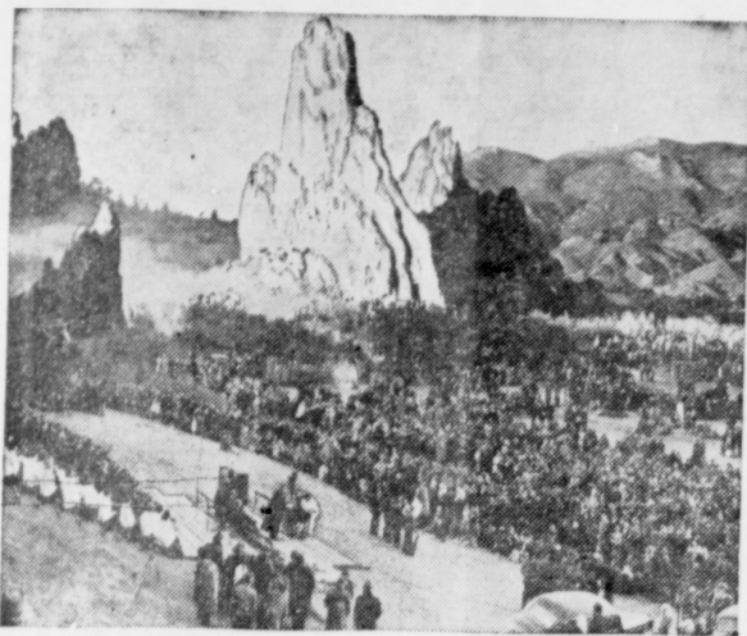




NATURE'S CHURCH . . . Towering, vivid-red limestone rocks silhouetted against a glorious sunrise sky of red, blue and gold create an awe-inspiring setting for the annual Easter sunrise service in Colorado's Garden of the Gods.

'NOW . . . THERE WAS A GARDEN'

Easter Sunrise Service Set In Church Carved by Nature

WNU Features.

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.—Just as on the sunrise of the first Eastern morn when a magnificent hope, confidence and faith dawned upon a discouraged group of men and women, so will some 30,000 worshipers gain renewed hope and courage from the 28th annual presentation of the Easter sunrise service in a church fashioned a million or more years ago by nature—the inspiring Garden of the Gods near Colorado Springs.

Here, in a setting of immeasurable beauty, amidst the towering limestone shafts of the cathedral spires looming to fantastic angles of more than 300 feet, with the brilliant red of the rocks bathed in a golden light of an early Colorado sunrise, and with majestic, snow-capped Pikes Peak serving as backdrop, the Rev. Thomas Dick Jr. will give the annual Easter message.

"The constellation of ideas gathered around the Easter faith is almost overpowering in its daring. . . Truth is stronger than falsehood; good conquers evil; love is stronger than hatred; human beings are of worth and dignity; God is an unfailing source of security; life is victor over death." These thoughts constitute the theme of Mr. Dick's sermon.

Acoustically, and to the eye, the church which nature carved out in the Garden of the Gods is more magnificent than any since erected by mortal man. The spectacle of 30,000 people, massed together in this natural, awe-inspiring setting, is a colorful, incredible sight, lending true religious significance to this Easter sunrise service deep in the heart of the Rocky mountains.

Founded 28 Years Ago. The Colorado Springs Ministerial alliance, founder of the Garden of the Gods Easter service 28 years ago, again will sponsor the rites. The service will be carried to radio worshipers coast to coast over the Columbia network from 6:30 to 7 a. m., Mountain Standard Time, originating from Station KFOR of Colorado Springs.

As in previous years, the Garden of the Gods service will be predominantly musical. The Colorado Springs 300-voice a cappella choir will be featured. The choir, under direction of Frank Gilles, is nationally famous, having won first place in the National Choral society contest several times.

Traditional with the service for many years is tenor Bernard Vessey, who has been singing on the Easter sunrise services for more than a quarter century. Vessey came to Colorado Springs from the East for his health. His solo, "Open the Gates of the Temple" which he sings every year, is a favorite of thousands of music lovers. Mrs. Verda Lawrie, Colorado Springs, is organist.

The Garden of the Gods, spacious garden of overgrown limestone rocks, was revered by Ute Indians as a holy place for their god Manitou long before the coming of the white man. The big rocks, according to the Indians, are barbaric hosts of giants which in prehistoric times threatened their domain. The Utes prayed to their god Manitou who lived at the top of Holy Mount (Pikes Peak) and who answered their prayers by causing the giants and the monstrous beasts accompanying them to turn to stone.

Geologically, the explanation is much simpler. In prehistoric times, the same earth-shaking movements that formed the Rocky mountains caused an upthrust of limestone which extends underground from Canada to Mexico. However, it is only in the Colorado Springs Garden of the Gods that this limestone segment upthrust shows predominantly above ground.

Sheets Repay War Hero's Debt to Belgians

WINCHESTER, MASS.—Repaying a wartime debt, Col. John Hanlon, Winchester's war hero, has presented each of 24 villagers in Hemroulle, Belgium, with a pair of bedsheets.

During the critical days of the Battle of the Bulge in 1944, Colonel Hanlon had promised the villagers he would discharge the debt after they had given their irreplaceable bedsheets to camouflage his para-

In 1921, the Rev. A. W. Luce of the First Christian church (now retired) was walking through the Garden of the Gods, his Bible in hand, trying to get an inspiration for his Easter sermon. Opening his Bible to the Book of John he read: "Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, there they laid Jesus." While reading this his eyes fell on three gigantic shafts of rock which closely resembled cathedral spires.

The inspiration came to him that here in the beauty, splendor and solitude of the Garden of the Gods was the ideal place to gather for worship and to observe the day in which Christ was resurrected.

This inspiration became a reality and the first Easter service was held with some 700 worshipers attending. The audience has been growing ever since, now estimated to be more than 30,000. In addition to the thousands who receive inspiration from actually attending the service, countless others are able to benefit spiritually from this Easter message by dialing the service on their radio. The noted Dr. S. Parkes Cadman once stated that unless a person were to go to Jerusalem where the first Easter actually occurred, he could find no more appropriate setting than the Garden of the Gods, with thousands of people massed together in the natural valley surrounded by towering peaks.

The Garden of the Gods was a part of public domain until 1879 when it was bought by Charles E. Perkins, an eastern railroad tycoon. He intended to build a home there, but, on more leisurely inspection, decided that no work of man should spoil the beauty of this natural garden.

Court Levies Fines On Installments

DENVER, COLO.—Taking their cue from the dollar down and dollar a week book, Judges Hubert Henry and Frank Hickey have inaugurated an easy payment plan for fines assessed in municipal court.

The plan in one month brought in more than \$1,800 that otherwise might have been paid off in jail sentences.

The system works like any other credit plan. A man's financial status is investigated before credit is allowed. However, if an offender runs up his bill by coming back on a second offense before paying off the first fine, he automatically goes to jail.

One-Legged Vet Serves With Fire Department

WORCESTER, MASS.—Although he has only one leg, Frank A. Reno, 32, serves as a full-time member of the Worcester fire department. Reno, who is the father of two children, was appointed a fireman while serving with the army in France. He later lost his left leg but, after clearance by the civil service department, was given a job as operator of the fire alarm telegraph system.

chute infantrymen who had dropped onto the surrounding snow-covered fields. Colonel Hanlon credited the villagers' sacrifice with saving the lives of many men in the 502nd parachute infantry.

Each of the sheets presented to the villagers was marked with the name of a Winchester donor. More than 800 sheets also were presented to the old people's home of nearby Bastogne.

WITH THE COLUMNISTS

WALTER SHEAD

Drop Seen in Farm Prices

CONGRESSIONAL mail today from rural areas and small towns of the country points to the drop in farm prices as the only break in the inflationary spiral. Generally these letters say that while the farmers are willing to take a cut from the abnormally high farm prices, something should be done to relieve them of the brunt of the entire price cut—that is, the things the farmer must buy should be cut proportionately.

Insofar as this reporter can find out, however, economists here do not look for much of a letdown in prices for several months.

As for farm prices themselves the consensus is that they will go down gradually until they reach the parity floor, when the government will have to step into the picture and begin buying to maintain the 90 per cent of parity program.

Secretary of Agriculture Anderson has temporarily withdrawn from the grain buying picture but he still has about 100 million bushels of wheat to buy to meet the government's export commitments. When he does step back into the grain market, probably about April 1, he will be buying to support farm prices as well as to meet overseas commitments.

As it now looks, the farm income for 1948 likely will be some 16 per cent under the 1947 total or about equal to the 1946 income, which was a record high until topped by 1947. In the meantime, not many farmers were hurt by the spectacular grain drop, most of them having sold before the crash.

WALTER WINCHELL

Notes of a New Yorker

The Argentine ambassador in Washington has quite a job to do. He has been ordered to see that Mr. Truman invites the Perons "or else." Evita's big ambition is to impress Washington sassily. (That will be the day!).

We suspect the White House can see nothing amusing in the fact that Henry A. Wallace's initials spell HAW!

Many stickups in some of the fashionable sections of Brooklyn have not been reported because the victims were picked carefully. People who made oodles in the black market and kept their wealth in their homes. Can't squawk now. . . Communist chief William Z. Foster

hides in the phone directory (Bronx) under the listing of William E. Foster.

Times Square Vignette: Songwriter Hugh Martin probably will never get any medals from Texas because his new song bit, "Tired of Texas," jokes the Lone Star State. . . But it was ordered written by Texani, who asked Martin to knock out a "Texas-flavored" tune to be sung at a luncheon honoring some Texas-born army big shots. . . The lyrics got a lotta "yox" (more than the composer expected) so he worked on the ditty to whip it into commercial use. . . Several producers with musical comedy scripts turned it down. . . Another producer (almost on the verge of taking it) changed his mind when the headlines shrieked about Texas City's disaster. . . Today it's the click song in the show, "Look, Ma, I'm Dancin'!"

DREW PEARSON

Aviation Program Mapped

PUBLICITY-WISE Sen. Owen Brewster, Maine Republican, is taking no chances on being left out of the headlines when his congressional aviation advisory committee presents its formal recommendations. Instead of leaving the report to his staff to write, he called in the three major press services and invited their help. United Press could not spare a man, but Brewster was able to borrow Jim Streibig from Associated Press and Leon Shloss from International News service. They are expected to give him a big publicity boost.

Brewster's committee will recommend:

1. A huge five-year aviation program, building U. S. airpower to such a peak it should obviate the necessity for universal military training. Old planes will be brought out of mothballs until a new building program produces new planes.
2. Coordination between military and commercial air systems; untangling and coordinating the country's air routes; establishing an independent agency to control air safety; unification of armed services aviation.

The congressional committee will blast both the army and navy for failure to achieve air unification. In fact, unification, it will find, is not even halfway round the corner.

H. I. PHILLIPS

College Is 'Mediocracy'

Educators are sounding warnings against the administration's expressed hopes that there will be an enrollment of nearly five million in American colleges by 1960. They say it will mean "educational inflation" and a "tide of classroom mediocracy." They hint that the time might come when the boy who didn't get a college education would be the lad of distinction in any community.

Already our colleges are so overcrowded that there is no more chance of the students getting acquainted than there is in a subway rush. The whole mood of college life is changing. Where a boy used to get a kick out of making the glee club, he

now won't sing unless it's for a radio audition. . . The freshman rush is fading out because the modern student won't wrestle without pay. . . The old rah-rah spirit is being replaced by something resembling the mood in a wartime brass mill.

Altogether, boys, three rousing cheers for dear old Willow Run university! Even if you are processed like a Ford fender instead of educated like a potential scholar, it is all made easier than yesterday.

Nancy Walker says, "Don't bother reading a contract; the big type gives and the small type takes away."

WESTBROOK PEGLER

Just a Cut and Dried Plot

PHILIP MURRAY, the CIO, and lawyers for the Hollywood-Wall Street moving picture trust may rest serene amid the sound effects, discoursed with wind-machine, thunder-sheet and such mechanical gear by the department of justice. It is just another production schedule whooping along in election year. Each show will be a mint of money for the party.

In the long run, on ceremonial appeal to the Supreme court, Murray and the CIO will be acquitted of violating the Taft-Hartley law in using the columns of the CIO News, a private publication of the union mobsters, to boost their candidate in an election.

Although the plot is cut and dried, does anybody suppose that any other theatrical play is impromptu?

That moving picture anti-trust case has been going on, starting and stopping, for 10 years now. But this is a good year for it. The Hollywood trash are in the grease because of the Communist business, and since FDR died they haven't been so conscientious about getting up the money. This will remind them, in election year.

Everything is going to be all right, though. It just takes time and the right kind of pressure and the right frame of mind in the department of justice. That's all it takes.

WRIGHT PATTERSON

'Porkers' Spend Millions

FEDERAL "pork" expenditures represent projects which have only a partisan political patronage value. They represent the ability of the senator or representative to bring home the bacon for his state or his district. They buy votes. Such expense items are found in every

budget and appropriation bill passed by congress. No single item calls for the expenditure of billions of dollars but many of them call for millions. Summed up, the total represents a considerable sum of money gleaned from the taxpayers' pockets.

Million Irishmen Attend Largest Political Meeting

Probably the largest political mass meeting in history, says Collier's, was that called at Tara, Ireland, on August 15, 1843, to hear the Irish statesman, Daniel O'Connell, demand the repeal of the union between his country and Great Britain.

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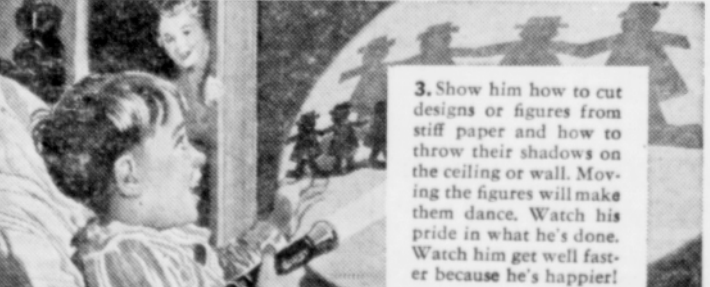
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