ON EPISCOPAL ANNIVERSARY

Father — Police calvalcade escorts cardinal.

Bible was paid to their Pastor, His Eminence Cardinal Samuel A. Stritch on the occasion of his episcopal silver jubilee.

Besides Chicago's own clergy and faithful, scores of Church dignitaries had streamed into the city to take part in Cardinal Stritch's 25th anniversary as bishop. Three cardinals, 16 archbishops and 92 bishops participated. Besides 1200 priests of the archdiocese, hundreds of others came from the cardinal's former sees of Toledo, O. Milwaukee, Wis.

Papal Blessing

Cardinal Stritch received a special blessing of Pope Pius XII in a dispatch from the Vatican through the Extension Society. The message was read by the Rev. Mgr. Edward M. Burke, chancellor of the archdiocese.

Activities under way at 10:30 a.m. with His Eminence pontificating at St. Wenceslaus Cathedral. The anniversary service was delivered by a life-long friend of the cardinal, the Rev. James A. Griffin of Springfield, Ill. The visiting cardinals, accomodated at a special mansion were in the sanctuary were their Eminences Cardinals Mooney of Detroit, Mich.; McGuigan of Toronto, Canada, and Spellman of New York. The Apostolic Deagote Archishop Amleto Cicognani also attended.

The Mass was preceded by a long procession from the rectory, through an honor guard of parochial R. O. C. units and school children.

The musical program during services in the cathedral was provided by the Cathedral Choirists and Cathedral Symphony Orchestra directed by Rev. Chez. Meter; the St. Mary-of-the-Lake Seminary Choir, directed by Rev. Joseph Kush, and the Quigley Plain Choir, under the direction of Rev. F. Chambers.

Luncheon at St. Wenceslaus

After the religious services at the Cathedral the cardinal was feted at a splendid luncheon at the Stevens, attended by 1000 cardinals, archbishops, bishops, clergy and prominent laymen.

A special police calvalcade escorted the cardinal and his retinue to the hotel. Scores of police formed a guard of honor as the cardinal and dignitaries entered the hotel.


After prayers for his leadership in these days of trial.

New K of C Council

at Marquette Park

CHICAGO — Plans are being pushed forward for a new Knights of Columbus council in the Marquette Park area. An important meeting was called on Tuesday, Nov. 26th, at the Nativity of B. V. M. parish hall, 65th and Washtenaw Ave., 10:30 a.m. sharp.

All Catholic men, 18 years old and up, are most cordially invited to be present.

His Eminence Cardinal Samuel A. Stritch, D.D. marching in procession to Holy Name Cathedral, where he pontificated at a Solemn Pontifical Mass marking his 25th anniversary as bishop. The priest in right foreground who was one of the assistant deacons during the Mass, is Father D. Mozeria, at present assigned to the archdiocesan Matrimonial Court.

Baltic Scandinavian Society

Elects New Officers

Baltic Scandinavian Society of Washington D. C. held its annual meeting in the International Student House, 1708 N. H. Ave., N.W. on Monday evening, October 28th at which Mr. L. J. Easus was chosen to head the group for the ensuing year and guide its further growth and development.

Vice-President: Science Chairman to serve are: Mrs. Hanson H. Hathaway, Mrs. Ruth S. Beckman, Mr. Roy G. Peterson, Mr. Anthony C. Rutkas, Mrs. Marion Tremblay, Mrs. Pearl Nelson Allen, Mr. Otto S. Beyer, Dr. J. de Coutinho.

Other officers to serve are: Miss Helen C. Muntrim, Mrs. E'a W. Hathaway, Mrs. John L. Perry, Miss Lilly Gunderson, Dr. Ellis Haworth.

Major Albina Shimkus, W. A. C. related her personal experiences with displaced persons and particularly those from the Baltic countries. She suggested that these peoples could be helped by sending clothing and food parcels which the United Nations Organization was the proper medium for solving the problem of displaced persons to be against returning to their native lands while they are under present regimes. They would rather be resettled in other parts of the globe under the present circumstances.

Members during their forum discussion expressed the view that the United Nations Organization was the proper medium for solving the problems of displaced persons and giving them the necessary aid without any distinction as to their origins or nationalities.

Next meeting of the Society was to be held on Monday, Nov. 18th at the same place. Those interested in the Society may write to Mr. L. J. Easnas, 410 East Capitol St., Washington 2, D. C.

H. V. S.
The other day a group of prominent Protestant clergymen in the east issued a joint approval of voluntary "mercy-killing". Where an old feeble person, suffering from a painful, incurable malady so desired it, they saw no compromise or infringement of Christ's teachings and principles in allowing him a release from his woes by putting him to death.

On the surface their case and arguments seem quite plausible and convincing. Give a hopelessly sick person a merciful release from his sufferings. You are bestowing a benefit on him.

If we examine further however, we see that their charity is misguided and their reasons more sentimental than sound. God alone, who gave each individual life, has the right to take life away. Neither society as a whole nor the individual in question may claim the privilege, if it be such, of a self-imposed death. It is true that the natural law allows society, for its own protection, to put homicides criminals to death, or in the case of a just war, to risk the lives of others for the existential benefit. But there the principles are clearly defined by the natural law.

Euthanasia, or "mercy-killing," "is a usurpation of God's sovereignty over the life and death of His creature."

The right to die

Asunder Hitler Germany, educational and cultural life in Lithuania under the Soviets is considered only from the point of view of the political interest of the occupiers. The creative work of Lithuanian writers, despite the public reprimands and warnings, continues. The Soviet rulers are often using it to bring lasting good to the individual soul by purging it of the dross of false values of life. He may often use it as a means to give His children a lucid insight into the spiritual and eternal truths of greater importance.

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Snapping Snapdragons
Go Bee Hunting

P. P. C.

What a Life!

Which flowers would look best in my imaginary garden? Dahlias would dominate and gladioli would be the glamorous beauties of my mythical paradise, but snapdragons, red, white, and pink would enliven the sections between the flower banks. I don't know exactly why snapdragons are my favorites, or why their name attracts me and causes me to believe that there is some strange and mysterious legend or tale behind their naming.

When I took one of the flowers between my fingers and gently press the calyx, the fierce dragon of the St. George statuary and pictures comes up before my mind. The mighty jaws audibly open, smoke and fire issue forth, and its snarls seem to disturb the stillness about me.

Last year, I was walking down my favorite linden elm drive and dreaming of the flowers, as I was pleasant moments. At the end of the driveway was a small garden. The dahlias had ceased to dominate, and the gladioli had lost their glamour; because the last few autumnal nights had a deathly sting of frost. Still, the hardy snapdragons, standing between the two rows of withered flowers, bloomed and seem to despise their común portion blossoming proudly during the summer months. I eyed the red, white, and pink flowers lovingly, noticing that only the first few leaves closer to the ground had been nipped by the frost.

Just Hunting

The buzzing was a challenge to me because he began circling my head. My only thought was to dash for the closest shelter and dash was interrupted by the beekeeper, who was going about his duties preparing the hives for the coming winter. Seeing my predication, he simply remarked, "Don't run, he won't do anything!" I stopped running. As the bee buzzed about, I gesticulated with my hands in a fantastic manner.

The beekeeper was roaring with laughter. It was my turn to laugh next for the bee landed on his uncovered head. When the beekeeper cried out in pain and put his hand to his neck, I chuckled merrily, repeating, "Don't do anything, the bee won't do anything!" The beekeeper's mood surprised me. He rudely bent over, exposing his neck, asking me to pull out the stinger. With trembling fingers I pulled it out. I was so excited, I had expected the stinger to be in the shape of a drill. As the keeper walked off with a "thank you," I wondered how much stingings a person must endure before he becomes immune.

Going back to my duties I made a firm resolution to plant snapdragons again in my favorite garden — to catch bees.

Most of you may know that the Don Varnas Post is new, and that it is composed chiefly of young Lithuanian Veterans. Being young the post is active. Therefore it has asked for column space which has been graciously granted by the English editor. This column will be utilized to inform the reader about the activities of the post, with the hope of benefitting present members and attracting new ones.

Sunday morning, Nov. 10th, the Post's Color Guard posted colors during the Memorial Service Mass at the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish church.

After Communion and Mass, the Nativity Holy Name Society retired to the Parish Hall for breakfast. There the Memorial ceremonies was held. At the stage between flowers and candles, a bier was erected. A candle was extinguished for each deceased member of the Society. This was followed with a prayer by Rev. S. Petrukas.

The Posts' acting Sergeant-at-Arms, Harlow La Barge, took over. He decorated four rifles about the bier. Then, the names of Holy Name men who had died in service were read. La Barge, an ex-Marine, called orders for the three volleys fired.

Though the ceremony has passed, the memory of an impressive performance will continue to linger. In passing, permit me to present the Color Guard — Harlow La Barge, Sgt.-at-arms; Leon Gudenas and Jack Kerrick, color bearers; Gilbert Mickels, John Poculs, Chet Aucunas, Edward Poculs, Bruno Gudenas, Dan Lamargs, John Evans, and Clem Globis, rifleman; and Jack Jalis the acting Sgt.-at-arms in church.

The Posts' Memorial Building Fund Drive Auction Banquet will be held Dec. 16th at Syrena Hall (4270 So. Archer Ave.). Dinner and tax is $3.25 — time 5:30 P. M. sharp.

If you want a turkey for Thanksgiving come down to the Posts' KeyKey Hep. There will be ten turkeys raffled off. The address is 6908 So. Western Ave., date Nov. 24th, tickets 35¢, and time — 8:00 P. M.
One of the talented young polishers-up of publicity from the Communist Party (via Vilnis), pulled out all the stops in a recent ragda-ay of praise for the Party: "The Communist Party is a recognized factor in American life. It's membership has grown tremendously and embraces noted personalities. What is more, the background of some of its members can be traced back to the Plymouth Rock landing..."

That we can believe. Those were the ones who crawled out from under the stones.

That line, "The Communist Party is a recognized factor in American life", suddenly reminded us... Gad, what "widespread recognition" the Party received from the American people on last November 5th. Or was it 22,000,000 votes for 21.7 per cent of all the right to vote under Soviet laws, are supposed to have voted in the elections. Of the above number, 1,280,000 votes were cast for the one and only list of candidates, while 54,000 votes opposed the list. How many Lithuanians actually voted for or against the NKVD, the Russian Secret Police in the Soviet, that Elysium and Paradise of freedom, liberty and happiness which the Vilnis boys so rapturously acclaim: "In this country, the Vilnis editors could write a smear like the above against Edgar Hoover and his F.B.I., then go home and soundly sleep, without any worry on their minds. In Russia, within a half hour after a similar article against the NKVD and its director appeared (if it could ever be printed!), the NKVD strong-arm boys would be pounding on your bedroom doors — to take you down to NKVD headquarters in Vilnis for a search and a trial..."

There is one big difference between Edgar Hoover's "Secret Police" and the NKVD, the Russian Secret Police in the Soviet, the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie, that is, the pro-Hitlerism of this columnist. We have been greatly amused and, to say the least, very much pleased over the following this...."shows that the two figures are not dissimilar "promotions of love" for Hitler in that article, but these few samples will suffice. We believe this to be a very fair proposition. On the one hand, you will thus be able to prove, once and for all, that the Lithuanian Secret Police is a recognized factor in American life — "a modest, well-groomed, and honest police" — "Hitler and the NKVD must be defeated..." — "Hitler has the interests of Lithuania at heart only so far as they serve his own interests. We cannot watch a man exploit 100 million people..."

CORN and STUFF
By J. A. SKELLY

A very nice old lady had this to say to her granddaughter: "My dear, I wish you would do something for me, I wish you would promise me never to use two words. One is swell and the other is lousy. Would you promise me that?"

"Why, sure, Granny," said the girl. "What are the words?"

* "How can I make anti-freeze?"
* "Hide her woolen pajamas."

The absence of the body is better than the presence of mind — in an accident. I propose that the people lose their temper once in a while — especially when it's a bad one.

A barber has been defined as a monopolist who occasionally cuts hair. Hear of the German couple who adopted an Irish baby and then took a course in Gaeilge in order to understand the baby when it began talking?

Sodalis Plan Benefit Dance For Lithuanian Charities Bldg. Fund

CHICAGO. — The Lithuanian Sodalis of Chicago and Cicer is are sponsoring a semi-formal dance — the proceeds of which will go to the Lithuanian Charities of Chicago for the completion of Holy Family Villa — Old Folks Home. The scene of festivities will be the "Fancy Hoover" at the Hotel Continental. A time never to be equaled is in the stars for all who attend the STAR DUST BALL on January 5th, 1947.

Extra! Non-Union Midget Gets Job!

Trenton, N. J. — A boss painter had to paint the under side of a bridge to live up to his contract. Since it was inaccessible to a normal sized painter, the midget used because of the rise of the waters of the creek, he hired a 45-inch midget to do the job. The midget's union objected because the midget wasn't a member, and had no intention of becoming one.

"The boss painter dug up the union's contract with him, requiring it to supply within two hours of the deal that the painter was contract.object to perform any necessary work." The union had no midget member. The non-union midget did the job!