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## POLES NAB 40 IN NAZI PLOT

Prominent Leaders in German Minority Arrested

LONDON, Feb. 15.—(Monday)—(RNS)—Forty prominent members of the German minority in Poland have been arrested since Friday on charges of "high treason," the Daily Express reported from Warsaw today.

Those arrested, according to the dispatch, were accused of forming a secret military organization, holding drills and spreading anti-Polish propaganda aimed at bringing about the return to Germany of territory ceded to Poland under the Versailles treaty.

The men seized, it was added, included Herman Gebauer, local leader of the Nazi "German association."

German Ambassador Von Moltke, the dispatch related, lodged a protest with Polish Foreign Minister Joseph Beck which Beck rejected.

## It Might Be Right

By Frank Kornacki

"Some folks rail against other folks because other folks have what some folks would be glad of."

Joseph A. Fielding.

Indignant are the remarks of the cynics who look upon state executive appointments with envious disfavor. Currently the public prints dwell at length on the unprecedented number of new colonies assigned in Wisconsin by Gov. J. P. Heil.

To the business heads and civic leaders who received honorable ranking from the governor, the appointments must seem a farcical absurdity as a result of "sour grapes" publicity. But, perhaps, the editors who never earned an award delight in treating humorously of the subject out of sheer envy.

Certainly, the estimable gentlemen promoted to military rank need not be denied an honorable award for the interest and zeal extended in the promotion of a successful cause. It is a little look upon its staff of colonels with justifiable pride, for in choosing these men Gov. Heil was aware that all placed high as American citizens of character first. That they were leaders in business and industry attested further to their qualifications. And, that they worked tirelessly in harmony to outsmart the field in political combat, deserves the badge of merit in any man's army.

The fibres of the critics be motivated by envy, there is little method to their madness, for one who knew better once wrote, "Envy is the sincerest form of flattery."

## BUILDING INSPECTOR GURDA

CALLS PARLEY ON FIRE TRAPS

Responsibility is Placed on Law Laws

Shortly after a major fire swept through a crowded rooming house at 1631 W. Wisconsin Ave. on Tuesday morning, resulting in the injury of twenty-two persons, Building Inspector Leon M. Gurda decided to call an immediate conference with the state industrial commission at Madison for the purpose of amending the state laws in order to give the commission greater and more effective regulatory powers over urban housing standards. Gurda revealed that inadequate state laws, a critical housing shortage and curtailed inspection service were responsible for hazardous conditions existing in many sections of the city. The building in question was a 50 year old mansion converted into a rooming house with 35 light housekeeping units on its four floors.

An alderman whose name has not been revealed charged that living quarters in some of the city's remodelled mansions are no better than "rabbit hutchies," with electric wires strung along wood walls and under carpets, and with flimsy combustible partitions constituting a perpetual fire hazard.

Gurda stated that under the present law the city was unable to enforce stricter housing regulations because they could be successfully attacked in the courts. Many fire traps exist, he said, despite the fact that 6,000 such buildings have been condemned and razed in the last 11 years.

"It is unfortunate that to condemn more would eliminate the last of the dwelling quarters available to the lowest income group and drive people into trailer camps and shacks," he added.

"Only 14.3 per cent of Milwaukee's dwelling units are vacant which means that there is a more acute housing shortage than immediately after the war."

## CYO DEBATING

## TEAMS COMPETE

Fred A. Muth, assistant executive secretary of the Catholic Youth Organization, announced official opening of the group's debating contests this week.

Six debating teams composed of St. Barbara's, St. Lawrence No. 1 and No. 2 teams, St. Matthews, Holy Assumption, and St. Matthews, No. 2, are scheduled to open the regular season for Debate League Division 2.

Each parish is represented by these teams and a debating team. Divisional cultural directors are supervising team combats.

Representative schools will participate in debates over a period of five weeks, concluding the week of March 12 to 18.

## Administrative Skill of Msgr. Ratti During Invasion of Poland Revealed

### Empire State Still Tops in Tax-Paying and Height

Empire State Building ... retains its rank

By Central Press

NEW YORK—The Empire State Building—102 stories high—retains its rating this year as the highest tax-paying single privately-owned building in America. And no structure to surpass it in height is looked for in New York for some years to come.

Tentative New York tax assessments for 1939-40 place the valuation of Empire State at \$27,750,000, unchanged from the previous year.

But Rockefeller Center buildings, as a group, are in first place with \$65,100,000. This will be considerably higher next year, as four more buildings will go into the assessment when completed.

Then there are the Metropolitan Life Insurance home office buildings at Madison Square. They are down on the 1939 valuation list for \$25,250,000. But an additional \$13,000,000 building will be completed next year.

Among the hotels, the Waldorf, takes top rank with \$29,000,000—down \$500,000 from last year. Next ranking hotel in valuation is the Commodore—at \$13,500,000.

The Chrysler building still holds second place in height in New York (and America)—77 stories, 1,046 feet high. The Empire State is 1,248 feet high. Third tallest building is 60 Wall Tower, which is not in Wall Street, but Pine Street—390 feet.



## JANUARY HEALTHIEST IN CITY'S HISTORY

City health commissioner Dr. J. P. Koehler, named January as the healthiest first month in the history of the city. One case of diphtheria was the only report of serious illness. All contagious diseases, except scarlet fever, were diminishing in number.

The infant mortality rate was 36 for each 1,000 living births, and the general death rate, 8.8 per 1,000 population. Dr. Koehler said there have been lower death rates reported for other months, but never in January.

## STATE CENTRAL COUNCIL PLANS ANNUAL CONVENTION

Plans are being made to hold an annual convention of central committees belonging to the state Central Council of Poles.

In Kenosha on Sunday, February 12, 1939, Albert Pawlak, president of the state Central Council, and atty. Leon Kazmierczak met Theodore Szelski, vice president, to go over plans for the general convention to be held sometime in May or June.

It is expected that personal contacts will be made with Northern Wisconsin this year to get more organizations into the state Central Council.

## PAINTING SUBWAY TO BE DONE BY WPA MEN

New York, N. Y. — The dark, gloomy atmosphere of New York's subway will be given a bit of dash and color by WPA artists, who were assigned to decorate with murals and sculptures.

City council authorities approved of the measure to add life to their subways, but not without protests over the probable quality of the artists assigned.

John H. Delany, chairman of the board of transportation, did not favor the measure. "I saw some of the pictures done by WPA artists," he said, "and their idea of art wasn't anything I'd care to put in a subway."

## MRS. LOUIS A. FONS EXPRESSES THANKS

Mrs. Louis A. Fons, president of the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Joseph's Orphanage, expresses her sincere and heartfelt thanks to Mrs. J. A. Lukomicki and the members of her committee for their splendid efforts which resulted in the success of the Charity Ball at the Schroeder Hotel last Saturday evening.

## Archbishop Ratti Preferred To Stay in Poland When Warsaw Was Attacked by Bolshevik Hordes in 1920

Ravaged Poland had suffered immeasurably, politically and economically, during the war. The suffering was intense and the clergy — priests and bishops — shared great responsibility in relieving it.

Though the Polish State had been erected by the Austro-German agreement of 1915, recognized by the Russo-German treaty at Brest-Litovsk in 1918, it still had to await the outcome of the war before its identity was established. Victory for the Allies brought complete independence and in June, 1919, the Holy See established a nunciature in Warsaw with Msgr. Ratti in charge, elevating him at the same time to the rank of Titular Archbishop of Lepanto.

## REMANINED IN WARSAW

Msgr. Ratti desired to be consecrated in Warsaw on October 28, 1919, the ceremony was performed. Thereafter began the hard work of his appointment. Centuries of confusion plus the war required the realignment of the settlement of many property questions, and the reorganizing of the part the Church was to play under the new constitution and in education. Principles were clear enough to Archbishop Ratti, but practical application tested his ability. So well did he achieve the reorganization of the Church in Poland, however, that Estonia, Finland and Latvia were added to his care by the admiring Pope Benedict. Other hardships and problems too, confronted him.

When the Russian Reds attacked Warsaw in 1920, no diplomatic courtes left the city. But Archbishop Ratti asked permission of the Pope to remain, saw to the safety of official documents, accompanied the miraculously saved of 500 students from Warsaw Holy School on the front which turned back the enemy and saved Poland from Russia.

## MEMBER OF PLEBISCITE COMMISSION

Following more reconstruction he was made a member of the Interim Commission to conduct the plebiscite for Upper Silesia, fiercely contested by Italian German and Polish interests. It was a delicate and complicated task, one in which he as nuncio had little authority for Cardinal Interam. Archbishop Gonsky remained supreme. Holding to his viewpoint, his conviction as he saw it in the clash of national animosities, he became the object of attack by both German and Polish nationals, the while interpreting Archbishop Gonsky's problems — presented in accordance with traditions at Rome and for

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## WASHINGTON, KOSCIUSZKO AND LINCOLN

We are currently commemorating the anniversaries of the birth of three great Americans — George Washington, Thaddeus Kosciuszko and Abraham Lincoln. We include Kosciuszko among America's great because he was given the rights of citizenship by Congress and because his contributions to the cause of the independence of the thirteen colonies place him in that category.

All three dedicated their lives to the propagation and realization of the same ideals—national unity and freedom for the oppressed. Kosciuszko was the first to enlist in the cause when the independence of Poland was threatened. He fought valiantly to save his country, but fate willed otherwise and Poland was partitioned. But Kosciuszko was interested in more than just the freedom of Poland. He was inspired by the ideal itself. When he heard that somewhere across the Atlantic ocean thirteen small colonies were struggling to achieve the same ideal he fought for, it did not take him long to come to the American continent and to offer his services to General Washington. What Kosciuszko did in the war is a matter of historical record. Perhaps not so well known, however, is his last will and testament, in which he left his entire fortune of some \$50,000 to be used for the purpose of spreading propaganda to abolish slavery and to win freedom for the negro.

Not until Lincoln came along, however, was it possible to fulfill the last will and testament of Kosciuszko. Lincoln was its ultimate executor when he erased the most disgraceful blot on the history of civilization,—the enslavement of a human being and his degradation to the level of an animal.

Washington, Kosciuszko, Lincoln. These three names will live as long as the ideals for which they fought will live. It is up to us as Americans to see to it that they do survive and that "government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth".

## OUR POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY

A host of 108 candidates for the school board and a number of candidates for a few judgeships will be up for nomination on March 14, less than a month from now. Here is a splendid opportunity for such a body as the Casimir Pulaski Council to demonstrate the usefulness of its Political Committee. The Council justly merits the confidence and esteem of citizens, for its civic record is an open one. And here indeed, the temporary governing board of the Central Citizens' Committee may show the sincerity of its purpose and the justification for the existence of that body.

A study of all candidates for the purpose of advising voters of the qualifications of each aspirant for office would serve a public need. Such united action would be most welcome to all civic minded voters who have the best interests of the city's schools at heart and who believe that qualified candidates should be elected as judges.

## POPE PIUS XI

The spiritual leader of over 300,000,000 Catholics has passed on. His career was one which it would do us all good to review for the edifying example it offered the whole world.

Born to a silk worker of meagre means, Achille Ratti knew the life of plain and ordinary people from his earliest experiences. Throughout his life he had their interests at heart. It was for them that he devoted his mind, his intellect and his heart. In whatever position circumstances found him, there he put forth his best efforts in behalf of the people to whose service his life had been dedicated. As a humble priest in Milan he directed a chimney-sweepers' union along paths consistent with Christian justice. When because of his advancement his opportunities for service were increased, he gave more and more of himself, showing by his life what a leader must always be — a personality that gives its all for the many that look to it for direction, without expectation of any reward.

While the Catholic world as a whole mourns this noble spirit, the Poles in particular lament his passing. As papal nuncio to Poland when that country was again the bulwark of christian civilization against the barbaric onslaught of hordes from the east, it was this man who together with Pilsudski, kept alive the flagging courage of the Poles and nurtured it to an extent where it became invincible. That was the miracle of the Vistula.

This heroic feat should inspire us all to great courage and firm resolve, for it proves that lofty ideals patiently and persistently carried out must triumph.

## "A THING OF BEAUTY IS A JOY FOREVER"

Milwaukee's new water purification plant, recently completed with the aid of PWA funds, is an exceptional point of interest. Located between the lake and Lincoln Memorial Drive, the structure enhances the esthetic values of an already beautiful environment. And well it should, for the cost of the building and equipment ran over \$5,000,000.

But one thing seems to have been generally overlooked by those who usually cry out against too much public spending. The purification plant would have probably cost \$1,000,000 less if the construction contract were stripped of specifications that tended toward luxury. If the plant were not so attractive, easily 20 per cent of the entire cost would have been saved, without deleting a single item necessary for efficient operation.

We have neither heard nor read one word of criticism against the spending of tax money to make this public industrial plant beautiful. No firm of disinterested engineers has been asked to investigate the relative cost of the luxurious appointments.

But our ears are still ringing from the din created over the cost of Pulaski High, which incidentally, is not an industrial plant. "A thing of beauty is a joy forever".....produced it is on the Gold Coast.

## As Washington Spins

By ELEANOR BARK.

At the first meeting for the 76th Congress of the Committee on Invalid Pensions, of which Congressman Lesinski is Chairman, the new rules covering the increased jurisdiction of the committee were tentatively adopted and a sub-committee was appointed to meet with the Senate Committee on Pensions in order that the rules might be effective jointly.

If the new rules, on which the committee has been working since the beginning of this session are finally adopted, more widows and dependents of veterans will be eligible for pension, for there has been some loosening of the stringency of former rules.

"There certainly is nothing unfair about that legislation," Congressman Lesinski stated with reference to the bill placing an income tax on city, county and state employes, on which he voted "yes."

Any of those city, county and state employes who have in the past criticized government spending will now have every right to criticize because they, too, will be carrying their tax burden to the fullest possible extent.

From now on the Senate will

## WHO'S WHO.



CONGRESSMAN RUDOLPH G. TENCZEROWICZ, M. D.

Rudolph G. Tenczerowicz, Congressman from the 5th Michigan district, was born on June 14, 1890, of Polish parentage in Budapest, Austria. He received his education in a parochial school at Adrian, Pa.; St. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake, Mich.; St. Bonaventure's College, Allegheny, N. Y.; St. Ignatius College, Chicago, Ill., and graduated from the school of medicine at Loyola University, Chicago, in 1912.

He practiced medicine and surgery in Chicago until January, 1923, when he took post graduate courses in surgery at the Illinois Post Graduate School. He then moved to Hamtramck, Michigan, where he has practiced medicine and surgery for the past twenty-six years.

He enlisted in the U. S. Army and was commissioned as first lieutenant in the Medical Corps in 1917. He was honorably discharged in 1918 and commissioned captain in the Medical Reserve Corps. He was elected Mayor of the city of Hamtramck four times and was elected to Congress on November 8, 1938.

have more prayers said in its behalf.

A resolution was passed which provides that the Senate Chaplain shall offer prayer at the beginning of each day's session, whereas heretofore prayers had been offered only when the Senate met after adjourning.

It looks as if the members of both Houses are getting a little humble and have decided that they need "outside" help on all the big problems before them this Congress.

Between the House and Senate, there is a great deal of juggling the scales with our poor budget this session.

They add a billion here and subtract a million there; for example, they take this much away from Relief and add that much for Armament; they take so much from the T. V. A. Funds and add so much to the Dies Committee Investigation.

Thought for the week: The Dies Committee started a new fad with their label "un-American."

Now, whenever anyone attacks some person or thing, they use the expression "un-American." A little thought on the subject would cause one to ask: "Just what is American?"

Before a hearing of the Military Affairs Committee recently, Major-General H. H. Arnold, Chief of the Army Air Corps, stated that the army needs 3000 additional planes to be built by 1941. If the army's plans to expand production are adopted, he said, it will mean jobs in private industry for between 30,000 and 50,000 mechanics — two or three times the force employed in the private airplane industry today. This is one of the many reasons, Congressman Lesinski stated, that he is in favor of the proposed armament plans.

Letters of appreciation and thanksgiving have been coming in from all over the country daily to Congressman Lesinski's office on the bill he recently re-introduced to provide that widows and remarried widows of honorably discharged Civil War veterans with 90 days or more of service, or with less than 90 days if discharged for disability, will receive increased pension based on age. If the bill should be enacted into law, widows less than 50 years of age would receive \$30 per month; those between 50 and 65 years of age would receive \$40, and those over 65, \$50, provided they had lived with their soldier husbands for two years prior to death.

It appears that the voters are just as interested in foreign affairs as their own local situation. Among the many petitions received in Congressman Lesinski's office this last week was one from "the residents of the 16th Congressional District of Michigan favoring the policy of neutrality as enunciated in the Act of Congress of August 31, 1939 and also in the act of May 1, 1937." Said petition was introduced and referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

# NOTINGS

BERNARD J. ADAMKIEWICZ

## THE CHARITY BALL

To properly visualize the gaiety, charm and magnificent splendor of the Charity Ball, given Saturday last under the baton of the Ladies Aid Society of St. Joseph's Orphanage in the Crystal ball room of the Schroeder hotel, one would necessarily have to pluck one of those succulent paragraphs from an early Rupert Hughes effusion. Mr. Hughes, we recall, many years back, in his inimitable kaleidoscopic manner, portrayed a similar affair in New York city held in the soft-mooded year of 1904 when jay-gel apparelled and opulently bewigged ladies arrived with their attentive cavaliers in carriages, and the less fortunate, but equally highly enthusiastic apostles, among the trolly cars and in those days presumably dumped them in front of the auditorium where the ball held sway.

## THE 1938 VERSION

Followers of the trollycars who packed the spacious and glittering crystal ball room at the Schroeder hotel Saturday would not think, of course, of drawing up in front of the hostelry in an open barouche or in a sulky, unless perhaps it were a car, and like a gentleman we know, who would do it for the devil of it, no doubt, and probably aperch the nag's back instead of on the cushions. Yet even now, those who were at the affair of last Saturday in the trolleys and cars, and dinner coats and tails, made quite a show of it as their shiny gas buggies purred up in front of the hotel doors with both their chauffeur and doorman bowing in humble tribute.

## WITH ROYAL ARRARS AND RESPLENDENT GOLD

It was a gay, chattering resident assemblage, "a handsomely caparisoned audience," as our good friend, Dean Francis X. Swielicki of Marquette Law School, would say. They braved the fury of a storm, or blizzard, or something, that was in the offing. No gum looking individuals anywhere. Even old man Diogenes with his ancient lantern would not be seen about here.

Actual visaged bachelors? Aplenty, indeed, as: Frank Wabiszewski, industrial tycoon, John Kazmarowski, insurance magnate, Clem Witt, Phil Rajski and Al Dziedzic, pharmaceutical plutocrats; Walter A. Celichowski, Louis A. Foss, Roman Antkowiak, et al. There also was the town's boniface, economist dr. Joseph Jankowski, genial Joseph Birkenmajer, Professor of Polish at the University of Wisconsin, and John C. Kleska, Circuit Court Judge, reserved dr. A. Kruszczyewski and his very charming young lady, Miss Rose Mietas, rotund Walter Przybylski, rotogrocerian William C. Mans, executive director of Gov. John P. Hall, and bubbling over with good humor drs.: S. Stanley Krzyzko, S. A. Baranowski and Ben A. Mogilka, and an unending list of others. Among the more restrained white tie and starched shirt whoopers were: John Pruski, ex-calling sleuth and Sherlock Holmes, Hazzard Max Noll, Municipal Court Justice, Sam Smith, of the Air Reduction Co., George Bowman, as-

stant district attorney and candidate for Circuit Court judge, Atty. Walter Price, candidate for Civil Court bench, and any number of others. And, certainly, he cannot overlook the figure of Col. Peter Plasecki, former Postmaster of our fair city, now General Manager of the Kurzyr Polski, and his very charming spouse.

## AN EX-HOST TO ROYALTY

There was famed Theodore, of the Pfister hotel, who is no longer at his post there but is a gentleman of leisure. We cannot tell what went on in the mind of this suave, gentle fellow who, as head waiter of the old Pfister personally greeted kings and queens, princesses and duchesses and worldwide celebrities. To him plebeian and patrician dishes alike were on the order of the day, be it the lowly, yet withal gastronomic perfection of the special roast beef or La Supreme de Poulaire de Bresse au Beurre Oisette with les Pointes d'asperge a l'etuvée (creamed chicken served with drawn butter and creamed asparagus tips) served with the famed Pfister white Bordeaux wine, Chateau Yquem 1921. About him, wherever his eyes chanced to glance, youthful beauty was to display... It was a sort of Paradise Revue which enticed the bored and once again endowed all around with Zierglottian laments in coralling the fetchingest, shapeliest beauties in town... Youth and paprikash zest were the attractive lure — and we old men in the doddering 40's sighed and pined in utter helplessness... Nor was this feeling of gloom dispelled as we, accompanied by dr. Ben A. Mogilka, Clem Witt and our own dr. Joseph J. Adamkiewicz wandered into the foyer, where more youthful charmers and all around pretties were on display... And we thrilled anew, upon our return to where we belonged, over the vocal charm and artistry of the seductive chanteuse, Irene Janiszewski, already, according to reports, destined for Hollywood glorification...!

## AH, THOSE LADIES!

And we should like, but shall refrain, to name some of the ladies who easily were the outstanding phenomenon of the nocturnal whirl. There were sally, sabled and orchideadness blondes, brunettes, and a few of the hair-raised lovelies, some somewhat glacial, others glamorous creatures that had turned the heads of — a conservative estimate — a hundred cavaliers. One particularly had the charm of a music that showed the catholicity of taste for each dance a shining, new gallant... And that one who looked so much like the highly publicized Irene Bordoni, last of the French delimiters of the chaperone with the music hall accent and shoulder shrug... Oo-la!

All in all, it was not a night of frustration, partial, complete or otherwise. With our own two charmers at hand, the wife and daughter "Dickie," all that was necessary to make the evening most happily complete was the presence of our niece: Wladzia and Cyrilla Niedzielski of Chicago!

# BUTTERFLIES AND SNOW-DRIFTS ON MOUNT KOSCIUSZKO

(By T. Dumbabin, in Walkabout Geographical Monthly Melbourne, Victoria.)

Butterflies make a pretty picture against the snow. On a fine October day they flit along the edge of the snowdrifts on the slopes of Mt. Kosciuszko, above the 6,000 feet level, their red and brown wings showing out in vivid contrast with the white snow, lightly marked and mottled by the red dust blown off the western plains.

As we climb over the huge snowdrifts that cover the eastern slope of the actual summit, however, you leave the butterflies behind. Less picturesque but more persistent, the Blowflies take their place. Standing on the actual peak, where Com. Strzelecki built a cairn, the highest point of the roof of Australia, 7,328 feet above the sea, you look out on a frozen world. All around are snow-covered peaks with black rocks standing out here and there with startling distinctness. The magnificent Mt. Kosciuszko Hotel looks from far distance as a beautiful toy-land. To the northward the snow-covered Main Range extends away as far as the eye can reach.

To the southward there is but a narrow belt of snow and below that you look down on the tangled mountain masses and deep valley of the Upper Murray, the headwaters of largest river in Australia. Here they meet high mountain and street level, stretching away to blue infinity. Even in this direction, however, the snow-clad peaks of the Pilot rise above the blue.

On the summit of Mt. Kosciuszko, a space of an acre or so has been swept clear of snow by the wind which has piled up snow on the slopes below to such a depth that the snow-poles on the road, which are a dozen feet or more in height, are actually buried for half a mile.

Sheltered by the summit cairn from the chill breeze that blows across the snow, you gaze on the Australian continent that seems at first void of life. Far to the eastward you look out on the open country towards Jindabyne but for all that you can see as far as the distance it might as well be living things as the lunar landscapes that one sees through a telescope.

A famous Polish explorer, 99 years ago, was the first white man to conquer this highest mountain and on February 15th started on its peak following statement:

IN THE NAME OF POLAND I NAME THEE, THE HIGHEST PEAK OF THE AUSTRALIAN ALPS: MOUNT KOSCIUSZKO. And for 99 years snowy peak is a symbol of Australian independence.

## MOUNT MARY DRAMATIC GROUP FURNISHES PROGRAM FOR CLUB

Wauwatosa's Twentieth Century Topic Club was entertained last Monday by a dramatic program supplied by the students of Mount Mary's drama class.

# AS LOOK AT IT

By LADISLAW EDGAR

## ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

St. Valentine's Day is one day of the year when so many feminine eyes scan the post for meaningful missives that increase the tempo of their dear little hearts.

It is a day of tender yearnings, of great expectations, and mellow memories.

Perhaps this is an opportune time to appeal to the vast army of young Polish-American men to organize a bachelors' club, among the whims of the ever undaunted fair sex. Really, and in all seriousness, such bachelors' club could do much for the preservation of chivalry.

After all, the American elite has such bachelors' clubs, and if we may be so bold, we would venture to say, much good has been accomplished.

So, if some courageous young men of Polish extraction will step forward to organize a bachelors' club, this scribble will be first in line to enroll. Then there are such men of prominence as Atty. Joseph Swiderski, Benedict F. Lewandowski, Edmund D. Lewandowski, Atty. Stephen Lewandowski, Stanislaw Kraszka, Atty. Thaddeus Wasielewski, Bill Holubowicz, and a host of others who are eligible to become members.

For president I nominate Wallace E. Maciejewski.

And all these men, once organized, will really do things in a big way.

It seems the vogue of bachelors everywhere to select what is known as "their glamour girl." Just think, my good friends, how effectively this group of bachelors could glorify the lassie who is the Polish equivalent of the girl who possesses those certain qualities which make her attractive.

Yes, and although yours truly is a confirmed bachelor, he does like to glorify the dear little girls. I have always felt that so many of our attractive girls have not been "sold." What I mean is that they have not been glorified. It may be that the fault lies with us, the bachelors. Others have not as much glamour as many of our Polish-American girls, yet they seem to break into the public prints almost without a stop. Therefore, be it resolved, that I am for the glorification of our Polish-American girls. But I stress them! God bless them! But I still choose to remain a bachelor...!

## WONDERS OF PUBLICITY

Having worked on various newspapers and in various capacities during the last decade, I do know that publicity (the right kind) can do wonders.

Politicians, actors, fight promoters, businessmen and merchants realize the value of publicity. They engage people to write for them especially.

Our Polish-American organizations, too, realize the necessity of publicity. But they do not hire

a man or a woman best qualified to do the work. Instead, the chairman of the committee will telephone to the editor of a Polish language newspaper and say: "Napiszta tam co o tej naszej zabawie, bo my juz dalim wom ogłoszenie".

Heaped up to his head in work, the overworked editor of the Polish daily is impelled to go out of his way and write "something" about this and that event.

But here, right here, my gentle reader, is the big joke. The man who telephoned the editor of the Polish language newspaper and requested for perhaps threatened an editor to write "something" will get up at the meeting of his organization and say:

"Panie i Panowie: Jezeli zabawa nasza byla wielkim sukcesem to dzieki jedynie mojemu pracy, bo ja pioletem do gazet wszyskaj reklam, a gdyby nie bylo reklamy, nie bylaby sukcesu naszej zabawy".

## POLISH FINE ARTS CLUB

Comments are still being heard on the success of the Polish Fine Arts club and its initial venture for the benefit of the Kosciuszko Foundation, held in the Pfister hotel of downtown Milwaukee amid Tatra mountain atmosphere.

I cannot help but add my word of praise for this energetic, intelligent and industrious aggregation of young people.

The work of the undertaking was so well performed by the various people forming the different committees, that I am lavish in my praise of the group. Really, I marvel at the harmony and intelligence of this group.

It may not be amiss to say that the event drew approximately 1,000 people and demonstrated to the people of Milwaukee that Polish-Americans possess many things of which they are rightfully proud.

The "Gorals" were there, and the ballroom was transformed into a veritable mountain scene.

It was a night of joy for many others who left their homeland seeking a new freedom from political, religious and racial persecution. And it was a night of joy for members of the Polish Fine Arts club, too, for they have once again given proof of their desire to work for the Polish-American cause.

My admiration goes to members of the Polish Fine Arts club!



## AUTHORITIES SEEK KIN OF PIETROWSKI, CUDAHY POLE

County General hospital officials are seeking relatives of Albert Pietrowski, 45, of 3431 E. Plankinton ave., Cudahy. Pietrowski died at the hospital last Tuesday.

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## COURIER— SPORT POTPOURRI

By BILL BRUNON

### CATHOLIC CONFERENCE NOTES

With the current cage season nearing its end, it is becoming more and more evident that the Catholic conference could have been stronger than it is, in the sense that a greater number of teams of equal caliber would have made the competition keener than it was. As it is the Catholic conference appears to be the strongest loop in prep circles. In engagements in which Catholic conference teams have competed with City and Suburban teams, almost without exception the Catholic conference's teams emerged victorious.

Regardless of the comparative strength of the loop, the fact that other Catholic high school teams playing on an independent basis have demonstrated by their showings in encounters with the top members of that they should be reckoned with, should be considered when the officials of the league meet to formulate next year's program.

This all leads up to a recounting of some of the results of the contests so far. Taking St. Bonaventure out at Sturtevant, recent reports indicate that the material on hand there is worthy of conference competition. In recent games, St. Bon's trounced St. John's of Milwaukee and St. Catherine's of Racine. The Bonaventurites lost to St. Stanislaus of Milwaukee by a small margin and have yet to meet the other teams in the league. St. Crispin's, also in the loop, gained prestige by upsetting the strong Messmer five last Sunday. Messmer would have been in undisputed possession of first place had the Colletine boys been able to try the Belle City cagers, as Marquette, co-holder of first place, lost another to it's jinx, the St. Stanislaus basketballers, but loosing to the Catherineites lent championship color to the Bonaventurites' victory over the Racine boys the following Sunday.

Outside of the Bonaventure team there are two other Catholic high schools which are beginning to come into their own in the caging world, namely, Plus XI high school and St. Mary's.

### THE WRESTLING GAME

Professional wrestling or wrestling which appeals primarily to the primitive instincts of man has gradually become one of the sports in which very few people are interested. The sport has degenerated to the point where they attend these mauling matches as mainly to satisfy the desire to see blood and actually revel in the sight of legal assault and battery which borders on potentiality intended manslaughter. The rule of the wrestling which disregards all semblance of rules in favor of giving the fans a show is having its repercussions which do not spell a very good future for the game. In a recent match in Pittsburgh a Buffalo wrestler was seriously injured when he was kicked back into the ringside seats by his opponent as he was crawling back into the ring after having been thrown

high school of Burlington. Although the Plus XI quintet would probably have a pack of trouble on their hands meeting such brilliant teams as Marquette, Messmer and St. Stan's, they nevertheless would have to give the opposition some trouble before submitting.

The Bonaventure team would stand the best chance of coming through in Catholic high competition, mainly because of the present location of all games away from home.

Heretofore when St. Bon's was in the conference, the Sturtevant boys played under a disadvantage. Out at Sturtevant the Bon's cagers have one of the largest gymnasiums in the state, and when they played away from home the principal factor of a hostile crowd and a strange floor, usually a much smaller and completely foreign one, played havoc with their chances. At home they almost invariably offered tough competition to any visiting team. Two years previous to the time when the Bonaventurites dropped from the league, they held a record of no defeats at home for three years, which is quite a record.

Under the present setup all Milwaukee games are being played at the Marquette university gymnasium, a neutral floor, which at the same time reaches the proportions of the Sturtevant gym. If the Sturtevant cagers were in the league this year, there is no question in this department's opinion but that Bon's would have probably been the "dark horse" which would really come through.

The Bonaventurite Athletic department would do well to consider reentering the league next year.

In next week's issue there will be a story on the record compiled by the Sturtevant team which is quite a record considering the competition the Eagles were up against. The following week, an article on the achievements of the surprisingly powerful St. Stanislaus high school team will appear in the columns of the Courier.

out once before. The fans and the injured wrestler's handlers immediately vented their indignation upon the offending wrestler by pummeling him. The ring became a real interloper. The referee and police were forced to intervene.

In complete opposition to this type of sport, local wrestling enthusiasts have declared themselves by sponsoring amateur wrestling shows for the public at a nominal price. These matches are conducted under strict amateur rules and although the match isn't exactly a "crowd appeal" it lends itself well to the all-around development of the competitors.

In matches of this kind, the winner is usually the more skillful of the two as the advantage always goes to the better wrestler.

### GLIDING—NEWEST OF SPORTS IN POLAND

With the exception of Germany, Poland leads the Continent in gliding. Near the Carpathians in the south where the air currents are stimulated by the rise and fall of the land is located Poland's principal gliding center.

There is also a club near Warsaw which puts forth many fine pilots. This is a primary training field. Approximately one hundred twenty-five students are enrolled each year to learn the first principles of flying.

It is said that one can learn in thirty lessons and can gain complete mastery of this new sport in four thirty lesson courses.

A gliding machine may cost as little as two-hundred fifty dollars and tuition is approximately twenty dollars a month. The training machine consists of a light oiled fabric stretched over a slender wooden frame forming the wings and the rudder. The pilot's seat is out in the open frame. The craft is very light because there is no machinery to support.

A cleared slope of a long hill serves as a training field. Initial flights are taken from the brow of a short slope. A primary training plane is wheeled out of the hangar to the top of the slope. A broad wooden track a foot wide and about twenty feet long is laid in portable sections and the runner of the glider is set in the trough. One end of a long flexible rubber rope is attached

to the prow of the glider and the other end is attached to the traces of a horse and carried down the hillside. A pilot takes his seat in the cockpit and adjusts the straps. At a given signal the glider is released and the result—gliding on the elastic rope catapults the machine along the track and into the air. It works exactly on the principle of the sling shot.

Sailplanning is the nearest thing to bird flight. Its scientific development owes much to the Treaty of Versailles which put an end to military aviation in Germany. Thus the German air pilots deprived of their occupations turned to the science and sport of motorless flight. The results of their experiments were designs of gliders for training, touring and cruising and a new knowledge of air currents was opened up.

It is therefore any wonder that the youth of near-by Poland should have taken up this sport with such enthusiasm.

### SPORT HASH

The University of Wisconsin meets Purdue on Feb. 18 and has a fair chance to pull up into a .500 percentage if they defeat Northwestern on an earlier date. . . The first annual South Mill wakee all-city ice skating championships have been scheduled on the Oak Creek park lagoon for Feb. 18. . . The meet will be conducted by the city recreational department. . . The University of Wisconsin will host this year the annual gliding championship tournament of the National Collegiate Athletic association March 30 to April 1. . . Mike Swieczak still leads the Catholic conference in individual scoring

## 200 Poles Play at Oklahoma

DIRECTOR CORD PRAISES NEW CAGE PROGRAM

By Gereon Zimmermann

Every Saturday afternoon, over 200 Polish cagers take to the Oklahoma gym hardwood which is divided into the four divisions of that social center's basketball league.

One of the fastest growing leagues of the social center type in the city, it is conducted by J. H. Lord, who is in his first year on the south side as a gym director. Lord has met with an unusual success, as the number of teams and players in his leagues well illustrate. There are 38 teams and 250 players who fire away at the backboards each Saturday afternoon. Of the 250 youngsters who participate, over 200 are of Polish descent.

### DIRECTOR LORD STRESSES SPORTS

Lord believes that social center club work is necessarily supplemented by competitive athletic activity. For this reason he is now at the head of the basketball program inaugurated several years ago at the Oklahoma social center.

Entrance to the four hardwood courts offered by the social center is based on membership in clubs which meet at the Oklahoma social center. The division is to the sections, the Minor A, the Minor B, the Junior and Senior, has been made on age and ability criteria.

The calibre of the players and the leagues as a whole is above the par usually maintained by

### THE HEAVYWEIGHT BOXING SITUATION AS IT IS TODAY

It is indeed a dismal picture the boxing situation, especially in the heavyweight division, presents today.

Joe "Knock-em-out-in-the-first-round" Louis, pride of Detroit and lately of Chicago, still reigns as champion and try as you will, even with high-powered binocular lens, you'll see nobody on the pugilistic horizon who seriously could challenge the ebony-hued champion's right to the crown.

With the disposition of John Henry Lewis, the king of light-heavyweight division, is less than one round, Louis has placed himself alone in the heavy class. There are, of course, Max Baer, Lou Nova, Max Schmeling and Two-Ton Tony Galento accepted by the National Boxing Association as "legals" of giving Louis a run, but they can hardly argue that any of them can be taken seriously.

Schmeling kissed the canvas in less time that it took Joe to dispose of John Henry Lewis; Baer took the count while resting on one knee in his ill-fated scrap with the Brown Bomber after he lost the crown to James J. Braddock; Nova is still in the so-called "embryo" stage and too inexperienced to afford any kind of opposition, and Galento, well, he has been more than a serious contender, notwithstanding his rapid kayote of late of opponents who dared to confront him.

Promoter Mike Jacobs planned

such social center leagues. Many leading amateur stars and former high school cagers are the lineup. A few of these standouts include: Norb Franzack, Gene Wroblewski, Byron Zimmermann, Ray Krawczyk, Ralph Szymek, Ray Rutowski, Tony Rozga, Harry Gradecki, Harry Mickowski, and Jerry Welch. This, of course, is only a group of the players who perform consistently well in the weekly tilts. Most of the leading players are Polish, well attesting to their skill.

### GAMES EFFICIENTLY SCHEDULED

The Oklahoma gym is divided into two sections, the east and the west gyms, and two games are played simultaneously. Efficient scheduling makes possible the completion of a large program in a relatively short time.

The league has been in place since the end of December and is now nearing completion. In the Minor B league, the Lucky Aces Black have played top-flight ball all season and have cinched top honors. In the Senior league, an official championship concession has been made to the Unknowns, who boast a well balanced, highly geared scoring outfit. In the Minor A league, another unbalanced record means a title, in this instance to the Comets, who have won 9 straight contests. Star for the Comets is the sharp-eyed Johnny Tlenda, who has bagged 91 points in only eight tilts. The Junior league will apparently go to the Comets, who have 9 consecutive wins.

to send Nova against Louis in within the next two months but in all probability this bout will not come to fruition. Max Schmeling was expected to arrive in this country about the time this paper goes to press and Jacobs believes a Louis-Schmeling bout will draw considerably more than one in which Nova is a participant.

Anyhow, one of the above mentioned will eventually be pitted against Louis and his dynamite-laden fists. And, considering that fans paid as high as \$27.50 to see Louis stop John Henry Lewis in the first three minutes, what a joke that'll be on the paying customers!

—B.J.A.

### JULIA HYKOWY PRESIDENT OF CUDAHY C. Y. O.

The girls of the Holy Family Church recently elected a new club of officers to lead the activities of the C. Y. O. for the coming year. The new officers consist of Julia Hykowsky, President; Rosa Dobrznyski, Vice-president; Regina Krzyzinski, Recording secretary; Irene Kuciel, Financial secretary; and Grace Mackowiak, Treasurer.

The group sends representatives to St. Stanislaus Church in Milwaukee for sectional meetings. Mary Nowak, Rose Hykowsky and Isabel Adamczyk have been chosen delegates for these meetings.

At present a girls basketball team is in the process of organization. On Thursday, February 23 the group is sponsoring a Roller Skating Party in the Church Hall.

# THE LOCAL SCENE

**NASTACHOWSKA AND ICKZOWSKI RE-ELECTED**

A general meeting of all young people who belong to the "Harcerstwo" movement was held at the South Side Army hall on Sunday afternoon, February 5, 1939. Captain Leon Kosak, president of Council Nr. 8, P. N. A., and Joseph Ziemianski presided. Harriet Nastachowska was elected "Hufcowa," and Erwin Ickzowski was unanimously re-elected "hufcowy." Both have had much experience in leading Harcerstwo groups; therefore it is anticipated that they will do very well in their respective positions.

At the meeting it was also decided that the annual summer camp of the "Harcerstwo" will last two months, July and August, instead of the customary thirty days. The first two weeks of each month will be open only to older "Harcerstwo" members and the remaining two weeks to all who belong to the "Harcerstwo."

An announcement was made to the effect that a new "Harcerstwo" troop has been organized in Cudahy under Group 544, P. N. A. The troop now numbers twenty-five girls, whose leader is Irene Gwiazdowska.

**MODERN WOODMEN ELECT STAFF OF NEW OFFICERS**

Delegates comprising 16 camps of the Modern Woodmen of America met recently for the election of officers and retained James J. Johnson as president of the Woodmen Club. Inc. Other officers; J. V. Clark, first vice-president; Peter P. Kobs, second vice-president; Edward Roszczewski, third vice-president; Emil Spranger, secretary; and O. Swanberg, treasurer. Directors chosen were Edward Roszczewski, John Roemer and J. V. Clark.

**PENALTIES FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES STARTED IN CITY**

Yesterday was the deadline for the payment of taxes in the city, and those who have not paid the duties so far will have to pay fines. J. J. Krueger, city treasurer, announced collections as compared with last year are well over the 1938 figure. This may be due to the increased tax rate for 1939.

**MICHAEL SWORSKI MADE ACTING DETECTIVE HERE**

Beginning this week, Michael Sworski, 1730-A N. Arlington pl., and James Crowley, 3367 N. 39th st. assume added responsibility with the rank of acting detectives on the city police force. Police Chief Joseph Kluczycki approved the appointments of the two men, who until taking over their new posts, were patrolmen.

**M.U.'S SOCIAL EVENT OF YEAR FRIDAY NIGHT**

The formal Junior prom, Marquette's biggest social event of the year, will go on parade at the Eagles ballroom Friday night. The dance, presided over by the new king and queen, Robert Jones and Genevieve Kobow, is the last social affair on Marquette's schedule until after the approaching Lenten season.

Robert Kvidera, senior Journalism student, billed the even big enough for two special editions of the Marquette Tribune. He will edit the morning edition while Joseph Manning and John Weber will handle the midnight publication. The specials will be distributed at the dance.

Assisting the royal court at the prom are the informal partners, Joseph Waldman and Virginia Mallon. In addition the all-university co-presidents and their partners, J. Garver and Heidi Schiel, and Robert Fecker and Jean Reinhart, will flank the royal pair.

The committee in charge of arrangements headed by King Robert Jones includes R. Galgano, Jack Saffian, Peter Woboril, Raymond Aiken, Francis Johnson, Eugene Grass, Lawrence Haggerly, Mary Bouser, and Ted Knap. Preceding the dance at the Eagles, a pre-prom dinner will take place at the Schroeder Hotel. Miss Melinda Meyer, Zeta Phi Delta's president, is chairman.

February 18th, next Saturday, **CARNIVAL DANCE** at the PULASKI Hall, Cudahy, sponsored by Ks. Stam. Staszic Society, gr. 534 P. N. A. Good music.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SKILL OF MSGR. RATTI IN POLAND REVEALED**

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the best interests of parties concerned.

Pained as he was by the opposition of malcontents, Archbishop Ratti held firm to his policy, was backed by Rome and in 1921, when the Germans won the plebiscite at Upper Silesia, formally confronted with the opposition of the Polish Government. The dilemma was touchy, yet Pope Benedict, experienced diplomat that he was, solved it neatly. He brought Archbishop Ratti back to Rome, made him Cardinal Archbishop of Milan, thereby rewarding the courageous nuncio for his work in Warsaw and lessening ill-will in Poland toward the Holy See. Ere Archbishop Ratti left, even his one-time enemies paid tribute to him and from President Pilsudski down expressed regret at his departure, joy at the honor bestowed upon him.

**GENEROSITY PRAISED**

In Rome, Pope Benedict was no less generous in his praise. In an audience to a group of townspersons from Milan, the Pontiff referred to their newly-appointed "Archbishop Ratti" saying, "In this nomination, I hope God and myself have had a part."

Pope Benedict was now an old man. Exactly 150 days after speaking those words, his well-beloved, modest, learned, firm, disciplined and now experienced "library mouse" returned from the See of Milan, took over the See of Peter.

**CUDAHY NEWSLETTERS**

Sunday, February 12, 1939, Mr. and Mrs. V. Gronczewski entertained a group of their relatives and friends at their home. Among those present were: Mr. S. Gronczewski, Mr. and Mrs. N. Gronczewski, Mr. and Mrs. W. Kulczyk, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gronczewski, and Mr. and Mrs. K. Labinski. The evening was spent playing bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland E. Miestus (the former Antonette Kowalski) are returning from Florida February 18, fully rested after spending nine weeks of sunshine and enjoyment.

Mr. and Mrs. Val. Blady entertained at dinner on Sunday, February 12, the occasion being the birthday of Mr. V. Blady. Guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Nowak, Mr. and Mrs. Marciak, Mr. and Mrs. Gusk, Mr. and Mrs. Kowalski, Mr. and Mrs. W. Jozefacki, Mr. and Mrs. Labinski, and Mr. and Mrs. B. Komassa, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Blady.

**SENTENCE SERMON**

The Great Deers—  
 —Have not been the sceptics, but the men of faith.  
 —Have not been the suspicious, but those who believe in mankind.  
 —Have not been the warriors, but the makers of peace.  
 —Have not been the critics, but the creators.  
 —Have not been the cynics, but the optimists.

Toronto Daily News.

**SHORT SPARKS**

—by— Emily Napieralski

According to Doctor Thomas Parran, surgeon-general of the United States Public Health Service, anthrax which was found in a Japanese-made shaving brush caused the death of an American citizen. An investigation was held, and it was discovered that the brush had not been sterilized. One brand of Japanese goods had killed a man. At the same time, that man's purchase added a few cents to the treasury of Japan to buy arms and ammunition to kill thousands of people!

When a baby is born in this country, he usually receives gifts from friends and relatives in the form of some plaything: a rattle, a celluloid toy, etc. But in Hitlerland a baby boy is given not a rattle, but a dagger. The dagger is kept by the father (a member of the Suabian Storm Troops) until the boy reaches the age of eligibility for membership in the Hitler Youth movement. The weapon will then be given the boy, who will be expected to carry it in his belt.

Perhaps "der Fuehrer's" next gift to new-born boys (potential soldiers) will be guns.

Flowers in the Mitchell park conservatory bring back memories of pleasant summer days. On February 5, 1939, orchids as they appear in their natural environment were displayed for the enjoyment of Milwaukeeans and their visitors.

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**"FROM SOUP TO NUTS"**

By "Loo-See-All" Sadowski.

Knock! Knock!... It's your commentator who probably something humorous and fantastic — and "no difference" about using the prerogative to mount even to the upper realms of faint philosophy — but at the same time be advised not to take it all seriously, nor to be swayed by some opinions — nevertheless here's some of the phol-phuny-gams gathered from here, there and everywhere... Just recently at one of the symphonic evenings at the Polish Home under the supervision of Benedict Lewandowski, who announced that the next number would be "Beethoven's Ninth Symphony," — one of the bright listeners surprisingly asked "what? have I missed the other Eight?..." Alvana Sanches' ready came true at a dance sponsored by the Holy Family scolytes — when George Wozniak asked her to dance to the tune of "Waltz You Saved For Me," sigh!... Dr. Stan Zawodny has been seen escorting in one of Gaby's smart set in the person of Magdelen Brady — and what an ideal couple!... The ever present Wallace E. Maciejewski is always sure to be seen smiling in his dignified way — and why not? — receiving scores of complimentary letters on his journalistic ability may be 'one of the many' good reasons—more power to you Wallace... Engagement rings are being proudly shown to friends by our many success and some of those who have pledged to marry are Irene Orlikowski and Joe Czajkowski, Rose Konieczny and Hilbert Karaszewicz and Dimitra Visilia and Leo Borzkiewicz... May good fortune be all yours... Fonia Zembrowski was heard telling a certain young lady that when he's ready to settle down, he'll call on her... gosh! girl, you have a long wait coming... Mr. Martin Kedziora's popularity is evidently causing envy, and from rumors it all amounts to many a sleepless night — but you'll agree, I'm sure, that it's a well deserved popularity — and something Mr. Kedziora should be mighty proud of... Our little lady Alice Jablonowski student at Milwaukee has been stepping out with one of her fellow-classesmates... Old man gossip gives the impression that the marriage of Johnnie Janiszewski marked the end of the Crown Club — which at the present time is not an existing 'ad'... Sincere congratulations to the well known Casimir Kotowicz known to many as "Sherlock Holmes," as the newly elected President of the Central Committee of Polish Youth in Milwaukee... Ethos Gladys is now employed at the Boston Store... "Tony Smyczak, suave and dignified, popular WISN radio announcer, has a wife that is all the word 'charm' means to be... and, while on the subject of radio announcers, a certain someone stated that he gets delirious ev-

**CLOTHES TELL IF WE BE MEN OR JUST MUGS**

Any time he listens to a Polish-American program and hears the announcer say: "Ladies and gentlemen, the latest news from all over da world"... (Bet 2 to 1, your guess is as good as mine)... Ask Al Sokolinski what's this thing called "organization madness" and he'll tell you to have a sweet-little-headache... Billie Holubowicz claims that his dark haired doll from the East Side will be his one and only decoration and inspiration at the Marquette Press... Isn't it about time for Alojzy Jarzyno to have turned pro? — Or is he content with the cherished dreams of ever becoming a famous actor?... Attorney Joseph B. Swiderski well known for his many successes to the Polish Youth, is one of the strong candidates for the office of County Judge — Atty. Swiderski is receiving encouragement and people are showing enthusiasm which means that we're all out to win for the man who, we know, has convinced us that he is capable! — Be sure to do your part — Go out and Vote!!! Rumors are rife, that Miss Emilia Kosciak, the former Milwaukeean who went to Poland on a one-year Kosciuszko Foundation scholarship, may not return to Milwaukee, — and if she does it may not be as a 'Miss' anymore... Genevieve Duzykowski became a dance fan all of sudden, — I wonder if our "Clio-Bug" Hen, Wally Piotrowski, has anything to do with it?... Mieszko Dylong claims the honor of being 100% girl proof — yeah! I can tell tall stories too — (ahem)... Wally Zych anticipates going to the University of Chicago next fall to continue his study of Sociology and Physiology... They say that a farmer is a darned fool who feeds the world and gets taxed for doing it... It is well known that our attractive stenographer Dorothy Olizewski has an unlimited wardrobe... A sense of humor that can't be beat is that of Mr. E. B. Piatek — being the father of the sweetest twins may be a perfect reason... And Here's one for your little red book: "Forget what others think. The thing that matters is what YOU think YOURSELF, and that YOU believe in YOURSELF" — and so it's parting time once more, but in conclusion may I add that this commentator in this column will be greatly appreciated... snuff for now — until the next time your Little Miss Scoop — says "Be Good" or I'll get YOU the next time...

**BIEITLA GROWS WEAKER**

Paul Bietla, one of the nation's best ski jumpers, is still laid up in the University of Wisconsin infirmary, as a result of an attack of pneumonia. Because of his strong vitality, Bietla has a chance to recover, but early this week his condition was grave.

Recently the country's best tailors convened in sleepy Philly, and had a few words to say regarding men's clothes, but not all were complimentary. They selected 20 prominent men as "male fashion leaders of 1938," and praised a few more notables for "keeping elegance to the standard of men's clothes."

The tailors' bomb's lack of initiative and originality in the selection of a varied wardrobe, but in the main, they thought, the insignificant male was at last brightening up somewhat.

A Kansas City man, William Kemper, jr., was honored by his sponsorship of the new non-puckering gabardines. Robin Thomas was cited for his sponsorship of corduroy suits in many colors. Kemper's formula for corduroy dress was remarkable for its simplicity. He said, "I have only five suits. I wear what I feel like when I get up. I shine my own shoes. I don't try to make a big splash."

Douglas Fairbanks, jr., was honored for "leading the way in making use of the smart single-breasted town suit with peaked lapels, and Senator Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan, cited for his "well cut double breasted sack suits."

**MILAN'S TRAFFIC COPS LIT UP AND LIKED, TOO**

Milan, Italy. — This city has gone further than the mere lighting of city streets with traffic stop and go lights. Now they have illuminated their traffic officers, so that they may be easily distinguished in unsettled weather.

The policemen have been provided with armlets and belts studded with tiny electric lamps, visible at night and in foggy weather.

People here have taken warmly to the idea of luminous policemen, and the idea now becomes a general utility. It is expected other cities will soon copy Milan's bright suggestion.

**LINCOLN-KOSCIUSZKO ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATED**

A Lincoln-Kosciuszko birthday anniversary program was presented at the Sunday Morning Breakfast club at the Melford Hotel on February 12, 1939.

The program was broadcast over radio station WISN and consisted of several interesting and entertaining numbers. Guest speakers on the program were Professor Joseph Birkenmajer, professor of Polish at the University of Wisconsin, and Professor William Lamers of the Marquette University school of speech. They spoke on the lives of Kosciuszko and Pulaski, respectively.

The Polish Falcons of America, number 725, also commemorated the anniversaries of the birth of these two heroes at a program held Sunday at Lisitwan's Hall on the north side. More than 300 people attended. Attorney Joseph B. Swiderski, candidate for County Judge, was the principal speaker.

**WHEN MACHINES TAKE JOBS FROM MEN AND WOMEN...**

Society, like a living cell, is undergoing constant change. The rate of speed of such change has been particularly high during the last three decades. Discoveries and inventions have caused, and are daily causing, radical revolutionary changes in everyday living. One writer, Professor W. F. Floyd, says elegantly to the standard of the automobile has had more influence on society than the combined exploits of Napoleon, Genghis Khan and Julius Caesar. The truck, the tractor and the telephone have revolutionized the farm. Distance has been obliterated. The character of Sunday has been affected. The character of the home has been profoundly altered. Warfare has been changed by the armored tank. "The radicalism of automobile," says Professor Ogburn, "has been as basic as that of Lenin."

Equally radical has been the influence of radio, the cinema, the time-saving machines in industry and in homes. Edison predicted that electricity would become the "choreboy" of the race, and his prophecy is being fulfilled. Numerous tasks are now performed with a minimum of human hands or none. There is the automatic telephone, the "automat" restaurant, the bookkeeping machine, the electrical chisel, the mechanical cottonpicker. Houses are prefabricated. Climate can be produced artificially. And these are but a few of the amazing results produced by the current "technological" revolution.

On the other side of the ledger is the cost of this revolution. It has produced unemployment and consequent human suffering. The increased efficiency of machines has taken jobs from men and women. In 1929, when American factories were producing at a fabulous rate, they were employing 500,000 fewer workers than in 1919. A shoe factory can now produce 5,000 pairs of shoes with less than half the workers needed five years ago. Two men now replace 50 formerly needed to operate a blast furnace. New machinery which rolls cold steel now displaces tens of thousand of workers. The "electric eye," which can work 24 hours a day, opens doors, regulates traffic, repels burglars, detects defective parts on the assembly line. Acts as katchman and in so many ways replaces human workers. Many more tons of food, yards

of cloth, miles of roadway, many more houses, cars, luxuries and services can now be produced with less and less human labor. Consequently millions of workmen and their dependants are unemployed and unable to secure the goods and services which they need and which are produced in huge quantities by the machines. But the machines are not to blame for this human suffering. The present defective system of the distribution of goods and services is to blame.

**PROF. WIZZ**

Dear Wizz:

I have just received word that my uncle died from drinking shellac. Do you think he had a very painful death?

Steady Drizzle.

Dear Steady:

No, I don't believe it was very painful. In fact, if he drank shellac, he should have had a very fine finish.

Prof. (Painter's) Colic.

Dear Prof.

Do you think that Eddie is as dumb as he looks?

Pete.

Dear Pete:

You know cussed well it's impossible. However, I do know that the stroke that brought him was arrested for smuggling dope.

Prof. (Psycho) Wizz.

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**CHOIR LUTNIA AGAIN  
DISTINGUISHES ITSELF**

(by LARRY VALEN)

A fairylaud atmosphere pervaded the South Side Armory Hall Sunday evening, February 12, as flowing-gowned Cinderellas and handsome Prince Charmings of the Lutnia choir sang their way to a cultural success under the able leadership of that quaint, elderly, baton-wielding cleric, Bishop Bonczak. A truly appreciative audience numbering approximately five-hundred people, literally "ate up" the strains of melancholy but beautiful Silesian folk songs as rendered by the choir, and listened with appreciation to the vocal solo efforts of Lillian Michalska, alto, and Józef Zdradziński, baritone.

The playing of the Zelinicki Quartette which was composed of Sylvia, Gertrude, Znon, and Edward really highlighted and climaxed the first half of the program. An admirable blending of four instruments into one delightful whole and a fine choice of numbers won for the Quartette the well deserved plaudits of the audience.

Commendable, also, was Kazmiera Berzowska's piano accompaniment for the choral selections, as well as her solo: "Tatna Variations for the Piano," by Ignacy Paderewski.

As mentioned above, Choir Lutnia won the approbation of all those present by its rendition of representative Silesian folk songs, but this writer has one addition for the vocal soloists, namely, that in the future they memorize their selections, be it words or music, and not detract from stage poise by the use of "crutches" in the form of slips of paper or sheet music.

It is regrettable, however, that so many of our "culture-minded" Poles were conspicuous by their absence, which is not the case when a hilarious comedy or farce is being presented. We all hope that this will be more ventures into the cultural fields of music and drama — a tonic which is needed to extricate us from our present pathological state.

**NOTES  
ON  
FASHIONS**

Ladies: Do you know that it is up to us to keep Love, Beauty and Cheer alive in this world of "ah" and "oh" and "uh" and "eh" more than the new, intriguing, unique and chic spring hats? They are so full of color with bright flowers and veillings, that we may indeed call them a prelude to Spring.

Schuster's is showing such a variety of flowers and veils that you will enjoy matching or harmonizing these on your new spring outfits, or just renovating your favorite hats.

The off-face halo hats are again being very popular for spring, and dress hats are just being swathed with veillings. You will feel bright and gay in these spring hats.

Bright color skirts with brighter color sweaters are another item of spring that add a note of cheer. Add to this a New-Type jacket and you will have a sporty outfit. You will find just the right style and size for you at Schuster's.

**SINGERS OPEN SERIES OF POLISH CONCERT**



SALLY LIZEWSKI SALLY KRACZEK MRS. ANTHONY SZYMCAK IRENE ADAMCZYK  
These four members of the Choir Lutnia of the Polish National church, 8. Eleventh st. and W. Hayes av., poured out harmonic strains of Polish hymns Sunday night before nearly 500 persons at the South Side armory. The concert was the first in a series to be presented by the choir. Miss Lizewski lives at 1528 W. Becher st.; Miss Kraczek at 2060 S. Seventeenth st.; Miss Szymczak at 1532 W. Lincoln av., and Miss Adamczyk at 1122 W. Hayes av.

**Dave Appollon Attends Ball  
for Orphan's Cause**

**STAR OF STAGE AND SCREEN ENTERTAINS  
THROUGH AT BALL.**

Headlining the current vaudeville bill at the Riverside theater, Dave Appollon, internationally famous star of the stage and screen, cut short his engagement at the theater last Saturday night that he might be present at the Charity Ball.

Through his friend, the Hon. John C. Klezka, Appollon learned of the gala social event at the Schroeder Hotel, and hastened to the Crystal ballroom to do his bit in providing an overflow crowd with added enjoyment.

Appolon, himself an orphan, was visibly impressed with the enormity of the occasion that is annually sponsored in behalf of the orphaned tots at the St. Joseph's Orphanage, by St. Joseph's

Ladies Aid Society. After offering a musical routine amidst rousing applause, the touring star of the stage, sat in with notables and civic leaders that gathered in record attendance for the cause of the orphans. A Russian-Pole, Appolon speaks a fluent Polish. He was immensely pleased by the vast crowd that turned out in unselfish tribute to a charitable cause.

Expressing regret that he had not learned of the Charity Ball in previous years, Appolon vowed to be present again next year, and offered his own services and those of his entire vaudeville troupe for future engagements to aid the orphaned children at St. Joseph's.

**ART INSTITUTE  
FEATURES POLISH  
APPLIED ART WORKS**

Dr. A. J. Polkan, director of the Milwaukee Art Institute, has arranged for a comprehensive exhibition of Polish applied art, which is now on display at 772 N. Jefferson st.

This exhibit was obtained through the courtesy of the International School of Art, Bridgeport, Conn., and consists of textiles and craftwork by students of the public schools of Poland. The collection includes about 150 objects showing the method of instruction and the results ob-

tained in the field of applied art in the Polish schools. The work done is technically quite perfect, according to Dr. Polkan, and shows various methods of work in a way which cannot fail to interest people of all ages.

Work by boys is presented in wood, wire, glass, and wrought metal; and the girls are represented by wickerwork, creative sewing, metal and glass jewelry, and original textile designs.

Besides the public school groups, the exhibition includes the work of students of the Warsaw Academy of Art and of several art schools in Poland. It is designed to give an idea of the tendencies and methods of teaching art in Poland.

This rather diversified exhibition does not pretend to repre-

sent Polish art as a whole. Its purpose is to awaken interest in the character of Polish art, and in the people whose culture it characterizes.

There is also an interesting exhibition of the etchings of Dr. George New, including "City Hall," "Milwaukee Public Library," "St. John's Cathedral" and other significant examples of local architectural art.

**EXERCISES IN POLISH**

LESSON I

For the benefit of English speaking subscribers and for students of the Polish language, the American Courier will publish at regular intervals a key to the Polish language in answer to the oft expressed public desire for an understanding of Polish names and words.

Beginning with the letter a, the first in the Polish alphabet, each letter will follow in order with its proper pronunciation relative to its place in the word considered. In many respects the Polish alphabet is easier to master than the English. Thus the English has four distinct keys to pronunciation as note: mate, star, task, and awl. The Polish has but two different classifications. The one in common use is always "ah," as in Pop; the other "a," rarely used in Polish surnames, has a tiny identification tag directly below it, thus, "ȧ." It is pronounced with a slightly nasal tone as "ohn," or "ohm."

Illustrated in its most frequent usages, the first letter a as used in Polish surnames is always "ah," as in Rah-kov-ski, spelled Rakowski, Pah-yin-ski, spelled Pawinski, Vah-be-ohv-ski, spelled Wabiszowski, etc. The letter w in the Polish idiom is always pronounced as the English v, as illustrated above.

**THE HUMAN HEART**

Human progress is to be measured in men's hearts. Where charity, tolerance and love of justice are absent, proof of progress is absent. In a society where children grow up in squalor where men seek but cannot secure a livelihood and where there is callousness toward conditions which degrade human personality, progress is to be measured by such a state of affairs.

The hearts of men change slowly. And yet it is necessary that tolerance should displace intolerance, mutual interests replace selfishness; that there should be acceptance of the principle of brotherhood if there is to be progress in the nature of mankind.

Many be said to be progress of a sort today — in the material and not the spiritual realm. Great advances have been made in technical fields; men enjoy better physical comforts and conveniences. But these things may be a measure of social rather than of human progress.

Germany, for example, is a country in which mechanical and scientific techniques have reached a high point. Yet Germany, with all her technical development, has by her present savagery, hatreds and mercilessness of man to man receded into the barbaric age.

Progress as applied to the individual also is to be judged by that which exists within a man's heart. If he has firmly in his heart and mind the principle of brotherhood so that he would extend to others the rights and opportunities that he wishes for himself; if he seeks to understand and to judge justly all differences which separate him from his fellowmen, then it may be said of that individual that he is on the road of human progress.