

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Mrs. F. G. Hill, 189 Fifth avenue south, will leave today for Cincinnati, O., where she will visit at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Hill.

St. Theresa's circle of St. Joseph's church will have its Christmas party on Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock rather than Thursday evening. The group will meet at the home of Mrs. John Boule 114 Eleventh street north.

Miss Dorothy Deems, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Deems, 315 Fifth street south, will have the soprano solo part in the Bach's Christmas Oratorio which will be presented Sunday, December 19, at Carleton college, Northfield.

St. Mary's Court of the Catholic Daughters of America will meet tonight at 8:00 o'clock in the St. Joseph clubrooms. All members are requested to be present at this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Connelly, 705 Twelfth street, are the parents of a daughter born Monday at St. Ansgar hospital.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary will meet tonight at 8:00 o'clock in the Masonic lodge rooms. Officers are requested to wear their uniforms for initiation ceremonies. Refreshments will be served and a social hour will follow the meeting.

The AOUW Junior and Senior Christmas party will be held in the Gopher Grill at 6:30 Friday evening. The Junior members will attend the Moorhead theatre following the party, and the senior members will hold a special entertainment program.

The Ladies Aid of St. Joseph's church will meet on Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. in the clubrooms of St. Joseph's school. Mrs. Margaret Elledge is captain of group number 42, and Miss Catherine Drury is co-captain of the group.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hughes, 716 Twelfth street north, have named their baby daughter, born December 3, Katherine Rae.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nodde, Ulen, are the parents of a daughter born Monday in St. Ansgar hospital.

The annual meeting of the Concordia Ladies Aid will be held on Thursday, December 15, at 2:30 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Andrew Migdager. Mrs. Ted Bekkerus will be the assisting hostess.

Adler Strandquist, Agyle, was recently elected president of the Concordia Lettermen's club for the coming year. Other officers elected include James Solum, Barnesville; Miss Anne Haugrud, Hawley; and Miss Thorkelson are in charge of general arrangements. Planning the program are Sterling Kuhlmeier, secretary; Miss Evelyn Christ, Dorothy N. D.; Douglas McArdle, Pelican Rapids; and Miss Aas, Misses Rebecca Johnson, Fargo, and Harriet Holm, Barnesville, are planning decorations.

Guests include the society advisers Professor and Mrs. Erling Rolfsen, Mrs. O. M. Howde, Professor and Mrs. Peter Anderson and Professor and Mrs. G. L. Schoberg.

Mrs. R. S. Lundberg, 1003 Eleventh street south, entertained her circle of St. Joseph church in her home at 2:00 o'clock today in her home.

A farewell party for 29 guests was held at the Isaac Kasin home, 115 Seventh street south, recently in honor of Herbert Williams, Moorhead theatre apartments, who left Monday for Fort Snelling and induction into the armed services.

The annual Christmas party of the American Legion auxiliary will be held Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock in Memorial hall. The Junior American Legion auxiliary members will present a program, with Janet Kiefer in charge. Following the business meeting, there will be a social hour, with Mrs. Henry Stening in charge of arrangements. Hostesses will be Mrs. H. E. Newland, chairman; Mrs. John McCann, Mrs. Jack Garrett, Mrs. Arthur Meland, Mrs. Mammie Market and Mrs. L. E. Marquardt.

Ladies Aid and Missionary society of Trinity Lutheran church will meet on Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock in the church parlors. Mrs. Carl Estand will be the devotion leader. Hostesses will be Mrs. A. Meland, Mrs. L. H. Aldick, Mrs. H. Weltzin, Mrs. Edwin Bee, Mrs. John Mann. Members are requested to have their dues paid in full at this time.

The Rev. of St. John's Episcopal church will hold its annual Christmas party on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. O. L. Cathin, 425 Sixth street south.

Private Lorna Westberg, women's army corps, is spending her furlough at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claus Westberg, 610 Sixth street south. Private Westberg, who entered military service on June 17, has been stationed in the band at the Wac camp, Des Moines, Iowa. She has been on tour throughout the middle and southern states with a Wac band, appearing at bond drives, general entertainments, concerts and broadcasts. Private Westberg plays the French horn in the post band.

Leo Adams, 224 Fourteenth street south, who has been ill for the past two weeks with the flu, has returned to his work at the Gamble warehouse.

Mrs. Tom Holsen, 303 Elm street south, has received word that her son, Orville, seaman third class, assigned as a mechanic on a bomber, has arrived safely overseas and is stationed in the South Pacific.

Private Charles Lorenz, stationed at Topsham, Nev., with the army corps, left Monday for his post after spending a 10-day furlough with relatives and friends in Moorhead and Fargo.

Circle number 12 of St. Joseph's Catholic church will meet Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock in Eleventh street north.

Coming Events

Today. Meeting of the trustees of Cemetery association in Chamber of Commerce office at 7:30. Garden club at 8:30 at home of Dr. G. L. Gosslee, 709 Eighth street south.

A.A.U.W. at 6:30 north lounge of Fjeldstad hall, Concordia campus. LDR at 6:30 with Dr. Mae Anderson, 307 Tenth street south.

Wednesday. Ladies Aid of Bethesda church at 3:00 p. m. in church parlors.

Sergeant John Murphy, stationed with the artillery at Camp White, Ore., left Monday for his post after spending a 10-day furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Murphy, Hawley, and with other relatives and friends. Mr. Murphy accompanied him to Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Koch, 424 Fourth street south, entertained at a dinner for eight guests recently in honor of Herbert Williams, Moorhead Theater apartments, who left Monday for military service.

The Artcraft club will hold its annual Christmas party on Thursday evening at 7:00 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Winton Johnson, 403 Seventh street south.

Alpha Phi Gamma Plans Banquet

Formal Dinner To Be Held On Wednesday

Alpha Phi Gamma, national honorary journalistic fraternity, has scheduled a formal Christmas banquet in the Silver Room of the Graveler hotel, Wednesday evening at 6:30.

Master of ceremonies will be Henry Reitan, Halstad, and Warren Johnson, McGregor, society president will give the welcome. Other numbers include a saxophone solo, Ruman and the society paper, "Scripto," Misses Miriam Aas and Vivian Thorkelson, Fertile. Dinner music will be provided.

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Set Rites For Ole Halvorson

Hawley Resident Dies At Age of 67

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2:00 o'clock in the Immanuel Lutheran Free church at Hawley, for Ole Halvorson, 67, who died Monday morning in a Fargo hospital following a month's illness. The Reverend Donald Ronning will officiate at the services.

Mr. Halvorson was born on January 27, 1876 in Norway, and came to the United States in 1880. He served as Clay County Commissioner for four years, and had been manager of the Hawley Potato Grower's association for the past 20 years.

Surviving are one son, Allan, two sisters, Mrs. A. J. Tunsteth, Fergus Falls, and Helga Halvorson, William, and two brothers, Halvor, Peerless, Mont., and Christian, Hawley. His wife preceded him in death some time ago.

In The SERVICE

News of Local Men and Women On Military Duty.

Spending his furlough with his father at Glyndon is Wallace Ekaner, son of Nels Ekaner. He arrived Monday from near Boston, Mass., where he is stationed with the army air corps as a mechanic.

First Lieutenant Lester Ronsberg, former Concordia college student, has received the distinguished flying cross for his part in the bombing of the Floesti oil refineries in Rumania last August. Previously he had received the air medal and the oak leaf cluster for his achievement in North Africa.

Awaiting the arrival of their son from North Africa for the Christmas holidays are Mr. and Mrs. A. Ginholt, Detroit Lakes. He is Staff Sergeant Richard Ginholt, who has notified his parents that he expects to be home in time for Yuletide festivities.

Spending a furlough at Lake Park is Sergeant Morris Olson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Olson, Lake Park. He is stationed at Tyndall field, Fla.

Ensign Robert Carriere, Middle River, a Concordia college graduate, has been sent to San Francisco for active sea duty after receiving his commission at the midshipmen's school, New York City. He was a letterman in football and basketball while attending Concordia.

School Vacations Start This Week

Influenza Situation Appears Improved

Christmas holiday vacations will start Friday in Moorhead public schools, at Concordia college and MSTC while at St. Joseph's school vacation will start December 23 and sessions will resume January 10.

Public school and MSTC students go back to classes January 3 while Concordia sessions resume January 4.

Meanwhile the number of absences in the public schools due to influenza and colds has decreased considerably, Superintendent S. G. Reimertsen said. The peak apparently was reached last Wednesday and since then attendance has been improving, he stated.

At MSTC campus school Dr. E. M. Spencer, director, reported that attendance was better this week than last although there were slightly more absences today than Monday. This was probably due to the cold weather, he said.

St. Joseph's school, which reopened Monday, had 55 pupils absent today, 20 more than Monday but this was also probably due principally to the drop in temperature.

Meanwhile a United Press survey showed that influenza and colds have reached epidemic proportions in some cities, curtailing war plant operations and forcing schools to close.

In Washington, Dr. James G. Cumming, head of the government bureau of preventable disease, anticipated an increase in the infection within the next few days but expressed the hope that the crisis would be reached shortly, followed by a sharp decline.

Mrs. A. L. Tyler Dies In Fargo

Succumbs To Heart Attack At Age of 77

Mrs. Ada L. Tyler, 77, died this morning in a Fargo hospital, following a heart attack.

Mrs. Tyler, who had been making her home with her daughter, Mrs. C. L. Pake, rural Moorhead, for the past 15 months, was born on May 11, 1866, at Lake Mills, Wis. She was married to Arthur Tyler on December 20, 1883, at Redfield, S. D. Her husband and eight children preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. George Morehouse, Chicago; and Mrs. Pake, and six sons, Russell, Fargo; Maurice, 318 Twelfth street, north, Moorhead; Sam, Beloit, Wis.; Alvah, Woods hospital, Milwaukee; Clarence, Thorp, Wash.; Floyd, Kittitas, Wash. A sister, Mrs. William Locke, Castletown, S. D., also survives.

Mrs. Tyler was a member of the Baptist church in this city. The body is at the Merrill Moore mortuary. Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

Plan Bazaar At Catholic School

The Men's club of St. Joseph's Catholic church will sponsor a Christmas bazaar and party in the school hall on Thursday evening.

Included in the entertainment will be concessions, prizes, including turkeys and a mystery door prize. The party will begin at 7:30, and admission is free to the public.

Services Friday For Mrs. Grover

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2:00 o'clock in Concordia Lutheran church for Mrs. Elmer Grover, 50, who died Sunday at her farm home. Reverend C. B. Runsvold will officiate at the services.

The body will lie in state at the A. J. Wright funeral home Thursday afternoon and evening, and burial will be in the Concordia Lutheran cemetery.

NEWS BRIEFS

Short Items Covering Activities of Community Groups and Organizations.

Soil Meeting At Ulen. Carl Clardy from the east Agassiz soil erosion district office at Twin Valley will be the speaker at the Ulen evening school Thursday evening. The meeting will be devoted principally to drainage problems and will be held in the agriculture room of the high school.

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Air Cadets Get "Cool" Reception On Arrival Here

A group of 100 cadets arriving Monday afternoon from Jefferson Barracks, Mo., to join the 348th college training detachment at MSTC got a "cool" reception despite the fact that a welcoming committee was on hand.

Dressed only in lightweight cadet uniforms, the youths were greeted by near zero temperature which sent shivers down their respective spines.

Meeting the new cadets were Lieutenant F. G. McQuestion, the drum and bugle corps and student officers. The new group replaces the contingent which graduated last week.

The men were from all sections of the country and some of them had withstood the rigors of northern winters before. But others, from the south, said that it was a bit chilly even down at Jefferson barracks.

Bertha Nokken Is Recent Bride

Former Resident Wed In California

Miss Bertha Nokken, formerly of this city, and J. D. Chance, Long Beach, Calif., were married Monday, December 13, in a ceremony at the Lutheran church at Long Beach, according to word received here.

Miss Nokken, who attended high school and Concordia college in this city, and was employed at Waterman's store for some time before leaving for California, has been employed by the Douglas Aircraft corporation at Long Beach.

Mr. Chance is also employed by Douglas Aircraft. The couple will make their home in Long Beach.

Select Officers For Eastern Star

Officers elected at the meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star, annual Christmas party in the Masonic hall, include: Mrs. Esther Brem, worthy matron; Walter Grantham, worthy patron; Mrs. Violet Edengren, associate matron; Robert Coste, associate patron; P. F. Fountain, trustee for three years; Miss Lucy Sheffield, secretary; Miss Hazel Monson, treasurer; Mrs. Minnie Halverson, conductress; and Mrs. Andrea Erickson, associate conductress.

These officers and appointive officers will be installed on January 10, at the regular meeting.

Concordia Christmas Party To Be Wednesday

Climaxing the campus Christmas events will be Concordia college's annual Christmas party Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the college gymnasium. Speaker of the evening will be Carl Sheie, interne at Trinity Lutheran church. Vernon Holte, Upham, N. D., will read the Christmas gospel and Eleanor Farstveit, Beach, N. D., will give a reading.

Musical selections include a vocal solo, Miss Estella Johnson, New England, N. D.; piano solo, Miss Velma Dyrstad, Finley, N. D.; and a vocal trio composed of Misses Edith Hersteth, Bertha; Norma Lindem, Fisher, and Margaret Simmons, Oakes, N. D.

Juniors in charge of the program are Miss Lindem, Miss Sigmund, Eadie, Cathy, N. D.; Raymond Brien, Cray, N. D.; and Norman Johnson, Moorhead. Serving on the food committee are Misses Virginia Dale, Beth Hopeman, Moorhead, Dorothy Flom, Delhi, and Mary Hanley, Staples, sophomores. Decorations are being planned by Freshmen Miss Frances Simenson, Devils Lake, N. D.; Miss Eteland, Erskine; Miss Lillian Hilmo, Fargo; Robert Jensen, Williams; and Howard Paulson, Rothsay. Douglas McArdle, Pelican Rapids, will assist.

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Even electric lighting is dangerous unless equipment is in good condition, the council said, because Christmas trees contain resinous substances which are easily ignited.

Trees may be made fire-resistant, although not entirely fireproof, by the following process offered by the council and recommended by the United States department of agriculture:

Divide the weight of the tree by four and buy the resulting number of pounds of ammonium sulfate or calcium chloride. Dissolve the chemical in water, using one and a half pints per pound. Saw off the tree stem an inch from the end and place the fresh stem upright in a jar or pail of the solution in cool place away from direct sunlight. The tree gradually will absorb the moisture.

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That question has been a subject of speculation since the WLB approved the agreement negotiated during a strike by Coal Administrator Harold L. Ickes and UMW President John L. Lewis. Some unionists suggested that Lewis demonstrated that the way to win union concessions was to fight for them.

WLB public members warned labor not to interpret its coal decision as an indication that unions might benefit by striking. Its policy was reaffirmed yesterday when it told officials of the utility workers organizing committee (UOW) that it would not consider their complaint against the Pennsylvania power and light company while a strike continued in the company's plants at Lansford and Pine Grove, Pa.

Wayne L. Morse, public member and compliance officer, notified the union officials last night that the case would be referred to President Roosevelt for action unless the strikers returned Wednesday. He said the board would not consider the merits of the case while the stoppage continued.

Only Two Slapping Incidents.

Washington, Dec. 13 (UP)—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson reported to the senate today that the two slapping incidents already reported in the press appeared to be the only instances in which Lieutenant General George S. Patton, Jr., has physically mistreated his soldiers under his command in the Mediterranean theater of war.

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