

NEW YEAR SERMONS
FEATURE SERVICES

All Churches of City Have Special Observance of Day and Feast of Circumcision.

The new year and its prospects, the old year and what it brought was the subject for many sermons delivered in Washington churches at services this morning.

Prayers were offered by congregations for cessation of hostilities and restoration of peace, together with supplication for better thought, higher deeds and clearer living during the new year. Many pastors chose the time for sermons on practical subjects.

The Rev. James Gordon, of First Congregational Church, spoke at length on the four main causes of wickedness. They were, he said, money, carelessness, drink, and pleasure. He spoke on the sacredness of marriage and of father and motherhood.

New Year Day is an epoch in a person's life, stated the Rev. Charles T. Warner during his sermon at Mt. St. Alban's Church yesterday. New Year Day, he said, is the time when a man should look to God for strength for the new year, after shuddering at his sins of the old year.

The Rev. Wallace Eschig, of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, gave a comprehensive resume of the happenings of 1916 and called it a year of notable achievements toward regeneration and righteousness.

Among the happenings of significance during the Old Year cited by the pastor were the accession of the Danish West Indies, the arrival of the German undersea trader in Baltimore, the march of prohibition, woman suffrage, the Mexican "muddle," the illumination of the Statue of Liberty in New York, the centenary of the American Bible Society, the upheaval in the British government, the Irish revolt, the reversion in China to nominal republicanism, the Panama congress, and over all the bloodstains and through all the carnage of the European war.

The feast of circumcision is being observed in practically all Washington Catholic and Episcopal churches today. The services are similar to regular Sunday services and in many churches the choirs are giving the same musical programs rendered at the Christmas services last week.

Long before daylight this morning, the Dominican Friars began the celebration of masses in St. Dominick's Church. The last mass was said at 11 o'clock. The choir, under the direction of Miss Jennie Glennon, sang Christmas music.

POOR CELEBRATE HERE

New Year Festivities Held in Charitable Institutions.

Hundreds of poor persons celebrated the New Year.

At the missions and other charitable institutions last night hundreds of the humbler class saw the old year die.

The programs at the Central Union Mission, the Gospel Mission, and the Salvation Army were much the same. Speeches, prayers and music constituted the entertainment.

Following addresses, an opportunity was given those present to give testimonials as to their conversion. Many responded. Then, after a short prayer the listeners were invited to give up their ways of sin. A number responded.

Just before 12 o'clock, coffee and sandwiches were served.

The watch night services at the missions last night is a custom of long standing.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICES

Social Club of Hebrew Home for Aged Celebrates.

The Social Club of the Hebrew Home for the Aged held "watch night" services last night at the home, 415 M street northwest. After a program consisting of dancing and musical solos, the entire gathering marched down town to join in the festivities.

Several announcements were made, among them a special invitation to attend the meetings of the Ohave Shalom Biblical Club was extended to all.

The organization will hold its third annual dance January 16 at Old Masonic Temple. L. J. Raebach and A. Goldenberg are in charge.

TOLD TO KEEP RESOLUTION

Congressman Lloyd Addresses Vermont Ave. Christian Church.

Advice to the members of the Vermont Avenue Christian Church about their New Year resolutions was given yesterday by Congressman James T. Lloyd of Missouri, at the evening service.

He urged them to live up to the many promises to themselves that all

were sure to make. Following the evening service the Christian Endeavor Society of the church held a social meeting until 11 o'clock, when a watch service was begun.

PRELATES ENTERTAINED

Catholic Dignitaries Attend Children's New Year Festival.

A Christmas entertainment was given by the children of the Holy Rosary Sunday School yesterday afternoon. The program consisted of the singing of Christmas carols with piano and violin accompaniment and recitations.

The guests of the occasion were the Very Rev. Mgr. Aluigi Cosio, auditor to apostolic delegation, and the Very Rev. Mgr. Filippo Bernardini, professor of canon law at the Catholic University. Premiums, gifts, and candies were distributed among the children by the Rev. N. De Carlo, pastor of the church.

The entertainment was given under the direction of Sister Judith and Sister Rita, of Trinity College, who are in charge of the Holy Rosary Sunday School.

HOLY TRINITY SERVICES

G. U. President Celebrate at New Year Devotions.

New Year services were held at Holy Trinity Church, Georgetown, last night. The Rev. Alphonse J. Donlon, president of Georgetown University, was celebrant of the services; the Rev. Eugene J. McDonnell, deacon; Joseph C. Giose, subdeacon; and Joseph Kuhn, master of ceremonies. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Aloysius P. Broanan, professor at Georgetown University. Mrs. Blanche Matting Rogers, accompanied by Prof. S. J. Kubel, was the principal soloist.

Admission to the church was by card, the newholders and invited guests having seats reserved until 7:30, after which the public was admitted.

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KEEP OPEN HOUSE TODAY

Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. to Give New Year Receptions.

All is in readiness for the reception that are to be held at both the Young Men's Christian Association and the Young Women's Christian Association today.

Attractive programs have been arranged at both places. At the men's association, music, exhibits, and athletic events will be features. At the other, songs, instrumental music, dancing, and games are to be on the program.

A large attendance is expected at both places. The Y. W. C. A. held open house at Christmas, and more than 300 persons attended. This number is expected to be equalled at least.

The program at the Y. M. C. A.

WEEK OF PRAYER

Services Will Be Conducted by Several Ministers in Three Churches.

A week of prayer will be inaugurated tonight, with services under the direction of the Rev. Paul A. Menze, in Zion Lutheran Church, Sixth and P streets northwest.

The services will be continued tomorrow night by the Rev. James D. Buhner in Concordia Evangelical Church, Twentieth and G streets northwest, Wednesday; in the First Reformed Church, Sixth and N streets, by the Rev. Henry H. Ranck, and they will be concluded Thursday night in the Grace Reformed Church, Fifteenth and P streets northwest, conducted by the Rev. Richard Schmidt.

PARISH RECEPTION

Congregation of Chapel of the Nativity to Be Greeted Tonight.

The annual parish reception of the Chapel of the Nativity, at Fourteenth and A streets southeast, will be held this evening in the parish house at 8 o'clock. The vicar, the Rev. Enoch M. Thompson, assisted by Mrs. Thompson, will receive the members of the parish and their friends. Exercises will be given under the direction of the Men's Association of the parish.

The girls' Friendly Society will entertain at the residence of Mrs. J. J. Davis, 1215 E street northeast, from 8 to 9 o'clock this afternoon.

FUNERAL FOR A. B. PUGH

Services for Former I. C. C. Attorney to Be Held Tonight.

Funeral services for Arthur B. Pugh, attorney for the Interstate Commerce Commission, who died Saturday, 1802 E street northwest, tonight at 7:30. The Rev. Dr. E. K. Hardin, of Mt. Vernon M. E. Church, will officiate. Interment will be at Salem, Va.

Mr. Pugh at one time was connected with the Interior Department. From 1906 to 1910 he was special assistant to the Attorney General.

Mr. Pugh is survived by a daughter, two sisters and a brother.

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NOISY WELCOME

Streets Fill as Though by Magic as Midnight Nears.

(Continued from First Page.) and children either broke forth in cheer or began an ear-splitting chorus with their horns, bugles, bells, and tin pans.

"Happy New Year." From All. The engineers in the factories tied down their whistle cords, the church bells pealed out a joyous welcome, thousands of pistols loaded with blank cartridges were discharged, telephoned rang in thousands of homes, and "Happy New Year" was on the tongues of all.

While 1917 was ushered in amid an unprecedented din of revelry and a bedlam of noise, the real celebration of the birth of the new year will be held today and tonight.

Owing to the fact that it was Sunday, that ebullition of spirit customary on such occasions was minimized, but the celebrators had made plans for ripping off the lid tonight, and were content to have a rather tame time early this morning.

A twin celebration of New Year is the exception rather than the rule, and the celebrators manifested every determination to make the best of it, reserving a plentiful supply of energy and cash for tonight. And when it comes to having a good time energy and cash are about the prime requirements.

Open House Everywhere. The quietude of the streets, the hush in the business section, and pleasurable anticipation on the faces of those in the residential sections today are all incident to the big celebration to be staged tonight.

Open house will prevail in all the hotels and cafes of Washington today and tonight, and merrymakers will have full sway.

In practically all the homes it is Washington delayed watch-night parties will be held and the celebrators are expected to last as long as the New Year eve celebrations of former years.

The population of Washington is diked out in its best bib and tucker today making visits shouting "Happy New Year" and quaffing yellow libations. The fact that Washingtonians do not care what it costs to celebrate is clearly established by the presence of eggs in the libation of the season.

Few Rise Early. It was a good thing for Washingtonians that today was a holiday, else there would have been wholesale firing and hiring, for practically nobody got up at the accustomed hour.

The reason for the general oversleeping was the dark and forbidding atmosphere cast by the frowning of the water wagon driver because of his discomfitment and the fact that Washington did not retire this morning until the New Year had gotten a

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good start along the pathway of time.

Despite the fact that Washingtonians held themselves in check on account of its being Sunday night and the additional fact that another celebration was tonight, no New Year has ever been given a more noisy welcome than 1917.

Every whistle on factories in the District of Columbia and the surrounding country, every church bell and every noise making device men, women and children could get their hands on was used in proclaiming the world that a new year had been born and that the population was glad.

"Dry" Resolutions Postponed.

This is a dour, gloomy day for the driver of the water wagon. Seldom or never has he suffered from lack of patronage on January 1 as he has today. But tomorrow he expects his vehicle to be overloaded and seats to be at a premium.

The twenty-four hour postponement of the starting of the water wagon's triumphant transcontinental trip is due to the fact that New Year eve fell on Sunday and his whelm passengers either remained abed so late after their noisy celebration of the coming of 1917 that they did not awake in time to get aboard, or gave the driver credit for being human.

This is the day on which all good "Resolvers" are expected to get on the job, but the calendars show it to be a holiday, and it is unconstituted to make a man work on a holiday.

Therefore the resolutions for 1917 will be laid on the table for future consideration. Since most of them are to be shattered within the customary time limits, the precise time at which they are taken up for adoption is considered an immaterial detail.

Far from refraining from doing those things which they ought not to do, and doing those things which they ought to do, Washingtonians have planned to do everything they want to do today and tonight to show that they are thoroughly aware of the fact that the old year has passed and the new year is here.

POSTAL CLERKS PROTEST

Declare Refusal of Leave Involves Constitutional Right.

Carl Freeman, secretary-treasurer of the Brotherhood of Railway Postal Clerks, has addressed a letter to Director J. E. Tait, of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, declaring that action in refusing additional leave to J. J. Deviny, president of the Plate Printers' Union, involves the right of direct petition to Congress by civil service employees.

Mr. Freeman states that a number of postal employees are in Washington now in behalf of their organization, "through the kindness and condescension of Postmaster General Burleson."

"Therefore, your curtailment of the leave of Mr. Deviny is not in accordance with the practice existing today in the postal service. I view your action with alarm. It appears to me to be an infringement of the rights of a civil service employees' organization, an interference with the right of direct petition to Congress."

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HOSPITAL STAFF
IS NOT CRIPPLED

Head Physician Says Terms of the Retiring Internes Had Expired.

Appointment of Dr. Paul Putski, graduate of the George Washington University, as head resident physician at the Emergency Hospital, was followed quickly by the leaving of four members of the hospital staff. These physicians quit the service of the institution last midnight.

The doctors who left the hospital simultaneously were Dr. Frederick M. Nolan, Dr. A. Magruder MacDonald, Dr. Frederick R. Sanderson, and Dr. Ernest K. Stratton, the first three being graduates of the Georgetown University, while the latter is a graduate of the George Washington University.

"The trouble started with the resignation of Dr. Harry Lewis, as head resident physician at the hospital," said one of the young doctors. "We thought it unfair to all of us who had been in the service of the institution for more than a year that an outsider should be appointed to the position vacated by Dr. Lewis."

Protest of Appointment. "We consider Dr. Putski's appointment a reflection on the efficiency of every member of the Emergency Hospital who had spent a year or more in the institution under the leadership of Dr. Lewis. We didn't feel that we should stay at an institution which practically closed the doors to advancement for any of us."

"Then again we did not leave until our terms were up. We entered the service of the hospital to stay there eighteen months each. Our eighteen-month term was up last midnight and our retirement was not unexpected."

Denies Staff is Crippled.

Dr. Putski denied that the staff of the hospital had been crippled by the resignations. "We are now two physicians short as the result of the resignations," he said today. "The physicians who left the service of the hospital last night were expected to quit about this time anyhow and provisions had been partially made to fill the four vacancies. Two new men were added to the staff shortly after the resignations last night and two more probably will be taken on either today or some day this week."

Dr. Putski declined to discuss the resignations of the doctors until he had consulted with the medical board of the hospital. He said he would

consult with the members of the board later today, and would then probably make a statement regarding the affair.

Places Being Filled.

Dr. Shanda, secretary of the board, said today that no resignations of any physicians connected with the hospital had been received by him, and that the severance of relations was the natural result of the expiration of terms of service. He said: "The hospital nor its patients will be in the least discommoded and all the places made vacant will be filled within a day or two."

Three of the four vacancies occasioned had been filled at noon today and announcement was made that the fourth position would be occupied some time this week. The new members of the staff are Dr. A. O. Conway and Drs. Powers and Ralph.

CHILDREN GET PRIZES

Members of Synagogue Sunday School Rewarded for Efficiency.

The Sunday-school children of the Ohave Shalom Synagogue received prizes yesterday for their efficiency in the study of the Bible.

The prizes were presented by Dr. Maurice Abramson. Every child received some small token.

The leaders of the eight classes are as follows: Jeanette Rod, Eva Silber, Fanny Dodek, Sylvia Lichtenberg, Samuel Givirtz, Rose Flotnik, Coleman Bress Miller and Helen Jacobson.

An examination in the Hebrew language will be held the first week in March.

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DRESSED POULTRY—Hens, choice, per lb., 20c; chickens, per lb., 18c; turkeys, per lb., 25c; ducks, per lb., 20c; roasters, per lb., 18c; geese, per lb., 18c.

GREEN FRUITS—Apples, new, per bbl., \$1.00; per box, \$1.00; California oranges, \$1.00; Florida oranges, \$1.00; lemons, per box, \$1.00; pears, per box, \$1.00; grape fruit, \$1.00.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, McCormick, per bbl., \$1.00; Western, per 2 1/2 bu. sack, \$1.00; sweet potatoes, \$1.00; string beans, per basket, \$1.00; peppers, per crate, \$1.00; carrots, per box, \$1.00; cabbages, per crate, \$1.00; radishes, per 100 lbs., \$1.00; cucumbers, basket, \$1.00; onions, per 100-lb. sack, \$1.00; egg plants, \$1.00; per crate, new cabbages, \$1.00; per 100 lbs., basil, per bunch, 40c; celery, per basket, \$1.00; romaine, lettuce, \$1.00; per basket, cranberries, per bbl., \$1.00; per box, \$1.00; squash, Florida, \$1.00 per basket.

FAVOR PERMANENT
EXHIBITION HERE

Association of Oldest Inhabitants Approves Plan for Big Pre-inaugural Show.

The Association of Oldest Inhabitants went on record today as favoring the plans for holding a pre-inaugural Government educational exhibit in Washington. Resolutions endorsing the project and the proposal to hold a conference of governors here on March 6 for the consideration of the establishment of a permanent State exposition, were adopted at a meeting in the Union Engine House this morning. The resolutions were offered by John B. McCarthy.

Congratulate Church. On motion of Matthew Trimble the association adopted resolutions congratulating St. John's Episcopal Church on its centennial, which will be celebrated during the week January 7 to 14. A committee consisting of Mr. Trimble, John B. McCarthy and Henry L. Bryan was appointed to announce the appointment of a member of the membership committee to succeed Louis P. Shoemaker was made by President Theodore W. Noyes.

The association acknowledged by raising vote the report by John B. McCarthy, of the death on December 28 of William H. Douglas, and on December 29, of Enoch Morland.

New Members Elected. The following new members were elected: Julius Hughes, Shepherd Everett, William Stetson Hogg, Allan R. Searle, and Abram Levi.

An invitation from Major George W. Armes to visit him during the day at his home in Woodley road was read to the members by Secretary R. W. Reiss.

In opening the meeting President Noyes extended a New Year greeting to the members, which was returned by a rising vote.

The business meeting was followed by a social gathering and luncheon.

NEW YEAR PASTOR'S THEME.

The Rev. Andrew R. Bird delivered two New Year sermons at the morning and evening services held in his church, the Second Presbyterian, yesterday.

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