

Talk of the Town

Guests at the A. E. Johnson home on Friday were Mrs. Harold Ruffner and Mrs. Charlie Gligley of Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thiele of Plattsmouth attended a birthday club meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Pollard at Ne-

hawk on Sunday evening. All club members were present.

Major and Mrs. Gerald Custer and family spent the week end at Shenandoah, Iowa, with relatives.

A guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Akeson the past week was Mrs. Marcella Maddox of Jerome, Idaho.

Mrs. C. M. Manners, who has been ill for the past two weeks is reportedly showing improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Christenson and Larry accompanied Willard to Fort Leavenworth.

Mr. C. A. Baguet, who with Mrs. Baguet, have been guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gaines, left Saturday for Brooklyn, New York. On March 14, he will leave for Kieldan Field, Panama Canal Zone. Mrs. Baguet and Martha will sail to join him on April 2.

Bob Moore, SN, departed last week for Oakland, Calif., from where he will go to Seattle to await assignment in the Navy. Kansas, where he took the cadet examination for entrance into West Point Military Academy.

Guests at the home of Mrs. Eva Kerns on Thursday were Mrs. Richard Clifton and Deborah Lou, and Mrs. Charles Clifton of Brownville.

A recent visitor in Plattsmouth has been Mrs. Elizabeth Clark of Broken Bow. Mrs. Clark is a former resident here.

Mrs. Otto Puls was taken to Clarkson hospital Wednesday for treatment and observation.

Mrs. Guy Hill and Mrs. Clyde Graves, both of Burbank, Calif., have returned to their homes after attending a 60th wedding anniversary celebration for their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rum-

mel at Plattsmouth. Mrs. Harry B. Hall has returned to the Rummel home to care for her parents.

Enjoying a slumber party and an evening of dancing at the home of Joyce Kerns on Friday, were Rae Mae Henry, Carol Ann Avis and Sandra Young.

Miss Mary Wherry, music instructor at Wilber high school and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wherry of Tecumseh, was a guest over the week end of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Morrison.

Visiting at Lincoln at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Akeson and family on Sunday were Mrs. John Weiland, Leonard Weiland, Miss Glennie Langlan and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Akeson.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Arnold and Mrs. Clara Arnold were week end guests of relatives in Kansas City, Missouri.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Harms on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Don Harms and Barbara Rae of Omaha.

Mrs. Esther Donat, who recently became associated with radio station KFNF in Shenandoah, Iowa, was in Plattsmouth on Saturday.

Recuperating at his home here after spending several weeks at St. Catherine's hospital in Omaha, is Glen Vallery.

Guests at the Glen Vallery and Wayne Gorton homes Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Peterson and Bobby, and Mr. and Mrs. John Koop, Mary and Kenney of Omaha.

Tom Beins, airman second class, of Travis Air Force Base, California, arrived home Friday for a 30-day leave with Mrs. Beins and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Beins.

Verlin Koke, who has been ill for the past two months, was able to return to school Monday.

The condition of Max Bowman, patient at St. Joseph hospital at Omaha, remains the same.

Judge and Mrs. A. H. Duxbury of Lincoln were here last Thursday visiting with friends and attending the meeting of the American Legion.

Mrs. L. B. Dalton, president of the First District of Federated Women's Club, was guest speaker Friday of the Nehawka Senior Woman's Club and was also guest speaker at a patriotic tea held by the Auburn Woman's Club recently.

Spending Sunday in Decatur with relatives was Mr. Glen Miller.

A guest of her sister, Mrs. Will Coffelt and family, is Mrs. Henry Lamoy, Grand Junction, Colorado.

Spending a week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Feldhausen, was Miss Kathleen Feldhausen, who is attending Mt. St. Scholastic College at Atchison, Kansas. Accompanying her home for the week end were classmates Martha Olmsted of Tecumseh, Janice Lingan of Wilmington, Del., Diane Enoch of Roselle, N. J., and Madonna Kenkel of Defiance, Iowa.

Sharon Kay Harms, who has been ill for a few weeks, is now able to return to school.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bughman of Omaha were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Kline.

Spending the week end at the J. B. Cook home were Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Carr of Beaver City and Mr. and Mrs. George Vorhees of Lincoln.

Enjoying dinner and a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Figgins Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crate and Carole of Lincoln.

Mrs. Thomas Griffin, a patient at St. Joseph hospital for some time, has returned to her home here.

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Woster were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer G. Stoehr, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woster of Ashland, and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Ulrich and two children of Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Keyes, Peggy and Mary Lou, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Bradley, Nancy and Jimmie, were guests Sunday at the Elvis Lee home in Shenandoah, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Puls, who have been visiting at the Leo Hamling home, while their small daughter was at Children's Memorial hospital, returned to their home Sunday they were able to take their daughter home with them.

In honor of her daughter, Kathleen, Mrs. Fred Feldhausen entertained at a birthday dinner Saturday night at the Feldhausen home.

Guests were Misses Beverly Brown, Virginia Demaree, Sally Gaines, Phyllis Troop, Katherine Parkening, Martha Olmsted, Janice Lingan, Diane Enoch and Madonna Kenkel.

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Legislative SIDELIGHTS..

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Confusion of Tongues
Americans are today the victims of a confusion of tongues, a strange sort of double-talk in which words have dissimilar meanings when used by different individuals and groups.

Along with this victimizing of the average man with a confusion of tongues, those who pretend so knowingly to use these words with strangely dissimilar meanings somehow leave the average man with the impression that he should know all they talk about. Consequently, the average American rather than admit his lack of comprehension nods his head agreeably and repeats and compounds the confusion.

For the past quarter century or so the economists and the politicians have been gibbering around the term "parity" when they speak of "farm prices." "Parity" has become a common and accepted word in the language with reference to the farm problem; yet, when most individuals are pinned down for a definition of the word they stumble and halt and finally confess a confusion as to what parity is. This is a natural reaction because they have heard so many different versions and explanations of "parity," each of which seems to conflict with others that it is impossible to comprehend the truth.

"Parity" is a word of many meanings, almost as many meanings as economists and politicians feel free to give it. It is impossible to intelligently discuss agricultural prices without agreeing upon definitions. To all practical purposes, it is fruitless to seek such agreement on the word "parity." The different economists and politicians are not talking about the same thing when asked to describe it.

One politician, in running for office, knowingly tells the voters, "I'm for 100 percent of parity for you farmers." His rival comes along and says, "Why I'm for 100 percent of parity too." Each is talking about a different thing.

The first politician may have been referring to "parity" in the broad general sense of the economist who uses it to measure the relationship of the prices the farmer receives to the prices of things he has to buy. The second politician may be thinking about some sort of law to "guarantee" a basic price to the farmer — "parity" as a relationship for legislated price supports. Still another politician may have another idea entirely.

When the farm price support system was first discussed, a sample began to talk of "parity" as a mathematical formula for determining the fair exchange of farm for city products, thus confusion "parity" as a substitute for "price" of individual commodities.

Let's examine it this way. It is possible to have 100 percent "parity" price support and still not achieve 100 percent of "parity" for farmers. That sounds like more confusion of tongues and double-talk, but it works like this.

Let us assume that the "parity" price of wheat was 100 percent, but bad weather ruined the crop. You have 100 percent "parity" all right, but there is no wheat to sell, no income. Then how could you be on a 100 percent "parity" of income basis with city dwellers?

On the other hand, suppose you had 100 percent "parity" price support and you had a bumper wheat crop. You get the 100 percent "parity" price for your wheat, but a big surplus of wheat is piled up in storage. If the high parity support is guaranteed year after year and the surplus continues to pile up, there is soon going to be a demand that Congress refuse to appropriate public funds for crops in over-supply. Such a demand would end in the setting up of limitations upon planting and harvesting, and quite possibly there would be a demand to do away with the support price altogether.

We must conclude then that high price per bushel or high supports per bushel cannot actually achieve 100 percent "parity" — or a fair share of the economic pie — because it cannot guarantee that the farmer who has a few or no bushels of wheat to sell is going to have an income; nor can it guarantee that the farmer who has a good year and produces in abundance will not eventually be limited in production and income.

Art Exhibit Successful



Mrs. Arthur H. Sturges of Carter Lake, Iowa, left, judge at the recent successful art exhibit held here under the auspices of the Plattsmouth Senior Woman's Club, and Mrs. L. B. Dalton, committee chairman, display one of the prize winning exhibits during the Art Show here last week. An estimated three hundred entries were judged in the exhibit and several hundred persons viewed the displays.—Journal Photo.



DIETRICH'S DISCARDS — World famous for her lovely legs, Hollywood actress Marlene Dietrich donated a pile of her discarded nylons to a charity drive conducted by a New York television station. The stockings, some of which once sheathed the well-known Dietrich limbs, will be sold to buy TV sets for hospital patients.

Let's agree on a few basic facts. All farmers want 100 percent equality ("parity") with the rest of the economy in terms of what things they produce will buy. Farmers cannot agree on how they are going to obtain this economic equality because they are confused by economic and political double-talk that means different things to different people.

Perhaps the wisest thing we could do to begin to solve our agricultural price problems would be to first pause and check and get together on our definition of such terms as "parity" so that we are speaking a common language. Chances are that once that was done there would not be too wide a gulf of opinion among the agricultural leaders, economists and politicians; and we could then begin to devote our attention to solution of farm problems, rather than lose our way in the confusion of "parity" definition arguments.

Mrs. Frances Olson underwent surgery in Washington County hospital at Washington, Iowa, Monday morning.

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or brucellosis.
Typical symptoms vary with the degree of infection. In acute outbreaks, pigs may die with no previous indication of illness.
In less serious cases, fever and loss of appetite may be the first disease signals. Enlarged joints and skin lesions may also appear in the chronic type of the disease.
The Foundation also warned farmers to use care in handling hogs suspected of erysipelas. It can cause a painful infection in human beings, called erysipielid.

ATOM TESTS
In the March 17th tests of the new and improved nuclear devices near Las Vegas, Nevada, the Army announced that 20,300 soldiers will take part under "simulated" atomic combat conditions.

Early Vaccination Of Spring Pigs Is Recommended

Hog raisers should have their spring pigs vaccinated if there have been recent erysipelas outbreaks in their herds or in the neighborhood, the American Foundation for Animal Health advised today.
Erysipelas is becoming more of a threat to hog producers in this area every year, according to the Foundation. The disease, which causes crippling and death, can be controlled by vaccination.
"Proper vaccination will usually protect young pigs until they are marketed," a Foundation spokesman said. "However, erysipelas in unvaccinated pigs may kill more than 50 per cent and leave the others stunted and unthrifty."
The Foundation suggested farmers get an immediate diagnosis if erysipelas is suspected because the disease is easily confused with hog cholera, enteritis

It's time to get that 4-H Club going. Let's get organized and the 1953 program in full swing before we get too involved in spring farm work.

Attention Dairymen! A DHIA meeting is scheduled for March 17 at Weeping Water, at 8:00 p.m. at the Agricultural Auditorium. I've had several inquiries about the DHIA testing program. So if you're interested, try and be on hand for this meeting.

Mrs. R. A. Bates is ill at her home.

EARLY CHICKS MOST PROFITABLE

Farmers who want to get the most profit from their flock of chickens should order their chicks so they can take advantage of higher prices for eggs during August, September, October and sometimes November, says Extension Poultryman J. H. Claybaugh of the University of Nebraska.

Those are the months when there is the greatest spread between graded eggs and the current receipt price.

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