

## Memorial services of Topeka Typographical Union

This bulletin includes the printed program for the 100th anniversary of the international typographical union, the 60th anniversary of the Union Printers Home, and the 70th anniversary of the Topeka Typographical Union No. 121. In 1888, several years after the Topeka Typographical Union was re-chartered, a burial plat was deeded to the union at a cost of \$171.38 for its departed members. At that time the union had grown from 8 members to 112 members.

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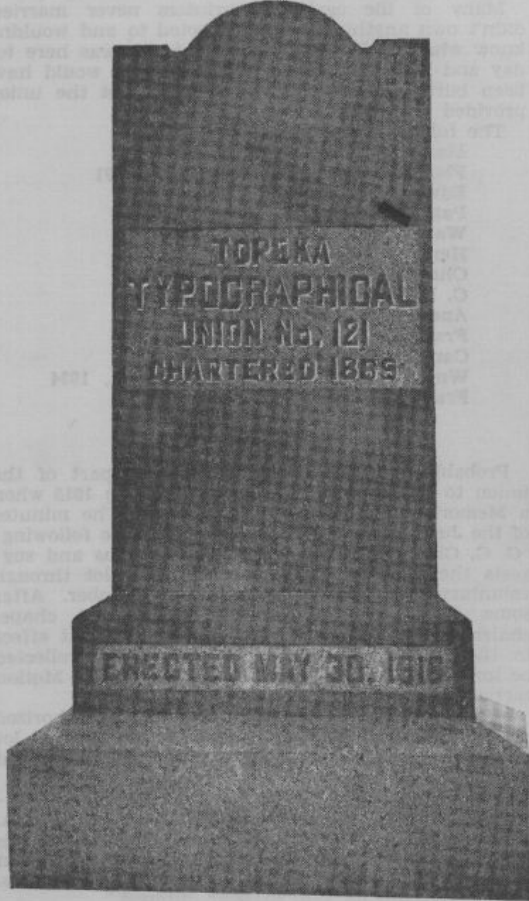
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2:30 p. m., Sunday, May 25, 1952  
TOPEKA CEMETERY

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O LORD, Almighty God, Printing is a glorious and noble Art, a blessing thou hast reserved for Mankind in these latter days, an Art by which all Conditions of Men, and especially the Holy Church, are greatly nourished. And since, Good Lord, thou hast of thy free Grace given to me the Opportunity of exercising an Art and Craft so exalted, I pray thee to guide me by the Holy Spirit in using the same to thy Honour. Thou knowest, dear Lord, that great Diligence, continual Care, and accurate knowledge of the Character of many Languages are needful in this Art; therefore I call upon thee for help that I may be earnest and careful both in the setting up of Types and in Printing the same. Preserve my soul in the constant Love of thy Holy Word and Truth, and my Body in Sobriety and Purity; that so, after a Life here befitting a Printer, I may hereafter, at the last coming of my worthy Saviour Jesus Christ be found a good Workman in his Sight, and wear the everlasting Crown in his Presence. Hear me, dearest God, for thy Honour and my welfare. Amen.

—A prayer, dated the 281st year from the invention of printing—1723.

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### The Printers' Burial Plat

Soon after Topeka Typographical Union was reorganized in 1882 the membership realized the need for a burial plat for departed members. From a charter membership of eight in 1882 the union had grown to a membership of 112 in 1888. It was on June 28 of that year that the burial plat in Topeka Cemetery was deeded to the union at a cost of \$171.38.

It may be hard for the present-day printer to understand the necessity for the organization to own a cemetery lot. The need is not so evident today.

Many of the early-day printers never married, didn't own anything, never expected to and wouldn't know what to do with it if he did. He was here today and gone tomorrow. Many of them would have been buried in a potter's grave had not the union provided a decent burial.

The following are buried on the plat:

Marshall Montgomery, 1890  
Florence Johnson (an infant), 1891  
Edward Welch, 1896  
Patrick O'Doherty, 1898  
Warren S. Bush, 1899  
Henry F. McComas, 1902  
Chas. A. Phinney, 1904  
C. F. Woodward, 1905  
Andrew M. Barnes, 1906  
Frank B. Luce, 1918  
Carl F. Johnson, 1923  
Wm. H. Marrs (Charter Member), 1934  
Frank B. Brown, 1940

### The Monument

Probably the first movement on the part of the union to improve the cemetery lot was in 1915 when a Memorial Committee was appointed. The minutes of the July meeting of that year shows the following: "C. C. Claudy reported some investigations and suggests the improvement of the cemetery lot through voluntary subscriptions of \$1.00 per member. After some discussion Mr. Dumars moved that chapel chairmen be instructed to post notices to that effect in their several chapels, and that money collected be turned over to the treasurer of the union. Motion carried."

March 5, 1916: "Monument Committee authorized to formulate plans for erection of monument on lot in Topeka Cemetery at an expense not to exceed \$300.00."

May 7, 1916: "Contract made with Vermont Granite Company of 522 North Kansas Avenue, Topeka, for monument and nine markers to be erected before May 30, 1916, for \$385.00—\$100 to be paid down when stone is set, balance in monthly payments. Deferred payments not to bear interest."

On Sunday, May 13, 1917, the monument was dedicated. The committee on arrangements were: R. C. Sorby, C. C. Claudy, J. J. McConville, F. B. Brown, S. D. Colvin, J. R. Price and I. N. Grandon. President M. H. Gardner was master of ceremonies. Addresses were made by Gov. Arthur Capper and Mayor Jay E. House, both honorary members of Topeka Typographical Union No. 121, and T. B. Brown, active member.

## PROGRAM

Invocation.....REV. LYNN HODGES

In Memoriam.....JAMES A. COATES

William R. Alspach, March 1, 1951

Dar L. House, March 4, 1951

George Willis Mesigh, October 31, 1951

Charles H. Ellis, November 14, 1951

Arthur Capper (Honorary Member),

December 19, 1951

Roy W. Brintnall, April 3, 1952

Song .....PRINTERS' QUARTET

Introduction of Speaker.....PRES. RAYMOND McCABE

Address .....REV. LYNN HODGES

Song .....PRINTERS' QUARTET

Benediction .....REV. HODGES

Decoration of Cemetery Lot By Women's  
Auxiliary of Topeka Typographical Union No. 121

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May 5—100th Anniversary of International  
Typographical Union

May 12—60th Anniversary of Union Printers  
Home

May 19—70th Anniversary of Topeka Typo-  
graphical Union No. 121