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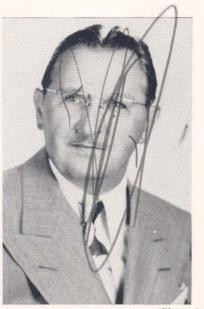
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of this organization is to aid in making the western section of Greater Detroit as desirable as possible, both for residence and business purposes; to promote safety, health, education and recreation in the community; and to endorse any work or improvement of general benefit to the municipality as a whole.

Welcome ...





(Photos by Bonish Studio) Dr. F. J. Tomczyk General Co-Chairmen

As co-chairmen, we extend a hearty greeting to one and all. We take great pleasure in acknowledging our great debt to all the members of various committees, who by their valiant effort made possible the success of this Silver Jubilee. Indeed . . . the whole organization is to be complimented on its excellent work to make the West Side Merchants League . . . the outstanding civic organization that it has been for the past twenty five years, and we sincerely urge all members to continue the good work until we meet again at our Golden Jubilee.

Thanks to all!

F. J. TOMCZYK, R. T. ZURAWSKI.

PROGRAM

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Florida Cocktail

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Rissole Potatoes

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Coffee

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1.	Echoes from Fatherland (Echa z Rodzinnych Stron) Arr. by F. Kurzawa
2.	Play Gypsies - Dance Gypsies (from Countess Maritza) E. Kalman
3.	"Hajnalka", Selection Charles J. Roberts
4.	Pearls of Poland (Perły Polskie) Fr. Przybylski
5.	"Puszta Maiden" — Waltzes
6.	"Kujawiak" Fr. Kurzawa
7.	"Traum der Sennerin" (Dream of Tyrolean)
8.	"The Fortune Teller" — Selection
9.	"Liebesleid" F. Kreisler
10.	"Play For Me, Fiddler", Tango

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Dancing Music by Johnny Sadrack and His Orchestra

A Message from Our President ...



DR. STANLEY J. PONIATOWSKI President W. S. M. L.

On this momentous occasion, it is indeed a privilege for me to extend my heartiest congratulations to the members for the good work they did in developing and expanding the West Side Merchants League.

By continuing its good work, the Club has a bright future before it, God willing; I visualize a greater and a more perfect organization, if that same willingness, spirit and good fellowship prevail.

We can't miss! Our foundation was twenty-five years in the making.





WEST SIDE MERCHANTS LEAGUE OFFICERS 1948-49. — Sitting, left to right: N. Frank Cylkowski, rec. sec'y; Leonard Celeskey, 1st vice-pres.; Dr. S. J. Poniatowski, pres.; Jos. Galica, 2nd vice-pres.; M. Sosnowski, treas. — Standing, left to right: Jos. Hachlinski, trustee; Dr. T. Stokfisz; John Janicki, sgt.-at-arms; Jos. Squires, trustee; A. Kopczynski, fin. sec'y; L. Hypnar. — Not in picture: T. Mallow, 3rd vice-pres.; M. Chargot, chairman trustees.

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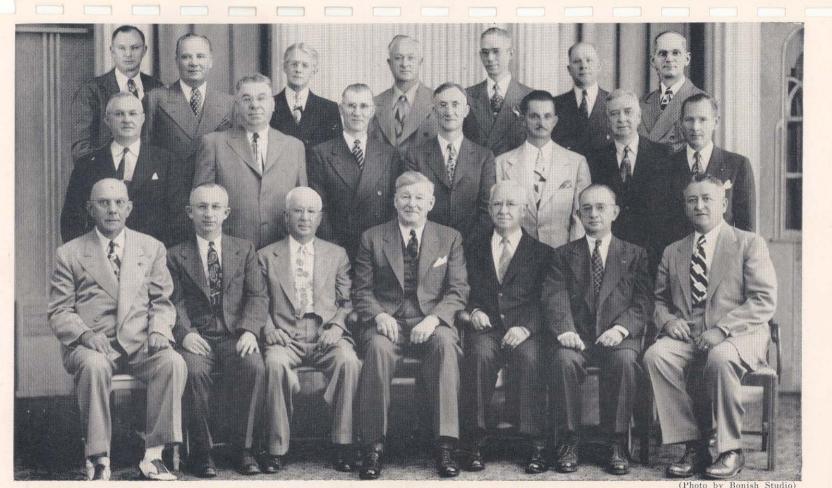
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CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE WEST SIDE MERCHANTS LEAGUE, INC. — Sitting, left to right: John P. Bozyk, Joseph Pilzninski, Thomas Gill, Adam F. Brzezinski, John J. Antczak, Henry T. Kempa, Peter Rusinowski. — Second row, left to right: Edward Gardulski, Joseph J. Sarnowski, Ray Gray, Anthony Grzezinski, John F. Jankowski, Edw. Leszczynski, Alex Moniuszko. — Third row, left to right: John J. Garstecki, Alex Jarosinski, Leo A. Bonish, Wm. Zawacki, F. E. Marzencki, Walter Bonkowski, Chester Dykowski. Congratulations On Your 25th Anniversary

> alex Jarosinski

> > (Member)



Did you know that . . .

Our organization sold over 1,650 admissions for the first Polish Relief Day held in 1940? About 40 organizations took part — we accounted for 10 percent of the total net income.

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To You on Your 25th Anniversary

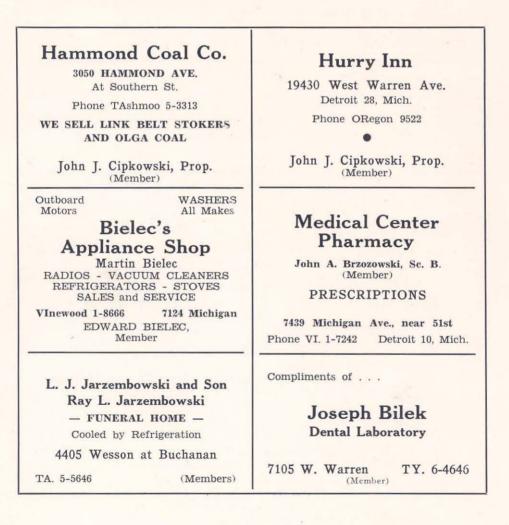
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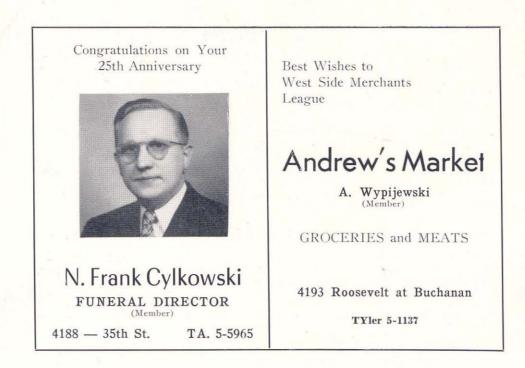
DR. S. T. PONIATOWSKI DR. J. S. PIEROG (Members) The West Side Merchants League has led the way among West Side organizations in its contributions to all worthy causes. Contributions went regularly to: Polish and American Red Cross; Polish Goodfellows; Polish Aid Society; Community Funds and War Chests; Cancer and Tuberculosis drives; Boys' Club; Polish Activities League; Detroit Society Scholarship; Chair of Polish Literature and Language at the University of Michigan; Guardian Angels Home; Polish Refugees at Orchard Lake; Dom Akademicki; Polish Language books for Chadsey High; Broken Heart Fund; Defenders of Poland and many lesser activities.

The past quarter century has seen us grow from a small social group to a large one and now always a potential factor in the welfare and progress of our community. The end is not in sight . . . nor will it ever be . . . so long as we have men like those in the West Side Merchants League . . . men with vision, courage, and faith in the future of our fellowmen!

Past Presidents

The following have served the organization as presidents: Adam F. Brzezinski, John P. Bozyk, John J. Garstecki, Dr. F. J. Tomczyk, Bruno Naru, Jacob B. Barc, Lieut. Felix Podbielski, Jos. A. Kosmowski, Frank J. Wendt.





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Our First President *"The Chief"*



Adam F. Brzezinski

If we were looking for an easy way to write this sketch, we would be tempted to take a few interesting pages from one of Horatio Alger's success stories, change the name of its hero, place the scene of action at 4819 McGraw, Detroit . . . and, believe it or not, you would be reading a story about our first president, Adam F. Brzezinski.

His rugged constitution, initiative, forceful character, coupled with natural abilities, carried him through many years of diversified activities in all walks of life: business, civic, social and political, attaining continuous successes.

Starting when but 19 years of age, he organized clubs and societies, devoting many years of hard work to Polish National Alliance. His work brought recognition by a national convention which elected him to the high office of Commissioner for the State of Michigan. He received one of P. N. A.'s high awards.

His keen interest and active participation in the political life of our city brought additional burdens on his broad shoulders. He seldom said "no" when called to serve his city. He did so with distinction as Commissioner of Public Lighting, D. S. R. and Water Board.

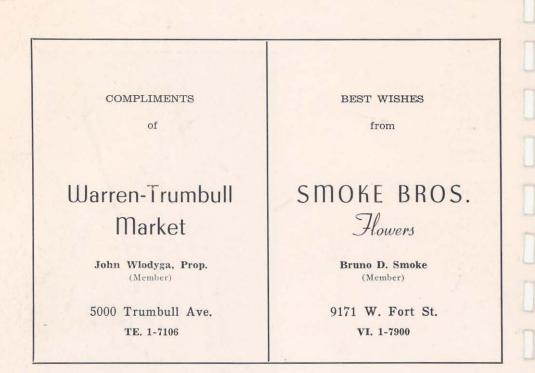
The Boys' Club of Detroit was always close to his heart. He served ably as director, treasurer, secretary and finally as president of this fine institution, receiving its highest award — the Bronze Keystone. He remains on the Board of Directors.

In the early stages of Selective Service — he helped to organize Local Board 36 and served as chairman until forced to retire by ill health.

Ever alert to the needs of his mother country — Poland, the call for his unbounded energy was the greatest in this field, following World War I. He organized direct aid to Poland and served on numerous committees. This humanitarian work brought him one of Poland's highest decorations on June 26, 1924 — "The Polonia Restituta." Gen. Joseph Haller and the Polish Army in France decorated him with "Miecze Hallerowskie" for meritorious work on behalf of Poland. The Polish Army Veterans' Ass'n also cited him for his unselfish work. On January 18, 1948 he received a citation from the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

We have many reasons to be proud of our first president, Adam F. Brzezinski. He served us well in that office for 15 years . . . still a very active member.

Hail to our "Chief"!



Drs. John Pierog and Stanley J. Poniatowski came to the aid of the West Side Merchants League during the county-wide drive for toys for children of Poland by placing all the facilities of the Export Processing Co. at our disposal — which expedited a tremendous job and saved money needed for shipping.

> "As one of the Charter Members, it has been a source of pleasure all these years to be associated with such a fine group of men" J. J. Garstecki

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- By JOHN KRONK, Historian -

N TIMES of stress . . . in times of peace . . . the going was easy, and the going was difficult . . . since 1923 the West Side Merchants League was always there. The West Side Merchants League is active now . . . the West Side Merchants League will be there when we are memories and cur sons and daughters are carrying on for us!



John Kronk

A group of men banded together for a "night off with the boys" - to bowl - from the beginning of an organization established primarily for social reasons, the West Side Merchants League has grown to such proportions that today it is a recognized leader and an asset in the community. Since 1923 it has become a potent factor in charitable, educational and civic endeavors.

In 1925 the West Side Merchants League applied for and received a charter in Wayne County. Of the charter members, 21 are still with us: John J. Antczak; Leo A. Bonish; Walter P. Bonkowski; John P. Bozyk; Adam F. Brzezinski; Chester G. Dykowski; Edward S. Gardulski; John J. Garstecki; Thomas Gill; Ray Gray; Anthony G. Grzezinski; John F. Jankowski;

Alex J. Jarosinski; Henry T. Kempa; Edward Leszczynski; Ferdinand E. Marzencki; Alex A. Moniuszko, Joseph S. Pilznienski; Peter Rusinowski; Joseph J. Sarnowski and William Zawacki.



Dr. F. J. Tomczyk presenting a life membership certificate to Adam F. Brzezinski at the annual banquet in 1943. Mrs. B. proudly witnesses the ceremony.

From a small group we have grown to a present membership of 235 men without once stressing a membership drive. Interest in the organization has been

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JOSEPH COONEY, Principal Priest School.



such, that men in all walks of life and in every age, keep applying for an opportunity to join the organization — to such an extent, that the ladies have since formed an Auxiliary and are now an integral part of the West Side Merchants League.

The first few years were mainly taken up with bowling, featured by annual challenge matches with the Polish Century Club and the East Side Merchants which invariably ended with the West Side Merchants \ldots the victors.

It wasn't long before the problems of the community came to our attention.

We did something about it!

Our first contribution for the betterment of our fellowman, resulted in creating citizenship classes; the first of which graduated 135 men. Because of these classes, numerous political clubs mushroomed . . . giving rise to an increased interest in civic and political affairs.

Since 1930 the West Side Merchants League has been a factor in the continuation of the widening of Michigan Avenue, Livernois to Fifth Street — vigorously and effectively protesting the proposed curtailment of the Works Progress Administration funds for road building purposes.

The Depression

With it came the problems attendant upon unemployment, welfare aid and fear. The rise of juvenile delinquency then — as now — was alarming. We arranged to have young boys register and sent out on farms, giving them homes, security and a chance to work. Adam ("the Chief") Brzezinski, then our President, by his close relationship and harmony with the Boys' Club of Detroit did such effective work, that even today our confines are quite free from "gangs" and "band marrauders."

We fought for improvement of neighborhood play-grounds, notably the Priest School. We espoused the cause of building a sorely needed high school — result: Chadsey High. But we are not through — not by any means — for the gymnasium has to be built and we needn't point out how all important that gymnasium is to healthy minded youngsters. Chadsey High will get that gym!

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In Passing Our Twenty-Fifth Milestone

The West Side Merchants League is in a jubilant mood on this day. We are celebrating a very important event and date tonight. Twenty-five eventful years . . . years filled with service to our community . . . have passed in our life as an organization since 1923.

We acknowledge with deep, sincere appreciation the very generous and loyal support our humble efforts have received throughout this period to make many of our successful ventures possible.

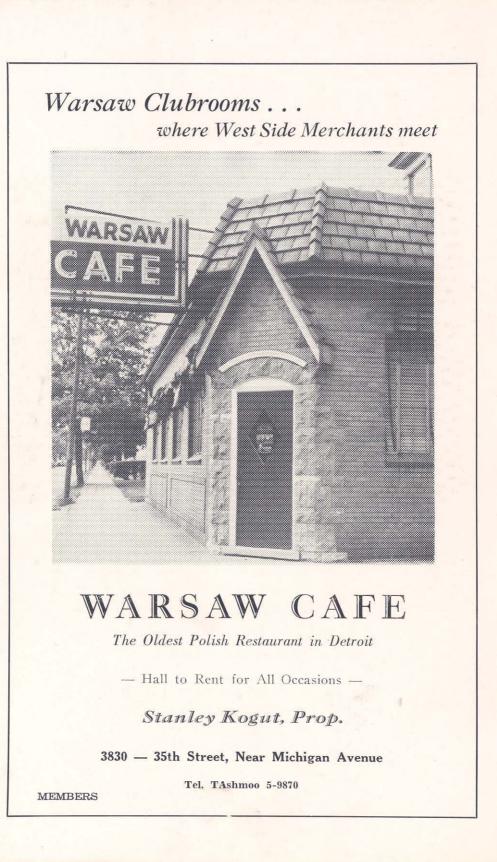
We hope and pray that we have the strength and courage to continue our work and to merit and enjoy such splendid support in the future.

To all the advertisers in this Jubilee Book for their fine co-operation and full understanding of our problems . . . we wish the fullest measure of success . . . they deserve it.

And . . . a big "thank you" to all our guests tonite for joining us in our celebration.

Jubilee Committee

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Our first championship team in 1924. Seated, left to right: Frank Cylkowski, Adam F. Brzezinski, Al. Filipp. Standing, left to right: Leo Bonish, Ray Gray, P. Fabiszewski.

Bowling Champions, perfect attendance boys and other merit winners are given their awards . . . dinners are always excellent . . . the ladies lovely and the gentlemen witty.

In the old days, these festivities took place at the Autrain Rod and Gun Club, but we have long since out-grown small quarters — gone on the other places — Sunnybrook, Bonnybrook and mcre recently our oft called second home — Warren Valley Golf Club.

A nostalgic note — remember the family picnics which were featured by a soft ball game that left everyone breathless and the excursions to Bob-Lo that made Michigan Avenue look like a deserted street?

During the year small fishing and golfing parties — composed of our members — make life worthwhile.

The auxiliary lends its invaluable help to a card party or two — always successful as to attendance and funds raised.

Since 1943 the Annual New Year's Eve Party has been giving the Bowlers' Banquet keen competition. There is music, dancing, favors, good food and good company, and here again we're growing up in size — the next New Year's locale — the Belle Isle Casino.

Many Services . . . All Well Done . . .

To our charter member, Henry T. Kempa, go many honors in the organization. He designed our official emblem used on the silver key tags tonight. Henry likes to tinker with many things as hobbies to use up his extra midnite oil. He is the originator of our business roster and directory. He designed our bookkeeping system during his long term of office as financial secretary. He made a topographical aerial survey of two parks used for Polish Relief Days in 1940. His motion pictures of our fishing, golfing and other parties will long entertain us. Some day we'll write a book to tell all.

GREETINGS and Best Wishes for Future Success from

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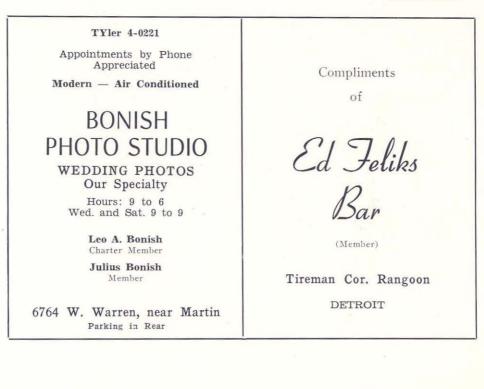
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May 18, 1943.

"You are hereby informed that upon the recommendation of the Executive Board, the members present at the April 5, 1943 meeting, had elected you as Honorary President of the West Side Merchants League for the duration."

SECRETARY.





PAST PRESIDENTS LADIES' AUXILIARY. - Sitting, left to right: Mrs. Kroger; Mrs. S. Poniatowski; Mrs. M. Chargot. - Standing, left to right: Mrs. M. Sosnowski; Mrs. W. Nawrot.

W. S. M. L. Ladies' Auxiliary

During the first 18 years of existence of the West Side Merchants League, the wives of the members were more or less content to remain at home on Tuesday nights, read books, knit or pass the time in the best way they could devise.

Everything was nice and lovely until a few rebels got their pretty heads together and decided that they saw no reason why the forgotten wives could not have fun and recreation of their own on their husbands' nights out. A meeting was arranged on September 17, 1941 and the "West Side Merchants Ladies' League" was born. The first officers selected were: Ann Kotarski, president; Charlotte Zurawski, vicepresident; Anna Kempa, financial secretary; Irene Nawrot, recording secretary; Josephine Celeskey, treasurer and Wanda Matty, Estelle Gurney and Eleanor Roman, members of the Bowling Committee.

The enthusiasm shown by the ladies during the first season made it quite apparent that the interests of the new organization could not be limited to bowling alone.

The league was re-organized under the name of "West Side Merchants Ladies' Auxiliary", non-bowling members were admitted and the scope of activities enlarged.

The constitution of the new organization provides for activities in recreational and social fields for the benefit of the members, co-operating with the men's league in worthy undertakings . . . financial and moral assistance to charitable institutions or organizations.

The rapid growth of the Auxiliary, which consists of 86 members today, and its record of achievements in social and charitable fields gives ample proof of its value to the community.

Ann Kotarski was the organization's first president. She was followed by Adelaide Poniatowski, Clara Kroger, Ann Chargot, Betty Sosnowski. Irene Nawrot and Marguerite Muske, in that order. CONGRATULATIONS

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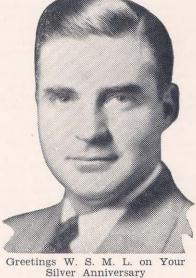
Service?

December 5, 1931.

"This is our annual plea on behalf of the poor kiddies and their friends the Polish Goodfellows, to one of the truest and staunchest friends and supporters of both - The West Side Merchants League."

JOSEPH WEDDA, President Polish Daily Record.

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Michael Chargot gave us the Chopin Theatre — we sold out three days and the proceeds went to the Polish Refugee students at Orchard Lake.

We set ourselves a goal — a Club House for West Side Merchants League, which we have already started. A sizeable fund is established and placed in charge of a special committee composed of seven past presidents: Adam F. Brzezinski, John P. Bozyk, John J. Garstecki, Dr. F. J. Tomczyk, Bruno Naru, Jacob B. Barc, and Felix Podbielski.

We have stressed entertainment at our meetings — not just social — but educational and civic as well — with speakers of note to inform us on world and local events.

Social

The social aspects of our group have had — and still have — a prominent part in the yearly activities.

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—Minutes, May 9, 1927.

P. S. - It was a watch with appropriate engraving.



On the home front — after Pearl Harbor — we didn't slacken our efforts, nor were we found wanting. As part of an extended War Program — all Local Board No. 36 Selective Service members were West Side Merchants: Jacob B. Barc; Dr. F. J. Tomczyk; Henry T. Kempa; Adam F. Brzezinski; Joseph Kosmowski; Stephen Bernatowicz.

The Selective Service Medal, "awarded in the name of the Congress of the United States for faithful and loyal service" is a proud possession of J. B. Barc, Dr. F. J. Tomczyk, H. T. Kempa, J. A. Kosmowski and S. Bernatowicz.

"Mitch" Jachimski was Area Warden under Civilian Defense and devoted much of his radio program time to various phases of our war effort. In the sale of War Bonds we really showed our mettle. As an example, John Tondryk, thru his office, sold over \$3,000,000.00. We were all "Gallants". Many of our members were Minute Men and hold meritorious awards from the Treasury Department, some members from each of the loan drives.

We hailed the "Merchantman", our own monthly, which had its beginning during these trying times as a contact between the men overseas and the boys at home. Still flourishing and very popular.

In retrospect, the War found the West Side Merchants League well out in front in civilian endeavors.

Post War!

We got off to a good start after VE and VJ Days. Anthony Przywara, Joseph Galica, and Henry Sarnowski were appointed to serve as re-employment committeemen with Local Board No. 36 Selective Service.

As co-sponsors, with Jacob Barc as the guiding light, we participated in a metropolitan wide "Toys for Children of Poland" drive which produced more than \$90,000.00 worth of toys donated for the most part by the school children of Detroit.

In 1946 we sponsored the opera "Verbum Nobile" by Moniuszko at the Masonic Auditorium with star operatic singers from Chicago and New York in the leading roles. Andzia Kuzak, pride and joy of Chicago's Polonia, captured our collective hearts with her wonderful voice.

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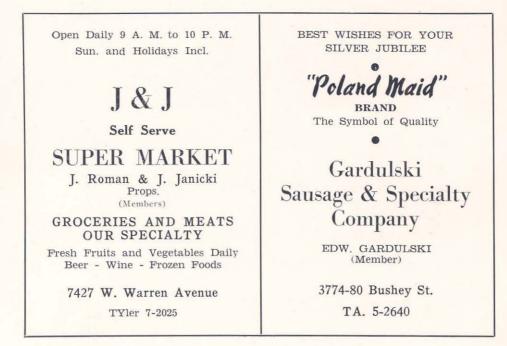


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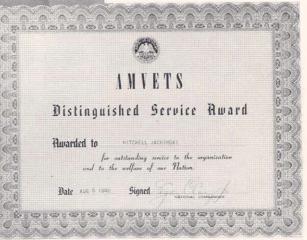
Boys in service were remembered with a magazine subscription of their choice, — dues waived — Christmas and Easter packages \ldots and many letters from member-friends back home.





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(Photo by Bonish Studio)

Members of Local Board 36 Selective Service. Sitting, left to right: Stephen Bernatowicz; Henry T. Kempa, sec'y; Jacob B. Barc, chairman; Joseph A. Kosmowski, vice-chairman; Dr. F. J. Tomczyk.

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There is a gold star after the name of Stanley L. Deneszczuk. We are proud — very proud — of the record made by these boys and of the fact that they are associated with us.





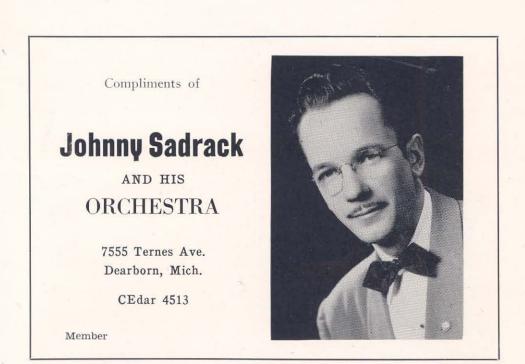
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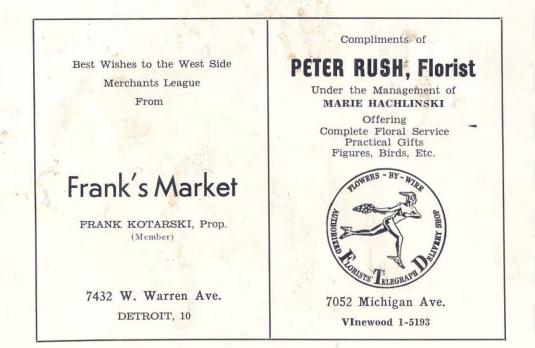
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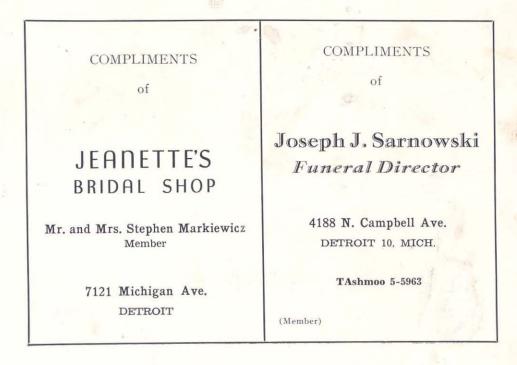
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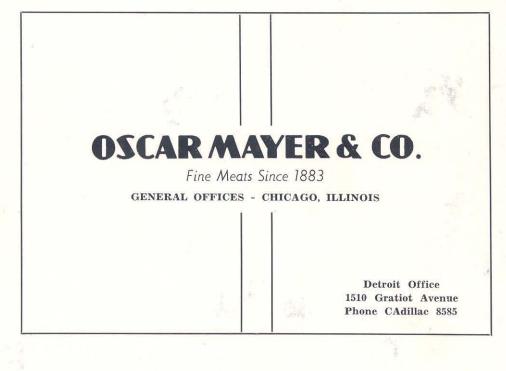
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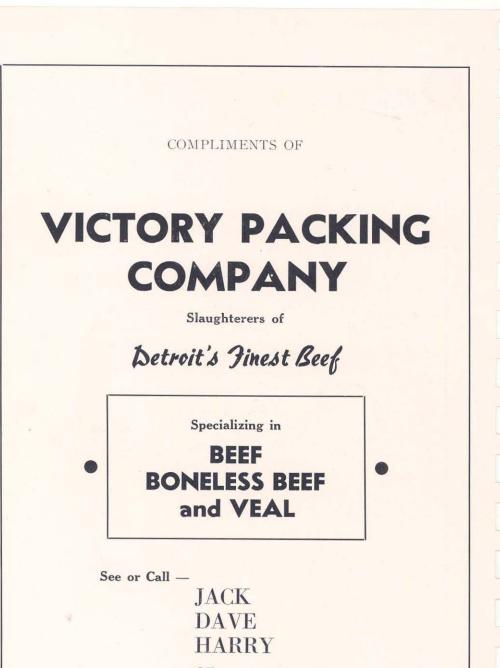
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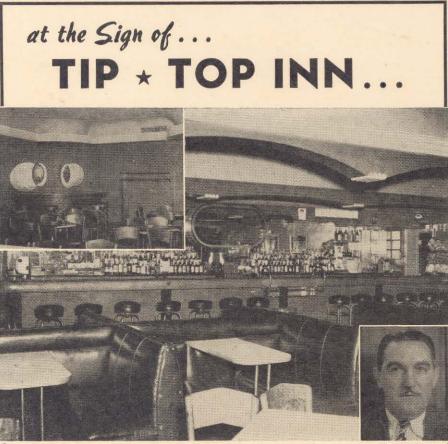


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