

PALMS SERVICE IS HELD IN CHURCHES

Day Is Fittingly Observed by All Catholics in Places of Worship.

ARCHBISHOP MAKES PLEA

Development of Religious Life Among Young People Strongly Urged—Worldliness Seen in Too Many Homes.

Reverently they knelt, devoutly they prayed, intently, respectfully they listened, those hundreds of Catholics who attended the services yesterday in Cathedral and parish churches where Palm Sunday was observed with due ceremony. The blessing of the palms and their distribution to the parishioners was one of the important features of the day.

In St. Mary's Cathedral there were masses at 6, 7:15, 8:30, 9:45 and 11 A. M. and at all there was a large attendance.

After the blessing of the palms the amplified choir sang without organ accompaniment. For the high mass at 11 o'clock the gospel account of the suffering and death of Christ from St. Matthew, was sung by Father Cunningham, of Columbia University, Father Sheridan and Father De Lorimer. The story was sung by the middle voice, the words of the Lord by the low voice and the calls and comments of the rabble by the high tenor voice, making a most impressive and beautiful effect.

Father Carmody sang the mass. The choir, without accompaniment of organ, particularly that of the development of religious vocations be encouraged in the ranks of the young people. With this aim in view he urged greater interest in religious training for the children in their homes.

The archbishop in part said: "The demand for more workers in God's field is imperative. Without them not only is normal development jeopardized, but we are in danger of losing souls in whom the seed of faith has already been planted.

"Though our Catholic people have contributed generously in a financial way towards the work of the church, nevertheless we feel that they have been remiss in fostering religious vocations among their children. The home environment of our young children is often not sufficiently religious. In many homes a heaven of worldliness has so influenced the thoughts and ambitions of parents that pleasures and amusements usurp the place of religion."

Archbishop's Message Read.

Father O'Hara read extracts from the letter of Archbishop Christie to the clergy and laity. The archbishop urged particularly that the development of religious vocations be encouraged in the ranks of the young people. With this aim in view he urged greater interest in religious training for the children in their homes.

The archbishop in part said: "The demand for more workers in God's field is imperative. Without them not only is normal development jeopardized, but we are in danger of losing souls in whom the seed of faith has already been planted.

"Though our Catholic people have contributed generously in a financial way towards the work of the church, nevertheless we feel that they have been remiss in fostering religious vocations among their children. The home environment of our young children is often not sufficiently religious. In many homes a heaven of worldliness has so influenced the thoughts and ambitions of parents that pleasures and amusements usurp the place of religion."

Educational Work Planned.

Cathedral parish is setting up a substantial foundation for constructive work in the education of young men for the priesthood. It has established an endowment fund which so far amounts to \$5000, invested in liberty bonds, and Father O'Hara announced yesterday that about \$1000 more will be set aside another \$1000 from the Easter offering, the additional sum to be put into liberty bonds also. The sum of \$6000 from the Easter offering will be turned over to the endowment fund. The generous gifts of the people, Father O'Hara said, would show their interest in the cause for which the archbishop spoke, and also their patriotism.

Noon-day services, the stations of the cross, will be held each day this week, beginning today. The hour is 12:25 o'clock. The service will last about 30 minutes and will be especially for business people. Services at night will be on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and on the last two there will be sermons.

Holy Thursday, at 9 o'clock in the morning, there will be solemn Pontifical masses with the blessing of the holy oils. There will be a service at 8 o'clock Friday morning, and on Saturday at 7 o'clock, there will be the blessing of the new fire, the baptismal font and the paschal candle. Mass will be at 8 o'clock Saturday morning.

Week Fittingly Observed.

Holy Thursday, also, will have notable observance in that it celebrates the institution of the blessed sacrament. There will be holy communion every half-hour, beginning at 6 o'clock in the morning. Confession in preparation for this will be on Wednesday, from 4 to 5 o'clock, and on Friday, from 1:30 to 2 o'clock, the seven last words of Christ on the cross will be the inspiration of the musical setting and the instruction. The collection on Friday will be for the preservation and restoration of sacred places in the Holy Land.

PALM SERVICE IS IMPRESSIVE

Bishop Sumner Gives Sermon of Inspirational Character.

The impressive service of the blessing and distribution of the palms, the Palm Sunday observance at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, was duly celebrated yesterday in the services. Special music, Bishop Sumner presiding. The bishop gave an inspiring sermon with earnest admonitions that the parishioners observe holy week. The story of the entry of Christ into Jerusalem was given in Bible verse and sermon.

Music for the occasion was particularly beautiful. The Palm Sunday observance at St. Mark's is of time-honored interest and always is well attended. Every seat was taken for yesterday's services. Rev. J. E. H. Simpson, pastor, and Rev. J. G. Hutton, assistant pastor, assisted the bishop.

Special prayers for the soldiers at the front were offered.

Last night Bishop Sumner went to Oregon City to officiate at the evening service there. The Rev. Mr. Chandler assisted in the service. Special music and a large attendance were features. Bishop Sumner will preach and have charge of the Easter service at St. Stephen's pro-Cathedral next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

39 SOLDIERS PROFESS FAITH

Rev. H. L. Stephens Preaches at Centenary Methodist.

"Going Over or Going Back" This was the theme of the sermon of the Rev. H. L. Stephens at Centenary Methodist Church yesterday. Rev. Mr. Stephens made a plea for all who accepted the faith to stand steadfast and not to turn back. After he had given a stirring appeal for followers of Christ to

rise and take their place in the "army of the Lord," 39 soldiers in uniform, who were in the congregation, arose and turned to the altar and declared themselves ready to begin service as Christians. The Sunday before there had been 29 soldiers among those who made profession of their faith, making 68 at the two morning services.

Last night Mr. Stephens spoke on "The Unpardonable Sin," closing his series of meetings at Centenary.

Rev. T. W. Lane, pastor of Centenary Church, led the congregation in a devout appeal in the prayer that God would help the cause of the right and bless the allied forces. Particularly did Dr. Lane ask that the American boys be blessed with God's guidance and that their friends and relatives be strengthened and given courage and faith in these trying hours.

FATHER AND SON HOST

PHIL METSCHAN, SR., AND PHIL, JR., GIVE BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Relatives From All Parts of State in Attendance at Banquet in Honor of Prominent Portlanders.

Phil Metschan, Sr., and Phil Metschan, Jr., held their annual joint birthday celebration last night in the red room of the Imperial Hotel. Relatives from all parts of the state and some from Washington assembled to honor to the auspicious occasion at which these two well-known and popular Portlanders were hosts.

Occupying a conspicuous place at the table was the immense birthday cake. A bounteous repast was followed by toasts and expressions of good will and many happy returns of the day for the genial hosts.

The fact that the 78th birthday of Mr. Metschan, Sr., and the 42nd birthday of Phil, Jr., found all the children of the Metschan family present, including Mr. Metschan's five sons and four daughters and all their children, was the cause of great rejoicing. The oldest son of the family is 52 years of age and the youngest 23. Miss Anna Metschan, of Tacoma, eldest sister of the senior host, was also in attendance. Gay colors of the allied nations adorned the room, and a mass of handsome and brilliant tulips made up the floral scheme.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Phil Metschan, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Phil Metschan, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Otto Metschan, Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Metschan, H. A. Metschan, all of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Metschan, of Grants Pass; Mr. and Mrs. George H. Catnach, Canyon City; Mrs. Frank Meredith, Yakima; Dr. and Mrs. L. F. Griffith, Salem; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Flanders, Salem; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sutherland, Salem; Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Sutherland, Portland; Miss Anna Metschan, Tacoma; Mrs. K. M. C. Neill, Grants Pass; Miss Anna Hieson, Portland; the Misses Margaret and Ruth Griffith, Salem; Miss Dorothy and Miss Phyllis Jane Metschan, Miss Susan and Master Phil Metschan, III, of Portland, and Miss Marjorie Neill, of Grants Pass.

GAS ATTACK SUCCEEDS

CRIES OF DISTRESS HEARD AFTER CANADIAN BOMBARDMENT.

Favorable Winds Carry Deadly Fumes to German Trenches Between Lens and Hill 70.

CANADIAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, March 24.—(By Canadian Press.)—While German and British troops were struggling far to the south in the opening clash of the Spring campaign, the greatest gas attack since the beginning of the war was carried out by the Canadians tonight against enemy positions between Lens and Hill 70.

At 11 o'clock a signal rocket was sent up. A moment later more than 1000 tons of lethal gas, simultaneously released from projectors, were hurled into enemy territory from the outskirts of Lens to Cite St. Auguste and Bois de Dix-Huit.

From his front lines and strong points favoring winds carried the poisonous clouds back upon the enemy's dugouts, supports, reserves and assembly areas. The whole front was lit by enemy flares which could be seen through the heavy mist, while the enemy's gas alarm and cries of distress could be heard from the hostile trenches.

LANE TO IMPROVE ROADS

Extensive Programme Outlined for Betterment of County System.

EUGENE, Or., March 24.—(Special.)—J. R. McKay, superintendent of roads in Lane County, has opened his Spring drive for highway improvement, reinforced with additional road building machinery, paying more for labor, and estimating that he will do more work at smaller cost than ever before in the history of Lane County. New equipment has solved the labor problem in such a way that it will result in an enormous saving to the taxpayers, he asserts.

The macadam road building programme outlined for Lane County this year includes some important construction in view of the fact that various stretches of macadam road are to be connected, making the macadam road system in the county more complete.

PHYSICIAN CHEATS DEATH

Klamath Falls Doctor Attacked by Ptomaine Poisoning on Train.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., March 24.—(Special.)—Dr. George Cathey had a narrow escape from death on the train between Klamath Falls and Weed Saturday from ptomaine poisoning. He is now reported to be improving at Weed.

Dr. Cathey had just terminated a successful practice of three years in Klamath Falls and was leaving for New York City for special work in brain diseases, after which he planned to return to Portland. He was taken suddenly very ill and the train was stopped while remedies were obtained at a nearby farmhouse.

VANCOUVER LACKS HOUSES

Every Available Place in City Rented and Occupied.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 24.—(Special.)—Never before in the history of Vancouver has there been such a demand for homes for workmen, and every available house has been rented and is being occupied. Scores of new homes are building or contemplated within the next few weeks.

Several apartment-houses will be built this Spring, and the plans are now being drawn. So scarce are homes here that many workmen are compelled to go to Portland in their homes. It is probable that the emergency will cause the use of many tents this Spring and Summer until homes can be built.

2000 HEAR CONCERT

Musical Triumphs Win Praise for Symphony Orchestra.

CLASSICAL NUMBERS SCORE

Carl Denton Conducts With Ease, Musical Finish and Fine Ability. Next Concert to Be Held on Sunday, April 28.

BY JOSEPH MACQUEEN.

In sparkling artfulness the memory of the concert of the Portland Symphony Orchestra, yesterday afternoon, in the Public Auditorium, attended by about 2000 people, will live pleasantly. Approval was heard on every hand.

The concert was one in which various difficulties were surmounted.

At every symphony concert, the musical triumphs are measured principally by the careful and thorough rehearsals held beforehand. Yet, although yesterday's concert was eminently satisfactory, at few rehearsals was it possible to secure a complete attendance of members, due to the fact that many of these musicians are now working in the shipyards and consequently it is not possible for certain members of the brass section at least, to attend morning rehearsals in as large numbers as formerly.

That is why the great musical worth of yesterday's concert is so remarkable. We must remember that these symphony concerts are as an oasis in our music life here in Oregon, and they should be so treasured.

Music Bright and Cheerful.

The programme contained valuable features, but nothing risky in the line of new music, because it is new, was tried. Instead, we met with bright, cheerful music that has mostly stood the test.

The symphony is that old favorite, Dvorak's "No. 2, From the New World," and American in its every fiber. Written by Dvorak while he lived in New York City, and in the belief that in the music of the American negro lay the cornerstone of American music, the symphony has long been loved by American audiences. It is a question for debate, though, if Dvorak was correct in his surmise. There are other sources for music composition—the American Indian, indigenous to the soil, the Pilgrim fathers—and others. Still, the orchestral structure in "No. 2" is lovely, and its play on the old song, "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," is twined and twined like a bouquet of roses, until its hearers are filled with pleasure and correspondingly grateful. The rendition was smooth.

Portland Composer Wins.

The audience was quite eager to hear the overture to the Nicolai opera, "Merry Wives of Windsor," which is to be presented next month by the Portland Opera Association. The music is tuneful, and delightfully gay, almost French or Latin. The number was played with spirit, with admirable unanimity of action.

An old favorite was recognized in the catchy, lovely, harp-like serenade, "Rococo" (Meyer-Helland). It is by the string orchestra, "Bizzicato," in which the violinists pluck the strings with their fingers instead of using the bow. It is a dream of loveliness.

The new "Suite" by a Portland composer, Francis Richter, made a great hit, and won favor instantly. It has three movements, and the two first are especially meritorious. The last "Danse Espagnol" has in it the real atmosphere of joy. It is marked by tambourine motif, and is so full with the spirit of the dance that very little more of it would have made the audience beat time with feet accompaniment. Mr. Richter played on the piano, the music allotted by him to the celesta, and he played gracefully and well.

Conductor Shows Ability.

The much-liked "Intermezzo" from Mascagni's "Intermezzo Cavalleria," was splendidly played by string orchestra, harp, piano and pipe organ, with Mr. Richter at the piano and Frederick W. Goodrich at the pipe organ, and it was so well received that a repetition was called for.

A joyous, triumphant rendition was made of the "Introduction" to the third act of Wagner's "Lohengrin," and it was a pleasure to hear it.

Carl Denton conducted with ease, musical finish and fine ability, and Henry Bettman was a success as concertmaster.

The next symphony concert will be April 28.



Engraved on wood for A. B. Kirschbaum Co.

TO CONSERVE WOOL WEAR ALL-WOOL

LET no man think he is conserving wool by wearing part-cotton clothes—wool adulterated is only good material gone to waste.... Instead of buying poorer suits and more of them—buy better suits and fewer of them.... For clothesmaking as it is done in the Kirschbaum shops means better wearing clothes—means wool conservation in its only genuine sense - \$20 to \$40

PHEGLEY & CAVENDER

CORNER FOURTH AND ALDER STREETS

is planned, at which the city's service thermometer will record the temperature of the campaign will be committed to the possession of a complete census of the city and sur- which they feel each person may invest in bonds.

If we can't fight, we can help the boys who do. They need White Bread, and lots of it.

Don't waste White Flour and time trying to do your own baking. It's far more economical and patriotic to buy Franz BUTTER-NUT VICTORY BREAD from your grocer.

You will be doing a War-Time duty and yet serving your family with the most delicious bread scientific methods and famous Master-Bakers can produce. To be sure of the best Victory Bread have your grocer send—

FRANZ

Butter-Nut Victory Bread

LIBERTY TEMPLE RISES

STATELY STRUCTURE AT TACOMA FINISHED IN ONE DAY.

Two Hundred and Fifty Union Men Donate Services—Luncheon and Dinner Enliven Occasion.

TACOMA, Wash., March 24.—(Special.)—Tacoma's Victory Hall was finished tonight. All day long 250 union mechanics labored and raised the liberty loan headquarters from floor planks to roof. Behind the carpenters followed painters, who gave the exterior its first coat. As the men worked thousands of spectators looked on and movie cameras filmed the feat.

Victory Hall was erected at Tenth and A streets, in the Plaza occupied by the great totem pole given to the city by Chester Thorne and W. F. Sheard. They brought it from Alaska many years ago.

Liberty luncheon and Liberty dinner were served to the hungry mechanics and laborers at the Commercial Club. Elmer Iover, chairman of the Tacoma liberty loan committee, and Ralph S. Stacy, district director of the loan, headed the force of waiters, composed of bankers, business and professional men. As the men partook of the feast union musicians played merrily and after the meals union cigars were smoked.

This dinner marks an epoch in Tacoma, said Joseph H. Lyden, secretary of the Central Labor Council in a brief address.

"It brings employer and employe more closely together and shows the Government we are all working in harmony."

LIBERTY LOAN IS AWAITED

Cottage Grove Determined to Make Drive Huge Success.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., March 24.—(Special.)—While it is probable that Cottage Grove will be asked to raise twice as much in the third liberty loan as it raised in the last liberty loan, there is twice as much enthusiasm for this loan as there was for the previous loan. The Cottage Grove district is now only waiting for the opening day in order to get busy. A monster rally