

## LONE FIR CEMETERY IS CARED FOR BY FAITHFUL

Vigilance of Auxiliary Rewarded by Liberal Subscriptions From People With Loved Ones Buried There—Admiral Evans Was a Contributor.



Mrs. June MacMillan Ordway, Chairman.



Mrs. H. A. Pittinger.



Mrs. Ella M. Hardie.



Mrs. C. L. Simpson.

THROUGHOUT the whole of Wednesday and Thursday, May 29 and 30, Mrs. June MacMillan Ordway and five faithful assistants—Mrs. Ella M. Hardie, Mrs. C. L. Simpson, Mrs. R. W. Vaughn, Mrs. H. A. Pittinger and Miss Lena Bickel—worked at the Lone Fir Cemetery, giving information to lot owners and others as to the location of graves, names of the departed who were buried there, and directing people to the last resting place of their relatives. They worked until it was too dark to see or read the names on the tombstones.

Through their efforts many people unacquainted with the location of their lots or with conditions relating to the cemetery were informed intelligently as to the purposes of the organization. As a result subscriptions have come in rapidly. Today some \$4500 has been paid in, the money being expended on improving the grounds, cutting the grass, watering the flowers and putting everything in good shape.

Mrs. Ordway organized the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Lone Fir Cemetery Lot Owners' Association, which has succeeded in its aims of raising funds, securing subscriptions and locating the lot owners whose names are not on record.

Among the men who are buried there is James W. Evans, brother of the late Rear Admiral Robley Evans. Mrs. Ordway had located the grave and had written to the Admiral mentioning the fact that his brother's resting place had been cared for, and decorated with flowers. Just a few days before his death Admiral Evans wrote Mrs. Ordway a letter inclosing his personal check and thanking her for the trouble she had taken.

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