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**E. T. CARROLL IS CEMETERY HEAD  
ANNUAL MEETING OF CEMETERY ASSOCIATION IS HELD MONDAY EVENING**

The Wadena Cemetery Association held its annual meeting at the City Hall on Monday evening, at which time the reports of the officers were given and one Trustee for a term of three years was elected. Mrs. Louisa Whitney was elected the new trustee and together with Mrs. Merle Hall and John Boyd form the Board of Trustees which selects the officers for the ensuing year.

The following officers were recommended and by them declared elected: President, E. T. Carroll, Vice President, Albert Lehman, treasurer, Mrs. F. B. Coon, Secretary, Ruby Haughey, Superintendent, O. N. Grow.

During the year the association has collected from dues, sale of lots, etc., the sum of \$994.00. Of this amount \$451.25 goes into the perpetual care fund, the interest only being used for current expenses. There was expended for labor, supplies, etc., the sum of \$655.54 and for new improvements the sum of \$772.10. The association has made some extensive improvements on the grounds during the past year and plans other work for the coming season. Plans are made to place a double row of spruce trees along the west side of the grounds to replace the willows taken out last summer.

The placing of entrance gates has beautified the grounds to a marked degree and when the hedge is completed to connect with these gates will give Wadena a cemetery worthy to compare with cities of much larger size. The small walk gates will be open at all times for public use and the driveway gates will be open during the day but will be locked at 6 pm each evening, except during the week prior to Memorial Day when the drive will be left open until 9 pm so that people wishing to work on their lots during the evening may do so.

It has been the policy of the association to collect from lot owners for care of same an annual due of \$2.00, more recently they have established a Perpetual care Fund whereby a lot owner may pay the association the sum of fifty dollars and receive a Perpetual Care Bond guaranteeing continual upkeep. This arrangement has met with approval from many people, especially non-residents and it is the desire of the association that more lot owners take advantage of this plan. So it was voted at the annual meeting to extend to present lot owners credit for all dues already paid toward the fifty dollars necessary to put their lot under this plan of perpetual care. The secretary will be glad to take this matter up with the lot owners at the time of the payment of their annual dues.

One of the contemplated improvements discussed at the meeting was the need of a receiving vault and a committee was appointed to look up data concerning same. The heavy snows of the past winter made the preparation for burials a hard task and a vault would eliminate much of that. The association feels that the public, especially lot owners, should be interested in these matters and invites suggestions for the betterment of their work in making this "city of our dead" a piece of beauty.