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Greeting Card Industry Reports

Religious Christmas Cards

Growing Ever More Popular

This year, more than ever before, Catholics are choosing Christmas cards which reflect the true significance of Christmas, according to The Greeting Card Industry, an organization which reports on the trend in public preference throughout the country.

The majority of greeting card publishers have produced a great number of Christmas cards especially designed for Catholics, and all others imbued with the true Christian significance of the Christmas season.

In a wide variety of scenes these cards depict the beautiful and traditional story of the Nativity: Our Blessed Mother and the Child Jesus, the Holy Family, the shepherds watching their flocks or making their way through the Bethlehem night to the manger, the Three Wise Men following the star, and all the scenes endeared to those who, in their minds and hearts, associate Christmas with the birthday of Christ.

The titles on these religious Christmas cards are equally in keeping with the spirit of the holy season: "A Special Christmas Prayer For You," "Blessed Be Your Christmas," "A Christmas Rosary" and "May Christmas Bring Joy To You."

There are also cards intended for specific persons, such as "Christmas Greetings, Reverend Father" and "A Christmas Wish, Sister".

Many of these cards contain quotations from the Scriptures. Others bear inspiring messages in the form of verses:

"We cannot see the angel throng,

Nor hear the sweetness of their song,

But may the peace they sang of then

Be yours as Christmas comes again!"

Although the general public has, in the past, shown a preference for de-

signs featuring holly, mistletoe, snow scenes and others this year there is a noticeable increase in the demand for cards showing religious figures. The Madonna and Child are especially popular. It has been suggested that this return to a more real representation of Christmas is due to the recent war experiences which have affected so many American families. These experiences have brought about an increased desire for peace, which is rightly and naturally associated with the Prince of Peace.

Among the Christmas cards this year are a considerable number featuring famous masterpieces of religious subjects. Included are such widely known and loved pictures as Raphael's "Madonna Of The Chair," Luini's "Holy Family," Carlo Dolci's "Madonna Of The Veil" and Raphael's "Madonna And Child."

There are, then, any number of Christmas cards which are not only well designed but which are appropriate to the true meaning of Christmas — the birth of Our Blessed Saviour. Those of the Catholic faith will find a wide variety of cards for their selection which they can send to their family and friends as representing a truly Blessed Christmas.

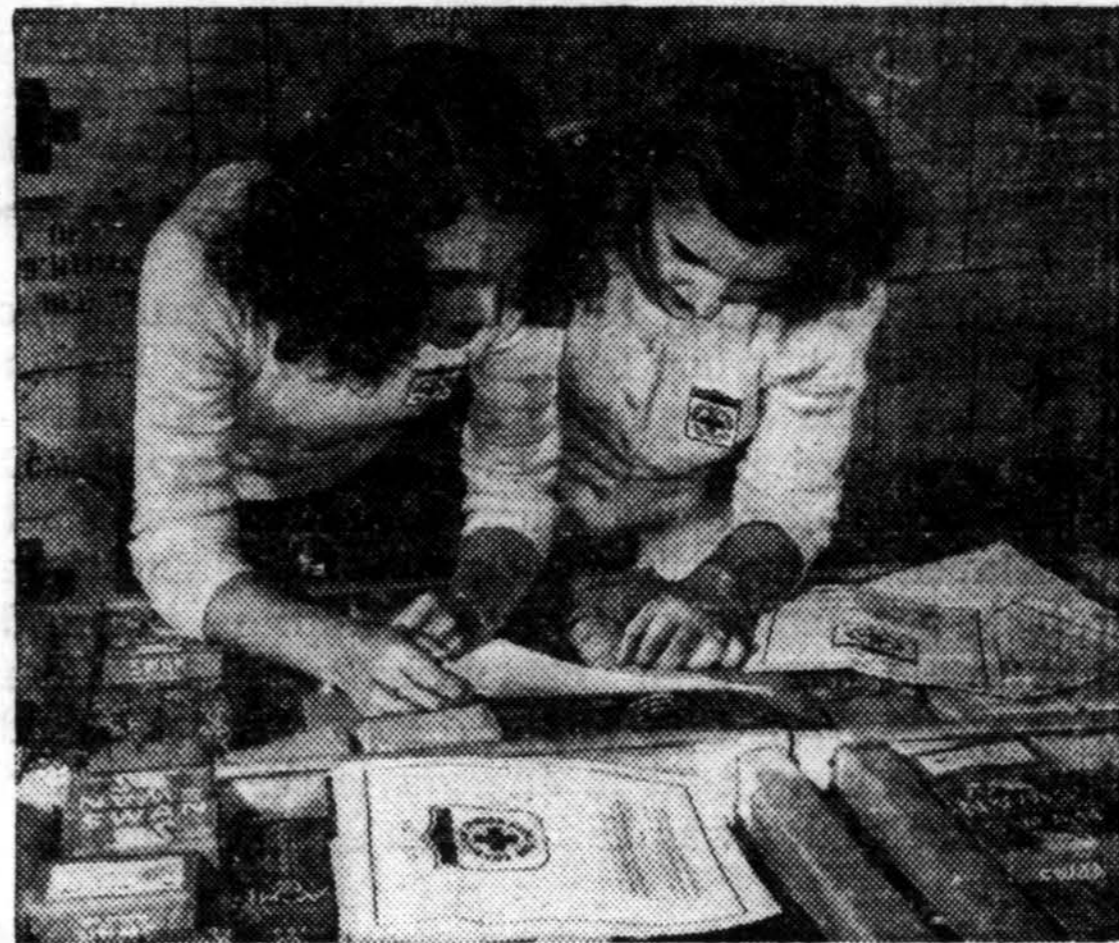
Christmas Greetings!

In the traditional spirit of the approaching season, we want to wish you a "Merry Christmas". But may we call it instead a HOLY CHRISTMAS? HOLY — with hearts in joyful expectancy of His arrival, voices singing the glory of His birth, minds contemplating His exaltation, souls prepared to cherish His reception, a Holy Christmas in honor of the king of Kings and Redeemer of the world — a Christmas full of love, understanding, kindness, and joy.

We wish you a Holy Christmas. In so wishing, we are wishing you a truly "Merry Christmas for what could be merrier than a Christmas spent in intimate friendship with the winsome Babe of Peace?"

THE UNION OFFICERS

PACK MEDICAL CHESTS FOR EUROPE



American Junior Red Cross members assist in packing medical chests for shipment to Europe where they are distributed to schools and children's institutions. Because soap is extremely scarce, it is usually included. (American Red Cross Photo)

Fashion Preview

Vanity Fair

Lights, music, action! Such was the beginning to a panorama of gaiety and sophistication. A delightful show was given by the St. Casimir's Alumni Nov. 19, at 8:00 P. M. in the school auditorium.

This year's fashion spotlight is on line and form. "Everything goes" seems to be the keyword. Black is taking bows again with a new partner: Grey.

The latest step is towards femininity such as peplums and bows for creative hip interest. Then there is the new long sleeve with ruffles; strictly different for that "cover girl" look.

Suits are all for a softer look; in (all) colors as grays, blacks and beiges. Many of the material are similar to men's fabrics. A new comer is the cut-away jacket.

As for the lavish side — "everything goes" is the inspiration also. Persian lamb quarter coats with mink cape sleeves are breath-

taking. Silver blue and chocolate mouton is the rage as far as the young crowd is concerned.

Evening gowns were designed for you with those "gala nights" in mind. There is moire taffeta with an off-shoulder effect and a jet black crepe with blue jet lining for that slim, sophisticated appearance.

Congratulations to Irene Miksis of Marquette Park who won a fifty dollar dress.

Yes, the fashions (coming) out will be waited for with anticipation for there is a style for everyone. Eyes ahead — on you — the girl with that "different" look.

Eloise Mack.

Marquette Pk. K of L Establishes Scholarship

CHICAGO — The Marquette Park K of L Council 112 unanimously adopted a plan proposed by Al Grebliunas to establish a scholarship plan whereby a girl from the 8th grade of Nativity B.V.M. Grammar School would be awarded a scholarship to St. Casimir Academy.

The committee selected to work out the details consist of the Rev. A. Zakaruskas, the Council's Spiritual Advisor, Josephine Zizas, Penny Szvagdys, Angela Cibulskis, Geraldine Shimkus, Al Grebliunas, and John Shimkus.

Further progress will be reported in future editions of this paper.

Give

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It still means a lot to them

STEPINAC STANDS ALONE

Ever since the second world war ended, Russia has been marching steadily forward to her goal of world domination. But this is not to be wondered at. What is to be wondered at is that no voice has been raised in protest. The line of the great has only bowed and scraped when Stalin made a move. Our own politicians, Byrnes and Truman have taken no positive stand. The British have only temporized.

But one voice, a small voice, has been raised to speak the truth that was in the hearts of the great politicians who were afraid to speak. In Yugoslavia a religious leader, Archbishop Stepinac, with no great government at his back to support him, calmly spoke the truth. He alone had the courage to oppose the mighty Tito, Tito, mighty with the might of all Communist Russia behind him.

And for standing forth to speak the truth about the Communists what has become of this man? He was tried in a court. The charge was treason but all his alleged treasonable activities were carried on before the Communist government or any other government was set up in Yugoslavia. Eighty witnesses appeared against him under protest; not one was allowed to appear in his defense. That would have been "blasphemy" said the Communist prosecutors. Was this justice? Poor Justice, blindfolded, she did not know that in Yugoslavia the only weight that tipped her scales was the butcher's gory thumb, Tito's thumb!

And the great politicians, the men who directed this war for freedom, what of them? They sat at their desks and wondered whether they ought to interfere to protect the justice and equal rights for all which were to be won by the war. They wondered! There was no question in their minds as to the innocence of Stepinac. No, they wondered if they should interfere in his unjust trial. They wondered and were silent. That was good politics.

In the end we fear that the Communists made a sorry error. Preaching in his church Stepinac's voice would stay within its walls, but standing as he did in the prisoner's dock his voice rang out last week around the world. Every honest press and radio told of his martyrdom. People the world overheard that voice and realized that in Yugoslavia a deed that cried for heaven's vengeance had been done in the name of justice. But more significant still, simple and honest people everywhere were brought again to realize that only a man who believes more in God than in politics, who respects more God's justice than man's threats is able to withstand Stalin and all his Communist plots.

Will The United Nations Succeed?

Mary Balanda

Are you being a real American? How fair are you to yourself, your country and your fellowmen? How would you interpret the nations problems of democracy and politics? Could you honestly say that you have the ability to cope with discussions about the United Nations? Yes — just how much do you know???? These are questions which every true-blooded American should strive to answer.

It's very easy to read newspapers and listen to radio discussions, but; how about forming your own opinions for a change. The United Nations stands as a fine example to all of us. Many of us could truthfully be dumounded if someone started rattling off some "brain-teaser" questions pertaining to the subject. When was it started? Where and by whom was it made? How many nations signed the charter at its beginning? Have there been any additions? Who is the President of the Assembly? Will it succeed?

Are you taken back at what you really don't know? Perhaps a little enlightenment will help. The United Na-

tions had a peculiar birth. It was started during the war and wasn't something just ordinarily drawn up. Plans were worked out at Dumbarton Oaks between the "three chiefs". The basic assumption of those who framed the charter was that those three growing Powers, Soviet Russia, United States and Britain, would somehow preserve peace and unity. The purposes of the United Nations are very good ones. To prevent war; to provide and to cooperate for the common good; promote the essential freedoms of the human beings, and their essential rights; are the subjects of the charter.

Originally 51 nations signed the charter in San

FR. JULIAN

In Passing

Whom would you name as the most talked about person in the Litany of the Saints? Saints Mary Magdalene, Therese, Frances Cabrini?

Most Church historians will name St. Veronica. No, it is not anything about her person or character; it's just, was there ever such a person? The name Veronica comes from two greek words meaning the "true image". Because of the strong tradition that dates back to the first century, the Church has kept this beautiful scene of pity and kindness in the fourteen stations of Jesus Way to Calvary. Yet throughout the centuries, historians have disputed among themselves whether a woman ever did stop to help our Lord.

A few weeks ago, the Question Box in the New World in explaining this scene described one of the visions of the stigmatist Theresa Neuman.

On one of the fridays in which our Lord blessed her to see in visions the various phases of His suffering, she described vividly how she saw the soldiers take the Cross from Jesus and place it on the shoulders of another man. Then while she was enraptured with another vision the attending priest wondered if that would be that of the Sixth Station. Some time later when she



became conscious of his presence, she told him how she saw a woman with a young daughter approach the passing Jesus. Moved with compassion, they tried to help Jesus. The soldiers shoved her daughter aside, but she was able to give her handkerchief to Jesus with which He wiped away the blood and spittle from His Face. Then she exclaimed: "I know this woman. I have seen her before. She is the same woman who touched the hem of His garment and was cured by Him."

Things I never knew..... The good sister was explaining to her pupils from fifth and sixth grades the vestments and the sacred vessels used in the celebration of Holy sacrifice of the Mass. She asked the children: "And what does Sister Sacristan place on the credence table before Mass?" An observant altar boy from fifth grade volunteered this juicy bit of information. "I know Sister. Two curates — one full of wine, and the other full of water."

Francisco and recently three new additions have been added. They are Sweden, Afghanistan and Iceland. The increase in the membership of the world's peace agency to 54 countries took place in a small conference room of the massive assembly chamber where the representatives participated in a formal signing by stepping up singly to a circular table where Paul Henri Spaak of Belgium, president of the Assembly was flanked by Sec. General Trygve Lie and his eight assistants.

Has the thought ever occurred to you that the United Nations may not succeed? A Catholic citizen's duty is to look facts right in its face. The whole idea of a world organization draws its ideals from Christianity and must exercise its sound principles.

Now can you see how important it is for us to know more about our nations' problems. You and I are tomor-

rows future citizens and by being indifferent we tend to lower our nation steadily. The United Nations was used here just for an example and the nation is confronted with hundreds of similar problems.

The real object of this article was to enlighten those few eager future citizens on national and international problems of peace. The Charles Carrol Forum of Chicago presents a series of lectures at the Morrison Hotel, Mural Room on seven different Sunday afternoons, at 3:30 P. M. Outstanding speakers discuss peace problems and open questions from the floor are answered directly. Season passes can be obtained or else admissions paid at the door. December 8 is the date set for the coming lecture.

This is a wonderful opportunity for all interested and it is one way of keeping posted on the nations news. Come one, come all! See you there!

THIS AND THAT

FROM HERE AND THERE

MARQUETTE PARK

Our Sodalists had their annual banquet at the Sherman Hotel in honor of our Spiritual Director, Rev. Stanley Petrauskas. It was in his honor because of his feast day and birthday which fall in November. The guests of honor were: Rev. Peter Katauskas, former director of the Sodality, Rev. Walter Urba and Rev. Anthony Zakarauskas, our assistants in the parish. Many Sodalists attended and a grand time was had by all.

Welcome to: Eleanor Mozeris, Dolores Armalis and Dolores Akramavicius who became members of our Sodality. Let this be an example to urge other girls in every parish to join the Sodality where spiritual and social activities take place.

Brides-to-be are Sophie Spetyla and Donnie Norbutas who are wearing sparkling diamond rings on the third finger of their left hand. Congratulations to the lucky men who will get these ideal Sodalists!

Recent visitors to the hospital were three of our active Sodalists. Chris Kuoga and Ann Abromaitis rented beds in Holy Cross during their illness and both are doing fine now. Sophie Spetyla had an appendectomy operation and is still convalescing at home.

A very generous sum plus was given toward the building fund of our new church.

Your snooping reporter has found out that Hattie Laskis had her chair pulled from under her while dining at a classy restaurant. Why did your face turn from pink to scarlet when you fell? I'm sure you weren't embarrassed or were you?

Mary Wilkas is a little bit of a girl and she looks exceptionally good when she's starry eyed. It's very becoming, Mary, but don't make it a habit.

If you are ever in need of a housemaid you can call on Louise Kairis who prefers wiping the floors with her best suit and nylons instead of rags. What's the charge, Lou?

"The Lady in Red" is a very good dancer especially when she dances on the good linen covered tables of the Sherman. The pretty lassie known by the above name is Chris Kuoga.

I've been wondering why Virginia Balnis has no time evenings. Her work at Holy Cross is the solution to the question. The Stardust Ball is approaching rapidly and Virgie is taking no chances being minus an escort. (Holy Cross has some very nice internes).

The dance which is a past event of our Sodality was very successful. "American Beauties" to Emilie Prose and her committee.

Another affair of the past is our weenie roast which took place at Ryan's Woods. The nice sociable crowd that was present enjoyed a grand time.

BRIGHTON PARK

Bernice Rimkus became the bride of Ray Guse on Saturday, November 23....Jean Zelnis and Scottie Zukas were among the attendants. Our sincere best wishes for Happiness and God's Blessings to the newlyweds.

Have you seen Del Talmont's new hat creation? It's simply out of this world.

TOWN OF LAKE

Father Stanley Adominas left Holy Cross Church on October 30. He is now an assistant at St. Christina's Church, 11005 S. Homan Avenue. We were all sorry to see him go. We can only wish him the best of God's blessings in his new appointment and hope that someday he will come back to us.

Father Anthony Bendziunas has come to Holy Cross in Father Stanley's place. We welcome him with all our Town of Lake hospitality.

Rumors are flying that Adeline Karklelis is seriously thinking of being a bride in May.

I hear we're going to have a few Lilly Dache's in our group. The millinery bug has touched Bernice Petrokas, Alice Telecki and Cecile Vaznis. We'll be watching for their new creations.

Have a Heart, Will Yuh, Huh...

Courtesy springs from the days when kings were kingly and courts were courtly. The name takes us back to times when the brotherhood of men and the fatherhood of God were no empty phrases but joyful and glorious realities. It recalls eras when people were congenial towards one another, irrespective of their nationality or their status in life.

No department of police was needed to hold back the curious when St. Elizabeth of Hungary went about her task of aiding the poor and the sick. For in those days such acts were common occurrences. People demonstrated their love by deeds rather than by words. But now, prominent personages must be photographed when visiting a settlement project or a hospital for crippled children. Here is news! Here is something startling! For... sad to chronicle... charity is now the excep-

tion instead of the rule!!!

The Lithuanian Sodality Union is sponsoring a semi-formal dance to be held in the Tally-Ho-Room of the Hotel Continental on January 25, 1947. All proceeds of this dance will go toward the building fund for the Old People's Home at Orland Park, Illinois.

Take this opportunity to demonstrate your love toward the needy by securing a ticket for the Stardust Ball. The Sodalists of your parish will deem it a privilege to favor you with a ticket. Early purchases would be respected.

Presenting This Month's

Outstanding Girl Sodalist



Christine Normant

Here's presenting popular Christine Normant, who's enchanting eyes and bubbling laughter are known to all her friends.

Her few spare moments are usually spent in writing poetry. Through her persevering efforts she has steered the helm of All Saints' B. V. M. Sodality (Rose-land) as president. The first spark of her leadership was shown in the successful Retreat conducted at our parish. Also she was to a great degree responsible for the success of our Spring dance.

Christine is a graduate of St. Casimir Academy (1944).

On The Lighter Side

Young Wife: "Well, I got my diploma from cooking school today, and I've prepared this for you. Guess what it is."

Husband (sampling omelet): "The diploma."
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The barber lifted the young customer into his chair. "How do you want your hair cut, sonny?"

"Like dad's, with a hole in the top."
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"COULDN'T FIND A HAT LIKE THAT"

A Mexican patient at a Chicago hospital operated by Sisters of St. Casimir objected strenuously to having persons wearing a religious garb care for him. Gradually, however, their tender care made him rightfully appreciative. One day he left the hospital without paying his bill. Well worn out he later returned and explained that as a token of appreciation he'd been "all over town trying to find a white hat like the Sisters wear as a gift." He didn't find one.

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Antique collector's song—
"You take the highboy and I'll take the lowboy".



BRIDGEPORT

Eleanor Adams is interested in knowing anyone who plays Gin Rummy. (Just a word of caution she's a whiz at the game so be careful).

Father Julian has a wonderful collection of records. What do you think the newest addition is. None other than Spike Jones.

A Thanksgiving Sequence....

Virginia Nauseda

"Hello — Mary? This is Peggy Martin. Listen. Have you a few spare minutes handy so that I can buzz your ear off? No, I can't stay on the phone too long... dad's on the warpath. But some things just can't wait.

"Remember that well fattened turkey that was raffled off at the Sodality dance last night? And remember how rumors were flying that it resembled me to some extent. Well of course I'm not denying that fact, because I felt like a turkey after going through what I did for it. You know how a turkey acts when it's time to bid farewell and be served for that all American occasion. So this is how it all came about.

"Well, one evening my dad was telling mom about going to visit my Aunt Martha up in Wisconsin in order to get our Thanksgiving turkey. And like a bolt of lightning, a thought flashed into my mind — why not go along and get one for our coming Thanksgiving dance???

"You know Mary, I've always said autumn on the farm was the best place to see Mother Nature's artistic achievement.

Bliss Carman sure had the right idea when he wrote:

"There is something in the autumn that is native to my blood —

Touch of manner, hint of mood;

And my heart is like a rhyme

With the yellow and the purple and the crimson keeping time."

"As I began telling you about my well fattened, feathered friend —

"With a determined heart, a grim face, and with all pity removed from my eyes, I set out in search for him.

"There wasn't much ransacking to do, for it seemed

as though he came looking for me. Everything went favorably during our meeting, most likely because of the praise I showered upon him, when all of a sudden, I can't explain it, but he started to chase me. It seems the turkey had ideas other than mine. The thought I had in the back of my mind "me heap brave" vanished, but quick!!! I don't recall if I was mostly scared or just plain surprized, but I sure ran.

"All out of breath I stumbled into aunty's kitchen I overheard everyone laughing. They had seen uncle's toughest pet turkey chasing me. It was then I learned the "old Nick" the turkey had been a family antique on the farm for many years and that he and uncle were conspirators in the plot to make me the biggest "turkey" of the year. So you see Mary, the girls really had something there when they said I resembled a turkey.

"You liked the dance!!! Swell, I'm glad you did and you know your invited to attend our next one. My how quickly time does pass, I'd better be hanging up, so for now — Bye Mary!!!

Roland Hayes Recital, Dec. 2

After an absence of several years, Roland Hayes, famous tenor, will return to Chicago for a recital in Orchestra Hall on Monday evening, December 2.

Hayes has been heard in the past few seasons in recitals from Maine to California, from northern Canada to Mexico, in the concert halls of Europe and by soldiers on leave from the world battlefronts.

Progress in the field of vocal art has won him many distinctions, including the degree of Doctor of Music from Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, and Doctor of Laws from Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia.

Chosen as the first Negro artist in the field of music to represent his people in the Seventy-fifth anniversary of the Thirteenth Amend-

many phases of everyday etiquette are covered.

Send 25 cents (coin for "New Book of Everybody Etiquette" to Draugas Reader Service, 243 W. 17th St., New York 11, N. Y. Print your name, address, zone, title of booklet.

International Show Nov. 30th

CHICAGO, Oct. 28 — After a war-time lapse of five years, the country's largest agricultural show, the International Live Stock Exposition and Horse Show, will be held here November 30 to December 7.

It will take place at the Chicago Stock Yards in the International Amphitheatre, which for the past four years has been occupied by the Army and used for military purposes.

Record Exhibits Expected

Those in charge of the Exposition predict that by closing of entries for the livestock classes on November 1 more than 12,000 head of cattle, horses, sheep, and swine have been registered for the "Victory" show, the heaviest in the 46 year history of this event.

There will be several hundreds of the best pleasure horses and ponies of the United States and Canada, competing in harness and under Saddle, in the International Horse Shows. Horse shows are scheduled for every evening and on five afternoons.

One of the big features of the Exposition will be the International Junior Live Stock Feeding Contest in which farm boys and girls will exhibit upward of 1,500 steers, lambs, and hogs of their own raising. This event, limited to exhibitors between 10 and 21 years old, will be held on the opening day, Saturday, November 30.

Shearing Experts Compete

The country's champion sheep shearers — both juniors and adult — will compete for national titles in a shearing competition.

Included on the program of the Exposition is the International Grain and Hay Show — world's largest competitive farm crops competition. According to the management, entries for this department will be accepted until November 10.

Cicero K of L Begins A Beautiful New Tradition

From the beginning of the war until the last member in service had returned safely, a beautiful practise was followed by members of Cicero's K. of L. Council 14. During their meetings, just before the order of new business, all members in unison offered a silent prayer for all the boys in service. The prayer was usually lead by Father Grinius, and later by Father Gaučius, spiritual directors of the council.

At the last meeting of the council, it was decided that since all the boys of the council have returned home safe, in place of the silent prayer of the boys, the intention should be changed to one asking Almighty God's aid in the restoration of Lithuania's freedom and independence and to deliver her people from the yoke of a foreign tyrant.

This is a beautiful innovation worthy of great and sincere commendation. In these perilous and heart rending days for Lithuania, it would be a fine thing if every K. of L. council and all other Lithuanian societies and clubs would practice this beautiful tradition.

Ode on an Onion

An onion is a breathtaking thing...
Rare with hidden delights
With its unforgettable air
'Tis one of nature's better sights.
Abroad, at home its praises ring
Throughout the day and night.
An onion is an unforgettable thing
Full of rare delight.

It's the onions! An apple a day keeps the doctor away. An onion a day keeps everyone away. The onion is the food for you; the onion is the mellow brew. Creamy, golden, rich and hearty, the onion eaters are the life of the party. Do you want to be the breath of the party? Don't let them say, "Shhh, she's got N. O."



Etiquette Pays

The gal — or guy — who goes places and does things is the one who's never fazed by any situation. If you want to be more popular, better check up on your manners.

The Draugas Reader Service booklet has the answers. Introductions, dining, dancing, letter-writing —

TIPS TO TEENS