

SOCIETY

Dancing Parties to Mark Events of Week

Dancing parties will be among the interesting events planned for the Christmas week entertainments. The Capital Dance Club will give another of its series of private dances Wednesday evening in Patterson Hall, the guests to include the younger dancing set of the city. A special dance program has been arranged and O'Connor's orchestra will furnish the music.

Society is interested in the dancing party which the nurses of the St. Alexis Hospital will give Friday evening in Patterson Hall. Nearly 200 invitations were issued and the guests will include friends of the nurses and hospital.

Returns From Wedding Trip. Myron Hunt of the Gamble-Robinson company, returned to the city Saturday from his wedding trip which he spent in the east. Mr. Hunt stopped in Fargo to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Sarah Kennedy, and will return to the city the latter part of the week. Their wedding was

an event of Friday December 8, in the bride's home in Fargo.

Home For Christmas.

Miss Susie Hunter and Miss Winifred Nutschelmann, nurses at the Bismarck Hospital, are spending Christmas at their respective homes in Max and Mott.

Entertaining Sister.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hanson of Tenth street, are entertaining as their guest over the holidays the former's sister, Miss Hilda Hanson of Stanwood, Wash.

Visiting Son Here.

W. R. Parsons of Page, N. D., has arrived in the city to spend Christmas with his son, W. E. Parsons, and family, of Fifth street. Mr. Parsons, Sr., will make an extended visit here.

Visiting Daughter Here.

S. K. Clark of Faulkton, S. D., arrived in the city Saturday to spend Christmas with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Thorberg, of Ninth street. Mrs. Clark and daughter are also guests of the Thorbergs.

Spending Christmas Here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Williams of Preston, Minn., arrived in the city Saturday on No. 3, and are being entertained over the holidays by their daughter, Mrs. Price Awnens of Mandan Avenue.

Gives Dinner-Dance.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Oberg entertained Christmas eve at a dinner-dance at the Grand Pacific hotel. Covers were laid for 24 and the Christmas colors were effectively used in the appointments. The dancing party was held on the fourth floor and where a room had been especially fitted up for the occasion. The guests included only the intimate friends of the hosts.

Gives Christmas Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar H. Will of Fourth street, are entertaining over Christmas their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Worth Lumry of Garrison. Mr. and Mrs. Will entertained at a family dinner at noon today. The guests included besides Mr. and Mrs. Lumry, Mr. and Mrs. George Will, small daughter, Margaret, Mrs. William Moore, daughter, Miss Hortense Moore, Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor and sons, Edwin and Herndon, all of the city.

Night School Entertains.

The night school students gave an interesting Christmas program during the week-end at the Will school. A program of Christmas songs and recitations were given. The teachers were also present and a very pleasant evening was spent in social diversions. John Millet, who is employed at the St. Alexis hospital and was unable to attend the entertainment, sent candy enough for the party and Dan Laris, a former student, now stationed in Mercedes, Tex., with his company, sent cards and other greetings. Those in charge of the school are

TELLS ENGAGINGLY OF FIRST CHRISTMAS TREE IN FLICKERTAIL STATE

How the first Christmas tree exercises were held in North Dakota is engagingly told in an interesting paper read by Mrs. H. P. Goddard at last week's meeting of the Monday club. Mrs. Goddard, after tracing the institution of the Christmas tree from its pagan inception, says:

"And this brings us down to the story of the first Christmas tree at Fargo, which was the first in North Dakota, outside of the military posts and the Indian agencies. The story is told by one of the old-timers in his own language:

Split With Moorhead.

"Before this Christmas the few people on this side of the Red river had gone to Moorhead for church service, but at the meeting in Moorhead for the purpose of arranging for the Christmas tree of 1873, the Fargo representatives felt aggrieved at the action taken by the Moorhead people, as the Fargoites wished the tree to be for the pleasure of all children of whatever church or creed, or of no creed at all, and the feeling in Moorhead was for a tree for the children more particularly of church people. We of Fargo came home feeling that we were not bidden to the feast. A few of us went talking the matter over when J. H. Chapin said: 'Why don't you have a Christmas tree of your own, the largest and the best? I will give \$10 toward it.' With such a start we could not do otherwise than go ahead and have a Fargo Christmas tree.

Railroad Boys Help.

"John Jennings telegraphed to Brainerd for two of the finest trees that could be got into a box car. The railroad boys there got the trees and loaded them without any charge and the engineer got them through to Fargo without freight charges. The box car was sidetracked in front of the old headquarters hotel, but the next morning our beautiful Christmas trees, the first to be brought over the river, were gone. Some one had stolen them away, and a fall of light snow hid all trace of their going. A careful search was made for the trees and a committee visited Moorhead on

greatly pleased by the marked advancement of the pupils.

At Person Court.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Copelin, who have been staying at the McKenzie, have taken an apartment in the Person Court and have already taken up their residence there.

Returns After Visit.

Miss Veda Betty Brown of Valley City, who has spent several days in the city as the guest of Miss Olwen Hughes, left Saturday for Jamestown, where she has accepted a position.

Entertaining Brother.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Owens of Fifth street are entertaining the latter's brother, Walter Mackin, of Perry, Mont., over the holidays. They entertained today at a family dinner.

Gives Christmas Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Battey entertained informally today at their home in First street, at a Christmas dinner, the guests including Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Ebrodahl and five children of Sixth street. The yuletide colors were used in the appointments.

Spending Christmas Here.

Miss Agnes Orr, who is studying voice at the Wilson-Green School of Music, Washington, D. C., has arrived in the city and is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Orr, of Avenue A. Miss Orr was one of the soloists during the evening service at the First Presbyterian church. Merton J. Orr of Jamestown is also spending Christmas with his parents.

Entertains Son and Family.

Mrs. W. O. Ward and daughter, Miss Aldyth Ward of Seventh street entertained at dinner yesterday, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ward and children of Garrison, who are in the city spending the holidays with Mrs. Ward's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Stevens, of Third street. Mrs. Ward and Miss Ward were entertained over Christmas by their son and brother, Milan Ward, and family near the city.

a still hunt, for we felt sure some of the Moorhead boys had done us the trick, but the trees could not be found.

Moorhead Hanged in Effigy.

"At a meeting held that night it was decided to hang in effigy the Moorhead men suspected of the theft, so the bodies were appropriately labeled, and the next morning the Red river bridge was decorated with a number of seeming dead men. Someone on an early morning train out of Fargo saw them hanging there and telegraphed the Associated Press that as he crossed the river that morning six dead men were hanging from the bridge timbers, undoubtedly the work of the 'North West Regulators.' At 10 o'clock that forenoon a locomotive and box car draped in mourning ran down to the bridge followed by a large procession on foot. The bodies were taken down, and while the muffled locomotive bell tolled mournfully the effigies were buried in a snow-drift with elaborate ceremonies, including a sermon and the singing of dirges.

"The next night the trees were returned to the car, and from there taken to what is now No. 27 Front street. Between \$300 and \$400 was raised, and the result was two of the most finely decorated trees Fargo has ever witnessed, and, as there was plenty of cash, there was a silver half-dollar for each child under fourteen, each coin hung on the tree, suspended from a cord passed through a hole punctured for the occasion. Large locomotive headlights threw a strong glare on the tree from the rear.

Santa Broke Ladder.

"Santa Claus' ladder broke when he made his first attempt to climb into the window, and a speech was made to quiet the children, who were assured that Santa had been sighted coming over the Pembina hills, and that he would surely arrive soon. How they did yell when he did appear! The Wild Rice band of six pieces furnished music for the occasion, and after the children had enjoyed a Christmas tree to their heart's content, the older children, and this included everyone, turned in and danced until broad daylight, in the morning."

last evening by the children of the Sunday school, under the direction of Mr. Steiber. Songs and recitations were also a part of the program and a large Christmas tree featured.

The Norwegian and German Lutheran churches observed Christmas jointly last evening in the Trinity Lutheran church, when an interesting program was given by the children. A large chorus choir furnished Christmas music and a large Christmas tree brightly illuminated completed the entertainment.

Midnight Mass.

The Swedish Lutheran church celebrated the birth of Christ last evening and also this morning at 6 o'clock. Miss Alfson was in charge of the musical program.

Hundreds of worshippers attended the midnight mass at St. Mary's church. Rev. Father Hiltner, assisted by a deacon and a sub-deacon, were in charge of this service, which was followed by a low mass. Other services were held at 8:30 and 10:30 a. m., and vesper services will be conducted this evening at 7:30.

Presbyterian Exercises.

The annual Christmas entertainment at the Presbyterian church will be held this evening in the main auditorium and the program will be presented by the children. A large Christmas tree has been erected on the pulpit and will be ablaze with countless little electric bulbs. Gifts will be distributed from the tree. The program begins at 7:30.

St. George's Episcopal church will give the Christmas entertainment for the Sunday school Thursday evening, in the Knights of Pythias hall.



The Most Merry Christmas and Most Happy New Year

Could not be any more than what is wished for each of our patrons

We extend an expression of appreciation to our many patrons for their assistance in our splendid growth during the past year

Abbott Bros



Advertisement for Finney's Drug Store. Features a candle illustration and the text: 'For Christmas day and every day the best of all good wishes Finney's Drug Store'.

Advertisement with the text: 'Our Heartiest CHRISTMAS THANKS for a Prosperous Season'.

Advertisement for Butler Studio. Features a logo with a bird and the text: 'BUTLER STUDIO Hare Block Phone 249'.

Advertisement for Brown & Jones. Features the text: 'Merry Christmas to You and Yours Thanking all for the good Christmas trade we have enjoyed we wish you a very Merry Christmas Brown & Jones'.

Advertisement for Nielsen's Millinery. Features the text: 'Nielsen's Millinery Broadway'.

Advertisement for Johnson's. Features the text: 'WE WISH EVERYONE A Very Merry Christmas Happy and Prosperous New Year JOHNSON'S Popular Priced Store'.

Advertisement for Scott's Emulsion. Features the text: 'SCOTT'S EMULSION DRIVES OUT COLDS'.

Advertisement for Merry Christmas to All. Features the text: 'MERRY CHRISTMAS to All.'

Advertisement for Whitney & Richmond. Features the text: 'A Merry Christmas A Prosperous New Year Whitney & Richmond Bismarck's Exclusive Shoe Store'.

CITY NEWS

Christmas At Tappen. Miss H. B. Beach, assistant secretary and actuary for the Provident Life Insurance Co., is spending Christmas with friends at Tappen.

OCCUPIES NEW HOME. Win S. Mitchell of the state bank examiner's force has moved into his new residence at 902 Sixth street.

Spends Christmas Here. Prof. S. J. Clark, superintendent of the Faulkton, S. D., city schools, is a Christmas guest at the home of his

Advertisement for Knowles & Haney. Features the text: 'Since the Snehperds heard the Angels sing: "On Earth peace, goodwill toward men." Long centuries have passed, but people have not failed to pause just once a year, remembering the song. The time has come again for observing the old custom A Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year to All. Knowles & Haney'.

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