

## *Saluting The Cemetery's Caretakers*

Through the years, many individuals have taken on the task of caring for the cemetery grounds. They have mowed the grass, filled, leveled and seeded new grave sites and in some instances trimmed trees and bushes.

The Memorial Society first employed a caretaker for the cemetery in 1923 when it hired Mr. Miller (his first name is not listed in Society records) at a monthly salary of \$35.00. The Society continued to employ and pay a cemetery caretaker until 2018 when the Society asked the City to assume the responsibility of routine cemetery care so it could concentrate on preservation and beautification projects. Since then, the mowing and care of new grave sites has been under the direction of Wright City officials.

Perhaps many of the names on the following list of caretakers employed by the Society will be familiar to many.

1923 thru April 1924 - Mr. Miller

May thru Dec. 1924 – Mr. Riche

1925 – Henry Fricke

1926 thru 1942 – William Fricke

1943 thru 1947 – Fred Jacobs

1948 thru 1950 – Dan Ober

1951 – William Huelsmann and Fred Bockhorst

1952 thru 1956 – William Huelsmann

1957 thru 1958 – Florenz Godt

1959 – Walter Schroer and Robert Struchtemeyer

1960 – Gus Bruning and Florenz Godt

1961 thru 1964 – Florenz Godt

1965 – Mr. Tucker (first name not known)

1966 thru July 1966 - Ves Schemmer

August 1966 thru 1967 – Mr. Herndon (first name not known)

1968 – William Christopher and Arthur Herbel

1969 thru 1970 – Vess Schemmer

1971 thru 1981 – Herbert Johnson

1982 thru 1984 – Earl Nailor

1985 – Sandy Christopher

1986 thru 1987 – Henry Nailor

1988 – Bill Brockmeier

1989 thru 1993 – Patsy Brockmeier

1994 thru 1995 – Melvin Davis

1996 – Tommy Hoeft

1997 – Gwen Sutton

1998 thru 2001 – Darren Lockhart