

CUSTANCE'S MUSIC ON CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Compositions of Duluthian Will Be Heard at Many Churches.

By JANET PRIEST.
A man who makes music—such as F. M. Custance—leave in all the hearts please. Indeed, the very initials seem to have a connection with the subject. They might stand for Fine Musician Custance!

I wonder whether people properly appreciate Custance!

Each of the music being sung today all this week in connection with various Christmas celebrations was written by him. His business is teaching Latin at Central high school. His chief delight is perhaps to teach the world of song.

His Christmas song, "Sleep, Holy One," is being sung today at Trinity cathedral and at the First Methodist church. At the latter place of worship there will also be sung "O Emmanuel" and "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," both his compositions. At Lakeside Presbyterian church will be sung "In the Fields the Flocks Abiding." Custance himself will fill his position of organist and choir director at St. Paul's Episcopal church, but has been too busy to include his own compositions in the Christmas music presented there. But other choir directors here and in the Twin Cities are taking it up to him.

And on Christmas day the Norwegian Male chorus, which will sing at the Lyceum theater both afternoon and evening, will sing his arrangements of "Holy Night" and Gounod's "Mass of St. Cecilia," as well as his new composition set to May Stanley's charming little "Santa Claus" verses. Another May Stanley song will be set to music soon, too.

Humane arrangements may not be the highest form of musical art, according to Felix Borowski, but the fact remains that Custance has made a kind of a hit with his arrangement of "Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes," which was received with great acclaim by Chicago musicians here. His arrangement of the Swallow song of farewell is also a great success and there is something new stirring about his arrangement of "America." If you're looking for a new one there is the Swedish ditty, "Little Lena Tonson."

Custance is the only composer of "St. John's" music. Masons all over the country use his published music in their ceremonies. Each time some of the "nobles" and their wives come



A. F. M. CUSTANCE.

to town the "Shrine girls" entertain them in a Custance sketch—a new one every time. And then he also makes the arrangements for another of his hobbies, the Scottish Rites quartet. Talk about versatility!

As many as 50 anthems, two masses, songs and arrangements without number Custance has to his credit. T. W. Hugo wrote the words of his song, "Goodwill Toward Men." He began the high school musical society in 1892, and it is still flourishing.

Twenty-three years ago he came from England, where his parents are still living. He says very little about his own affairs, and that is why few people know that one of his brothers, a naval surgeon, was killed in October when the cruiser Hawke was blown up in the North sea. Another brother is commanding a battleship.

Custance tries to see the bright side of everything—even of Latin. A physician said recently, "I don't know what has come over my boy. He has never seemed to enjoy going to school before, but this man Custance has him hypnotized. He likes Latin."

When there is a joke Custance is the first to see it. "Do you know what I hope they'll put on my tombstone?" says Custance. "I hope they'll just write, 'He made us laugh.'"

R. Anthony court, No. 327, Cathedral of Foresters, held its annual election of officers, Monday evening in St. Anthony hall, Third avenue West and Second street. The following officers were elected: Mrs. F. J. Piering, chief ranger; Mrs. Frank Bernhardt, vice chief ranger; Mrs. E. A. Huot, recording secretary; Mrs. A. Scholler, financial secretary; Mrs. F. J. Piering, treasurer; Mrs. M. W. Mrs. W. Soukup and Mrs. H. Knudsen, trustees. Installation will take place with St. Francis court, No. 164, early in January.

Mrs. E. A. Huot has held the office of recording secretary for seven years and Mrs. Charles Piering was selected as chief ranger for the fourth term. The next meeting of the society will be held Monday evening, Dec. 25, at which time plans will be completed for the installation.

Mrs. William H. Sutton, 205 Eleventh avenue West, was hostess at a holiday party Wednesday afternoon in honor of Miss Minnie Schaefer. The guests were Miss Sadie Coran, Mrs. Louise Mueller, Miss Fabolina Gauthier, Miss Clara Piering, Miss Anna Kusnerek and Miss Madeline Libert.

Mrs. O. Peterson, 2027 West Second street, entertained the West End club Wednesday afternoon. The hosts were won by Mrs. John Anderson, Mrs. Christ Hansen and Mrs. Andrew Anderson. The other guests were Mrs. Peter Olson, Mrs. Christ Olson, Mrs. Lena Grenner, Mrs. J. Olson and Mrs. S. Ogren.

Miss Helen Strand, 219 East Fifth street entertained Monday evening. Fully and evergreen were the decorations. Three tables of five hundred and dancing were the amusements. The favors were won by Miss Fern Bergery, Miss Mabel Nelson and Arthur Fredrickson. The other guests were Miss Mary Gordon, Miss Ruth Walton, Miss Margaret Bailey, Miss Vera McIntyre, Miss Victoria Kusky, Miss Loretta Drama, Miss Hazel Williams, Miss Genevieve Horro, Miss Marie Watts, Frank McGregor, Miss Abbott, George McKay, Emil Bernard, Robert Harrington, Charles Bradley, Lloyd McDonald, Martin Smedley, Roy Thomas, George Thornd and Robert Webster.

Due to the death of Miss Rae Abraham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Abraham, formerly a teacher at the Sunday school of Temple Emanuel, there will be no Chanukah festival for the children this afternoon.

Mrs. J. E. Hill, 812 First street, was honor guest at a birthday party Tuesday afternoon. The guests were Mrs. C. Nelson, Mrs. H. Nelson, Mrs. A. Anderson, Mrs. S. Poupore, Mrs. S. Thompson, Mrs. O. Nelson, Mrs. O. Thompson, Mrs. G. Ryberg, Mrs. T. Bastedt, Mrs. A. Johnson, Mrs. Westman and Mrs. Ekren.

Mrs. J. F. Smith's, 16 Twenty-second avenue West, entertained the B. and S. club at three tables of five Wednesday afternoon. The favors were won by Mrs. Frank Morris, Mrs. James Hefferman and Mrs. Archambault.

There will be a "Guid Scotch Night," at the Clan hall Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The committee in charge is Simon Clark, chairman, A. F. Melrose, Alexander Macrae, John G. Ross and Malcolm Macaskill. The last meeting of the year will be held Wednesday, Dec. 30. A large class will be initiated.

A Christmas party was given by the patriotic girls' club of Irving school at the school Wednesday evening. The birthday anniversaries of Miss Mabel Anderson and Miss Leah Stanton were also celebrated. At the reception there were birthday cakes. The club is dressing dolls to send to St. William Bell of Virginia, who is engaged in work among immigrants in the range. Miss Ruth Lynch is president and Miss Gladys Segog, vice.

Third street, will have services this morning at 11 o'clock and this evening at 7:45 o'clock. Sunday school will be held this morning at 9:45 o'clock. Rev. F. O. Hanson is pastor. On Christmas day services will be held at 5:30 a. m. and 10:30 a. m.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Swan of Woodland were honor guests at a delightful surprise party Friday evening, given by the members of the Epworth league of Grace M. E. church. Games formed the evening's entertainment.

The guests were Miss Edna Gorman, Miss Margaret Gorman, Miss Gisa Perry, Miss Floribel Levasseur, Miss Lillian Sullivan, Miss Hazel Donaghy, Miss Eleanor Anderson, Miss Edna Peterson, Ellor Ekeroth, Itay Olson, Dan Donaghy, George Donaghy and Walter Nelson.

The Study class of the piano pupils of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lachmund will meet during the week when Mr. Lachmund will explain the questions given at the Minnesota Music Teachers' association last year.

Two studio recitals will be given during the Christmas holidays and will consist of compositions by Bach, Beethoven and Schumann.

Division No. 11, Ladies' Auxiliary of A. O. H. will meet Tuesday evening in Cathedral hall. Arrangements will be made for the installation of the officers-elect, which will take place in Cathedral hall, Tuesday evening, Jan. 12. Miss May Hammill, state vice president, will conduct the installation. Invitations have been issued to the A. O. H. and other divisions in the city, and all members of the order and visitors from other points are invited to be present. A musical and literary program will form a part of the evening's entertainment and will be arranged by Mrs. John Devaney, chairman of the committee, Miss Mary Garvey, Miss Ree Brophy, Miss Evelyn Stack and Mrs. Emily Salsman. Rt. Rev. James A. McGonick will be honor guest of the evening.

The officers-elect are Mrs. Sara A. Murphy, president; Miss Clara Stark, vice president; Mrs. M. E. Snyder, recorder; Miss Mary E. Powers, financial secretary; Miss Rose McLaughlin, treasurer; Miss Ethel McKeever, mistress at arms; Mrs. Josie Hubbard, sentinel; Mrs. Campbell, chairman of the standing committee.

Garfield circle No. 4, Ladies of the G. A. R., will pack a box for the G. A. R. home at Anoka. Members are requested to bring their donations to Memorial hall, courthouse, not later than tomorrow afternoon.

Siljan lodge No. 292, Ladies of the Vasa order, had its regular meeting and election of officers Wednesday evening at Eagles hall, 118 West Superior street. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Emma Anderson, president; Mrs. Maria Johnson, vice president; Mrs. Hilda Olander, secretary; Miss Esther Olson, re-elected financial secretary; Mrs. Hilda Blomstrand, cashier; Mrs. Annie Smith, chaplain; Mrs. Amanda Blomquist, conductor; Mrs. Vilma Olson, trustee. A committee was appointed to arrange for the Christmas festival.

Modern hive No. 893, Modern Macabes, held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening. A social hour followed the business session during which an informal musical program was enjoyed. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for a resolution social to be given at the next regular meeting Tuesday evening, Jan. 5. The members of the committee are Mrs. Lillian Neilson, Mrs. Frank McMillan and Mrs. R. J. Little.

John G. McEwen auxiliary No. 3, U. S. W. V., will hold its regular meeting Tuesday evening in Memorial hall, courthouse. All members are requested to be present as plans will be made for bringing Christmas cheer to the homes of deceased members of Camp McEwen.

William Clarke was honor guest at a surprise party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hann of Duluth Heights Friday evening. Dancing and music

formed the amusements. The guests were Mrs. H. Clarke, Mrs. W. Clarke, Miss W. Elmquist, Miss E. Geving, Miss J. Tilsoth, Miss T. Strom, Miss E. Strom, Miss V. Smith, Miss B. Young, Miss H. Streinberg, Miss L. Fellden, Miss M. Tilsoth, H. Harvey, A. Le Vasseur, A. Wohlstrom, H. Kiley, M. Gaboreau, L. Mohaupt, J. Miller, W. Hyde, T. Stauber, W. Hyde, T. Stauber, W. Young, A. Anderson, E. Clarke, J. Carlson and C. McMann.

Mr. and Mrs. K. H. Peterson, 119 Park avenue, were honor guests at a surprise party Tuesday evening. There were 30 guests. Cards formed the amusement. The Weston string orchestra furnished music.

performances at the Little theater. Evening clothes and business suits are there in close proximity. Young students and globe-trotters seem equally anxious to see the latest offering of

the Drama League. The time already seems to threaten when the Little theater will be all too little to accommodate those who want to attend the performances.