



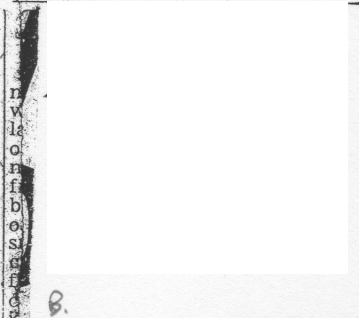
As a result of working together over a period of time, parishioners of the new Episcopal chapel at Browns Point are near the point of seeing their project completed, as shown in the photograph above.—News Tribune staff photo.

# Episcopalians Build Chapel, Browns Point

Perhaps, like most New Yorkers, Episcopal Bishop Stephen F. Bayne of the diocese of Olympia, thought when he came west a few years ago that he would be bringing the Gospel to tribes of savages. No doubt he had heard of the "wild orgies of pagan dancing and feasting" that went on at the "notorious" (or shall we say "famed"?) salmon bakes held at a place called Browns Point on Puget Sound.

Therefore, it was not at all amazing that one of his first objectives was to establish a mission in such a "God-forsaken" locality. He commissioned the rector and parishoners of Christ church in nearby Tacoma to take up this project.

So the Rev. W. C. Woodhams and other hardy souls set out on this "perilous" undertaking.



Rev. Woodhams, E. R. Brines, William T. Carlson, Gilbert W. Garrison (clerk), Donald W. Gleason, Carleton Hubley, Warner Matson (Sunday school superintendent), Howard R. Radford (junior warden) and Albert Worley (senior warden).

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### How It Was Named

The first service was held in an empty store building on Sept. 21, 1951, which is St. Matthew's day—and that is how St. Matthew's chapel, church or mission—call it what you will—was born.

Feeling the need of a permanent meeting place, they started out with the idea of a modest combination of church, parish house and Sunday school with the idea that the church and Sunday school classrooms be added later as funds became available.

However, they had not counted on the enthusiasm on Browns Pointers and the generosity of businessmen in Tacoma in furnishing materials and services, so now under the sponsorship of Christ church, whose vestry underwrote the mortgage, the whole building is to be completed.

The first handsome gift by Vic Monahan toward the purchase of the site started the ball rolling, then the plans by architects Lance, McGuire and Murie (Murie himself being a Browns Pointer) were donated. Luckily, another Browns Pointer, John Kirkebo, was available as a builder. Then followed the suppliers and subcontractors, many of whom donated all or part of their services or materials.

### Hold Service

Much of the finishing work is being done by parishioners, some of them from Tacoma. They meet every Tuesday night from 7 to 10 o'clock and all day Saturday.

The first service in the partly finished chapel was held Christmas night. The nave had been beautifully decorated by the members and was candle-lighted. The simple service conducted by the Rev. Woodhams, one of the prime movers for building the chapel, was an inspiration to all who attended.

Those participating in constructing the chapel, in addition to parishioners, included Strong and Macdonald, Barlow and Son, Dickman Lumber company, Cascade Pole company, St. Paul and Tacoma Lumber company, General Hardwood company, Stoker-Lad company, National Blower company, Carl Demer, Tacoma Plumbing company, Robert H. O'Neil, Everett Plumbing company, Tacoma Glass company, Home Electric company, Carleton Hubley, Roy Bray, Washington Hardware company, Washington Steel Products, Inc., Pittsburg Paint company, Cowman-Campbell and Stewart Simpson.

Members of the vestry who have helped carry through the successful campaign for a new chapel are, in addition to the

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