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**FIRST M. E.**  
Regular services next Sunday as usual.  
Christmas tree and program on evening of Christmas Day, beginning at eight o'clock.

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SOCIETY**  
Subject: "Is the Universe, Including Man Evolved by Atomic Force?"  
Sunday service 10:45 a. m.  
Wednesday at 8:00 p. m.  
All are welcome to these services.

**SWEDISH MISSION.**  
There will be services next Sunday at 10:45 for morning worship and 7:30 evening services, Sunday school at 9:30.

Prayermeeting this evening (Wednesday) at 7:30.  
Lutefisk supper next Thursday evening from 5 o'clock on. Everybody is welcome to these services.

**OAK PARK M. E.**  
No services next Sunday owing to absence of pastor.

Services Christmas morning at 11 a. m., and at Kandiyohi three o'clock. Sunday school festival takes place at 7:30 p. m. Christmas Day.

The Young People's Society of Oak Park will have a social Dec. 30th at 8 o'clock p. m. A program will be rendered and a candy sale will follow.

**SWEDISH M. E.**  
Our midweek prayer service Thursday evening at 7:30.

Next Sunday services at usual time. Sunday school at 10, morning worship at 11, Epworth League at 7 p. m., evening worship at 7:45.

A week from Thursday (Christmas Day) "Julotta" in the morning at 6 o'clock. In the evening the Children's Christmas program will be rendered.

To all our services a hearty welcome.

**LUTHERAN FREE.**  
Prayer meeting Thursday evening. Services next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.

Sunday school at 12:15 and Bible Class at 7.

Several of the young people will take part in the evening service.

**WANTED**—A boy 16 years old or more to work in bakery and deliver. Steady work for right party. Call at Palm's Bakery.

**BETHEL LUTHERAN.**  
Services next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. S. Pearson of Chicago will preach.

Midweek services tomorrow (Thursday) evening.

The male chorus meets Thursday evening, and the choir Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Early morning services (Julotta) Christmas morning at six o'clock. Children's festival on evening of Christmas Day, at 7:30.

**NORW. LUTH. SYNOD.**  
Next Sunday no services at the Willmar church in the forenoon. Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. English evening services at 7:30. Services with communion at the Solomon Lake church at 10:30 a. m. Prof. O. E. Brandt will preach.

Christmas Day services at the Willmar church at 10:30 a. m.

Services at the Solomon Lake church Dec. 26 at 10:30 a. m.

The Christmas tree exercises will be held at the Willmar church Dec. 26 at 7:30 p. m.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.**  
Christmas services will be held at this church Sabbath morning and evening.

Morning worship and sermon at 10:30 o'clock.

Antiphon by the choir, entitled, "What mean those Holy Voices," by Wilson.

Evening service at 7:30 o'clock. Program.

Organ Voluntary, by Mrs. F. G. Handy.

Proclamation by the large chorus choir, "The Herald Angels Sing."

Hymn.

Scripture Reading.

Antiphon, "And There Were Shepherds," (Holy Night.)

Prayer.

Offering and Announcements.

Antiphon, "Shine, O Star."

Christmas sermon.

Benediction.

The whole evening service will be devoted to the magnifying of the wondrous fact of the birth of the Christ Child. All are most cordially invited.

## KANDIYOHI COUNTY AT THE VERY TOP

### Corn Exhibits Win Two First Prizes at the Big Show at Morris.

Kandiyohi county won the distinction of winning two first prizes at the Corn Show at Morris last week. Herman Tallackson, the young progressive farmer living three miles east of Willmar won first prize for the best ten ears of white dent shown at the exposition. This is no small honor, considering that the show was so large and representative. Mr. Tallackson was urged to exhibit his corn by County Agent Poe, who had an opportunity to inspect the corn on the place. Mr. Tallackson decided finally to do this, not thinking that he would win a prize. As it turned out, his was the best white dent in the whole show, and it lay between his corn and the winner of the yellow corn prize, who should get the grand sweepstakes prize of a Playford Cement Silo. This was finally awarded to the Appleton man. If anyone thinks good seed has but little to do with raising good corn, let them consider that the acre from which Mr. Tallackson raised his prize corn was planted with ten ears of prize corn which he purchased from John Ahlstrom, paying five dollars for same. Mr. Tallackson will also get the first prize for the best corn exhibited from Kandiyohi county from the Willmar Commercial Club.

Another first prize captured by Kandiyohi county was that for the best bushel of corn in the boys' acre yield contest, by Paul Norling of Svea. The Norling boys are taking much interest in improved farming and that they get results is testified by the number of prizes they carry off in different corn shows. Paul will get a free week's trip to the State Fair next fall with all expenses paid for winning this prize at Morris.

We noticed other Kandiyohi exhibits marked for prizes, but have not been able as yet to get a complete list of the awards.

Willmar was well represented at the Morris show on all the days. Friday morning, when the editor made his visit, there were about twenty persons who boarded the special train at Willmar and it was crowded before Morris was reached. We stayed over until Saturday to visit with the Seventh District editors and enjoyed a visit at the West-Central Minnesota Agricultural farm, where courtesies were shown us by Supt. E. C. Higley. As usual the newspaper boys had an interesting time and the Morris brethren were splendid hosts. Atty. R. C. Ronken, who attended the meeting several days has written a report of the same which appears in another column.

## ORNAMENTAL STREET LIGHTS ARE LIGHTED

### Electric Current Turned On Night on White Ways on Third and Fifth.

Willmar City put on metropolitan airs last night, when the new ornamental street lights on Third and Fifth streets were lighted for the first time. Fifth street, especially, with its full quota of light posts from Pacific avenue to the Court House, looks fine. These beautiful lights give an added charm to evening ante-Christmas shopping. Too bad that Fourth street might not also have been similarly lighted at the same time. It is to be hoped that the business men on Fourth street will get together soon on the proposition and complete the system.

The new lights were turned on without any fuss or public doings which have characterized similar occasions in neighboring towns.

—John Enander, a Mamre farmer, sold two steers one day last week for which he received \$161.25.

—David Patten of Pipestone was here on business Thursday.

## OBITUARY

### MRS. KAREN OSTENSON.

The ranks and file of our early settlers is fast growing less as the angel of death has again taken one of our pioneers.

Mrs. Karen Ostenson was called from her earthly home, on the morning of December 4th, at the age of nearly 82 years, in the faith of her Saviour.

The family emigrated from Osterdalen, Norway, in the spring of 1868 and came direct to the town of Arcata and the following year settled on a homestead in section 26 in said town, where the deceased has lived with her husband, who died twenty-five years ago last Christmas.

About four months ago she received a light stroke of paralysis from which she never recovered and has been obliged to stay in bed all the time. She was unable to use her left hand and foot but kept her consciousness and talked until death came, and relieved her.

The funeral was held on the 8th. Short services were held at the house. The remains were laid to rest in the West Lake cemetery by Rev. Sund officiated both at the house and at the church.

She leaves to mourn her death, two sons, Andrew who lives in St. Paul and Hakon, living on the old farm, besides five grand children. The pall bearers were E. Gunderson, L. J. Hennjum, Ole Hjelte, G. F. Nordin S. A. Syverson and M. Gjelhaug.

—Contributed.

## JOHN H. STAUFFER.

The sad news was received today that John H. Stauffer, pioneer of Burbank township, died at Milaca yesterday, Dec. 16. The funeral will occur next Friday afternoon at Burbank and will be conducted by the Masonic fraternity. A complete obituary notice will be published next week.

The deceased was born in Wayne county, Ohio, Aug. 25, 1835; married Ella M. Hudson, who died five or six years ago; served in Co. A of the 47th Ill. Inf. in the Civil war; came to Burbank May 20, 1865, where he lived for many years until he retired from farming. He might be considered as the father of the Burbank settlement of Eastern-born people, and was postmaster at Burbank for thirty years.

## ALICE GUSTAFSON.

Alice, the 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Axel Gustafson, 11th St. and Ella ave., passed away after a lingering illness Sunday evening. The child had been ill for about seven weeks.

A week ago pneumonia set in and was the immediate cause of death. Besides the parents, one sister and five brothers mourn the loss of a loving daughter and sister. The funeral will be held tomorrow (Thursday) at 11 o'clock a. m. at the house. Interment at the Fairview cemetery, Rev. Ostling officiating.

## MRS. O. A. HAGEN.

The remains of Mrs. O. A. Hagen who died at Minneapolis the forepart of the week were brought here today to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Johnson, just south of town. The cause of her death was typhoid fever. Services will be held from the Swedish M. E. church, Saturday afternoon, Dec. 13th.—Belgrade Tribune.

## Receives New Members.

Last Sunday was a big day at the Bethel Lutheran church of this city. Communion services were held in the morning, at which fifteen communicant members were received into the church. They were the following:

- Mr. Per Persson.
- Mrs. Elma Persson.
- Mr. Carl Johan Nelson.
- Mrs. Anna Christina Nelson.
- Miss Hilja Cecilia Carlson.
- Mr. Otto Carlson.
- Mr. Karl John Albin Swenson.
- Mrs. Hilja Carolina Swenson.
- Children: Mabel Signe Evaline.
- Carl Harald Reuben.
- Ruth Carolina Ingeborg.
- Mr. Charles Johnson.
- Mr. Albin Wahlstrand.
- Mr. John Oscar Anderson.
- Mrs. Olivia Anderson.
- Dr. Carl Enfrid Anderson.
- Mrs. Anna Olivia Anderson.
- Child: Minerva Margerite Estelle.
- Mr. Carl Anderson.

In the evening special English services were held for the children, at which the Sunday school attended in a body. Rev. Pearson prefaced his sermon with some interesting remarks regarding the importance attached to the religious training of the children in the history of the church as well as in Old Testament times. The program was carried out as published last week. The Bethel church edifice is proving too small for the increasing attendance.

## Norway Lake People Wed.

Two well-known Norway Lake young people were married at the Synod parsonage at Willmar yesterday afternoon, when Mr. Casper Skindellen, and Miss Theoline Paavrud were made man and wife, Rev. J. N. Anderson reading the service. The bride was prettily attired in white. The bridal pair was attended by Melvin Skare and Minnie Skindellen.

—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hanson of Graceville stopped here to visit at the E. W. Hanson home Friday and Saturday on their way home from the Corn and Alfalfa show at Morris. They spent Sunday with friends at Atwater.

—Florence Magnuson, Stella and Martin Hanson spent Sunday at Kandiyohi.

## DAIRY COW CONTEST

### State Agricultural Society to Select Minnesota Grand Champion Dairy Cow by Six-Months Contest For \$500 in Prizes.

The Minnesota State Agricultural Society, recognizing the importance of the Dairy cow in the development of the state, has decided to conduct a milk cow contest, based upon individual conformation, net value of butter fat, and skim milk product in a six-months' test.

The premiums range from \$20 to \$125, aggregating \$500 per year. The six-months' test may begin any time after November 1, 1913, provided it is completed by August 1, 1914. All entries must be filed at the beginning of the test, with J. C. Simpson, Secretary Minnesota State Agricultural Society, Hamline, Minn., who will forward blanks and full information.

Competition is open only to registered cows two year old or over at the beginning of the test, and they must be owned and kept continually in Minnesota during the six-months' period.

"If sufficient interest is shown in this contest, similar premiums will be offered at the Minnesota State Fair of 1915, upon the basis of a twelve months' test to be completed any time between August 1, 1914, and August 1, 1915.

"Cows entered at the Minnesota State Fair of 1914, under the six-months' test may complete their year's record and shall be eligible to compete at the Minnesota State Fair of 1915.

For Rules and Regulations for the Grand Champion Dairy Contest, and all necessary blanks for keeping records, etc., address: J. C. Simpson, Secretary Minnesota State Agricultural Society, Hamline, Minnesota.

## Osseo Society's Entertainment.

An entertainment will be given by the Osseo Society of the Willmar Seminary, Friday evening, December 19th. The program will consist of two large comedies, recitations and the Osseo Twister, and will commence at 7:30 p. m. An admission fee of fifteen cents will be charged. Everybody welcome.

—On Dec. 11 the neighbors and friends made an uninvited call on Mrs. O. H. Eckdahl on Second street, the occasion being her birthday. As a token of friendship the party left a nice memento for her to remember them by.

—W. C. Thompson made a business trip to Willmar on Monday afternoon.—Maynard News.

## SUCCESS IN LIFE

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## High School Notes.

The second literary program was given last Tuesday evening, all parts were well given, and was successful as a whole.

Boy: Whose paper?  
Miss Lange: I should think you'd know, Ralph's writing is as kinky as his hair.

The Domestic Science girls will have a candy sale Friday afternoon at 3:30.

AMY: I write my experiment twice. The American History class took their test in the assembly room Friday as Mr. Foster was attending the dedication of the new public school at Kandiyohi.

What was the matter with Nellie Saturday night. Easy telling.

The tournament last Saturday night was not very well attended. The Junior Freshie girls won against the Senior Sophomores and the Sophomore Freshman boys won against the Senior Juniors.

From Hazel's actions she must want a new sash.

Skating must have interfered with lessons judging from the results.

Muriel Anderson was absent Tuesday on account of illness.

Altha Vivian has a front seat she is very fond of whispering.

Some of the American History pupils had the pleasure of standing in the corner Tuesday.

George Madison was absent from school last week.

Aasta Knutson has quit High school.

Ruth DeLa Hunt will not be able to return to school until after Christmas.

On Friday vacation begins, hurrah for two weeks' vacation!

## SEMINARY NOTES.

This week we have our test. But next week we'll take a rest.

Quite a number attended the social at Fenwick last Friday night. Some went by train and the others, thanks to good roads and weather, went by auto, team or foot. Everyone had a fine time.

Notice—Read the Osseo program for next Friday night, and then decide to come.

Next Friday afternoon there will be a basket ball game between some Minneapolis players and some of ours, who "should think they should like to try."

Reported—A conflict between skating and exams.

Russell Curran was seen up at the Seminary last week.

Not a lake seems to have been the proper place for the feet the last days.

## Post Office Will Be Open.

For the purpose of expediting the delivery of Christmas mail, the Willmar Post Office will be open Sunday next, Dec. 21, from 9 till 10 a. m. Mail will be delivered to patrons from the general delivery and carriers' windows between the hours named.

On Christmas day the delivery windows will be open from 8 till 11 a. m. and from 2 till 5 p. m. Parcel Post mail will be delivered by a special substitute carrier during the forenoon of Christmas day.

ALTON CROSBY, P. M.  
The Luce Line.

## Particulars of Tragic Death.

The Olivia Times publishes the following additional particulars of the manner in which the tragic death of George was taken place, in town of Roseland, Dec. 5.

"It appears the boy, upon returning from school, went to the pasture to drive home his pet calf and, child fashion, he fastened one end of a rope to the calf's tail and tied the other end around his waist. The calf evidently ran across fields for a considerable distance, dragging the boy over the rough ground and through fences until the rope broke.

When the boy did not return in the evening the family became alarmed and began a search for him. Later the neighbors turned out to join in the search and about 9 o'clock p. m. the body was found lying against a tree, life having been extinct several hours. A broken piece of the rope was found around the boy's waist and a shorter piece was found tied to the calf's tail.

Several bones were found to be broken in the body which indicated that the body had been dragged a long distance.

## MAMRE

Mamre, Dec. 15—Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sell of Raymond were guests at the latter's sister's home, C. G. Nelson's and other relatives from Saturday until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Engen and Mrs. Lars Larson and daughter, Esther, of Lake Andrew, spent Sunday at George Larson's.

Miss Emma Johnson of Svea is doing some dressmaking at George Hultin's this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Kallevig of Willmar visited at Edward Thonwald's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gustaf Nordin of Lake Andrew spent Sunday afternoon at N. Abrahamson's.

Gunder Emberland and family visited friends and relatives in this vicinity last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Peterson and Lars Ostlund were visitors at J. A. Erlanson's in Willmar Sunday. Mr. Erlanson is reported to be quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lotven pleasantly entertained a company of relatives and friends for dinner Sunday.

Mrs. Andrew Olson returned home last Friday after visiting friends and relatives in Forman and Cayuga, N. Dak., for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. August Lindgren and Mrs. A. J. Lindgren were guests at Albert Lindgren's in Kerkhoven Sunday.

Mr. Dave Ecklund came down from Glyndon, Minn., last week to attend the Retstad-Ecklund wedding which took place on Sunday afternoon. He returned to Glyndon on Monday evening.

Mr. Otto Tengvall and several others from this town, attended the Corn and Alfalfa Exposition held in Morris last week.

Mr. Peter Henderson of Spicer made a business trip to this vicinity this week.

Gustaf Danielson and family and Julius Larson attended the Retstad-Ecklund wedding in Arcata last Sunday afternoon.

## UNCLE SILAS SAVED FROM BAD GROUGH

### How Aunt Malindy Manages to Infuse Christmas Spirit Into Her Man.

## OLD UNCLE WAS "OFF FEED"

Had Lost Interest in Public Affairs; Resigned from School Board; Even Cut Out the Corner Store; Criticized Church Social; Even Endorsed Scrooge.—But Malindy Gives Him a Piece of Her Mind, and Uncle Silas' Philosophy Comes to His Rescues—Invests in Christmas Presents which He Hides in Haymow—Writes Rhyme With Assistance of Deacon Doolittle.

(By Eben E. Lawson.)



It is most a coon's eye now since ye heard from yer Uncle Silas. I don't know whether you keep much or not, and I reckon I wouldn't taken my pen in hand to have writ this now if it hadn't been fer—Well, you see it's this way:

During the past year or so I've been "off feed" as it were. Sort o' soured on the world in general and discouraged over the holy mockery of our holl, so called, civilization. I'll be swan, I was a gettin' so I didn't take no stock in nothin' gum. I wouldn't attend no public doin', I didn't even attend the annual school meetin' nor the town lectioin.

Jest think on it! A town meetin' in Coon Creek town hall without yer uncle Sil, who has held his fingers on the pulse of Coon Creek town affairs fer these forty odd years!

I had resigned from the school board, a position of responsibility I had held with honor fer 28 years.

I reckon Malindy worried considerably about my state of mind. And when I got so bad at last that I wouldn't even go down to the store to smoke my pipe and talk politics with the boys, and when I even tried to stop the subscription on the Fireside Companion, a magazine printed in Augsburg, Maine, which I have kept these many years, by which I reckon she thought things was a gettin' in such a bad way with me that something must be done to lift me from the slough of despondency.

So she set to work, like only a woman can, to devise ways and means I reckon.

She would humor me and bake some of the finest pumpkin pies ye ever mashed agin yer molars. But any revival condition of my spirits arising therefrom would not last much longer than the pies.

One day she tried to coax me over to the Ladies' Aid coffee social over at Dan Whittaker's house, but I says, says I, "You women folks mean well enough as far as that goes, mean I, 'but I low if things has got to that pint that the work of the church can't be carried on 'cept thru the coffee and sandwich route, there must be something radically wrong. And I am getting tired of it all."

"Well, whose fault is it?" says Malindy. "Wasn't we in need of a new front aisle carpet fer the church fer years? And you pillers (?) never done a thing toward gettin' a new one. Not even yer Deacon Doolittle caught his foot in the tail of the old carpet one Sunday morning and lunged head first into the generous proportions of Grandma Whittaker's lap, spillin' the copper contents of the contribution plate to the four ends of the church edifice! No, there was no new carpet bought till us ladies got up a chicken dinner. Then you men comed across with yer quarter 'cause you liked 'most pulled so well. If there is anythin' radically wrong, it's not with the coffee and sandwich but with you old hippocrites as can't shell out lest us women tickle yer palates with somethin' good to eat."

Now wasn't that pretty plain talk fer one of the mainstays of the community to have to take from his wife?

And, I'll be henpecked, before I could scratch off a gray spot on my vest front, she opened up agin.

"Si," says she, "you have been on the grouch wagon fer a long time. It's time you was comin' down and cheerin' up. This world bein' goin' to the dogs. Jest a movin' a little too fast fer us old folks to adjust ourselves to the new speed, that's all. Christmas will soon be here and what kind of a Christmas will we have with you feelin' that way?"

"Christmas," says I, "Don't talk to me about Christmas. There isn't no Christmas any more. Old Scrooge may have been off in his day, but in these modern days Christmas is gettin' to be the next thing to a 'dumb bug,' says I. 'With everybody a worryin' themselves gray and chasin' their feet off with Christmas shoppin', Santa Claus programs and tomfoolery. With givin' a mere formality, the real Christmas spirit is no more. In our day, Malindy," says I, "and some how somethin' 'kind o' choked my wind pipe, 'in our day Christmas brought the best and highest joys we knew. There was a feelin' of home contentment, of cheer and neighborly good will. There was the cracklin' of the burnin' logs in the fire place, the white scrubbed floor, the Christmas tree, the joy of the youngsters. Outside in the starlight night there was a jingle of sleighbells and as the peal of the old church bell rang out thru the still frosty air there came a peace to the heart that was beyond human understandin'." "And now-a-days," says I, "it's the hurry and scurry of business with everybody after the almighty dollar. It's an everlasting struggle to keep up in the procession. Women, slaves to vanity, are a frettin' themselves nervous about dress and fashion. A lot of the weaker minded ones give way to hobble skirts and other dern fool skit contraptions."

"The daily papers are full of murder and graft and scandal and pictures of prize fighters, vaudeville dancers and other rot."

"And the young is brought up on movin' picture shows and comic supplemints."

"What can you expect? You can't sow cockle burs and reap wheat. It's an age of foolishness, frivolity and the deep beautiful spirit of Christmas can't get breathin' room," says I, "and I must have gotten quite eloquent by this time fer the old cat up and looked at me."

Malindy kept right on with her knittin' and says, says she: "It may be true that there be a lot of evils as has developed in our day. I don't deny it. But maybe there are some old ones that have been killed off, too. Chattie slavery was abolished and the damnable liquor traffic is being out lawed at a good rate. One wrong is being rectified after the other. Women don't wear hoops nor bustles anymore, nor the men powdered wigs like George Washington did. It seems to me that if there has been a change fer the worse it has been in you as much as anywhere."

"If you want to kill the Christmas spirit there is nothin' can do it like gettin' grouchy at the world you live in."

## AT THE DISSOLUTION SALE