

FISH IN CHURCH STEEPLES NO JOKE

Mr. Casey Was There and He Saw the Town Completely Covered by Water.

Fair Lyonesse is sunk and gone; Sea-bells toll for Avallon. Atlantis lies beneath the deep; In her castles mermaids sleep. And more to that effect—

—Ballade of Siegfried.

By ROBERT J. CASEY

OVERTON, Nev., April 18.—The man who brought the news to the old west Casino on highway 91 admitted looked little like a messenger from a dream world or a beholder of visions. . . Well, maybe he did look something like a beholder of visions. He seemed to be just a little bit pleased.

"I have seen it," he informed the bartender. "I saw big fishes swimming around the church bell steeple."

"Of course you did," said the bartender. "That's one of the odd things about the place. Once the place was covered with water, and the fish got used to going without water. They'd have died if they hadn't."

"But I tell you I saw it," persisted the messenger. "I saw the church steeple and I saw the fish and I saw water, too."

"Well," observed the bartender, "that I definitely do not believe."

Perhaps this would be as good a place as any to mention that. The bartender is a newcomer to this region (as who isn't?). Most of his customers were transients except for a little man with a weak voice who stood at the end of the bar and nobody paid any attention to him.

"Boulder dam was finished in 1935," put in the little man. "They closed the gates in February and."

"What kind of fish was it?" demanded a tourist from Ohio.

On Church Steeples

"A dried fish," said the bartender. "You can see 'em in all the groceries although I never heard about one on a church steeple before."

"It's on account of Boulder dam," persisted the little man as if talking to himself.

"It was a big fish," declared the messenger. "And it was swimming in water."

"Nuts," said the bartender. "It'll be you a hundred dollars," challenged the messenger, and he laid a roll of bills on the bar. "And I'll show you. . . it ain't very far."

"Take you," said the bartender. "I'm off in 10 minutes."

"Let's all go," suggested the man from Ohio.

River Backed Up

"I work there," mumbled the little man. "When they closed the gates the Colorado river backed up and."

So eventually this party of investigators passed through Overton in a taxi cab, turned around a hill and looked out upon what was either a first class mirage or a tre-

50 PRIESTS IN PROCESSIONAL

Observe Ancient Ritual at SS. Peter and Paul.

More than 50 priests in white vestments marched in procession and assisted in traditional Maundy Thursday ceremonies today in SS. Peter and Paul Catholic cathedral.

The Most Rev. Joseph E. Ritter, archbishop of Indianapolis, brought up the rear of the procession as the ranking prelate present. Archbishop Ritter also was celebrant of the solemn pontifical high mass which commemorated the institution of the Holy Communion.

The pageantry, music and ritual of the services recalled the first communion in Jerusalem. The command that men receive the communion, the Divine Presence in the consecrated elements of bread and wine, and the remission of sins all received emphasis.

Oils Are Blessed

Oils for use in the archdiocese throughout the year were blessed and two hosts were consecrated by Archbishop Ritter. One was for today's sacrifice of the mass and the other for the mass of the pre-sanctified tomorrow.

Immediately after the conclusion of the mass, the Blessed Sacrament was borne in procession to a specially-built altar in the cathedral. There it will remain for adoration until late tonight. When it was taken from the altar, the tabernacle door was left open to indicate that the body of Christ is not there.

Decorations Replaced

The purple coverings of altar decorations, which have veiled the crucifix and other objects since Passion Sunday, were replaced today by white to suggest joy. But as soon as the procession moved to the conclusion of the mass, a number of priests dramatically stripped the altar, leaving it bare and unadorned. This symbolized the cruel manner in which Christ was robbed of his garments by his enemies.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed all night tonight for adoration in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church with some one praying in the church until 6 a. m. tomorrow. In Rome today, His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, fulfilled the ancient custom of washing the feet of 13 unfortunates just as Christ washed the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper.

Feet Are Washed

While this custom no longer prevails in Indianapolis Catholic churches, St. Meinrad's seminary and various monasteries still faithfully conduct the ritual.

The blessed oils include those used for the last rites administered to the dying; for anointing the hands of priests at ordination; and the oil used with balsam for confirmation and in the consecration of bishops.

The Rt. Rev. Raymond R. Noll, cathedral vicar served as assistant priest to the archbishop this morning. The Rev. Fr. William Knapp was first assistant deacon; the Rev. Fr. William Fehlinger, second assistant deacon, and the Rev. Fr. John B. Casey, sub-deacon. The Rev. Fr. Edwin Sahn directed the chant.

EXCLUDE NAZIS

WASHINGTON, April 18 (U. P.).—Military government officers said today that 37,000 pro-Nazi Germans were removed or excluded from public or other employment in Germany during February.

ARMY PLANE MISSING

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, April 18 (U. P.).—Army, navy and coast guard search planes combed a wide area today for a trace of a missing army C-47 carrying four persons.

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DEATHS

Myrtle J. Bester, 56, at 1375 Cruik, pneumonia. Patrick T. Kanna, 72, at City, arteriosclerosis. James Simms, 35, at Flower Mission, pulmonary tuberculosis. Charles R. Hughes, 68, at Veterans, carcinoma. Nora Brandt, 79, at Emhardt, chronic bronchitis. Herman F. Wiedenheft, 78, at 143-G, Alabama, cardiac vascular renal. Harry Lee, 81, at 6221 Coldest, coronary occlusion. Hulda Zann, 72, at Methodist, bronchopneumonia. Lora F. Enders, 46, at 940 N. Belmont, carcinoma. Adda M. Pile, 72, at 1025 N. Bosart, carcinoma. Anna Canton, 53, at 111 W. Raymond, carcinoma. Alma Nettie Edmonds, 62, at St. Vincent's, carcinoma. Vera C. McFarlane, 54, at 231 E. St. Joseph, cerebral hemorrhage. Carrie Edna Coffey, 61, at 437 N. Euclid, chronic myocarditis. Victoria Ruscha, 61, at 1517 Refiner, chronic myocarditis. Phillip A. Beyer, 79, at City, arteriosclerosis. Lonnie B. Godby, 54, at City, myocarditis. Rebecca Faggett, 74, at 1428 W. Court, arteriosclerosis. John Frederick Moore, 72, at City, chronic bronchitis. Floyd William Jackson, 28, at Long, chronic nephritis. Richard G. Miller, 54, at 236 Ricking, arteriosclerosis. Mary O. Hill, at Methodist, acute encephalitis. Richard W. Jones, 81, at 4108 E. Washington, acute myocarditis.

Maundy Thursday Rites Here to Carry Out Spirit of 'Last Supper'



Lang's wood carving of "The Last Supper" as painted by Da Vinci illustrates the Maundy Thursday communion services held tonight in Indianapolis. The carving hangs over the altar in St. Mark's United Lutheran church.

NEAR GOLDEN SECRET OF SEA

Scientist's Probers Draw Near Sunken Galleon.

MIAMI, Fla., April 18 (U. P.).—Fact or fiction . . . the secret of the stolen gold from the halls of Montezuma, jealously guarded by the elements for four centuries, apparently neared unfolding today.

Marine scientist Irwin Williamson was to probe the sunken Spanish galleon Santa Rosa for its legendary \$30,000,000 in Aztec gold which according to research has rested at the bottom of the Florida straits since 1520.

Skies that cleared after keeping the Williamson expedition weather-bound for three days yesterday allowed the party to return to the site somewhere between Key West and Havana where the sunken galleon reportedly lies.

The weather permitting, Mr. Williamson today was to make an exploratory dive to determine the best way to enter the coral-sheathed hulk of the Santa Rosa.

Ship Reached

Divers diving 146 feet beneath the ocean's bottom Saturday had reached the ship which tradition has it went down en route to Spain with fabulous treasures wrested from the Indians by the men of Cortes.

A blow which set in forced them from the scene, but not before the wreckage had been marked with a buoy.

Mr. Williamson estimated that it would take three days to chip a passage to the ship, buried in a coral coat, and string up submarine lights. Each diver will be able to work only four-and-a-half hours a day.

Condition of the ship's timbers will determine the entry to the hold where the treasure presumably was stored.

Should its structure be firm, workers may use the ornate stairway of the old vessel to descend into its belly.

If badly deteriorated, Mr. Williamson said, an incision would probably have to be made in her rotted oak sides.

Undersea cameramen were on hand to record the search.

BOYLES SUCCEEDS HENLEY AT VFW POST

Col. Guy A. Boyles succeeded Col. Manfred G. Henley as commander of Benjamin Harrison post 2985, V. F. W. as 12 new officers assumed command today.

Others named at a meeting last night in the Columbia club were: Oscar C. Hagener sr., vice commander; George H. Hall Jr., vice commander; Bert McGuire, adjutant; Foster C. Shirley, quartermaster; A. J. Smith, post advocate; and Levi A. Beam, chaplain.

Publicity Officer Stephen J. Roland, Legislative Officer Joseph J. Daniels, Service Officer Lawrence H. Hinds, Historian Mark W. Rhoads and Publicity Instructor Nelson F. Sumner also were elected.

Faithful to Seek Religious Solace at Services Tonight

By EMMA RIVERS MILNER

Men and women who have worked hard all day will seek spiritual refreshment with fellow church men at Maundy Thursday communion services tonight.

Dimly lighted by candles and filled with the soft music of old classics, Protestant churches in all parts of the city will be the scene of the celebration of communion. Maundy Thursday foreshadows Good Friday and the crucifixion. It marks the anniversary of Christ's last supper with his disciples and the first partaking of Holy Communion by Christians.

One of the outstanding communion services will be at 7:45 p. m. in the Downey Avenue Christian church in Irvington. The choir will sing selections from Stainer's "Crucifixion" and there will be organ music from Bach.

Play Violin, Flute

Miss Margaret Rose will play the violin and Miss Ruth Ann Shumm, the flute. The antiphonal reading will be done by the Rev. Spencer Austin and the Rev. Howard R. Dungan. Miss Ruby Winters will direct the music and the Rev. F. W. Wiegmann, pastor, will preside.

The Broadway Evangelical church will employ a newly worded ritual for their communion service at 7:45. It is contained in the discipline prepared by a joint committee of the Evangelical and United Brethren denominations. The two are in the process of merging.

The Speedway Choral club, directed by Mrs. Helen Thomas Martin, will furnish the music for the "Family Communion Night" at the Speedway Christian church.

Invite Children to Movie

Children of the community of the Third Christian church have been invited to a movie entitled "The First Easter" for 3 p. m. today in the church. A candlelight communion service will be held at 7:30 p. m. in the sanctuary.

"The Meaning of the Lord's Supper" will be explained by Dr. Sumner L. Martin at the 7:30 p. m. communion in the Roberts Park Methodist church. "Go to Dark Gethsemane" by Noble will be sung as a choir anthem.

Other churches announcing Maundy Thursday communion services and the hours of celebration are: The Meridian Heights Presbyterian church, 7:30 p. m.; the Meridian Street Methodist church, 8 p. m.; and the Carrollton Avenue Evangelical and Reformed church, 7:45 p. m.

At Christ Episcopal church on the circle, the Rev. E. Ginger Powell celebrated the communion at 7:30 and 10 a. m. today.

PAPERS TO CANVASS NEWSPRINT SITUATION

WASHINGTON, April 18 (U. P.).—J. Hale Steinman, director of the printing and publishing branch of the civilian production administration, anticipates "no significant improvement" in the newsprint situation during the last half of 1946.

However, he said in an interview, indications are that producers "will give us at least as much during the last half of the year as during the first half."

Mr. Steinman said the newspaper industry advisory committee will meet at the Waldorf in New York Monday to "canvass the situation" and discuss whether present inventory controls should be continued.

Court Rules Insanity Not Cause For Removal From Public Job

Indiana's appellate court today held that a public officer in Indiana may not be removed from office because he is insane. The vote was 4-2.

Chief Justice Harry L. Crumpacker wrote the majority opinion, upholding a decision by the Dearborn circuit court.

Crumpacker and the three other judges found there in Indiana statute setting out insanity as a grounds for removal from public office.

Associate Judges Wilbur A. Roys and Floyd S. Draper filed separate but almost identical dissenting opinions. Roys argued retaining an insane man in office is "inimical to public welfare and against public policy."

The appellate ruling resulted from a Dearborn county commission action declaring the trusteeship of Caesar Creek township vacant. The elected officer, Martin H. Westmeyer, was found legally insane March 5, 1945, and now is in a state hospital at Madison. His wife said in court he was violent, dangerous and had homicidal intentions.

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HANS FRANK ADMITS THEN DENIES GUILT

NUERNBERG, April 18 (U. P.).—Bald Hans Frank, Nazi overlord of Poland, tossed off a pious confession of feeling "a terrible guilt" with in me" today and then got down to business of denying he was guilty of hardly any war crimes at all.

Frank, former governor general of Poland, testified in his own behalf before the war crimes court. Like the other defendants before him, he made an ostentatious gesture of shouldering the blame for his acts as a Nazi slave master, only to wheel about when the chips were down and about the responsibility to other Nazis.

He said he turned over voluntarily to the American soldiers who arrested him the 43 volumes of his diary in which he recorded the events in Poland and his share in them.

DEFECTIVE CHIMNEY BLAMED FOR FIRE

Firemen today said they believed a defective flue was the cause of a fire which destroyed a six-room country home yesterday.

The fire swept through the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bush, Road 29 and 86th st., destroying the home and its contents. Firemen from Indianapolis and Zionsville fought the flames.

A grass fire spread over 10 acres of land at Prospect st. and Emerson ave. yesterday after J. N. Anderson, 4850 Terrace ave., started a fire to clear his garden lot of grass.

Organizations

Starling Wamley has been installed as commander of the newly formed Broad Ripple post 512, American Legion. Other new officers are: Les VanDierck, vice commander; Harry Taylor, adjutant; Harold Gable, finance officer; Harry Monroe, historian; Norbert Richardson, chaplain; and Charles Rupp, sergeant-at-arms.

The 1936 Matrons group of O. E. S. will celebrate their 10th anniversary with a dinner in Hotel Lincoln at 6:30 p. m. Monday.

Guests will be past grand matrons who are honorary members of this group. Mrs. Emily Susan, past matron of Corinthian chapter and president of the matrons group, will preside.

The Star and Shine club of the Indianapolis chapter of the White Shrine of Jerusalem will attend the annual meeting of the state association of the order Saturday at Richmond. Miss Betty Van Cleave is worthy high priestess of the local chapter.

Neomi chapter 131, O. E. S. will have a stated meeting to be followed by an Easter program at 7:45 p. m. Friday night in the Masonic temple. Mrs. Nellie Shipman is worthy matron and Hugh Johnson is worthy patron.

The Past Chiefs' association of Myrtle Temple Primitive sisters will hold a dinner meeting Thursday at 1719 Rochester st.

TRIO SURPRISED DURING HOLDUP

Service Station Attendant Defies Robbers.

Three men who staged an armed hold-up at the Vending Machine exchange, 524 N. Illinois st., last night backed off with drawn guns when exchange employees entered as the men were escaping.

The men pointed guns at Alfred Edwards, 1314 Barth ave., as he was closing the shop. They took \$20 and forced him into a rear room, where they told him to lie flat on the floor. Just then two other employees, Ambrose Jones, 26, of 2714 N. Pennsylvania st., and Jennings L. Falcor, 35, of 3735 Salem st., entered through the rear door. They pursued the stick-up men, cornering one, but were forced to retreat when the man pointed a gun and backed away, keeping them covered.

Gilbert Hamm, 51, attendant at the Sunny Service filling station at 30th and Keystone ave., told two men who covered him with a gun last night to "Go to h—" when they told him to hand over the money.

He first explained the boss had just picked up the money and when they told him they "weren't kidding" and threatened him, he flung his answer at them and walked back in the station as they drove away.

Charles Firestone, 32, of 835 N. New Jersey st., said he was robbed of \$14 by a man who hailed his cab last night, pointed a gun and relieved him of the money.

SCRIPPS-HOWARD PAPER GETS AWARD

By Scripps-Howard Newspapers

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The Washington Daily News, a Scripps-Howard newspaper, will be awarded a distinguished service certificate for "outstanding service to all veterans" today, the first anniversary of Ernie Pyle's death.

The presentation will be made by Fraser S. Gardner, commander of the Ernie Pyle Chapter, Disabled American Veterans.

LAYMEN, MINISTERS TO AID MISSION RITES

The Wheeler mission will hold three-hour services, from noon until 3 p. m. tomorrow, with Dr. A. H. Stewart of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, as speaker.

Other ministers and laymen of the city will assist Dr. Stewart at the meeting. The theme will be "The Seven Last Words." Special music will be offered and Leonard C. Hunt, superintendent, will preside.

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EVENTS TODAY

Advertising Club of Indianapolis, luncheon, 12-13 p. m., Lincoln.

EVENTS TOMORROW

Exchange club, luncheon, 12-13 p. m., Claypool.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Clayton Wayne Moore, 1974 W. 34th; Stella Marcella Telf, 1109 W. 2nd; John Glasgow, Rockville; Pearl Swain, Rockville.

Robert L. Hurt, R. R. 9, Box 404; Pamela Reeves, R. R. 9, Box 404.

Raymond Lester, Duane, Tompkinsville, Ky.; Norma Eunice Poland, 5 N. Temple; Ray S. White, 1111 N. Alabama; Leah H. Pence, 1111 N. Alabama.

Russell Barton Long, Plainfield, Ind.; Marjorie Louise Bayliff, Plainfield, Ind.; James Louis Thompson, 421 E. 37th; Madeline Renee Cavin, 421 E. 37th; Lester LaVelle, 1244 N. Illinois; Hilda L. Riley, 1244 N. Illinois.

Henry B. Good, 136 Drake; Nannie Mae Townsell, 804 W. 12th.

Joseph Edward Holmes, R. R. 16, Box 288; Elizabeth Ann Ginner, 821 N. Dequincy.

Joseph Phillips, 441 N. Davidson; Betty Jo Justus, 441 N. Davidson.

William Fitzgerald, U. S. Navy; Mary Rita Weaver, 407 Roanoke.

George Talmadge Crane, 74 N. Holmes; Elmer James Smith, 138 W. 37th.

Ernest L. Wheeler, R. R. 13, Box 153-G; Olga Christ, R. R. 13, Box 153-G.

James Goodwin Stout, 421 E. 37th; Robert Lawrence Kirt, 1509 W. 26th; Maxine Carrie Little, 2850 Spann.

Mary Clara Boyles, 3730 E. New York; Ruth Patterson, 138 W. 37th.

John B. Lang, 419 Blackford; Kessie Smith Pitts, 330 Locke.

Noble Trent, Plainfield; Marilyn Kane McManish, 234 E. Lyons.

William Russell Edwards, 1916 Central; Virginia D. Sharp, 1603 N. Pennsylvania; Norman L. Smith, Louisville, Ky.; Helen Louise Fields, 1833 N. Sheldon.

BIRTHS

At St. Francis—Thomas, Helen Edm; Wilbur, Justin.

At Coleman—Frederick, Silvana Keller-Sale.

At St. Elizabeth—Stewart, William Taylor; Raymond, Shirley Kennedy; Leonard, Katherine Laird; Clifford, Clara Gribben; Paul, Jesse Carter; and William Lillian Sanders.

At St. Vincent—Frank, Betty Jane Par-fish; Robert, Frances Roberts; William, Fay Nelson; Robert, Marilyn Soose; James, Ruth Haskins; and John, Jean Diering.

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