

# Paving Kirkwood was an issue for many years

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siderable impact on the economy of Bloomington. Student buying power was important to merchants, and in 1905 the newspaper — in a summary of business in Bloomington — reported, "There is no such thing as a lot for less than \$2,000 on east Kirkwood avenue or 3rd street."

Nevertheless, the battle to pave Kirkwood was lost in the controversy about the hitchrack around the courthouse and whether the square should be at last paved. Even the latter issue was iffy, according to the *Telephone*. "Not that the signers are against it, but because with the sewerage cost to pay, and the general business situations about the square they do not feel able to stand

for such work at this time.

When the balance of opinion swung in favor of doing the square first, there was another consideration — that of the material to be used. According to the *Telephone*, brick was being considered, but it had a serious disadvantage. In describing the problem, the newspaper got in a little dart of sarcasm. "It is argued that brick pavements would be too noisy, especially since the Monroe County courthouse has such wonderful accoustic properties that the slightest sound can be heard."

Meanwhile, paving or no, Bloomington females took a hand in im-

proving the appearance of the city. Under a headline, "WOMEN WORK FOR CLEAN-UP," the *Telephone* reported that Mrs. J.K. Beck and "Mrs. Prof. H.T. Stephenson" attended a city council meeting. Commented the newspaper, "Though a lady at city council is about as rare a some men at church, the two in question were perfectly at home, as they presented powerful arguments to the council in favor of a cleaning up."

Said the *Telephone*, "The members of the council present assured the ladies of the city officials' cooperation."

## Deaths

### Herbert Tidwell

Herbert Tidwell, 61, of Bloomington, died Friday at Bloomington

### Gary J. Harris

ELNORA — Gary J. Harris, 41, of Elnora, died Thursday at Daviess