The United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America, Inc.

Announces an

ART COMPETITION

To Obtain Illustrations for CHRISTMAS CARDS Which
Will be Printed to Raise Funds for Needy
Lithuanians Abroad

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Eligibility: Any artist in the United States or abroad is eligible.

Subject: Themes depicting Lithuanian life, scenery, architecture, Folk Art, etc., suitable for reproduction on Christmas Cards.

Media and Size: Any medium may be used. There is no limit as to size.

Amount: Any artist may submit as many entries as he wishes.

Jury: The composition of the Jury is to be announced later.

Prizes: 1st prize $50.00 cash; 2nd prize $25.00 cash; 3rd prize $15.00 cash.

All prize-winning pictures will unconditionally become the property of the United Lithuanian Relief Fund.

Purchase: The United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America reserves itself the privilege of purchasing any picture not qualifying for any of the prizes.

Reproduction: The United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America has full reproduction rights with regard to the three winning pictures and all others purchased.

Announcement of Awards: All participating artists will be notified by letter and through the newspapers.

Anonymity of Entries: All pictures submitted must not be signed. Each picture must be accompanied by a plain sealed envelope containing a 3 inch by 5 inch card bearing the artist's name and address. These envelopes will not be opened until after the selection of the winning pictures.

Date of Competition: Competition is now declared open. It will close on July 1st 1946.

Shipping and Delivery: All pictures submitted must be delivered or shipped to the United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America, 19 W. 44th St., New York 18, N. Y.

Liability: All shipping and insurance costs to and from the United Lithuanian Relief Fund must be borne by the artists themselves.

Removal Date: Pictures not accepted may be removed by the artists immediately after judging or, upon their request, returned to them, express collect.

Agreement: Artists submitting their pictures for this competition are understood to agree with all the conditions as set forth in this announcement.

ENTRY BLANK

To: United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America, Inc.,
19 West 44th Street, New York 18, N. Y.

Gentlemen:
Please enter my name in the Art Competition sponsored by your organization. I am submitting pictures and, having read the competition rules and regulations, agree to abide by them.

Name
Address

ESCAPE CHICAGO FIRE

Major Blase, U. S. Army, carries small box from burning LaSalle Hotel, while his wife, left, still shows fright from their narrow escape during Chicago's fire disaster.

(Acme-Draugas Telephoto)

St. Casimir Academy Graduates 104 Seniors

CHICAGO. — 104 Seniors received diplomas yesterday at very colorful and impressive graduation exercises at St. Casimir's Academy, 67th and Talman Ave.

The ceremonies opened with a procession by the white-capped and gowned graduates into the academy chapel, where Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament followed.

Later the class filed into the Academy Auditorium where proud parents and friends witnessed the presenting of diplomas.

The commencement address was delivered by Msgr. William J. Donovan, superintendent of schools of the Rockford diocese Fr. B. Urbas, chaplain of the academy, presented the graduates to Msgr. Donovan. Gold medals were awarded to graduates for special achievement in various fields.

Christine Bikinis was awarded a gold medal for the highest average. Loreta Jonaitis won a gold medal for special achievement in Religion; to Petrunela Kamarauskas went a gold medal for outstanding scholastic merits in Lithuanian.

Scholarships

The following graduates won scholarships for the coming year: G. Galzauskas (St. Francis College); K. Bikinis (Xavier College); T. Modende (Rosary College); L. Jonaitis (College of St. Teresa, Winona) and M. Balanda (music, Mundelein College).
Divorce No Longer a Joke

by J. G. L.

Divorce has ceased to be a joke, and, according to the New York Law Association, it is the nation's No. 1 legal problem. The American Bar Association, in its recent survey of divorce cases, found that in 1949, there were nearly as many divorces as in any other year of the century. The result of this trend is a very recent survey of the divorce cases in New York City, made by a group of legal experts, that is as follows:

- A strong national movement has been organized to combat the threat of divorce.
- The popularity of divorce is due to the weakening of family ties and the increasing number of women seeking independence.
- Criticism of the divorce laws is widespread, and there is a growing demand for a more equitable system of divorce.
MARIANAPOLIS NEWS

Amongst those ordained to the Deaconate at St. Vincent's Seminary, Patrofe, Pa. On March 17th was Dr. Anthony Rakauskas, a former professor at Marianapolis. He will be ordained to the Priesthood on June 16th.... John Udzavinis is employed as a Civilian Naval Aircraft Inspector at the United Aircraft Plant in Bridgeport, Conn. He is a baseball player of repute, having pitched for the St. Louis Cards, Rochester and Wilkes-Barre. Last year, he was voted the best player in the Conn. State League. This summer, he will pitch for the Bushwicks of New York City.

Lt. Floyd Cole of Thompson was discharged from service Feb. 28th. He served as a B-27 Pilot in the E. T. O. He is to study engineering. Joseph Ulrich, a former professor at Marianapolis, has been released from the Navy.... Charles Karr, C. C. S. in the Navy, was discharged on May 6th after 44 months of service in the Pacific. He served aboard the Air Craft Carrier "OYV-76". May 25th, he married Miss Florence Grinas at St. Peter's Church, So. Boston, Mass....

A recent visitor to Marianapolis was Joseph Leda who was discharged from the Navy Air Corps with the rank of Lt., Commander. He took part in the bombing of many Japanese strongholds, including Formosa and the Iman Proper. On one mission, while strafing a Japanese troop train, a landing wheel was shot off his plane. Yet, he managed to land the plane on the deck of his aircraft carrier and escape. The burning plane's navy clock before the plane was pushed overboard. He escaped injury.

Joseph Elkasvich, HS'36, was discharged from the Navy in December. He served as a Pharmacists Mate with the Amphibs aboard the U. S. S. Samuel Chase. He participated in the Normandy and Southern France invasions.... Jerry Cowlig, HS'41, has been discharged from the Army and has returned to Notre Dame to continue his studies. Coach Frank Leahy rates him as a sure bet for the full back post on this year's All-American team... Paul Baltis, C'40, who came to the United States in 1939 as one of Lithuania's representatives to the Pax Romana Conference, has been discharged from the U. S. Army.... The Marianapolis basketball team finished the season with a record of nine wins and four losses. However, the Marins and Gold cagers outscored their opponents by running up 465 points while the combined opposition scored 492 points.... Basketball letters were awarded to A. Brazuskas (Capt.), L. Dugulis, J. Golden, J. Kripas, W. Ulrich and S. Aukstis (Manager).

Peter Packard, HS'45, has completed his first year at John Hopkins University where he is Business Manager of the student publication, "Hullabaloo". Last month he took part in the student's retreat at Marianapolis.... Capt. Anthony Patrici, C'40, who was discharged from the United States in 1939 as one of the Lithuanian Representatives to the Pam Romana Conference, has been discharged from the U. S. Army.... The Marianapolis basketball team finished the season with a record of nine wins and four losses. However, the Marins and Gold cagers outscored their opponents by running up 465 points while the combined opposition scored 492 points.... Basketball letters were awarded to A. Brazuskas (Capt.), L. Dugulis, J. Golden, J. Kripas, W. Ulrich and S. Aukstis (Manager).

ST. ANTHONY DOES MORE THAN FIND UMBRELLAS

LONDON — (NC) — Pamela Frankan, British novelist and recent convert to the Catholic Faith has a deep devotion to St. Anthony and a special regard for a statue of the saint in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York. She told about it in a recent talk here.

At the age of 20, Miss Frankan, as she related, she began to worry: "It was like trying to live without eating". She began to study the Catholic Church, but in a half-hearted way, fearing for it was too big and made too many demands.

Eventually she visited New York and St. Patrick's l.c.

LITHUANIAN DANCERS SCORE SUCCESS

Present Program of National Dances and Songs at Chicago U's International House

CHICAGO — Chicago's famous Lithuanian Dancing group, otherwise also known as ATEITININKAI, scored another outstanding success June 2nd. Last Sunday this group, reinforced by the vocal renderings of the BIRUTEE CHORUS, presented a colorful program of Lithuanian national dances and songs at the Chicago University International House.

A large mixed audience witnessed the dancers and singers, dressed in traditional national costumes, go through gems of dances and vocal numbers, for which the Lithuanians are widely known. The audience — especially those of other nationalities — had a rare opportunity here to share in some of the rich cultural heritage of the Lithuanian people.

The ATEITININKAI should be given special credit for their splendid efforts to keep Lithuania alive in the hearts of its people through the medium of national dances. Their repeated public appearances have done more to publicize Lithuania and the Lithuanians to people who otherwise may have had a chance to get acquainted with our peoples.

The ATEITININKAI gained its first wider prominence in 1944. That year, at the Chicago Harvest Festival this group won first prize in the folk dance division. Since then they have made public appearances in such major cities as: St. Louis, Philadelphia, Chicago and Cleveland.

The group's last public appearance took place at the National Folk Festival in Cleveland, Ohio, on March 23rd when the ATEITININKAI Dancers appeared on both the afternoon and evening programs. The dancers received a great ovation and very generous applause from the audience.

Mr. Anthony Skirius, Lucy Filiponis, Mr. Vytautas Beliaus, are especially responsible for the founding, rise and success of this group. The group operates on a purely voluntary basis, makes its own costumes.
Sweethearts of the Lithuanian Concert Stage
The great American Basso and the famous lyrical soprano - a perfect pair for the finest concert halls of America

P. P. Cinkus, M.I.C.

Our Sue and Ralph

Recently, I must have looked silly, at the Detroit Art Institute Auditorium, jumping up and down at the thrill of having made a wonderful discovery. I had found the perfect "Lithuanian Sweetheart Team" of the concert stages.

It was during the encore number of the Ralph Juika and Susan Griska duet at the close of the concert during the singing of "Bernelis Veimari". Their rendition of this number, with all the dramatics such a song calls for, definitely put them in the "Sweetheart" class. The Poles have their Kiepura, Eggert team; we have Juaks and Griska.

Ralph is top

We Lithuanian Americans can certainly be proud of Ralph Juika, who is really on the top in his profession as one of the leading basso of the country. During the Nov. 8th, concert in Detroit, Ralph was as majestic as the legendary knight of Lithuania. With the singing of "Oi, Greifiau, Greifiau", Ralph reminded one of the pictued knight astride the rearing steed.

It was certainly a heartwarming and beautiful English, German, Italian and Lithuanian songs and arias with equal ease.

What pleased me most was the quiet and almost poetic English explanations Ralph made before each Lithuanian song on his program. It is not uncommon for this to happen. He remarks where ever he sings Lithuanian songs, he is doing a great service for the Lithuanians.

Sue is top

With the ease of Lithuania's famed "laiktąsia" soaring over the Nemunas, Miss Sue Griska thrilled the Detroit concert audience with her brilliant soprano. With her mischweiss smile and sweetness of personality, she certainly charmed all.

Miss Griska's rendition of the Lithuanian portion of her program was really beautiful and authentic. "Pajute" was performed and "Mano Rakšt" was certainly dramatic. Sue may have been a little too demure, but everyone in the Art Institute Auditorium was proud she was Lithuanian and gloried in the beauty of Lithuanian songs.

Interesting Histories

Ralph Juika was born in Brockton, Mass., upon the death of his father, Ralph, at the age of 11, became the parish organist. And today Mr. Juika is considered "an exciting find". His outstanding singing of oratorio arias was under the direction of Leopold Stokowski. Ralph has sung some 17 roles with the Philadelphia Opera Company and has been extensive concert tours throughout the States.

Sue Griska was born in New Britaian, Conn., and started her musical training under the direction of Anna Kaskas of Metropolitan Opera fame. Miss Griska has toured many of the states with the Philadelphia Opera Company and at present is singing her second season with the New York City Center Opera.

In Memoriam

The staff wishes to extend warmest of sympathys and cordolence to a co-writer Miss Frances M. Sieklik, at present residing in Detroit, Mich., upon the recent death of her beloved father the late Dr. Stanley T. Sieklik, for long years prominent dentist of Shenandoah, Pa., who passed away on May 18th.

Dr. Sieklik, born in Shenandoah, received his grammar school education there and continued higher studies at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Orchard Lake, Mich., St. John's College, Erie, Pa., and the U. of Pittsburgh where he received his B. S. degree in 1927.

Dr. Sieklik was member of the American Dental Association. Knights of Columbus and was very active in church and social circles until failing health forced him to put his time aside.

Surviving are his widow, the former Mary Pagrekas; two daughters, Frances, a dental technician and Mary, a three sisters, Mrs. Helen Wulkaniewicz, Mrs. Mary Joseph Mikoseff and Miss Mary Sue Sieklik, all of Shenandoah, Pa.

NEW K. OF L. YOUTH CENTER GETS GENERAL APPROVAL

Although it has not opened officially as yet, but due to a great need of quarters, various K. of L. groups are already meeting in the new K. of L. Youth Center, 2451 West 47th St.

Tuesday evening the K. of L. Seniors met for the first time at the Center before the floors of their business session were honored by a visit "in corpore" by the whole K. of L. Choir group. After the Seniors meeting a social took place with Mrs. Elizabeth Samus being the gracious hostess. The tea ended with a few well liked melodies, "Cowboy" Povilasvaskas was by far the "best heard" singer.

Yesterday evening the K. of L. Chicago District held their first meeting at the new location. Everyone attending expressed great satisfaction with the premises and enthusiastically speculated of the many happy hours that will be enjoyed there after remodeling and furnishing of premises shall have been completed.

CICERO COUNCIL SPONSORS LAZY DAISY DANCE

Tonight, at St. Anthony's parish spacious auditorium, 48th Ct. and 15th St., Cicero, enthusiasts for good dancing will have a treat of their life by attending the annual Lazy Daisy Dance sponsored by the K. of L. Council 14. Johnny Walker and his Orchestra will be on hand to direct the festivities. All are cordially invited to attend and the committee assures a good time for all.

(Hirohito, from p. 2)

then inquired whether any Catholic leader was coming from the United States in the near future. To the question "How did you become a Catholic?" Tanaka answered that his dissatisfaction with Protestant subjectivism has finally impelled him to enter the Church.

Tanaka's Case

Now 56, Tanaka embraced Christianity as a nondenominational Protestant while he was a student. He became a Catholic in 1926. His wife, a graduate of Sacred Heart Religious College here, had already entered the Church from Anglican Episcopalianism.

A professor of law at the Imperial University here, for more than 20 years, Tanaka speaks five European languages. He has lectured in Rome, France, Belgium, and South America. Known for his sound philosophy and his opposition to militarism, he is a member of the Imperial Academy and last Octo-

ber was appointed director of the Education Ministry's School Bureau.

Tanaka's talk on Catholicism is one of the four discourses on religion being given before the Emperor and his family. Two talks on Buddhism had already been given. The next will be on Protestantism by a Protestant professor of the Imperial University.

Indignant Parent (6:00 A. M.): "Young man, what do you mean by bringing my daughter in at this hour?"

Flaming Youth: "Well, I gotta be at work by 7:00."

One Play - 4 Errors

Allentown, Pa.—Four errors on one play is possible but it happened in an Inter-State League game between Harrisburg and Allentown, allowing two runs to score in the eighth inning to give Allen-
town a 7-5 setback.

The fun started when Pitcher Ray Gerdley threw an attempted sacrifice over the second baseman's head. Center Fielder Blatnick allowed the ball to roll through his legs, and when he recovered and threw to third, Third Baseman Anderson missed the throw and when the rally was over and he arrived and threw home, Cather Tipton also missed it.

Even In Pink?

Tires in colors to match paint jobs of automobiles are reported. It's possible through discovery of a new compound by researchers of the second manufacturer. Developed through ten years of study, the new colored tires are said to have better side walls, too.

Where's The Butter?

Washington — From 30 to 80 percent of the butter now produced is going into the black market. Chairman of the National Coopera-
tive Milk Producers told the Senate Agriculture Committee last week. Combating OPA price controls and subsidy programs, Mr. Hol-
man asserted they would cost taxpayers "up to $1,000,000 by next April".

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