Dear Sodal - Sol:

Bessie (my typewriter) is fairly leaping with joy this month and we ourselves feel like turning a couple of flips if we didn't fear our bones cracking in the attempt. We really feel in top shape and nothing can darken the shine in our eyes! Why all the exuberance? Well, after all these months of being a pugil without a name, you will notice that we now have a name.

THE MARIAN WAY - it's just perfect for us. The way of Mary — nothing could be more suitable for the Sodality Page. All of our happiness is due to the inspiration that SOPHIE SPETYLA of the Nativity B. V. M. Sodality (Marquette Park) got in suggesting the name. To SOPHIE we hand Orchids and three roasting cheers for such a grand name. To the rest of the Sodologists we extend our heartfelt thanks for their suggestions. They were all good.

It seems that we had our share of misery this month too — with the paper shortage, no articles and what have you the entire staff sported grey hair and got a system full of Aspirin — but we weathered it all and managed to come out with a grin.

An article in the St. George "SODAL-LITE" (Bridgeport) gave us a boost. The article gave reasons why Sodalists should read THE MARIAN WAY. We thought it summed things up quite well and have included it in this month's edition of THE MARIAN WAY. Be sure to read it!

Remember sometime ago we mentioned "snap-shots"? Well, the weather is often perfect now for pictures so come one, come all, dust off those cameras and get those pictures rolling to THE MARIAN WAY. What could be more interesting than to see you or your friends in print? How about it? Get them to us and we will get you in print! When you send one and see how easy it is you will want to do it again and again, so give it a try! SODAL - SEC

K of L Choir Festival, May 19th.

From all indications the forthcoming May Festival, under the auspices of the Knights of Lithuania Chicago District, consisting of an unusually well selected Concert program, to be presented by the K. of L. District Choir; a fine Lithuanian comedy presented by the K. of L. Theatrical art group; and dancing to the tunes of Ede Huray and his orchestra, promises to be a very outstanding Lithuanian social event of the season here in Chicago.

The committee on arrangements announces that there is every indication that the Darius-Giraseas Memorial auditorium, 4416 S. Western Ave., will be the mecca of an overflowing audience on Sunday, May 19th. Sale of tickets is progressing rapidly. Popularity priced at $1.00 tickets may be purchased from any Choir or K. of L. member.

The K. of L. Choir made a very impressive appearance over the air waves last Sunday evening from radio station WCFL during the Jos. F. Endrik Lithuanian Radio hour. Comments from listeners were very complimentary which portends that the Choir group will have a successful appearance. (The 19th. Sale of tickets is progressing rapidly.)

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Don Varnas Post
Meets Mon., May 6

The Don Varnas American Legion Post No. 996, will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 6, 1946 at its Headquarters, Marquette Hall, 6508 South Western Avenue, at 8:00 P.M., with refreshments served at the close of the meeting.

This meeting is one in which all feminine members of the families of regular members are invited to attend. We're organizing our women's auxiliary! There's a lot of helpful things an auxiliary can do to make our Post an interesting and successful American Legion Post. So here's hoping we see all regular members and their wives, mothers and sisters on Monday, May 6th!

An Invitation

All the young Lithuanian girls are most cordially invited to attend the annual May crowning, under the leadership of the Sodality Union, on May 5th at 2:30 P.M. at THE IMMATURE CONCEPTION PARISH, 44th and Fairfield.

That afternoon we will honor the Blessed Mother and show her our appreciation for all the granted favors and of course to ask for anything that may be lacking as yet in our life. We hope to see all the Sodalists present at this May crowning!

Irene Pakelis, prefect

Bishop Sheil Dinner, Wed., May 8th

Clem Lane, City Editor of the Chicago Daily News and creator of the amusing comic character, "Oxie O'Rourke", will be toastmaster at the 14th Annual CYO Sportsmen's Dinner, Wednesday May 8th, in the Grand Ballroom of the Palmer House.

The dinner, popularly called "The Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner", will feature Bishop Bernard J. Sheil, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago and Founder and Director of the Catholic Youth Organization, for his work in behalf of Youth.

OPEN LETTER —

Don't forget to get your news for the Sodality Page. We need your help!
At last, we have made the grade! We are now a full-pledged "liberal," and hereby serve notice on all car friends and enemies that we don't ever again want the term "fundamentalist" being applied to us. As evidence of our "liberalism," we proudly point to the membership application blank which we received the other day from the National Liberal League, with headquarters in New York.

In a letter accompanying the application blank, D. Wey Collett, Secretary of the League, informs us that he is writing to us and "other Liberals like yourself" to invite us to become Charter Members of the League, "to help in the propagation of non-political Liberalism, and in the advancement of the principles of Humanism, etc." He further pays us the compliment of advising us that the national officers are depending on us to "establish a branch of the League in your community."

What is the "National Liberal League"? It is a national organization "to save our schools from Church control... to outlaw all religious instruction from our schools... to tax church property... to outlaw the appointment of chaplains in the Armed Services... abolish the religious oath in our courts; etc., etc., etc...." The letter ends with the tactful plea: "...if you do not like the increasing control of education and government by Catholic priests, become a Liberator! Aid us by getting others to join!"

How did your columnist get all this literature and the invitation to join this atheistic organization with the beautiful-collared "Liberal"? We do not know, and we shall probably smile over it for a long, long time. Perhaps Divine Providence (which not only guides our destinies but also — with a heavenly display of humor — occasionally permits the wrong names to get onto mailing lists) wanted to give something to chuckle over. Perhaps somebody was pulling the leg of the officers of the League by giving them our name and address. However, it may have happened we couldn't have been more happy if we had accidentally received a copy of the "Confidental[?Secret] sheet of instructions from the Communist headquarters in Moscow!

The officers of the National Liberal League, we note, are as follows: Marshall A. Gavrin, President; Charles T. Spradling, Vice-President; D. Wey Collett, Secretary; Woolsey Teller, Treasurer; the Board of Directors includes an Arthur G. Cromwell and an Ira D. Cardiff; while the Executive Committee includes a William McCarthy and a Charles Smith.

These names had a familiar odor to them, and so we proceeded to dig through our files to see what we could find on them. Our research work was most frutiful — and most enlightening. The following is a bit of the background that can be found in the lives of these gentlemen, revealing the true basis of their "liberal" m' and the true nature of the National Liberal League, which they have organized:


Woolsey Teller — Associate Editor of the "Truth Seeker"; author of "Essays of an Athiest" (...in this collection Mr. Teller "converses" with atheists regarding other superstitions...). "Atheism of Astronomy" (...here is a book to hand your God-believing friends. Here is a convincing reply to those who hold that the heavens are governed by a God... here is the answer to mystic and theological... etc.).

Arthur G. Cromwell — This is the same gentleman who hurried down from Rochester, N. Y. — where he helps free-thinkers in Urbana, Ill., where the now famous Vashii McCallum case against religious teaching in schools was being heard — he proudly and loudly proclaimed his atheism to newspaper reporters at the trial.

Presenting This Month's

Outstanding Girl Socialist

Jeanne Sauvian

Past prefect of the Lithuanian Sodality Union and the Senior V. M. M. Sodality of Nativity of B. V. M.

Anyone meeting Jeanne for the first time is won over by her charming personality. She's quite a conversationalist and the subdued tone quality of her voice makes it very pleasing to listen to.

Comes late spring and early autumn you can find Jeanne setting Sundays aside for a good, brisk game of tennis. She'll even accept an invitation to go horseback riding up bright and early for a jaunt. During the summer months, sunbathing is a "must" with Jeanne. The rich tan she so patiently acquires is quite a prize with her and a "beauty balm" for the pastel shades she works so well. The finer arts as music, stage plays and good reading, find Jeanne a very good listener and reader. Dancing also comes under her list of entertainment.

A graduate of Immaculate Conception (Brighton Park), Jeanne attended Sacred Heart Academy graduating in 1940 and at present holds the office of Recording Secretary in the Alumnae. Jeanne is the employee of the National Cash Register Co. of Chicago.

Anyone needing a helping hand, regardless of the task, will find Jeanne with a smile, ready and willing to help. She is also a great promoter of the Catholic Charities; therefore the title of "Daughter of Mary" can in all respects be applied to Jeanne.
From Here and There

KENOSHA, WIS.

Hear ye! Hear ye! Be prepared for the busiest month of the year. Preparations are now under way for our spring variety show, which will be May 5th.

Hilda Visnaukas, Ann Aliauske, and Ann Mastauskas are in charge of ads.

To all the girls who served so graciously at the banquet and dinners we’ve had this year, we extend a bouquet of thanks.

Ann Measure was chosen as the Ideal Sodalis from St. Peter’s Parish. It is indeed a honor that Ann deserves for she has truly earned the title through her untiring efforts for our Sodality. Let’s all strive to follow her example, and our Sodality will be the star of Kenosha.

At our last month’s social we gave Mickey Jusulis Rosinski a cross as the parting gift from the Sodality. Rita B., Joan K., Judy B., and Irene V. were on the committee, and they did a good job of it. There is another wedding predicted very soon—sometime this summer, and it looks like we are going to lose a good member.

Your snooping reporter has found out that Helen Aliauske has a certain Al on her mind. Why don’t you leave us in on some of these goings on Helen? Have you noticed that Lucille Smogur has been exceptionally interested in basketball this season? Wonder whether it was the game or one of the players? Promise not to say more Lucille—we’ll stick together on this little secret. No wonder you’re so dream-eyed lately.

Hilda Visnaukas and Ann Aliauske have been getting pretty classy lately. It isn’t every girl that has a chauffeur pick them up after a bowquet; maybe I shouldn’t have called him a chauffeur! Where has Ann Measure been keeping herself lately? Or should I have said with whom?

“Don’t congratulate the recently engaged girl.” cautions Elinor Ames, author of the Correct Thing. She adds: “You correctly wish her happiness but save the actual congratulations for her fiancee.” The custom may be correct but is it logical? Husbands don’t grow on trees as Blondie says. Ann J., how is a certain T. T. could his middle initial possibly be N.? I hope it forms Z. N. T. Well girls, it looks as though our Sodality is gradually increasing, keep up the good work girls. How about a few more new members for our next meetings?

Seems good to see Ann Mastauskas in our midst again—we missed you there for a while Ann. Looks as though a certain Don is keeping Sally Z. awful busy lately.... Bernice C. complains about being awfully busy working lately, but I don’t doubt whether she can work at all with the Navy surrounding her.

ST. GEORGE’S (BRIDGEPORT)

FLASH! ! Our Spiritual Director, Rev. Julian Gri- nis, has been officially named Spiritual Director of the Lithuanian Sodality Union. Congratulations Father!!!

WELCOME—to: Ann Kavlewska who became a member of the Sodality at our last meeting. In accordance with our custom a Sodalist’s Bridal Shower was held in the Sodality Club room for Sylvia Jankaitis who became Mrs. William Eudes on March 3, 1946.

Our Social Life Chairman, Ann Venslov was one of the bridesmaids and our Prefect, Virginia Račis presented Sylvia with the Sodality Bouquet for the Blessed Virgin’s Altar.... After the reception of about 500 guests in our parish hall, Sylvia and Bill left for their honeymoon to the West Coast. Latest word from them came from Texas, various spots in Calif., including Hollywood and on the way back from Arizona. They’re home now and the Sodalists wish the newlyweds loads of Luck and Happiness.

Quite an unusual experience was had by Stella Ar- lauskas, Helene Gadwill and Virginia Balnis at the Theatre Party where 15 Sodalists including our dear Padre Julian Grienis enjoyed the play “Joyous Season.” The girls sat with their hats on until the middle of the second act when a fellow requisitioned them to remove their chapeaux. “A fine time to decide they were in the way!”

L. S. U. NEWS

One date to keep in mind is May 14th. This is the tentative date for the SPLASH PARTY. Look for more details about this party in our next issue of the SODALITY SECTION.

K of L District Meeting at Cicero, May 5

Many important subjects are on the agenda for deliberation at the next regular KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA CHICAGO DISTRICT meeting, Sunday, May 5th, 1916, at St. Anthony parish schoolrooms, 15th St. and 49th Court, Cicero, Illinois. The meeting will be called by William S. Stiek.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Irene Guduliukas

Wedding bells will ring out May 4th for Irene Gumu- liukas, popular and active St. George’s parish (B 1’s) geport) Sodist. The lucky man will be Wm. Sra- ser, who has just been honorably discharged from the Marine Corps after 4 years duty, misses you, Irene, but our loss the Sodality will sorely is going to be someone else’s big gain.

Best of everything, Irene and Bill!

FILLS IN FOR "LILY" — Polyna Stoska, popular and versatile Lithuanian singing star of stage, radio and concert (from Worcester, Mass. way) was called upon to pinch-hit for Lily’s Fous several days ago at Ebbets Field, Brooklyn. N. Y. Miss Fous plane had been delayed in Newfoundland, so Polyna stepped in to do the chores. And the critics say Miss Stoska really did a very fine job of it.

MARRY CATHOLICS!

“Please be sure that the young men or girls you intend to marry belong to your own faith. Stick to your faith. These are strong words from one who does not belong to the Catholic Church, but I mean it most sincerely. If you young people keep together like this you are going to make a solid foundation for the Church you love so much.” — Lord Mayor Wiggins-Devis at Birmingham C. Y. O. meeting.

All-expense tour — The perfect example of truth in advertising. Amateur athlete — An athlete who is paid in cash — not by check.
Ira D. Cardill — Contributor to the “Truth Seeker”; author of “What Christ Did Do With Syphilis”; “If Christ Came To New York”, etc.

William McCarthy — Author of “Bible, God and Church” (“... the author discredits the Bible as the inspired word of God, and records the sodrid history of its priesthood in general and of the Christian church in particular, etc.”)

Charles Smith — Editor of the “Truth Seeker”; author of “The Bible in The Balance”.

Finally, it is significant that the address of the national headquarters of the “National Liberal League” and of the “Truth Seeker” is the same.

But — someone may ask — has all this to do with us Lithuanian Catholics? You may feel that, however nasty, this group has nothing more than nuisance value in its atheistic ranting against the Churches and against all religions.

It may be very well to be amused at the humorous irony of a Catholic writer and editor being invited to become a member of an anti-Catholic organization, but the formation of such atheistic groups in our country is far from a laughing matter. It is a matter of the utmost concern to each of us, because it is part of a movement that aims to destroy our individual and collective human freedoms.

There is nothing that groups like this yearn for more than that individual Catholics look upon them and their god-less activities with an air of amused tolerance. Lulling ourselves into a false sense of security in the impenetrability of our Catholic Church, our American freedom, and our personal liberties is one of the most effective ways to help the atheistic movement in this country.

It is not entirely a coincidence that Communism and Atheism have announced a new and more vigorous campaign against the Catholic Church at the same time. The principles and aims of both are identical, both have always worked together, and both groups are characterized by the same hatred of all belief in God. The newer organization, “Truth Seeker”, which is the organ of the new National Liberal League, has publicly declared its program in this country to be the following:

1) Taxation of church property;
2) Elimination of chaplains from public payrolls;
3) Repeal of laws restricting the rights of atheists and the freedom of religious morals;
4) Abolition of the oath in courts and at presidential inaugurations;
5) Non-issuance of religious proclamations by President of the U.S.;
6) Erasure of the superstitious inscription “In God We Trust” from our coins;
7) Exclusion of the Bible from our schools;
8) Suppression of religious instruction during school hours;
9) Secularization of marriage, with liberal divorce laws;
10) Repeal of anti-evolution, anti-birth control and censorship laws.

This is the program that organized atheism is trying to put into effect in this country. Re-read that ten-point program — do you recognize it now? This is the same program that has already been put into effect in Soviet Russia by the Communist Party. This is the same program that is now being put into effect in all the countries seized by Soviet Russia during the past several years — including the land of our fathers, Lithuania.

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