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**Decoration Day Program**

Decoration Day Friday, May 30, will be fittingly observed in Red Cloud. The committee in charge have arranged a program and earnestly request all of our citizens to be present. A special invitation is extended to the returned soldiers and sailors.

The number of veterans are rapidly decreasing. Each year finds another absent when the roll is called. The younger generation of soldiers must take the place of those who have gone to their eternal reward. Not only must we honor their memory, but we must pay tribute to the memory of our heroes who sacrificed all in order to defend the honor of our country in the great struggle just brought to a close.

Following is the program:  
—1:30 p. m.—  
Parade to Cemetery led by Red Cloud Citizen Band.  
Soldiers of Civil, Spanish and World's War in line.  
Boy Scouts and Red Cross.  
Services at Cemetery, Decorating graves of soldiers.  
—3 p. m.—  
Program at Orpheum  
Song—Star Spangled Banner.  
Reading names Soldiers dead—S. B. Kizer.  
Gettysburg speech—S. R. Boyce.  
Closing song.

**Increase Phone Rates**

An application for an increase in rental charges on sixty-four of its 111 exchanges, including Lincoln, was filed with the state railway commission Thursday morning by the Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph company, says the State Journal the last of the week. The company sets up that it is up against the proposition of having to make an immediate increase in the wages of its men, particularly those employed in the plant department, and that it will have to have \$120,000 more revenue annually to take care of this increase.

The new rates suggested for Lincoln are \$7.00 for business phones, an increase of \$1.00 a month; \$2.27 for individual line residence phones, an increase of 25 cents. These are zone rates. The company also asks for an increase of 50 cents on business private branch exchange phones and 25 cents on hotel P. B. X. phones.

The matter was presented to the commission Thursday morning by George K. Gann, traffic superintendent, in the absence from the city of other officials of the company. He urged that the hearing be set at an early date. He said that the rate schedule attached, which showed the increases at the various exchanges, was merely a tentative one, that it had not yet been fully checked up by other officials of the company, and that it was subject to change by the company or by the commission upon an investigation. It was based on a study that involved only what the traffic would bear. He said that it would yield an additional revenue of \$11,000 a month, but that this would probably shrink a little under the higher rates that are asked.

The commissioners insisted that full notice must be given to the persons and communities affected, and

set the date of hearing for June 2. The company, in October last, secured an increase in rates on a number of exchanges for a period of six months. This was recently extended for the remainder of the year. Some of these exchanges are included in the new list where increases are asked. In Lincoln the only increase last fall was 25 cents on residence phones; this time it is on all classes of service. The toll rates were increased 25 per cent at the time, and that increase is still in effect. The new application does not touch toll rates.

The application sets up that the company operates 60,000 telephones and has 20,000 miles of long distance wires in the territory in which it operates, from the Missouri to the west line of Webster and Adams counties, south of the Platte, serving a population of 425,000. It employs from 1,200 to 1,500 persons, the present number being 1,265. It says that other industries in this section of the state are paying higher wages than it is, and that this results in a constant depletion of its force of skilled and unskilled men. That there is at the present time a scarcity of labor, that the cost of living shows no signs of going down, and that as business necessity and in justice to its men they should have a wage increase. As contemplated this will mean \$120,000 additional expense. The company sets up that during the year ending March 31, 1919, it had a deficit from operation of \$25,000, after making allowance for dividends paid.

The petition further says that the company has outstanding bonds of \$1,200,000, which bear 5 per cent, \$3,957,000 of preferred stock that pays 5 per cent dividends and \$2,111,000 of common stock upon which 7 per cent has been paid, this figure having been reduced from 8 when the Nebraska company's property was purchased; that this is an average of 5.7 per cent, which is less than the market value of money at the present time.

The application sets up also that this means an average increase of 17 cents per telephone served. The line-men are now being paid \$3.25 a day, whereas the Nebraska standard scale is 75 cents more, and in order to retain the men it must make this increase at once.

Aside from Lincoln the rates for which were given heretofore, the suggested increases are as follows, the heaviest being on Auburn and other exchanges of the Nemaha county company, recently purchased by the Lincoln corporation:

Twenty-five cents a month business increases—Red Cloud, Garland, Mulford and Tamora.

Twenty-five cents a month residence increase—Fairbury (party) and on both individual and party lines at Fairmont, Friend, Hebron, Osceola, Red Cloud, Stromsburg, Wilber; on party only at Johnston and Nemaha, and on individual at Adams, Ashland, Clatonia, Cook and Otoe.

**WONDERFUL RECORD**

BY A CANADIAN HOLSTEIN  
Rolo, Mercena DeKol 30313 (C. H. B.), a Canadian 5-year-old Holstein-Friesian cow has broken the world's record for 7 and 30-day butter production by producing under official test 51.93 lbs. butter in seven days and 200.34 lbs. butter in 30 days; her milk yield being 738.7 lbs. and 2,920.5 lbs. for the respective periods. "Rolo's" best day's butter amounted to 8.57 lbs. In 60 days she yielded 5,795 lbs. milk which made 337.49 lbs. butter and her best work was accomplished toward the end of her test. The records were made under the supervision of Prof. H. H. Dean, of the Ontario Agricultural College, and a retest was made by officials of the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada. The previous best 7-day and 30-day butter records were made by Segis Fayne Johanna (50.68 lbs.) and Fairview Korndyke Mata (185.37 lbs.), both these cows being Holsteins, and owned by Pine Grove Farms, Elma, New York.

Rolo Mercena DeKol is owned and was developed by J. B. Hammer, a young Holstein dairyman of Norwich, Ontario. Mr. Hammer purchased her for \$320 from his father, H. C. Hammer, who has been breeding Holsteins for about 6 years. The present owner of this wonderful cow has only been in business on his own account for a little over a year. The sire of the new world's champion is Sir Rolo Banks Mercena 14953, a bull that has only two purebred daughters. Her dam is Flora DeKol Pieterje 9163, with 6 daughters having official records. Both sire and dam trace back to Abberkerk Prince 2nd 1068 in the Canadian herd book.

Rolo Mercena DeKol made her record under ordinary conditions in the same stable as the rest of the herd. She looks every inch a world's champion, and her owner, who has fed her since she was a calf, is naturally the proudest Holstein breeder in the world today. And who will deny him that privilege?

Paul Newhouse, who is employed in Corner's garage at Blue Hill, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Newhouse.

**The Public Play Ground**

More teams, more players, more enthusiasm, more organization and better prospects than ever for the public play ground movement may be the statement of how the idea has thrived at the Mission during the past week.

The larger girls played a fine game of basket ball with a score of 19 to 23. The smaller girls, under the supervision of Miss Mary Belle Hassinger, played some new games, and judging from the shouts that arose in that vicinity, enjoyed themselves immensely.

The balance of the youngsters are in charge of Miss Fannie Miksch, and although there are a goodly number of them they are progressing nicely under her careful guidance.

Races and a tug of war was the amusement billed for the men and ladies.

Everyone takes part in the amusements. As soon as the net arrives some interesting games of tennis and volley ball will be on the program. If any one who knows these games thoroughly will volunteer their services, as coaches, it would be appreciated.

After dusk, when the out door sports could no longer be indulged in, Rev. Beebe and Miss Hassinger instructed their audience in the proper ways of developing the muscles, heart and lungs. Some seemed to take these instructions and exhibitions as good jokes but the majority, however, could appreciate the fact that they were practical and beneficial.

The library is being visited, books and magazines carefully studied, council being held and every effort being made to secure all the knowledge possible in order to make the play ground a success. Everyone is in earnest and success is predicted for both instructors and pupils. Those in charge are planning an "all day carnival", the date of which will be announced at a later date. The public in general is invited to attend the play festival. An invitation is also extended to all to take part in the sports on next Friday evening.

**Death Calls Ezra House**

Another of Webster county's pioneer citizens answered the final roll call when on Saturday, May 17th, Ezra House of Inavale passed to his eternal reward.

The deceased was born in Cleveland, Ohio, October 6, 1837. Sixty-five years ago he was united in marriage to Julia Anna Tatman. To this union were born twelve children. His wife departed this life thirty-one years ago. Mr. House served with the colors when the states below the Mason and Dixon line threatened to overthrow our government. He served with Co. 1, 150th Ohio regiment.

Funeral services were held at the Christian church, Wednesday morning at 10:30, Rev. J. L. Beebe in charge, assisted by Revs. Borden and DeFrance. The Inavale Home Guards attended in a body and the G. A. R. post of Red Cloud acted as escorts.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Geo. Smelser of this city and Mrs. Mary McDowell, and three sons, Wm. B. Henry and Frank.

**Methodist Church Notes**

At last Sunday's Service five persons were baptized and received into the church.

The Centenary in occupying the minds of all Methodists this week the world over, not only this, but all churches are wishing us God speed in our noble and unselfish undertaking. In a communication received Wednesday, from the New York office, \$50,618,000, had been subscribed up to midnight Tuesday night. Omaha area has \$5,000,000 subscribed, Hasting \$50,027, Red Cloud \$5,500, to date. Watch us grow.

There will be no services next Sunday on account of the memorial services to be held at the Congregational church at the morning hour and Dr. Tyner to speak at the Orpheum at the evening hour. J. D. Hammel.

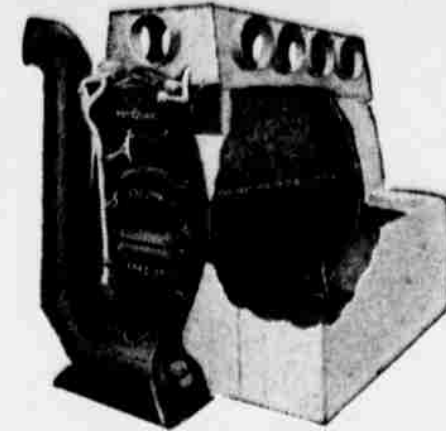
**Masons Will Meet at Omaha**

The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. will meet in Omaha at the Masonic Temple on June 3rd at 10 a. m. A full delegation is expected to be present, and the attendance will probably reach 400. It is intended to make this meeting a real Peace Jubilee Celebration. After the opening of the Grand Lodge there will be patriotic singing and addresses. One of the brethren who was in charge of a Masonic Club will tell of some of the experience in the service rendered by the Club during the war. Robt. E. Frenoh, Grand Custodian, will be in Omaha, Monday, June 2, to conduct a school of instruction in the Masonic Temple.

**Elect Officers**

Charity lodge No. 53, A. F. & A. M. met last Friday evening and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

- E. S. Garber, Master.
- F. J. Grice, Senior Warden.
- H. S. Foe, Junior Warden.
- D. H. Kaley, Treasurer.
- G. W. Hutchison, Secretary.



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**SUNDAY : : MAY 25th**  
**Christian Church**

10 a. m.—Sunday School  
11 a. m.—Union Memorial Service, Congregational Church  
8 p. m.—Union Services at the Orpheum. Dean Tyner will speak on the "Stories and Glories of War."

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