

In Pursuit of a Second Cemetery Entrance

Obtaining a second entrance to the cemetery was on the minds of Society members in the early 1950's. As we know, those efforts fell short, but not before the members pursued a couple of different options.

At the Sept. 5, 1952, meeting, President Malinda Schmitt appointed Mrs. August Stamer, Mrs. A.E. Katterjohn and Mrs. Dewey Waltemath to a committee to begin work on securing another entrance to the cemetery. The committee was instructed to meet with the Town Board "to see about making a road to the cemetery by way of the school through west of the cemetery."

The minutes of the October meeting report the matter was to be presented to the school board. Subsequent minutes do not report the school board's decision on this request, but apparently it was rejected.

A year later, Sept. 3, 1953, a new committee comprised of Mrs. William Krome, Mrs. A.E. Katterjohn and Mrs. H.F. Diekroeger was named "to see about a drive on the east end of the cemetery" and to inquire if Dr. and Mrs. Leland Keller would donate land for this east entrance. That idea also did not gain traction as the minutes of the Nov. 6, 1953, meeting report "the committee on the road to the cemetery reported and the matter was dropped due to expense involved."

Today we can only wonder how the cemetery we know today might look if the Society had succeeded in constructing a second entrance. It is a matter recent Society members have not discussed.