

Budget

Cemetery, Trash Studies Requested

11-14-69

Council attention on the proposed 1970 budget during the final review before public hearings focused on contractual services for garbage pickup and the "perpetual care" fund for cemeteries.

The Citizens Advisory Committee will be asked to investigate the possibility of turning the city's garbage pickup over to private contractors on a contractual basis.

At the present time, the city does pick up garbage although not citywide. Citizens are free to choose their own method of disposal either with the city or private firm. The city does not handle trash and cans.

Could Save Funds

The city has proposed \$80,103 for 1970's garbage pickup. This is a decrease of \$2,000 from last year's allocation.

However, should the city decide to contract with private firms for the service following the committee's report, it could save part of the funds allocated by entering the contract before the year's end or it could stop further allocations by contracting for 1971.

Even if the city contracts for pickup, it will still have a landfill and disposal allocation of \$68,220.

In other action, the council decided to divert \$22,000 a year from the "perpetual care" fund from the cemetery to make up for part of the deficit created from operating municipal cemeteries.

Make Self Supporting

The city has allocated \$76,664 to operate the cemeteries during 1970. This represents a decrease

of almost \$10,000 from the current allocation. The cemeteries provide \$16,700 in revenue in addition to the perpetual care funds.

The perpetual care fund was set up to eventually make the cemeteries self supporting.

Out of the funds the city receives for cemetery plots and maintenance, \$55,000 goes into the perpetual fund each year.

That fund will have \$460,000 in various investments which draw interest by the end of this year.

Funding for the cemetery comes out of the enterprise account of the budget. Theoretically, enterprise services are supposed to pay for themselves, but this is not the case for many services besides the cemetery.

Other services provided through the enterprise account are the golf course, ambulance, swimming pools, parking and sewer utilities and the central stores which is the repository for centrally purchased items the city government needs.

Rates in Question

The golf course and the parking and sewer utilities pay for themselves, but the others have to be subsidized through other funds.

Efforts have been undertaken to make the cemetery and ambulance service self-sufficient, but the council views the swimming pools as a losing venture which they cannot do anything about unless they change the manner of service or fee.

Council members are reluctant to raise the pool rates because of attempts to increase at-

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3-21-28, 1981
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There are grave spaces for sale at both East Lawn and Oakwood cemeteries. Call or visit cemetery office at East Lawn Cemetery for details. Telephone 364-6718.
4-4-11, 1981

OAKWOOD SPACES
FOR SALE 3-4-78
The City of Beloit now has a number of grave spaces available for purchase at Oakwood Cemetery. The spaces are located in various parts of the cemetery and will cost \$150.00 each. Persons who are interested are asked to call the cemetery office at 364-6719 for details and to make an appointment to look at spaces.

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Phone:

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GRAVE SPACES FOR SALE

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364-6718

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

Spring clean up at Eastlawn and Oakwood cemeteries will be from April 1st to April 21st. All grave decorations will be removed. Pick up any decorations you wish to save before April 1, 1982.

This ad to run March 26, 27, 29, 30 & 31 25

What type of flowers may be placed in city cemeteries? — Mrs. Charles Blackmer.

Officials of local cemeteries noted only cut flowers can be used; but artificial flowers are accepted if they are kept tied down to eliminate blowing away.

Hot Line
Cleanup Time, Pickup Time in Cemeteries Here
3-22-63

Persons who wish to save artificial decorations, vases or other containers in Oakwood or Eastlawn cemeteries are asked to remove them in the next week or 10 days by Oliver E. Coppernoll, city superintendent of cemeteries.

Coppernoll said plans are now underway for the annual spring cleanup of the cemeteries to get them in readiness for Memorial day.

3/29/75
Cemetery cleanup set

The annual spring cleanup at East Lawn and Oakwood cemeteries will begin around the first of April. During the cleanup all winter decorations, all deteriorated artificial flowers, and broken or unsightly containers will be removed.

Persons wishing to save decorations should pick them up as soon as possible.

EAST LAWN and OAKWOOD SPRING CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

Spring clean-up in the city cemeteries, East Lawn & Oakwood, will be from March 21st thru April 8th 1983.

Please remove all items that are to be saved.

Please do not place new decorations before April 15, 1983.

3-14-83 SHOPPING NEWS

3-19-64
Cemetery Cleanup Is on the Calendar

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Man-made winds 10-19-76

When Mother Nature doesn't provide a good, strong wind to clear lawns of autumn leaves, city park employees rely on the next best thing, Dennis Miller and Lloyd Kern blew the leaves away

with mechanical blowers Monday afternoon in Oakwood Cemetery, while Richard Woodcock (background) stands guard with rake in hand. (Daily News photo by Mark Hertzberg)





10-29-73
**Leaf Removal
 Set at Cemetery**

Leaf removal and other cleanup activities will begin this week in East Lawn and Oak Wood cemeteries, said Richard L. Kauppinen, city cemetery superintendent.

Kauppinen asks the cooperation of lot owners in the removal of decorations they wish to keep, as well as the emptying and turning over of urns.

Faded and worn plastic flowers and unused containers will be removed by cemetery staff, he said.

**EAST LAWN AND OAKWOOD
 FALL
 CEMETERY CLEAN-UP**

Leaf removal will begin in the City's cemeteries, East Lawn and Oakwood, on October 15, 1982. Please empty all urns and remove all flowers, containers and decorations that you wish to **SAVE**. Please do not place new decorations before November 15, 1982.

9-30-82

Cleanup Set 11-2-72
For Cemeteries

With cleanup at East Lawn and Oakwood Cemeteries starting Nov. 6, Beloit residents should empty and turn over urns and remove pots, flowers and decorations they want to keep, City Cemetery Supervisor Richard Kauppinen said today.

During the cleanup all remaining decorations and containers will be removed by the city, he said.

Monday
**Fall cleanup
 set at cemetery**

Fall cleanup and leaf removal will begin Oct. 14 at East Lawn and Oakwood cemeteries.

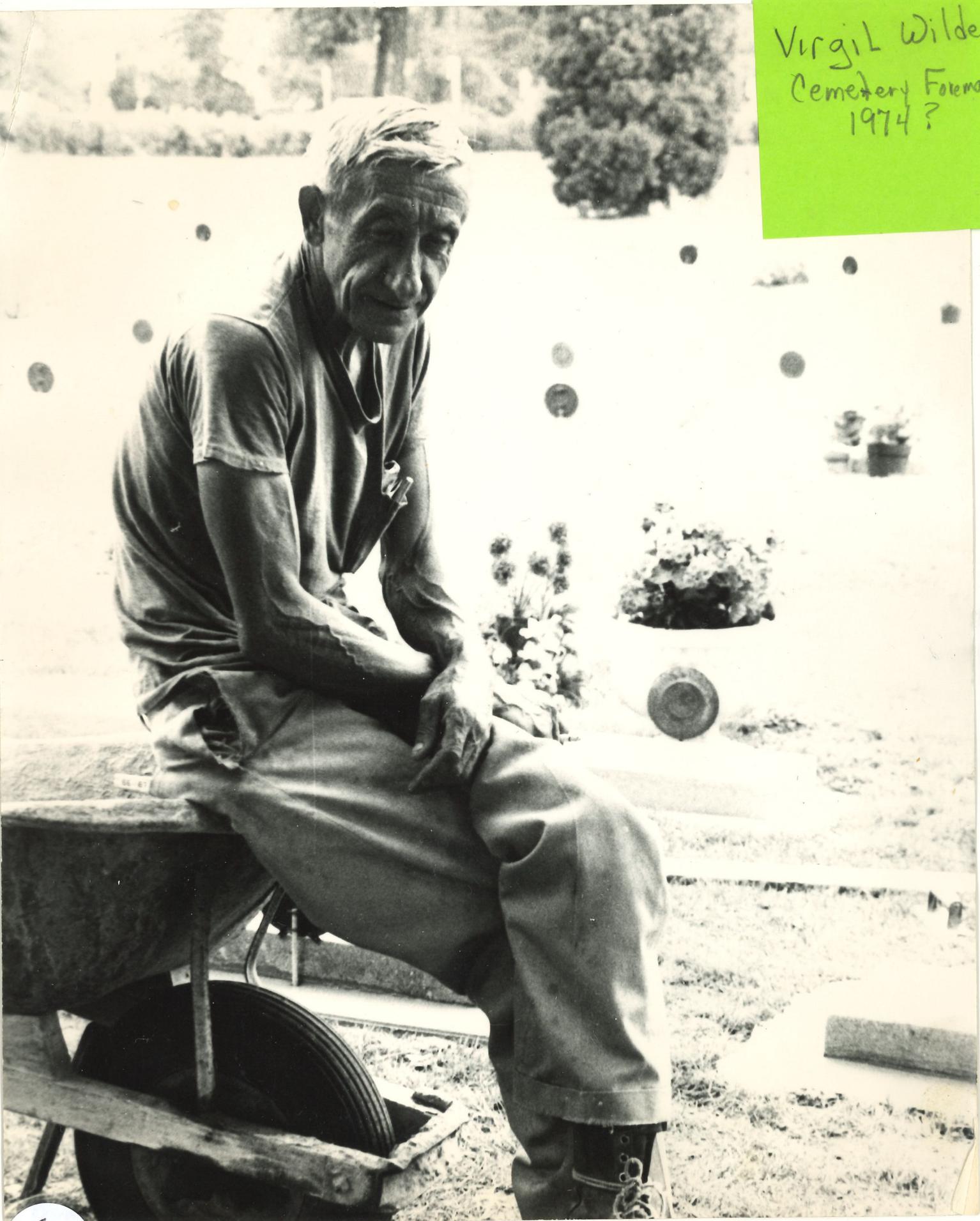
CATHOLIC CEMETERIES NOTICE

Owners of graves in Calvary and Tabor Cemeteries are reminded that clean up at the cemeteries started April 1. No statues, lights or wreaths are allowed on graves and should be removed to facilitate clean up operations. Fresh or artificial flowers will be allowed only in urns with one urn for each lot owner at Calvary. At Tabor, urns must be placed on concrete slabs at ends of markers. No plantings are authorized and those now in place will be trimmed or removed where they interfere with mowing.

CALVARY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION.

4-7-69

Virgil Wilder
Cemetery Foreman
1974?



MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1952

Obituaries

Thomas Carlson

Funeral services for Thomas Carlson will be held at 1:30 Tuesday at the Rosman-Uehling-Kinzer chapel, the Rev. Howard Wiley officiating. Burial will be in Eastlawn cemetery. The offices in Oakwood cemetery will be closed on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Carlson was a World War I veteran and had been identified with cemetery caretaking from Apr. 6, 1934 until his death. Previous to that time he had been employed in shop work. His marriage to Inez Pearl Marchke took place June 15, 1921 at Belvidere.

Cemetery Worker Fatally Stricken Beside Open Grave

DEATH came suddenly to Thomas Carlson, a city cemetery caretaker, about 2:30 p.m. yesterday as he stood by an open grave in Oakwood cemetery. Sexton Harold Flint said Carlson was waiting by a tree, shovel in hand, while fellow workers were finishing lowering a vault cover, when he fell to the ground.

The resuscitator squad from the fire department and the police ambulance were called. Oxygen was administered while he was being taken to Beloit hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival. He apparently was in his usual health yesterday, Flint reported.

Mr. Carlson was born 62 years ago in Norway and came to Beloit in 1917. He joined the city cemetery force April 16, 1934, and had been employed there since then. He and Mrs. Carlson had lived for some time at 531 Shirland ave.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Inez Carlson, and a daughter Mrs. Joanna Tipton, Falton, Calif., a brother and a sister in Canada, and two sisters in Norway.

THOMAS CARLSON

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all of our friends and neighbors for their sympathy, beautiful floral offerings and any assistance offered. Also may we thank the pallbearers, all city employees, the hospital staff, and all those who furnished or offered cars. Sincere thanks to Drs. Clark and Fitzgerald and also Rev. Wiley for their kindnesses and words of condolence during our recent bereavement in the loss of our husband, father and grandfather.

Mrs. Inez Carlson

Mrs. Jo Anne Tipton
and son, Ted.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1952

JANUARY 9, 1952

Ralph O'Brien Named Cashier Of State Bank

A number of new officers were elected yesterday at annual meetings of Beloit's three banks.

Ralph B. O'Brien was elected cashier of the Beloit State bank to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Harold A. Mathews last month. O'Brien also was named to fill the vacancy on the board of directors caused by Mr. Mathews' death.

The new cashier, who joined the bank staff in 1927, has had extensive training in all phases of the business. In 1939 he was named assistant cashier and manager of departmental operations. He was elected loan officer in the farm loan department in 1945, and in January, 1948, was named assistant vice president.

O'Brien, who is a graduate of the graduate school of banking at the University of Wisconsin, is well known in Beloit business circles. His wife is the former Melita Heim. The couple has three children.

Cemeteries Assess Fee

9-1-72

Effective today, a new cemetery regulation requires a \$50 fee for perpetual care of all cemetery lots not previously assessed the charge.

Beginning in 1955, the cost of perpetual care was made part of the burial space purchase price. The new action applies only to those lots purchased before 1955 and did not pay the perpetual care fee when the lots were acquired. The \$50 fee is the 1955 rate.

If the fee has not been paid, it can be paid either at the time the grave space is used or can be paid in advance at the cemetery office at Oakwood Cemetery.

City Manager H. Herbert Holt said today the action was taken to bring the city cemetery operation into compliance with state law. Holt said in the past two years, half of the spaces used did not have provision for perpetual care.

He said the fees are deposited in a trust fund to provide for care and operation of Oakwood and East Lawn cemeteries.

The fee must be paid before interment can be made.

Cemeteries Assess Fee

8-31-72

Beginning Sept. 1, perpetual care arrangements will be required on all burial spaces in East Lawn and Oakwood Cemeteries before burial may be made.

According to cemetery officials, the action was taken to bring the city into compliance with state law requiring perpetual care on the gravesite of a deceased person, and secondly to relieve the inequity which finds one-half of all burial spaces without perpetual care.

The action refers only to those burial spaces purchased before December 1955, since the cost of sites bought since then has included perpetual care. A fee of \$50 will now be assessed those who interred on sites purchased before 1955.

Cemetery rates going up July 1

6-20-80

For the first time since January 1976, the city will raise its cemetery rates, effective July 1.

Grave space in municipal cemeteries will go from \$150 to \$200; grave space for non-residents from \$200 to \$250; infant space from \$50 to \$75. Grave opening on a weekday will go from \$100 to \$150; grave opening on Saturday and holidays from \$150 to \$250; winter opening surcharge between Dec. 1 and March 31 will be \$25 — a new fee. Infant grave openings will go from \$75 to \$100 and cremains from \$40 to \$70. Perpetual care charge on spaces with no care will raise from \$50 to \$75, while the cost of opening for disinterment will be \$250.

Monument and marker settings will change as follows: single marker from \$30 to \$40; double marker from \$35 to \$50; cement between markers from \$25 to \$35; cement between markers with a vase from \$35 to \$50; removing and resetting foundations from \$50 to \$60 and monument foundations from \$5 per cubic foot to \$7 per cubic foot.

According to City Manager Herb Holt, the cemetery program was subsidized with property tax in the amount of \$50,539 in 1979 and \$77,579 in 1980. The rate adjustment will increase income annually about \$20,000. The proposed municipal lot price is comparable with those of private cemeteries in the area.

Cost of digging down goes up

By Bryce Knorr

Nothing is sure but death and taxes, the old saying goes.

And now those two subjects have more in common than in the past.

Beloit's two municipal cemeteries will be operating at a deficit of about \$16,000 this year, almost three times greater than a year ago.

That deficit is expected to double again in 1975, amounting to almost a third of the cemeteries' operating costs.

That means more tax dollars will go into East Lawn and Oakwood, about \$32,000 in 1975.

Lagging sales for grave sites and rising costs for labor and supplies are apparently responsible, says Department of Public Works Director Frank Zuicarelli.

Although the cemeteries

operated in the "red" for many years, their economic picture turned around in the late 1960's, and early 70's when deficits were reduced and fewer tax dollars were poured into the service.

But rising prices are apparently affecting the dead, as well as the living.

"Inflation has really hurt us," Zuicarelli said. "We were reducing the deficits, but now it's caught up with us."

Rising prices will boost the cemeteries' estimated expenses from about \$90,000 this year to more than \$105,000 in 1975. Unless the city raises its cemetery rates, incomes are expected to stay the same, or slightly decrease.

The cemeteries generate revenue from sale of grave sites, "openings" or burials, and the sale of monuments and markers. But while openings and marker sales are only slightly down this year, grave sites purchases have decreased from 211 in the first 100 months of 1973 to just 113 in the same period this year.

"There's nothing you can say to explain why sales would be down one year and not the

next," Zuicarelli said. "Whether people are saving their money now, or they're just not interested in sites, or what, you really can't say."

One possible reason, he said, is that the Oakwood Cemetery is sold out. Municipal grave sites are now only available at East Lawn Cemetery. "Location preference could be one explanation," he said.

A study is now underway by the DPW to determine if rates should be raised, Zuicarelli said. But even if they are raised, financial woes could linger.

"We could break even if we could sell a certain number of graves each year at a certain cost," Zuicarelli said. "But we have no control over the number of spaces we sell, and we can't arbitrarily raise our prices. If we did that we wouldn't be competitive, and we wouldn't sell any."

"This is a competitive business."

An intensive sales campaign could boost revenues, he said.

"But grave sites aren't really the type of thing you go out beating down doors trying to sell."

Current grave site prices for the city are \$115 for residents, \$145 for non-residents. Openings cost \$75 for residents, \$90 for non-residents.

A spot check of other area cemeteries indicates city rates are slightly higher than Our Lady of Assumption, slightly lower than several non-profit burial associations, and substantially lower than commercial cemeteries.

Only 25 per cent of a city grave site's costs goes directly to pay the cemeteries' bills, however. Almost \$90 of the \$115 resident price goes to a "perpetual care" fund. Interest from that fund — which now totals over \$600,000 — will pay about a third of the system's operating costs.

The perpetual care charge was built into the grave charge in 1955 to pay for maintenance. Graves purchased before 1955, about 80 per cent in Oakwood, had no perpetual care fee. The city maintains these at only minimum basis, but that too costs money, Zuicarelli said.

The city is trying to solve this problem by selling heirs perpetual care services for

gravesites sold before 1955, he said.

"One major item the private cemeteries have going for them is the fact that perpetual care was included in their charges almost from the beginning," Zuicarelli said. "And a lot of them are subsidized by religious or other groups."

The city could reduce its property tax subsidy of the cemeteries by using part of the massive perpetual care fund — but that is an alternative Zuicarelli said would hurt in the long run.

"The interest from the perpetual care fund is what we're working off of now," he said. "That could keep us going for eight or 10 years, but if we start eating into the principal, it'll start hurting."

"And it'll start hurting much sooner than later."

4-17-69 & 18-19

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Beloit, Wis.

Bates, Coppernoll Cited For Efforts by Council

Howard I. Bates, 60, former assistant fire chief, and Oliver Coppernoll, 69, retired superintendent of municipal cemeteries, were given commendations Monday during the Beloit City Council meeting.

Bates of 1503 Henry Ave. retired Dec. 21 after 31 years with the department and Coppernoll, 1703 Portland Ave., retired Jan. 3 after 42 years of service.

Bates joined the department in April 1937 and served continuously except for two years and eight months in the Army during World War II.

He was promoted to lieutenant on March 1, 1950 and to assistant chief in 1962.

The city said of Bates: "He constantly worked to improve the department through educational programs.

"He also strove to inform the public of the department's operations and professional desire to combat fires and eliminate their causes."

Coppernoll joined the city cemetery crew in April 1926 and advanced up the ranks.

Coppernoll's commendation said: "He was not only concerned with performance of his duties, but with the emotional status of the thousands of bereaved families with whom he dealt.

"With his courteous and calm manner he was able to help and comfort them."

1-4-1967
42 Years' Service

SELDOM DOES a municipal employe duplicate the achievement of Oliver Coppernoll, who retired Friday after 42 years' employment by the City of Beloit. In recent years Coppernoll has served as superintendent of municipal cemeteries, a post requiring a good deal of contact with the public under difficult conditions. Tactfully and understandingly, Coppernoll has supervised a most important service to Beloit and area families.

Long and creditable service such as rendered by Mr. Coppernoll is deserving of the public's recognition and gratitude.

CITY CEMETERY OFFICE MOVED

Beginning March 27, 1978 the business office of East-lawn and Oakwood cemeteries will be located at East-lawn on Milwaukee Road. A new office area has been built within the present (white front) garage building. Follow the direction signs to office. Go to new office to buy spaces or to arrange for burials. Telephone 364-6719 or 364-6718. 3/27/78

Drive-in Window Popular at Mortuary

DETROIT (AP) — A drive-in window installed last August at a Detroit funeral home has become the principal viewing method for friends and relatives of the deceased, according to Frank Givens, owner of the establishment.

Givens said 50 to 100 people have driven in the canopied horseshoe driveway for each viewing of a deceased.

Visitors register by signing a card and dropping it into a box mounted across the drive from the window. The names later are transferred to a registry book.

1977
City man elected cemetery official

Richard L. Kauppinen, superintendent of municipal cemeteries, was elected president of the Wisconsin Cemetery Officials at its annual meeting in Brookfield.

7/15/69
Cemetery Supervisor Is Minister

A Presbyterian minister, who scored highest on a written exam, has been appointed supervisor of Beloit's cemeteries.

The Rev. Richard L. Kauppinen, 39, will begin the \$8,400-a-year post Aug. 18. He presently is a Presbyterian minister at Prairie du Sac.

Mr. Kauppinen, who is married and has two daughters, received his B.A. degree from Millikin University in Decatur, Ill., in 1955. He earned a Bachelor of Divinity four years later at the Dubuque Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa.

Before moving to Prairie du Sac, he served as parish minister in Newhall, Iowa.

Mr. Kauppinen is active in the Wisconsin Association of Mental Health and served on the Board of Directors of the group. He also has been president of the Sauk County chapter of the association.

12-10-68
After 35 Years On the Job, He Gets a Vacation

THALEQUAH, Okla. (UPI)—Bill Lane, caretaker at the Municipal Cemetery, has been the forgotten man in city government for the past 35 years.

Lane, 63, who started as caretaker in 1933, has never had a paid vacation and nobody realized it until recently.

The city council Monday night awarded Lane a two-week vacation, even though he had taken a few days off in his 35 years on the job.

Lane said he had never asked for a vacation.

10-14-75
Fire runs Monday

To Henry Avenue, Riverside Drive, 1:53 p.m., flush transmission fluid.

To Oakwood Cemetery, 6:58 p.m., leaf fire.

Tuesday

To 1275 Madison Rd., 2:07 a.m., assist ambulance.

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Seated above, left to right: Florence Frye, Gerald Hereford, Lowell Bendorf, Mrs. Lila Grayton.
Standing, left to right: Glenn Scheibel, Gail Buchs, Tom Scott, Mike Canik, Phillip Kinzer,
Lillian Schneiberg, William Shofar, Curtis Lansbery, Wallace Uehling.

1-10-76