

BEAUTIFY MEMORY LANE

Twenty-four Hard Maples Planted Under Sponsorship Of The D. A. R.

At the instigation of the Olathe chapter, D.A.R., Noel Smith has planted twenty-four hard maples along Memory Lane at the cemetery. The trees were first planted in 1934, but were killed by the drouth. Mr. Smith has planted these trees farther apart this time and will give them yearly care, himself. Barberry bushes on each side of the D.A.R. stone with white Persian lilacs at the back of the stone, seven white Persian lilacs in a semi-circle back of the stone, and spirea at the corner of the fence at the end of the lane have also been planted.

Special recognition should be given Miss Louise Scott for this work, because it was during her term as regent of the D.A.R. that the idea was formulated, and, augmented by hard work and effort, Memory Lane was first planted and dedicated, along with the unveiling of the D.A.R. stone, at the Decoration Day services at the cemetery. The trees were all replanted in 1935, and all again died. The delayed re-planting has been due to the weather, for they have waited for a favorable and more seasonable year.

The chapter cooperated with Governor Rattner, when he proclaimed March 29, as Arbor Day, and replanted Memory Lane. Future plans of the chapter include a small park with suitable shrubbery and seats, probably at the end of the lane.

Olathe chapter is glad that the project is being completed. Many friends in Olathe have contributed encouragement and have bought trees in memory of loved ones buried in the cemetery. Members of the chapter are buying a hard maple each. Others outside the chapter have purchased trees also. Absent members of the chapter have contributed to the lane in the past.

This is a wonderful project, one which benefits all Olathe citizens and surrounding community.

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Cherry Tree in Blossoms

Spring comes officially to the Olathe high school last week, when the George Washington cherry tree, planted by the D.A.R. eight years ago, burst into pink and white blooms. Every year the tree becomes more lovely and full of blossoms. It has withstood drought and wind and insects and defied the Kansas climate, which has taken its toll of trees in the last few years. The OHS students hope that it will long continue to be a land mark on the school campus.

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D.A.R. PERSEVERE WITH TREE PLANTING PLANS

Memory Lane In Cemetery Again Replanted

The Olathe Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution cooperated in the observance of Arbor Day, March 29, as proclaimed by Governor Rattner, by planting twenty-four hard maple trees along Memory Lane in the Olathe cemetery. At this time one white Persian lilac and seven purple lilacs were planted in a semi-circle back of the stone and two Barberry bushes were planted at each side. The planting also called for three Van Houttei spiraea just east of the semi-circle. The landscaping and planting was done by the Noel Smith Nursery.

It was in 1934, during the administration of Miss Louise Scott, then regent, that this worthy project was started. This is the third time the chapter has planted maples in the Olathe cemetery, but due to the drouths of previous years, the trees have died.

This worthwhile project benefits all Olathe citizens and the surrounding community. Future plans of the chapter are to build a small park with suitable shrubbery and seats at the end of the lane.