

and revolutionary marvels of all time, for they prevailed upon the young men to don female aprons, bear feminine platters and humbly and subserviently carry coffee and cake to them, as they sat in ease and comfort at the tables. It will go down in history as the first occurrence of its kind from the time the cave-woman in fear and trembling carried a half of a roasted cow and a barrel of wine for her powerful over-lord, the cave-man. **Some Young Ladies Sodality!**

**TRUCK PICNICS.**

Each year the Social Committees make arrangements for several truck picnics to various picnic grounds in the vicinity of St. Louis. Suffice it to say that the boys and girls always have a good time. It is customary for the boys to stand the monetary expenses, while the girls supply the baskets of food.

Sometimes, to change the order and supply variety, wiener-roasts, hikes, or even hay-rides make up a novel program.

**PARTIES.**

In previous years, it had been customary for the Young Men to prepare parties, at which the



**Anthony Broz,**  
Carmelita Club President.

Young Ladies were invited, and the boys stood the expenses.

Beginning with February, 1928, the girls now also take their turns in giving parties at which the young men are entertained by the ladies.

An idea of the good times enjoyed at these affairs can be gleaned from the following clipping from the Messenger of March, 1928:

"The girls gave a social, and for the first time invited the men. This, you know, is leap-year. So the wily girls frankly called it, their "Leap-year Party". The rule of the evening was: No young man is allowed to ask a young lady to dance, but this time the young ladies must ask the men. It was a masquerade party, and you didn't know whom you were getting, and that made it all the better. The costumes were very good.

A fine of ten cents was imposed on every young man who refused to dance with a young lady when he was asked. You should have seen the Young Ladies jump on such wall flowers as the Drbouseks and others. But they fooled the ladies. They had been forewarned and fore-armed. They took the lady's request at her word each time. And did the young ladies perspire?



**Henry Matousek,**  
Y. M. S. Trustee; Carmelita Club Treasurer.



**Anthony Mikes,**  
Y. M. S. Banner-Carrier.

Say, these wall-flowers were not asked more than once. Smart boys!

The young men of the parish were more than very well pleased with the party. The young ladies had guaranteed them a good time, and were true to their word. The young men appreciate it too, and are already making preparations for a return social after Easter, to which they will invite the young ladies."

Some of these affairs are wonderful to behold. It is fortunate that Lad Cutak takes such a lively interest in decorations, and that we have always been blessed with good Social directors. The girls too have presented splendid programs, attractively decorated hall, outside talent, etc. — anything to make it a good time. We must mention in particular the "Spanish Night" party of the girls, and the "Hawaiian Party" of the boys.

#### SMOKERS.

Regularly, the President of the Y. M. S. insists on asking: "Anything for the good of the Sodality", until somebody makes a motion to have refreshments and a smoker at the next meeting. The girls too have regular after-meeting socials.

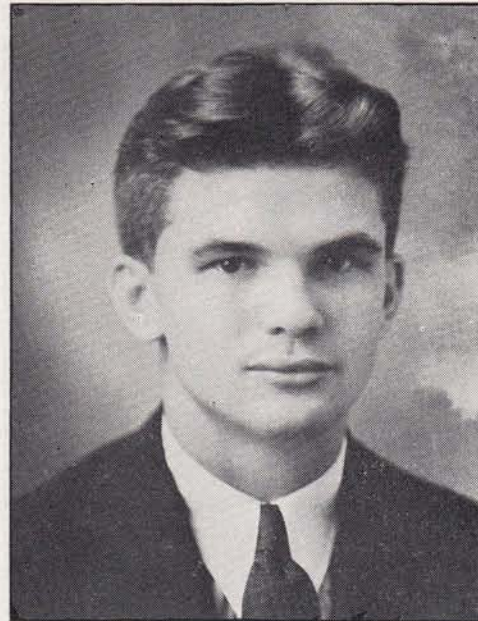
#### OUTINGS.

Among the big features of the Social life of the Sodalities, are the two and three day outings.

The customary day for the girls is July 4th. In 1928, their first two day trip, they stayed at the Ursuline Academy in Arcadia College. In 1929, Arcadia was again the objective. In 1930 the girlies spent three days at Jerome, Mo. after arrangements had been previously made by the pastor of Dixon, Mo. In 1931, the girls had a very enjoyable two-day trip to Davisville, Mo.

These trips are always in trucks, and although the trips are long, and not always de luxe, the girls are pretty good sports. They pleasantly divide their time between boat-riding, swimming, dancing, bridge, hikes, and the other peculiar ways that girls have of enjoying themselves. In 1930, the girls stopped off at Jefferson City, Mo. A guide was procured, and everything in the wonderful Missouri Capitol was explained. Some of the girls wanted to go to jail, but the director would not permit that. Mrs. Mikesch is the annual chaperon, and she must be alright, because the misses ask for her year after year.

Each year, excepting 1931, the boys had their



**Robert Mikesch,** Ass't. Social Director Y. M. S.  
Electrician, Carmelita Club.

trips too. The boys prefer to rough it, and usually camp out all night. But there is no need for a camp, because nobody is able to sleep anyhow. Personally, we'll never forget the year we encamped at the foot of Pilot Knob, and somebody got the dizzy notion to chop down a tree at 3 o'clock in the morning because the fire was going out, and then somebody else, just as bright, turns on the phonograph at 4 a. m.

In other years the boys spent their trips in visiting some of the State Parks and the famous caves of Missouri. These trips are always a delight and furnish much timber for happy reminiscences.

**BOWLING.**

The great game of bowling was added to the roster of the Young Men's Sodality Social activities in 1927. That year they had 4 teams and played at the Goller alleys. The second year was also played at the same alleys, and the last three seasons have found our boys at the Heidel Alleys at Cardinal and Park Aves. Bowling furnishes a fine diversion for the boys, and is always highly encouraged by the Director. This year the Y. M. S. has 4 teams and are going



**Gene Barta,**  
Vice-President Carmelita Club.



**Marie Broz,**  
Social Director, Little Flower Club.

strong. Some of the former members continue their previous associations with the boys by continuing their bowling with them.

The girls organized their bowling team in 1928. Each year they have 4 teams and they play at the Goller alleys on Friday evenings. — They always have very pleasant times, and Father Ebel, director of the Alleys, does everything he can to make everything as nice as he can for our girls. This year they again have 4 teams.

The girls have a very fine custom of ending their Bowling season with a grand banquet at some prominent place. Moreover, the bowling girls have a little social of their own on each last Tuesday of the month in the Y. L. S. Recreation room.

**OTHER FORMS OF SOCIAL LIFE.**

The historical pages of the boys indicate that they have tried their hand at physical exercises in times past. We got some good indoor games, a few soccer games, and last but not least, — a boxing match. The latter did not take so well, because a prominent member of the Sodality in his anxiety to rush in, got poked on the chin,



**Mildred Schad,**  
Treasurer, Little Flower Club.

slipped, hit his head on the floor, and was OUT for 16 minutes and 37 seconds.

#### PARISH ACTIVITIES.

The Young Men's Sodality and the Young Ladies' Sodality have proved to be the right hand of the Spiritual guides of the Parish. We are proud to say that our Sodalities are always most dependable for any kind of work. Time and again throughout the year, either Sodality may be called upon to take care of various parish activities, too numerous to mention.

We wish in particular to recall the Hessoun Orphanage picnic, at which our young people always shine, and go into it with a will. They have their own booth, and are always among the leaders.

On any special occasion in the parish, the girls are ever ready to prepare the dishes, wait on the tables, etc. They have even been requested for assistance for outside affairs.

On the occasion of a bazaar, lotto, etc., the boys and girls are invariably asked to take charge of something, and the Reverends are always more than satisfied with their cooperation and assistance.

#### USHERS.

In March, 1927, the job of ushering at the church services was turned over to the Young Men's Sodality. At each Mass, there is a supervisor, and he is responsible for the appearance of his men at the Mass. The first ushers were: First Mass: Wm. Peroutka, supervisor, assisted by Messers. John Manna, Anthony Matejka and Joseph Hrabal. Second Mass: Wm. Brynda, supervisor, assisted by Al. Cincik, Joseph Backer, and Jos. Marsalek. Third Mass: Lad Cutak, supervisor, assisted by Peter Hasik, Wm. Swejkowsky, and Bob Moore. Last Mass: Fred Stika, supervisor, assisted by Ed Kearns, Joseph Urban and Andy Broz.

We must also mention the annual assistance rendered by the boys in decorating the church, especially at Christmas and during Holy Week.

#### The Little Flower Club.

In 1927 was organized a junior Division of the Young Ladies Sodality, which is known as the Little Flower Club. The girls join this society when they leave the eighth grade, and remain in it until they reach the age of 16, when they transfer to the Blessed Virgin Y. L. S.



**Rosalie Listopad,**  
President, Little Flower Club.

The constant comments of praise in the Messenger speak most favorably of this Club, and the members by their constant activity, regular and orderly meetings, always give promise of making first class Sodalites upon their transfer to the senior division.

The Little Flower Club always sets the best example in attendance at the monthly Communions.

The Little Flower Club follows the same Constitution and By-Laws of the Blessed Virgin's Sodality.

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF  
Y. L. S.**

The Constitution and By-Laws for the Young Ladies Sodality were adopted at the November meeting in 1926.

The spirit of the Sodality can be understood from the introduction, which reads as follows:

"We, the members of the Sodality of our Lady, having been duly affiliated to the Roman Prima Primaria as a Congregation of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title and invocation of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of Blessed Agnes of Bohemia, on February 9th, 1917, thereby participating in the indulgences and privileges granted to it by the



**Mary Nahlik,**  
Secretary, Little Flower Club.

Sovereign Pontiffs, realizing:

- 1) the tremendous importance of fostering sincere love and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary,
- 2) the influence of such devotion in our own lives and upon the parish life by its continued existence and development,
- 3) the need of a determinate set of rules to stabilize and expedite the work of our Unit, adopt the following Constitution and By-Laws, in accordance with and subject to the Constitution and Rules of the Prima Primaria of Rome.

**The Carmelita Dramatic Club**

of St. John Nepomuk Parish  
Organized April 17th, 1928

Foundation and Rules adopted Feb. 3, 1930.  
Name adopted April 7th, 1930.

The Carmelita Dramatic Club is a perpetual committee from the St. Aloysius Young Men's Sodality and the Blessed Virgin Young Ladies' Sodality of St. John Nepomuk Parish. Organized for the purpose of taking charge of all the affairs of the two Sodalities, excepting those purely social in nature. Particular encouragement to



**Steve Drbousek,**  
Y. M. S. Trustee.

be given to the presentation of plays and entertainments, and development of the members in the dramatic art.

The two Sodalities have been united into one Blessed Virgin's Sodality, and therefore the members were desirous of choosing a name for their "Committee," or "Club", which would in some way reflect that affiliation. Wherefore, they decided to adopt the name "Carmelita", in honor of the Mother of God.

Hence, the "Carmelita Dramatic Club" is the revamped, good old Dramatic Club of the same old Young Men's Sodality and Young Ladies' Sodality, which has since time immemorial been delighting the audiences of South St. Louis with their successes.

The Carmelita Dramatic Club is here to stay, and will continue the splendid record of the Young People of St. John Nepomuk Parish in the presentation of the same good old enjoyable entertainments.

All proceeds from entertainments are divided equally between the Young Men's Sodality and the Young Ladies' Sodality.

Each Sodality donates one-third of their share to defraying expenses of the new organ in St. John Nepomuk Church.

#### Officers of the Carmelita Dramatic Club.

President .....	Anthony Broz
Vice-President .....	Jean Barta
Treasurer .....	Henry Matoushek
Secretary .....	Anthony Matejka
General Director .....	Rev. A. J. Prokes
Assistant Director .....	Emil Barta
Social Director .....	Wenceslaus Peroutka
Electrician .....	Bob Mikesch
Property Man .....	Bill Peroutka
Property Lady .....	Mable Moore

#### Past successes of the Carmelita Dramatic Club.

1.—"Forty Years Ago" (Farce) an original play presented Wednesday, February 15, 1928.

2.—"An Irish Week In Bohemia", an original comedy presented Wednesday, May 16, 1928.

3.—"They Shall Not Pass", an original comedy drama presented Sunday, February 3, 1929.

4.—"What Of It", an original farce presented Sunday, April 14th, 1929.

5.—"In Hot Water", a stock farce presented Sunday, October 20th, 1929.

6.—"Back From Bohemia", an original sequel

to No. 2. presented Sunday, January 19, 1930.

7.—"Crooks For a Month", a stock comedy presented Sunday, March 2nd, 1930.

8.—"The Mystery of the Third Gable", a stock mystery play presented Sunday, May 4, 1930.

9.—"Triplet Ghosts", an original farce presented Sunday, May 18th, 1930.

10.—"Blundering Billy", a stock comedy presented Sunday, October 19th, 1930.

11.—"The Absent-Minded Bridegroom", a stock comedy presented Sunday, November 23rd, 1930.

12.—"And Home Came Ted", a stock comedy drama presented Sunday, January 11th, 1931.

13.—"Square Crooks", a stock comedy drama presented Sunday, February 15th, 1931.

14.—"The Wild Oats Boy", a stock comedy drama presented Sunday, April 12th, 1931.

15.—"Air-Minded", an original farce presented Sunday, May 17, 1931.

(Numbers 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, and 15 were written by Father Prokes. — Number 4 was written by Messers. S. Drbousek and J. Backer.)

The boys make all their own scenery. Wonderful electrical effects are arranged by Bob Mikesch, thru the courtesy of his employer, Mr. Ed. Bickel.

We believe that it is safe to say that, the Carmelita Dramatic Club, considering the serious detriments created by our hall and the very limited stage and accommodations, presents scenic effects superior to any amateur parish Club in St. Louis. Those who have witnessed past performances will readily agree to this.

The large crowds who attend the performances of the Carmelita Dramatic Club give sufficient proof that the parishioners immensely enjoy their entertainments.

## LOYALTY.

In the Christmas number of the Messenger of 1930, a paragraph headed: PLEDGE OF LOYALTY, in reference to the Young People's night of the Diamond Jubilee week of our parish, we find fitting words for the conclusion of this history of our Sodalities. At the same time, it is another example in fact of the loyalty of our Sodalities.

The Young People's night of Jubilee Week was splendid in every possible way, and enjoy-

able to the extreme. — But it wasn't merely a whoopie. There was a real spirit to the affair, a spirit of realization of the strength of the sodalities, and the power for good that lies behind that strength. It was expressed by Joseph Backer on behalf of the Young Men's Sodality and by Miss Agnes Moder on behalf of the Young Ladies' Sodality in the form of pledges of loyalty, — loyalty in the future, just as staunch if not stronger than their loyalty to the parish in the past.

The Y. M. S. and the Y. L. S. of St. John Nepomuk Parish have an enviable record. They were the first sodalities established by the great Monsignor Hessoun. He was a shrewd and solid organizer. When he came to this parish, it was hardly a parish at all. He saw the need for organization. What was the first necessity in his program. His keen intellect answered: "A Young Men's Sodality and a Young Ladies' Sodality." These were most necessary for the development of the parish. Evidently in the young people he placed his hopes, and his hopes were not in vain. They were faithful to him and to the parish during all his years. The Y. M. S. and the Y. L. S. have always been the free-lancers to the priests of this parish, — the soldiers who were ever ready for any kind of service on any part of the field. Where you have well organized young people's sodalities you have a good future for the parish.

I think that the young people of this parish are very well aware of their importance in the upbuilding of this parish. They realize it in act. They are always willing to give a helping hand, to keep things moving, to help the priest in his multitudinous affairs. Their past record shows this. They have a right to be proud of this record. And the most fitting thing that could have been uttered on the night of the Young People's banquet was a solemn pledge of the continuation of that loyalty.

Certainly the two presidents were not alone in these expressions. They knew fully well that they were speaking not merely their own feelings but also the sentiments of every young man and every young lady in the hall that day. And surely the heart of every one of the boys and girls was in those expressions of loyalty.

Young men and young ladies, continue to prove it in the future. We are not saying mere nice generalities or vain flatteries in these words.

We mean it. A great deal of success of this parish depends on yourselves. It has in the past, it does now, and it will in the future. Realize your obligations in mind and in practice.

For this reason, at the close of the old year and the beginning of a new one, we wish to remind all that real cooperation which is expected of all the young men and all the young ladies cannot consist of spurts, but must be a habitual flow of cooperation. That means not only helping once or twice a year, but in every possible way all the time. And one of the most important ways of cooperation is faithful attendance at meetings. When large numbers attend meetings, there is bound to be a better spirit, a better thrashing out of ideas and opinions, and more opportunity for accomplishment.

The real life of your sodalities is Communion attendance. "Unless the Lord built the house, they labor in vain who build it." Without God's blessing nothing can be accomplished. The true bond of unity in the sodalities must be cemented by Communion in a body. Make it a point in your life never to miss a single Communion. — How many could say that they have not missed a single Communion since they joined the Sodality? That is surely something to be proud of.

#### WORK OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE FOR THE DIAMOND JUBILEE.

If you remember — at your elections last year, Father Linek visited both Sodality meetings and asked for sincerity and care in the choice of officers, because of the coming diamond jubilee celebration. He knew that a great deal would depend on the young men and young ladies. I did. The jubilee showed that. — And they came through with their colors flying.

As soon as the date for the celebration of the diamond jubilee was definitely set, a meeting of both sodalities was called, and well attended. — Committees were appointed at once. Officers were chosen. And again the words of Father Linek were true: "God has always blessed both sodalities with good officers." The main work was in the hands of Bobo Mikes, Joseph Backer and Agnes Moder. On them the appointment of committees depended.

To the young men were entrusted the decorations, the ushering, the parade, and their share in the preparations for the banquet. To the

young ladies was entrusted the huge job of getting rid of the Jubilee books. These tasks were carried out very well. — The decorations were grand and yet according to financial limitations. The parade was a grand sight and most orderly. The banquet was everything that could be desired. And the zealous way the young ladies went about selling the jubilee books is shown in the fact that almost 600 were sold.

We must heartily congratulate the Young Men's Sodality and the Young Ladies' Sodality on their work, and particularly the officers, who spared no time or sacrifice that everything would be a success.

#### YOUR LATEST PLEDGE.

The time to pat yourself on the back is not when you are making your plan, but when the work is finished. Two years ago you pledged yourselves to pay \$800 on the Immaculate Conception Window. — That was done in record speed. — That was nothing in comparison with your latest pledge, namely, to bear the expense of the new organ installed in our church. Let us face the task courageously and complete it as soon as possible.

Indeed, when this task is finished, it will surely be a wonderful crown to 65 years of loyalty, service and cooperation of the St. Aloysius Young Men's Sodality and the Blessed Virgin Young Ladies Sodality of St. John Nepomuk Parish.

#### BLESSING.

Not until we reach eternity shall we be able to learn what great blessings have come to our parish and to many, many families of this parish from association with the Young Men's Sodality and the Young Ladies' Sodality. Many a grace later in life was a reward for fidelity to our Blessed Mother's Sodality in youth. Many a one, — young man or young ladies, has been saved from the brink of eternal ruin, by membership in the Sodality.

Special graces for life, and especially for a happy hour of death are promised by the Holy Fathers to faithful members. Every priest would be able to give you examples of the happy deaths of those who were active members of the Sodality; and while, we may never judge, at least from an earthly viewpoint, the destiny of more than one unfaithful member seems rather

shaky.

Young men and young ladies, your salvation depends on your devotion to the Mother of God. You have hardly a better way of expressing this devotion and securing Mary's intercession for life and death than to be an active member in her Sodality. Continue your devotion, your zeal, your cooperation, in every possible way. Everything that you do for your Sodality, or as a member of your Sodality, you do in honor of Mary. Bear that in mind. Every attendance at meeting, every joint Communion, every appointment on a committee, every volunteering to any task, great or small, any acceptance of an office, every thing in any way that you do for your Sodality, — by reason of your membership becomes an act in honor of the Blessed Virgin. And where you honor Mary through life, you don't have to worry about your soul.

Your Sodality is the means of cementing friendships for life. In later years, your fondest memories will be the boys and girls of the Sodality. Foster these friendships. Strive always to get along one with another, and in the spirit of true charity, to overlook one another's faults.

Your Sodality is a splendid means of permitting you to fulfill your obligations in regard to the support of the Church and the priests. In many and many a way can you thereby derive wonderful blessings. Remember, that all you do for the church or for priests, is always in some way or other, for the salvation of souls.

Our parish is proud of the Y. M. S. and the Y. L. S. Your priests are proud of you. Persevere as good Sodalities, as true children of Mary — as the kind of parishioners that are a joy and a consolation to a priest.

And on this 65th anniversary, we must remember to express the appreciation of the parish to all the former members of the Y. M. S. and Y. L. S., through whose efforts much good has been done, through whose patience the Sodalities exist to this day, through whose cooperation, much assistance was rendered to the priests of St. John Nepomuk Parish in days gone by.

To one and all, — our present beloved members, and to the ladies and gentlemen who once belonged to our ranks, a fervent "God bless you."  
Father Prokes, chaplain.



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Week day Masses 6:00 and 8:00.

Devotions and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 2 o'clock.

First Friday devotions 7:30 P. M. (English.)

## NOTICES.

Saturday, October 31st, (Halloween) is the Vigil of the Feast of All Saints, and is a day of fast and Abstinence for all. Workingmen and their families are not permitted to eat meat once a day.

Sunday, November 1st, is the feast of All Saints.

Monday, November 2nd, is the Commemoration of the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

Remember that on this day you can gain all the Plenary Indulgences you want for the Poor Souls. Beginning at sunset on Sunday, November 1st, until midnight of Monday, November 2nd, — each time you enter any church and there pray 6 Our Father's and 6 Hail Mary's for the intention of the Holy Father, you can gain a plenary indulgence for the poor souls, provided that you have gone to Confession and Holy Communion Saturday, Sunday, or Monday. These indulgences must be applied to the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

**Remember:** When you offer a plenary indulgence for some departed ones, **you must specify some particular soul.** The best way to do this, is to ask God to accept that indulgence for some particular soul, say, for example, the soul of your mother, with the condition that if she is already released from purgatory, the Blessed Virgin should apply that indulgence to the soul whom she finds most worthy.

## Parish Announcements.

On Sunday, October 4th, the Hessoun Society of the First Central Union will celebrate the 25th anniversary of its organization. (Further details elsewhere in this issue.)

Sunday, October 11th. — Lotto, at the Parish Hall, at 2:30 P. M., given by the Altar Society. Many beautiful prizes. Don't miss it. Benefit of the altar needs in our church.

Sunday, October 18th. — Sixty-fifth (65th) jubilee of the St. Aloysius Young Men's Sodality and of the Blessed Virgin's Young Ladies Sodality.

Special Mass at 7 A. M. and Communion in a body. Breakfast afterwards in the hall.

Afternoon, 2:30, automobile parade.

Evening, 8 P. M. — Special play, written particularly for the occasion, entitled "Jumbled Jubilees", a roaring comedy. Don't miss it. — Followed by dancing.

Wednesday, October 21st. — Special banquet of young people at our hall. Everybody invited. Admission by ticket only.

.....Sunday, October 28th. — Special young people's jubilee party.

## SOCIAL COLUMN.

### BAPTISMS.

Good news, folks, — business is picking up. We have 5 — yes, all of 5 — baptisms to announce for the month of September. They appear in the register for record in future ages as follows: Mildred Marie Susek, George Albert Hrdlicka, Ronald Benjamin Czernicki, Dolores Marie Dreiling, and Richard Eugene Wulfert. Congratulations to all.

We always take especial delight in congratulating former members of our Sodalities who are now pappas and mammas, and for this reason, we are most happy to extend the glad mitt to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hrdlicka. And what could be better? It was another boy. The newcomer was named after the beloved departed "Uncle Georgie", but what about the "Albert"? Oh well, there are a lot of important people in this parish by the name of Albert.

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### WEDDINGS.

Ah, more prosperity! Three weddings in one month. Congratulations and best wishes to Wm. Schmidt and Josephine Selucky, who are now man and wife. The same to Vaclav Konecnik and Vlasta Simane, who were hooked on September 12th. Ditto for William Bauer and Ida Mae Dierkes, who threw their hats in the ring on September 23rd.

Special attention is due to the wonderful wedding of William Schmidt and Josephine Selucky. This wedding was, as far as it could have been, an "ALL — Y." affair, — all of the contestants except the groom are members of the Young Men's Sodality and the Young Ladies Sodality.

While William took unto himself Josephine for a wife, the great occasion was witnessed officially by Larry Drbousek and Lillian Selucky. These were again assisted by Edward Drbousek with Stella Barcal, and by Felix Krispin with Tillie Cutak.

What a grand array of young blood. — Ah, we're so pr-r-r-oud of you young people. We usually get an ear-full back where the rice is raining, for the good remarks, opinions and cracks usually expressed on occasions of this kind. We heard principally that "the gowns were bee-you-tiful", that "the bride looked too sweet for words", that she "has a rather handsome man for a husband", and so forth. — In other words, we believe that everybody was delighted with the wedding, even the most scrutinizing of critics — and boy, we got 'em down here, don't think we ain't.

I still insist that one of the finest features of a Y. L. S. wedding is the fact that she is met by the prefect of the Sodality or representative, receives a gold Sodality medal, and approaches the altar of God with renewed blessings of Mary upon her.

On September 9th, Joseph Urban began the life-long business of calling Agnes Stygar by the name of Mrs. Joseph Urban. The wedding took place at the Assumption Church, but the magnificent shindig was held at our Parish hall, — and I ask you, could you find a better place? I don't think so either.

Joe was formerly a very active and prominent member of our Y. M. S. Many of the boys were present at the wedding and oh yes, of course,

at the shindig.

Congratulations, and best wishes, any may all your descendants be presidents and presidentesses of our Sodalities.

By the way, Joe's grandfather was the first president of the Young Men's Sodality, Joe's father was also president of the Sodality, and Joe himself, ran for president more than once, but distinguished himself in many other capacities in various other offices.

Therefore, special best wishes to you, Joseph!

Oh, my yes! The Lafayette South Side Bank was there in full force. You never see that gang pass up anything, and particularly weddings. Oh, my no!

### DEATHS.

During the past month, Almighty God called to their eternal reward the souls of Mary Hanus, 46 years old, Lawrence Nahlik, 14 years old, and William Lesyna. — In the name of the parish we offer our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved.

Mrs. Mary Hanus, wife of Michael Hanus, died on September 10th at the City Hospital. She was the mother of four children, three boys, aged 10, 8, and 5, and a little girl, 11 months old. It is indeed sad to lose a mother, especially with the children so young, but surely Almighty God knows what is best. May God bless those who mourn the great loss, and may her soul rest in peace.

Another very sad incident occurred on the 20 of September, when Lawrence Nahlik was drowned in the Meramec River, at Valley Park, Mo. — Lawrence was a second year student in the St. Louis Preparatory Seminary, and for this reason his loss is doubly felt by his family and by the entire parish.

Lawrence had gone to Valley Park Sunday afternoon with some of the boys of the parish. Many other parishioners were spending the day in the same place. Upon receiving his parents' permission to go, he had promised them that this would be the last time that he would go out on Sunday, as he must now devote all his time to his studies. But God's ways are not our ways nor are His thoughts our thoughts. Lawrence was crossing the Meramec in a canoe with two other boys from the parish, when a strong