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CEMETERY IS BADLY IN NEED OF REVENUE
UPKEEP OF GROUNDS IS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT SOME FUNDS

Wadena citizens should not be surprised if they soon find their beautiful cemetery with its verdant lawns and well tended flower beds grown to tall grass and weeds. E. T. Carroll, president of the Wadena Cemetery association said today.

The occasion of Mr. Carroll's warning was just after he had been forced to lay off the two caretakers at the cemetery because of lack of funds.

The officers and directors of the association," Mr. Carroll said "have decided upon a policy of not going into debt and as a result when the money is spent, spending must also cease."

The organization has approximately \$7,700 in a trust fund which is tied up and not available at the present time and deprived of the interest income from this trust fund money for running expenses is not available.

It is estimated that approximately \$600 will be needed for the balance of this season to take care of the upkeep of the plot.

There are of course alternatives to letting the cemetery plot grow up to weeds. One is to let each lot owner do his own work, a plan that would give the cemetery a patchwork appearance. The other and more satisfactory method would be to raise the fund by contribution.

The Wadena cemetery is one of the best kept and most beautiful for many miles around and it would be a shame, if for any reason, it should be neglected.

The \$7,700 trust fund is for the perpetual care of the cemetery and was started in 1913. Since then yearly accretions have raised the original \$100 fund to its present size. The fund was built by 20 per cent of the purchase price of each lot plus a \$50 deposit from each lot holder for perpetual care. The interest derived from this fund supplemented by current receipts, which at present are inconsiderable, sufficed to care for the upkeep of the cemetery.

Expenses this year have been heavy, Mr. Carroll said, due to the necessity for considerable repairing to the roads within the cemetery and now at the first of June all available money has been spent.

The need for immediate action is urgent, Mr. Carroll said, for even now the whole plot needs mowing if it is to be kept in its usual attractive condition.

Efforts have been made to secure the release of the \$7,700 which was tied up when the Merchants National Bank closed last fall, but a decision has not been made on the case up to the present time and something must be done now during the growing season to save the appearance of the cemetery.