

The Early Days of Fedrelandet #23 Sons of Norway

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S. & D. of Norway Christmas Party

The Sons and Daughters of Norway Christmas Party held Wednesday evening, December 29 at the Sons of Norway Hall was a complete success. From the time the guests arrived for the delightful lunch until the last strains of the dance with music by Bennie Favre faded away.

Arriving guests were escorted downstairs where a beautifully decorated tree awaited them. Singing of carols around the tree was enjoyed immensely, with music by Bob Lando and Bennie Favre.

The crowd gathered for a delicious lunch in the upstairs dining room which was decorated with cedar boughs and green and red streamers hanging from the center of the ceiling. The tables were beautifully decorated with sprays of cedar and Christmas candles. At the conclusion of the lunch a program was presented.

Mrs. Rae Stedman was the chairman of the entertainment committee, opened the program by reading two Christmas stories. The singing of three Christmas carols by Norman Hammer, Mr. and Mrs. Eiler Wikan, Jane Wikan, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Wikan, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wikan and Mrs. Rae Stedman, with Miss Pine at the piano was acclaimed excellent. Mrs. Earl Ohmer read New Year's resolutions, which was enjoyed by all.

The highlight of the evening's entertainment was a mock wedding held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Espeseth who celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on that day. Mr. and Mrs. Erling Espeseth acted as the bride and groom's attendants and Miss Bernice Espeseth was the flower girl. Carl Vevelstad acted as minister for the mock affair and Bennie Favre played the wedding march. A huge wedding cake awaited the couple and in time honored custom they cut the cake. Mrs. Bert Espeseth was presented a corsage by Mrs. Ingebright Johnson. Mrs. Erling Espeseth, sister of Mrs. Bert Espeseth gave a talk on the couple's first acquaintance, and Frederick Nelson was called upon to make a speech for knowing the couple for so many years.

Committees responsible for making this party such a success were many. Besides those already named. Mrs. Ole Rosvold was the chairman of the food committee, assisted by Mrs. Peder Welde, Mrs. Anton Noreide, Mrs. Ed Thorsen, Louis Tenfjord, Eiler Wikan and Andrew Wikan.

Decoration committee, headed by Mrs. Oscar Sandvik, included Mr. and Mrs. Ingebright Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Wikan and Ole Rosvold.

The kitchen clean-up was done by Louis Tenfjord, Ed Thorsen, Anton Noreide, Andrew Wikan and Peder Welde.

Respectfully submitted by, Historian Jill Williams
Sons of Norway December meeting
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