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FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1946

### DESCENDANT OF GEDIMINAS

## First Priest Ordained In America Was of Lithuanian Descent

Gallitzin, Ordained in 1795, Founded Loretto, Pa., Refused  
Two Bishoprics, Ministered to the Poor

P. P. Cinikas, M.I.C.

### Gallitzin Was Lithuanian

All early American histories mention the heroic exploits of Mitri, Prince Augustine Gallitzin. We must glow with pride at the mention of this famed character of history for he was of Lithuanian birth, and, royal Lithuanian birth at that.

History points out that the first priest to be ordained in the States was Demetrius Gallitzin, the apostle of Pennsylvania. The Catholic University, Washington, D. C., has full proof of Gallitzin's royal descent, Augustine Gallitzin was the son of Russia's Ambassador to Holland, in the time of Catherine the Great of Russia, and the Ambassador traced his lineage to Duke Gediminas, the Great. Gallitzin's mother was also of unusual descent, since she was the daughter of Field-marshal Gen. Count von Schmettau, in the army of Frederick the Great, the King of Prussia.

### Well Educated and Cultured

The Gallitzin home was the center of culture. Many of the greats of that day were constant visitors to their home. Goethe, Diderot, and the notables of the Russian court were entertained in their drawing room. Czarina Catherine of Russia was the godmother of the Gallitzin heir and because of that honor the young Gallitzin was then named a Captain in the Imperial Cavalier.

The Gallitzins were Orthodox and much of their status depended on their religion. When the Gallitzins later on went over to the Catholic Church, they forfeited their rights to all positions in the Russian Imperial government or Army.

Demetri's mother was truly another Saint Monica in his life. She was ever solicitous of his spiritual welfare and continuously worried about him and his salvation. When Demetri made his first Holy Communion in the Catholic Church, Demetri's good mother bestowed upon him a very fine sword with the following inscription:

"Fear not him, who mur-



ders the body, but can not slay the soul; fear rather him, who can overcome your body and soul".

### Away From The Europe of Strife and Discontent

In the last quarter of the eighteenth century, Europe was a continent of strife and discontent. The religious were suppressed, religion was ridiculed, and the social systems constantly kept changing.

Demetri's mother wanted her son to get a broader view of the world and life, and suggested that he travel. Since Europe was a land of much discontent, Demetri did not have any desire to travel about Europe, but chose to visit America, the land of new opportunities.

The journey to America was indeed an inspiration of the Holy Ghost, because it

set the future life lines of the young Prince, who was in a quandary as to what he should do with his life. On ship while sailing to America, Demetri met Father Brosius, a young priest from Munster. There were many serious and intense talks during the long journey to America. That was the start of his calling to the holy priesthood.

### The First to be Ordained

Father Brosius was a real missionary and immediately upon setting foot in America, he departed to a far corner of the continent and turned Demetri over to Bishop Carroll of Baltimore. The Bishop at that time had

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### SCOUT LEADER FROM FRANCE



touring the United States studying Boy Scout activities and methods are Dr. Charles Celier (right), deputy international commissioner of Boy Scouts in France and leader in the Catholic Youth movement here, and his secretary, Rover Scout Roger Robin, pictured in Kansas City where they visited Bishop Edwin V. O'Hara. (NC Photos)

### Grace Moore May Join Catholic Church

ROME. — Grace Moore, U. S. opera star who will give six concerts in Italy, announced that she had definitely decided to become a Catholic and that Pius XII probably would set a date for the ceremony in the course of a private audience she expected with the Holy Father. She is a former Baptist Sunday school teacher.

### "Condemned"

On February 25, 1943, the Legion of Decency placed the film THE OUTLAW, in the C or CONDEMNED classification for the following reason:

"The film presents glorification of crime and immoral actions. The film throughout a very considerable portion of its length is indecent in costuming".

The film is now being widely distributed.

Several versions of the film have appeared in the course of the years. No version has been shown to the Legion which would warrant any but the CONDEMNED rating.

### Cooperation in \$\$\$\$

Cooperation of American industry with the government is proved by more than \$6,000,000,000 in excess profits has been voluntarily refunded by wartime contractors to the U. S. since 1942, according to Department of Justice statistics.

### MARIAN STUDENT MEETS ACCIDENTAL DEATH

THOMPSON, CONN. — Bro. John Paulaitis, M. I. C., a sophomore of Marianapolis College, died April 22nd, as a result of injuries received when he fell from a tractor working on the school grounds during the Easter holidays, while working on the school grounds during the Easter holidays.



Bro. John Paulaitis, M.I.C.

Chicago, the waking being held at the home of the parents, 7019 So. California Ave. Services were held at Nativity of B. V. M. parish church April 27th. Burial took place at St. Casimir's Cemetery, Chicago.

Bro. John was rushed to Day Kimball hospital, Putnam, Conn., but the best available medical care was not able to save his life. After receiving the last rites of the Catholic Church, he passed on to his eternal reward, promise him when he made his first religious vows less than a year ago.

Solemn services, consisting of Office of the Dead and Solemn High Mass were held at Marianapolis on April 24th. The remains were then transferred to



For May and Always

## SHOULD THERE BE A PEACE CONFERENCE

By: The Observer

When there is talk about the forthcoming Peace Conference, one basic fact seems to escape most analysts' minds. Any Peace Conference requires two elements: victorious Allies and defeated nations, with governments capable to accept the terms of peace. Are these elements available in the present international set-up? It seems the answer is no. Everything that is left of the wartime Allies is purely nominal. As a result of the Teheran, Yalta and Potsdam agreements a new international constellation came to existence, and remains to-day as the only reality. It is the division of the world into two separate blocks, the Soviet and the Democratic, in both of which Allies and former Axis nations are allocated without much distinction. Thus Allies and enemies indispensable for any peace conference do not exist any longer. Aggressive and victory conscious Russia on one side of the table and the asking-and-hoping-for-peace Democracies on the other — this would be the picture of a peace conference to-day.

As everybody knows, the present Hungarian, Bulgarian and Rumanian governments are fully Soviet-dominated and from Nazi satellites these nations have merely turned into Soviet ones. Thus the question arises with whom could Russia sign treaties so far as these countries go? She would be signing them in reality with herself. And what about Allied nations in the Soviet zone, as Poland, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia. Are they independent partners in victory and able to speak freely for their people, as for instance Norway or the Netherlands? Certainly not. They are practically on the same footing as the former Axis satellites of the Soviet sphere, their people sometimes treated even worse, and regimes equal in blind obedience to the Moscow line. And should per chance some day Germany be asked to accept the terms of peace, who would then speak for her? Would it be a Soviet spokesman from the Berlin Communist-Socialist block, or an independent man from the Democratic zone. It seems that, of all Axis powers, Italy alone is at present capable to accept and discuss peace terms.

Rising tension between the aggressive Soviet section of the world and the less dynamic Democratic group seems to be the crux of the issue today. Not only more and more Soviet troops are stationed in the Russian zone of Europe, but the Soviet Union's Slav "junior partners" are being constantly re-armed and re-conditioned for the use of Soviet war-aims. Interesting illustrations here are the new state budgets of Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, two faithful Russian satellites. Although present Czechoslovakia has one third less of her pre-Munich population, her new budget is four times bigger than the pre-war one. And in Yugoslavia, the budget as recently announced by Tito's Minister of Finance Mr. Zujovitch, is five times larger than the one of the Yugoslav Kingdom prior to Nazi invasion. The chief increase is in the army appropriation which is also five times the pre-war level. And Tito's present armed strength is already estimated at 700,000 men. Against whom are these feverish preparations directed? It seems doubtful that it is in defense against dismembered and pulverized Germany.

This ever increasing sabre rattling in the Soviet zone can continue and menace world peace chiefly because of arrangements made at Teheran, Yalta and Potsdam that enabled the Soviet Union to treat her section of the world as an exclusive colonial territory to draw slaves, goods and man-power from. As long as these agreements remain binding, no genuine and honest Peace Conference can be held. Repudiation of these war-time deals is an objective very dear to many U. S. Senators in Washington and some of them had the courage to demand it publicly. Senator Wherry of Nebraska for instance, in his speech at the World Bill of Rights Association mass meeting in New York not long ago, asked that "commitments — which were consummated at Yalta must be forever repudiated". Indeed, before any Peace Conference can convene, these legal grounds for the present division of humanity into a free and a slave block, should first be removed and the organization of entire Europe started from the scratch on a new basis.

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## Devotion To Mary

E. V.

The Church realizing the necessity and importance of devotion to Mary has set aside the month of May to publicly and daily honor the Blessed Virgin Mother. As nature during the month of May awakens to a new and fecund life, so too does true devotion to Mary bring fresh life and strength to the soul and also assures the devout client of Mary of heavenly protection and favor.

We honor Mary because we rightfully recognize her dignity. No other creature in Christendom can claim or even hope to command the respect, veneration and honor that is accorded her. The greatest of Mary's prerogatives, however, is that she, of all the daughters of Israel, was chosen to be the Mother of God.

The divine plan for mankind's redemption actually and lovingly awaited her cooperation; for by her simple fiat or unselfish surrender to the divine will Mary gladly acquiesced to become the Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and to give suffering mankind its promised and blessed Redeemer. The Second Person of the Blessed Trinity takes His human flesh from the fairest, the purest, and most loving of Eve's children. It is to Mary, therefore, that we are indebted for the entrance of the God-man into the world.

When God chose Mary to be the Mother of His Son He exalted her above all the angels and saints and consequently adorned her soul with the most beautiful of virtues. No angel, not even the most perfect and greatest of the heavenly host, can claim the Divine Benediction that was hers.

While Mary received this unparalleled of heavenly privileges she received one other from our Lord. Our Lord bequeathed her to us as our legacy — She is our Mother too. While Our Lord was suffering His terrible

torments on the Cross He commended Mary to be the Mother of all Mankind by His words to St. John — "Woman, behold thy son".

Mary's dignity towers such inaccessible heights that her intercession is much more efficacious and more powerful than that of any other saint. In fact, some of Mary's ardent lovers and admirers say God is so pleased with His Blessed Mother that He has arranged that all the graces which we receive should come through her solicitous hands.

But Mary not only disposes of the divine blessings, what is more important for us is that she constantly intercedes for them and garners tremendous graces for her devoted children. Would any true son refuse the petition of his mother? Could God then, who is Infinite Love, Goodness, All Perfect, fail to hear the endearing requests of His Mother. In St. Bernard's "Memorare" we know that He hasn't.

We can readily see the necessity of cultivating a true and sincere devotion to the Blessed Mother. A true devotion to Mary will reap a harvest of many favors and graces; a faithful imitation of her blessed life will assure us of salvation. She is waiting to be saluted. Everytime we greet her she smilingly acknowledges our greeting and lavishly rewards our tiniest efforts at prayer with the richest graces.

## Lambs Never Learn

The stubbornness of nature — in spite of Darwin and his school — is one of the world's most serious problems. Aggression, as we all know, is now outlawed. Yet here we have Moscow's word for it that Iran is maliciously plotting the destruction of Russia. Aesop had to contend with a similar case of foolishness some 2,500 years ago. He wrote:

"Once upon a time a wolf was lapping at a spring on a hillside, when, looking up, what should he see but a lamb just beginning to drink a little lower down. 'There's my supper,' thought he, 'if only I can find some excuse to seize it.' Then he called out to the lamb, 'How dare you muddy the water from which I am drinking?'"

"'Nay, master, nay,' said lambkin; 'if the water be muddy up there, I cannot be the cause of it, for it runs down from you to me.'"

"'Well, then, said the wolf, 'why did you call me bad names this time last year?'"

"'That cannot be,' said the lamb; 'I am only six months old.'"

"'I don't care,' snarled the wolf; 'if it was not you it was your father'; and with that he rushed upon the little lamb and ate her all up."

Aesop doesn't have much to say about the habits of bears, but he certainly confirms the theory that lambs are today as stupid and incapable of learning as they were in ancient times.



## IN AND AROUND

**K of L CIRCLES****IMPORTANT K. OF L. DAY COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY**

With all efforts focussed upon a great undertaking, all K. of L. units and their members are urged to do their utmost for the new K. of L. Youth Center home. One of the aspects of this enterprise is the sponsorship of the greatest K. of L. Day outing ever held. Therefore it is important that all members of the **K. of L. Day Committee** from every council, the Seniors and the District be present for a very important meeting **Monday evening, May 13th, at the Immaculate Conception parish school in Brighton Park.** There are many plans to be discussed, various chairmen of sub-committees to be selected and various problems to be solved..

We need the utmost cooperation of every council and of every individual member to put this project over. This year's traditional K. of L. Day outing at **Vytautas Park on July 4th** will be the greatest ever if we strive together.

**NEW K. OF L. YOUTH CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE FORMED**

For planning and promotional purposes in the interest of the new **K. of L. Youth Center home**, a new Building Committee has been named and approved by both the K. of L. Chicago District and the K. of L. Seniors at their respective organizational meetings. This new committee will meet for their first and important session this coming **Sunday afternoon, May 12th, 1:30 p. m.**, in the new K. of L. Youth Center home, **2451 West 47th Street.** The committee will elect its officers, organize their various sub-committees and plan ways and means of raising funds for the new home..

Members named to this committee are as follows: Rev. Ignatius Albavičius, Rev. Anicetas Linkus, Matas Zizas, John A. Kass, Stanley Šimulis, Vincent Ed. Pavis, Anthony J. Zickus, Vincent Rekus, Frank Čižauskas, Ignatius Sakalas, Victor Balanda, Kastas Zaromskis, John Kazanauskas, Jerry Kasulaitis, Sally Jesulaitis, Anthony Lukošaitis, Stanley Sukis, Kazimiera Petrulis, Anthony Rudis, Helen Motekaitis, Peter Cibulskis, Judge John T. Zuris, Anthony Petrulis, Stanley Pieža, Kazimieras Jonaitis, Frank Pumputis, V. Jodelis, Edward Misius and Jack Juozaitis.

**K. OF L. CHOIR CONCERT PROMISES TO BE HIT**

Every indication points toward a very successful Concert presentation to be presented by the **K. of L. Choir** under the auspices of the K. of L. Chicago District organization **Sunday, May 19.** That the Choir group will have a fine concert program goes without saying. The concert program will be augmented by a **fine Lithuanian comedy** presentation "Meilės Eleksyras" to be presented by the K. of L. Theatrical Art Circle. After the program dancing will be the order of the evening for the enjoyment of the public. Tickets are only \$1.00. Get yours now.

**K. OF L. CHOIR REHEARSALS AT DARIUS-GIRĖNAS HALL**

This coming **Tuesday, May 14th**, a dress rehearsal of the Choir group and of the Theatrical circle will take place at the Darius-Girėnas auditorium, **4416 S. Western Ave., 8 p. m.**

Exactly one week later, after their Concert on May 19th at the Darius-Girėnas auditorium, on **Sunday, May 26th** the Choir and Theatrical group will journey to Milwaukee, Wis., as guests of the good **Father Peter Činikas** where after a day of fun and relaxation they will give a repeat evening performance at St. Gabriel's parish auditorium. We have received word that all of Milwaukee is buzzing with excitement and is preparing to royally welcome their guests for Chicago.

For the excursion to Milwaukee, and due to uncertainty of public transportation, it is planned to go by private cars. At present there is still a lack of sufficient cars for the trip. An appeal is hereby made to those of good heart and wishing to help the choir to volunteer their services for that day. A caravan of cars is being organized now and those wishing to volunteer please get in touch with any choir member or get in touch with **V. Ed. Pavis**, by calling Canal 8010.

**MAJORS TOO TOUGH FOR HIM, SAYS GRAY**

(N. Y. Times)

NANTICOKE, PA. — Pete Gray, 29-year-old Lith. one-armed outfielder who played last year with the St. Louis Browns of the American League, doubts if he'll ever perform in the majors again.

"The pitching is a little bit too tough for me up there," Gray told a reporter. "Besides, the competition will be even keener now that a lot of former ball players

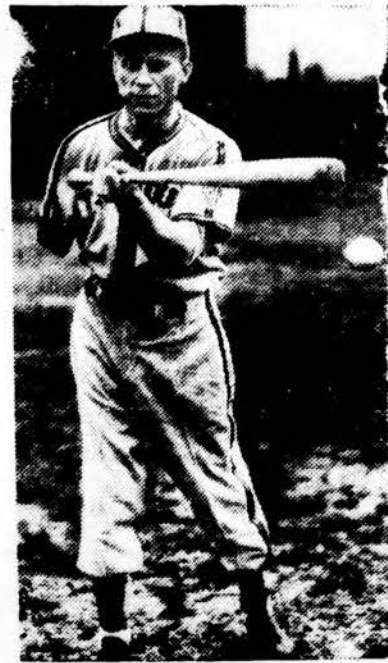
Gray would not say what Toledo offered him. He also declined comment about an offer from the Mexican baseball league.

"I had a wire from the Mexican league a few weeks ago," he admitted. "I haven't even considered the offer. If I don't play with Toledo I don't know what I'll do. Maybe I'll go into some sort of business".

Gray lost his right arm in a truck accident when he was 6. He got off to an impressive minor league start by hitting 381 in 1942 with the Three Rivers (Ont.) team of the Canadian-American League. Purchased by Memphis of the Southern Association, he won that league's most valuable player award in 1944.

Commenting on his season with the Brownies, Gray said:

"I'd rather not talk about last season. I just did the best I could. I found out that the pitching in the majors is quite a bit tougher than we get in the minors".



Pete Gray

have been discharged from the services".

Gray had his poorest baseball year in 1945, batting only 223. The St. Louis club paid a reported \$20,000 for Gray at the end of the 1944 season. He was sold to Toledo of the American Association last November.

**Sunday Soiree Club Has Social Tonite**

The **Sunday Soiree** cordially invites the public to attend their first **Annual May Frolic**, Friday evening **May 10th**, at Darius-Girėnas Rathskeller, 4416 So. Western Ave., admission 60c tax included.

The Frolic will introduce a newly organized group of persons of diversified artistic talents, manifesting strong interests in the club's aims to provide and further opportunities in the field of art, drama, music, singing and dancing. The purpose of having this gay time in May time is to strengthen the financial end in order that the club would be in a more secure position to proceed with its extensive plans.

If the dim-out is still in effect, dancing will go on, and in the atmosphere created by illumination other than electricity, it will lend much romance and enchantment to the evening. Those attending are assured an evening of merriment, — dancing to the tunes of an irimitable orchestra, refreshments and entertainment with added attractions and surprises for all.

See you **Friday Evening May 10th** to have fun and frolic at the **Sunday Soiree Dance.**

**The Rose**

The rose expresses love, one of the most beautiful qualities a woman can possess. Though the feminine heart is naturally inclined to kindness and sympathy, its love, like the rose, must be cared for and cultivated by little acts of kindness and tenderness until it is fully developed.

To attain true love, we must strive for perfection, as the Saints did. It was by their small deeds and sacrifices that made them dear not only to the whole world, but to our Saviour's Heart. If we live by love, we shall find our way in life a patch of full-grown roses, delighting everyone with their beauty and fragrance.

Frances M. Siedlik

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## FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

**Baltic - Scandinavian Society Reorganized**

At a representative meeting of Baltic and Scandinavian delegates in the metropolitan area of Washington, D. C. held in the International Student House, 1708 N. H. Ave., N. W. on Monday, April 29th, a proposed Constitution and By-Laws was read, discussed, and finally adopted for the newly formed **Baltic - Scandinavian Society of Washington, D. C.**

The purposes of the Society as outlined are:

a) to associate and bring into fellowship in a combined, cooperative Society persons residing in Washington, D. C. and vicinity who are of Danish, Estonian, Finnish, Icelandic, Latvian, Lithuanian, Norwegian, and Swedish extractions and other persons who are interested in the Baltic and Scandinavian peoples their languages and customs;

b) to develop a firm friendship between the peoples of the Baltic and Scandinavian countries and the people of the United States of America;

c) to foster a deeper appreciation and understanding of American ideals;

d) to bring to the attention of the memb. and the public the achievements, progress and aspirations of the Baltic and Scandinavian peoples and their contributions to our own American way of life in economics, sciences, arts and other fields of endeavor;

e) to entertain and invite authorities to discuss the national life of the Baltic and Scandinavian countries;

f) to observe some of the Baltic and Scandinavian national days in common;

g) to hold joint affairs for the enlightenment and the enjoyment of the members;

h) to conduct the activities of the society without engaging in party politics and religious controversies.

Following persons were elected as officers of the society and are to serve until the annual meeting in October: President **Mr. Ladislaus J. Esunas**; Vice-President **Mrs. Ruth S. Beckmann**; Treasurer **Mrs. Marion Tremblay**; Social Secretary **Miss Leona Olson**; Recording Secretary **Miss Lilly Gunderson**; Sergeant-at-Arms **Mr. Anthony C. Rutkas** (Chicago).

The president was delegated to appoint temporary chairmen of sections and get things organized so that by Fall the Society may get into full swing.

The Society has already gotten the interest and cooperation of prominent Scandinavian — Americans and has been highly endorsed by **Congressman Harold Hagan**, former editor and publisher of a Norwegian newspaper in Minnesota.

The Society will hold its first social at the International Student House, 1708 N. H. Ave., N. W. on Monday, May 20th.

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(Cinikas from p. 1)

founded a seminary for the youth of America and Demetri was accepted into the seminary with the many recommendations of his friends in Europe and the missionary Father Brosius.

Demetri Gallitzin was really the second priest to be ordained in America, but many authorities give this

honor to Gallitzin, because he received all of his sacerdotal orders in America, whereas, a Frenchman by the name of Badin received only the order of priesthood here in America. Fr. Badin had come to the States with the deaconate, which had been given to him in France.

Father Gallitzin and Fr. Badin were the two seeds of mustard, from which grew the present 37,700 priests of today. Yes Father Gallitzin was the first of the American ordained to set about the continent of America to care for the souls of new settlers and to convert the American pagans.

**Rugged Missionary Life**

Father Gallitzin, the former Prince, became immersed in a rugged and even dangerous life of a missionary among the hardy people of a newly founded republic. The young missionary was really imbued with an undying spirit of spreading Christ's message to the world.

Those were great days — property was 30 cents an acre, sick calls were about 300 miles apart, Mass was said in any handy barn, sleeping in bed with three or four others at the village inn, lonely nights in the woods between sick calls and Mass in the scattered villages of the Alleghany mountains.

Father Gallitzin lived and worked with the people of his vast parish and never had one thing better than his poorest. His family in Europe kept sending him money and items of comfort continuously, but he was certain to distribute the luxuries or money to those about him.

**The Beautiful End**

Many honors were offered to Father Gallitzin during his stay in Pennsylvania, but he chose to stay in Loretto, a town close to Pittsburgh, which he founded and whose people he nourished spiritually for many years. The bishoprics of Detroit and Cleveland were offered to him, but he flatly refused, because he loved staying with the people of Loretto.

Holy Week of 1840 was his last on this earth. He became dangerously ill on Palm Sunday, but he went on working, hearing confessions during the long hours in an unheated church, and just about finished Mass on Easter morning.

Father Gallitzin had three consolations before his death. The first, as he stated, was the fact that his will was in order; his second consolation was the presence of his very dear friend, Father Lemcke, to administer the last sacraments; and last, he saw his good friend Fr. Heyden come into Loretto to carry on his work.

Fr. Gallitzin died with his entire parish about his bedside. The word that the good Father Gallitzin was dying spread like fire and on May 6th, 1840, with Father Heyden reading the prayers for the dying and the parish answering, Prince Demetri, America's first priest to be ordained, gave up his spirit to God.

**HUMOR**

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**Mistress** — Fanny! Did you mail the two letters I gave you?

**Fanny**, the maid — Yes'm, at the post office. But I noticed that you put the three-cent stamp on the foreign letter, and the five-cent stamp on the city letter.

**Mistress** — Oh my goodness, what a terrible mistake!

**Fanny** — But I fixed it all right, Mis' Howkins. I just changed the addresses on the envelopes.

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An official of the telephone company was awakened in the wee hours of the morning by the ringing of the telephone. After bruising his knee on a chair and knocking over a table and lamp, he reached the phone.

"Hello!" he growled.

"Are you an official of the telephone company?" asked a voice.

"Yes, What can I do for you?"

"Tell me," continued the voice, "how does it feel to get out of bed at two o'clock to answer a wrong number?"



**K. OF L. CHICAGO DISTRICT CHOIR** which will present its first May Festival Concert, Sunday, May 19th., at the Darius-Girėnas Memorial auditorium, 4416 South Western Ave., under the direction of its conductor, Mr. L. Šimutis, Jr., (seated center).