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Manuscript length: Not to exceed 4,000 words.

1. The contest is open to all Catholic writers. Authors may submit as many manuscripts as they please.

2. Stories may deal with any theme not repugnant to Christian doctrine or morals. Religious themes are not essential.

3. All manuscripts must be submitted to:
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4. All entries must be postmarked no later than midnight of March 31, 1947.

5. The prize winning stories become the property of the Catholic Press Association.

6. All manuscripts must be typewritten, double-spaced, on sheets 8 1/2 by 11 inches, and accompanied with a self-addressed stamped envelope. The name and address of entrant must appear in the upper left hand corner of the manuscript.

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Lithuanian Sodality Union Sponsors Dance for Lith. Charities

CHICAGO. — The Lithuanian Sodality Union is just about finishing final plans for a gala STAR-DUST BALL, on Sunday January 25, at the Tally-Ho Room of the Hotel Continental.

Music will be provided by Jack Deuling and his orchestra. The dance will be semi-formal. Bids are $5 per couple and can be obtained from members of any B. V. M. Sodality group in Chicago.

The proceeds of the dance will go toward the Lithuanian Catholic Charities' building fund of the new Old Folks' Home at Orland Park, Ill. Nothing is being spared to make this occasion one of the outstanding events on the season's social calendar.

K of L District Annual Meeting Sun.

CHICAGO. — The Knights of Lithuania Chicago District will hold its annual meeting Sunday, Jan. 12th, at the newly remodeled K of L Youth Center, 2451 W. 47th St. Proceedings are scheduled to get under way at 2:30 p.m.

Induction of new officers, annual reports, election of various standing committees, proposals on changes in the District by-laws, will be some of the points for discussion during the meeting. Action will also be taken on the St. Casimir Day services and the annual K of L outing at Vytautas Park on July 4th.

All Chicago councils are urgently requested to send their respective delegates to this important conference.

V. E. Pavis, Dist. Pres.

BABY GIVEN TO TAXI DRIVER

EDWIN NICHOLS, Cincinnati taxi driver, says he'll fight the world to keep GAIL ELIZABETH, 11 month old blue-eyed baby, "given" to him by a penniless mother. The mother disappeared after telling Mr. Nichols to "take the baby, I don't want her."

(Acme Telephoto)

From Washington, D. C.

Baltic Scandinavian Society Features Prominent Guests

The Society held its meeting on December 16, 1946 at the International Student House, 1708 N. H. Ave., N. W., planning and arrangements committee, headed by Mrs. John L. Perry of Alexandria, Va., arranged a Christmas social at which talks by various members of the Society on the Christmas customs of the Baltic and Scandinavian countries were featured. Mrs. G. H. Lofgren spoke about the Swedish customs, Miss Margaret Bendix about the Danish, Mrs. Conrad Roening about the Norwegian, Mrs. Ruth Beckmann about the Latvian, Mrs. Conrad Roening about the Lithuanian and Miss Lily Nikula about the Finnish custom.

Mr. Herbert Strong and Mr. Fred Drake of station WARL of Arlington, Va., were guest entertainers. Mr. Fred Drake invited Mrs. Roening to appear on his program and give a talk on Lithuanian Christmas customs the following Saturday.

Dr. J. de S. Coutinho of Catholic and Georgetown Universities had with him as guest the Secretary of the Iraq Legation, Mr. Thomas Manay and two students from the same country.

There was carol singing, and pastries typical of the various countries were served with coffee after the program.

Nut strudle baked by Mr. Peter Pivaronis of Pittsburgh was also served.

The Society wishes a Happy New Year to all Baltic and Scandinavian friends and urges all to join in the promotion of good fellowship and understanding amongst peoples and to take a determined stand for those principles and freedoms for which our boys fought.

H. V. S.
RUSSIA PREPARES FOR ATOMIC WARFARE

By: The Observer

Russia will never consent to expose her preparations for Atomic warfare to international control, as envisaged by the Baruch Plan, and her reluctance to do so is fully understandable, since she has too much to conceal. Urging that the United States cease to produce the Atomic bombs, the Soviet Union is steadily increasing appropriations for her own atomic laboratories and plants, Stalling for time and blocking international collaboration. Russia simply makes ready for the time when she is finally able to produce the Atom bombs in sufficient quantity to intimidate and blackmail the whole world.

Very little is said in the outside world on the Soviet progress in Atomic research. This writer believes, however, that it is worth while to disclose some of the information on this subject which he was able to obtain lately from usually very reliable sources.

Already in 1943, a special secret Ministry was created in the Soviet Union to organize and supervise research work on weapons of modern warfare, including the Atomic bomb. The new Ministry was given the somewhat strange name of “People’s Commissariat for Military Armament”.

Under the able chief Commissar Peter I. Parshin and his deputy Vasili P. Andreyev, the new Commissariat quickly expanded and at the beginning of 1945 already supervised thirty nine factories and research centers. In reward for his special merits Commissar Parshin was decorated with the order of Lenin and awarded the title “Hero of Soviet Labor”, granted the military rank of Lieutenant-General and soon promoted to Colonel-General, as “one of the creators of Soviet arms”.

In spite of the then inadequate financial provisions, atomic research was organized by a special department headed by B. N. Byerzukov and a big experimental center was built in the greatest secrecy near Ukhta in Arctic Russia, where the radioactive ores of uranium and radium are located. Theoretical research work was in the hands of Professor Kapitsa, a world known authority on atomic physics, and a team of prominent Soviet scientists, many of them his pupils, was attached to him.

After the end of the war, Generalsissimo Stalin took personal interest in the matter and his new Five Year Plan provided huge sums for atomic research. The special department was liquidated and in March 1946 the People’s Commissariat for Military Armament re-named the Ministry of Construction of Machines and Instruments with Gen. Parshin and Gen. Andreyev still at its head. Five new vice-ministers were added and the whole ministry re-organized. Several representatives of the Soviet Academy of Science joined its staff. The Ministry now has two separate departments. One department is entrusted with the task of supply and will have to secure urgently needed special equipment from Sweden and Switzerland, uranium ores from Czecho-slovakia and all available information on atomic research abroad. The second one will probably supervise the large new Soviet establishments for special instruments in Yakhkar-Ola and near Sverdlovsk in the Urals.

The re-organization of the administrative and practical side of atomic research has been followed by a vast scheme for the coordination of theoretical research, drawn up with the assistance of Prof. Vavilov President of the Soviet Academy of Science. The general idea of the plan is reported to be that atomic research must be based on a large scale of scientific observations. The center of this huge network of research remained in the hands of the famous Prof. Kapitsa and his position became unique, his responsibility tremendous and without precedent in Soviet history.

Lately no mention is made of Prof. Kapitsa and it is suspected that he is engaged in some very secret and mysterious work on very secret and mysterious instruments in Yakhkar-01a and near Sverdlovsk in the Urals.

A SIMPLE TRUTH

By COLLIER

I JUST WANT THE LEFT ONE

SORRY, THEY ONLY COME IN PAIRS

Talking It Over

The American New Year

The year 1947 dawned on an America that is daily more industrialized, more businesslike and efficient, ever more progressive. The turn of the new year to a new decade, a new Year means that the nation is now in the wheels of industry, a new accelerated tempo in business, a new straightward effort at material progress in daily living. What do our New Year means if not new fields to be conquered, new problems to be faced squarely, new techniques and new answers to be given to the round of daily living.

We are all typically American through and through — almost born baby-utilitarians; we learn business, money, bargaining, what the dollar will buy; from our earliest days in candy shops, and grow up to live lives full of daily profit and loss. We become as rich in life as our pocketbooks and as poor as our last dollar. The new year 47 has dawned with a 365 day cycle of brand new prospects and possibilities.

One of the most striking insights that came to the American people in 1946 was the deepening realization that we Americans all sink or swim together. If John L. Lewis and the miners go on strike in the coal industry, we all slow down to a standstill together. Coal, light, fuel, gas become scarce in American homes.

The American life in 1947 promises to be dynamic. A strike in the coal or the automobile industry can affect every man in the nation. War is ever an open possibility. If we all to a certain extent sink or swim together, and if such profit and loss is an inevitable part of our daily life, we may well wonder what will happen if we suffer a major loss. What if you lose? Certainly loss is a daily possibility. Certainly 1947 can confront every American with a major loss — a loss of money, a loss of business. (Continued on page 4)
1946 K. of L. All-Lithuanian American Football Team

By STANLEY BALBERIS

Hold tight! Here's the team you have been waiting for, your All-Lithuanian American football choices for the 1946 season. After eight solid weeks of correspondence with various bignames coaches throughout the country, the Knights of Lithuania is prepared to publish its annual All-Lithuanian American eleven.

Because of the relatively small number of Lithuanian players on the rosters of the major college teams, it wasn't a difficult task to single out the twelve men who occupy positions on our first team. These selections are based on three standards: quality of play, amount of work, and team value.

The 1946 Lithuanian American eleven's power is concentrated in the line.

1946 K. of L. All-American Football Team

Head Coach, Bill Kern, West Virginia; Asst. Coaches, Ed Kraus, Notre Dame; Al Kaval, Michigan State.

Player College Pos. Ht. Wt.
George Savitski, Penn LG 5:8 180
Cameren, N. J.
George Pavalko, Villanova RT 6:2 247
New Philadelphia
Mac Wenskunas (Capt.) Ill. RG 6:2 226
Georgetown, Ill.
Francis Barziliauskas Yale QB 6:1 193
Waterbury, Conn.
John Kissell Boston College RE 6: 194
Notre Dame; Banonis, NY
Al Jankauskas Marquette RE 6: 194
Cicero, Illinois
Bennie Riegos UCLA QB 6:1 193
Venant Yablonski Columbia RHB 5:11 196
Vincent Pecorso San Francisco LHB 6: 205
Gillespie, Illinois
Veto Kissell Holy Cross FB 5:10 210
Nashua, N. H.

Honorable Mention

Linemen: Gregonis, Penn; Barkowski, Pitt; Sandusky, Villanova; Kodis, Villanova; Gudaitis, Harvard; Urban, Notre Dame; Banonis, Georgetown; Watkins, Pitt; Kennedy, Boston College; Kaminsky, San Francisco U.; Saksa, Washington U.; Russas, Tennessee; Backs: Nork, Columbia; Abrahamitis, Navy.

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Oma C. Aksomaitis
Detroit, Michigan

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JOE (Noreika) NORRIS, who is moving to Chicago soon, captured the $200.00 prize money for the highest qualifying score in the N. L. G. tournament for Joe Wilman's crown.

The Pulse of

DON VARNAS POST

Josephine Aleksa

We have a new combination present at the Post. At the last meeting a father and son joined. The father is a veteran of World War I while the son is of World War II. These two are George Strode (father) and Lawrence Strode (son). I hope I haven't mixed them up.

Someone suggested nominating Gilbert Michaels for the Committee of the Auction Banquet. The backtrack to the nomination was, "I'm too young!"*

The Adjutant slipped on this one. I. Shvedas thought he was calling upon Bruno Guemenas and didn't realize it was the other half of the brother team, Leon who was being addressed.

Ernie Statkus, Finance Officer, in reporting on his new office made this official statement, and I quote: "I'm incoming, but no income!"*

"Big Wheel" Clem Globis visited the Thursday bowling team at the alleys and gave with a stogie to each player, thinking that they would improve their game. Result: the boys dropped all three that night. The following bowling night Clem didn't show up and the lads won three.

Headlines: THREE STICKS RECEIVE RIDE. Yep, after the meeting Al Grebliuinas backed his truck to the door and "We Three" (name of a song) scrambled in and seated ourselves very calmly. One on a tire and the others on cardboard boxes. All in all the ride was hilarious from start to finish. Thanks, Al. we wish there were more of them.

Society Reporters Note: Seen at a concert, in the barroom of course, at 6 P.M. Clem Balto. Inquired if he was going to see the performance. No answer. Seen; same Balto, same barroom, 11 P.M. Asked if he saw the concert. Answer: "What Concert?"
International Sportsmen's Show at Chicago Coliseum Feb. 7 to Feb. 16

A state-wide essay contest for junior conservationists interested in maintaining the wildlife resources of Illinois will culminate Sunday afternoon, Feb. 9, at the ninth annual International Sportsmen's Show in the Chicago Coliseum.

At that time a "King and Queen of Junior Conservation" will be chosen from nine finalists of the contest. Subject of the essays is "What Does Conservation Mean to Me." Judges are recognized leaders in the outdoor conservation field.

The contest is open to all Illinois boys and girls, 13 to 17 years old. Many 4-H Club members are among the participants. Judging is based on sincerity of purpose and constructive thought displayed by the young writers. All entries, 250 words or less, must be post dated not later than Jan. 20 and should be mailed to Ben F. Luets, Contest Editor, 2111 N. Western Ave., Chicago 47, Illinois.

This year's show, bringing outdoor America under roof on a broad postwar basis, will be the most comprehensive of any. Many of the greatest hunting, fishing and resort states, plus several Canadian provinces, have completed plans for exhibits. In addition, manufacturers of sports equipment will display paraphernalia of all kinds, much of it seen for the first time since early war days.

The big stage show, matinee and nights, will present national and world champions in all phases of sports; also beautiful girls modeling sports costumes.

New Element To Attack Cancer

NEW YORK — Attacking the scourge of cancer on a new front, an Eastern manufacturer has sent to a New York hospital the first commercial shipment of a new chemical element which will help medical men to study how cancer grows.

The element, called an isotope, is known as Carbon 13. The manufacturer's added production facilities will increase its output by six times,

The Height of Fashion

INSEPARABLE pals are Peter Lawford and Butch Jenkins who work together in the new M-G-M film "My Brother Talks To Horses." Between scenes the two try on a pair of 1969 toppers used in their movie.

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In order to help defray part of the expense of this extravaganza, members will be asked to donate only 50¢ each as a token "admission" charge. No objection is expected because all will receive many times over that amount in the way of entertainment and enjoyment.

Prospective members will be welcome and are urged to participate in the evening's gayety.

Besides holding regular socials for its members, Marquette Park Council 112 is sponsoring a Winter Knights Dance to be held at Viking Hall, 6855 Emerald Avenue (68th near Halsted) Saturday evening, Feb. 1, 1947. Featured will be the noted Paul Meehan and his orchestra. Entrée 5:30 p. m.