AN "INDIAN" WEDDING

No prettier marriage ceremony conducted under such auspicious circumstances has ever been solemnized in the city of Crookston as that which bound Miss Bertha Morgan and O. O. Sundet of this city at the Red Men's hall and was witnessed by 350 friends and relatives of the happy contracting young people.

Bertha Morgan and O. O. Sundet were united in marriage on May 10, 1904. The civil ceremony was performed by Judge McLean at the city hall. Bridesmaids were Miss Josephine Gjerde and Miss Bertha Trones. The groom was attended by V. A. Anderson, O. C. Moe and Henry Morgan, brother of the bride. The bride and her attendants were elegantly attired in the fashion of the day, and the groom in traditional formal wear.

Following the ceremony the newly married couple were driven to the Odd Fellows hall where a band of 24 members of the Improved Order of Red Men of Crookston led in the Indian marriage rituals.

In lieu of the traditional pony, the bride entered in a sedan chair borne by six braves, as the orchestra played "Anona". As she rose to her feet, she was draped in a colorful blanket. The groom was attired in a full suit of fringed buckskins.

All three floors of the Odd Fellows hall were used to entertain the guests. In the largest hall tepees had been set up, to which the bridal party were escorted first. Here they were entertained by the braves dancing the marriage dance accompanied by kettle drums, uttering cries of "Ki Vi" much to the enjoyment of the spectators.

Both the upper floors were used for dancing, one for Riggs orchestra and the other the Silken Strings.

At midnight a sumptuous banquet was provided on the first floor. One hundred and fifty guests were served at one time. Gilbert Bang catered the dinner which was attended by members of the city council and other city officials. The tables were beautifully decorated with cut flowers and a huge wedding cake.

Mayor Chesterman gave a short address following which the bride and groom were presented with numerous wedding gifts, some of which are still in the Sundet family; namely, a dining room set given to the couple by Charlie Kiewel.

Everyone offered greetings but perhaps the most unusual greeting was that of the Red Men which said in essence: "May the new tepee be ever pitched in pleasant places among forests filled with game."

O. O. Sundet is the father of Russel Sundet of the Hobby Shop of Crookston.

The account of the wedding was reported in many papers throughout the state for no more unique or pretty wedding was ever solemnized in the city of Crookston and Red Men did themselves proud and proved royal entertainers.