



Opening the Holy Door—This is a picture of the 1925 ceremony by Pope Pius XI.

### Temple Assists Needy Families

Silverton—Home Temple No. 21, Pythian Sisters met in regular session with M. E. C. Mrs. Victor Hadley presiding. A successful rummage sale was reported. Also told of was a needy family to be remembered with a Christmas basket. Donations of food, fresh vegetables, fruits, or meats, toys for boys from 4 to 11 years of age, or other gifts are to be left at the Ralph Adams home, First and Main streets, not later than Thursday noon.

Officers of the lodge complimented the most excellent chief, Mrs. Hadley, with a gift shower, Mrs. Helen Burrier, making the presentation and also expressing appreciation of the work done for the organization by the honor-guest during the past year.

Mrs. Albert Grinde and Mrs. Burrier were the entertainment committee personnel providing contest games.

Mrs. Al Down, installing officer, is asking her team and all elective officers to be present Thursday, December 29, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at the Pythian hall for rehearsal. Installation of the new officers will be at the January 5, meeting.

To correct an unintentional error, the trustees are Mrs. Myrtle Eastman, Mrs. Emma Kaufman and Mrs. Marion Zahler.

To serve on the social committee for the January 5 meeting are Mrs. E. Z. Kaufman, Mrs. Harry Kuch and Mrs. L. O. Hadley.

Following the close of the



Basilica of St. Peter in Rome where many of the Holy Year ceremonies will be centered.

meeting in ritualistic order, refreshments were served by Mrs. C. E. Higinbotham, Mrs. Henrietta Loe and Mrs. Lena Hamilton. The December officers' luncheon and instructional meeting was held at the country home of the Victor Hadleys. During the social hour, secret pals of the year were revealed. Mrs. Hadley gave her assisting officers of the past year each a hand made organdy tea apron.

Williamina—The Community Chorus will begin rehearsals for 1950 on January 4 at 8 o'clock at the high school band room. The group is planning an Easter recital.

### Silverton Library Will Close Earlier

Silverton—At a meeting of the Silverton Public Library board presided over by Mrs. Glenn Briedwell, a motion was carried to close the library Saturday nights, December 24 and January 1 at 5 p. m. Usually the library is open until 9 p. m. Saturday nights.

The story hour which has been conducted in the library since early fall by the Silverton Junior Women's club declared a vacation until January 7 when it will resume again in the library at 1 p. m. The hour has proved very successful with around 20 youngsters in attendance.

### Catholic Holy Year Opens Saturday With Door Opening

Vatican City, Dec. 20 (AP)—Saturday—on Christmas eve—Pope Pius XII will open the holy door at St. Peter's basilica, starting the Catholic holy year.

Through that door, during the 1950 holy year, will pass perhaps the greatest pilgrimage in the holy year history of the Catholic church.

It is the 25th holy year recorded since Pope Boniface VIII announced the first jubilee in 1300.

Called by Pope Pius "year of the great return and the great pardon," the jubilee is expected to bring some 6,000,000 pilgrims from all over the world.

Through radio and television its message and ancient ritual will be carried to millions more as never before in history.

The year-long program of intricate ceremonies and giant religious demonstrations—including 28 canonizations and beautifications—will increase the burden on the frail shoulders of the pope, for ten years the spiritual leader of 400,000,000 Catholics. He will be 74 March 2, 1950.

The church-communism struggle for men's allegiance will be a dominant, if less apparent, factor of holy year.

The communism has declared a boycott on it. No reservations for attendance have been received from iron curtain countries.

The silver hammer with which the pope will strike the holy door to open it is the gift of Catholic workers—part of the 4,000,000—member Catholic Action organization in Italy.

Throughout the year the "crusade of goodness," under the leadership of Jesuit Father Riccardo Lombardi, will carry what he calls a "positive attack on Communism" through the gospel and social reforms to many countries in the world.

But for the vast majority of the millions who come to Rome for the holy year, the pilgrimage will be for prayer and visits to four patriarchal basilicas of the city to gain the full indulgence promised by the pope.

Ten thousand pilgrims from some 20 countries will be here for the holy door ceremony on Christmas eve.

Their numbers will increase steadily, probably reaching a peak of hundreds of thousands for Easter week, when the usually solemn and joyful observances will be intensified.

For the holy door opening ceremony there will be representatives from many countries of the world. The 73-year-old Queen Mother Elizabeth of Belgium will be among the few hundreds—including the world press, radio, and television broadcasters—who will be given

### Gervais Lodges Install Officers

Gervais—Installation of officers of Gervais chapter No. 118, Order of the Eastern Star, was held jointly with Fidelity Lodge No. 54, A. F. & A. M., who served a dinner preceding the ceremonies.

Mrs. Ruth Evans will serve as worthy matron and Oscar Evans, worthy patron; Mrs. Sylvia Cummings, associate matron; Donald Cummings, associate patron; Mrs. Lucille Booster, secretary; Mrs. Pearl Stevens, treasurer; Mrs. Kathryn McClaughry, conductress; Mrs. Florence Burr, associate conductress; Mrs. Laura Dittmar, chaplain; Mrs. Florence White, marshal; Mrs. Florence Oddie, organist; Mrs. Elhel Russell, Adah; Mrs. Marjorie Van Cleave, Ruth; Mrs. Celia McClaughry, Esther; Mrs. Dorothea Aspinwall, Martha; Mrs. June Varbel, Electa; Mrs. Luella Van Cleave, warder, and Fred McClaughry, sentinel.

Mrs. Vera Harper, past matron of Gervais chapter, was installing officer and was assisted by Mrs. Merle Ramp, chaplain; Mrs. Adelaide Toomb, marshal, and Mrs. Evelyn Danielsen of

punishment due to sin, which otherwise the soul must expiate in purgatory before it may enter heaven.

Then, alone, he rises and enters the basilica—first of the millions who will pass through the holy door, symbol of Christ who said: "I am the door, who enters through Me shall be saved."

To all who come to Rome, confess their sins, receive communion, visit the four patriarchal basilicas and recite the required prayers, the pontiff has promised a full indulgence which according to Catholic teaching, is a pardon of temporal

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Salem chapter No. 162 as organizer. Mrs. Fern Foster, retiring matron, was presented a past matrons jewel from the chapter and the presentation was made by her mother, Mrs. Lillie Wadsworth.

Fidelity lodge No. 54, A. F. & A. M., installation followed with the following: Robin A. White, worshipful master; Elmer McClaughry, senior warden; Clyde Phillips, junior warden; Arthur Keene, treasurer; J. Pierre Aspinwall, secretary; Willard McClaughry, senior deacon; Orren Sturgis, junior deacon; Jess Varbel, chaplain; Fred McClaughry, marshal; Donald Cummings, senior steward, and Oscar Evans, Tyler.

Ronald Jones, past master of Fidelity lodge was installing officer and was assisted by Robert M. Harper as marshal. Presentation of the past masters jewel was also made by Mr. Jones to Oscar Evans, retiring worshipful master.



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