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FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 1947

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 70 names. Don't think this was one time my heart wasn't in my mouth, but I unwantingly figured that by the time the deadline was due 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 **Rev. Benjamin Myers** used after alighting from the train at the station in Warrenville with 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 Saucunas and her overnight bag. Believe **Dolores Lazutka** learned from experience that it is easier to "travel light". But can anyone explain to me how **Lucy** and **Mildred Matlow** were able to have such a change of clothing both using the same suitcase. **Florence Walanga** 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 week-ends 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 again to spend a week-end close to You and Your Divine Son. And like the words of the retreatmaster, '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, pray for us that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ' ".

Louise Kairis

DICTATION MADE EASY

American Red Cross Photo

This young patient in a Veterans Administration hospital finds it easy to write letters home with the help of a Red Cross Gray Lady who doesn't hurry his first dictation efforts.

K of C News

Mundelein Council Inaugurates "Charter Class" of 217 Strong

CHICAGO. — Chicagoland'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 fullday 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. Petrauskas, Chaplain; Joseph J. Grish, Grand Knight; Anthony Paukštis, Deputy Grand Knight; Dr. John J. Simonaitis, M. D., Chancellor; Bruno Razminas, Recorder; Joseph M. Mozeris, Treasurer; Peter Sloger, Financial Secretary; August King, Warden, John G. Evans, Anthony Petkus, Ben Waska, Trustees; Sigmund Bistras, James Pavilionis and Joseph Malas, Guards; Felix Waisnoras, Lecturer, John A. Skelly Scribe.

Rev. Petrauskas and Joseph Grish were chosen as delegates to the Illinois convention. Anthony Paukstis, Bruno Razminas and Felix Waisnoras will represent the council at the Chicago Chapter.

Thanks to All

The council wishes to express its sincere thanks to all who made the "Charter Class" rites day such a grand success. A special word of thanks to the following who were responsible

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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, long jackets with the eye-cathing newcomer ,the cutaway coat known as the "Gentleman's" jacket.

Pleats, 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 is concerened is leaning towards the soft-shouldered, feminine look.

So, whatever your type, you will be a pleased and happy individual. For you

will be a "spring melody" wherever you go. All eyes WILL be on you when you join the Easter Parade.

Eloise Mack.

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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!!!

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A Gift Of God

We pity the rainbow this time of tne 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.

Mary's beauty was God's gift. She knew this and withheld that beauty of body and soul for its Maker. In return Mary became the boast of all mankind. She teaches us the value of real beauty that which is found in a soul filled with the grace of God. May this be our aim as Sodalists, namely, to follow Mary's style of beauty.

This Month's —

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, deign to calm our troubled souls 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!!!

BUY MORE VICTORY BONDS!
AND KEEP THEM!

FR. JULIAN

In Passing

Nowadays, in sport, we read much about the "clincher" or the big "finisher". In boxing, it is **Joe Louis'** right cross; in baseball, it may be either a blazing strike thrown by **Bob Feller,** or a homerun from the bat of **Ted Williams.** In tennis, it was the cannon ball serve of **Bill Tilden;** in bowling it is a "turkey" by **Joe Wilman.**

In religion, St. Paul thought that this "main fact", the essential point of our religion was the Resurrection from the dead by Our Lord Jesus Christ. This meant so much to him that he insisted if Our Lord had not risen from the dead, then his preaching. his belief were "a folly and foolishness".

Most people do not realize that we just can't help but believe in the resurrection; the Scriptural accounts are so convincing that they almost force us to believe. If Our Lord had not risen from the dead, then either He had not really died, or the Apostles stole His Body and pulled off the greatest hoax in the History of the world.

His enemies, the High priests were convinced that He died on the cross. They had witnessed the cruel scourging, his weak, pitiful attempt to carry His Cross; then His death after a three hour agony on the cross. They were so convinced of His death that they did not have the Roman centurion mutilate his body later by crushing His legs as he did to the two living thieves. They saw the centurion pierce his heart and draw blood mixed with water. Those who lingered for the hasty burial in the sepulchre saw His Mother annoint the body with spices, oil and perfume to preserve the body for a more decent burial. When they appeared before Pontius Pilate that night, there wasn't a doubt in their minds when they said: "When this deceiver was alive...."

But the Apostles could have stolen His body. Brave men would have thought of it and still have passed it up for fear of the ruthless justice of Rome. And the apostles were anything but brave. One betrayed Him; the leader denied Him before a maid; all fled for fear of their lives when he was captured. When He died, only one stood at the foot of his cross and stayed with Him until the end. Fifty days after His Resurrection, ten days after His ascension into heaven, they were praying in a room whose windows and doors were locked and barred for fear of the Jews. Could such "brave" men as these ever dare to break the seal of Rome?

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EDITORIAL

That Americans are inclined to be too complacent about the defense strength of our country is an accepted fact. Pearl Harbor was an outstanding example of our carelessness in that regard.

We are a peaceful nation, want nothing in the way of territorial aggrandizement and therefore feel that there is no reason why any other nation should attack us.

We read with mild interest, but no sense of personal concern, of the "iron curtains," the oppression of small nations at the hands of European dictators, the activities of fifth columns, and shrug it off with: "[illegible] it [illegible] fort to [illegible] bomb rocked the world, states the case clearly and succinctly in an article which he wrote for the March issue of Cosmopolitan magazine.

"Most of the Canadians who were working as Russian spies held responsible positions in such government departments as the National Research Council, the Department of External Affairs, and the office of the High Commissioner in Canada for the United Kingdom," Gouzenko states in part.

With such Soviet infiltration into the highest offices of a friendly nation, for the purpose of weakening that nation's defenses, only the bat-blind indeed can shrug it off with "it can't happen here."

Perhaps the best defense for the United States would be the slogan: "Wake up, America. It CAN happen here."

An Easter Message

May the commemoration of the Resurrection of our Divine Lord be an occasion of happiness in your heart this coming Easter Day as it was in the heart of His Blessed Mother. A very happy and Holy Easter! May the Risen Lord bless you and yours-

THE UNION OFFICERS

THIS AND THAT

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 bottlewasher, **Ann Ambrose**, the most inviting and appetizing meal was served...

The "corn" was supplied by **Helen Paulus** "Miss Take It or Leave It" singing "I'm the kind of a girl that men forget" and "the terrific three from Bridgeport", **Adele Abromavičius, Helen Gadwell** and **Florence Waitkus**, 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 Jesulaitis**. 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... Incidently 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 that 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 it if you would sit in chairs instead of walking around and running water while other are snoring....

Our petite blond haired Sodality Augie Cibulskis, former editor of the "Marian Way" has a sparking 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 Gudas** 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 Bensinger'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 Kuoga** would like to write a song about the puddles 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,**

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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 gratuating 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 from **Matthew Ruplanskis**, setting her wedding date for June 7.

This is really a very happy occasion and we Sodalists want to congratulate both Helen and Matthew on their engagement and express our wishes for a successful and happy future for their new chosen state of life.

To us it means losing a very good and active member, but we want Helene to always remember that we really appreciate all she has done, and will never forget her in the future, especially the Sodality of Bridgeport.

"Good Luck Helene and Matt"!!

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This And That From

The Lithuanian University Club

Last Sunday's meeting was most interesting because of the appearance of **Bruno Budginas**, the well-known Engineer who arrvied from Europe a short time ago. Mr. Budginas briefly told of the interest Europe's refugee students have shown in the Lithuanian University Club and has 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 Savaitis** 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 - Kaulakis** 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, Anne!

The main topic of conversation at our busy meeting (in spite of the weather) was our 15th 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 Brazis,** baritone, **Sylvia Sabonis - McElroy,** well-known Chicago pianist, and the **"Ateitininkai"**, folk-dance group, with **Mrs. P. Dauzvardis** wife of our Consul, as commentator for the dances.

The other stars rounding out this top-notch offering are **Anthony Brashy, Jr.,** 16-year old Xylophonist, **Helen Mathews,** soprano, **Giedra Gudauskas, and Elena Petrokaite,** duet, and the ever popular **Birutes Chorus** directed by **Mr. John Byanskas.** Music after the concert will be offered by Byanskas musicians.

You can see that the L. U. C. is prepared to give you the very best in entertainment — and for a most worthy cause. Won't you keep the date in mind? **April 27th — at the Lithuanian Auditorium!**

L. U. C. M.

Kirsten Flagstad At Orchestra Hall Friday, April 11th

CHICAGO. — Kirsten Flagstad, considered by many the "greatest of living singers", will give a recital at Orchestra Hall, **Friday** evening, April 11th, at 8:30 p. m.

After an absence of six years she is once again singing for the vast following that was hers from 1935 to 1941, when she was thrilling opera and concert audiences here and abroad.

The great Norwegian soprano left the United States in 1941 to return to her family in Norway. Between that time and the close of the war she sang only on four occasions, twice in Switzerland and twice in Sweden.

Memories of her former triumps are still vivid. From the day of her sensational debut at the Metropolitan Opera House in February 1935, the "standing room only" sign was put out at 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".

THE LITHUANIANS
By A. D. Yuknis

JOHNNY (Gudmanas) GOODMAN, from a humble beginning as Omaha caddy, rose to stardom as an amateur golfing champion. In 1933 he won the Western Open and United States Amateur golfing 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.

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 incidently had been interned in China by the Japanese during World War II.

Rev. S. Petrauskas, 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 discussional conference.

John A. Skelly.

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for the tasty breakfast following Holy Mass: Mrs. Vera Paukstis, Mrs. H. Razminas, Mrs. H. Allen, Mrs. A. Klauba, Mrs. S. Malec, Mrs. Francis Siratavich and Mary Rusgis. A special thanks to the Senior Sodality for their courteous service at the breakfast.

A special word of appreciation to the Lithuanian Daily DRAUGAS for space given in Lithuanian and English on the events of the council; to Mr. James Cherry of the Quigley Council who rendered great service in various ways. Thanks to all who in any way contributed to the success of organizing the council.

Inaugural Ball

The Mundelein Council is sponsoring an Inaugural Ball at Fr. Perez council clubhouse, Friday, May 16th, at 7:30 p. m. Lecturer Felix Waisnoras has arranged for a really gala affair for a nominal fee. More details on this affair later.

Important Meeting

The council will hold its next meeting April 8th, at Marquette Hall, 6908 South Western Ave. Among other business, installation of newly elected officers will take place. Members are cordially invited to be present. Hereafter meetings will take place on the Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month.

John A. Skelly

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April 23, 1947, the tickets are sixty cents. If you haven't purchased your tickets **Eleanor Adams** will be happy to sell you a few....

THE SODALISTS will attend a **Holy Hour** on Good Friday... Each year the girls look forward to attending this Holy Hour....

From twelve o'clock **Holy Saturday** night until Sunrise Mass Easter Morn the sodalists will kneel in Adoration... There will be a group of four girls changing every hour. We think this is a beautiful way to show Our Lord we are sorry for our sins and to ask for his forgiveness...

Eloise Mack is doing a wonderful job in putting out our paper every month... She also does all of the art work... Keep up the good work, **Eloise!**

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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.

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 M-G-M drama, "Fiesta."