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 Knights 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.

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

The council passed the 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 Althauser, 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 where traffic is routed around Boonville by Interstate 70.

Councilman Tripp Callie pointed out that the city's budget calls for a surplus of almost $20,000 for the year and that the additional tax would add approximately $2,800. This, the council agreed, would give the city some extra money with which to work on streets and other needed projects.

The council also passed an ordinance accepting a deed for 60 feet of land at the south end of Jefferson Drive, where it intersects Valley Drive, for a 65-foot extension of Jefferson Drive. The property owners along the proposed extension have posted bonds assuring that the street extension will be completed.

The council also approved a petition to curb, gutter and blacktop 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 Blanck brought up the problem of rabies in cats and dogs, and the question of whether they should be required to receive rabies shots 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 registration and licensing of all 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 an ordinance which would limit parking to the west side of Seventeenth Street from Locust to where the business loop crosses.

Albert F. Blanck
continually, at the top of his party's ticket. He was presently serving his "fourth-term", which would have ended in 1965.

Mr. Blanck was born in Boonville on July 23, 1893, the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. X. Blanck. He was married to Mildred Webster, 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, Kan., and Miss Jean Blanck of Denver, Colo.; his mother, Mrs. Clarence Hunt of Boonville; and 16 grandchildren.

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

Muscle Battle

Threats of arrest by police and Mayor Stegner's order to turn over the men to the police if they do not turn over the men to the police. The police, in the meantime, have arrested Dub Clark for the case of 'Blind' and the Rev. Harvey Riddell for the case of 'Blind'

Another development in the case was the naming of three local merchants, The Rev. Omer, The Rev. Wilbur Denney and The Rev. Harvey Ridell, as mentioned in the case of 'Blind'.