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**CHAMBERS ITEMS**

Four farm sales were held in the Chambers and Amelia communities last week. In spite of bad weather and roads we are informed that they all drew good crowds of buyers with exceptionally good prices for most things.

B. C. Catron opened his hatchery in Chambers the latter part of last week. His family will remain in Neligh until school is out.

A business transaction was made recently whereby Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Barnum, of Neligh, became the owner of the farm formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Cooper.

Charles Spath, who is trucking for the Smith and Smith store was unfortunate one day last week when his truck broke down near Fremont. He had to remain in that city for several days while the truck was being repaired.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kiltz received a letter from their son, Ensign Robert Kiltz one day last week. He is somewhere in the South Pacific and is feeling fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown and son moved last week from near Scottsbluffs to the J. W. Walter place northwest of town, formerly occupied by the Lape Lenz family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Barnett and Ardith, of Grand Island, were visiting relatives at Chambers and Amelia a few days last week.

Jud Hertel celebrated his 82nd birthday with a dinner at his home Sunday afternoon. Those present, besides Mrs. Hertel and Ella, were, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hertel and family and Mr. and Mrs. Seth Hertel and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Thorin drove to Grand Island Monday. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Roth.

Fred DeHart of Logan, Iowa, arrived in Chambers Monday evening for a visit with relatives. He will visit Mr. and Mrs. Earl Doolittle and family of Amelia, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar DeHart and family, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Harley and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Scott and family, besides many old friends and neighbors.

Mrs. Vernon Smith arrived home from Havana, Illinois, Tuesday of last week. She had been staying near her husband who was stationed at that time at Camp Alice, but has recently been sent to New York to await further orders.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Mikklesen and family spent Tuesday afternoon visiting in the Roy Koch home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Marquis and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smith had a 6 o'clock dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Cooper Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tangeman, Mr. and Mrs. Dellie Fauquier, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harkins and family, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harkins and family, Dave Isaacson, Alvin, Clarence, Bertha and Alice Johnson had dinner Sunday in the Eric Dukert home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Galoway and family of Central City, Nebr., arrived at Chambers Saturday to visit in the Elmer Wandersee home. Mrs. Wandersee and Mrs. Galoway are sisters. They left Monday for their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Harley and family were 6 o'clock dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Harley and Darlene.

Pfc. Lloyd Liedtke of the 35th Q. M. Co., at Camp Butler, N. C., arrived home Thursday of last week to spend a furlough with home folks.

Vernon Stewart, formerly of Chambers but whose home is now 11 miles east of O'Neill, became suddenly ill last Thursday, February 17, and was rushed to the hospital at Norfolk where he submitted to a major operation.

Uncle Sam's Helpers met Saturday at 2:00 p. m., February 19, at the home of Ada DeHart. Six members were present. The lesson was on soup, vegetables and the correct method of setting the table. All members present helped prepare the lesson. Cream of potato soup and three vegetables were cooked. One lunch consisted of three courses, with Genevieve Natchman as hostess. First course was cream of potato soup; second course, buttered peas, creamed cabbage, buttered carrots and raw carrot strips; third, course, peaches and cookies. The next meeting will be held with Genevieve Natchman on March 4th—Ada DeHart, reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wandersee and Jan and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Galoway and family of Central City, had Sunday dinner in the Pat Reisinger home at Inman.

Mary Lou Butts spent Sunday in Neligh with Peggy Catron in the B. C. Catron home.

Seaman 2-c Iven Walter wrote to home folks that he is back at Farragut, after his recent visit at home and is awaiting his assignment.

**THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE** BY TOPPS

**WOOL!**  
BLANKETS PURCHASED BY THE ARMY, IF LAID END TO END WOULD EXTEND AROUND THE EQUATOR ONE AND ONE-HALF TIMES.

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**THE GROUP OF FOUR HEADS, (WASHINGTON, JEFFERSON, T. ROOSEVELT AND LINCOLN), CARVED IN GRANITE AT MT. RUSHMORE, SOUTH DAKOTA, OCCUPY AN ACRE AND A HALF, AND ARE SO HUGE THEY ARE VISIBLE FOR 60 MILES. SCIENTISTS ESTIMATE THE HEADS OF THE FOUR PRESIDENTS WILL "LIVE" FOR 128,000,000 YEARS, AT WHICH TIME THE ELEMENTS WILL HAVE WORN THEM BACK INTO THE STONE MOUNTAIN.**

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Medcalf went to O'Neill Sunday to visit Mrs. Medcalf's brother, T. Sgt. Orville Winchell, who was home on furlough.

Captain and Mrs. Lurlin Collins, of Huntington, Indiana, are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine baby son. The young man was born on Friday, February 18 and weighed 9 1/2 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Childers and family of Genoa spent the week-end in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Childers and Helen at Chambers.

Emil Steinhauser, of Buffalo county, Mrs. Mary Lenz and Ernest Lenz had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Lenz and Luetta Sunday and spent the afternoon.

Irven Walter graduated from the Radio School at Madison, Wis., Monday February 14, with the rating of Radio Man 3-c. He arrived home on leave Friday morning. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Walter and Norman took him to Clearwater Saturday evening from where he left by train for Omaha. He spent the following day there with his brother, Floyd Walter leaving Monday to report for duty.

Lawrence Tangeman left for Omaha Tuesday night where he will be inducted into the army.

C. N. Wyant has recently purchased the house belonging to George Kelly in the east part of town.

Miss Delores Brittell was taken to the Lutheran hospital in Norfolk Tuesday where she submitted to an operation for appendicitis. She seemed to be doing very well at last reports.

Lawrence Barnett recently made a purchase of 80 acres of land north and east of Amelia from C. J. McGinn. This is the land recently owned by Frank Pierce.

Mrs. Sexton was taken to the Norfolk hospital Tuesday for medical treatment.

Company visiting in the C. C. Young home Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Young and family and Mrs. Merle Hansen and Davey, of Idaho were, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Thornton and son, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tracy and

daughter, Carl Mitchell and Phyllis and Marian Carpenter.

**Wilkinson-Oetter**  
Miss Lola Wilkinson, of O'Neill, and Kenneth Oetter of the Marines, were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage at Norman, Oklahoma, Friday, February 4th. Pvt. Oetter was of Chambers before his induction into the Marine Corp. Their attendants were Elmer Shipper, also of the Marines, and Mrs. Elsie Oetter, mother of the bridegroom.

The bride was attired in a lovely street length, white dress, with blue accessories and the bridegroom wore his Marine uniform.

The bride, Miss Wilkinson, and Mrs. Oetter had gone to Oklahoma by bus the week preceding the marriage. Mrs. Oetter returned to Chambers Thursday of last week. She will transact some business here and then plans to return to Oklahoma where she is employed. The happy married couple will also make their home in the city of Norman for the present.

**Congressman Miller**  
Nebraska's Per Capita Tax Lowest. In the January report of the Bureau of Census we read, "Nebraska's per capita tax collections for 1943 were the lowest of any of the 48 states. Tax revenue was supplied from relatively few sources, since the state levies no general sales tax and no tax on incomes, either of corporations or of individuals." The extent to which we look to the federal government for funds is shown in the next statement. "Federal grants—largely for public welfare purposes—provided 8.5 million, a fifth of Nebraska's income." With the present trend toward centralization this is a situation that bears watching, since control invariably comes from the source that provides the money. Some of this is necessary but we must remember that every increase in federal functions means an increase in bureaucracy to administer them.

**Wool Over Your Eyes.** The wool growers of America are facing a serious situation. Two agencies of the government are dealing with the problem and as usual are working at cross purposes. The one buying foreign wool—mostly British—now selling a third of a billion pounds in this country at 18c under established domestic prices. The normal domestic clip is about 450 million pounds. Normal consumption is about 650 millions. At present because of our war needs we are using about a billion lbs. a year. If this agency continues to buy and distribute foreign wool in this country at the present rate the domestic grower must either take 18c per pound less or sell to the government under some form of subsidy. I have been attending meetings where this problem is being carefully considered.

This huge surplus of wool is just a drop in the bucket compared with the hundred billion dollars worth of surplus supplies of all kinds the government will own at the end of hostilities. The problem of surpluses will be one of the hardest to solve. This and reconversion of industry are being carefully studied by members of Congress. Among the many bills before Congress dealing with post war problems are those involving:

1. Equitable termination of war contracts.
2. Economic and equitable distribution of surplus materials and plants.
3. Protection of free enterprise from complete regimentation.
4. Maintaining American standards of living.
5. Finding new markets for our products.
6. Unemployment and demobilization.
7. A carefully planned public works program to supplement private employment where needed.

Conservation and Use of Water. This subject is very much to the fore in Washington at this time. Hearings are being held at which all phases of the problem are being presented. Governors of several states have attended. While there is no division of opinion on the desirability of conserving the water that falls especially in the great plains section, there is some division on the method and on the use that shall be made of the water. Since Nebraska is primarily an agriculture state its future demands that its agricultural resources be developed to the greatest possible extent. The industries we have and those we will attract are based on agriculture. Water is the only thing we need. A system of flood control to impound water where it can be used for irrigation is the ideal method of accomplishing this end. The Fourth District now has the major portion of the irrigation projects in the state. In addition it has a number of feasible projects that should be developed.

**DO THEY REALLY?**  
Are You a Blue Domer  
Someone has defined those who boast deliberately, of limiting their exterior or public worship of God to those moments when they happen to think of Him while under the blue dome of beautiful skies. Churchgoers have the same privilege and, in fact, may be more devout and more constant "blue domers" because, rather than in spite of, their habitual church attendance.

Remember all the fuss about the Coronation? All the Coronation issues of newspapers, and the works of endless newsreels, of the ceremony? Why should modern people, who profess such passionate yearning in the equality of all, have such equally passionate yearnings to raise some one above themselves; to give him special honors? It seems to be an instinct of mankind, from the savage to the most civilized modern to express worship in outward ceremony, and to feel himself ennobled by doing so. This is the only way in which we can explain the desire on the part of so many people to be permitted to bow before a king, even though any power he has is of his subject's own making.

One of the first things we teach children to say is "Thank you!" when someone makes them a gift. We too carry out this principle in going to church. What is the purpose behind it? Do we go because we want to support the priest or minister? Do we go because we want to have a pleasant chat with our friends? No, these motives may enter in, but the real reason is to offer worship and say "Thank You!" We hear a great deal of talk about the benefactors of mankind. But, who is a greater benefactor of mankind than God, Himself? We owe everything to Him, from our life down to the weather. The bright sunny days as well as the cloudy ones come from his hands, and He has more to do with trout fishing and golf than the Conservation and the Greens Committee.

Even if God had never done anything for us beyond creating us, we would still owe Him our worship because of this. The most backward savages have recognized this vaguely, and have instituted sacrifice and ceremonies in praise of the sun and whatever power they considered their existence to depend on. In our church sacrifice is the most important means of worship, which we carry out in the Mass. We worship God, too, by prayer, both individual and collective, private and public. And finally, our actions as good Catholics have for their chief motive this same obligation of giving praise and thanks to our Creator through His Son Jesus, the Head of the Mystical Body of Christ of which we are members. If you desire further information on this or any Catholic subject, please write to: Catho-

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**BRIEFLY STATED**  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harnish of Norfolk, visited at the home of Mrs. Jane Harnish several days last week.

Mrs. Jane Harnish received an announcement of the arrival of a daughter, Barbara Jeanie, on February 1, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McKim at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Miss Margaret Jordan, of Norfolk, spent the week-end here visiting friends.

Miss Mary Lois Mohr spent the week-end in Stuart visiting Miss Bea Jardee.

Miss Thelma Morgan spent the week-end in Norfolk visiting Miss Pean Rakowski.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Scofield were surprised by a group of friends honoring Mr. and Mrs. Scofield on their Thirty-second wedding anniversary.

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Mrs. Catherine Perkins, who has been in Omaha receiving medical care for the past three weeks, spent the forepart of the week in O'Neill visiting her sister Mrs. Elsie Streeter and husband before returning to her home in Ainsworth.

Circle No. 1 of the Presbyterian church meets today with Mrs. L. A. Burgess, with Mrs. Arlo Hiatt as assisting hostess.

The Misses Phyllis Allen, of Randolph, Mary Funkhouser, of Winnebago, and Mary George, of Orchard, spent the week-end here visiting Miss Davene Loy.