

Mount Bethel Cemetery
Notes from Minutes 1932 to 1955

1. Apr 21, 1932 Regular meeting. Treasurer received \$717.05 for the month of Jan. Feb. & March and reported expenses of \$95.59. Secretary reported the knocking off of spear heads on fence on Cherry St. and the receipt of an inquiry of Dr. Armstrong to purchase the path near lots 227-228 A. Motion carried to not sell the path. Bids received for a new power mower. Low bid was from Raup Machinery of Harrisburg for \$185.00 less 2% plus \$3.65 for freight. Executive committee authorized to purchase a rebuilt typewriter. Secretary reported the death of D.C. Denny Vice President and W.L. Bucher, Treasurer and A.A. Snavelly elected Treasurer. Board's attention called to a bequest of the late Samuel H. Boyd placing \$800 in trust and the income to be used to place flowers on his plot.
2. May 24, 1932 Regular meeting. Dr. Mifflin, President reported the vacancy of the Vice President. D.L. Gladfelter was nominated and elected to the post. The Board numbered seven persons. 10 shares of stock were transferred from D.C. Denney to Clara P. Denney and 3 shares from George D. Hall to R. Clark McCachren. Communication received from the Veterans of Foreign Wars to hold memorial services on the gravel driveway between the Wolfe monument and the entrance on May 30th at 11AM. Executive committee instructed to interview the owners of neglected lots and see what can be done about them.
3. Jul 14, 1932. President Mifflin reported the two vacancies on the Board. Dr. Denney and R. Clark McCachren were nominated and elected to the Board. Secretary reported turning over receipts of \$931.32 for the months of April, May and June of which \$8.00 was for the sale of wood. Action taken to issue a burial permit for Baby Musser without charge. Executive committee authorized to repair joists in the Superintendents house. Action taken that no lots be sold which necessitates the closing of a path.
4. Sep 13, 1932. Regular meeting. Secretary reported the transfer of 16 shares from H. M. North Jr. to his estate. Executive committee authorized to have the house painted and several rooms papered.
5. Nov 15, 1932. Regular meeting. Secretary reported \$298 received for the months of Sept. and October. H. M. North's estate transferred 16 shares to D. L. Gladfelter. Executive committee reported having spent \$25 for the papering, \$15 for glass, \$75 for painting and \$116 for filling and grass seed.
6. Jan 17, 1933. Annual Stockholders Meeting. Secretary reported the balance of Jan.1, 1932 as \$1,200.40 with receipts of \$3,347.53 and Columbia Trust Company of \$2,674.45 with a total of \$7,222.38 and disbursements of \$5,998.90, leaving a balance on Jan.1, 1933 of \$1,233.48. Board of Managers elected with 604 votes.
7. Jan 17. 1933. Regular meeting. Officers at the Board of Managers elected. Superintendents' salary set at \$40 per month with the house rent free. Joseph Gemmil elected Superintendent. \$2.00 per meeting was set for the Board of Managers. Action taken to employ J.H. Kezmer of Maytown to make repairs to the Lockard Mausoleum.
8. Mar 7, 1933. Regular Meeting. Secretary reported 2 reviews of Perpetual Care Accounts from Jan.13, 1891 to Jan.1, 1933 as follows: Perpetual Surface Care: \$11,903.62 Improvement: \$8,247.00 Total: \$20,150.62. Action taken to set the charge for burying the ashes of stillborns at \$5.00. Executive Committee reported the completion of the repairs to the Lockard Mausoleum which was paid by the Lockard Foundation Fund. Secretary reported that the tent is in bad condition, the fence needs repaired and painted and the roads need repaving. Action taken to repair and paint fence.

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9. May 9, 1933. Regular meeting. Executive Committee reported on repairs suggested at the last meeting and added repairs to the water lines on the list.
10. Jul 18, 1933. Regular Meeting. Executive Committee reported the cost of black paint for the fence at \$1.50 per gallon and \$3.00 per gallon for aluminum paint. Action taken to paint the fence black. Report of Executive Committee also indicated the furnace needing looked after and the porch roof in bad condition. Action taken to repair the furnace and postponed the porch roof until Sept. meeting.
11. Aug 15, 1933. Special meeting to discuss the plans for the N.R.A. Motion carried to pay all transient labor 35 cents per hour with a 40 hour work week. Superintendent Gemmil to be paid 45 cents per hour for a 48 hour work week during the busy season and 40 hour work week otherwise. Bids accepted from the Eastern Construction Co. for \$359.60 to repair the roads.
12. Sep 21, 1933. Regular meeting. Solicitor Bruner explained the conditions of the N. R. A. Code for cemetery companies. Action taken to elect Joseph Gemmil as Superintendent at a salary of \$35.00 per week beginning Oct.1, 1933 and charge \$20 per month rent for the residence. Executive Committee reported the purchase of 200 spears for the fence.
13. Nov14, 1933. Regular meeting. Secretary reported the transfer of two shares from Harry M. Hall to Joseph Gemmil Jr. Action taken to transfer \$3000 to the Columbia Trust Company to be added to Trust Fund. Motion made and carried to repair the mower motor and purchase a new one for \$155.
14. Jan 16, 1933. Regular Meeting. Secretary reported turning over to the Treasury the sum of \$4,546.85 and \$3,576.80 interest from the Trust Fund making a total of \$8,118.65 for 1933. A 6% annual dividend declared to be paid to stockholders.
15. Jan 16, 1934. Annual Stockholders Meeting. Reports included the sale of lots, Perpetual Care receipts and the balances of Jan. 1934 of \$1399.56. Election of the Board of Managers by 549 votes.
16. Mar 20, 1934. Regular meeting. Executive Committee granted permission to purchase two lawn mowers and clippers. Action taken to employ an Accountant to aid in preparing the "Income Tax Report". Executive Committee authorized to make repairs to the fence and have it painted aluminum.
17. Apr 24, 1934. Special meeting to hear reports of the Executive Committee in reference to removing a tree from Col. C.S. Kauffman's lot. Agreement was received from Mrs. Kauffman and C.C. Kauffman. Motion carried to remove tree. Committee also reported the jagger tree in Sec. J spoils the sale of 4 lots and ruins the mowers. Actions taken to have C. C. Krause remove the tree to ground level for \$20.
18. May 22, 1934. Regular meeting. Concerns expressed about persons, among them employee's, who are climbing the fence. Superintendent directed to take steps to stop this practice.
19. Jul 10, 1934. Regular meeting. Executive Committee reported the painting of the fence about 1/3 finished. Complaints were received concerning the leaning of the monument on the Rev. Meese and Mathias lots. Committee empowered to employ extra labor to rid the cemetery of the high weeds.
20. Sep 13, 1934. Regular meeting. Superintendent reported the receipt of a letter from H.E. Smith of Lancaster, owner of Lot 1 3/8 in Sec. E, asking permission to plant a tree in the path adjoining his lot.

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Action taken to forbid the planting of any trees in any paths. Executive committee empowered to purchase 100 lbs. of fertilizer.

21. Nov 20 1934. Regular meeting. Treasurer was empowered to deposit the amount of Perpetual Care from June 1 to Dec. 31 in the Trust Fund. Executive Committee empowered to replace the hot water system in the Superintendent's residence.
22. Jan 15, 1935. Regular meeting. Treasurer reported receipts for 1934 of \$6,986.73 and expenditures of \$6,986.73 with a balance of \$1,972.16. The Board declared a dividend of 6%.
23. Jan 15, 1935. Stockholders meeting held at the office at 7th & Locust Sts. Board of Managers elected with 599 votes. Secretary reported 73 burial permits issued and 10 lots sold. Perpetual care receipts totaled \$1,238.22.
24. Jan 15, 1935. Board meeting following Stockholders meeting. Action taken to paper rooms in the Superintendent's residence as needed, and to connect to the sewers and place a new water line to the residence. Secretary reported that Leo Miller has no use of Ind. Ground Lot 414 and recommended the cemetery pay \$12.00 to Mr. Miller for this lot. Action taken to purchase a tent for burial rental at \$245.85.
25. Mar 19, 1935. Regular meeting. Treasurer reported the cost of the tent was \$231.67 and the rental of the tent set at \$5.00. Secretary read an extract from the will of Benjamin F. Ferguson calling for the care and decoration of his lot. Executive committee empowered to place flowers on said lot for Easter, Memorial Day and Labor Day. Motion carried to set labor salary to be 35cents per hour. President Mifflin appointed a committee to consider the purchase of ground for expansion of the cemetery.
26. May 21, 1935. Special meeting to appoint D.L. Gladfelter, Henry Brunner and A.A. Snavely to look over possible sites for expansion.
27. Jul 16, 1935. Regular meeting. Executive Committee reported the approximate cost of the sewer connection to be \$75.00. Road work was authorized for 1000 feet at \$750.90. Money also appropriated for test work on possible ground for expansion.
28. Sep 17, 1935. Superintendent reported complaints about the curbing and shrubs on the island at Sec. D. & E. as obstructing the view of approaching automobiles. Board asked to set price for perpetual care on Lundy's plot as it is surrounded by and iron fence. Price set at \$65 and any burial permit's for said plot to be 25% more as long as the fence remains.
29. Nov 19, 1935. Regular meeting. Secretary reported the placing of a hydrant at the intersection of Sec. I & J.
30. Dec 3, 1935. Special meeting to discuss the employment of a regular assistant to the Superintendent during the winter months. Action taken to table the discussion until Jan. meeting.
31. Jan 21, 1936. Regular meeting. Treasurer reported Jan.1, 1935 balance of \$1972.16, receipts of \$4,195.30 and \$3,137.83 and expenditures of \$9,305.29 with a balance on Jan.1, 1936 of \$2,604.46. A dividend of 6% declared.

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32. Jan 21, 1936. Stockholders meeting. Secretary J. C. Caley reported 13 lots sold totaling 1,017 square feet, 62 burial permits issued and \$929.30 received for perpetual care. Board of Managers elected with 553 votes cast.
33. Jan 21, 1936. Regular meeting. Dr. Houston Mifflin re-elected President, D.L. Gladfelter Vice President, J.C. Caley, Secretary at a salary of \$25.00 per month, A.A. Snavelly, Treasurer at \$100.00 per year, Henry Brunner, Solicitor, \$25 per year and Joseph Gemmil Superintendent at \$125.00 per month with the house rent free. Labor costs were set at 35 cents per hour and the Board of Managers to be paid \$2.00 per meeting.
34. Mar 17, 1936. Regular meeting. Secretary reported that he and Mr. Snavelly visited Red Lion and Prospect Cemetery's indicating their prices are lower than Mt. Bethel. New schedule of prices were set as follows:

Interments including opening and closing graves.

Up to 19 inches wide	\$5.00
19 to 22 inches wide	6.00
22 to 24 inches wide	8.00
24 to 26 inches wide	10.00
26 to 28 inches wide	12.00
28 to 32 inches wide	14.00
32 to 34 inches wide	16.00
34 to 37 inches wide	20.00
37 to 42 inches wide	25.00
Ashes	5.00

Extra Depth \$3.00 per foot exceeding 6 feet.
Single grave-lot, burial and marker.

Under one year	\$12.00
One year to 6 years	20.00
Six years to 8 years	28.00
Eight years and over	43.00

Opening Mausoleum for burial.	5.00
Sunday funerals (except for contagious diseases)	\$5.00
Removal of Bodies:	
Children up to 8 years of age.	5.00
Over 8 years of age. Pine cases.	\$5.00
All others.	\$25.00
Use of tent.	5.00

Action was taken to wax the floor and varnish the walls of the office.

35. May 5, 1936. Regular meeting. Secretary reported receipt of a letter from Edward C. Biffort concerning the location of Ind. graves numbers 233 and 346. Mr. Snavelly reported trying to locate the said graves and as yet has been unable to locate them. Permission granted to Mrs. Dr. Hinkle to sell part of Dr. Hinkle's lot.

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36. Jul 21, 1936. Regular meeting. Secretary reported the receipt of \$31.00 for the re-internment of Flora Harrison from N. ½ 46F to N ½ 171J with interment to be made in the fall. Executive committee reported agreeing to pay Charles Daron 45 cents per hour to paint and supervise the fence job. Action was taken to increase the pay of Joseph Bair and Ludwig McComsey to 40 cents per hour.
37. Sep 15, 1936. Regular meeting. Board accepted the resignation of W. L. Bucher as a Board member. Executive committee reported the expenditure of \$193.00 to paint part of the fence and \$670.00 for road repairs.
38. Nov 17, 1936. Regular meeting. Secretary shared a letter from The Farmers Trust Co. concerning the bequeath from Anna D. T. Fondersmith and a letter from the Mrs. Mifflin concerning the floral tribute to Dr. Mifflin (deceased). Motion carried to elected Joseph Gemmil and John G. Heighes to fill the vacancies of W. L. Bucher and Dr. Houston Mifflin.
39. Jan 19, 1937. Regular meeting. Treasurer reported total receipts of \$11,009.17; expenditures of \$8,240.21 and a balance of \$2,768.96. Action taken to purchase 200 sq. ft. from Dr. Hinkle for \$250.00 and instructions to the secretary to sell same at \$1.25 per square foot.
40. Jan 19, 1937. Stockholders meeting. Secretary reported the sale of 10 lots, 42 lots paid perpetual surface care, 5 lots perpetual improvement care and 80 permits issued. Board of Managers elected with 562 votes.
41. Jan 19, 1937. Regular meeting. Board of officers elected with the salaries to be the same as 1936. Superintendent Gemmil re-elected and his salary to be \$1560.00 for 1937 and \$5.00 rent to be charged for his residence.
42. Mar 15, 1937. Regular meeting. Action taken to purchase a new mower. The new Moto mower to be a 21 inch mower at a cost of \$165.00 after trade in of old mower.
43. May 18, 1937. Regular meeting. Motion carried to paint the fence on Bethel and Locust streets. Executive committee empowered to spend \$500.00 to repair the roads. The Secretary brought up the question of selling certain paths. Board tabled this issue.
44. Jul 20, 1937. Regular meeting. Secretary reported an inquiry from Mrs. John Wells asking to exchange plot W1/2 81E for the removal of 3 bodies from said plot and place them in one grave upon 180 G in the name of Isa K. Leisey and the cemetery furnish an outside case for the same. Proposition granted. Secretary asked if the island containing three pine trees could be sold and at what price. The Board set the price at \$520.00 including perpetual care. (Currently Roye plot)
45. Sep 21, 1937. Regular meeting. Secretary reported a proposition from J. Edward McCaffrey, attorney for J. Edward McMahan for the cemetery to expend the sum of \$5.00 or less to decorate with flowers the grave of George F. McMahan W ½ of lot 37 F on Christmas and Decoration Day with the acceptance of one share of Am. Telephone and Telegraph Co. the dividend to pay for the flowers. Proposition accepted.
46. Nov 9, 1937. Regular meeting. Action taken to alter the McMahan agreement to place flowers on the McMahan grave only on Decoration Day if the dividend does not produce enough funds for Christmas and Decoration Day.
47. Jan 18, 1938. Regular meeting. Treasurer reported income of \$7486.02, Jan 1, 1937 balance \$2,786.96 for a total of \$10,272.98. Expenditures were \$7313.39 leaving a balance of \$2,959.59 for 1938.
48. Jan 18, 1938. Stockholders Meeting. Secretary reported the sale of 9 lots, 36 lots perpetual care and 70 burial permits issued. Board of Managers elected with a vote of 536.

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49. Jan 18, 1938. Regular meeting. Board of Managers re-organized with the election of officers with the salaries to be the same as 1937.
50. Mar 29, 1938. Regular meeting. Secretary read a letter from Lily L. Leaman wishing to sell the unoccupied portion of her lot 18D. Action taken to offer her \$50.00 for said lot. Executive committee given permission to paint the house.
51. May 10, 1938. Regular meeting. Secretary reported transferring 10 shares of stock from Annie D.T. Fondersmith Estate to David L. Glatfelter and 3 shares from Mrs. S. Gossler Pager to Richard B. Bare.
52. Jul 19, 1938. Regular meeting. Secretary read a letter from Samuel Miller wishing to sell the unoccupied portion of lot 85 Sec. H to the cemetery. President reported that William G. Bard has sold lot 77H to Oliver K. Oberholtzer.
53. Nov 22, 1938. Regular meeting. Secretary reported the transfer of the N.E. corner of 149 E from A.A. Snavely to Olive Snavely Hefte. Permission sought by William Given to plant ivy around his ledger markers and Susan Rhodes would like to plant a tree on 190 J. No action taken on this proposition.
54. Jan 17, 1939. Regular meeting. Treasurer reported the Jan.1, 1938 balance of \$2,959.59, receipts of \$7,478.78, and expenditures of \$8,978.40 with a balance of \$1,459.97. Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Gemmil thanking the Board for not charging for the burial of her mother.
55. Jan 17, 1939. Stockholders meeting. Secretary and Treasurer Reports were received and the Board of Managers elected with 513 votes.
56. Jan 17, 1939. Regular meeting. Board officers elected and salaries to remain as paid in 1938.
57. Mar 21, 1939. Regular meeting. Secretary reported the purchase of 50 shares of stock from John J. Houston for the Company. The stock is to be held as treasury stock. Executive Committee empowered to look into the purchase of a shelter tent.
58. May 9, 1939. Regular meeting. Treasurer Snavely reported the purchase of a shelter tent, a wheel barrow and a new moto mower. Executive Committee empowered to investigate the purchase of a Little Brute Trimmer. Action taken to give Ludwig McComsey a 5cent raise.
59. Jul 15, 1939. Regular meeting. Executive Committee empowered to repair the roof of the residence and to get estimates for 2 suitable heating plants for the same.
60. Aug 18, 1939. Special meeting to examine bids for a heating plant. Executive Committee directed to prepare new specifications for the roof of the residence and secure new bids. Executive Committee also directed to revise the bids for the heating plant to specify a Burnham Boiler and 750 sq. ft. of radiators.
61. Sep 19, 1939. A.H. Snavely of the Executive Committee read the bids for a new roof, Hipple- \$178.00, Ferguson & Sons -\$153.75 and Harvey Miller- \$130.00. Action taken to award bid to Miller. Snavely read the bids for 2 new hot water heating systems as follows: C. A. Herr- \$679.00, Alexander Frank- \$561.80 and Harvey Miller -\$528.00. Bid awarded to Harvey Miller.
62. Nov 21, 1939. Regular meeting. Action taken to accept 4 shares of stock from Frederick H. Dechant and the stock to be held as Treasury Stock. Executive Committee reported the total for the roof, heating plant and miscellaneous repairs to be \$873.30. A 6% dividend was declared.
63. Jan16, 1939. Regular meeting. Treasurer reported interest from the Trust Fund at \$3,428.48, Perpetual Care \$1,080.68 other income of \$2,398.25, Jan.1, 1939 balance of \$1,441.97for a total of \$8,349.38. Expenses were \$7,424.21 leaving a balance of \$925.17.

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64. Jan 16, 1940. Stockholders meeting. Secretary reported ground used by the Company 4,257.50 sq. feet, sold in 1939, 699.50 sq. feet with 3,558 on hand. The polls were closed at 4:00 pm and the current Board of Managers was elected by 603 votes.
65. Mar 19, 1940. Regular meeting. Secretary presented the placing of a cement pavement on Locust St. 7 ½ ft. wide with curbing. The work to be done by W.P.A. workers at a cost of \$700.00. Action taken to empower the Executive Committee to pursue this work. The question of rubbish burners was brought up and action taken to purchase a dozen keystone burners at \$16.50 per dozen.
66. May 21, 1940. Regular meeting. Executive committee reported the cost of the cement pavement was \$697.79. Committee empowered to plant Pin Oaks on Locust St.
67. Aug 13, 1940. Regular meeting. A question was raised concerning the charge for perpetual care for the Righter, Gregg and Craig Mausoleum. Action taken that the rate to be the same as otherwise but has to be placed in first class condition and have the approval of the Executive Committee. Action taken to place pin oaks on Cherry St. A committee was appointed to look over land for a new cemetery. Messers, Brunner, Snavelly and Caley to serve on this committee. A letter of resignation from John Hughes was accepted.
68. Oct 15, 1940. Regular meeting. Action taken to grant one week vacation with pay to Ludwig McComsey and Joe Bair.
69. Nov 19, 1940. Regular meeting. The question of purchasing single grave plots from Zimmerman and Shaeffer was discussed and in a motion it was decided that the Cemetery not purchase any ground less than 2 graves. A 6% dividend was declared. Oscar J. Gundel was elected to replace John Hughes and Lloyd Q. Loechel elected to replace D.L. Gladfelter.
70. Jan 21, 1941. Regular meeting. Treasurer reported receipts for perpetual care of \$1,720.14, Trust Fund \$4,186.23 and other \$2,629.40, 1940 balance of \$925.17 for total receipts of \$9,461.14. Expenses of \$7,293.58 and a balance of \$2,167.56.
71. Jan 21, 1941. Stockholders meeting. Action taken to elect the old Board with the exception of Arthur E. Snavelly to replace William Fasig. Board elected with 613 votes cast.
72. Jan 21, 1941. Regular meeting. Board reorganized with J. D. Denney President, R. Clark McCachren Vice President, J. C. Caley Secretary, A. A. Snavelly Treasurer, Henry Bruner Solicitor, and Joseph Gemmil Superintendent. The salary of the Secretary to be \$25.00 per month, the Treasurer \$100.00 per year and the Superintendent \$1800.00 per year. The salary of Ludwig McComsey to be \$75.00 per month with one week paid vacation. Joe Bair to be paid \$.45 per hour and 1 week vacation.
73. Feb 4, 1941. Special meeting to discuss the tax status of the Cemetery. Action taken to accept the assessment of \$2500.00. The residence assessed at \$1,100.00 and \$1400.00 for lots.
74. Mar 11, 1941. Regular meeting. Action taken that the Strawbridge & Clothier #3300 be eliminated from the account of the Company, the same being an asset of the Trust Fund. R. Clark McCachren to be paid \$20.00 for making out the tax reports. Action taken to employ Joseph Bair from March 15th to Dec.31st at a salary of \$75.00 per month.
75. May 27, 1941. Regular meeting. Action taken to transfer from D. L. Gladfelter Estate 12 shares each to Sara A. Loechel, David K. & Helen Gladfelter, Frank Gladfelter and Philip Gladfelter.
76. Jul 15, 1941. Regular meeting. Executive committee reported a complaint from Mr. Dennison about water running in his yard from the Cemetery. Committee instructed to correct the problem.
77. Sep 16, 1941. Regular meeting. Action taken to set the rate for annual care to be 1&1/4 cents per square foot starting Jan.1, 1942.

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78. Nov 25, 1941. Regular meeting. Action taken to allow the transfer part of lot 67D 10 x 6 ½ from Miss Armor to John and Mary Reed. A 6% dividend was declared.
79. Jan 20, 1942. Regular meeting. Treasurer reported receipts of \$9,288.95 and Expenditures of \$7,359.35 for 1941.
80. Jan 20, 1942. Stock holders meeting. Secretary and Treasurer Reports were received and approved. The old Board of Managers was elected to serve in 1942 with 437 votes cast.
81. Jan 20, 1942. Regular meeting. Board officers elected and the salaries to be the same as 1941. The Managers fees to be \$18.00 per meeting divided by those present. The salaries of Ludwig McComsey and Joseph Bair increased to \$85.00 per month with one week paid vacation.
82. Mar 17, 1942. Regular meeting. Action taken to pay R. Clark McCachren \$20.00 for preparing the income taxes.
83. May 26, 1942. Regular meeting. A.A. Snavelly asked the Board to approve his offer of \$7.00 per share for 22 shares of stock from Roye Garber. Approval granted.
84. Jul 21, 1942. Regular meeting. Secretary reported transferring 22 shares of stock from Henry M. Hall to the Company. A complaint was received from Mr. Dennison about a problem with a tree from the cemetery. Secretary directed to write a letter to the Chief of Police thanking him for the efficient way they handled the crowd during Memorial Day.
85. Sep 15, 1942. Regular meeting. Action taken to have the tool house painted.
86. Dec 8, 1942. Regular meeting. Action taken to retain Joseph Bair at \$85.00 per month. Oak floors were to be laid in two rooms of the Superintendent's house. Action taken to purchase \$1800.00 in Victory Bonds.
87. Jan 19, 1943. Regular meeting. Treasurer reported receipts of \$7,744.86, Jan.1, 1942, balance of \$1,929.53 and expenditures of \$7,625.58 leaving a balance of \$2,048.81.
88. Jan 19, 1943. Stockholders Meeting. Reports on lots sold and perpetual care were read. Board of Managers elected with a vote of 432 shares.
89. Jan 19, 1943. Regular Meeting. Board of Managers elected officers for 1943. Salaries of the officers were left the same as 1942. Superintendent Gemmil reported the cost to repair the old mower would be \$77.45 but we could furnish a new one for \$175.00. Board agreed to purchase 2 new mowers.
90. Mar 16, 1943. Regular meeting. Executive Committee reported the purchase of 2 City Model Mowers for \$434.00 less an allowance for the old mowers of a \$109.00. Action taken to pay R. Clark McCachren \$20.00 for completing the Income Tax forms.
91. May 18, 1943. Regular Meeting. Treasurer authorized to purchase 5 shares of stock from Emma B. Wisler. Superintendent asked permission to sell H. Nelson Albright lots 187-188 G.
92. Jul 20, 1943. Regular meeting. A.A. Snavelly presented a map from Roye Garber covering land in East Columbia for future expansion. Solicitor to look into the sale price.
93. Sep 21, 1943. Regular meeting. President Denny reported the price of the land in East Columbia to be \$1400.00. Action taken to cement the cellar and replace the awning.
94. Nov 16, 1943. Regular meeting. Action taken to pay all employees a 10% bonus. A 6% dividend was declared to the stockholders. Questions raised concerning providing a warm shelter for employees. Committee appointed to look into the problem.

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95. Jan 18, 1944. Regular meeting. Treasurer reported the receipts of 1943 to be \$6,006.48, Interest of Trust Fund of \$2,932.83, the Jan. 1943 balance of \$2,048.81 for a total of \$10,988.12. Expenditures were \$8,735.05 leaving a balance of \$2,253.07.
96. Jan 18, 1944. Stockholders meeting. Report of square feet of lots held Jan.1, 1943, 1,333.5 sq .ft. sold in 1943, 1,812.5 sq. ft. Over sold 479 sq. ft. Listing of lots sold and perpetual care received. Board of Managers elected by 520 votes.
97. Jan 18, 1944. Regular meeting to elect officers for 1944 and salaries. Superintendent Gemmil and Secretary Caley to make out a new inventory of lots and to look into future expansion.
98. Mar 21, 1944. Regular Meeting. The revised inventory of lots indicated 10,311.5 sq. ft. unsold. Secretary read a proposal on purchasing ground from the Columbia Heights Development Co. Action taken to communicate the lack of interest in this proposal.
99. May 9, 1944. Regular meeting. Secretary report indicated a balance of \$1,836.50.
100. Jul 18, 1944. Regular meeting. Secretary reported 5 shares of stock from Sara Hoffer, 15 shares from Serena North Hutchinson and 26 shares from Eleanor S. Craig to Mt. Bethel Cemetery Company.
101. Sep 19, 1944. Regular meeting. Secretary reported that Margaret Hall Estate left the Cemetery Company \$100.00 and on Nov.15, 1932 we received \$50.00 and would like a release. Motion carried that no release be given until the \$100.00 is satisfied.
102. Dec 15, 1944. Regular meeting. Secretary reported the balance on the Margaret Hall Estate has been satisfied. Questions were raised about repairing the roof on Musser's Garage. Action taken empowering Executive Committee and Columbia Trust Company to work together on repairing the roof. A 6% dividend was declared.
103. Jan 16, 1945. Regular meeting. Secretary reported Lots on hand. Jan. 1943, 10,311.5 square feet sold in 1944, 1, 454 square feet and a balance Jan.1, 1945, 8,857.5 square feet. Treasurer reported receipts of \$10,418.60 and expenditures of \$8,592.30 and a balance of \$1,826.30. R. Clark McCachren, Trust Officer reported selling \$1,000.00 of Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul R.R. Bonds and \$2,000.00 Hudson Coal, \$3,000 Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron.
104. Jan 16, 1945. Stockholders meeting. Reports received on lots sold and those placed under perpetual care. Board of Managers elected with 346 votes.
105. Jan 16, 1945. Regular meeting following stockholders meeting. Election of officers held and salaries to remain as 1944.
106. Apr 17, 1945. Regular meeting. Action taken to raise the salary of Ludwig McComsey and Joseph Bair to \$100.00 per month. Discussion held on the returns of the Garage Property. (Musser?) Action taken to charge \$75.00 per month rent and to sell the property if a decent offer can be obtained.
107. May 15, 1945. Superintendent reported that the Annual and Perpetual Care Markers were a problem as they must be removed for grass cutting and replaced. Action taken to remove these markers permanently. Trustee instructed to fix the floor of the garage.
108. Jul 17, 1945. Regular meeting. Action taken to limit the use of corner markers only if they do not extend above the ground. Superintendent empowered to lower all existing corner markers.
109. Sep 1, 1945. Regular meeting. Discussion on the selling of the Garage and the price and action taken to place the sale in the hands of the Columbia Trust Company, Trustee of the Trust Fund.

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110. Nov 20, 1945. Regular meeting. A dividend of 3% was declared for all stock holders. Motion passed that Laurel Hill Cemetery Co. is notified that Mt. Bethel was not interested in their proposition of \$35.00 per share of their stock.
111. Jan 15, 1946. Regular meeting. Secretary reported lots on hand Jan.1, 1945 was 8,857.5 square feet, sold in 1945 1,287.5 square feet with a balance of 7,570 square feet. Treasurer reported receipts of \$8,904.89 and expenditures of \$7,740.65.
112. Jan 15, 1946. Stock Holders meeting. Reports received on lots sold and those placed under Annual & Perpetual Care. Board of Managers elected by 473 votes. Election of officers held and salaries set, Solicitor \$35.00 per annum, Superintendent \$2,000.00 per annum plus \$60.00 house rent. Ludwig McComsey and Joseph Bair \$100.00 per month.
113. Feb12, 1946. Special meeting to discuss the purchase of Laurel Hill Cemetery. H. C. Ostertag and John F. Hinkle were present to answer questions concerning Laurel Hill's situation. Motion passed "Resolved that Mt. Bethel Cemetery Co. acquire Laurel Hill Cemetery providing at least 225 shares of Laurel Hill's Capital Stock be purchased at \$20.00 per share and that present indebtedness of Laurel Hill Cemetery Co. be refunded by Columbia Trust Company. Action taken to borrow sufficient funds to consummate the purchase of Laurel Hill Stock.
114. Mar 19, 1946. Regular meeting. Action taken to purchase from Raymond Harple the unused portion of his lot for \$50.00.
115. May 21, 1946. Regular meeting. Special committee appointed to investigate a schedule of charges for cemetery services. Secretary reported 245 shares of Laurel Hill Cemetery stock were held in escrow but not settled for. Motion passed to authorize the Secretary to pay for 245 shares of Laurel Hill stock at \$20.00 per share and transfer 5 shares to each Mt. Bethel Director, said certificates to be endorsed and returned to Secretary of Mt. Bethel. Dr. Loechel empowered to vote 200 shares of Laurel Hill in the name of Mt. Bethel.
116. Jul 16, 1946. Regular meeting. A new schedule of charges was adopted effective Aug 1, 1946. Surface care increased from 30 cents to 50 cents per square foot. Superintendent authorized to employ a surveyor to compute the square feet of irregular triangle in Section D. Special Committee appointed to meet with Laurel Hill and examine their books and records.
117. Aug 6, 1946. Special meeting to hear reports of Committee's empowered to meet with Laurel Hill Representatives. Committee reported meeting with H.C. Ostertag but the records were not submitted.
118. Aug 13, 1946. Mt. Bethel representatives met with Laurel Hill representatives where map of Laurel Hill was presented and inspection of property was held.
119. Sep 30, 1946. Special meeting concerning the adjourned meetings of Aug. 6th and 13th. Action taken to consummate without delay the purchase of 245 shares of Laurel Hill Cemetery stock. President Denney authorized to notify Columbia Trust Company to:
 1. Mt. Bethel Cemetery to borrow sufficient funds to purchase controlling interest in Laurel Hill Cemetery.
 2. Columbia Trust Company to purchase from Central National Bank the present indebtedness of Laurel Hill Cemetery and place debt on Mt. Bethel Perpetual Care Fund at a rate of 4% in the amount of \$12,500.00.
120. Nov 19, 1946. Regular meeting. A 3% dividend was declared and Perpetual Care funds were transferred to the Columbia Trust Company.

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121. Jan 21, 1947. Regular meeting. Secretary reported the yearly report as follows: Sale of lots \$926.00, Perpetual Care and Improvements \$1,673.20, Burial Permits \$1,557.00, Saturday funerals \$30.00, Sunday funerals \$45.00, use of the tent \$180.00, Annual Care \$471.88, Deeds \$13.50, Total receipts \$4,896.18. Lot inventory Jan.1, 1946 7,570 square feet. Sold in 1946, 850 square feet. Balance Jan.1, 1947, 6,720 square feet. Treasurer reported Expenses of \$7,907.17 and a balance of \$9,185.69.
122. Jan 21, 1947. Stock holders meeting. Board of Managers elected with 364 votes. Meeting adjourned and regular meeting resumed. Officers elected and salaries established as follows: Secretary \$25.00 per month, Treasurer \$150.00 per year, Solicitor \$35.00 per year, Superintendent \$2,000.00 per year and McComsey and Bair \$110.00 per month, Managers \$2.00 per meeting. Superintendent empowered to purchase two new power mowers.
123. Apr 8, 1947. Regular meeting. Superintendent reported the installation of a new hot water heater for \$253.50. Superintendent also reported that no trace had been found of the vandals who looted the graves on Easter morning.
124. May 13, 1947. Regular meeting. Action taken to authorize the Executive Committee to repair the stones on the Edwards lot.
125. Jul 29, 1947. Regular meeting. Action taken to increase the salaries of McComsey and Joseph Bair to \$125.00 per month.
126. Sep 16, 1947. Regular meeting. Superintendent reported on the condition of the equipment.
127. Nov 18, 1947. Regular meeting. Superintendent reported the Trimmer Co. offered to repair the trimmers for labor cost only. A 3% dividend was declared.
128. Jan 21, 1948. Regular meeting. Secretary reported total receipts of \$8,726.11 and expenses of \$8,777.32 and a balance of \$1227.31.
129. Jan 21, 1948. Stockholders meeting. Board of Managers elected with 421 votes.
130. Jan 21, 1948. Regular meeting. Board officers elected and salaries remained the same as 1947 except the Superintendents salary increased to \$2,060.00 per annum. Superintendent reported 49 adult funerals for 1947 with 3 Saturday and Sunday funerals.
131. Mar 16, 1948. Regular meeting. Action taken to sell lot 157 Section J to Joseph Bair and lot 158 Section J to Ludwig McComsey for \$131.50 each. Motion carried to charge \$50.00 per month to Laurel Hill Cemetery for office rent and management.
132. May 11, 1948. Regular meeting. Treasurer called attention to the depleted condition of the cash account which showed a balance of \$73.81. Motion carried to borrow \$1,000.00 from the Columbia Trust Company .Action taken to reduce the Superintendent's salary beginning May 1st to \$1220.00 per annum.
133. Jul 20, 1948. Regular meeting. Treasurer reported a balance of \$1,895.34 including the \$1,000 loan. Superintendent called attention to the Schedule of Charges in effect since Aug.1, 1946 and encouraged the Board to revise the schedule. Committee appointed to investigate revisions.
134. Sep 20, 1948. Special meeting to discuss salaries of employees. Action taken to increase the salary of Ludwig McComsey to \$150.00 per month and that he work at the direction of the Superintendent. Meeting adjourned.
135. Sep 21, 1948. Regular meeting. Superintendent called Board's attention to Section B and action taken to "reclaim" this section and add it to the inventory.

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136. Nov 16, 1948. Regular meeting. Superintendent reported loss of water at upper meter, the removal of a tree that was damaging stones and repair of the lock on the Cherry St gate. A 3% dividend was declared.
137. Jan 18, 1949. Stockholders meeting. Motion made to place the old Board members in nomination for 1949. Carried.
138. Jan 18, 1949. Regular meeting. Board reorganized and salaries set at 1948 levels except the Secretary increased to \$300.00 per annum. Board members to receive \$18.00 per year. Secretary report indicated \$600.00 received from Laurel Hill for rent of office space. Treasurer reported receipts of \$12,119.19 including a temporary loan of \$1,000.00. Expenses were \$9,248.27.
139. May 17, 1949. Regular meeting. Treasurer reported a balance of \$2,544.54. Superintendent indicated storm damage to the roof of the buildings and recommended that repairs be done by employees.
140. Aug 23, 1949. Regular meeting. Treasurer reported the balance at \$2,124.77. Superintendent reported on repairs to roofs. Question was raised about continuance of Superintendent Gem mill's pay since his incapacity injury. Board unanimously voted to continue full salary.
141. Nov 22, 1949. Regular meeting. A 3% dividend was declared. Action was taken to grant a \$50.00 Christmas gift to each employee. Superintendent reported the need for new mowers and authorization was granted to investigate replacements. Action taken to not charge Joseph Bair for the grave opening of his wife.
142. Jan 17, 1950. Regular meeting. Treasurer reported receipts of \$9,846.14, 1949 balance of \$2,870.92 for a total of \$12,717.06. Expenses of \$9,558.54 leaving a balance of \$3,158.52.
143. Jan 17, 1950. Stockholders meeting. Theodore Miller, Notary Republic, was present to swear in the Judges of the election. Board of Managers elected by a vote of 484 votes.
144. Jan 17, 1950. Regular meeting. J.D. Denney stated his desire to be relieved from the office of President. J.C. Caley elected to the Presidency of the Board. Salaries remained as 1949 except the superintendents salary was increased to \$1880.00 per annum. Managers to be paid \$2.00 per meeting attended.
145. Mar 28, 1950. Regular meeting. Treasurer reported expenses of \$1,851.27 and a balance of \$2,048.95. President Caley authorized Columbia Trust Company to collect at face value \$300.00 of Zembo Temple bonds held in Perpetuity Fund. President also to write to the Columbia Trust Company at the Boards approval of release of premise of 933 Spruce St. from blanket Mortgage of D.K. Gladfelter without reduction of mortgage carried in the Perpetuity Fund in the amount of \$12,000.00.
146. May 23, 1950. Regular meeting. Treasurer reported a balance of \$943.44. Superintendent reported the condition of the house as needing painting and the immediate need to replace the roof. Frank Shrach quoted \$100.00 for the roof.
147. Sep 24, 1950. Regular meeting. Treasurer reported receipts to date of \$6,095.66 and expenses of \$6,032.33 leaving a balance of \$63.43. Action taken to grant Superintendent the power to act on the house painting.
148. Nov 21, 1950. Regular meeting. Treasurer reported receipts of \$671.43 and expenses of \$1,052.65 and a deficit of \$381.22. The Secretary projected additional income to the end of the year from Perpetual Care Fund. A 3% dividend was declared. Action taken to give a \$120.00 bonus to Superintendent Gemmil, Ludwig McComsey and Joseph Bair. Motion carried to pay Treasurer Snavelly and extra \$100.00 for his increased work. President reported the death of Arthur Snavelly who was a Board member.
149. Jan 16, 1951. Regular meeting. Secretary reported receipts of \$5050.75 including rent from Laurel Hill. Treasurer reported: Balance: Jan 1, 1950: \$3152.75: Receipts: \$5050.75: Trust Income: \$4,224.34:

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Total: \$12,427.31. Expenses: \$10,122.23: Balance: Jan.1, 1951: \$2,305.08: Perpetuity Fund: \$92,812.08. Solicitor Brunner authorized to satisfy judgment and mortgage of Laurel Hill Cemetery in favor of Central National Bank.

150. Jan 16, 1951. Stockholders meeting. Eight Board of Managers members were elected with 453 votes.
151. Jan 16, 1951. Re-organization meeting. Officers elected and salaries set as follows: Secretary \$300.00 per annum. Treasurer \$150.00 per annum. Superintendent \$1940.00 per annum. Ludwig McComsey \$160.00 per annum. Joseph Bair \$135.00 per annum.
152. Mar 20, 1951. Regular meeting. Treasurer reported a balance of \$725.78. Superintendent reported a request from Ludwig McComsey for a wage increase. Superintendent was directed to explain no increase due to the condition of the Company. President Snavelly reported the Zembo Temple Bonds were not being collected. The Solicitor indicated no answer to his recent communication.
153. Mar 22, 1951. Regular meeting. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$508.42. The superintendent reported that Ludwig McComsey had terminated his employment as of March 31st and he was replaced with Phares Shepp at \$135.00 per month. It also was reported of Joseph Bair's reduction of production due to ill health.
154. Jul 24, 1951. Regular meeting. Treasurer reported a balance of \$225.53. Superintendent reported work in the Cemetery to be satisfactory but not entirely as he desires.
155. Sep 25, 1951. Regular meeting. Treasurer reported a deficit of \$153.49. Action was taken to have living room and stairwell papered.
156. Nov 27, 1951. Regular meeting. Secretary and Treasurer Reports were dispensed with. A 3% dividend was declared. Action taken to grant additional compensation of \$200.00 to Superintendent and \$100.00 to Joseph Bair.
157. Jan 15, 1952. Regular meeting. Secretary reported annual receipts of \$5,067.21 including \$450.00 rent from Laurel Hill. Treasurer reported expenses of \$9,027.16 and a balance of \$2,137.13. J.D. Denney presented his resignation to the Board.
158. Jan 15, 1952. Re-organization meeting. Officers elected with salaries the same as 1951. The Superintendent's salary increased to \$2040.00 per year and Joseph Bair to \$145.00 monthly. Since Joseph Bair was the only employee the Superintendent was authorized to compensate George Wile for extra work as necessary.
159. Jan 15, 1952. Stockholders meeting. Action taken to authorize the collection of the balance due on Zembo Temple Bonds. Columbia Trust Company reported the Trust stood at \$93,941.70. Walter Royce was nominated to replace J.D. Denny. There was Eight Board of Managers elected with 357 votes.
160. Mar 25, 1952. Regular meeting. Superintendent reported the employment of John Jason at \$150.00 per month. Action was taken to approve this employment and to increase the salary of Joseph Bair to \$150.00 per month. Action was taken to accept the bid of Eastern Paving and Construction Company for road repairs at 15cents per square yard.
161. Jul 22, 1952. Regular meeting. Superintendent reported the resignation of Joseph Bair and the employment of Andrew Hess. A complaint was received from Mrs. Charles Lockard regarding a tree adjoining her property. The Superintendent authorized to have the tree removed.
162. Oct 21, 1952. Regular meeting. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$1,055.30. Superintendent reported the satisfactory completion of the road work at \$760.00.

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163. Nov 25, 1952. Regular meeting. Treasurer reported a balance of \$397.20. A 3% dividend was declared. Action was taken for additional compensation to John Jason and Andrew Hess at \$50.00 each and Joseph Gemmil \$200.00.
164. Jan 20, 1953. Regular meeting. The Treasurer's annual report indicated Receipts of \$11,598.53, expenses of \$9,726.63 with a balance of \$1871.90.
165. Jan 20, 1953. Stockholders meeting. J. C. Caley announced his resignation from the Board. Six Board of Managers elected with 376 votes.
166. Jan 20, 1953. Re-organization meeting. L.O. Loechel elected President, Oscar Gundel Vice President, R. Clark McCachren Secretary, A.A. Snavely Treasurer, and Henry M. Bruner solicitor. The salary of the Superintendent was set at \$2700.00 per annum and he was authorized to pay two employees \$1800.00 per annum. Action was taken to increase the Board's compensation to \$3.00 per meeting.
167. May 19, 1953. Regular meeting. Treasurer reported receipts of \$2,727.00 and expenses of \$3,102.16 with a balance of \$375.16. The Superintendent reported the equipment was worn out and the rains had made it impossible to have the cemetery in a more acceptable appearance.
168. Aug 4, 1953. Regular meeting. Treasurer reported receipts of \$5,731.87, expenses of \$5016.78 and a balance of \$715.09. The Superintendent authorized to investigate the replacement of the equipment. Secretary authorized to forward to the William Lockard Trustees an affidavit concerning funds received in 1892 to care for lots and mausoleum that no additional funds have been added to the \$500.00 originally received.
169. Dec 8, 1953. Regular meeting. Treasurer reported receipts of \$6,286.61, expenses of \$7,415.95 leaving a deficit of \$1,129.34. The Superintendent reported inspection of equipment at Stony Brook and was pleased with equipment and service. The Secretary read a letter from Joseph P. Denison regarding a tree along 6th St. Executive Committee authorized to investigate the complaint. Action taken to omit the dividend. The Directors fees were also deferred.
170. Jan 19, 1954. Regular meeting. Treasurer reported receipts of \$9,593.36, expenses of \$8,433.85 with a balance of \$1,158.51.
171. Jan 19, 1954. Stockholders meeting. Board of seven Managers elected with a vote of 341.
172. Jan 19, 1954. Re-organization meeting. Officers were elected and salaries set at \$150.00 for the Secretary and \$60.00 for the Treasurer. The Superintendents salary remained at \$2700.00 per annum and he was authorized to hire two men at \$1800.00 per annum.
173. Jan 18, 1955. Regular meeting. Treasurer reported receipts of \$8,117.89, expenses of \$7,696.67 with a balance of \$418.73.
174. Jan 18, 1955. Stockholders meeting. Board of seven Managers elected with 348 votes.
175. Jan 18, 1955. Re-organization meeting. The Board of officer's salaries remained the same as all employees that were elected in 1954.