

BELL RINGERS GO IN TRAINING

London—(UP)—The bell ringers of London who represent one of the city's most ancient and honorable professions, trained hard for their work during the holiday season.

No men are more serious. Upon their shoulders rested the reputation and traditions of bell ringing guilds that are centuries old. As a distinct craft, bell ringing dates back to the time of Edward the Confessor.

Each Yuletide the two oldest guilds go determinedly after the bell ringing endurance record.

The record is now held by the Society of College Youths (founded, 1637), which in 1922 struck 21,393 blows on the church bells of Appleton, Berkshire. The Scholars of Chesapeake Society (founded, 1602) are confident, however, of regaining the honor within the next few years.

The last time the record was in danger was in 1928. For about 10 hours the bell ringers had held grimly to their task and the record was almost in sight. Then the voice of the big tenor bell gave way. Its bearings had burned out.

World's Greatest

Who is the greatest natural batsman that ever played professional baseball? This query was put in turn to Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth and Tris Speaker by the sporting editor of Collier's recently, and there wasn't a moment's hesitation as each replied "Joe Jackson."

The fact that Joe Jackson was one of the Black Sox banished from baseball after the world series scandal of 1919, had no bearing on the subject. Cobb, Ruth and Speaker were thinking in terms of batting art, not of sporting ethics. And when this trio call some ball player the greatest in his line, he must be just about that.

The fourteen-year diamond career of "Shoeless Joe" Jackson is one of the greatest combinations of drama and tragedy that any sport has ever known. Back in the spring of 1897 a tall, gangling youth of twenty came from Brandon Mills, South Carolina, to play semi-pro ball at Greenville. He was unable to read or write. And he brought along the sobriquet of "Shoeless Joe" for the simple reason that he had played most of his early baseball in his bare feet. But he could hit like a champion from the first of his career.

Jackson's first official record was with Greenville in the Carolina association of 1908 where he batted .346. After that Connie Mack lured him to Philadelphia twice, but each time Shoeless Joe became homesick and jumped the club.

Standing over six feet, and loose-jointed without the slightest touch of tension, he had a free, smooth lath that was hard to forget. A left handed hitter, he stood with his right foot slightly advanced, the left foot a trifle back, in perfect position to step into the ball and hit against his right leg. This was the batting method that Babe Ruth took for his model when the Babe went in for hitting in a serious way.

Joe Jackson had played just ten years of major league baseball before he was banished for his part in the crooked world series of 1919. He finished his big league career at the age of thirty-three. He finished with a ten-year batting average of .356, just a few points back of the fast-moving Ty Cobb, well ahead of such stars as Wagner and LaJoie. It has been eleven years since Jackson was heard of and yet he is only forty-four.

RECIPE TELLS HOW TO MAKE BANANA FRITTERS

In cooler weather fritters of all kinds are most attractive. Try these banana fritters some evening for supper. Will be quite a treat for the family:

- 4 bananas.
- 1 1/2 cups bread flour.
- 3 teaspoons baking powder.
- 1 teaspoon sugar.
- 1/4 teaspoon salt.
- 1/2 cup milk.
- 1 egg.
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice.

Mix and sift dry ingredients several times. Beat eggs light. Add the milk and egg to the dry ingredients and mix well. Add lemon juice and bananas, cut fine. Allow them to become a golden brown. Drain on brown paper and serve with Iowa Maid Maple syrup.

TOO TAME TODAY

Oh, it was naughty in its day! To read its pages pink. The youths would to the wood shed lie, Or round the corner sink.

Its ritzy ladies, though in tights and sketched in lurid scenes, Would surge have blushed at drama portrayed In movie magazines.

Its day is done, its race is run, Its star at last has set; For modern taste it is too tame, The old Police Gazette.

—Sam Page

THIEF STEALS FAMILY BIBLE

Pueblo, Colo.—(UP)—The thief who robbed the ranch of C. H. Jones near here, was of a religious turn. He took the Jones family Bible.

DEAD TONNAGE INCREASED

Hamburg, Germany.—(P)—An increase of 250,000 tons of "dead" shipping tonnage has been reported here for December, which brings the total to no less than 700,000 tons, involving 175 high sea vessels. Of this number about 25 ships fly foreign flags.

One Thing Necessary

From Tit-Bits.

Old Bob's going to marry Miss Flighly. She can ride, swim, dance, sing, drive a car, and pilot an airplane. Real all-rounder!

"They ought to get on fine. Old Bob's a good cook."

ICE NOT THICK ENOUGH TO BEAR THE WEIGHT

Wisner, Neb.—(Special)—It has taken more than three days to move a house, about 24 feet by 24 feet, with a porch attached, across the Elkhorn river which is about 100 yards wide at the place selected for the crossing and from 3 to 5 feet deep.

The owner of the building thought that the sub-zero weather had provided sufficient thickness to the ice and that by the use of a tractor and tackle and a crew of six men, the building could readily be moved across. But the ice broke and the building was really pulled through the water the entire way.

USE DYNAMITE ON RIVER ICE

Serious Gorges and Flooding by the Elkhorn Prevented at Wisner

Wisner, Neb.—(Special)—In order to prevent serious ice gorges from forming in the Elkhorn river here dynamiting has been resorted to effectively for several weeks. The river is noted for its annual rampages but contrary to all expectations, the only gorge formed was three miles below the Wisner bridge and was of brief duration. Only a portion of the several farms and the golf course, south of the river, and a larger area along the North Western track and No. 8 highway being flooded. Closer to the city, the river was up, but at no place was it bank full, and west of town, no perceptible rise was noted.

Of the vast amount of snow water freed by the mild weather of last week, the greater portion was absorbed by the unfrozen soil and little found its way to the river.

BELIEVES HOPPER EGGS NOT SERIOUSLY HURT

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—The exceptionally warm weather of last September and October probably did not damage grasshopper eggs as much as some farmers were led to believe. Prof. M. H. Swenk says in his grasshopper report released Thursday. Several farmers reported that they had found grasshopper egg pods which appeared to be dried out and moldy. When they placed these egg pods in warm places and attempted to hatch them, the eggs did not hatch.

Experimental work has shown that it requires 26 days to hatch the eggs of destructive kinds of grasshoppers in the fall when they are kept at an even temperature of about 80 degrees. The same experiment showed that at about 90 degrees it took 32 days at approximately 99 degrees it took 46 days and at about 70 degrees it took 147 days to hatch the eggs. In each case the eggs were not subjected to cold before they were put into the warm temperature.

After grasshopper eggs are subjected to a temperature of 32 degrees for a time, they hatch much more quickly when placed at high temperatures. Since the eggs which farmers tried to hatch last fall had not been subjected to any freezing weather, they did not hatch out in a few days. This led to the wrong conclusion that the hot weather had extremely dried out and killed many of the grasshopper eggs.

Other experiments showed that the viability of grasshopper eggs is somewhat lowered or destroyed when the eggs are exposed to a temperature of 113 degrees for more than 3 hours. The comparatively few eggs that were exposed at or very near the surface of the soil by grasshoppers last fall, or the eggs which were brought to the surface by cultivation, probably had their viability lowered or destroyed. However, weather conditions favored the laying of more eggs than usual last fall and the egg laying season extended until early November in some sections of the state. Whatever damage the high temperatures and the drying weather had upon the grasshopper eggs did not reduce the number of hatchable grasshopper eggs to normal numbers, Professor Swenk believes.

ANOTHER OBNOXIOUS PLANT IN NEBRASKA

O'Neill, Neb.—(Special)—Puncture vine, of the Caltrop family, introduced into the United States from the vicinity of the Mediterranean and reported in California in 1903, has been found along the railway tracks in South O'Neill. The vine is firmly established here and is rated a prickly pear knock-out.

The fruit of this vine is made up of five burrs in a cluster, each burr containing from two to five seeds. Each burr has two or more sharp spines of about the size, color and shape of those of common carpet tacks, arranged so that which ever way it lies on the ground, one points upward. The points are almost as hard as those of tacks.

Puncture vine points pierce the soles of children's shoes, choke chickens and animals to death, tangle in bedding there to gouge those coming in contact with them, and they made sitting on the ground impossible.

Puncture vine will grow in pastures, on meadows and in cultivated fields, and it thrives during drought periods or in wet seasons.

BRIDGE NEAR VALENTINE TO COST \$66,145

Ainsworth, Neb.—(Special)—The Niobrara river near Valentine will be spanned by a bridge made by the Yant Construction company of Omaha, according to information received here. The bid was \$66,145.

Putting a Stop to It

From Pele Mele, Paris.

"Good heavens, girl, you are getting uglier every day!"

"Well, at least, that's something you can't do."

STATE OF NEBRASKA HAS CASH IN BANKS

Lincoln, Neb.—State Treasurer T. W. Bass' report for February shows a total of \$4,392,833 on hand as compared with \$4,260,644 the previous month. Of this, \$3,185,217 is deposited in banks, \$1,201,412 is invested in government bonds and \$6,254 is cash on hand.

The balance in the general fund dropped during the month from \$1,570,637 to \$1,439,258. The balance in the gasoline tax fund dropped from \$639,327 to \$490,102. There is \$221,861 in the federal aid road fund and \$383,944 in the motor vehicle registration fund. The balance in the capitol fund is \$393,646.

MAKE REPAIRS ON MACHINERY

Nebraska Farmers to Be Taught How to Get Along With the Old Stuff

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Instead of buying new machinery, farmers of Cass, Hamilton, Douglas and Lancaster counties are going to hold machinery-repairing bees, just like they used to hold husking bees.

Two experts in farm implement machinery repairing, Paul R. Hoff and O. J. Trenary, of the college of agriculture will have charge of the community meetings in each of the four counties.

Farmers are being asked to haul in plows, grain drills, corn planters, listers and other equipment that needs attention. An entire day will be spent going over the machinery and teaching farmers how to do repair work themselves.

Another series of meetings of the same type will be held in the four counties later in the summer, when binders, headers, mowers and other tools will be inspected and repaired.

TAKES RANK AS HORSE MARKET

Grand Island, Neb.—(UP)—Grand Island, this spring, is regaining some of the importance it held as one of the county's largest horse markets during the war.

Demand for horses and mules, brought in of the ranges and from Wyoming and Montana ranches, has thus far this year exceeded the supply, livestock commission men report here.

Five hundred head of horses and mules will be offered in the sales rings here this week. Nearly 700 head of horses and mules were put through the ring one day last week.

"Trade in the New England states on horses is just starting," John Torpey, head of the Grand Island Livestock commission, states, "and it is evident that we will need all of the horses and mules we can get up until May 1." Torpey says the demand will be greater than the supply for the next 30 days.

Eighteen carloads of horses have been distributed in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Vermont, New York and Illinois. Mules were shipped from here to Pennsylvania, Georgia, North Carolina and Mississippi.

Horses sold for as high as \$250 and \$310 per pair in the sales rings here.

FINISH AUDIT WAYNE NORMAL

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—State Accountant Avery has completed an audit of the accounts of the State Teachers college at Wayne for the period from December 2, 1929, to January 11, 1932, which shows a registration of 986 at the present time, an increase over that of a year ago.

Fees totaling \$87,761.13 were collected and properly accounted for, according to the report, which shows that the average student spends between \$4 and \$5 a week for meals at the college cafeteria, which is self supporting.

Rooms in the dormitories rent for from \$1.25 to \$2.50 a week, these receipts being used to complete payment for the dormitories that have been built and that now are being constructed.

TELEPHONE COMPANIES WOULD REDUCE RATES

Lincoln, Neb.—Five Nebraska telephone companies petitioned the state railway commission Saturday for various forms of reduced service charges.

The Bertrand Telephone company, serving a rural territory, requested a reduction of 25 cents a month.

The Crete Telephone company, the Reynolds company and the Frontier company asked authority to discontinue the \$1 per phone installation charge during the month of March for exchanges at Crete, Kramer, Reynolds and Hubbell.

The Northwestern Bell company applied to the commission to extend to rural and private branch exchange service a reduced suspension rate of \$1 a month at several exchanges, and 75 cents at others.

STATE FAIR BOARD NAMES SUPERINTENDENTS

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—The state fair board, at its meeting here, named W. A. Watkins of Neligh to succeed T. B. Keedle as superintendent of the auditorium. Few changes were made in the list of superintendents and the complete list includes: Beef cattle, Henry Kuhl of Plainville; swine, J. S. Golder of Oakland; farm products, A. W. Lamb of Albion; needlework, Mrs. George Skillstad of Albion; horticulture, A. W. Lamb of Albion.

NEED OF FEED STILL EXISTS

Niobrara Man Asserts Conditions in Knox County Continue Deplorable

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—Senator Koster of Niobrara, member of the Knox county state relief committee, in conference with State Tax Commissioner Smith, stated that there is need of food in Knox county, since there is only enough to last until Wednesday.

He said that approximately 2,000 persons are being fed by the relief supplies and that flour, corn, meal, bacon, rice, beans, syrup and jelly are needed. There is plenty of meat on hand, he asserted, since the farmers killed some animals when they saw how scarce feed was going to be.

The federal government has supplied the Indians in that region with a car of flour and one of groceries, so the state relief committee no longer is looking after them.

Mr. Koster said that livestock feed has been coming into the county right along, but that three or four cars are needed each week.

CROP OBSERVER IS OPTIMISTIC

Believes North Nebraska to Have Bumper Yields This Year

Norfolk, Neb.—(UP)—G. L. Carlson, for many years federal observer, is optimistic concerning north Nebraska's crop prospects for the coming season.

Carlson believes the 1932 crop in the region which last season was left destitute by drought and grasshoppers will be bumper—possibly the best crop for several years.

Three factors figure in Carlson's reasoning. First, the snows and rains of this winter have been heavier than usual, soaking deeply the ground which was parched last summer. Second, the moisture will be great enough, he believes, to do what the cold failed to do—kill the grasshoppers. Third, the fact that little or no crop was raised last year has left the soil rich in food content.

NEW BISHOP INSTALLED AT GRAND ISLAND, NEB.

Grand Island, Neb.—(UP)—The bishop of Grand Island, was installed Tuesday at elaborate ceremonies in St. Mary's cathedral here.

The ceremony brought to Grand Island one of the largest religious gatherings in the history of the city. It was found necessary to provide accommodations in private homes and St. Francis hospital, in addition to the hotels, for the many visiting bishops, monsignors, priests, nuns and laity from various parts of the state and from outside of Nebraska.

Officiating at the installation services was the Most Rev. Francis J. Beckman, D. D., archbishop of Dubuque and metropolitan for the area in which Grand Island is a suffragan see.

The new bishop of Grand Island arrived from Chicago by special train Tuesday morning, accompanied by 200 priests and 40 laymen.

TRI-STATE PRESS CONTEST TO BE HELD AT FREMONT

Fremont, Neb.—(UP)—The sixth annual Tri-State Press contest sponsored by Midland college will officially open March 10 when final registrations will be received, according to announcement by Andrew J. Fuhrmeister of Fremont.

Registration this year is expected to exceed that of a year ago, when 50 high school newspapers representing schools in Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas were entered in the competition.

Three judges, working independently, will start grading the papers immediately after March 10 and the results will be ready for announcement by April 25.

WOULD BE IDENTIFIED ON PRIMARY BALLOT

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—Taking advantage of the law passed by the last legislature, Dan Swanson, candidate for re-election as state land commissioner, has filed application with the secretary of state to have his occupation and address printed on the primary ballot after his name. The law provides that where two or more surnames of candidates for the same office are similar in sound or spelling either candidate may request that his occupation and address, not to exceed five words, be printed after his name on the ballot. Gus Swanson, York republican, appears on the ballot as Dan Swanson's opponent and the latter asked that "present land commissioner, Fremont, Neb., be placed on the ballot."

Frank Gabler, pitching his first season in organized baseball for Bartlesville, Okla., in 1931, struck out 201 batters.

WOMAN SENTENCED FOR PASSING WORTHLESS CHECKS

Fremont, Neb.—(Special)—Judge Harry D. Landis in Wahoo sentenced Mrs. Eleanor Draper of Yutan to serve two to five years in the women's reformatory at York. She pleaded guilty to cashing checks that were worthless. She purchased articles in Wahoo and Fremont, paying for them with the checks. Most of the goods were recovered in her home.

Plans are under way to revive automobile racing at Houston, Tex.

THRESHERMEN HOLDING MEET AT SIOUX FALLS

Sioux Falls, S. D.—A large attendance is expected at the 16th annual convention of the South Dakota Brotherhood of Threshermen opening here Tuesday, with sessions continuing until Wednesday evening. The convention was called to order early Tuesday afternoon by H. F. Borneman, Sioux Falls, president of the association.

Among the speakers will be R. E. Hubbard, representing the Water-town Farm Equipment association; H. G. Gildemeister, president of the Minnesota Brotherhood of Threshermen, and J. B. Whitmer, Chicago. The annual banquet of the association is scheduled for Tuesday evening, at which F. L. Perry, former industrial commissioner of South Dakota, will act as toastmaster.

At a business session Wednesday afternoon a president, vice president, secretary-treasurer, three members of the executive committee, three members of the legislative committee, two alternates and two delegates to the national threshersmen's convention will be chosen.

LEGION TAKES HAND IN WORK

Aids Red Cross in Distribution of Relief in S. Dakota Drought Area

Gregory, S. D.—(Special)—County chairmen to take charge of American Legion feed distribution activities in the eighth district were announced by Supt. Quincy L. Wright of the Gregory schools, newly elected district commander. These county chairmen will co-operate in every way with the Red Cross chairmen of their respective counties.

Karl Zutz of Burke is Legion chairman for Gregory county and H. M. Vallete of Burke is Red Cross chairman.

Dr. Carle B. Lenker of Colome will act as county chairman for the Legion for Tripp county and Claude Maule of Winner for the Red Cross.

Dr. Saladay of White River, in Mellette county, acts for the Legion and F. I. Terpin of White River for the Red Cross.

William Wither of Hidden Timber is the county chairman for the Legion for Todd county and T. C. Clark of Rosebud for the Red Cross.

Dave Heffron of Martin is Legion county chairman of Bennett county and J. W. Cozad of Martin for the Red Cross.

Glen Sealey of Waubee has charge of Washbaugh county for the Legion with J. W. Cozad of Martin for the Red Cross.

Each county chairman for the Legion will appoint a chairman in each township in his county to look after the distribution of livestock feed. They will assist in the unloading cars and assist in systematic recording of relief given.

MUCH MORE WATER IN SOUTH DAKOTA LAKES

Pierre, S. D.—Water from melting snow has materially benefited South Dakota's natural and artificial lakes, C. H. Johnson, director of the state game and fish department, reports. Drainage water poured into most of the lakes from surrounding watersheds, raising surface levels in many instances.

Mr. Johnson said Campbell lake in Brookings county and Swan lake in Turner county, two of the many natural lakes which lost considerable water during last summer's drought, filled up and flushed out during the thaw.

The Sioux conversion canal which drains into Dry lake in Hamlin county ran at capacity for more than 24 hours and raised the lake's level two feet. The flow was sufficient to cause Dry lake to expand and drain into Lake Poinsett.

Reports from over the state indicate that the levels of many lakes were raised several inches. The melting snow was especially beneficial to artificial lakes, the director said. Lakes at Platte, Scotland, Highmore and Burke and Hiddenwood lake at Selby and Antelope lake in Harding county were full or nearly full of water after the thaw.

The water level of the Highmore lake was raised six feet and the surface of the Burke lake was within 15 inches of the dam spillway. Beaver lake in Yankton county overflowed, as did the Platte, Scotland and Antelope lakes.

MUSKRAT TRAPPING RULES ANNOUNCED

Pierre, S. D.—An open season for trapping muskrats on Big Stone lake and Lake Traverse has been authorized by the South Dakota game and fish department for April 1 to 10, inclusive. O. H. Johnson, department director, announces. Muskrats may be trapped on these days from 6 a. m. to 8 p. m. No other fur bearing animals may be taken.

Big Stone and Lake Traverse form a boundary between South Dakota and Minnesota and the two states make their game laws on these waters conform. Mr. Johnson said a South Dakota trapping license is good only on this state's half of the lake.

AUXILIARY PRESENTS FLAGS TO SCHOOLS

Gregory, S. D.—(Special)—The American Legion auxiliary of Gregory presented the students of the first grade rooms in the Gregory public schools and the Catholic parochial school with silk United States flags. The unit has made donations to the local welfare chest and the feed relief fund.

WATER ALWAYS WARM

Temperature of the Gulf stream ranges from about 62 degrees Fahrenheit in winter to 85 in summer.

COUNTIES GIVEN SHARES OF GASOLINE TAX

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—A total of \$127,213.31, representing one-fourth of gasoline tax collections for February after deductions for refunds and administration costs, has been distributed to the various counties according to the number of automobiles registered in each county. Antelope county received \$1,355.43; Boone, \$1,378.93; B. W., \$590.75; Brown, \$497.99; Burt, \$1,327.66; Cedar, \$1,447.58; Colfax, \$1,240.09; Cuming, \$1,475.35; Dakota, \$850.12; Dixon, \$987.74; Dodge, \$2,650.13; Holt, \$1,273.96; Keya Paha, \$274.63; Knox, \$1,600.15; Madison, \$2,456.36; Merrick, \$1,065.24; Nance, \$858.66; Pierce, \$1,058.22; Platte, \$2,003.85; Rock, \$258.76; Stanton, \$639.13; Thurston, \$733.86; Washington, \$1,306.60; Wayne, \$1,182.22.

CAPITOL BUILT BY SPECIAL TAX

Structure at Lincoln to Cost \$10,000,000

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Nebraska's new \$10,000,000 state capitol represents an investment of \$7.18 for each man, woman and child in the state.

Had the cost of building the new state house been shared equally by each citizen of the state, that is what would have come from each pocketbook. But a special levy, effective 14 years ago, has hit only the taxpayer.

Originally the capitol was to have cost \$5,000,000. When the new state house was authorized the legislature adopted a pay-as-we-build policy.

The new building, a creation of Bertram Goodhue, arose around Nebraska's old state house. It has been constructed bit by bit. The old capitol building has completely disappeared now, and the new capitol dominates Lincoln's skyline. Its 450-foot tower, containing office suites, has made it a unique building in the nation.

The first capitol tax levy was put on in 1918. For every \$1,000 property valuation in the state, the taxpayer paid 30 cents to help construct the state capitol building.

Every farmer in the state, who owns a quarter of a section of land, provided it is assessed at the present average value of land in the state—\$37 per acre—has paid in taxes on assessed valuation \$18.64 toward the capitol cost.

LOSES BOTH HANDS BUT IS NOT DEPENDENT

Ainsworth, Neb.—(Special)—Mrs. M. E. Stacy, who lost both her arms in an accident while helping her husband in haying last fall, has received a letter from Mrs. Rose Wolfe of North Dakota who was the victim of a similar experience.

Mrs. Wolfe writes that she lost both her hands and parts of both feet February 13, 1923 when she got lost in a blizzard and with her husband was out two days and a night. Her husband lived only a few days. She was left with two small children and in poor circumstances, she says. Then the bank in which her husband's small life insurance was deposited failed.

One of her friends called on her and recommended artificial arms. She secured a set five years ago and now does most of her housework, she says and feels that she is self-supporting.

She can do her washing and ironing, plant and hoe her garden, make beds, change pillow cases, keep the fire going, wash dishes, stir up cake, make drop cookies, do fancy work and write. There are so many things she can do she says that she gets along nicely, although she is not fully independent.

BLOOMFIELD TEACHERS ALL GIVEN RE-ELECTION

Bloomfield, Neb.—(Special)—The board of education in special session reduced the teachers' salaries an average of 14.3 per cent. The cuts were scaled. Those whose present salaries are less than \$1,200 received a 5 per cent reduction, \$1,200 to \$1,450, 7 1/2 per cent, and those from \$1,450 up received a 10 per cent cut. The superintendent's salary will be dropped for the present, thus cutting out a teacher. The total reduction in teachers' salaries will be \$3,223.62. A 25 per cent cut on running expenses of the school other than teachers' salaries was made, a total reduction of 39 per cent. All teachers were re-elected.

PHONE COMPANY TO GIVE FIRE ALARMS

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—The directors of the Nebraska Telephone association have asked the insurance companies to take up and pass upon a suggestion in a communication from R. E. Dutcher, operator of a telephone exchange at Pierce. Mr. Dutcher says he has arranged with the city of Pierce that when a fire occurs all telephone subscribers are notified and it is his belief that because of the extra protection to property by the siren system that a lower rate should be granted since the danger of fire is lessened in comparison to the property of non-subscribers.

PHONE COMPANY SHOWS LOSS OF PATRONS

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—The annual report of the Cedar County Farmers Telephone company of Hartington, filed with the state railway commission, shows total assets of \$80,395; outstanding common stock, \$19,300; total revenues, \$16,608.40; total expenses, \$12,781.00; net earnings, \$5,431.20; dividends paid, \$1,895. The company has a 716 stations, a loss of 104 from the previous year.