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NEW CEMETERY ESTABLISHED BY JEWS – Located in the Vicinity of Lansdowne and Recently Dedicated – An Alleged Violation

Residents in the vicinity of Lansdowne Avenue and Little Road, in this county are disgruntled because a new Jewish cemetery has been established there. There have been criticisms about the manner in which burials have been made in the new cemetery, but the officials of the society which owns it say these criticisms have been started by the owners of a rival cemetery.

Kur Judah Cemetery is the name of the new burial ground. It was established recently by the Independent Chevra Kadisho, a Jewish beneficial secret society, which is said to have a membership of over 3000. The cemetery was dedicated on July 6 and since then thirty interments have been made. The cemetery consists of thirty-three acres of land, which was purchased from William Kirk, a farmer for \$19,000.

URGE A PETITION – There was indignation expressed by people living in the vicinity when the burial ground was opened. All sorts of rumors were set afloat, among them one that the bodies were not buried at the depth required by law. None of the residents along Lansdowne Avenue can furnish any proof that the law has been violated. They say that one of the men interested in another Jewish cemetery in Montgomery County has been urging them to get up a petition to the State Board of Health requesting that the manner of burying the dead in Kur Judah Cemetery be investigated.

L. Burahk, superintendent of the new cemetery said that all requirements of the law are observed in burial of bodies.

ALL BURIALS FREE - "Trouble is being stirred by the owners of another Jewish cemetery," said he. "The society which owns Kur Judah charges nothing for burials. It is a charitable organization, supported by the dues of about 2500 members, each of whom pays 10 cents a month. The company which owns the other cemetery charges \$3 for every interment and \$12 for a burial lot. Our society formerly paid the company for the interment of dead members."

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