

Church in Capital Observes 'Second Century' Services

NEW YORK (U) — Going to church today is easier, safer, takes less time — and may be less dramatic — than it was in the early years of the Christian era.

Comparisons such as this between the original and modern modes of worship are recalled regularly in the Calvary Methodist Church in Washington, D.C., which annually observes a "second century church service." Other congregations also have reproduced the strange worship meeting, which in antiquity lasted all day but in these days is abbreviated to fit the time taken by a usual Sunday service.

Its form was determined through 30 years research by Dr. Robert H. Bogue, a religious historian and research director for the National Bureau of Standards. "If we are to understand our religion," he said, "we must know its background, its beginnings and its development."

Setting for the second century service is in the days 150 years after Jesus died, when assorted writings about Him abounded and before any authorized New Testament had been compiled.

Period of Change
It was a period of sporadic persecutions, of clashing Christian interpretations, of struggle against efforts to tone down the meaning of Jesus, of high feeling against heresies.

In services of that time, Dr. Bogue said, "There had begun to appear forerunners of ceremonial."

3 Statehood For Alaska Bills Entered

WASHINGTON (U) — Three measures which would give statehood to Alaska, including one by Delegate Bartlett (D-Alaska), went into the House hopper Wednesday as the 84th Congress convened.

Bartlett's bill would provide for land grants to the proposed state of 103,350,000 acres, including mineral rights, and would include various financial grants for capital improvements.

Other bills for Alaska statehood introduced included a measure by Rep. Mack (R-Wash.), which would include Hawaii, and one by Rep. Saylor (R-Pa.).

As they pertain to Alaska, all three measures generally follow the details of the Alaska section of the joint statehood bill passed by the Senate last year but blocked by the house.

As both territories have statehood backers in the Senate, bills to bring them into the union are expected to be introduced there soon as a matter of routine.

Judge Makes Beaten Boy Court Ward

PORTLAND (U) — A circuit judge Thursday made a severely beaten 18-month-old boy a ward of the juvenile court.

Judge Virgil Langtry ordered hospital attendants not to release the boy, Willis L. Russell Jr., to his parents. The boy showed improvement Thursday, but still was regarded in critical condition. The boy was beaten Monday.

The father, a former Clarkston, Wash., resident who was discharged from the Army last fall, has been charged with assault with intent to kill. He is in the county jail with bond set at \$5,000.

Portland Sub Unit To Receive Award

PORTLAND (UP) — Assistant Secretary of the Navy Albert Pratt will be among the civilian and Navy dignitaries here Jan. 12 when the Admiral Nimitz trophy will be awarded to Portland's Naval Reserve submarine unit.

Others scheduled to take part include Gov. Paul Patterson; Rear Adm. A. M. Bledsoe, commandant of the 13th Naval district, and Rear Adm. G. L. Russell, commandant submarines, Pacific fleet.

The Portland unit also won the award last year. It goes to the reserve unit rating highest in national competition.

Portland Man Dies in Duel

PORTLAND (U) — David Chapman, 61, free on \$3,000 bond for attempting to kill a man two months ago, made another try Wednesday night and was shot to death himself.

The fatal bullet was fired by Thomas J. Jurich, 62, who was wounded in the first shooting. Jurich was booked on a first degree murder charge.

Police believe an argument over a debt caused the trouble between Chapman and Jurich. They said this is what happened:

Two months ago Chapman chased Jurich up a flight of hotel stairs and fired, inflicting a head wound. When Jurich was released from the hospital a month later Chapman was freed on bail.

Wednesday night Chapman, pistol in hand, walked into a restaurant. Jurich slipped from a booth and, shielded by other patrons, moved up on Chapman who saw him and opened fire. Jurich returned the shots and Chapman fell dead, at least two wounds in his head.

Police said witnesses agreed Chapman fired the first shot. "He really meant to kill me," Jurich said, "Now I don't have to worry about that any more."

Goldbrick to Avoid Army

JERSEY CITY, N. J. (U) — The Army almost got another "goldbrick" but it won't now, thanks to legal action.

Howard Goldbrick, 17, of Jersey City, who is due to enter the Army in May, was granted permission Wednesday by County Judge James A. Coolahan to change his surname to Borodin.

In his petition, he complained that the present surname might prove "embarrassing" when he puts on Army garb, because the name Goldbrick denotes a soft and easy job.

Temples of Saturn which were medical schools are known to have existed at least 4,000 years B. C.

CONVENTION PLANNED
MEDFORD (U) — The Episcopal Diocese of Oregon will hold its annual convention here late in April. It was learned Thursday. Expected are 300 to 350 delegates.



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