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SODALITY SECTION

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FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 1946

OPEN LETTER —

Dear Sodal - Sal: -



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 beau.

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

Every month I sit me down at this typewriter of mine, look at it, squint at it, and try sanely 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 in 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, please don't make Bessier shudder and groan again.

Just your — SODAL SEC.

## Bishop Būčys Feted at Marian Seminary

His Excellency Bishop P. Būčys, M. I. C., Superior General of the Congregation of Marian Fathers was solemnly feted at Marian Hills Seminary, Hinsdale, 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.

tended by all the Marian rope from Kenosha, Fathers Milwaukee and Chicago and the condition of the Latthe members of the Hinsdale vian. Lithuanian and Polish His spoke about the Marian

Don't Miss! The Regular Sodali ty Union Meeting

Sunday, March 31, 1946 3 P. M.

Marquette Park Jr. Sodality hosts

POINTS OF DISCUSSION Eucharistic

May Crowning Social Life

Bowling and Splash Party Program for May Crowning

Publicity Paper

Airplane bunco to be played after meeting.

SEE YOU ALL THERE!

At a formal reception at Fathers in devastated Eu-

He described at length Excellency Provinces. He spoke of ruined homes, destruction seminaries. Churches, and libraries, of schools priests fleeing from the wrath of the Gestapo and the Russian Secret Police.

#### Program

In the evening a solemn program of greeting was held in the Seminary auditorium. The highlights of the evening were songs by the seminary choir and a Lithuanian comedy, "Tukstantinė Už Dainą Begalinę" written and enacted by the seminarians. The program was attended by the visiting priests as well as the Brothers, Sisters and workers.

Rev. J. Jančius, MIC. Provincial of the American Province of the Congregation of Marian Fathers introduced Bishop Būčys.

#### IRISH EYES ARE SMILING



Yes, Irish eyes are smiling, and sure it's little wonder when this sailor serenades colleen Betty Burns on an Irish harp at the St. Patrick's party of the Alexandria, Va., USC-Club operated by the National Catholic Community Service. Photo by John Galvin.

# Sodality Girls Enjoy Retreat

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

called a "spiritual vacation" per we convened to the Chawhich simply means in the words of Jesus - "Come apart and rest a little".

His Excellency again reminding spoke, those gathered that they were united by a common bond of Faith and defense of the Eternal Truth He pointed out that this fight 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.

True, this Retreat can be After an appetizing supas those who attended this pel for Benediction and after Retreat for the first time the Retreatmaster, the Rev. found out soon after her ar- Reginald Gillman, S. M. M. rival. The pleasant, quiet introduced himself and hesurroundings soon put each gan his conferences. He one in a "spiritual" mood. proved to be a 'coincident' There is no need for an in this respect, the order he explanation of a Retreat belongs to has special devotion to Mary and the sodalists 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 as a busy program has already been planned by the Religious of the Cenacle. Night, and just one more day to be spent at the Cenacle. If any of the Retreatants wish to have a talk with the Retreatmaster, he is always

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Why many Catholics say:

## I HATE LENT!

FRANCIS J. JANČIUS, MIC.

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#### TOO LONG AND TOO OFTEN!

OU 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, he learnedly 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 there is no "have to" about it. 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 go at the point of a bayonet. Only the Commies use those tactics to increase attendance at their meetings

non - attendance Catholics. in the things of sense. I've never heard of such nonattendance

devotions. By complaining unpopularity.

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 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. There are no roll calls We drift along with the either, with a peralty for tides of chance, engrossed

But Lent shakes us up. It things, but then perhaps I reminds us of the melanchojust don't get around or ly days ahead, of death and maybe I don't go to the right the doom of sin. It penetra-Church. For attendance or tes behind the mask of life, Catholics awakens us from the opium need answer to no authority dreams of what is transient save their own consciences. and trifling. The Lenten de-What hurts most, though, votions cut to the very maris the fact that all of us row by reminding us of our know that we need those shortcomings. Hence their

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 Mary D. Broadford High School. helped her dad in the bakery 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 in others; and 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



Miss Ann Mockus ready, willing at all times. (Cont'd on page 3)

FR. JULIAN

## Passing

OME wise man once remarked that he who hurts others, hurts himself, but he, who hurts himself to help others, helps and wins over the others. It may seem old and "corny", but it certainly seems to be true. How many times have we, by a sharp word, a malicious tale, or a cruel act hurt others and at the same time hurt ourselves by losing a friend? The ancient Roman sought to show his power and mastership by whip and pain and thus won no one except his slave; whereas Our Lord came and won over the coldest by His kindness and love. This, His daily lesson, became His supreme lesson that He taught on the Cross, - He so loved us that He must die for us.

Here it is the middle of Lent and the question is: What am I doing for Jesus? Will I seek to harm myself by ignoring His suffering or will I strive to help myself by suffering a little along with Jesus? Denial of food and sweets, curtailment of licit pleasure such as dancing, the shortening of your daily rest in order to assist at the daily Mass are sore sacrifices to make, but what are they in comparison to the love and grace of God, Jesus' own special reward? What will it be? Why not take time out to check up on yourself whether you pity yourself more than you love Jesus.

If you haven't written to the Editor or Sodal-Sal, why not sit down and send them a note telling them what you like and don't like about this section. They deserve a bouquet of orchids for giving us something that we sorely needed and missed for a long time. Your note know that all of us are deeply grateful to them for their ef-



Jaywalking, the "bete noire" of all motorists, has some practical uses after all - for in Michigan a jaywalk led to orange blossoms. Some months ago a nurse began jaywalking in heavy traffic. A rookie policeman (he was too young to know better) halted her and delivered a stern lecture. Her reply was blistering. He asked for her name and address. Last week, they were married. Yet, there must be a safer way to find a husband.

Most Protestants read with friendly interest the selection of the newly-created cardinals and of the impressive rites connected with it. It was too bad that this was not the attitude of their leaders. Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the Methodist Church thus asserted at the opening meeting of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. "Protestants refuse to believe that a religious hierarchy possesses all the truths about God and reject the dogma that man is dependent for his salvation on a priestly class or a system of sacraments".

By his spiteful words Mr. Oxnam gave up his title, for a bishop is a member of the hierarchy; called his fellow ministers wastrels, for a minister should be a dispenser of grace; and rejected for himself the key to heaven. Once again, the passing world notes this paradox, - the Protestants have of appreciation will let them rejected the doctrines of their Martin Luther.

### When Earth's 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 -Magdelen, 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 one shall work for money, and no one shall work for fame, But each for the joy of working, and each, in his separate star, Shall draw the Thing as he sees It for the God of Things as They are!

- Kipling

# From Here and There

ST. GEORGE'S (BRIDGEPORT)

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 Sodalites!

Among other Sodalists who are also K of L Choir members and had participated in the K of L day, was our Eucharistic — Our Lady's Committee Chairman, Adelle Abromavicius. In her absence, she had delegated Helen Adomaitis, Sodality Secretary, to present the report for this committee. Adelle's reports are truly exemplary and worth commendation inasmuch as there is quite a bit of research involved in order to keep us posted with Spiritual Thoughts and Acts for each month. These are always presented in a thorough, yet, concise method. The month of March included a Summary of Lent 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 19, 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 1..... Helen Gadwell, one of our comparatively new members, was chosen Editor... Gene Gumuliauskas was selected as Artist and has begun work on the front cover. Other Sodalists interested and cooperating in this undertaking are: Adelle Abromavicius, Stella Arlauskas, Virginia Balnis, Bernice Martin and Helen Shark.

An invitation was accepted from the Sisters of St. Casimir to attend the St. Casimir Academy Auxiliary Dinner which will be held on April 7 in our parish hall.... Ann Kazlauskas will be our delegate representing the Sodality with a donation of \$5 from the Treasury towards the Sisters benefit... The Arlauskas Sisters will participate in the program with Mary singing and Stelle accompanying her at the piano.

Welcome to Ann Kavalewski who was received in the Sodality as a new member at the last meeting.

A few weeks ago was the latest we've heard from Sylvia Jankaitis, (now Mrs. William Edeus) whose marriage took place on March 3. The honeymooners, travelling by auto, were Westward bound and dropped us a card from Texas. Further destination — unrevealed.

Out of the group of 39 attending the annual Lithuauanian Sodality Union Retreat at the Convent 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 recollection. 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 Mission conducted during the week ending Sunday, March 24. Rev. Paulinas, O. F. M., who spent four years and four months in a Jap concentration camp and returned from China, conducted this Mission.

The LITHUANIAN MISSION beginning March 25 is being conducted by Rev. A. Mazukna, M. I. C.... There certainly are plenty of opportunities of gaining spiritual benefits. So, being 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, the remaining closing services which inc'uded 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.

H. S.

#### ST. PETER'S (Kenosha, Wis.)

Sunday March 3rd we had our regular monthly meeting. After Mass there followed a most appetizing break-

## 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 each evening, the girls deserved a much larger audience for their splendid performances.

While the whole cast of Christine Kuoga, Donnie Norbut, Angela Cibulskis, Helen Shebelski, Louise Kairis, Tillie Kuoga, Sonia Bartkus, Sophie Spetyla, Phil Norbut and Hattie Laskis should be complimented for a job well done, special bou-



Sophie Spetyla

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Mention sports to her and she glows. for sports are 1-A on her list of hobbies. 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.

quets should be tossed to Sophie Spetyla, Christine Kuoga, Phil Norbut Donnie Norbut and Helen Shebelski for an exceptional portrayal of their respective roles. Sophie Spetyla as the pistolpacking, sleuthing detective and Christine Kuoga as the domineering scheming countess, carried the brunt of work in making the performance knit together with all the thrills of a mystery; while Helen Shebelski as a would be jewel-buyer and Phil Norbut as the Irish cook did a wonderful job of injecting a humorous tinge 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 decidedly has a concentrated group of select 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 arrangements committee of Teresa Rastutis, Lee Gudenas, Dolores Lazutka and Doris Mattas 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.

fast prepared by Ann Mockus and Mary Kraujalis. 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. Rozinski). She will receive the usual gift to departing Sodalists... Sodalists are attending evening devotions during Lent and at the recent Forty Hours Devotion the Sodalists kept an hour in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament...

During our meeting Father Paulukonis (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...

Bernice

#### BRIGHTON PARK

Helen Paulius 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).... Del Talmont and Val Krukas seen at every dance selling tickets and now that it is over we're just wondernig what they are going to do 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 nave lost.

Irene Pakeltis and Helen Chapas 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 Kasinskas has been seen walking around in a daze since she has received a little "diamond" from her Valentine, Congratulations, Mona... Another gal

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THIS AND THAT FROM THE

# Lithuanian University Club

A real Spring Festival, with laughs, music, and dancing will be presented at the Lithuanian Auditorium next Sunday, March 31st, by the Lithuanian University Club. The laughs will be plentiful because of the one-act comedy "O. S. S. arba šliūbinė Iškilmė" (O. S. S. or the Wedding Dowry").

A variety of good music will be heard from club members who are wellknown in our own Lithuanian circles. To top it off, at 8:00 P. M.

The proceeds from the L. U. C. Spring Festival will be set aside for the aid of refugee Lithuanian students who are attending the newly formed Baltic University at Hamburg, Germany.

The club will try to do have no need for. Books thorne Men's Chorus). covering any subject and gee students.

troubles of a father (Al dents in Europe. Rudis) who keeps trying to marry off his tials O. S. S. Unknown to his start at 8:00 — price 50c. family, the father wants his daughter to marry before

(RETREAT from page 1). willing to share his time 'swell' the fund. with them.

Weather permitting an outdoor procession is held Sunday afternoon before Benediction and the recitation of the Act of Consecration is recited before the Grotto of Our Lady but during the winter and inclement weather the procession terminates from the library to the pergola where the Act of Consecration is recited before a statue of Our Blessed Mother. The procession then continues up to the Chapel and the Retreat is brought to a close with the Closing Meditation, the Papal Blessing is given and then Solemn Benediction. This Retreat is to be an annual affair with the Lithuanian Sodality Union and needs no 'selling' point except to a few.

The Religious of the cenacle are literally "raising the roof" as they are acgrowing waiting list. With went down the steps". the beginning of the year a campaign has been started she say now?" to raise funds and the Lithuanian Sodality Union has — 'Buy buy''.

her 20th birthday week later — so that she could inherit \$40,000 left by an aunt. He gets into all sorts of complications in there will be dancing to a trying to keep his secret and 5 piece orchestra, starting has plenty of troub e with his prospects (Claude Luth, Ben Norbut, and Al Mickevicius). Anne Bennes-Kaulakis plays the part of the mother. She also is director, aided by Joe Kuscynski.

The concert stars will be Helen Mathews. soprano, three young ladies with Alice Stephens Singers more than aid the students Christine Miller, Soprano, with money. Next Sunday and Evelyn Stankus and everyone will contribute. We the Mundelein School of are asking that all who music, will also appear. attend the Festival also Guest artists will be Mathew bring with them any used Stepien, Baritone, and Otto textbooks they have, and Sluka, pianist (with Haw-

The L. U. C. is certain printed in any language will that this Spring Festival be appreciated by the refu- will be enjoyed by the young and old. It hopes that all of Just a more few words re- its friends will make it a garding the program. The point to attend and help in comedy centers around the aiding the Lithuanian stu-

The program will start at daughter 4:30 P. M., at the Audito-(Irene C. Mankus) to any rium, 3133 So. Halsted St., young man having the ini- Price is \$1.10, Dancing will

> We hope to see you there! I. C. M.

contributed \$39.00 to help

L. K.



# 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 prize for the winning title. Send your suggestions to Angela Cibulskis, 2516 Oakley Ave.

Offey: "Before we were tually in need of more room married my wife always to accommodate their ever- said 'by by' so sweetly as I

Snoddy: "And what does

Offey: Oh, just the same

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seen walking around with a beaming face is Virginia Kavalauskas, who has also received a ring and the lucky fellow is from Alabama way down south. Congratulations!!!!.... Say, Helen Jurksas, why don't you inform us girls, who are hunting 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, are you trying to keep your girlish figures and keep in trim?????..... Say Del Talmont, before we forget we were just wondering how many members you have in the Huba, Huba Club .... Emily Paukštis is sure 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 Kaminskas 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 Sodatilty Union officers had an apportunity to visit the Town of Lake Sodality. meeting on Monday, March 18th .... Father Julian Grinius and Irene Pakeltis addressed the sodalists. A pleasant hour or two was spent in discussing the benefits of the Union. Father John Vyšniauskas and the officers greeted the guests 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 will see the start of a book Eleanor Krisciunas, duet. Stankevičius, officers of the Union and Chairman of the drive toward which we hope Lucille Valatka, pianist, of Parsh Sodality Eucharistic Committees met on March 25 at the home of Virginia F. Balnis to make plans for 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 perfectly planned affair.

> Two parish 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 Kasinskas.

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

- 1. Eucharistic Committee Virginia F. Balnis.
  - a) Retreat
  - b) May crowning
- Publicity Committee Angela Cibulskis.
  - a) Constitution
  - b) Newspaper contest
  - c) Page in Draugas
- 3. Social Life Committee Helen Paulius.
  - a) Bowling tournament
  - b) Program for May Crowning
  - c) Splash Party
  - d) Picnic

After the meeting, there's gonig 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 Pakeltis 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 14th. We are inviting all kinds of bowlers to partake in this contest - good, "poor", mediocre and the "super de'uxe". The W. 69th. St., or the ENGLISH girls will be divided into three groups according to their PAGE, Draugas, 2334 South 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.