Retreat Chairman Says "Thanks"

"To Those Lively But Lovely Girls"

After much deliberation with "Yes, I'll go" and "No, I don't think so", over a period of several months, your retreat chairman was literally swamped with a list of almost 76 names. Don't think this was one time my heart wasn't in my mouth, but by the time the deadline was set for your name, at least half of the list would be depleted.

And it was: a perfect forty-five in number was left. We're sorry for those who would have liked very much to take advantage of our "three-day Spiritual Vacation" but were unable to do so for various reasons. And to those forty-five "lively but lovely girls" a most sincere THANK YOU for your wonderful cooperation.

I say "lively but lovely girls" because that is the term used by Rev. Benjamin Myers, pastor of the station in Warrenville, and most of the Sodalists. Evidently some girls had an extra busy day at the office for several took the cab from town to the Convent but very many increased their already healthy appetites by walking and it wasn't bad walking although your suitcases probably felt like a ton the last few steps.

How some of the girls were able to take along such an extensive wardrobe for a weekend in just one suitcase will remain a mystery to me especially Jeanne Scalmo and her overnight bag. Believe Dolores Laznicka learned from experience that it is easier to "travel light". But can anyone explain to me how Lucy and Mildred Magee were able to have such a change of clothing both using the same suitcase. Florence Walsha, really must have been thinking of a "giant's bed", when Mother Kelly told her there was a "good-sized double bed" in your room. It wasn't too bad though was it Florence?

To those who came for the first time, aren't you glad you came? But seeing some of the old faces just makes you glow inside with pride. Guess I could keep on praising the 45 "lively but lovely girls" but I'll let you in on a secret. I have to make a deadline with this article, so may I again say "Thanks" to each and everyone for her splendid cooperation in helping to say to Our Lady:

"Mary, two-thirds of our spiritual mission for 1947 has been accomplished. We're proud that we are growing each year in number and in spiritual activities, and hope it won't be too long before we can have several weekends a year to accommodate the growing number of desiring retreatants.

"Yes, it's hard for some of us to make that break the first time but once a Sodalist does it isn't at all hard to come back time and time again. I spent a week-end closed to You and Your Divine Son. And like the words of the retreat master, 'As we are guests in the Cenacle for three days it's no more than proper to greet Her with this short ejaculation: Our Lady of the Cenacle, we pray for us that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ'.

Louise Kairis

Mundelein Council Inaugurates "Charter Class" of 217 Strong

CHICAGO — Chicago's Knights of Columbus now officially have gained a new member to their family of councils. The newly organized Cardinal Mundelein Council 3024 in Marquette Park inaugurated its "Charter Class" of 217 members in colorful Sunday services on Sunday, March 16. The religious services took place at the Nativity of B. V. M. church, 68th and Washtenaw Ave., and the exemplification rites came off at Father Perez council headquarters.

New Officers

The following newly elected officers will guide the destinies of the council for the coming year: Rev. S. Mundelein, Retreat Chairman — Thanks, — Thanks to all those who came for your wonderful cooperation.

For That Easter Parade

All eyes on YOU....If they're not; they will be; for this Spring will be a gala affair.

This year more than ever, Easter will herald in a wide range of colors "soft as spring" and gay as an artist's palette.

There is that new long look — long skirts, long lines and long jackets, with the eye-cathing, new-coming, the cutaway coat known as the "Gentleman's" jacket.

Plaits, ruffles, flares will also hold their own admirers. The newest thing too, is the light and dark combinations like: pink-brown, sand-navy and aqua-black. "Skipper blue", the lighter than navy blue, is perfect for every accessory and very flattering.

The trend as far as line concerned is leaning towards the soft-shouldered, feminine look.

So, whatever your type, you will be a "spring melody" wherever you go. All eyes will be on you when you join the Easter Parade.

Eloise Mack
**Hey Mabel!!**

As a Sodalist, you take your place with Saints, Popes, Cardinals, Emperors, Kings, and Princesses, who, since the sixteenth century have gloried in their friendship with Mary. Yours is a great dignity, Mabel, and many are your privileges. All the friends of Mary who are in Heaven and on earth, are your friends too. All the ordinary things you do, from rising in the morning to retiring at night, you do for and with Mary. And, Mabel, Mary takes special care of you in all those ordinary things you do for Her. Your Communions and daily Masses are special acts for Mary. She delights in your company at the Sodality meetings and at the Union meetings.

But Mabel, as regards to those meetings—remember the little children who bounced around Our Lord — really an enjoyable scene, you’re so much older than those children were to be bouncing around during the meetings. Give with your wit, and vigor after the meetings during the socials. If you can help it, Mabel, don’t miss any Sodality or Union meetings. One or two more does make a difference; it would have meant five companions for Mary at the foot of the Cross instead of three. Do your best to make your Sodality grow, Hey Mabel!!!

**A Gift of God**

We pity the rainbow this time of the year. Ordinarily, the appearance of this beauty of nature delights and attracts the eye. When, however, man puts on a more profuse display of color, as he does at Easter time, then this beauty must hang its head in defeat.

Beauty is God’s gift. It is not wrong to enhance it, but in this we must be discreet. We cannot go wrong if we are prudent in following the fashions of the day in order to be attractive. It would be a mistake to presume that Our Blessed Mother was not attractive but careless about her appearance or apparel. We cannot picture her as anything else but as an attractive and modest beauty. May we not forget that it was not the external that brought out Mary’s beauty. The essence of her beauty was the fullness of God’s grace in her soul.

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**Mental Prayer**

Let the whole world rejoice, my Jesus, for You have truly risen as You promised. The intense suffering You experienced in shedding Your Precious Blood in atonement for my sins is at last culminated and You stand triumphant.

Today I behold You, the glorified Christ, the wounds in Your sacred hands and feet illuminated with the heavenly rays of Your Divine Life. In Your omnipotence You delete the darkness of the world caused by sin and war and You cast Your Loving Shadow over the universe. O Risen Christ, design to by our words by granting this world a lasting peace based on justice and charity... even as you calmed the fear of Mary Magdalen by appearing to her on the Morn of the Resurrection and uttering her name, "Mary".

During this tranquil Eastertide we join the angels in singing Your praises and in adoring Your Divine Presence!!!

**An Easter Message**

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FROM HERE AND THERE

TOWN OF LAKE

The Sodalists of Holy Cross Parish played hostess to the Lithuanian Sodality Union at their first Valentine Party... It was a feast fit for a king, indeed. Under the excellent supervision of chief cook and bottle washer, Ann Ambrose, the most inviting and appetizing meal was served.

The "corn" was supplied by Helen Pausius "Miss Take It or Leave It" singing "I'm the kind of a girl that men forget" and "the terrific three from Bridgeport," Adele Abromavicius, Helen Gadwell and Florence Walken, who created a riot with their 15 minute minstrel show.

This was followed by community singing.

Among the happy faces present were Father Julian, our one and only Helen Zabel, the lucky girl who was crowned Queen of Hearts, Christine Kuoga from Marquette Park.... A few faces we missed were Sally Jesdalia, Our sincerest sympathy on the death of her mother Grace Wastak, who has joined the Saint Casimir congregation, came all the way from Cicero to be present with us....

THE SODALISTS OF HOLY CROSS PARISH ARE SPONSORING THEIR Annual Dance on Friday, April 25 at eight thirty. Music will be provided by Eddie Wilson and his orchestra. The tickets are payable at the door.

MARQUETTE PARK

A most beautiful scene took place at the Convent of Our Lady of the Cenacle on the Saturday night of the Union Retreat. As the big clock in the reception room over the fireplace chimed ten bells nine Sodalists gathered in a room near the chapel to recite the Rosary and Litany for the intention of the Sodality. Incidentally the name of the room was Our Lady of the Rosary. It was quite an experience for the three girls who had to walk through the first floor corridor and up the stairs to the second floor in the dark, as the clock chimed.

Some girls go to make a retreat to have both a spiritual and physical rest and they would have had it if two certain girls whose names begin with "L" had some consideration for the two belles who were trying to catch a few winks in between conferences.... Yes, Miss Kairis and Miss Paulus it would be appreciated if you would sit in chairs instead of walking around and running water while other are snoring.

Our petite blond haired Sodality Augie Cibulakas, former editor of the "Marian Way" has a sparkling diamond on her third finger of the left hand. Wedding bells will ring for her and Johnny in the good old summer time.... If you're cold these days just picture Angie and Johnny dancing at their wedding on the 15th of July and I'm sure you'll start perspiring.

It's to your loss Bridgeport but to our gain that Augusta Grivas moved to Marquette and joined the Sodality.... Augusta is a sweet little miss and has shown some fine signs of cooperation....

If you happen to notice in the papers that Marzano's and Benzinger's have had to install new bowling alleys, you will know that Louise Kairis was the cause of it all... Louise has just started to bowl but she throws a mean ball. Take it easy Lou unless you would like to become Superwoman....

They have written a song about a rainy night in Rio and I'm sure Chris Knoga would like to write a song about the puddies in Bridgeport on a rainy Saturday night. It was the night of the Cupid and Arrow Dance when three young ladies walked down the famous street of Lituanica. They walked the street because there didn't seem to be as many puddles as on the sidewalk but lo and behold as a car passed swiftly Chris had a new kind of stockings. They were Polka Dot Nylons, and poor Chris spent half the evening cleaning them.

BRIDGEPORT

ORCHIDS to the Adams Sisters who worked so hard to make our dance a huge success... On St. Patrick's Day a party was given for everyone who worked at the dance and a good time was had by all.

ST. GEORGE YOUNG LADIES SODALITY IS SPONSORING a BUNCO PARTY at the BOWMAN DAIRY CO., 4149 So. State St., at seven o'clock, Wednesday, (Continued on page 4)

PRESENTING THIS MONTH'S

Outstanding Girl Sodalist

Helene Gadwell

Helene Gadwell, although a typical Irish Colleen in appearance, is a Lithuanian true and true.

Upon graduating Providence High School, Helene entered De Paul University, where she studied for two years.

While at Providence, the good Sisters infused that wonderful Sodality spirit, which induced Helene to carry on even after graduation. Thus Helene joined the Young Ladies Sodality in Bridgeport.

In 1945 she took the office of Publicity chairman, editing the "Sodalite" every month. The following year, Helene, was elected Vice-Prefect of her Parish Sodality, and chairman of the Social Life Committee in the Lithuanian Sodality Union.

It was because of her great efforts and hard work that the "Stardust Ball" was such a huge success.

On March 1st, Helene received a beautiful diamond ring for her and Johnny in the good old summer time, especially the Sodality of Bridgeport.

"Good Luck Helene and Matt"!!

Longer Beds for THE SIX-FOOTERS

To bring relief to six-footers and over, some manufacturers have begun a campaign to increase the standard bed size from 74 to 78 inches.

The present size was made standard after the last World War when the average height of soldiers was 67 inches. Today the average has increased an inch and the percentage of six footers almost doubled.

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The Lithuanians

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The Lithuanian University Club

Last Sunday's meeting was most interesting because of the appearance of Bruno Budginas, the well-known Engineer who arrived from Europe a short time ago. Mr. Budginas briefly told of the appearance of the University members to the purpose of helping the Lithuanian students abroad. He graciously offered to help us keep in touch with them at all times. We are proud to have him with us as a prospective L. U. C. member also.

Sunday another popular Lithuanian student became a regular L. U. C. member. We were happy to welcome George Savatis to our group and appreciate his activity with us. It is gratifying to have our new friends show such interest in the club and particularly to have them join us in our work.

Speaking of friends brings to mind the unhappy plight of a very good friend of the L. U. C. Our President, Mrs. Anne Bennes- Kaulaka, has been quite ill for several weeks and now has recuperated to the extent that she will be able to leave for Florida this week for a long much-needed rest. Our best wishes for renewed good health, Antjie!

The main topic of conversation at our busy meeting (in spite of the weather) was our 13th Anniversary B. A. L. F. Benefit Concert to be presented at the Lithuanian Auditorium on April 27th. Now that the program is all set, we'll let you in on the good news - for really good entertainment! Headlining the program are Algird Brasas, baritone, Sylvia Sabonis- McEeroy, well-known Chicago pianist, and the “Atisukina”, folk dance group, with Mrs. P. Dauzvardas wife of our Consul, as commentator for the dances.

The other stars rounding out this top-notch offering are Anthony Brusk, Jr., 16-year old Xylophonist, Helen Matthey, soprano, Giedra Guaudasus, and Erena Petroske, duet, and the ever popular Birutis Chorus directed by Mr. John Byanasas. Music after the concert will be offered by Byanasas musicians.

In Passing, from page 3

This is the truth that makes heroes of us all. If He had not risen from the dead, there would be no sense to work and slave for a family, to bring children into the world, to nurse the sick and wounded, to teach the young, to take care of the aged. But as He rose from the dead, so will we one day rise from the dead and be rewarded with eternal joy on our Easter Day.

THE LITHUANIANS
By A. D. Yuknis

JOHNNY (Gudmanas) GOODMAN, from a humble beginning as Omaha caddy, rose to stardom as an amateur golf champion. In 1938 he won the Western Open and the United States Amateur golf championships. He returned in 1937 to place first in the National Amateur Tournament. The Omaha insurance salesman hasn't been heard-from since the world upheaval.

Memories of her former triumphs are still vivid. From the day of her sensational debut at the Metropolitan Opera House in February 1925, the “standing room only” sign was put out every performance in which she appeared. Her success in concert was no less great. She was justly accorded the title of “The Greatest of Living Singers.”

Silvery Streak

ESTHER WILLIAMS makes the water-shine as she relaxes gracefully at her favorite sport. The swimming star exhibits her considerable talents in the forthcoming MGM dream, “Flirta.”

Marquette Holy Name Day of Recollection
Sunday, March 30th

CHICAGO. — The Holy Name Society of Nativity of B. V. M. parish will have their annual retreat and day of recollection Sunday, March 30th.

Services, beginning at 2:00 p.m., will be conducted by the well known missionary Father, Alphonse Hotze, S. V. D., who incidentally had been interned in China by the Japanese during World War II.

Rev. S. Petrusauskas, Spiritual Director of the society, will deliver a sermon and a word of greeting in Lithuanian.

Beginning at 4:00 p.m. there will be a Holy Hour, which is open to the public. All H.N. Men are cordially invited to attend the retreat and invite their friends to be present for the Holy Hour.

After the Holy Hour, the Holy Name men will meet in the parish hall for an important discussion conference.

John A. Skelly