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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1947

PRESENTING THIS MONTH'S

Outstanding Girl Sodalist

Patience and perseverance are qualities of a competent leader; qualities possessed by a pretty seventeen year old miss, Shirley Clements, prefect of the Junior B. V. M. Sodality in Cicero.

Shirley is a senior at St. Catherine of Sienna high school. In her sophomore year, as representative of her homeroom, she was elected Catholic Action girl for the school sodality. At present, she holds office as children's Catholic Instruction chairman at Madona Center. Here, boys and girls, ages 6-10 are taught religion.

Formerly, Shirley was the treasurer of the parish sodality; vice president, and later, president of a piano club. Having taken piano lessons for seven years, Shirley is now far advanced in the music field. She has played solos in two concerts during 1945 and 1946 in Curtis Hall. However, it is not her ambition for a career of music. Although she has no definite plans for the future, Shirley is contemplating on taking a course of corrective speech at Northwestern university.

Among her collections of corsages and letters is the most treasured souvenir — a second class relic of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini. Shirley is one of the few who received a fragment of Mother Cabrini's veil, when she made a pilgrimage to Columbus hospital where "Chicago's little saint's" last heart beat flickered.

The most outstanding event in Shirley's life is her First Holy Communion. She was eight years old when, with her little heart quickly beating and her hazel eyes sparkling, she walked up to the altar to receive her Jesus for the first time.

During the summer vacation months, Shirley spends much time swimming and horseback-riding. All year round, dancing is a favorite with her. Leisure time finds this lassie reading — preferably novels and digests. She finds making a collection of new clothes and shoes an interesting hobby. Through her own experien-

ces, Shirley has learned to listen to other people's ideas. She found these abstract principles and notions



Shirley Clements

can be an invaluable aid in conceiving new and interesting facts of her own.

Topping her list of peeves are people who are afraid to attempt anything new. That is why, she asserts, the sodality is a great help to girls, both spiritually and socially. As sodalists, they have the opportunity of participating in spiritual and social affairs, and attending places they have probably never before visited.

It takes an earnest and imperishable spirit to direct a sodality, and this, vivacious Shirley Clements has what it takes.

K. of L's To Commemorate St. Casimir Day Sunday, March 2

CHICAGO. — On Sunday, March 2, 1947, the Knights of Lithuania will receive Holy Communion at 9 A. M. Mass at the Nativity B. V. M. Church, at 6820 So. Washtenaw Avenue. Mass will be held by Rev. G. Paskauskas, Rev. J. Grinis will be Deacon, a Nativity B. V. M. parish priest will be Sub Deacon, Rev. A. Zakauskas will give the sermon.

Twenty members will receive the K. of L. Fourth Degree in church immediately after the Mass. All K. of L. members, K. of L. Seniors, Sodalists, and all Lithuanian Catholic youth are invited to honor St. Casimir, by attending this mass, receiving Communion and having breakfast in the Parish hall. There will be a fee of 50c for flowers and the breakfast. Please make reservations with Miss Jeanne Saucunas, Prospect 7234, as soon as possible.

All K. of L. members are asked to wear their degree medals (if they are degree members) or their regular organizational insignia.

Banquet at Center
At 7:00 p. m. in the evening, at the K. of L. Youth

Center, 2451 West 47th St., K. of L. members and their guests will participate at the District's Banquet in honor of the Third and Fourth Degree new inductees. During the dinner in impressive civil rites the excellent menu, a fine program and a spirit of true confraternity will be the order of the affair. After the dinner, ritual ceremonies and program, the balance of the evening will be devoted to informal dancing, cards and checkers and renewal of old acquaintances.

This is the first time in the history of the K. of L's here in Chicagoland that the members will observe St. Casimir's Day throughout the whole day, climaxing the occasion with an impressive gathering at their own K. of L. Youth Center.

Maggie Teyte Sings At Orchestra Hall Monday March 10

CHICAGO. — Maggie Teyte, considered by many as England's greatest soprano, will appear as soloist with the Indianapolis Symphony at Orchestra Hall, Monday evening, March 10th, at 8:30 p. m.

Miss Teyte, who has made a special career for herself in French music, is one of the few who does Debussy's, Ravel's, Faure's and other music just as it sounded in the epoch that saw its creation. She performs her music as it should be — as something shared by performer and listener. Miss Teyte not merely sings; she lives it, acts it when necessary, breathes movement in it by the potent humanity of her understanding.

Miss Teyte is proving to be one of the biggest box-office attractions in years.

GUIDED READING

Class A

(Unobjectionable)

My Eyes Have a Cold Nose	Hector Chevigny
Most Worthy of All Praise	Vincent McCorry, S. J.
Eisenhower's Own Story of the War	D. Eisenhower
Case of the Backward Mule	E. Gardner
I Chose Freedom	V. Kravchenko
An Autobiography	William Allen White
Edmund Campion	Evelyn Waugh
Starling of the White House	E. Starling
Plantation Parade	Harnett Kano
Wartime Mission in Spain	Carlton Hayes
North Star Shining	Hildegard Swift

Class B

(Unobjectionable for adults)

Britannica Mows	Margory Sharp
A Solo in Tom-Toms	Gene Fowler
Spoonhandle	Ruth Moore
Singing Waters	Ann Bridges
The American	Howard Fast
A Few Brass Tacks	Louis Bromfield
Reveille for Radicals	S. Alinsky
The King's General	Daphne Du Maurier
The Thresher	Herbert Krause
Nationalism and Internationalism	Don Luigi Sturzo
After Hitler, Stalin	Robert Ingrim
Color Blind	Margie Halsey



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Catholic Press Month....

Holy Christopher!

Are you ready with that manuscript? Have you a story ready? Surely you have taken to heart what we have said about the Catholic Press.

We promised to tell you where to send your brain-child to get it into print. We will forthwith begin to keep our word. First a brief word of warning, call it sage advice if you will... Don't expect too much! A large quantity of the earnest effort of ambitious writers ends up in the editor's waste basket... what we cannot help. It happens to the best and it hits the poorest. At least it is a stimulus to try better next time.

Again we have to be prepared to see our work modified to suit the pages of the publication for which we write. Editors will not always take the time to correct and revise our work to suit their needs. We ought to be thankful that they give us that much consideration.

And now for the market. We stated that there is a strong demand for Catholic writings. There is! Close to home.... this very page of the Draugas can use plenty of talent. Those who can and do wish to write in Lithuanian have an opportunity to see their name and work in the "Laivas", or in the Lithuanian section of "Draugas" or in such papers as "Darbininkas", "Garsas", "Amerika" and many more published in the East. (addresses upon request).

English articles and stories can be sent to... Mr. Edward Kubaitis, 8800 Archer Avenue, Willow Springs, Illinois... or to your favorite Catholic magazine. Remember that photographs are always welcome with articles and news items.

For those who are having trouble we have just come across a God-send. The name is Christopher.... a name that has pulled many of us out of trouble. The name in this case is attached to an organization of Catholic Action, situated in New York and working wherever there is work to do. Their purpose is "to bring the Truth of Christ to as many human beings as possible by encouraging thousands of individuals, lay people, in various sections of the country to take jobs whenever possible in fields of endeavor that have far-reaching power in moulding the outlook of the great multitude of mankind"... Newspapers, magazines, books, movies, radio, labor, education, social service, and government all provide opportunities for this influence.

To us the Christopher movement offers opportunities of publishing our articles. They have contact with nearly 2,000 magazines throughout the country! Catholic magazines and secular magazines, technical magazines and religious, magazines of every type and purpose. The Christophers endeavor to place an article sent to them, be it a news item or a detective story, in a magazine... with the payment for publication going to the author of the article. Many magazines pay good money for articles but they want good articles.... articles that are not over pious on the one hand, and that do not offend good morals and good taste on the other.

So get busy. Put those ideas you have had in your mind on paper. Dig up some of those stories you wrote for English class, polish them up and send them to.... Father James Keller M. M., The Christophers, 121 East 39th Street, New York 16, New York. Enclose a stamped return envelope with your address. We can promise you... you won't be sorry.

DO YOU HATE LENT?

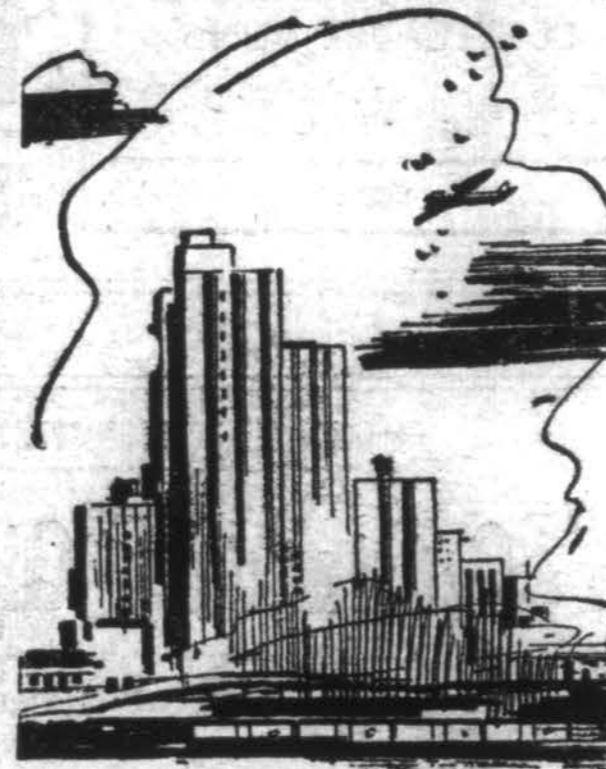
Lent perhaps would be the most appropriate subject at this time as we have just begun this Holy season once again. Here's where we will have to fast, abstain, sacrifice, mortify ourselves once more. No dancing, no candy, no eating between meals, and one does get a little more hungry at that time more than at any other time—gosh, I hate Lent! Yes, that is a very human reaction—we are weak, we dislike to give up our comfortable positions in lieu of some sacrificial act or mortification. I

FR. JULIAN

In Passing

"And the feet of the idol were those of clay" — Van Johnson, after his recent marriage to Evie Wynn, was hurrying into the C. B. S. Building for a guest appearance on a program. When a group of lounging "bobby-soxers", saw their erstwhile idol, they turned their heads away. And certain grown-ups say that our bobby-soxers are silly....

Whom do you consider the closest to patient. Job? How about a vote for a Connecticut husband who arrived home ten minutes late for dinner, and his wife threw the entire dinner at him. The dinner consisted of a turkey,



gravy, dressing, mashed potatoes, turnips and cranberry sauce.

On a previous occasion the little woman had manifested a lack of the "esprit de corps" by trying to run him down with the family car.

Mary's Land

O Lietuva, like amber stone
Upon the Baltic shore,
Your hues of golden promise
And heritage of yore
Are dyed a ruby red
With blood of sons now dead.

The Russians galloped from the East;
From South the foes marched in.
The Germans cruel and daring
Did join the bloody din.
Each lashed your limbs and brow
And chained your arms till now.

So like a jagged stump of tree
A knobby trunk of wood
You lean as one surrendered
Deprived of land and good.
And nodding nations say,
"She's doomed fore'er a day."

Oppressed from East, and West, and South
A battle-ground for years,
Will you still suffer torture
And know not else but tears?
And will you faint at last —
To be a nation's past?

Oh, no! You will not die like that
If only but a "tree
Stump." Roots of life and courage
Do grow to set you free.
With spring you'll raise your arms
With homes, with towns, with farms.
Americans will come to fan
The spark of life within
To help their brothers onward
To make the wheels begin.
And all will see thee rise
With joyful, hopeful eyes.

O Lietuva, like amber stone
Upon the Baltic beach
You'll feel the lapping water
When Mary's ship does reach
Your port to take this gem
For her precious diadem.

E. d. M.

wonder if we really stop to figure out why all this is necessary, why we must fast, abstain, etc., why we must have Lent.

You know Our Lord did not discriminate — He did not suffer and die for just a certain few or just a particular era. He died for all of us and we are, and actually should feel, a part of the cause of Our Lord's and His Blessed Mother's sorrows. Take, for example, the present day into consideration — isn't it deeply involved in sin? Hasn't the world glorified sin in its books, theaters, billboards, dress, manners — and we with the rest of the common mob follow this world in this trend. But the

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Three Crosses...

BY Capt. Alec Richards



(Reprint and cuts courtesy THE APOSTLE)

(Continuation)

Lithuania with an area of 25,402 square miles and an estimated population in 1940, of 2,879,070, was a great power in the Middle Ages, whose rule extended from the shores of the Baltic to the Black Sea. In 1795, Russia seized Lithuania along with part of Poland. Czarist rule was harsh, but nowhere near as cruel as the present Soviet domination. Still it was harsh enough to induce the people to rebel in 1831 and again in 1863, when all books and papers printed in



Father Petreika, one of the victims of Red atrocities (see story)

Lithuania were suppressed to force the people to learn Russian.

However, Lithuanian books were printed abroad and smuggled into the country under penalty of death or banishment to Siberia to those caught with them. Nevertheless, every Lithuanian seized a pen and wrote in his mother tongue. Every home had its "book hole". This might be under a loose board in the floor, or it might be a secret sliding panel in wall or cupboard, or some other ingenious hiding place.

Mothers taught their children at night by candle light, behind barred door and tightly shuttered windows, while the family dog kept watch with alertly pointed ears ready to detect and give warning of the approach of hostile footsteps.

The Lithuanian language has nothing whatever in common with Russian, or

any Slavic tongue. Strange to say, it derives largely from Sanscrit, the ancient idiom of the Hindus in India. They say that Lithuanians going to India can understand Sanscrit, although of course, the modern version differs greatly from that of ancient times. Another strange feature of the Lithuanian language is that like Finnish, it has no definite or indefinite article!

February 16th, 1918, was a great day in Lithuanian history. On that date, the Council of Twenty Lithuanians met at Vilna and proclaimed their independence of Russia. Russian rule had lasted 120 bitter blood-stained years. There was much to do in the wartorn country, where 50% of the livestock had been killed, 25% of the forests cut down, and all metal, even door knobs, had been carried off by one army or another.

Lithuanians all over the world hurried home to help reorganize their now free country. Their efforts built a happy prosperous nation with a small national debt, low taxes, a land of great comfort and wellbeing,

where nobody was very rich, but where there was no actual want or poverty. It was mostly a land of small farms — owned by those who worked them. Such was Lithuania when World War II broke out.

Lithuania's independence came to an end when the Red Army moved in June 1940, and the country's crucifixion began. In the year of the First Russian Occupation 1940-41, Lithuania knew the depths of misery and oppression, of bestial cruelty.

Immediately religious persecution was begun by the Russians directed particularly against Catholicism — the greatest foe Communism has ever had. Religious instruction in schools was forbidden, and publication of all books privately owned, or in libraries, were confiscated and burnt. Russian hatred was directed particularly against a book "Our Father", important to Catholics. Of course, people concealed their books and read them secretly. Again homes knew a "book hole", as they had in 1863.

But the worst atrocities of all were yet to come. On the longest day of the year in midsummer 1941, three

tall wooden crosses hastily knocked together by the Red soldiers, reared their height against the laughing summer sky in the beautiful countryside that seemed made only for the happy voices of children at play, and the songs of returning harvesters. Each cross bore the writhing moaning figure of a Catholic priest, whose sole crime was his religion and that he had been a faithful shepherd of his flock.

Everyone in Lithuania had heard of Father Justinas Dabrila, and many knew him as a foremost leader of Catholic Action. He directed religious and historical films accompanied by lectures, showing prominent national Catholic personages. He wrote many articles and was an authority on Lithuanian ballads and folklore, of which he had published a large collection. At the time of his death upon the Cross Dr. Dabrila was only thirty six years old!

Fellow martyrs were Vaclovas Balsys, born and ordained in the same year as Dr. Dabrila; and Father Petreika, an aged priest whose years did not protect him. A dozen other priests were brutally murdered by the retreating Russians — making fifteen in all who gave their lives for their faith.

(To be continued)

A. Segovia, Guitarist At Harris Theatre Sunday Aft. March 9

CHICAGO. — Andres Segovia, often acclaimed the world's greatest virtuoso on the guitar, will give his only recital of the season here at the Harris Theatre, Sunday afternoon, March 9th, at 3:30 o'clock.

Audiences at large, less sensitive to the charms of the guitar, usually profess to find it monotonous either in repertory or in musical figuration. Mr. Segovia, offers untold delights on the guitar and there is hardly a music lover with soul so dead as not to find a reward in attending Mr. Segovia's concert.

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world is false and insincere and blind. It does not describe the tortures of consciences that follow in sin's wake; and it never points to the graveyards, hospitals, accident wards, bombed buildings, blown up ships, ruined homes and slain souls.

You must take yourself in imagination to that long ago when Our Lord died on the cross, at the foot of the hill of sorrows where Our Blessed Mother suffered with Him, to be able to partially realize what sin has done. And are you still going to refuse to do your little part in atonement for the part you played in crucifying Our Lord? Our Lady might embarrass us if she were to suddenly appear before us and with those clear, blue, sinless eyes of hers look into our hearts and examine our souls as a mother would inspect the face and hands of her child to see whether or not there be any dirt or soil there and ask you, "And what about you, my daughter, how have you added to the suffering of my Son?"

Truly, it is such a small thing to do now in reparation for all the times we have added to the suffering of Our Lord by sacrificing ourselves during Lent. Let's not have any part of the world or any thing to do with it at this time, but rather let's do something in expiation for its behavior. We as Socialists should set the example for the rest to follow and no sacrifice, mortification or hardship that we endure during Lent will be difficult if we but remember to ask Our Lady to help us always.

Mary Maiden

THIS AND THAT

FROM HERE AND THERE

TOWN OF LAKE

Orchids to: Eleanor and Lorraine Butchunas, Adeline and Genevieve Karklelis, Sophie Jurgaitis, Cecile Kincinas, Eleanor Laurin and Agnes Rumsa, who received communion twelve consecutive months in corporate with the Sodality!!... Stella Motuzas looked fully recovered from her recent "operation"...glad to see you back.... "The Lady in Red" is a befitting title to Julie Makar when she wears that smart red coat of hers.....

The reason for that preoccupied expression in Sophie Jurgaitis' eyes is that she's in the throes of producing another play for the "Remejos"...which will take place March 9th in our Hall...I hear via the grapevine that the cast is made up of Sodalites which include Sophie Jurgaitis, Agnes Rumsa, Lorraine Butchunas and Anne Zabel.... Star Studded Cast, indeed!.....an' we'll be there rooting for you!!!! A hearty welcome to two engaging Misses, Helen Petrauskas and Stella Vaickus, who became one of "US" at the last meeting... Incidentally, our recent freak wind storm found Stell hugging a "fire hydrant" downtown.... same said storm also had Cecil Vaznis doing "acrobatics" down Michigan Avenue!!!!

Oh, That Star Dust Ball

The foremost thought in every Sodalite's mind last month was of course, the Star Dust Ball. There were the age old problems of "What to wear??"... "Who to take??" "How to wear your hair??"....but as usually is the case, these little problems have a way of ironing themselves out. Proof of the fact was the lovely array of femininity from our Sodality who were in attendance at the Ball!!!

Joseph Baltikauskas escorted Cecile Kincinas, who looked like something out of "Vogue" in a dramatic dress of black crepe....

Cecile Vaznis made a lovely picture in frosty pink net on the arms of fiance Paul Norkus... A swishing blue and white checked taffeta skirt and a white chiffon top made up Stella Venzelis' gown....that was her steady beau Joe Witkus accompanying her....incidentally, that lovely wrist watch she's wearing is a gift from Joe! Eleanor Laurin strolled in with Frank Kissel looking like a "Southern Belle" in a white flowing lace skirt with a blue and red print bodice....

MARQUETTE PARK

Just what do the girls think of the Sodality? Read on for comments from new and old members.... "Just joined the Sodality last month and already think it is a wonderful association and hope to become a very active member in the future" remarked Lueille Pauls.

"Besides helping me to get better acquainted with the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Sodality will also make it possible for me to meet and know the girls I have so often seen in Church" said Chris Urban.

"After attending my first Sodality meeting, I found the girls to be very friendly and am already looking forward to the future monthly meetings" stated Anna Kundat.

And from Sonia Bartkus "A nice organization for Catholic girls to get together and exchange ideas on social matters and also to gain the many special graces and indulgences of the Sodality".

THE LITHUANIANS

By A. D. Yuknis



BILL BURKE

WINNER OF 1931 WESTERN OPEN
TEAMED WITH CRAIG WOOD TO
WIN FOUR BALL TOURNEY 1940

"PLANNED ECONOMY"

By PAULSON



"THIS DIRECTIVE SUPERSEDES ALL PAST OR FUTURE DIRECTIVES AND ALL LAWS OR DECISIONS OPPOSED TO IT... There, by Golly, that will hold them!"

This Month's

Mental Prayer

Well, Mary, here we go again — another Lent. Having my sister and brother around, doing their best to keep their resolutions in the spirit of Lent. But I... I'm sorry that St. Rose's discontinued their weekly dances, and those new movies coming up at the Bijou are terrific!

Now, no more of that! I just have to look around and notice that the girls are already beginning to wear their haloes; but mine, I'm afraid, is slightly tarnished.

It would be a very good idea to shine it up by extra prayers and sacrifices — maybe a harder, thing to do would be going to Mass a few times a week — but, that certainly seems hard. But, I'll try, and that's what really counts most.

So with your blessing, Dear Mother, I'll strive to receive our Risen Lord with a purer and more contrite heart.

Lovingly,

Your Sodalist

Platoff Cossack Chorus At Orchestra Hall Sunday Aft., March 2

CHICAGO. — The world famous Gen. Platoff Don Cossack chorus, with its outstanding soloists and brilliant dancers, will make its only appearance in Chicago at Orchestra Hall.

Sunday afternoon, March 2nd, at 3:30 o'clock p. m.

Under the leadership of their famous conductor, Nicholas Kostrukoff, these singers have built up a repertoire that covers the extensive field of Russian song — inspiring liturgical music, haunting Russian folks melodies, boisterous regimental Cossack songs, finally, there is the exciting spectacle of the dances, which brings the performance to a thrilling climax.

Sodality Social Calendar

MARCH 7th, 8th and 9th:

The Annual Retreat at the Cenacle (Warrenville, Illinois) will take place. Girls who are definitely going are asked to place a deposit of \$5.00 or the full amount of \$10.00 with Louise Kairis, 2808 West 67th Street.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14th:

"Splash Party" at the Chicago Boy's Club, 3400 So. Emerald Ave. Swimming will start at 7:30 Sharp!! to 9:00 P. M....Dancing from 9:00 to 10:00 to a Juke Box. Admission: 50c...Bring your own suits... Everyone invited! Committee:

FRIDAY, APRIL 25th: (Last but not least)

"Spring Dance" Place: Holy Cross Auditorium 8:30 P. M. Dancing to the strains of music by Eddie Wilson.... Admission: 75c including tax! This promises to be the social event of the season!!!!

Newspapers Plan Ads In Vivid Life Hues

Hundreds of newspapers are getting ready to shed their traditional black and white garb and blossom out into vivid colors in their advertising, with manufacturers reporting that of the approximately 1,000 newspaper press units on order, color printing equipment is specified for 90 per cent.