

# Albert Blanck, 64, A Noted Resident, Dies This Morning

Albert Frank Blanck, 64, a noted Boonville citizen and Cooper county collector since 1946, died this morning in the Veterans Administration hospital in Kansas City following an illness of several months.

Mr. Blanck was past president of the local Kiwanis Club, a past commander of the Thoma Tuttle Post No. 52 of the American Legion and a lifelong member of SS Peter and Paul Church. He had been active in Knights of Columbus work for several years and was a graduate of SS Peter and Paul school. A veteran of World War I, Mr. Blanck had been in the grocery business for more than 25 years prior to his entry into the county office he held for 14 years.

He was recognized by politicians of both parties as one of the hardest men in the county to try and beat. His popularity in Boonville and out in the county placed him,



Albert F. Blanck

continually, at the top of his party's ticket. He was presently serving his fourth term, which would have ended in 1962.

Mr. Blanck was born in Boonville on July 23, 1895, the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. X. Blanck. He was married to Mildred Whitehurse, who survives. Also surviving are: three sons, Albert Jr. of Kansas City, William of Kansas City and Richard, a student at the University of Missouri; three daughters, Mrs. James Conway of Boonville, Mrs. Robert Benfield of Salina, Kans. and Miss Jean Blanck of Denver, Colo.; his mother of Boonville; one sister, Mrs. Clarence Hurt of Boonville; and 16 grandchildren.

Arrangements are incomplete but will be announced later by the B. W. Thacher Funeral Home.

## 10 Cent Increase in Gene

# City Council Tax Hike T

Boonville's city council, by a night, approved a tax increase of 10 cents on the \$100 assessed value ordinance brings the local general assessed valuation, the legal liability public is necessary for further

The council passed two other ordinances and discussed two more that are to be drawn up and presented at the August council session.

The tax hike was the outgrowth of a proposal by the city Finance Committee. Council chairman of the committee, Karl Althaus, presented the ordinance. He noted that the \$7,000 in additional revenue to be realized by the hike will help to offset a loss in gasoline tax revenue when traffic is routed around Boonville by Interstate 70.

Councilman Trigg Callis pointed out that the city's budget calls for a surplus of almost \$20,000 for the year and the additional tax would hike this surplus to approximately \$25,000. This, the council agreed, would give the city some extra money with which to work on streets and other needed city projects.

The council also passed an ordinance accepting a deed for 65 feet of land at the south end of Jefferson Drive, where it intersects with Valley Drive, for a 65-foot extension of Jefferson Drive. The property owners along the proposed extension have posted cash bonds assuring that the street extension will be completed.

The council also approved a petition to curb, gutter and black-top Miller Street from 11th to Pendleton. The petition was presented by residents along the street who will stand the expense of the work.

Councilman Herb Blank brought up the problem of rabies in cats and the question of whether they should be required to receive rabies shots as expected of dogs. Councilman Dr. Coley told the council that cats are just as likely to have rabies as dogs and it was "kind of silly" to vaccinate dogs and not cats. The cat question came up as a result of an 18-month-old girl being bitten two weeks ago by a strange cat.

After discussion on the problem, Mayor John J. Bell instructed John Stegner, city counselor, to draw up an ordinance requiring the vaccination and licensing of cats. A clause limiting the number of cats to each residence may also be included in the ordinance, which will be submitted at the August council meeting.

Stegner was also asked to draw up an ordinance which would limit parking to the west side of Seventh Street from Locust to where the business loop crosses the river. Also in the ordinance will

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## Muscle Battle

Threats of arrest ala-Fidel Castro were issued by the Boonville Chamber of Commerce this morning in its drive to get local merchants out for the merchants softball game Thursday night at 8 p.m. in Harley park. The Chamber indicated this morning that merchants not showing up for the game will be picked by city, county and state law enforcement officials and brought before police Judge John B. Bryan.

Chamber officials took the dramatic measures to round up merchants after the two team managers, Dub Clark for the east side and Wayne Strange for the west side, expressed concern over whether many of their once-a-year players could do the distance in tomorrow night's game. It was decided that a deep reservoir of talent would be needed to get the contest past the second or third inning.

Another development this morning was the naming of three local ministers, The Rev. Glenn Irwin, The Rev. Wilber Denney and The Rev. Harvey Kidd, as umpires for