

St. Paul's Completes Biggest Year in History

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The year 1953 was the "greatest in the history of the parish," the Rev. George H. Swift, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, reported to the annual parish meeting Sunday evening in the new edifice of the congregation at South Liberty and Myers.

The report showed the greatest growth in membership, in the Sunday school enrollment, in the finances of the parish, in the building program, and in the general activity of the church, the rector said.

Membership now stands at 1021 confirmed persons, the figure not counting the many who attend and participated in the church activities but are not confirmed. The rector reported 85 baptisms for the year, 87 confirmations, 370 services conducted, including 56 regular Sunday sermons, and 52 weekly sermons published in the Capital Journal, the Rev. Swift said Saturday writing the Fireside Pulpit for the paper.

The turnout for the annual parish meeting, 351, was the largest in the history of the more than a century-old parish. Glenn S. Paxson, chairman of the building committee, reported the new church plant—occupied for the first time on Christmas Eve—represents to date a total investment of \$341,000, including the building, the lot, the furnishings and moving, and stated only \$42,863 is owed on the new structure and that sums pledged for the next two years for the new church total \$42,270.

Many projects yet are to be done to complete the new church home, including building of a chapel and a rectory, as well as improving the grounds, it was pointed out.

A curate is to be added to the church staff as soon as one can be found, the official to serve as an assistant to the Rev. Mr. Swift. The 1954 budget allows for the hiring of a curate, it was reported.

Four new vestrymen were elected at the business session, R. H. Baldock, Elmer A. Berglund, Wallace Carson, and James G. Watts. Under the system of elections in the church only so many go off the vestry each

year. On Tuesday night, the vestry will meet to name new officers for the parish.

A highlight of the evening was opening of the sealed copper box taken from the cornerstone of the building at Church and Chemeketa just vacated by the parish.

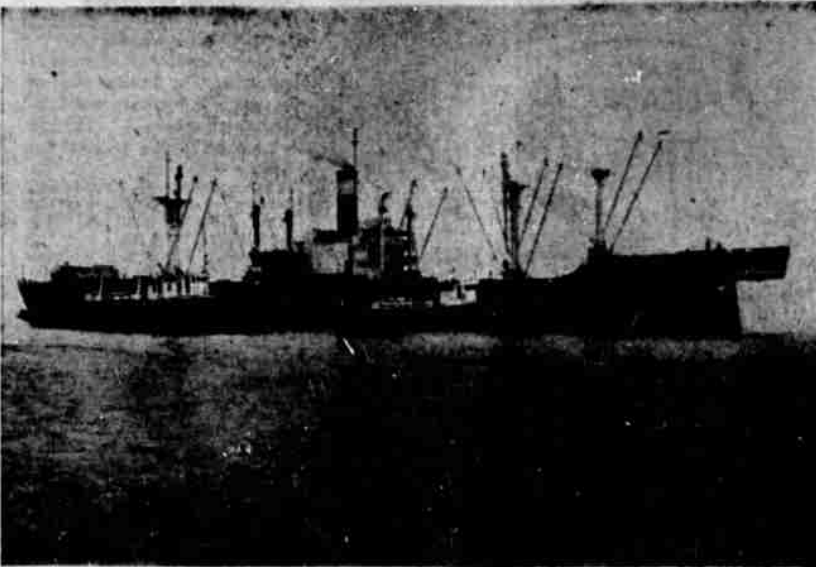
In the box were copies of three newspapers, the Capital Journal for July 29, 1922; the Oregon Statesman for July 30 of that year, and The Oregonian for July 30. Also, there were two church bulletins, a journal of the 33rd annual diocesan convention in Portland; a copy of the American creed; a card put in by the tinsmith sealing the box; and an American flag on top. Also, was a listing of the church officials as of that date, the cornerstone ceremony being at 11 a.m. July 30, 1922. The Rev. H. D. Chambers was rector at that time. The Rt. Rev. Walter T. Sumner was bishop of the diocese then. The vestry of the local parish included Frank G. Deckebach, senior warden; F. J. Rupert, junior warden; F. D. Alrich, treasurer; N. B. Furbrick, clerk; R. E. Page, Russell Catlin, J. O. Sellwood, N. C. Kaffoury, Carl T. Pope, J. C. Nelson. There was a notation that the cornerstone was donated by William Lyle Bishop, who had been the first one baptized by the Rev. Mr. Chambers in this parish.

During the business session, reports were given from all guilds and organizations of the church. The Sunday school report showed an enrollment of 482 in 19 classes, and 58 in the Junior choir.

Preceding the annual meeting, a short service was conducted in the church at 5 o'clock, both the senior and junior choirs participating in the procession. The annual Epiphany party followed the parish meeting.

WEST GERMANY SETS RECORD

Bonn, Germany (AP)—Prosperous West Germany set a new post-war record in home building during 1953. The government said Monday that 475,000 new dwellings were built during the year.



DAMAGED IN COLLISION

Limping into San Francisco Bay with Coast Guard patrol boats at her side, the freighter Colorado shows the huge chunk ripped from her bow in a collision with another freighter, the Silverbow, off Fort Bragg, Calif., 140 miles from San Francisco. Both ships were severely damaged in the accident that took place in clear weather and calm seas. (UP Telephoto)

Three Enter Award Contest

Don Crothers, Jim Bowers, and Merritt Linn are Salem high's entries in the Westinghouse Award Contest, a national contest open to all high school seniors with outstanding aptitudes in science. First prize is a \$2700 scholarship.

Linn has created a cloud chamber for his project. Crothers has carried on research in connection with diseases of the blood, and Bowers has a theme of "Artificial Incubation of Duck Eggs."

In February 40 contestants will be announced as winners of a trip to Washington, D.C., where they will compete in the finals. There are also 260 other awards going to those not getting the trip to the nation's capital.

MARCH OF DIMES LAUNCHED

New York (AP)—A ceremony today on the steps of New York's city hall formally launches the annual March of Dimes.

Western Allies Ready for Talks

Bonn, Germany (AP)—The three Western Allies expect to start preliminary talks with the Russians this week or early next on the Big Four conference of foreign ministers scheduled in Berlin January 25.

Allied officials in Berlin planned to contact the Russians Monday night in an effort to agree on a date for these talks.

The American, British and French high commissioners want the Russians to name a representative for these discussions. Following this, the allied commissioners will appoint their representatives.

Rescue Team on Way To Plane Wreckage

Perpignan, France (AP)—A ground rescue team made its way today toward the wreckage of a French military transport on a snow-covered peak in the Pyrenees. There was little hope that any of the 11 French military men aboard the plane had survived.

The plane disappeared Tuesday on a test flight from Algiers to France and wreckage was later sighted.

Must Register By February 1

Seattle (AP)—The Immigration and Naturalization service Monday reminded aliens in the Pacific northwest and Alaska they are required to register with the agency during the first 30 days of 1954.

District Immigration Director John P. Boyd said failure to do so may result in fines or imprisonment or deportation.

Boyd said there are about 140,000 aliens in his district, which includes Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska. They are required to register under the McCarran-Walter immigration act.

Surviving Siamese Twin Back in Hospital

Chicago (AP)—Rodney Brodie, 27-month-old survivor of head-joined Siamese twins, returned to the hospital yesterday after his first Christmas with his parents and four brothers and sisters.

The little boy, whom surgeons are still planning to furnish a hard protecting covering for the top of his skull, brought a 30-inch panda doll and pedaled a toy automobile into the University of Illinois Research hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brodie took Rodney to their farm home near Ferris, Ill., for the holidays.

Five Young Children Perished in Flames

Old Orchard Beach, Me. (AP)—Five young children perished early Monday in their flaming two story home in this ocean resort town. Their mother leaped from a second floor window after a futile attempt to save them.

The youngsters, children of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Whitcomb, apparently all were trapped in upstairs bedrooms.

SAFE IN PORT



Crewmen aboard the freighter Silverbow inspect the gaping hole in the hull of their ship in drydock in San Francisco. The ship was damaged in a collision with the freighter Colorado 140 miles from San Francisco off Fort Bragg. The Silverbow managed to make port under her own power. (UP Telephoto)

RIGHT IN HIS LINE

Eastern Front, Korea (UP)—A rifle bullet accidentally ricocheted into the 45th Division's mess hall and struck 2nd Lt. Daniel D. Dell of Cincinnati, Ohio. Dell, who suffered a bruised hand, launched an immediate investigation. He is the division's safety officer.

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