

Caveat Emptor Flyer
Circulated by Employees
of the
Hastings Naval
Ammunition Depot
during
World War II

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Nebraska State Historical Society

FIRST ISSUE

CAVEAT EMPTOR

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We do not wish to influence anyone in his decision to rent or not to rent, but we do believe that these facts should be made known to you in helping you to arrive at a decision.

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