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INMAN ITEMS

Murl Keyes, Reporter

Mrs. Anna Smith entertained the following at Sunday dinner Mr. and Mrs. Leon Tompkins Leslie Tompkins, of Albion, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Tompkins and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith and family and Mrs. Eva

Leslie Tompkins, of Albion visited Mr. and Mrs. Lein Tompkins

He arrived Wednesday evening.

The Inman Workers Extension Club held their annual Christmas

Party Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ermand Keyes. Gifts were exchanged and a lovely lunch was served.

A Christmas Operetta "The Christmas thieves" and the Rythem band of the primary riom were presented Friday night. Santa Claus visited and presented each child with a Christmas treat.

Art Tomlinson has been on the sick list the past week.

The W. S. C. S. will hold an afternoon meeting panuary 4. Lunch will be served

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Allen, of Harper

Central City, visited at the home of Ted Hopkins and other ela-

birthday, daughter of Mr. and Molk Saturday afternoon to visit Mrs. Clarence Hansen, dinner was her mother.

INMAN METHODIST CHURCH A. L. Dorr. Rev. E. B. Maxcy, Minister 10:00 A. M. 11:00 A. M. Sunday School Chris mas program by the Young Folks Christmas Eve, December 24, at 8:00 p. m.

Sgt. Merlin Luben is visiting his wife and parents at Inman. Wednesday night there was a High School party at the school

Page played basketball with Inman Tuesday night at Inman. Inman lost the basketball game last Friday night to Chambers. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller vis-

ited Mr. and Mrs. Fay Brittell at Chambers last Sunday.

Last Wednesday afternoon the Home Ecinomic girls entertained at a Christmas party for their mothers and high school girls, On Thursday afternoon each room in the Inman school had a

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thompson, of Norfolk, spent the week-end with

his parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Thompson.

Mrs. Ardith Caster has been ill and not able to be at her work Tom Watson is quite ill at the

home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Watson. Leslie Tompkins returned to Albion Tuesday night, after visit-

ing his brither for several days. Ira Watson went to Lincoln to meet his daughter, Mrs. Patty Opper, of Chicago, who will spend the holidays with her par-

Bronkhorst of St. Vincent's hospital, Sioux City, arrived Friday to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Clark

and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brinck-Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Coven-try entertained the Pinochle Club a Christmas party Saturday

might.
Mrs. Anna Clark, who has been ill, is better at this time.

Harlan Moore, who is attending college at Linciln, arrived home Friday for Christmas vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Rex Butler, of Bassett, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and A. N. Butler.

PAGE NEWS ITEMS

The Contract Bridge Club met Oklahoma, visited this week at the home of Mrs. C. E. Walker Thursday evening. Mrs. Robert Gray was a guest. It was their Christmas Party and there was an exchange of gifts. Mrs. H. L. DeLancey and Mrs. C. E. Walker Gardner in California.

Mrs. Robert Gardner, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, visited this week at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Neubauer. She will also visit her sisters at Gordon before joining her husband, Lt. Robert Gardner in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Cullen pur-The Sophomore and Freshman chased the home of Mrs. Luella Miss Wilma Potts was an over-

THREE TIMES CHAMPION AT CHICAGO STOCK SHOW



world's greatest livestock show!

That's the enviable record established by Robert Storz, Omaha, and Karl Hoffman of Ida Grove, Ia., whose load of 15 lightweight Hereford a period of years, but began at the steers was presented the Grand Champion Carlot award at the wartime Chicago Market Farm Stock

Three times Champion of the this great exhibition chose our carlot showings above all other entries," Storz said.

Chicago snow of 1942. Hoffman and Storz exhibited Herefords for each of their three victories.

Sponsors were, Mrs. Luella Parker and Earl Hurst.

Owen Parks, who had been working at Plattsmouth for three weeks, returned home last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rouse,
Mrs. C. D. Keyes and Mildred
dalled on Mr. and Mrs. Ezra
Mrs. Ezra
Allen Haynes were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry

The ladies of the Gospel Mission held a miscellaneous shower tives.

Mrs. Harild Maxcy and children
of Bayard, arrived Sunday to
visit her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Jim
Hopkins and Rev. Maxcy.

In honor of Ruth Ann's first
Lither daughter of Mr. and folk Saturday afternoon to visit at the Owen Parks home Satur-

Mrs. Jesse Kelley was hostess served Sunday to the following Mrs. Jesse Kelley was hostess guests: Mrs. Minnie Hansen and to the Chatter Sew Club Satur-Lois, of Creighton; Mr. and Mrs. day afternoon. Fifteen members Dale Hettrick and family, of Osmond; Mr. and Mrs. Erick Neilsen revealed by Christmas gifts, and family of Creighton; Mrs Dale Forbes and family, of O'Neill and Mr. and Mrs. Harry year and members whose names Thomsen and Rev. Maxcy, Inman. are guessed correctly are to give The Y. M. Club was held last a party for the other members. week at the home of Mrs. Amelia Only three names were guessed Mrs. Blanche Mossman left ing officers were elected at this dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wednesday for Omaha, to visit her daughter, Marjorie, who is employed there.

Correctly this year. The follow-dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Rakow.

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Nex: met with Mrs. Frank Cronk on mosting to be a state of the second to be a s correctly this year. The followmeeting to be at the home of Mis.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Christen and family, of Orchard, spent Suid y evening with the latter's bro her. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beeleart.

O'Neill Friday.

Lloyd Cork has been promoted Mrs. Gerald Carson. from Pfc. to Corporal. He is stationed in New Guinea. Second Lt. La Vern Stev-

ens arrived home from Roswell, New Mexico, Friday night. He will visit his wife and children and other relatives until after the holidays, when he will repirt to Mrs. Gerald Sazama return Linciln, Nebr.

afternoin. Eleven members attended. Christmas gifts were exchanged. Aftenoon hours were and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gray

spent playing rook.
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Prill and family were dinner guests Wed- Mrs. Kenneth Braddock. nesday evening of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Stauffer, jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Rakow and son, of Minneapolis, Minn., brother, Luke Rakow.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Waring

to visit until after the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Evelyn Gray and other relatives. Her Marguerite Clark and Audry husband will join her for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stauffer, jr., entertained the following guests at a waffle supper Friday evening.

mas gifts were exchanged.

Mrs. H. F. Rakow had the misfortune to fall down the baseat a waffle supper Friday evening,
Mr. and Mrs. John Stauffer, sr.,
and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Allen and
badly bruised.

The Rebekah lodge held a view Wednesday to spend a few Christmas party following their business meeting Tuesday even- Mrs. J James Finley, of Norfolk, ing. Gifts were placed around a spent Monday at the home of her nicely decorated Christmas tree parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Closand exchanged. A covered dish luncheon was served.

Robinson, Arkansas, arrive I been promoted from SC 1-c to C. Tuesday to visit at the home of C. S. his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert The play, "Christmas all the Finley and other relatives. He Year," under the direction of

classes held a roller skating Parker, that she had recently party at Summerland Thursday bought frim Mrs. Myrta Van Cinnett and expect to take possession February 1st.

PAGE METHODIST CHURCH Feodor C. Kattner. Minister

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Classes for all age groups.

Worship Service 11 a. m. For children in the church basement with Mrs. Kattner in

Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock the Children's Division of the Sunday School will give a Christmas program.

Other members of the Royal Jal had laughed delightedly. Neighbors camp entertained the "Becky, you silly darling," he re-Past Oracles at a Christmas party plied, "this is the old-fashioned, enafter the business meeting Wed-during love with us. It will last fornesday evening. There was a ever just like the diamond you are decorated Christmas tree and an going to get! If it will make you feel exchange of gifts. A delicious any better, though, think of it this lunch was served. Thirty-one way. I'm too conservative a guy to

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Rakow and son and Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Rakow were Tuesday evening of my life!"

the consolation.. Christmas gif.s were exchanged.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Townsen! Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Carson left and Mrs. L. B. Taylor attended Thursday morning for Marsland, the funeral of R. E. Gallagher at Nebr., where they will visit their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and

> Mrs. Roy Parker spent last week at the Les Oetter home. Mr. and Mrs. Neil Asher and were guests at an oyster supper Sunday evening at the Arthur

Mrs. Gerald Sazama returned home last week from the Luther-Mrs. E. C. Wilber was hostess an hospital at Norfolk, where to the Just-a-Mere Club Friday she had spent two weeks follow-

enjoyed a waffle supper Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and

Norris Ballantyne, who attends college at Lamoni, Iowa, is spend ing the hoiday vacation at his home in Page.

A large crowd attended the arrived Sunday to visit until after | Christmas program Wednesday Christmas at the homes of the evening held in District 57. Miss dormer's father, H. F. Rakow and Helen Wegman is the teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Max Wanser en-tertained the following guests at

and family spent Sunday evening at the LeRoy Cunningham home.

Mrs. Keith Weyer, of Mt. Pleasant, Iiwa, came Monday evening to visit until after the helidays contest of the Help-U-Club encorporation. contest of the Help-U-Club en-

tertained the winning side at the home of Mrs. John Finch Wednesday at an all day meeting. Nine-teen members attended. Christ-

Oliver Sazama went to Plain-

Relatives of Virgil Stevens Cpl. Leland Finley, of Camp have received word that he has

will return to camp January 2.

Mrs. Robert Gardner, of Tulsa,
Oklahoma, visited this week at

April Fool Diamond

By RUTH S. MYERS McClure Syndicate-WNU Features.

IT WAS April 1, 1944, when Lieutenant Jeff Webster left the jewelry store with the small velvet box tucked securely in his coat pocket. In private life Lieutenant Webster had been a salesman and very good one. Perhaps he might have been described as the high pressure type but, as such, he had netted a nice yearly income and that was "very important" as Lieutenant Webster would say. Lieutenant Webster had not been above pinching a penny and in so doing had saved and invested, and saved and invested. He was now in excellent financial circumstances. He had known what he wanted; he had gone after it; and he had got it! In fact he had been so busy getting it that it was not until Uncle Sam called him that he had ever taken the time to give much consideration to love.

It was at a USO dance that he met Becky Clark and fell in love very hard and very fast. There was nothing unusual about Becky. She was just a pretty girl with a tender smile and nice eyes. When Jeff put on the pressure he had no trouble at all in selling her the marriage idea. War was one thing but with Becky waiting for him to come back, it had a greater significance. Life with Becky would be simple and complete.

It was as he passed the dime store with its windows full of April fool cards that he thought about April fooling Becky. He would buy the most awful looking ring he could find, put it in the little velvet box and give it to her. Then, after a few minutes, he would show her the lovely little quarter-carat diamond. and she would enjoy the joke. It was only the night before that he had remarked: "Since we are absolutely certain this is the real thing, Becky, it's about time one of us picked out a nice diamond ring to seal the bargain. How would you like that?"

"Wonderful, Jeff!" Becky's eyes were starry "Are you sure," she had asked, "that you want to wait For adults in the sanctuary. until the war is over before we get with the minister in charge.

married?" "I'm positive it's best, honey,"

he had answered. " ut how can we be sure? How do | know you will still want me?" Jef had laughed delightedly. members and one guest, Mrs. Gor- sink a lot of dough in a piece of don Rakow, enjoyed the occasion. jewelry if I weren't sure I'd have

"I see what you mean," Becky answered thoughtfully. As he recalled that conversation, Jeff nearly The Bid-or-Bye Bridge Club called that conversation, Jeff nearly met with Mrs. Frank Cronk on laughed aloud. What would Becky Wednesday afternion. Mrs. Will say when she saw the poor little Simmons was a guest. Mrs. five-and-ten ring? Of course she Charles Russell received high would see through the joke in a score and Mrs. Will Simmons minute, but the fun would come minute, but the fun would come

when she opened the velvet box. That night there was an air of excitement about Becky that Jeff noticed at once and it pleased him to think that he sensed it and understood the reason. Well, no use putting it off, he thought. With an expansive smile he reached into his pocket and drew out the handsome Mr. and Mrs. Otto Matschullat case. "Here, darling," he said warmly. "This is hardly a surprise and I just know you'll be crazy about it!"

Becky's expression was quizzical as she took the little box and opened it. For a second she stared in perplexity at the trashy-looking ring. "I - I don't understand-" she began, but Jeff interrupted her with a burst of laughter.

"April fool, Becky!" he shouted and he rubbed his finger against the real engagement ring in his pocket. Just a moment more of teasing before he would give it to her. He was enjoying himself so much. "Don't you like my faultless taste?" he asked. "Didn't I pick out a beauty of an engagement ring for

you-at the dime store?" Becky began to laugh-her mirth was a little forced at first and then was real. "It was more of an April fool joke than you think, Jeff," she said weakly. "At first I thought you had really bought me an engagement ring and that would have been terrible!"

"You mean you don't want one from me?" gasped Jeff, incredulously.

"Of course I do, you goose," Becky chuckled. "I've got one. I picked it out this afternoon - see?" And she held up her hand for Jeff to inspect. "Isn't it just too beautiful, darling?" Becky continued. "I had it charged to you. It's a full carat blue-white stone. You've got a thousand dollar investment in me now, dear to come back to!" And Becky put her arms around Jeff's neck and laid her head against his shoulder.

"Oh, Jeff!" she sighed. "You certainly did April fool me!" "April fool you!" he choked. Becky, honey, you've got it all

wrong. The April fool is on me!"

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night gueust of Miss Sadie Marie nor, Norma Lou Foreman, Vivian Luben Monday evening owery Tuesday.

Johnson and Jeanee Cole were Wr. and Mrs. Dean Perry are visitors at the home of Mrs. June (Continued on page five) Lowery Tuesday.

