

Throngs Brave Cold to Observe Easter at Dawn

Church Rites Follow Open-Air Ceremonies With Mercury at 37

By Caspar Nannes

Thousands of Washington residents and visitors braved wintry weather yesterday to attend numerous outdoor Easter sunrise services held at parks and other places throughout the District area.

Later in the morning additional thousands attended services in churches. Centuries-old rituals, festive music and sermons proclaiming the hopeful meaning of Easter were dominant features of the observances.

President Truman attended services at First Baptist Church, where Dr. Edward H. Pruden, pastor, used as his scriptural text, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Spiritual Forces Stressed

In an aisle seat, always held for him, the President heard the pastor declare, "Frequently we feel we are standing alone in our support of what we consider spiritual ideals. But in common with the disciples of the Resurrection, we always will find that the spiritual forces are present to give us strength."

At Arlington National Cemetery the amphitheater was filled with worshipers huddled together on the white marble seats. Fur coats and warm-looking dresses were worn by the women and heavy overcoats, with collars upturned, by men. Here and there an Easter bonnet, covered with flowers, peaked out bravely from a sea of less colorful but warmer-appearing hats. Blankets were wrapped around the knees of groups of football-game fashion, and programs were held in gloved hands.

The thermometer at the amphitheater read 37 degrees at 7 a.m., but the sharp wind whipping through the open stadium made it seem much colder. The sun played hide and seek with fast-moving gray clouds to add to the discomfort of the worshipers.

Minister Wears Hat

Worshipers at Fort Lincoln, Bladensburg road at the District line, began to assemble as early as 4:30 a.m., some lighting their way across the grounds with candles. Dr. Edgar De Witt Jones, minister emeritus of Central Woodward Christian Church, Detroit, spoke with his hat on and with gloved hands holding his manuscript.

"It was the first time in all my years of preaching that I ever spoke with my hat on," Dr. Jones said later. "The wind was whipping down from the hills into the faces of those on the stands and made it very cold indeed. But we went through the service as planned."

Similar conditions were encountered by worshipers at other outdoor dawn services throughout the District area. In general, the cold snap kept the attendance below that expected.

Dr. Sizoo Speaks

The world today stands "in desperate need of the recovery of that sense of confidence which the Resurrection morning vindicates," Dr. Joseph H. Sizoo, president of the New Brunswick (N. J.) Theological Seminary and former pastor of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church here, told worshipers at the 18th annual sunrise service sponsored by the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States at Arlington Cemetery.

C. Byron Lear, grand generalissimo of the Knights Templar, welcomed the gathering to the service. "One of the most ominous and obvious characteristics of our time is disillusionment," Dr. Sizoo declared. "The age is full of misgivings, anxieties and uncertainties."

"What is this age?" the speaker asked. "Issues in which God has a stake can never be ultimately denied. It holds the assurance that truth is more powerful than falsehood, that principle is more eternal than expediency, that giving is more beautiful than getting, that sharing is more solemn than hoarding."

Fort Lincoln Sermon

Worshipers at the seventh annual Easter sunrise service sponsored by the Organized Bible Class Association of Washington at Fort Lincoln heard Dr. Jones assert "there have been sadder Easters than this one and happier Easters but not in our history has the Easter sun shone upon so confused, anxious and apprehensive a people."

"Death is not the end of life," Dr. Clarence W. Cranford, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, told worshipers at the fifth annual Easter sunrise service at Jefferson Memorial. "Easter reveals death as our friend and not our enemy."

"Our responsibility is to increase our capacity to enjoy eternal life."

At the Navy Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., service Navy Chief of Chaplains William Thomas declared "We need the Easter faith because it believes in an existence more than mere flesh and blood."

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase A Capella Choir and the male chorus of the Naval Center sang.

Services at Walter Reed. Army Chief of Chaplains Luther D. Miller spoke at the annual sunrise service in the formal garden at Walter Reed Hospital.

The Rev. Glendene Burton, pastor of Wilson Boulevard Christian Church, told dawn service worshipers at National Memorial Park near Falls Church, Va., the need of the Easter message is "intellectual, religious, social and profoundly personal."

Easter morning demonstrates "that which is apparently hopeless can be revived and hope and peace can live again," the Rev. Frank K. Brasington, director of missions of the District Baptist Convention, declared at the dawn service in Magruder Park, Hyattsville, Md.

This was one of the three sunrise services sponsored by YMCAs in Prince Georges County, the others being held at Washington National Memorial Park, Suitland road extension of Alabama avenue S.E., and at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Seat Pleasant.



CHILLY EASTER—R. T. Rosander, 2106 North Scott street, Arlington, had his movie camera loaded with color film to record 8-month-old Meryl's first visit to the cherry blossoms around the Tidal Basin but Meryl, in her mother's arms, was too chilly to smile for daddy.

Two Maryland Women Die in Auto Crashes; Eight Others Injured

Two Maryland women died yesterday as the result of separate automobile accidents in which eight other persons were injured.

The dead: Miss Mary Virginia Ryan, 32, Baltimore.

Miss Audrey Martin, 17, 5534 Westling lane, Bethesda.

Miss Ryan was injured about 1:50 a.m. in an accident at Kidwell's Corner, near Mitchellville, and died about 10 a.m. in Prince Georges General Hospital.

Miss Martin was in a crash about 2:30 a.m. in the 3400 block of Lee highway, Arlington, and was pronounced dead on arrival at Arlington Hospital.

Five Hurt in Crash

Five others were hurt in the two-car crash which proved fatal to Miss Ryan. They were Louis Frey, 57, Baltimore, who was driving the car in which Miss Ryan was riding, and four occupants of the other automobile.

Mr. Frey was reported in a serious condition at the Prince Georges Hospital suffering from fractures of both legs and facial injuries.

The others hurt were Thomas Moore, 34, facial injuries, cuts and bruises; Roy Smith, 48, possible jaw fracture and cuts; and Harry Tippett, 42, face cuts. All are from Upper Marlboro. Robert Walker, Mitchellville, who also was injured, was transferred to Mount Alto Hospital for X-ray examination after treatment at Prince Georges.

Taxi Hits Building

In the Arlington accident, county police said a taxi cab occupied by two girls and two men failed to make a curve and crashed into the building housing the Cherrydale Cement Block Co. Others in the cab, in addition to Miss Martin, were listed by police as:

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Ten Hurt in Collision

Ten persons escaped with minor injuries in a head-on collision between an automobile and a pickup truck on Route 1 at Englewood, Va., last night.

Police listed the driver of the car as Wilbert B. Greer, 45, of the 600 block Maryland avenue N.E. Mr. Greer and the following occupants of his car received treatment at Alexandria Hospital: Mrs. Greer, Mrs. Mary Greer, 200 block of Massachusetts avenue N.W., and Capt. and Mrs. Robert L. Sullivan, Fort Belvoir.

Police said the truck was driven by Corporal Noah Ross, Fort Belvoir. Corporal Ross and his wife and Sgt. and Mrs. Roy Young received treatment at Fort Belvoir.

Stolen-Car Driver Hunted After Escaping Police Fire

The driver of a stolen car, who escaped three bullets fired by police on Saturday night as he dashed from an automobile after a chase of 20 blocks, was being sought today.

Two others suspected as occupants of the 1947 Buick convertible coupe which police say belonged to Oliver W. Turner, of 2226 O street N.E., were arrested on charges of unauthorized use of the car. They are James Harrison, 24, colored, 88 Fenelon street N.E., and Ozie Ginyard, 23, colored, 813 First street N.W.

At fifth and O streets N.W., according to police, the car failed to halt for a stop sign and Police Pvt. Marston Beals and James W. Eschbacher gave chase. The flight ended when the driver of the speeding car crashed into a brick wall in an alley near Fourth and M streets N.W.

Four and M streets N.W. Pvt. Beals fired three shots.

Woman, 64, Injured Severely in 2-Story Fall

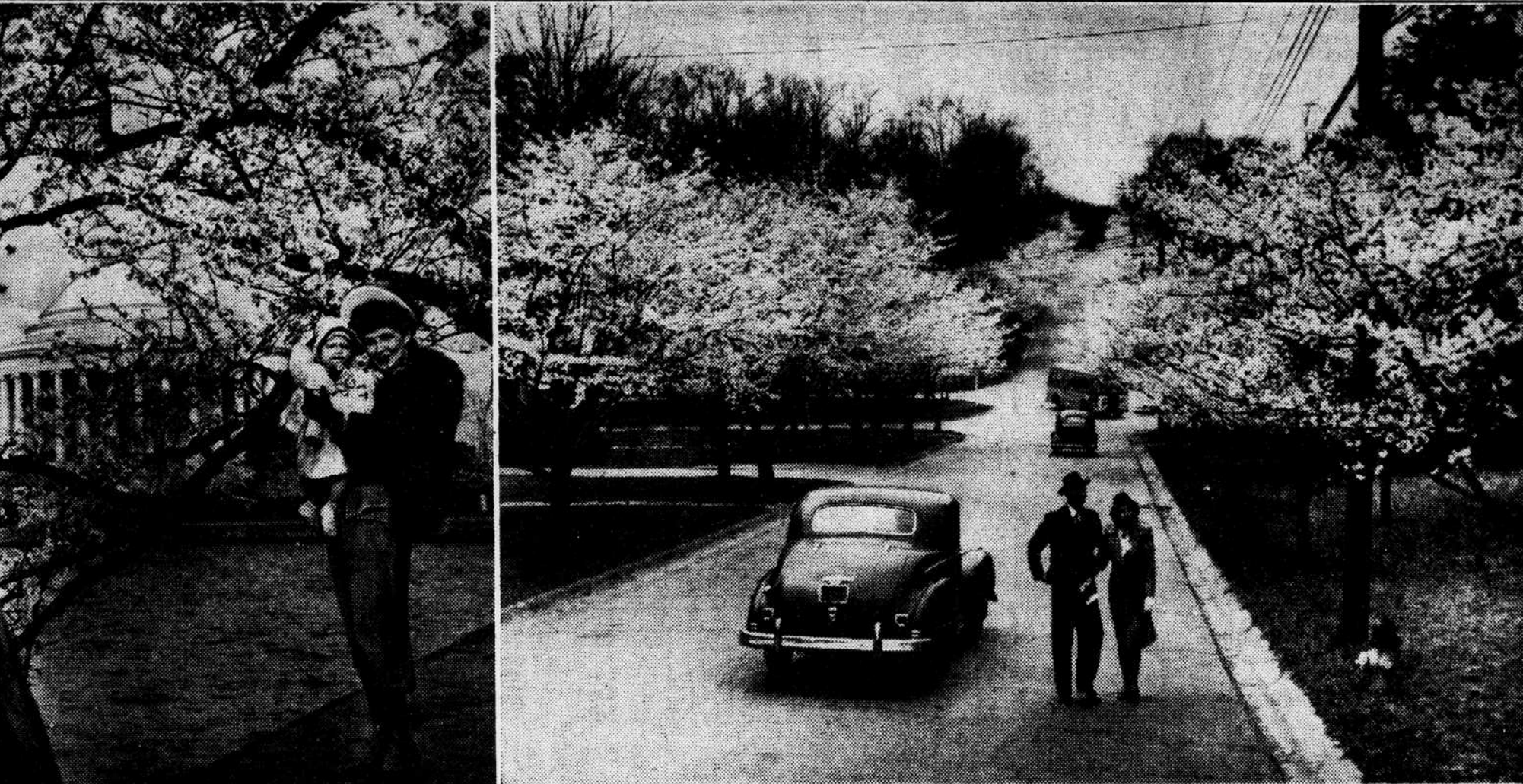
Mrs. Annie Berry, 64, today was in critical condition after a fall from the second story of her home at 516 Tennessee avenue N.E.

According to police, Mrs. Berry, who had been ill for the last month, was alone at the time. She received head injuries and possible internal injuries.

She is wife of Edward J. Berry, a retired decorator.

Clara Barton PTA to Meet

The Clara Barton School Parent-Teacher Association will meet at 516 Tennessee avenue N.E. tomorrow in the school on MacArthur boulevard at Cabin John, Md.



The blossoms lining the streets of Kenwood drew an estimated 10,000 visitors yesterday, most of them in cars. The majority of the Kenwood cherry trees have burst out of bud already and are expected to be in full bloom by midweek. Shown here are the trees blooming along Dorset avenue.



These Easter paraders shivered but won fashion prizes offered by the Connecticut Avenue Association. Mrs. Mary Brown (right) poses on an "old look" automobile in her "new look" coffee-colored cape dress to win the "best-dressed young matron" title. Prizes also were awarded to Mrs. J. Roger Hamilton (left) and her 3-year-old twins, Joan and Roger.

Swarms of Children Descend on Zoo for Easter Egg-Rolling

Hundreds of pounds of hot dogs, peanuts and popcorn, a Red Cross disaster unit and a full force of Zoo police were required to minister to the swarms of children who descended on the Zoo today for the annual Easter egg-rolling activities.

Capt. J. A. Collins, head of the Zoo police force, estimated the crowd would reach a peak of 35,000 at 3 p.m., but said a higher total depended on the weather.

Unable to attend the traditional ceremonies on the White House lawn, children were streaming into the Zoo entrances as early as 10 a.m. and more than a thousand romping on the high hill in front of the Lion House an hour later.

Food Piled High

Although the Zoo sponsors none of the activities, Sunday school classes, Boy Scout troops and other groups held their own egg-rolling contests and picnics.

Typical of these groups were the 15 Cub Scouts from Troop No. 537, led by Nicholas Johnson, 4207 Eads street N.E. The colored troop, sponsored by the Incarnation Church, brought their lunch, several games and two boxes of gayly-colored eggs.

Mr. Johnson said it was the Cub Scouts' first outing of the year.

Nearly 100 extra men were working at the Zoo restaurant, and containers of hot dogs and rolls were piled roof-high.

Ambulances on Hand

Two Red Cross ambulances and a disaster truck, manned by six members of the District Red Cross Emergency First-Aid Corps, stood by in event they were needed. They estimated there would be 50 "casualties."

Mrs. K. H. Bell, 3428 Porter street N.W., leader to the group, said injuries usually range from scratched fingers to broken bones.

Ten-year-old twins, Barbara and Katherine Williams, of 806 Longfellow street N.W., were among the early arrivals. This is their third year at the Zoo egg rolling, they said.

Mrs. Houston Park, 2909 Thirtieth place N.W., was busy overseeing the activities of her young son, Houston III. She said she learned about the egg rolling as a child at the White House affairs.

Fur Coats Hide Easter Outfits As 20,000 March in Parade

By Eleni Sokes

Star Fashion Editor

An estimated 20,000 Washingtonians and visitors formed one of the largest Easter parades in Connecticut avenue history yesterday despite chilly March winds.

Fur coats hid many Easter outfits worn by scores of well-dressed promenaders in the hopes of winning one of the many prizes given by the Connecticut Avenue Association in the Easter fashion hunt.

Many out-of-town visitors here for the cherry blossoms joined the procession while judges rode up and down the avenue from H to Q streets between 12:30 to 3 p.m. choosing well-dressed paraders.

All age groups took prizes donated by Connecticut avenue merchants. These included dresses, shoes, fitted cases, Easter baskets, children's outfits, a week end at the Plaza Hotel in New York, hats, handbags, photographs, blouses and an oil painting which was won by Mrs. George Neilson, who had the most beautiful hat in the Easter parade.

Winners in the fashion hunt included Sgt. Edward Ankus of the Air Force; Mrs. George Mesta, society hostess; Mrs. Kenneth Royall, wife of the Secretary of the Army; Miss Colette Coriveau, 1742 Hobart street N.W., who works at the French Embassy; Miss Mary Higginson, Shorham Hotel; Mrs. Mary Brown, 4683 Homer avenue S.E., a private secretary; Mr. and Mrs. John J. Deviny, 3571 Brandywine street, as the best couple over 60 (Mr. Deviny is the new Public Printer of the United States); Mr. and Mrs. Hinkle, 4121 Twelfth street N.W., another best-dressed couple over 60; Mrs. Frank Dulin, 314 A street S.E.; Miss Jean Carlson, 3603 North Abington street, Arlington; and Mrs. Sonia Curtis, 7206 Flower avenue, Takoma Park, Md.

Also Mrs. W. J. Mangrum, 1803 Biltmore street N.W.; Miss Mary Lou Kesterson, 4342-D Livingston terrace, for being the prettiest little girl; Mrs. Constance Roemer, 1809 G street N.W.; Mrs. Theodore Messenger and daughter, Missy, 3 Dorchester House; Mrs. C. L. Blecker and son; Mrs. Ronald Streets; Mrs. A. Melville Cox, Chevy Chase; Danny Birch and Richard Barker, 2810 McKinley street N.W. Both Danny and Richard received prizes for being well-dressed young boys.

Mrs. J. Roger Hamilton, 815 Eighth street N.W., was a winner in the matron group. Her 3-year-old twins, Joan and Roger, also received awards. Special Easter baskets were given to the Misses

Anne and Robin Bolton-Smith and their brother, Carlyle, 3007 Q Street N.W.

Ruth Crane, WMAL, held an "on the spot" radio broadcast of the colorful event from 1 to 1:30 p.m. Other radio stations broadcast interviews with winners of the fashion awards later in the day.

Dupont Circle, long a favorite spot of Easter paraders, was not open to the paraders because of work on the underpass.

Women Parade in Mayflower

The real fashion parade was not on the avenue. It was too cold for many to stay out long. But in the lobby of the Mayflower Hotel many women took off their winter wraps and promed in the lobby. It seemed that most simply had donned their new bonnets, preferring to wait for warmer spring days to wear their Easter outfits.

Last-Minute Canvass To Reach Fund Goal Begun by Red Cross

An intensive last-minute canvass in the District area Red Cross drive was under way today as volunteer workers were striving to reach their \$1,080,000 goal before the final report luncheon tomorrow.

At last report Friday they still had nearly 14 per cent of this amount to collect. Contributions then totaled \$931,218.

Workers in most major units of the drive have been urged to canvass all those not yet reached today and turn in all donations in time for tomorrow's report.

Only one of the 10 divisions to pass its quota so far is the residential unit, with 116 per cent. This group today is attempting to bring in additional gifts in order to swell the overall fund.

The 70 booths which opened last Monday in banks, department stores, hotel lobbies and other key spots will remain open today and tomorrow.

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Ad Club to Hear Vining

Vernon E. (Sam) Vining, merchandising consultant for Westinghouse Electric Co. and author of "Sam's Selling Slants," will speak at a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. tomorrow of the Advertising Club of Washington in the Hotel Statler.

Appeals Court Upholds District Taxation of Warner Film Rental

The United States Court of Appeals ruled today that Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc., is subject to a District tax on income received from motion picture films rented and shown by theaters here.

The films involved were rented by the theaters from a Warner-controlled distributor.

The Court of Appeals decision affirms rulings made by the District Board of Tax Appeals regarding the tax on films shown here during the fiscal year 1941-1944, inclusive.

The amount of taxes involved, with interest, totals more than \$12,000. The tax was paid by the Warner concern under protest and the corporation then brought suit seeking a refund.

Payment Not Broken Down. Warner Bros. contended that the only income on which it should be required to pay District income tax for the years involved was income it derived from a theater it operated here before 1944.

The Court of Appeals opinion explained that a distributor in New York settles periodically with Warner on a nation-wide basis for use of the films and that Warner is not furnished with a breakdown of the distributor's collections "as to geographical sources."

The tax assessor, who was without an exact estimate of collections on the films from District exhibitors applied an allocation formula to determine the amount of taxes. The assessments were made under a District code which imposes an annual tax "upon the taxable income from District sources of every corporation, whether domestic or foreign."

Money Bailed Income From District. Going into various technicalities in connection with the cases, the Court of Appeals said:

"... The simple fact, which cannot be avoided by any technicalities of construction, is that Warner's appeals were hired by District exhibitors and Warner received a percentage of the money paid by them. Legal niceties cannot destroy the actuality that such money was income from sources within the District."

The Court of Appeals decision was written by Justice Wilbur K. Miller. Former Chief Justice D. Lawrence Groner of the Court of Appeals, now retired, and the present chief justice, Harold M. Stephens, heard the cases with Justice Miller.

Bills Pressed For Army, Navy Building Jobs

Bates Opposes Delay For Projects to Cost 350 Millions

By the Associated Press

A House Armed Services Subcommittee will demand that Republican leaders pin a "must" tag this week on \$353,000,000 worth of Army, Navy and Air Force construction.

The projects, already trimmed down from a \$5,000,000,000 request, have been awaiting congressional approval since last year.

Representative Bates, Republican, of Massachusetts, the subcommittee chairman, told reporters today the services cannot have another nickel off their program, and Congress should get it rolling without more delay.

The program was approved by Mr. Bates' subcommittee and the full Armed Services Committee last year. It includes everything from super-sonic wind tunnels to houses for officers. It spreads from Hawaii to Newfoundland.

Given Full Authority. Mr. Bates has authority from the full committee to write his own ticket in getting the program onto the House floor for debate.

The chairman said the \$353,000,000 would finance a good start on essential projects, but the bill probably would run to \$500,000,000 before the work could be finished.

The Air Force wants \$3,500,000 to build two secret installations in Newfoundland, \$12,270,877 for air fields in the Mariana Islands in the Pacific and \$20,694,850 to improve Ladd Field in Alaska. It also wants \$5,065,500 to provide night lighting systems and other safety equipment for fields in this country.

The Army says it needs to spend \$3,887,430 at the White Sands Proving Ground in New Mexico, \$1,978,800 at Picatinny Arsenal, N.J., for testing rockets and new bombs and \$4,057,300 for various testing facilities at Muroc Air Field in California.

Living Quarters Needed. In addition to these projects, the Army Air Force wants additional money to build family living quarters.

For instance, \$3,136,980 is sought for Eglin Field, Fla., \$4,455,950 for Camp Hood, Tex., \$4,595,300 for Fort Knox, Ky., and \$6,501,970 for the heavy bombardment base at Rapid City, S. Dak.

Perhaps the most controversial item in the two bills is the Navy's request for \$12,000,000 to build an airfield for the Naval Academy at Annapolis. The Navy wants to buy 2,400 acres of land for it.

This field was authorized by Congress in 1942, but work was postponed because of the war. The authorization was rescinded by Congress in 1946, and the Navy has not been able to get it approved again.

Navy Has Other Projects. Some of the larger jobs the Navy would like to do in this country include \$5,303,000 for an ordnance testing station at Inverness, Calif.; \$34,520,000 for a missile testing center at Point Mugu, Calif.; \$26,750,000 for an aeronautical turbine laboratory at Trenton, N. J., and \$8,936,630 for the Navy unit at White Sands, N. Mex.

The overseas program would cover approximately \$16,000,000 for Navy activities at Adak, Alaska; \$2,385,000 for a radio station at Argentina, Newfoundland, and a vast building program on Guam. The Guam operating base would be expanded for \$24,000,000, and more than \$86,000,000 would be spent on a hospital, ammunition depots, a radio station and supply warehouses.

Frank Paley Elected Head Of B'nai B'rith Lodges

FREDERICK, Md., Mar. 29.—Frank Paley, attorney, of 6134 Thirtieth place N.W., Washington, was elected president of the Maryland District of B'nai B'rith lodges yesterday at the eighth annual District convention here.

Other officers elected by the 150 delegates included Charles Zipperman, Hyattsville, first vice president; Dr. Jesse Trager, Bethesda, second vice president; Benjamin B. Rosenstock, Frederick, third vice president; Matthew Tepper, Baltimore, treasurer; and Robert Kaplan, Cumberland, secretary.

Delegates to the Maryland and Greater Washington Council of B'nai B'rith women, which also met, elected Mrs. Robert Leavitt of Hagerstown as president.

Mrs. Michael Shapiro, Washington, was named vice president; Mrs. Jack Shapiro, Washington, was elected secretary; and Mrs. Jack Kramer, Baltimore, was chosen treasurer of the woman's group.

Public Works Contracts Tripled in '47 in District

Public Works contracts awarded in the District last year more than tripled the dollar value of the contracts for the previous year, the Federal Works Agency announced today.

A total of \$19,472,000 for the calendar year compared with \$6,464,000 in contracts awarded in 1946. Maryland's \$6,397,000 in contracts more than doubled the \$2,770,000 value of the previous year.

Virginia totaled \$46,078,000 for the year, compared with \$31,282,000 in 1946.

All three jurisdictions went in heavily for highway construction during the year. Of the District's total contracts, \$14,422,000 was awarded for highway improvements of all kinds. In Maryland, \$12,561,000 was spent on the road system, while Virginia contracted for \$29,000,000 worth of highway improvements.

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