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FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 1946

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For the new play, thoroughly consistent with Catholic thought, which shall be adjudged worthy of the award under the following rules of competition:

1. The contest is open to everybody with the exception of officials in charge of the competition.

2. The play shall be full-length and in English. It may be any type, serious or light, including the play with music and the play for children.

It shall be unpublished and the exclusive property of the author. Adaptations from non-dramatic sources and from foreign plays (provided that originality transcends mere translation) may be submitted, but they must be accompanied by a statement of indebtedness and (if based upon any currently copyrighted work) by a proper authorization from the owner to dramatize and to grant production rights.

An experimental try-out does not of itself make a play ineligible for the award.

3. All manuscripts must be typed on one side of the paper only, and the sheets bound together and numbered. The top page shall be clearly marked with title and type of play and with author's name and address.

Manuscripts shall be post-marked not later than July 1, 1946. The decision will be announced as soon as possible after September 1, 1946.

The author retains full rights to his manuscript. Although the National Catholic Theatre Conference cannot assume responsibility for lost manuscripts, exceptional care will be exercised in the handling of entries. All manuscripts will be returned at the completion of the competition. Each manuscript shall be accompanied by a fee of three dollars (\$3.00) which approximates

the cost of return postage and of circulating the entries among the judges.

4. The author of the winning play retains full rights to the play, but he agrees to allow producing groups who shall (at the dates concerned) be members of the National Catholic Theatre Conference to schedule his winning play at any time between the date of the Award and September 1, 1947. For such production, he may require a royalty fee of not more than \$20 for the first performance and \$15 for each succeeding performance.

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The administration of the contest rests with the National Catholic Theatre Conference. The selection of the winning play rests with a panel of judges of national prominence. The decision of the judges is final.

The National Catholic Theatre Conference reserves the right to postpone the award if, in the opinion of the judges, no play eligible for the award is entered upon this invitation.

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JUDGES

MR. GENE BUCK (President, Catholic Actors Guild)
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Fr. Lord S. J. Praises Lithuanian Writer

Marquette Pk. So- dality Stages Play

Chicago. — Fun, action and suspense describe "The Arms of the Law" a mystery play to be presented by the B. V. M. Sr. Sodality of the Nativity Parish at the parish auditorium, 6820 S. Washenaw Avenue, Sunday, March 24 and Wednesday, March 27 at 8:15 P. M. A matinee performance will be held Saturday, March 23 at 3:30 P. M.

The cast includes Christine Kuoga, Donnie Norbut, Angela Cibulskis, Helen Shebelski, Louise Kairis, Tillie

PLAYS LEADING ROLE



Sophie Spetyla

Kuoga, Sonia Bartkus, Sophie Spetyla, Phil Norbut, and Hattie Laskis. Emille

Shenandoah, Pa. — Daniel A. Lord, S. J., outstanding Catholic author of many books, numerous plays, pageants, and pamphlets, also editor of the QUEEN'S WORK, in reference to the short story, HISTORY REALLY CAN BE ROMANTIC, by Frances M. Siedlik, which appeared in the February fifteenth issue of the DRAUGAS, english section, in a letter to the author said,

"I FOUND IT EXTREMELY INTERESTING. MUCH TOO LITTLE IS KNOWN ABOUT THOSE SPLENDID CATHOLIC STATES".

We hope that all our other readers found that article as interesting as did Daniel A. Lord, S. J., the popular author, speaker, and Catholic youth organizer.

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(Congratulations, Frances, and many more successes ahead!) Editor

Prose is the director.

The committee is made up of Teresa Rastuiss, chairman, Lee Gudenas, Dolores Lazutka and Doris Mattas.

Staging a play is an annual affair with the Sodalists, and a reputation for turning out fine performances is in their possession.

All are invited to attend, particularly the Sodalities of other parishes.

Edward J. Kubaitis
COMMENTARIES

In a history of the Knights of Columbus, lying before us, we read: "A constitution was drawn up in July, 1883, and the ritual was laid before Bishop McMahon, who pronounced it exceedingly interesting and praised especially the third section, now the Third Degree. He stated: "I have followed the wording of this ritual closely. I cannot detect anything amiss or improper. I am sure it will be a valuable medium for carrying sound moral principles to your members; that it will be the means of attracting many to your fine organization".

Bishop McMahon thus summed up the Third Degree initiation ritual of the K. C'S some 63 years ago.

Now we know what the good Bishop (God rest his soul!) was talking about, and we agree most heartily with him!

Several Sundays ago, your columnist (with the mutual moral support of Joe Encher, Al Sudeikis, Andy Kubaitis, Al Alkonis, Tony Rudis, Eddie Norbut — all staunch members of St. Rita Council — and about sixty others) took the Third Degree, and to say that we will never forget it, would be putting it very mildly. The only regret we have is that we're going to have to wait about 18 years before our 2½ year old son will be eligible to take the Degree, so that both of us can go into a corner by ourselves to reminisce over the grandest experience a Catholic young man can go through!

Our Grand Knight, Connie O'Sullivan, grinned broadly as he came up to greet us after the initiation was over.

"Well, boys, how was it?" he asked, as he shook hands all around our smiling group.

"Don't say another word, Connie!" we answered in unison. "Just get each of us a batch of membership applications! We're going gunning for new members. And next time, we're going to be on the sidelines watching!"

From the above, you may suspect that your columnist, in his enthusiasm for the Knights of Columbus, is trying to slip in a plug for his favorite Council (St. Rita's, No. 2034, Clubrooms 6048 So. Fairfield Ave., Meetings every 1st and 3rd Thursday) in this column.

The imputing of such a base motive to us by any reader would be a matter of great pain to us.

For example, several meetings ago we were quaffing a few in the St. Rita clubrooms (the generous hospitality of St. Rita's is not the least of its attractive features) and discussing everything from Father Fenton's unforgettable talk that evening to our amazement at the growing membership of the A. O. L. (The latter, by the way, is the "Ancient Order of Lithuanians", membership to which is restricted solely to those St. Rita members who have been taken to the cleaners at the round tables by Bros. Tony Paukstis, Felix Kraujalis, Dr. J. Simonaitis, et al.)

While we were discussing these weighty questions, G. K. O'Sullivan (for whom we were drawing one at the moment) interjected: "How about a little writeup on St. Rita's in your column, Eddie? Of course, I realize that if we get a few more Lithuanians in here, I'm liable to lose my job to a compatriot of yours. St. Rita's is rapidly becoming the most-Lithuanian council in the Middle West. I, frankly, am very happy about it. So, how about a little plug to spread the news to the Lithuanian Catholic young men around Chicago...?"

"Connie", we answered him, putting our hand on our heart, "you hurt us here. Do you think for one minute we could be so under-handed as to start a stampede to St. Rita's by so much as mentioning it in our column? What would we do for room here? And just imagine how Atty. Joe Grish, Lt. Bill Balsewick, Joe Lenkart, Father, Zakarauskas, Felix Waisnoras, and the rest of our Lithuanian members would be snowed under filling requests for application blanks! I am very much opposed to giving any publicity to St. Rita's until we can get bigger quarters".

"Besides", we concluded, "even if we did write a column on St. Rita's, what chance would it have of getting into Draugas — that staunch and loyal West-Side stronghold of Archbishop Quigley council? It's utterly out of the question, Connie!"

(Any reference whatsoever to St. Rita Council, Knights of Columbus, in the above column is purely intentional).

Acknowledgement

If Christ should come on earth some summer day
And walk unknown upon our busy street,
I wonder how "twould be if we should meet
And — being God — what He would do and say.
Perhaps the kindest thing that He would do
Would be just to forget I failed to pray,
And clasp my hand forgivingly, and say:
"My child, I've heard My Mother speak of you".

Why many Catholics say:

I Hate Lent!

II

Francis J. Jančius, MIC.

Pigs are different!

WE can all see and will readily admit that the quantity of what one eats has a direct effect upon one's physical proportions. But it is not easy for us to understand how fast and abstinence can refine the soul as we stated in our last paper.

The soul and body are closely related. Together they make up that wonderful being called man. The soul alone is not a complete human nature, nor the body alone. But the soul and body together form one complete human nature.

The soul and body, therefore are intimately connected and interact sometimes in a startling manner. When one's mind is upset and and one's nerves are in a turmoil, one cannot digest a meal. Also when one's stomach is roaring from hunger it is next to impossible to raise one's mind to God in prayer.

This does not mean that the more one eats the better one prays. Nor does it follow that an hour spent at the dinner table leads inevitably to an hour of prayer. By no means.

The soul and body, — though each shares in our makeup, — are not on the same level. The soul is the principal part of our nature. Being spiritual, it is of a higher order than our body, which is physical and consequently it takes precedence over our body. Hence the soul's welfare should be the prime consideration in all human action.

A prolonged dinner gives the physical appetite complete reign over the whole of human nature. Our physical appetites are blind urges which must be controlled, otherwise they set up a tyranny in our nature, a domination of the higher by the lower. Then we have gross and ruinous disorder. Thus, the man who caters to his stomach may be very easily deterred from prayer.

The plan of the Creator

obviously is that the soul by its two faculties, the intellect and the free will, should dominate the body, should reign over, control and direct those physical urges.

In a word, man is not a mere animal. An animal may be said to have attained true animal sublimity when it has a good appetite. Take a pig, for example. It is difficult to picture a pig without an appetite.

It is an exquisitely beautiful sight to see a pig ecstatically devouring a bushel of apples, but not to see a man making a pig of himself. More beautiful, however, is the sight of a man declining another piece of apple pie, even though he would much enjoy eating it.

The man's abstention shows his superiority to the pig. By his abstention his appetite is held in leash, his body is subject to his soul, as it is meant to be. Any other condition leads to disorder, anarchy and sin. Thus our appetites must be disciplined in order that the primacy of the soul may be assured.

Incidentally, spiritual writers stress the fact that the control over the appetite for food is a condition of control of the sexual appetite. A man who is a hostage to his stomach is likely to be a helpless victim of the sexual appetite. The man who is the master of his stomach is the man who will be the master of his passions.

Fast and abstinence are calculated to serve this very purpose. Therefore Catholics should pay closer attention to those laws of the Church which govern fast and abstinence.

TO MY ALMA MATER

(Villa Joseph-Marie, Newton, Penna.)
Adieu, dear Villa, adieu, farewell!
What the future holds, we cannot tell;
But the golden minutes spent here with care
Will always be treasured as Jewels rare.

When we go into the crowded day
We still will heed what you now say:
"Strive to do right, and never do wrong;
Try not to be weak, but always be strong!"

These thoughts will guide us down the years
To joyfully work in this vale of tears,
And lead us to Mary and Jesus, so bright,
To sing your praises — Our guiding Light.

Frances M. Siedlick '43.

MARIANAPOLIS NEWS

On Feb. 16, the Dramatic Club commemorated the 28th anniversary of Lithuania's Declaration of Independence by presenting a tragedy, "Lietuvos Žeme" written, produced, and directed by Rev. Fr. Dambrauskas. The leading roles were successfully played by Algird Brazauskas, A. Barkauskas and J. Kripas.

The choir, featuring Bro. Joseph Nadzeika, and Raymond White, was effective in giving mood and atmosphere to the play.

A Cafe Dance was held in the school gym, Friday evening March 1st. Entertainment in the form of a skit, "The Corn is Green", was presented by L. Degulis, J. Kripas and Tony Kihikevicius.

Gregory Purtokas, discharged U. S. Army Aviation Cadet, was married to the former Harriet Raubunas at the Nativity Church, Chicago, Ill., on Jan. 26; by Rev. A. Juskevicius.

Mrs. Purtokas is a member of the nursing staff at Holy Cross Hospital. Mr. Purtokas is employed at the General Motors Electromotive Plant, La Grange, Ill.

The Newleyweds paid a visit to Marianapolis, escorted by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Markevicius of Waterbury, Conn.

A sports evening was held at Marianapolis March 14th at which letters were awarded to the varsity football and basketball players.

The main speaker was Denny Myers, head football coach at Boston College.

Movies of the Boston College football games and special events at Marianapolis were shown at the conclusion of the banquet and speaking program.

The Superior General of the Marian Fathers, Congregation, Most Rev. Bishop Peter Bucys arrived in New York from Rome, March 6th.

Bishop Bucys is one of the founders of Marianapolis.

A small but enthusiastic group of Alumni gathered at Marianapolis February 22 to demonstrate their skill, or luck, on the bowling allies. The first string was won by the clergymen's team. The laymen took the second string by a close margin. The third string ended in a tie. In the roll-off, Rev. "Al" Gurklis bowled exceptionally well, giving the string and the match to the clergymen.

The leading scores were turned in by Rev. A. Kacevicius, A. Badaris and Gene Parulis.

Mr. John Parulis, President of the Alumni Association, has issued an official challenge to the clergymen to engage in a golf tournament as soon as weather conditions permit. According to all indications, the challenge will be accepted.

BASKETBALL SCORES

Marianapolis 52 — Cole Trade 20
 Putnam Tech 32 — Marianapolis 21
 Putnam 39 — Marianapolis 24
 Marianapolis 31 — LaSalette 16
 Marianapolis 31 — Mansfield 16
 Plainfield 42 — Marianapolis 34

Due to the proposed construction of a permanent athletic field, Marianapolis will not field a base ball team this year.

Mr. Mike Bigenis, HS'35, has been discharged from the Army and has reopened his undertaking establishment in Philadelphia. He has been elected President of the Philadelphia Lithuanian War Relief and Red Cross Units.

A. Kaspar, JC'39 and J. Svirnelis, HS'38, will be ordained priests this spring.

Rev. A. Svedas, JC'29, has donated to the Marianapolis Museum a Japanese Samurai sword, a Japanese officer's despatch case and a Moro knife which he picked up at Sarangani Bay, Mindanao, P. I.

Chaplain Leonard Gillis, JC'37 has been promoted to the rank of Captain. Presently, he is located at Nagoya, Honshu I., Japan.

Rev. L. Peciukevicius, JC'36, has been transferred from Frackville, Pa. to St. Andrew's, Philadelphia and Rev. M. Tamulevicius JC'37, from Athol, Mass. to St. Casimir's, Worcester.

Sgt. Edmund Kashuba, C'42, after spending 44 months in the U. S. Army, 32 of which were spent in the Pacific Theatre, has received his discharge papers.

Sgt. Stanley Markevicius, who saw service in Australia, New Guinea and the Philippines, was discharged from the Army last November.



SCORING A HIT — Hildegarda, lovely chanteuse of NBC's "Raleigh Room" program, assists her debonair conductor, Harry Sosnik, as he puts the finishing touches on the score of his latest song hit. It's titled "You Stole My Heart."

Talking It Over

America - Defender of the Weak



A year ago the Jones' moved in next door. My wife counted every stick of their furniture, but I hardly knew they were there until one evening I met the little Jones boy on the street crying bitterly. "What's the matter, son?" I said. "I'm afraid to go home 'cause my dad'll give a lickin'" I lost a nickle of mom's change from the groceries".

Sure enough, he got his licking when he got home. A little harsh, I thought; but there was nothing I could do about it. As time went on it seemed that Jones grew more and more cruel to his son. Other neighbors began to notice it too. It finally got so bad that we felt obliged to have the Jones' summoned into court. The court warned them to show more consideration to the boy or else the child would be taken from their custody and placed in other hands.

Should we have minded our own business? No, the court was able to interfere with the Jones' family life because every individual, even a child has certain rights which must be respected. The strong can defend their own rights; but because they are strong, it is the strong who must defend the rights of the weak who are unable to defend themselves. This principle is universal. It applies to all individuals. It applies to groups.

It applies to states.

No other nation is so dedicated to this ideal of individual rights as the United States. Now since the United States is the strongest nation in the world and especially dedicated to the rights of the individual, do we not incur a solemn duty to defend the weak nations against the strong? Can we feel that God has given us a heritage of liberty and a mighty army to defend it without also expecting us to share this gift of freedom? We, who are strong must defend the rights of the weak.

We defend the weak nations in two ways. First, we ourselves leave them free to work out their own happiness. Secondly we allow no aggressor to deprive them of the right we respect. We interfere when other nations violate the rights of smaller nations. When a nation's own rulers violate the rights of its own people we interfere only with great reluctance and sincere concern for that people's right to self determination. We may not deprive them of the government they choose for themselves.

This principle, that every individual has certain inalienable rights is the most fundamental principle of the American idea of liberty. The United States was born fighting for personal liberty. She has been the defender of freedom ever since. Freedom, liberty, is the glory of her people.

DON'T MISS

"The Arms Of The Law"
 A Mystery Play by
 The NATIVITY BVM SR.
 SODALITY

Sun., March 24th
 and
 Wed., March 27th

Nativity Parish Hall
 6820 S. Washtenaw Ave.
 Curtain 8:15

THIS AND THAT FROM THE

Lithuanian University Club

Since the March 17th meeting the Lithuanian University Club and its friends have been very busy on a new huge project — aid for refugee Lithuanian students in Europe!

Before the war the L. U. C. used to sponsor an annual affair, a play or concert — to provide a scholarship for some deserving student of Lithuanian descent.

Recently the Lithuanian American Information Center in New York released a report that with the support of the Military Government and UNRRA, a Baltic University for Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonia students had been organized at Hamburg, Germany, and that Lithuanian students and faculty at the university are attempting to reach American — Lithuanian student organizations here in America.

At the March meeting the Lithuanian University Club voted to postpone the policy of awarding scholarships and to set aside the profits of the Spring Festival to be presented on Sunday March 31st, at the Lithuanian Auditorium, for the benefit of the Lithuanian students at the Baltic University.

News received by the Council directly from Professor Stankevičius of the Baltic University explains the progress of organization at the university and the great need for textbooks, writing materials, newspapers, money, etc. He writes:

"The organization of an own university will be of immense importance not only for our professors, but first of all for our youth, which has already lost many years without studies, and there is a real danger that the coming generation of Lithuania will be bereft of intellectual forces. The possibility of the restoration of the academic teaching would be a great chance for our national cause".

The Lithuanian University Club fully realizing the importance of the organization of a student body and establishment of a university to perpetuate the culture of Lithuania, and of Latvia and Estonia is prepared to aid the Baltic University as much as possible. We hope that our friends, our supporters, will help us to do as much as we would like to!

Sunday, March 31st, at the Lithuanian Auditorium, 3133 S. Halsted St., at 4:30 p. m. the L. U. C. will present a Spring festival, featuring a one-act comedy "O. S. S. arba šliubine Iškilme" ("O. S. S. or the Wedding Dowry"), and a concert with talented members as stars.

The play is being directed by Anne Bennes - Kaulakls

and stars Al Rudis and Claude Luth, who are supported by four other members. The concert stars will be Helen Vespender — Mathews, soprano, Eleanor Miller, soprano, Eleanor Krisčiūnas and Evelyn Stankus, duet; Lucile Valatka, pianist; and two guest artists — Mathew Stepien, baritone, and Otto Sluka, pianist.

The tickets are priced at 92c plus 18c tax, total \$1.10. Dancing will be provided by 5 piece orchestra. Tickets for the dance (beginning at 8:00 P. M.) are 42c, plus tax, total 50c.

Since the need for books and any educational reading matter for the refugee students and professors is so great, the L. U. C. is planning to inaugurate a drive to gather old or new text books, educational magazines, newspapers, etc., printed in Lithuanian or English and even in French, German,

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Italian, Polish. We would greatly appreciate it if the public attending the Festival would donate any educational books they no longer need. If you have any old textbooks, please bring them. We know they will be appreciated.

The Lithuanian University Club is asking that everyone attend our Spring Festival — for your own entertainment and to help aid the Lithuanian refugee students in Europe. We hope to see you on March 31st!

I. C. M.

Mattresses Made of Glass Are Coming

An enterprising manufacturer is coming up soon with an almost believe-it-or-not product — a mattress made of glass! The glass mattresses, the Los Angeles maker says, "will hold their own with any others for softness, probably wear forever".

Inside is fibre glass, outside is woven glass cloth. They are said to be non-allergic, non-combustible, nonbacterial supporting, with particular appeal to hospitals and hotels.

THE ROCKETBOOK KNOWLEDGE



GOD and the Atomic Bomb



There is so much turmoil in the world today that we cannot help being afraid. Men hate one another. Races of men persecute other races. Nations do not trust each other. The atomic bomb with its deadly power, is hanging over our heads at every instant, and not one of us knows when the next explosion will come to destroy us all.

Once we trusted in a provident God. Can we now? Can we still believe that God, our Father, is watching over this world, that He loves each of us, that He is protecting us all? Yes, we can believe, just as the Psalmist in that well-known psalm tells us he believed.

The Lord ruleth me: and I shall want nothing. Almighty God is our King and loving Father. He made each of us because He loves us and wants to be happy with Him. There is a sense of peace and security in knowing that God is concerned about us, that He is always looking out for us. The Lord is my shepherd: and just as a shepherd is always watching his flock—to feed them, to guide and protect them, so our Father is ever protecting us and giving us everything we need.

He hath set me in a place of pasture. This beautiful world of His, our Father has given to us to make us happy. The trees, the flowers, the skies all show us how good He has been. Every day He gives us all we need to live so that we have no worry... "Be not solicitous for your life, what you shall eat, not for your body, what you shall put on... Behold the birds of the air, for they neither plow, nor do they reap, nor gather into barns:

and your Heavenly Father feedeth them. Are not you of much more value than they?... And for raiment why are you solicitous. Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they labour not, neither do they spin. But I say to you, that not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed as one of these".

He hath converted my soul. He hath led me on the paths of justice, for His own name's sake. God wants us to thank Him for His care by turning to Him and trusting ourselves and our every need to Him. It makes His fatherly heart very happy to know that His children put all their hope and trust in His loving hands. He is glad to know that they see Him in His gifts.

Though I should walk in the midst of the shadow of death, I will fear no evils, for Thou art with me. Yes, even though the atom bomb threatens us, God is still our loving Father. He still loves each one of us. He is still watching over the world He made and protecting the sons and daughters He loves so much.

Thy mercy will follow me all the days of my life. O God, loving and merciful Father, we know and believe that You will be with us every day of our lives.