

# SOUTH ASHLAND

Mrs. Ivan Armstrong

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Graham attended the funeral of Mrs. Graham's great aunt, Mrs. Peter Lenhard at the Trinity Lutheran church near Murdock, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Lenhard were former South Ashland residents and owned the farm where Mr. and Mrs. LeVern Klipp now live.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Buell spent a part of last week helping Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jenkins move from Lincoln to Plattsmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Nelson were in Lincoln Sunday, to attend the Messiah and called at the Forrest Estes and Duane Nelson homes, they also called on Orville Sandy in Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Slot and Rae Ann of Lincoln and Mr. and Mrs. Harm Slot of Hickman were Friday evening guests

at the Elton Erickson home helping Roger celebrate his 10th birthday.

Mrs. Cecil Stander returned home Friday after spending some time in Excelsior Springs, Mo., where she was taking Physical Therapy treatments at the McCreary - Thornton Minor clinic.

Sunday guests at the Adolph Fedde home were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Kanger and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stark and Billy, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Harlan and Miss Ginger Halac all of Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Graham and family spent Friday evening at the Virgil Elrod home near Waverly.

Paul Gerald of Weeping Water, John Laughlin and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Laughlin, James and Wesley went to Shenandoah Sunday and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Laughlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Juds

and family of Lincoln spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. John Fox. Mrs. Noble News-ham was a Thursday afternoon visitor.

Dinner and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Bachman and Mrs. Emma Jones on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bryant and daughters of Omaha and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Bachman. The group spent the evening at the Milton Bachman home.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wells and family of Exeter and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith and Larry were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Beettison and family.

Howard McLaughlin of Elmwood had dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Art Box and Milton. Milton and Howard attended the Auto show in Omaha in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Olson of Omaha spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Martin Stenberg and Mrs. Emma Olson.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stander ate supper with their daughter, Mrs. Norman Leybold and Mr. Leybold and son in Lincoln Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fox visited at the John Snell home at Gretna Sunday afternoon. They also called on Mrs. George Cockerill at Gretna.

Mrs. Margaret Lehman and Wallace McClelland spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Keller.

Mrs. Harold Richards spent Wednesday with her daughter, Mrs. Glen Fosnot in Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Buell spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Leaver at Alvo.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Laughlin, James and Wesley had dinner Saturday at the Henry Leikam home in Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Moore visited at the Fred Rueter home in Alvo Sunday afternoon.

## COFFEE BREAK

San Francisco — The diamond stuffed glass knob off the top of a solid gold coffee pot is missing. Said to be worth \$30,000, the knob was lifted recently from the pot — valued at \$70,000 — from the stand where it was being displayed in a department store. The whole pot vanished two years ago from a Boston express office, later turning up unscratched.

It was made in 1956 at New Britain, Conn., as the ten millionth percolator turned out by a maker of nationally advertised coffee pots.

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# MURRAY NEWS

Mrs. Frank Fitzpatrick — Phone 2211

Ensign Marion Tritsch arrived home on Saturday after 18 months tour of duty in the Far East. He left the east Dec. 9, flew to San Francisco, arriving on the 12th and surprising his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Tritsch Saturday by making a fast trip. He will visit his parents and brother, the Dick Tritsch family, over the holidays. He returns to San Diego around Jan. 3.

## South Bend

Mrs. Jess Fidler  
Phone Ashland 4-8646

The Sunday School children presented their Christmas program at the Town Hall Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Rapp and daughter Pamela of Denver and Mrs. E. H. Palmquist of Longmont, Colo., came Saturday evening for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Ahlstrand. The Rapp family left Sunday evening for their new home at St. Paul, Minn. Mrs. Palmquist remained with her sister and Mr. Ahlstrand until after the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Campbell and Charlene of Lincoln were Sunday afternoon guests with Dave Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Preston.

Mrs. Ed Kelly was a lunch guest of Mrs. Edith Braun at Alvo Saturday.

Sandra Carnicle spent Sunday afternoon with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Carnicle. Tuesday night she was a guest of Mrs. Joe Peterson at Ashland.

Mrs. Rolland Cox and Judy Miner attended a Fashion Show presented by the Home Ec Department of the Louisville School at the school Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wunderlich and granddaughter Kathryn Wunderlich of Nehawka were Tuesday evening lunch guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rosencrans and boys.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wiszmann and children were Sunday dinner guests at the Clyde Haswell home at Murdock.

Mmes. Oscar Dill, Glen Thieszen, Jesse Fidler, S. A. Ahlstrand, Wm. Rosencrans, Chester Rhoades and daughter and Ed Kelly spent Friday afternoon at the home of Ella Carson to honor Mrs. Carson and Mrs. Kelly on their birthday. Christmas cookies and coffee were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Parrish and Leon spent Saturday in Lincoln and were evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gail Baum.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wunderlich of Murray were Tuesday evening visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kelly. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wunderlich and Kathryn of Nehawka spent Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Richards of Havelock were Sunday guests at the Roy Richards home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rau of Murdock and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Campbell spent Saturday afternoon at the Dave Campbell home. Thursday evening visitors were Kenneth and Chester Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Preston, all of Lincoln.

Mrs. Bernard Dill has been under the doctor's care and was unable to teach school 2 days of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Decker of Ashland were Thursday evening visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Jack.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Fidler attended the Messiah at the University Coliseum Sunday.

Mrs. Leonard Parrish attended the Christmas party of the Missionary Guild at Ashland Lutheran Church Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerone Streight and son of Omaha were Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Streight.

Mrs. James Wiszmann and daughter Terry Jo spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Joe Peterson at Ashland. Mrs. Peterson left via train that evening for Los Angeles where she will spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Bolan and family spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Elmer Dahlstrom at Ashland. The family attended the Sunday school program given Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Cox and children, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Miner and daughters, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Miner for dinner Sunday.

Mrs. Tom Carnicle and Jimmy spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Larry Carnicle.

Mr. and Mrs. John Grady and Colleen were Sunday evening guests of the Bill Rosencrans family. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wunderlich of Murray spent Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Noell, Gene and Roger and Ben Noell were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Hennings and family of Louisville Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Jorgensen entertained Sunday in honor of their daughter Cindy's 8th birthday. Guests were Mrs. Margaret Mathiesen, Dick and Bob of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. George Jorgensen.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Bell and family and Mrs. Greeley Bell celebrated Christmas a little early Sunday with an oyster supper and opening of gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Forest Bell and family and Mrs. Lenora Lühring of Weeping Water will leave Dec. 20 for Homestead, Fla., just outside Miami to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Roger Lühring and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Campbell and family were hosts to an early Christmas celebration and family dinner Monday evening. Exchange of gifts and a good time was had by the following: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Smith and Carol, Mr. and Mrs. Don Campbell and Donna and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Campbell of Lincoln. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Campbell will leave on the 21st to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Miller Hurst and family of New Orleans, La.

4-H News  
The Modern Menders 4-H club met Dec. 9 at the home of Linda and Norma Martin. We showed our newly made sewing boxes which were all very nice. We made wrist pin cushions and needle books. Connie Hoschar and Antoinette Stoves gave a demonstration on how to set a table. Next time everyone is to bring a dish towel. It was decided to go caroling Dec. 15. The next meeting will be Jan. 13. An officers meeting will be held Jan. 12.—Linda Martin, reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Spangler were supper guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Forest Bell and family Sunday evening. Dinner guests Sunday at the Delmar Farris home were Mr. and Mrs. George Buffington and girls and Janice O'Donnell of Plattsmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. William Klemme and Steve were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Meisinger Sunday for turkey dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spangler attended the Co-op Convention in Kansas City Wednesday through Friday. They accompanied Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Clark of Tekamah.

Society News  
The Lewiston Social Circle held their December meeting at the home of Margaret Moore Dec. 9 with Mrs. Rollin Hansen and Mrs. Lloyd Lewis as co-hosts. This was a covered dish luncheon.

President Mrs. Jesse Jorgensen opened the meeting with a flag salute. The roll call was answered by 19 members and one guest. Mrs. Robert Lewis. Lessons for the coming year were discussed. A Christmas card was signed by the members and sent to Mrs. Mary Gobelman who is a patient at St. Mary's Hospital in Nebraska City. Treats were given the children, also a gift from Santa Claus.

Following the gift exchange, was the grab bag with prizes going to the lucky numbers. The colorful Christmas tree and decorations were enjoyed by all.



The area that became Nebraska was controlled by first the Spanish, then the French. The Spanish again gained control and finally the French, for the second time before it came into the hands of the United States. During the second period of Spanish control, the British also were interested in the area and a British victory in our war for Independence would probably have transferred the area to England.

The shifting of control of the area from one nation to another—particularly the often forgotten shift to Spain after 1762, and the temporary shift back to France just before the United States acquired the territory in 1803—is confusing. At the same time it points up the importance of this trans-Mississippi region to the world and in the development of the United States.

In the first period of exploration Spain and France competed for the area on the basis of exploration and occupation. In this contest Spain lost the area to France before 1730. Her ownership of the territory from 1762 to 1800 was because France re-

alized that an England, victorious in the Seven Years War, would not leave her in control of any territory in the Mississippi Valley.

France ceded the area West of the Mississippi to Spain in 1762 and England took the area East of the River in 1763. The whole area had been called Louisiana by France, and the name was now transferred to the Spanish area. Spain did not control the area effectively, and its ownership was threatened by the British from Canada to the North and after 1783, by the United States.

New events in Europe and the rise of Napoleon brought on another shift of ownership. As Napoleon came to power he started to rebuild France's former glories. One of his projects was to again make France a great power in the Western hemisphere, and to this end he forced the Spanish to give Louisiana back to France in return for promises of territory in Europe.

The French moved for a new

empire in the West and planned to develop a powerful bastion on Haiti. They had trouble controlling Haiti and when they found themselves again at war with England, who controlled the sea, they found Louisiana much less valuable than they had expected.

The United States had been very much disturbed by the prospect of a powerful France as its neighbor on the West and in control of the mouth of the Mississippi. It had approached France to see if we could not purchase the area called West Florida to protect ourselves from French control of the Mississippi.

France made the counter proposal of selling us all of Louisiana. We seized this great opportunity for the United States to develop into a world power. We acquired Louisiana or about \$15,000,000, in 1803, thereby doubling our territory and placing

us in position to expand to the Pacific in less than 50 years.

## DO IT YOURSELF FAN

London, England — As from now, you can count Alf Smith out of the do-it-yourself brigade. Alf, 32, a pipefitter, started to paper the kitchen of his suburban home. First he had to strip the walls.

Off with the old paper came a little bit of plaster.

Then the chimney toppled into the back yard.

The roof fell in.

Part of the wall fell out. The door dropped off.

All escaped to cover, then called the professionals.

## LIFE INSURANCE ON DOGS

Copenhagen — Danish dog owners will be able to take out life insurance for their pets, if they allow the dog's noseprints to be taken, it has been announced.

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