

Notice to Cemetery Lot Owners

The Riverside Cemetery Board of Mt. Pleasant, Mich., is desirous of obtaining a full and complete record of all lots, burials and owners of same. In order to accomplish this, it will be necessary for all owners of lots to call on the sexton at the cemetery at the time herein named viz., between April 16th and May 16th; between the hours of 8 a. m. and 10:30 a. m. or 1 p. m. to 4 p. m.

It is hoped and expected that every lot owner will be prompt and assist the board in bringing about a complete record of the location of each and every grave in the cemetery, as there are now many lots containing one or more unknown graves. Also many lots without any claim of ownership whatever.

Please remember the dates.

Respectfully,

CEMETERY BOARD,

Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

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The new cemetery board consisting of Fred Russell, J. H. Doughty, W. W. Cox and L. N. Marsh met and organized last Friday. Mr. Russell was elected chairman and Mr. Doughty auditor and purchasing agent. The board are now working on a set of rules and regulations to govern the behavior of visitors to the grounds, the care of lots, etc. They will be printed soon. They also recommended to the council that the sexton be invested with police powers.

Central Michigan Times

Friday July 12, 1907

By order of committee.

To Whom It May Concern

All persons having lots in Riverside cemetery are requested to immediately call upon the sexton and point out or identify the place of burial on said lots, as the Cemetery Board are using every means to complete the records. They contemplate improvements to the cemetery that makes it necessary that all burial places be identified or located.

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**Board of Cemetery
Commissioners.**

Central Michigan Times

Friday August 2, 1907

Prices for Cemetery Lots

The cemetery board met the last week and made some new regulations concerning the sale of lots. The old plan of \$1.00 yearly assessment on every lot was abolished for the reason that the plan was a failure. People did not pay their lot assessment. Then to maintain the cemetery some new method must be adopted, and so the board decided on raising the price of lots. To residents or taxpayers of the city the lots will sell for \$15. To non-residents, \$25. Single graves, one-fifth of full price. The cementing of graves has been reduced from \$10 to \$6. Fifty dollars will be expended next year for fertilizer for the lawns.

Central Michigan Times

Friday December 6, 1907

The cemetery board are considering and have about determined on erecting a beautiful entrance arch to the Riverside cemetery near the home of John Zimmerman. The designs call for twin pieces of masonry on either side of a 16-foot drive through which sidewalks will lead. Brown vitrified brick will be used for building material, trimmed with white cement. The improvement will add greatly to the appearance of the cemetery.

Mt. Pleasant Times

Friday April 26, 1912

NEW MAUSOLEUM FOR THIS CITY

PERMANENT RECEPTACLES FOR THE DECEASED

Ancient Egypt Outdone by Modern Methods

Mt. Pleasant is now to have the opportunity of supporting one of the most creditable projects offered to it in a long time.

A community mausoleum is to be erected in Riverside cemetery by the Flowers Mausoleum company, of Toledo, Ohio.

Many may have wondered that a mausoleum of this kind has not been erected here before. The reason for this has been that the board of cemetery trustees wanted Mount Pleasant to have the best type available, constructed by a company of true reliability and worth. After a most careful investigation, it has been determined that the type presented by The Flowers Mausoleum company is the last word in mausoleum construction, combining as it does beauty and permanency. Being erected by this company which has made an enviable reputation throughout Michigan for excellent mausoleum construction and reliability, this mausoleum will be a very fine addition to our cemetery and a splendid monument for those who become interested in it.

Beauty and permanency, the two essential requirements, are present in a superlative degree. Beauty is attained by the use of marble, art glass, ceramic tile and stone in an unusually attractive combination and design, the work of a prominent Detroit architect; permanency by the use of reinforced concrete, stone and engineering principles, the latter being the result of years of experience and experimentation.

The result of the above is a beautiful stone and marble chapel in which the dead rest at peace beside those they loved during their life time and in the assurance that this their last resting place will always be a beautiful and sacred monument to their memory and a joy to those who love them.

Most people have always had an
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NEW MAUSOLEUM FOR THIS CITY

inherent distaste to burial in the ground because it is unwholesome and unsanitary and because it is hard to consign the remains of those we love to dirt, water, mold and decay. This community mausoleum offers complete relief from all this. It is absolutely dry, each compartment being high above ground and completely sealed. A thoroughly efficient and patented sanitary system insures complete protection in this most important point. The marble facing of each compartment provides space for an inscription of the name and date of birth and death and such other data as may be desired. The building is permanently endowed, a part of the purchase price of each compartment being deposited in a trust fund for its permanent care and upkeep.

Opportunity to purchase compartments will come but once as the number is limited to those sold before the building operations begin. The price of these compartments is moderate and compares most favorably with the cost of ground burial. The purchasers will not only be erecting to themselves and their families a lasting and beautiful monument but will be aiding this community by adding to it an institution that will be a source of pride and satisfaction to all.—Adv.

Isabella County Enterprise

Friday September 1, 1922

SOLICITING NOW FOR MAUSOLEUM

ALL PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS ARE COMPLETED

**THE BUILDING NOW DEPENDS
ON PUBLIC RESPONSE**

Plans and specifications for the proposed mausoleum in Riverside cemetery have been filed with the board of cemetery trustees, and anyone desirous of seeing them are invited to do so. All preliminary work has been completed, and now the promoters, J. W. Flowers and F. N. Thompson, representing the Flowers Mausoleum company are ready to begin soliciting the public for cripts in the proposed structure.

Of course the erection of the mausoleum will depend entirely upon the response made to the proposition by the people.

Isabella County Enterprise

Friday September 15, 1922

MAUSOLEUM FOR MT. PLEASANT IS SURE THING NOW

Flowers Company of Toledo To Build Here

The Flowers Mausoleum Company of Toledo has secured deeds to an entire section in the Mt. Pleasant cemetery, and will start the construction of a large mausoleum in the site in the spring.

The mausoleum will be situated in the center of the tract and will be surrounded on all sides by beautiful lawns, paths, and flower beds.

It is understood that reservations for compartments will be refused after February 15th, in order that the drawing may be completed by the architects and the construction started soon thereafter. Mr. Flowers has informed Secretary George H. Johnston of the Chamber of Commerce that over 100 compartments have already been reserved, enough to insure the building.

The local mausoleum will have an exterior of Bedford stone, while the interior will be of marble, with mosaic floors and Persian borders. It will be built by this company at Alma and Grand Ledge, Michigan, and also in several Ohio cities. The one here will cost between \$50,000 and \$65,000 to construct.

Isabella County Enterprise

Friday December 29, 1922

Cemetery Fees To Be Advanced

Cemetery fees will be revised upward by a new ordinance given first reading approval by the City Commission last night.

City Manager Allan Kronbach estimated that the new fees would increase revenue \$1,000 to \$1,500 annually. Last year cemetery revenues totaled \$4,500.

The upward revision was approved to narrow the growing margin between cost of cemetery operation and public tax support. The city manager pointed out that it required only \$3,200 tax money above fees to operate the cemetery in 1949 while it was necessary to dip into tax money to the tune of \$4,600 for the 1951 budget.

Services connected with grave openings will be adjusted the most. Those were lower than rates now in force in most cities, a survey showed. Cost of lots will not be changed.

The commission voted to have both City Attorney Lee Browning, Mayor Norman X. Lyon and City Manager Kronbach attend the hearing in Lansing next Monday on Union Telephone Company's proposed rate increases here.

Election boards were named for the eight city precincts with pay fixed at 90 cents per hour.

The commission also approved purchase of a tractor-front-end loader at \$5,429 from the Tractor-motive Corp., of Deerfield, Ill. The unit will be used in both winter and summer street work.

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L. D. Cole, Jas. E. Johnson, Carl Bishaop, Fred Rowlander, Prof. Keeler, H. E. Chatterton, R. A. Cochran, O. F. Marsh, W. E. Lewis, Howard Jeffords, J. N. Taggart, F. B. Clark, John Sobertel, Nottawa; E. R. Waldron, Union; Wm. West, Leaton; W. O. Vowles, Deerfield; John Crane, Winn; John Delo, Winn; W. E. Walker, Shepherd; W. S. Cook; Lincoln; N. O. Mason, Blanchard; H. D. Wright, Broomfield; Fred Woodard, Chippewa; Wm. Hovey, Denver; Alex Hyslop, Rosebush; Asa Smith, Sherman; E. T. Cameron, Coldwater; Ed Glass, Gilmore; Ed Russell, Vernon; Mart Meneré, Wise.

Managers Wleand and Kyser are congratulating themselves upon the smoothness with which the new plant started out on its mission of sending millions of pounds of Isabella county milk to an eager market. The first run came out perfectly satisfactory and every run since has been all that they can ask for.

The milk supply now reaches almost fifteen thousand pounds daily and the weighing and can washing room is a busy place up to noon each week day.

New routes are being added and next week will probably reach a twenty-thousand pound run.

It is to be hoped that a forty-thousand pound supply will be quickly obtained. This will make double the pay roll as when the canning, boxing and shipping will all be done here instead of at Howell.

The forty-thousand gallon water tank is about completed and will soon be connected with the pumps which will then help to lessen the pull from the city wells.

Police Notes.

Ida Coyille of Weldman has been bound over to the circuit court on charge of violation of the liquor law at Weldman by Justice Loveland. The complaint was made by William H. Switzer.

Martin Elliott of Broomfield was fined \$18.00 for catching and keeping short trout. Justice Loveland inflicted the punishment.

Pat Casey, Ed. Ward and Hugh Gallagher paid into Justice Loveland's court fines for indulging their appetites too freely.

Charles Teachworth and John McIntosh of Seville, in dry Gratiot county, were arrested for trying to paint a red line over a small section of the city and they left with the court of Justice Loveland Wednesday \$10.70 to help pay police expenses. The men were abusing their horse, when they were pulled and the animal taken to the veterinary barn. One of them had bought a new suit of clothes and had to take them back and pawn them for money to get himself and friend out of jail.

The case against Jesse Wood of Lincoln for theft of some harness rings is on trial in Justice Loveland's court.

The examination of M. J. Carey for having his saloon open after hours has been adjourned until June 30.

A Michigan editor recently wrote to one of his subscribers who owed several years back dues, stating that under the recent post-office ruling he would be compelled to drop his name from the list of place a one cent stamp on each paper cent, which last he could not afford to do. By return mail he received ten one cent stamps and the instructions: "Please send the paper ten weeks longer."

bars against rejecting them. Here the matter stands while Mr. Struble, Mildred Smith, Bertha Tice, Carey is selling lunches and soft drinks Roy Whitehead.

Every person who is interested in the Condensed Milk Factory in Mt. Pleasant, is very cordially invited to attend the grand opening ball to be held in the hall on the second floor of our building next week Wednesday evening, May 27th.

D. N. WIEAND, Superintendent.

The Enterprise Designated.
The state board of auditors under act No. 375 of the last legislature has designated the ISABELLA COUNTY ENTERPRISE as the newspaper of Isabella county to publish the "address of the constitutional convention to the people together with the text of the revised constitution." Only one paper in a county can be so designated.

Base Ball.
On Tuesday, May 19th, the Cadillac Six team were defeated in a well played game by the Mt. Pleasant Indians on Fancher field to the tune of 9 to 0. Sprague, a full blooded Pottawotmie Indian, was in the box for the locals and did some clever twirling, allowing the visitors only four hits, while the locals secured eleven clean drives off of Peterson and Brown, the Cadillac pitchers.

The Indians are playing in mid-season form now and put up a classy game. The work of the Indians is the equal of that of most of the league work for which thousands eagerly pay a half dollar to see. Let the people turn out and encourage the boys and see a top notch game at half price.

Ferris Institute has called off the game they were scheduled for here today.

The government school team had an exciting game last Saturday with the Grand Rapids high school team. Score 2 to 1 in eleven innings in favor of Grand Rapids.

A School of Instruction.
The common council did little secular business Monday night beyond allowing accounts.

It had not gone far with its regular order before it became a meeting for the promotion of temperance, so great is the force of the tidal wave on that subject now passing over the country and quickening the conscience of the people.

There were assembled besides the council, the police officers and officials, the city attorney, all the saloonists and druggists. The law was read and expounded and the mandates issued that disregard of them meant severe treatment for him who would allow or cause an infraction. So all are to be good as long as they can.

The questions of paying Broadway, of giving Main street north a concrete gutter, of purchasing a road roller, were all referred to the street-committee and city attorney.

New concrete sidewalks were ordered on Andre, Arnold, Kinney and Normal avenues north and on Oak street.

Recitals at Normal Hall.
May 26—Children's recital, under the direction of Miss Alice M. Lowden.
June 2—Graduating recital; Miss Alice E. Marsh, mezzo-soprano, assisted by Miss Nellie Field, pianist, Ann Arbor.
June 9—Graduating recital; Mr. John W. Stephens, tenor, assisted by Miss Ruth Orser, pianist.
June 16—Graduating recital; Miss Edith Matthews, contralto, assisted by the piano quartet.
June 23—Normal chorus recital.
Programs will take place on Tuesday evenings and will begin at eight o'clock standard.

All recitals will be free except a small fee for reserved seats at the Normal chorus recital. The public is cordially invited.

Announcements.
The thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical society will be held in the Senate Chamber at Lansing June 3 and 4th. Everyone invited.

Mr. VanOmmegeen will speak next Sunday morning in the Congregational church on "Paul's Doctrine of Election." There will be no evening service.

The Sunshine society will have their annual meeting for the election of officers June 2d.

The Woman's Club will meet Monday, May 25th, with Mrs. McEntee.

The children's entertainment, advertised for Wednesday evening, will be given Friday evening, May 29th. Look for program next week.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church expect to conduct a rummage sale to open May 27th.

Pastor J. O. Walton of the Church of Christ is recovering from his illness and expects to occupy his pulpit next Lord's day. Morning subject, "The Divine Capitulation." Evening subject, "How May We Identify the True Church?" Special music. All are invited.

The Disciples are preparing for the greatest event in their history when the state convention of the Church of Christ in Michigan will meet in Mt. Pleasant from June 8th to 11th. Prominent speakers from Detroit, Cincinnati and Kansas City are expected. An interesting program has been arranged and the citizens of Mt. Pleasant are invited to attend any and all of the sessions of which there will be three a day. The evening addresses will be of special general interest.

Worship in the Presbyterian church on Lord's day a. m. at 10:30 with sermon by the pastor. Subject, "The True and the False in Religion." Sunday school at 11:45. Evening service at 7:30. Subject, "Ancient Characters in Modern Setting—Isaac." A cordial welcome to all.

shall be entitled to be credited twenty-five cents upon his highway tax for every tree so planted; but not to exceed in the aggregate twenty-five per cent of such person's highway tax in any one year."
Nothing could add more to the value of property than to have each land owner take advantage of this law. Do you not think that your land would increase in value one dollar an acre each year for ten years if you surround it with thrifty maples?

A Protest.

Considerable dissatisfaction is being expressed over the way the lilacs are being exterminated in Riverside cemetery. They have been almost the only shrub in time past to withstand the droughts and sandy soil of that location and have become most beautiful ornaments. There are, or have been, several varieties of this shrub showing a varied profusion of colors scattered over the older section of the cemetery and at this time of the year have been a beautiful addition to the place. Many of them were planted by hands now lying beneath their shade and it does seem as though these well loved old fashioned fragrant shrubs might be protected and continue to shed their fragrance and beauty where they have been placed. A lilac shrub can be trimmed into a tree and it surely will be no great task for a man engaged for that purpose to keep back the shoots which spring from the roots. Lot owners feel that they should have some choice in the matter of adornment. The leveling of the lots, many of them raised and tended at a big expense to the owners, is another innovation which does not meet with approval. It may make it easier to care for them but certainly does not improve the appearance of the place.

Caldwell.

Adolphus Hunt is on the sick list.
Mrs. Mary J. Ballard is on the sick list.
Will Head started his egg wagon Tuesday.
Mrs. W. Head called on Mrs. Zeke Ballard Sunday.
The next L. A. S. meets with Mrs. S. O. Smiley May 27th.
Mr. and Mrs. John Drew Sundayed with Mrs. May Ballard.
Frank and Mollie Owens spent Sunday with Harry and Ella Mead.
George Grimsley has bought the Stahman place and taken possession.
B. Abbott has taken possession of the Head place and moved on the same.
Mrs. Emma Bennett visited her sister, Mrs. George McDonald, of Union Sunday.
Mrs. James McKeown of Coldwater lake spent Monday with her father, O. W. Richardson.

South Holland.

Mr. Chaffee is on the gain and was able to ride out Sunday.
Mrs. Ella Hoover is on the sick list. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Dush two fine baby boys.
Lige Mount has returned from Ann Arbor where he has been for treatment.
Harley Howard and family were callers at Oscar Dush Monday evening.
Mrs. Sarah Baker is on the gain.
L. K. Ward and wife were callers at Joseph Lacker Sunday.

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May 22, 1908

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1937

City Discourages Dying; Cemetery Prices Advance

That even dying is becoming more of a luxury these days and not to be entered into lightly, was a conclusion deduced from the new and somewhat advanced scale of cemetery prices just announced by the city.

Lots formerly priced at \$37.50 will now cost \$50.; space charge has been advanced from \$7.50 to \$10.; space for non-residents has been advanced from \$15 to \$20. and lots for non-residents from \$75. to \$100.

Digging a grave now costs \$8. rather than \$6. the former price; for children less than 12 years \$6. rather than \$5.

Foundations are advanced 10c from their former mark of 35c.

Concrete vaults are \$20 rather than \$15. Digging for concrete or steel is now \$3., advanced from \$2.

Reseeding prices have advanced from \$3. to \$4. on spaces and from \$15. to \$20. on lots.

Falling Tree Breaks Arm

Cemetery fee change studied

A special task force is now studying fee changes for Riverside Cemetery.

Led by City Treasurer Ellen Dutcher, the task force, composed of city employes, is studying all fees charged by the city to bring them into line with current costs.

Riverside Cemetery, located west of the downtown area next to Nelson Park, has records which date back to the mid 1800's, long before Mount Pleasant became a city.

The cemetery contains 35 acres of land, with one new section recently opened in the northwest corner while another new section in the front will be platted once funds become available.

Even though many other cemeteries are experiencing changes in appearance such as the flat grave marker, many area residents prefer Riverside because large standing headstones haven't been completely barred.

"THERE are many new concepts in cemetery care today," explained City Engineer Robert Whitehead.

"I believe it's out west where caskets are buried standing up. And some place near here, I think Saginaw, they've gone to the flat grave marker. In fact, they even pushed over the standing headstones, sinking them into the ground, to make maintenance of the cemetery easier."

Attempts to institute flat grave markers at Riverside Cemetery have met with some opposition from area residents.

This year, residents, through their property taxes, will support cemetery maintenance, costing \$39,000. Revenues from gravesite sales and upkeep bring in \$8,000.

About 75 to 80 sites are sold each year, meaning the cemetery may not close for another 58 years at that rate.

The problem the city encounters, though, is from people who buy lots, move out of the city and never intend to use Riverside Cemetery.

"An example of this," explained Ed Bintz, city engineering assistant, "is a husband and wife who buy sites next to each other, fully intending to use them, but the husband dies and is buried there then the wife remarries and wants to be buried next to her new husband."

City officials have been trying to decide what to do about this problem.

"There is a procedure provided by state law which means you have to go through the courts," Bintz said. "But it takes 10 years to get the land back, once the court declares the land useable, if the owners can't be found."

NO ONE is sure how widespread the problem is, Whitehead said.

"If we were going to do this, the city commission would have to adopt some sort of ordinance, because we don't have any ordinance like it," he added.

Gravediggers have been replaced by a backhoe from city street crews, although some workers are used to put in sheeting on the walls of the grave.

"Vandalism is really very minor," Whitehead said. "The most serious thing that happens is a couple of flower pots are knocked over or the flowers disappear."

Bintz, a member of the task force studying fees, said it will be another 60 to 90 days, before the group finishes their study.

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