

## Leaves Mandan



REV. FREDERIC NELSON

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## Mandan Priest to Serve in Douglas

The Rev. Frederic Nelson, well-known throughout this area for his musical talents, left Mandan Monday for Douglas, N. D., where he will serve as pastor of the Holy Cross Church.

Father Nelson has been located at St. Joseph's Church in Mandan for the past year, arriving there from Minot. His new duties will also place him in charge of missions at Makoti, Ryder and Plaza. Douglas is about 40 miles southwest of Minot.

Father Nelson has composed several songs, some of which were recorded by Decca and sung by such famous singers as the Mills Brothers. Among his compositions is the selection "Lovely Lady Dressed in Blue—Teach Me How to Pray."

He was heard over the Mandan Radio Station several times a week on his program "Your Friend," sponsored by the Knights of Columbus at Mandan. Father Nelson also was recognized for his vocal ability and had presented numerous vocal and organ concerts in this area.

Father Nelson, a native of Portland, Ore., was ordained into the priesthood in May of 1931 at Bismarck, after being graduated from the St. Francis Seminary. He served for one year at St. Mary's Catholic Church in New England prior to going to Minot.

Approximately 350 Bismarck and Mandan friends of Father Nelson attended a silver tea and reception held Sunday in the cafeteria of the new St. Joseph's School at Mandan to honor the young priest.

Father Nelson was presented with a large leather two-suiter bag

and a smaller bag to match from the men and women of the parish. He also received a waffle iron and many smaller gifts. The women of the parish were in charge of the reception.