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FRIDAY, OCT. 4, 1946

LSU News

Union Elects New Officers

LSU to sponsor benefit dance — Holy Hour Oct. 27th
at All Saints' Church, Roseland

After a prolonged recess during the past summer months, the Lithuanian Sodality Union of Chicago resumed activities Sunday, Sept. 29th, with a Union Meeting at Nativity of B. V. M. parish hall, in Marquette Park. The meeting, conducted by Virginia Balnis, was well attended by delegates from the various parishes and was marked by interesting reports and discussions.

The principal task on the day's agenda was the election of new LSU Officers and Central Committees for 1946-47. The following were chosen to guide the destinies of the Lithuanian Sodality Union during the coming year:

Helen Paulis (Brighton Park), prefect; **Dolores Lazutka** (Marquette Park), vice-prefect; **Catherine Washtak** (Cicero), recording secretary; **Mary Balanda** (Bridgeport), corresponding secretary; **Stella Vendzelis** (Town of Lake), treasurer; **Adelle Abromavičius** (Bridgeport) Social Life committee; **Virginia Nause'a** (Bridgeport), Publicity committee.

The Union has resolved to sponsor an informal benefit dance in the near future. The proceeds will go toward the Lithuanian Charities building fund. The date and other details for this affair will be disclosed later.

The Sodality Union Holy Hour will take place Sunday, Oct. 27th, at All Saints' parish church, 108th and



Virginia Balnis

Wabash, Roseland, Services

will begin at 2:00 p. m. The installation of new officers will take place during the Holy Hour.

The Union extended best wishes to the former Union vice-president Virginia Balnis (Bridgeport) who will be married at St. George's on Oct. 13th. The meeting was favored with the presence of its spiritual director Rev. J. Grinis; Nativity assistants Rev. S. Petraszkas and Rev. W. Urba and a staunch booster of the Union, Rev. A. Miciunas, M. I. C.

After the meeting, Marquette's Sodality played hostess by serving the delegates a most delicious and meticulously prepared luncheon.

AN OPEN LETTER

Let's Get Moving....

Dear Sodalists —

I look forward to attending the Sodality Union meetings, I like to hear what is new, what the officers have planned and crave to get acquainted with new gir's.

But what happens — you see the same faces (not that I don't want to see them) but you do know there are a numbers of Sodalists, because we have a number of Sodalities in the Union, but you would never know it by the attendance at these meetings.

Now girls, what is your

FALL DANCE

given by

St. George's Young Ladies' Sodality

Saturday, Oct. 5, '46

ST. GEORGE'S BALLROOM

32nd and Lituanica Ave.
featuring

BOB RUEHLE and His
Orchestra

Entree 8:00 p. m.

reason why you do not come to the meetings? The LSU has been organized to help bring together the Lithuanian Sodalities, but how can it when you do not bother to try and be present at these meetings.

Your excuse that it's too cold to travel or transportation is poor doesn't hold any water, because if you have a date and it's in NO MAN'S LAND, you manage to get there.

So how about giving in and coming down to the next meeting, which will be held in Bridgeport, and let us have your ideas and at the same time you can see your old friends and really have a good time.

And, of course, there always are the delicious refreshments.

A Sodalite

MARKS SITE OF MASSACRE



American servicefolk still in Europe are among the daily visitors to this crucifix marker in Oradour sur Glane, French town where only one woman and a boy escaped the Nazi massacre of the entire population of the town. Crimes like this are now being tried by the Allied War Crimes Commission.

Algerd Brazis Signs With Chicago Opera

CHICAGO — Algerd Brazis, young gifted Lithuanian baritone has at last realized a lifetime ambition — a contract with the Chicago Civic Opera. Mr. Brazis has signed a contract for the 1946 season and will be featured in several coveted roles.

On October 5th Algerd will sing the role of the Helmsman in the matinee performance of TRISTAN and ISOLDE, and in the evening performance of RIGOLETTO, he will appear as Count Ceprano.

On October 12th, at the matinee performance he will repeat the role of Count Ceprano in Verdi's RIGOLETTO, and in the evening he will be the Commissioner in Puccini's MADAME BUTTERFLY.

Did You Know, that in the City Series with the Chicago Cubs, there were 47,144 at the night game, July 9, 1945.

DEMOCRACY IN LITHUANIA

THE CATHOLIC STANDARD TIMES,
Philadelphia, Pa.

We are informed by the various sources of news that the United States and Great Britain are about to recognize Lithuania and the other Baltic States as being parts of Russia. No doubt we shall be told that this is not exactly what is desirable, but expediency insists that it must be done. The world cannot have peace unless the demands of Russia are satisfied. After all (our diplomatists are hinting) Russia does have some sort of justification. If Holland is to reoccupy Java, Great Britain to hold India, and France keep Indo-China, then Russia might reasonably expect that the Baltic States should go back to her. Her security seems to demand it! Of course the Atlantic Charter was not retroactive. It is very unfortunate that Russia is so tyrannical, but what can anyone do? Grumbling won't help. No one is going to war about it. Better forget all about Lithuania and the other Baltic States. In time they will get along quite comfortably as they did before. Communism is really a bogey. It is fear of aggression, not barbarity that makes Russia so autocratic. Wait and see. What the world really needs is peace, and there can be peace in no other way than by giving Russia everything she demands. This is not a compromising of our principles, it is exercising prudence. It is statesmanlike.

When will our people call this sort of thing by its right name? It is cowardly hypocrisy. We are afraid of the big bully, and at the same time playing the bully to those we think we can lick. We have made Franco into a whipping boy in order to show how brave we are. We hang poor weaklings like Joyce and fraternize with those who have slain their tens of thousands. And on this flimsy pretense of being just we expect to build a permanent peace.

As Lithuania is about to be abandoned let us see what has happened there during the past seven years? The facts are extracted from a letter published by its three exiled Bishops.

In the fall of 1939 Russia, by its treacherous pact with Hitler, invaded Poland under the pretense of giving it protection. One of the criminals being tried at Nuremberg arranged the pact with Molotov. There is a picture of the smiling party signing the document at Moscow. From that date Poland was doomed. Russia then forced Lithuania to make a treaty of alliance by which the rights of both States were to be respected during the war. But, as in the fable of the wolf and the lamb, Russia adopted her usual technique and found a reason for tearing up the treaty. In 1940 Lithuania was invaded by force, and all the Baltic States were declared annexed; with, it was deceitfully declared, the consent of the people. The Apostolic Delegate was expelled and a reign of terror instituted. Life was completely disrupted. Thousands were slaughtered, imprisoned or sent to distant parts of Siberia. The Bishops were witnesses of all this. They tell us that everyone who held any prominent position was either liquidated or removed.

(To be continued)

Some One Had Prayed

The day was long, the burden I had borne
Seemed heavier than I could longer bear,
And then it lifted — but I did not know —
Some one had knelt in prayer.

Had taken me to God that very hour,
And asked the easing of the load: and He,
In infinite compassion, had stooped down
And taken it from me.

We cannot tell how often as we pray
For some bewildered one, hurt and distressed,
The answer comes; — but many times those hearts
Find sudden peace and rest.

Some one had prayed, and Faith, a reaching hand,
Took hold of God, and brought Him down that day!
So many, many hearts have need of prayer —
OH, LET US PRAY.

—Author Unknown

FR. JULIAN

In Passing

Not so long ago, one of our sodalists was told by one of her friends, "It seems I must become a nun to get to heaven, otherwise, how can I be good?"

Sure it's true that a nun's life is a holy one. From her own free will she has given herself entirely to her Lord and Master. One day she heard His Call and bravely gave up her folks, her friends, her room, her silks and furs, everything that she loved and held dear even her own way in things to follow Him, to be one of His own. It is a priceless Calling, a beautiful life. But can't a girl, your neighbor be so good as to win heaven from Jesus?

Sissies will tell you that you must give in to the world and its policy, you cannot be a "goody-goody" and be popular; you cannot be "bobby sox" and stay good.

Rubbish, pure asinine rubbish. Only a girl at ease with fellowmen. Only a woman who prays can meet sorrow and trials face to face and come out fighting. Only a girl who realizes that she came from God for God will face sin and temptation and remain pure and decent. Only a woman who daily remembers Her Heavenly Mother will lead her sacred trust—her husband and her children—ever closer to Jesus and Mary.



You can be a coward and try appeasement with the world and its temptations and cowardly maxims. You do that, and you will lose. But if you remain true to the ideals of Mary — a maiden and then a Mother — you will win heaven and Her Son.

WHAT WILL YOU CHOOSE?

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Within the last few months, Protestants have been quite put out at the publicity given to the conversion of Clare Booth Luce and other noted scholars and writers to Catholicity. They will not admit the fact that the best Protestants become Catholics and that poor, unfaithful Catholics become Protestants.

To offset the Catholic gain, the Protestant Center Council issued the notice of 579 conversions from Catholicity to Protestantism.

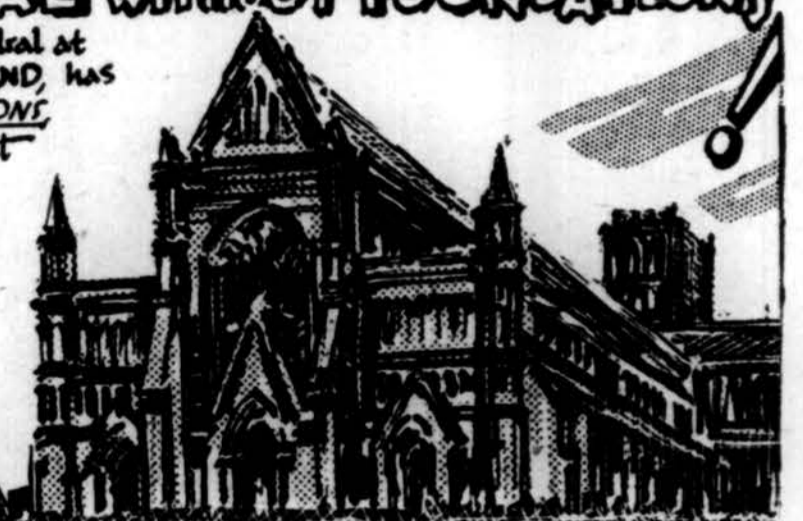
Poor souls, who are just following the example of Martin Luther, an unfrocked priest.

LITTLE KNOWN FACTS

CATHEDRAL without FOUNDATIONS

The immense Cathedral at SAINT ALBANS, ENGLAND, HAS NO FOUNDATIONS according to a recent discovery!

THE BUILDING WAS ERECTED IN THE 12TH CENTURY.



Saint Vincent de Paul was an indefatigable letter-writer. HE IS SAID TO HAVE WRITTEN OVER 30,000 LETTERS!

This relic of the TRUE CROSS in the limestone Convent, Cork, Ireland, was formerly owned by DONALD O'BRIEN, KING OF LIMERICK in the 12TH century who erected HOLY CROSS ABBEY, THURLES, for its reception.

CRUSADERS ENGINEERING FEAT:

THIS CHASM AT SAHYUN, NORTHERN SYRIA—100 FEET LONG AND CARVED INTO THE SOLID PLATEAU—IS ARTIFICIAL!

It served as the moat of a named castle nearby which belonged to the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem. The pinnacle rock—likewise cut out of rock—supported a drawbridge.

For October

Beads From Heaven.....

By FRANCIS J. JANCIUS, M. I. C.

This is the story of a pair of beads — a plain and simple story — as plain and simple as the beads themselves. An important story it is for us, because of the profound influence of these beads upon our lives.

It is a story of sin and virtue, of glory, power, and triumph. It tells of battles won, of nations, families, and individuals saved from ruin and disaster, of miracles wrought by the hands which fondled these beads.

No costly pearls these or diamonds, no ornaments of great price inciting men to envy and greed, arousing low animal passions, bringing pain and sorrow into many lives. Nor are they the charmed beads used by some ancient sorcerer to perform unbelievable feats, a source of untold power to their owners.

No indeed! None of these.

Ordinary beads they are, many hued, of various sizes and shapes, beautiful or unsightly according to one's tastes, expensive or cheap, made of metal or glass or wood — all are BEADS FROM HEAVEN. Their distinguishing characteristics are the tiny crosses to which they are attached. ROSARIES, we call them, you and I.

Pious tradition associates the Rosary with St. Dominic and his spiritual sons, the members of the Dominican Order. The legend is that the Blessed Virgin herself appeared to this pious preacher and gave him the Rosary as a weapon against the heretic Albigensians.

It was not until the fifteenth century, almost two hundred years later, that Dominicans became actively connected with the Rosary Crusade. At that time Bl. Alan De Rupe revived this devotion which rapidly spread through the universal Church.

It is true that rosaries of a sort existed even, before the time of St. Dominic and Bl. Alan. But they were merely computing devices used by the faithful to count prayers.

However, it cannot be denied that through the course of time the Rosary has received Heaven's stamp of approval as evidenced by the facts of history.

Twice, at least, the Rosary won wars. At Lepanto victory came against the Turks, while the Confraternities of the Rosary were holding their processions of supplication to the Queen of Heaven. Later again at Temesvar the Turks were decisively defeated.

As a result of the first victory the feast of the Most Holy Rosary was established.

Further signs of heavenly approval are found closer to our own times. At Lourdes, shrine of many miracles, the Blessed Virgin appeared eighteen times to Bernadette, recited the Rosary with her, and recommended the practice to the whole world.

More recently still, Pope Leo XIII inserted in the Litany of Loreto for the Universal Church the invocation, "Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us!" and later established Rosary Month.

On October 13, 1917, at Fatima, Portugal Our Lady herself summed up in a final tribute the greatness of the Rosary by calling herself the Lady of the Rosary and saying that everybody must recite the Rosary.

Besides all these, countless miracles have taken place through the Rosary proving its power and worth beyond doubt.

And thus, we exhort each and everyone to fervently and faithfully practice this devotion during October the month of the Rosary. Let us all through the Rosary ask Mary for the things we need most in life, above all, for peace. The children of her Rosary cannot ask in vain.

Congratulations...

The Sodality wishes to extend its best wishes to a former prominent sodalist Helen Sharka (Bridgeport) who will be married to Joseph Muskus at St. George's church, Saturday, Oct 5th.

Congratulations, Helen and Joe, and the best of everything!

Presenting This Month's

Outstanding Girl Sodalist

Stella Vendzelis



Stella Vendzelis first Vice-prefect of the Holy Cross Parish Sodality, has been chosen as the outstanding girl of the month. This is certainly a wise choice.

Stella has been with the Sodality for more than seven years. During that time she has proven herself a worthy Sodalite a thousand times over.

Happy - go - lucky Stella

Chicago Opera Dates

SECOND WEEK

Mon., Oct. 7 — LA BOHEME

Kirsten, Greer, Bjoerling, Mascherini.

Wed., Oct. 9 — LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR

Mursel, Tucker, Bonelli, Lazzari.

Fri., Oct. 11 — AIDA

Milanov, Repp, Brum, Warren, Tajo.

Sat. Mat., Oct. 12 — RIGOLETTO

Warren, Antoine, Tucker, Lazzari, Brazis.

Sat. Eve., Oct. 12 — MADAM BUTTERFLY

Kirsten, Tagliavini, Bonelli, Sachs, Brazis.

Senior Miss



GLORIA DeHAVEN, who spent her teens before the cameras, has good reason for that sunny smile. She has been picked by M-G-M for a role in the forthcoming musical based on the life of Jerome Kern, "Till The Clouds Roll By."

keeps everyone laughing, embraces sports and social activities wholeheartedly. Her favorite pastime is dancing — (a very good jitterbug!), and not a bad pastime.

There is another side to Stella about which very few know. She has a deep interest in Our Blessed Mother, and is always enthusiastic about devotions to Her. She is always ready, willing and able to give her last to those more needy than herself.

Stella was elected editor of "Our Lady's Herald" — the Town of Lake Sodality paper. Not knowing very much about an editor's job, she attacked the new work with vim, vigor, and vitality — producing a very interesting little paper. Through her management, it certainly promises to grow more interesting each month.

Daisies to you Stella Vendzelis, (her favorite flower!) and may Our Blessed Mother guide you on to heaven!!!

Roller Derby Opens At Coliseum Oct. 9

CHICAGO — The Roller Derby with its speed demon champions on skates, returns to the Coliseum for a series of nightly games starting Wednesday, October 9, thru Sunday nite, October 27.

The world's fastest male skater, Billy Bogash, will lead the Chicago team with Gerry Murray, America's fastest woman skater also heading the Chicago girls' team.

The visiting team of Brooklyn, N. Y., will be loaded with top stars and headed by Army veteran Elmer Anderson and Midge "Toughie Brashun.

Other veterans who will make their appearance in this series are, Silver Rich, Gene Gammon, Bill Reynolds. Other top stars are Jack Walker, Bobby Johnstone, Tommy Atkinson, Annis "Slugger" Kealey, Ken Monte, Vera Minenko, and Mary Lou Palermo, of Chicago.

The Roller Derby games will start each night at 8:30 with the doors opening each night at 7:30.

Autumn Fantasy.....

Old Plucky Bug Goes To Town

P. P. C.

Just Dreaming

As I was sitting beside the window meditating, a queer bug alighted on my sleeve like some autogiro. His ebony colored shell came to a point at both ends, and his short, sturdy wings, which propelled him, folded compactly under his shell. He resembled the new stream-lined cars. His arrival disturbed my thoughts, so with a stroke of the hand that swept and grasped, I threw him to the ground. The bug hit the rug with ebony armor, none the worse for his fall.

Now the disturbed reflection was given a new twist, and became more interesting. Yes, that bug on my rug is so much luckier than I. See, he took a terrific ride through the air on to the rug, with no ill effect I'll bet he thought he shot through a cannon. Now he is climbing up the leg of the table which holds the goldfish bowl. Just as I thought, he is crawling up the edge of the goldfish bowl. Splash! He has fallen into the bowl.

The fish opened their sleepy eyes to see if food were being served. You know, a bug is fish food, and I screamed to my pal, "Swim or be eaten alive!" Suddenly the goldfish realized he was edible. While the fish were lazily debating the meal question, Buggy was half-way across the bowl. Then began the fight for the delicious morsel. King-fish finally won, and was preparing to snatch Buggy as the latter pulled his last leg out of the water. Mr. Kingfish skyly watched Buggy climb upwards, hoping, he'd fall back in.

The Death Struggle

Buggy was dizzy after the swim, exhausted he fell over the edge of the table. Again he hit the rug with his sturdy shell. Still dazed he firmly strode on until he glanced off the wall. Then and there he decided it would be flying along the wall rather than climbing. Giving his wings a spin, Buggy rose straight up. Fate led him to the darkest corner of our room, where an aged spider welcomed him to his parlor. So he did go in.

The spider pounced on him and began weaving his silvery web about him. That was the prelude to a spectacular struggle. As a wise host, he used special technique on sturdy fighting customers like Buggy, who

spun about, slashing his wings. At one time Buggy was almost free and was set for the take-off, but the delicate twine was fastened to his legs. While he attempted to free his legs, the spider bound up his wings. So the contest of tying and untying ensued until Buggy settled down to be tied for the slaughter. With his wings hid snugly under his armor-like shell, he lay there trying to decide if being fish food would have been a more honorable death.

Though down, he was not cut of the fight. He then pointed the front part of his shell downwards. The second move was a last desperate attempt, because he shifted from one side to the other and fluttered his wings. Then, with one last energetic push of his legs, Buggy was free, taking a nosedive to the rug. His first wish was to take leave, so with a buzz he flashed out to the open air and freedom.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"I myself am quite well." — Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, after dozing at wheel and causing three-car smashup.

"Today's hobbits are gross, not alluring." — Anita (Gentlemen Prefer Blondes) Loos, author.

"There are all kinds of youth today — mostly good." — Ernest (Wild Animals I Have Known) Thompson Seton, author.

"Increased production is the most important thing to be achieved by American industry. It doesn't mean a 'speed-up' or 'sweating' of labor." — Pres. Harry A. Bullis, General Mills.

"There is imperative need that the people be granted equality with labor unions." — Pres. Robert R. Wason, National Association of Manufacturers.

"I'm not giving up." — C. L. Baxter, Los Angeles cook, who did next day, after fasting 83 days.

She: I read that Apollo was chasing a nymph and she turned into a tree.

He: Apollo was lucky. Those I chase always turn into a night club or restaurant.

Facts About Lithuania

Did You Know.....

By Frances M. Siedlik

● It was the clothing of so attractive design and coloring that won for Lithuanian men and women the distinction of being the most picturesque immigrants of the late sixties, when their native costumes first stood out in resplendent relief against the neutral blacks and grays and blues of other Europeans?

● The first considerable immigration from Lithuania was in 1868, although the first Lithuanians to come to America were those who in 1777 accompanied General Tadas Kosciusko, himself of Lithuanian birth, to help America in its struggle for independence?

● That the Lithuanian language is the oldest living Indo-European language in the world? It has been a special attraction to scientists for many years. They have delved into the language in search of facts about the dim ages, and their discoveries have added to the world store of knowledge.

● That Immanuel Kant, one of the greatest thinkers of modern times, was born in 1724, in Konigsberg, once the Lithuanian City of Karaliaucius? His parents were

Lithuanians and his love for Lithuania is revealed in his writings and his attachment for the city of his birth was such that he never left the city during the 30 years of his professorship at the University in that city.

● To peoples of other countries the customs relating to marriage in Lithuania are interesting? At peasant weddings it is customary for the bride to weep during the entire ceremony. The older women otherwise may scold her for lacking an appreciation of the seriousness of matrimony. A series of festivities begins after the marriage ceremony starting with a feast at the bride's mothers, next the groom's mothers, and then, in turn by the other relations at their respective homes.

Talking It Over

En Route To India

Several days ago, five men from West Baden College said goodbye to family, friends, and everything else in the States, boarded ship, and headed for Patna, India. One of these men hails from St. Ignace, Michigan, one from Covington, Kentucky, one from Dayton, Ohio, and two from Chicago, Illinois. I have known these men intimately for seven years. They studied with me over books of ancient literature and over tomes of philosophy.

But as much as it hurts to end their companionship, I know, as their parents know, that, in becoming missionaries, they are listening to a very special request of Jesus Christ, who said, "Go, teach ye all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost".

Over in the hot country of India, where cows are venerated as sacred, there are many thousands of people who have never heard the name of Jesus Christ. Imagine! A little girl who answers the missionary in all simplicity with "Who is Jesus Christ?" Or a little Indian boy who does not know the story of Bethlehem and the shepherds. These five missionaries will continue to spread the fire of Christ that was begun in

the East four hundred years ago by St. Francis Xavier. "Go, teach ye all nations." The promising mind of the University of Paris listened to that request. Now other Xaviers listen and are filled with a strong desire to see Christianity ablaze in the Orient.

There is nothing romantic in this endeavor. There is nothing thrilling about leaving one's family and friends for good, about working systematically year in and year out under a seething sun. The novelty will soon wear off and they will know the reality of their hard task. But there is romance — the highest romance possible — in working for Christ. There is an indescribable thrill in knowing that you are responsible for carrying the good news of Christianity to another soul — another person who might otherwise never have heard of Jesus Christ the Son of God.