

Burlingham church sports new coat, driveway

BURLINGHAM — The small community church at Burlingham has a new coat of paint and the cemetery a new concrete driveway. Workers were busy this week attempting to have both completed before the 92nd Memorial Day Services to be held there Monday.

Bill and Ethel Hart, who were present Thursday afternoon, said "the community works together" to care for both the church, which was a part of the lives of their ancestors, and the cemetery where they are buried.

Dale Colburn said the cemetery has

been cared for throughout the years by donations and volunteer work by the families in the area. He said the cemetery trustees over the past four years have started a perpetual care system with new lots sold. He said they have tried to make improvements and this year a concrete drive was placed over a dirt drive, which in the past has been continually washed out by rain. Bob Pickett, who was working on the drive, said approximately 150 feet of concrete was poured.

Mrs. Hart said the church was painted through matching con-

tributions by the community and the Modern Woodmen Juniors of Burlingham. She said Wes Thomas and sons made repairs to the church belfry.

Colburn said the cemetery covers more than four acres and is the resting place for at least one veteran of the War of 1812 as well as 40 Civil War Veterans.

Memorial Day services will be held Monday at 1:30 p.m. at Burlingham Church and Cemetery with the Honor Guard of American Legion Feeney-Bennett Post 128 and the youth of the Burlingham Camp of Modern Woodmen of America participating.

The Rev. Charles McVey will be the main speaker. Other participants in the observance will be Coleen Dougan, Robert Pickett, Robert White, Frank O'Brien, Ernest (Bud) Wingett and Mark Kovack.

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CEMETERY IMPROVED — Bill Hart, Bob Pickett and Robert Pickett Jr., work at the Burlingham Cemetery, finishing the concrete drive in time for Memorial Day.

Others working on the project, but no pictured, were Dale Colburn, Mick Oiler and Mark Burson.

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