't forget the ants either. If plans work out, the Sodalists of Chicago and Cicero would travel to the picnic grounds together, singing away.

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