

# EDITORIALS

## Freedom of Thought

Thoughtful men and women would oppose any tendency in this country to create limitations upon the individual's right to think and express his thoughts, regardless of the topic considered. Any effort to curb intellectual freedom in an attempt to perpetuate the present status is an obstacle to progress and freedom.

Even in educational circles, sometimes, the course of inquiry and conclusion is restricted, usually to placate financial, economic or religious groups whose patronage the intelligence-dictators would either have continue or begin. The future welfare of humanity is sacrificed for such current favors.

Tolerance of discussion, based upon sincerity of belief, is the foundation alike of both democratic government and the maintenance of human liberty. Without freedom for criticism of both doctrines and deeds no error can be corrected, and no improvement may be looked for when human beings have been totally subjected to mental control and censorship.

A particularly disagreeable fact in every case where some dictatorship decrees beliefs and opinions for everybody is the savagery with which opposition is attacked and physically obliterated. Those who proclaim the unquestionable certainty and superiority of their own viewpoint fear to let it mix in free competition with other ideas and examples, a terror which entirely refutes the confidently expressed conviction of certainty.

## Down Memory Lane

20 YEARS AGO

The G. R. Eveland farm near Elmwood, one of the largest stock farms in Cass county, was swept by fire that caused much damage and spread rapidly from building to building, as well as exploding a large storage tank of gasoline that had just recently been filled. There were 500 gallons of gas in the tank as it exploded and was hurled high in the air by the force. A crew of men sawing wood on the farm on returning from their noon-day lunch found the wood shed afire. A strong wind caused the flames to spread despite the desperate battle that was waged by volunteer workers and the Elmwood firemen. During the forenoon, exhaust from the engine had several times ignited the dry sawdust from trees long dead, the blaze being extinguished by the men promptly. It is presumed a

## Capitol News

by Melvin Paul  
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The Nebraska Press Association

An "old chief" of the Democratic party, former governor Roy Cochran, has one of the top jobs in the new Democratic administration.

Cochran was appointed by Gov. Ralph G. Brooks as state engineer, succeeding L. N. Ress.

The 72-year-old Cochran was elected governor in 1934 and served until Republican Dwight Griswold took over in 1941 to start 18 years of GOP rule in the statehouse.

For 12 years before being governor, Cochran served as state engineer. Before that he was a deputy and a district engineer.

Number two man in the highway department will be Deputy Henry Schlitt, who has been with the department some 30 years, since 1933 as deputy.

Cochran retired from 44 years of public service in January, 1936, but said he had been urged by Brooks to take the engineer's post which he did because he wanted to do something for Nebraska which had been "kind to me."

As governor, Cochran was a supporter of the "White Spot" philosophy for Nebraska, opposing new taxes and known as an ultra conservative Democrat.

Cochran served under the late Griswold in this country's Aid to Greece program in 1947.

He was born in a sod house near Avoca. In 1941-42, he commanded Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. He held the rank of colonel, and during 1944-45 worked with the military department for United Nations relief work in North Africa and Italy.

## STATE TAXES

Local property taxes in Nebraska are lower than in any of the six neighboring states, the Nebraska Citizens Council reported.

The Council also said: State and local taxes combined are the lowest in the region.

State property taxes are second highest.

State taxes other than property are substantially higher in the surrounding states.

Per-capita, Nebraska has a state property tax of \$17.28, local taxes totaling \$87.73, with an overall total of \$146.10, including \$41.09 in state taxes other than on property.

Nebraska's overall per-capita

smouldering fire in the sawdust was fanned into action during the noon hour and spread rapidly from building to building. A large barn, one of the largest in that section of the county, a five thousand bushel elevator, a hog house, four thousand bushels of corn, a team of horses, 135 tons of hay and five hundred gallons of gasoline were destroyed in the path of the flames. Two brood sows were burned, some 200 head of cattle under feed were driven from the feedlots to a place of safety. The house on the farm was saved by the fact that the wind blew the flames away from that part of the place — Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Davis are very happy over the advent of a fine seven and a quarter pound daughter, Carol Ruth, born at the Lincoln General hospital — Raymond C. Cook, deputy grand custodian of the Nebraska Grand lodge of Masons, with W. A. Robertson, past grand master and W. F. Evers were at Weeping Water where they attended the installation of officers of Euclid lodge No. 97. Officers installed were: C. E. Pool, W. M.; Gardner R. Berger, S. W.; Edwin Schute, J. W.; Dr. M. U. Thomas, treasurer; Chris Rasmussen, secretary; Ralph Binger, S. D.; E. B. Taylor, J. D.; Dr. George S. Hill, chaplain; Charles H. Gibson, S. S.; Floyd Cole, J. S.; Ray Haslam, Tyler.

## 30 YEARS AGO

In this city just following world war one a dispute arose in the fire department of the city, and culminated in the mayor of the city, H. A. Schneider, going out and enrolling a new membership from among the men engaged in the business section of the city that proved a real success. At this time these members have served their allotted time and were awarded certificates for their excellent service. Those honored were E. C. Harris, Robert M. Walling, A. H. Duxbury, Fred Lugsch, Frank M. Bestor, H. G. Soennichsen, B. A. Rosencrans, S. S. Chase, Waldemar Soennichsen, M. D. Brown, Emil J. Weyrich, D. K. Ebersole, E. A. Fricke, John Bauer, Albert Cotner, J. V. Hatt, Frank Detlef. These firemen have served without pay to help the community that they made home — Prizes were given to those taking part in the creamery opening. Helen Virginia Price won the prize for the name of the butter, "CasCo" and the slogan, "It Melts In Your Mouth." The youngest person bringing in cream on opening day was Frank Bierl, the person bringing in the first can of cream was C. D. Geary, the one bringing in the greatest amount of butterfat and cream was Frank Schlichtemeier of Nehawka, the one coming the longest distance with cream was William Senf of Avoca, the most unique means of delivering the cream was won by Joe Sykora, using a horse and buggy.

tax compares with the high of \$205.23 for Wyoming and \$202.34 for Minnesota.

## BINGO

A bingo bill will be presented to the 1939 Legislature as the result of conferences of fraternal and veterans organizations.

Voters authorized the Legislature to legalize playing of bingo in Nebraska, which in the past has been considered gambling.

Recommended was a flat \$10 yearly permit fee and a \$5 per day levy on groups holding bingo games.

The problem in the Legislature will be whether lawmakers can agree on provisions of a bingo bill that will prohibit the possibility of big scale gambling syndicates taking over.

## DAN JONES

Statehouse observers had expected Gov. Ralph Brooks to reappoint Dan Jones head of the State Department of Water Resources.

Jones has headed the water resources division of state government since 1931 and for 10 years prior he was assistant division chief.

Brooks said the work of Jones in the field of water and water conservation "warrants a continuance of his eminent service to the state."

The posts pays \$10,000 per year. Appointment length is two years.

## Realty Transfers

Estela C. Switzer to Gustave E. & Anna M. Neumeister, 11-6-38, Lot 9 & 10 & W 17 ft. Lot 8 Bk. 2, Nehawka, \$3,000.

Christopher C. & Patti R. Murray to Village of Louisville, 9-4-38, Pt. Lot 32, 22-12-11, \$1.

Conant A. Leota Wiles to Conant A. Leota Wiles, 11-7-38, S 1/2 SW 1/4, 17-11-12, \$1.

Eugene L. & Ruth M. Krings to Stella Coffelt, 11-7-38, S 1/2 Lot 7 & 8 Bk. 34, Plattsmouth, \$1.

Curtis J. Blanche Earl to Fred D. & Minerva E. Grant, 8-30-54, W 36 ft. Lot 2 all Lot 3 Bk. 50, Plattsmouth, \$5,000.

Toney V. Boardman & Elsie M. to United Mineral Products Co., 11-8-38, Lot 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 Bk. 1 Walnut Hill Add, Weeping Water, \$2,484.75.

Muriel Wiles Scott & Charles E. to Harry Wirth, 10-18-38, Lot 592, 593, 594, Louisville, \$1.

William H. Wirth & Margaret to Harry Wirth, 10-14-38, Lot 592, 593, 594, Louisville, \$1.

Effie Wirth Masters to Harry Wirth, 10-13-38, Lot 592, 593, 594, Louisville, \$1.00.

Ben Novak Trustee to Ben Realty Company, 10-15-38, Und 2/3 Int. Frac Lot 1 all 2, 3, 4 Bk. 22, Plattsmouth, \$1.

William Novak to Ben Realty Company, 11-6-38, Und Int. Frac Lot 1 all Lot 2, 3, 4 Bk. 22, Plattsmouth, \$1.

Nathan A. Novak & Lois E. to Ben Realty Company, 11-6-38, Und Int. Frac Lot 1 all Lot 2, 3, 4 Bk. 22, Plattsmouth, \$1.

Wilton Swires & Marcella to Wilton Swires & Marcella, 11-4-38, E 60 ft. Lot 15 & 16 & E 60 ft. of N 13 ft. Lot 14 Block 10 South Park Add, Plattsmouth, \$1.

Robert T. Whelan & Ethel E. Whelan & Agatha R. Sullivan to Robert T. Whelan & Ethel T., 11-15-38, N 65 ft. Lot 11 & 12 Bk. 6 Townsend's Add., Plattsmouth, \$1,800.

Edw. Schmaeder and Jeannette G. to Wilton Swires & Marcella, 9-8-38, Lot 748 & 749, Louisville, \$1.

Merrill Sparr & Patsy to Robert S. & Nellie E. Dreamer, 11-10-38, Lot 12 Bk 3 in O'Neill's Add, Plattsmouth, \$1.

Howard C. Mrasek to Norma M. Mrasek, 5-22-37, Sublot 1 of 74 SW 1/4, 18-12-14, \$1.

Norma M. & Alfred I. Sanford to Dwight M. & Phyllis O. Talcott, 8-29-38, N 49 ft. of Sub Lot 1 of Lot 74 SW 1/4, 18-12-14, \$1.

Raphael M. Janda & Virginia V. & Josephine D. & Herbert R. Syler to Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 10-30-38, Lot 1 and 2 Bk. 17 Duke's Add, Plattsmouth, \$10.

William Towner Livingston & Mildred Young Livingston to Ed G. & Alvena L. Meisinger, 12-8-38, N 1/2 Lot 7 & N 1/2 of W 1/2 of Lot 8 Bk 10, Plattsmouth, \$1.

Ruth Cline et al to Martha Neben, 11-12-38, E 1/2 SE 1/4, 13-11-9, Exchange of Properties.

Martha Neben et al to Della Eikerman, 11-13-38, SW 1/4, 15-11-9, Exchange of Properties.

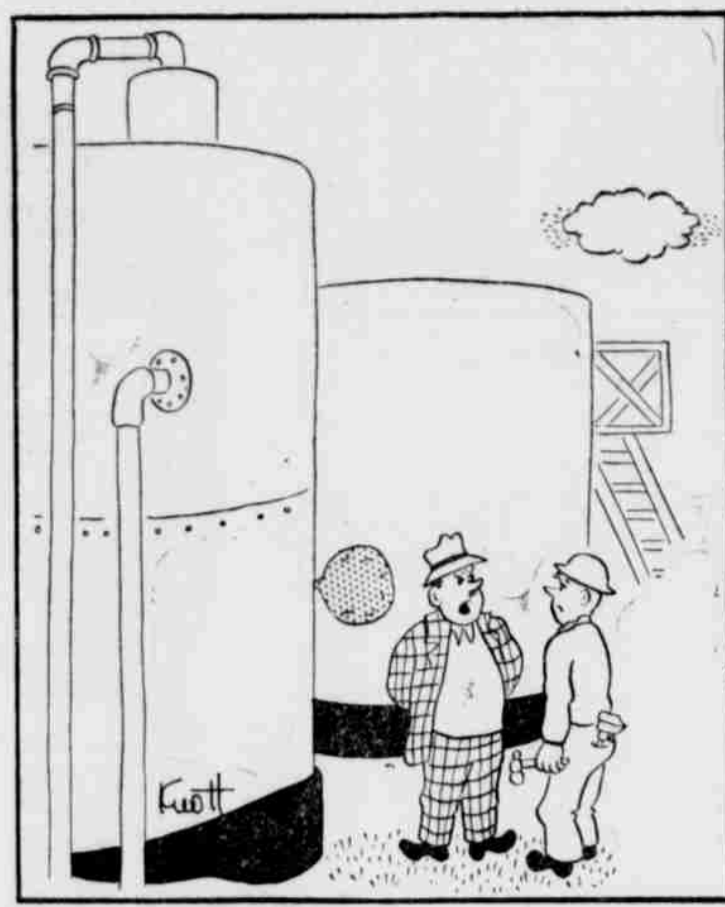
Martha Neben et al to Ezra Neben, 11-13-38, E 1/2 NE 1/4, N 1/2 SE 1/4 6 & NW 1/4 SW 1/4, 5-11-10, Exchange of Properties.

Martha Neben et al to Daniel Neben, 11-13-38, E 1/2 SW 1/4 & W 1/2 SE 1/4, 13-11-9, Exchange of Properties.

Daniel Neben et al to Lena Neben 11-13-38, NE 1/4, 12-11-9, Exchange of Properties.

Lena Neben to Ruth Cline, 11-13-38, NE 1/4, 12-11-9, \$1.

Henry E. & Gladys K. Bornemeier to Lloyd V. & Pauline G. Pester, 11-4-38, Sublot 1 of Lot 9 NW 1/4 NW 1/4, Lot 5 & Sublot 1 of 3 NE 1/4 NW 1/4, 15-10-10, \$1.



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## Eagle Items

Mrs. John Fischer  
Phone 7304

The "OSC" Club members met at Mrs. Frank Frohlich's home last Thursday afternoon. A social afternoon was enjoyed.

The Camp Creek Club members met at Mrs. LaVell Swarts' home Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Forrest Hardrock presenting the lesson on First Aid in the Home. Next meeting will be Feb. 12 at Mrs. John Fischer's home with a lesson, "Lawn, dry Tricks and Gadgets," directed by Mrs. Paul Embree.

The Dorcas Society of the Immanuel Lutheran Church met at the church Wednesday with Mrs. Clarence Althouse as hostess and Mrs. Ivan Althouse in charge of the topic discussion.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Heitbrink and infant son, Stephen, of Firth visited at the home of his cousin, Mr. and Mrs. William Helmink and family Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz Halvorsen of Elmwood called at the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Halvorsen and family on Sunday and spent the evening.

A belated family Christmas dinner was enjoyed at the William Kettelhut home Sunday when their four sons and families from Lincoln and Walton were present. Mr. Kettelhut is recovering from surgery just before Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Keriakedes and family of Hay Springs visited her mother, Mrs. M. O. Moort and her sister and family.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Snokes

Mr. and Mrs. William Malones, recently, Mr. Keriakedes, an attorney, has accepted a position with the Federal Parole Board and his headquarters will be at Omaha. The family are staying at their present location until school closes and Mrs. Keriakedes is teaching the Hay Springs Jr. High.

The "Country Kates" Extension Club members will meet at Mrs. D. F. Luecke's home Jan. 19. The meeting was postponed Jan. 13 because of a funeral near Walton.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Schmidt and family visited her mother, Mrs. Mabel Schlanker at Elmwood Sunday evening.

The Evening Eagle Extension Club met at Mrs. Evelyn Ransford's for their December meeting. The evening was spent playing cards. The business was omitted until the January meeting. A gift exchange was enjoyed. Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Richard Carr in January.

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## GLENDALE

Mrs. Tom Tennant  
Phone 4251

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Brandt of Lincoln visited and were supper guests at the Jim Ingram home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Shomaker of Union visited at the George and Elmer Stoehr home Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Derby and family were dinner guests at the John Graham home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ritter, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Reed were among those attending the wrestling matches Saturday in Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parcell of Elmwood were Sunday visitors at the Ervin Albert home.

Wm. Ingram Sr. accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hrafic to Phoenix, Ariz., for a week. Mr. Ingram intended to say for a longer time.

Mrs. Ralph Weide and children spent Sunday afternoon at the Elmer Sprick home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ritter called at the Jim Ingram home on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cordes were dinner guests at the George

of Lincoln visited his mother, Mrs. Harry Snokes and son Dale Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Root and family enjoyed a two week's vacation and trip through Kansas and Oklahoma. In Oklahoma they spent a few days visiting Mrs. Root's sister and family, Mrs. Verna Chestnut and other relatives at Billings.

They continued on to Dallas, Galveston and Houston, Tex., and through Louisiana and Arkansas on to Springfield, Mo., where they attended the Jubilee U. S. A. Jan. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reynolds and son Ronnie returned home Sunday evening from a two weeks vacation trip to California.

They spent Christmas and most of the time with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Reynolds, Vleki and Dougie, in Long Beach. They also visited at the home of Mrs. Reynolds's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz Berg at San Siemete, Calif., and her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Morgan and family at Hawthorne, Calif.

Mrs. Herbert Oberie as a district officer attended the Nebraska City society for a special missionary league meeting as a guest on Wednesday evening, Mrs. Oberie will also attend the Polk society's 5th anniversary Jan. 22. She officiated at its organizational meeting five years ago and was pleased to accept the request for her presence.

Mrs. Margaret Snokes and son Dale and Georgia Snokes visited at the home of William Kemper and family at Walton Sunday.

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## Fast Action Pledged On Soil Samples

LINCOLN — Regular soil tests are returned to farmers in two to three weeks, according to Delno Knudson, Extension Agronomist at the University of Nebraska.

If a nitrogen test is requested an additional week should be allowed, Knudson says. The results of tests for lime needs are returned in five to ten days in parts of the state where lime is needed.

Knudson urges farmers to get samples in as soon as possible in order to avoid the spring rush and to get results in plenty of time to order fertilizer for next year's crop.

Ten to 20 gallons of diesel fuel per acre fortified with one quart of Penta is the most logical spray material to use for control of purslane in summer fallow, University of Nebraska Agronomists point out. Five gallons of diesel fuel and 5 gallons of water fortified with two quarts of Penta can also be used.

Mrs. George Stoehr is reported to be about the same at Doctor's Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stoehr and George Stoehr visited her Sunday and Monday. Mrs. Stoehr will have her 78th birthday.

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