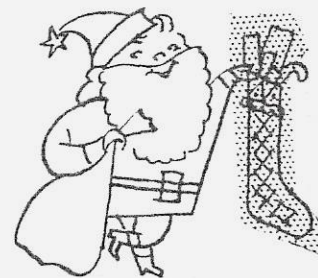




# Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Society Newsletter

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There will be no meeting this date  
Enjoy your Christmas Holiday

## XMAS IN TARLAC

### MRS J REX MOE FIRST WHITE WOMAN IN TOWN

Entertained by Natives, Who Insist on Passing Cigarette –  
A Unique Christmas Celebration.

Writing to the Tribune from Tarlac, Philippine Islands, where her husband is stationed in charge of a mission. Mrs J Rex Moe, a former Fremont girl, says:

When the twenty-fourth of December came I was away back in October in my thinking and found it hard to realize that our great Christian holiday had come again, in the evening we walked about a mile to the little chapel where our Sunday school gave their entertainment.

All along the way I heard fire crackers instead of sleigh bells and I enjoyed carrying a fan as much as I have a muff on previous December nights. Along the street and in front of nearly every house were hung fancy lanterns, entirely different from either Chinese or Japanese styles. Some were boxes made of thin paper with pictures on the sides: others were large wheels having space enuf in the center for a candle. Ribbon and tinsel made these very beautiful.

We met a Romano church procession doing honor to San Roque, a god of disease or health. I don't know which. They carried an image of San Roque standing on the back of a man. Banners and lanterns and some musical instruments all had a place in the display. It looked like idol worship to me.

The Filipino people like to decorate and we found our chapel fixed up beautifully with palm leaves and flowers.

The program had been arranged entirely by Arcadio, our native pastor and Miss Feliza, the native deaconess. We heard songs in English and Pampanga and recitations in Pampanga, Tagalog and English.

Our folding organ is a fine little missionary. The people dearly love music. They have a Pampanga hymnal and I was no glad I could sing in the dialect at once, for the pronunciation is easy and of course the music is familiar.

Santa Claus did not come but he sent candy and preserved cocoanut and other dainty which he never gives to children in the States leche-plan. This is similar to baked custard tho very much richer. Two spoons were on

the platter and Mr Moe and I were invited to use them first, which was an honor we appreciated.

The audience crowded both inside and outside the doors. Houses are so open here that it is hard to see the dividing line between indoors and outdoors. The next day, Christmas day, we went on the train to Bamban, an hour's ride and to a town having five or six thousand inhabitants. Nowhere, not even in Japan, have I seen so many children as in Bamban. This was my first experience in being entertained in a native home, and also I was told, the first time any home in that town had entertained a white woman. So it was an interesting occasion for us all. I had to refuse cigarettes several times and was grateful when my host offered me raisins, for I really like them. One of the most difficult but necessary things to do when traveling in the province is to eat. We fared well on this trip however. We fared well on this trip however. At four o'clock they served native chocolate and cakes, then a little later, supper of rice, pork, eggs and bananas. We took a long walk thru the town and out to the edge of the rice paddies. From there Mt Arayat could be seen very plainly. We met men returning from the cockpit, some carrying a dead cock and some a victorious bird. The cocks fight with sharp spurs fastened on their feet so the struggle is deadly. Our call to Bamban was to help in the dedication of the new chapel there. That church has twelve members, all men. One gave a lot, another the posts, another a considerable amount of the material and a carpenter gave this time and work. The building was completed in three weeks, costing the missionary society only nineteen pesos, less than ten dollars gold, which amount was a gift from Nebraska.

A large crowd came in the evening to the dedication service. The standing room was all used inside and also a line of faces looked thru the lattice from the outside. Arcadio preached and also interpreted for Mr Moe and me. The music was a great attraction here too. Our service lasted two hours and a half and the interest of the people was surely an inspiration. We are very proud of this congregation and what they have accomplished. In spite of the strangeness of the surroundings and all that, I really felt the glad spirit of the Christmas time and joy in celebrating the birthday of the King

Mrs Rex Moe

This article was found in the Fremont Evening Tribune 13 February 1909.

What a lovely article for our ENGS newsletter –December!

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