

100 YEAR HISTORY OF THE CITY OF OSSEO



Souvenir Edition

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CITY OF OSSEO

COUNCIL NOTES

Osseo was "born" (platted, that is) on July 10, 1852, and for 73 years after that it was the custom to close all businesses from ten a.m. to six p.m. on one day each year to mark the "Birthday". In 1875, on February 24th the State Legislature passed a special law incorporating Osseo as a Village and on March 19th, 1875, at the office of John Hechtman the 1st Common Council was sworn in, to wit: President of Council, John Hechtman; Recorder, W. Ewing; Trustees, Wm. Krueger, D. H. Shepard, L. Berthiaume; Treasurer, E. LeFefevre; Assessor, A. G. Ray; and Marshall, Wm. Breyer.

These men and some few others served in various capacities for several years, with Wm. Krueger serving several years as Recorder and other men serving as Councilmen and other offices. I will list the mayors and show numbers for years as Mayor, for those with longest service: John Hechtman, 6 years; Z. Demeules; J. F. Pribble; J. Soucier; Fred Schmidt; George W. Savage, 6 years; Edward G. Setzler, 8 years; Louis Schwappach, J. B. Thompson; A. P. Hechtman, 6 years; H. B. Spence, 6 years; Chas. M. Savage, 8 years; George Rathburn; Peter Iten, 10 years; L. W. Rein-king; Wesley Kohl; and Victoria Joyner, 22 years.

In addition, Mr. E. P. Killmer served as Treasurer 21 years, Mr. Peter Phenow, Sr. served as Trustee for 25 years, Arnold Phenow (incumbent) has served as a Councilman for 20 years, and Richard Setzler (incumbent) has served as Clerk for 28 years.

. . . way back in June in 1875 the Council instructed the Marshall to patrol the saloons on Sunday and any public day and decreed that he should be paid \$1.50 per day. . . in October of 1875 the 1st Calaboose (jail) was built. By March of 1877 the Council appointed a committee to find a location for a cattle, sheep, and hog pond in the village. (All ordinances required 3 public readings and as the body of Village Law was being formulated at this time, meetings were frequent and minutes were lengthy.

In March 1882, I noted there was \$236.43 in the Village Treasury, so in April of 1882, they decided to spend it to build sidewalks on each side of Luella St. (now Central Ave.) down to the R.R. tracks. . . in January 1883, the Council allowed a certain widow \$5 per month for 3 succeeding months to support her.

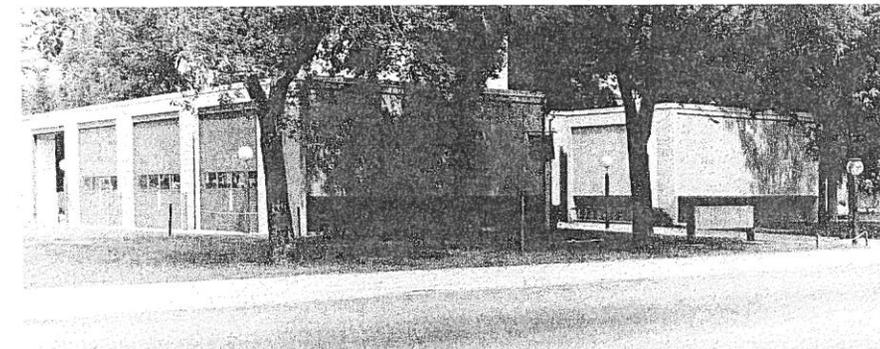
. . . by June of 1885 for acting as Street commissioner and assessing Osseo property, Wm. Krueger was paid \$28. In 1886 the Assessor wanted \$30 to assess the Village and when Council cut that to \$20 he donated the claim to the Village. . . in 1899, Peter Neumann, N. Guimont and Nick Eckes held saloon licenses. . . all this time the Council had met in a makeshift hall but now in 1901, they voted to build a new hall with cost not to exceed \$2000.00. By 1907, Hall



Arnold Phenow, Councilperson; Werner Schultz, Councilperson; Mrs. Victoria Joyner, Mayor; Richard Setzler, Clerk; Mrs. Ida Dochniak, Councilperson; and Stanely Getchell, Treasurer. Osseo City Council.



The Osseo Village Hall of Former years. Built in 1902, used until 1967. Used for meetings, fire station, library, jail, and at one time, rented as a wicker furniture factory. The 2nd floor had many uses. It had a stage and dressing rooms. The local Drama Club used it for plays. It was also once a movie theater and later a recreation room.



Osseo's City Hall built in 1967. Houses the Council meeting room, Library, Fire Department, storage and shop for City equipment, and small meeting rooms.

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additions, furniture, etc. had raised the worth of the hall to \$4500.00.
 . . . in 1913, the 1st Chemical Fire Engine with 50 feet of hose cost \$222.50 (50 plus years later we paid \$32,000.00 for a new pumper).

. . . in April 1913, the Council bought to decorate the Village Parks: 30 Norway Pines, 197 shrubs, 12 peonies, 25 phlox, 25 iris, and all this for \$126.00! . . . in 1913, Peter Phenow was paid \$4 for police work (in 38 years the rate had skyrocketed from \$1.50 per day to \$4).

. . . by May 1915, the Council borrowed \$14,000.00 to build a well pump, and water tank. Water Consumers paid \$6 per year.

. . . by June 1916, dogs were a problem and owners were ordered to tie up or muzzle – if not done by July 1st, dogs at large were to be “shot on sight”.

. . . in 1918, Luella Street was changed to Wilson Avenue (now Central)
 . . . total tax levy \$5000. In January 1921, Village bought a fire siren. . .

The aftermath of the war years brought depression and WPA when Osseo decided to use WPA funds and labor to re-do its streets. Population was 600-800 in this period and was stable to World War Two. The Village cannon were donated to the Scrap Drive. . . the Village Council doubled as Ration Board, helped the Draft Boards and kept the village going. . . the return of the young men in the middle forties sparked expansion and Osseo doubled in size. In 1959, a total street surfacing program was initiated and street sealings were built in to this issue and streets will be sealed at least once more before bonds are retired in 1978. Curbs and gutters were installed in new sections and blacktopping was ordered as new subdivisions were built upon. Watermain upgrading has been carried on since 1959, with only one section remaining for upgrading.

In July 1960, 88 acres were detached from Brooklyn Park for road purposes and include McMahons Additions to Osseo, plus St. Pauls Lutheran Church and other parcels. This second wave of building added with apartment buildings another 1000 people to Osseo. In December of 1960, Village signed first Gas Franchise with Mpls. Gas Company. Also in that month Maple Grove detached and Osseo attached the lands of School District 279 so Water and Sewer Mains could be furnished by Osseo to High School Additions and the Jr. High School. In June 1961, the Village contracted for Ornamental Street Lights on Central Avenue. September 10, 1967, New Village Hall dedicated by U.S. Senator Eugene McCarthy. Cost (not completed) \$165,000.00 with future work done by succeeding tax levies. . . December 1967, 1st Snowmobile Ordinance passed. 1972, State Legislature designates Osseo as a Statutory City and with Council Ordinances, Osseo baptized in 1852, confirmed in 1875, became a City.

JOYNERS SILVER AND ELECTROPLATING OF OSSEO.

Mr. Albert A. Joyner was in this field of endeavor since 1919, getting his training in New York, continuing in Minnesota. In 1940, Albert A. and Victoria started a business in the same field at Osseo, Minnesota. When the children, Albert K. Orlyn D., and Gwendolyn graduated from Hamline University, they too joined the business. Gwen now lives in California. Joyners do refinishing and restoring of all kinds of old metal articles such as silver, gold, brass, and copper with customers in every state. In 1951 they enlarged to go into the copper, nickel, and chrome plating field.

In 1958 another addition to their endeavors, making items from Plan to Blueprint to Mold to the Finished Product, began with customers all over the United States.

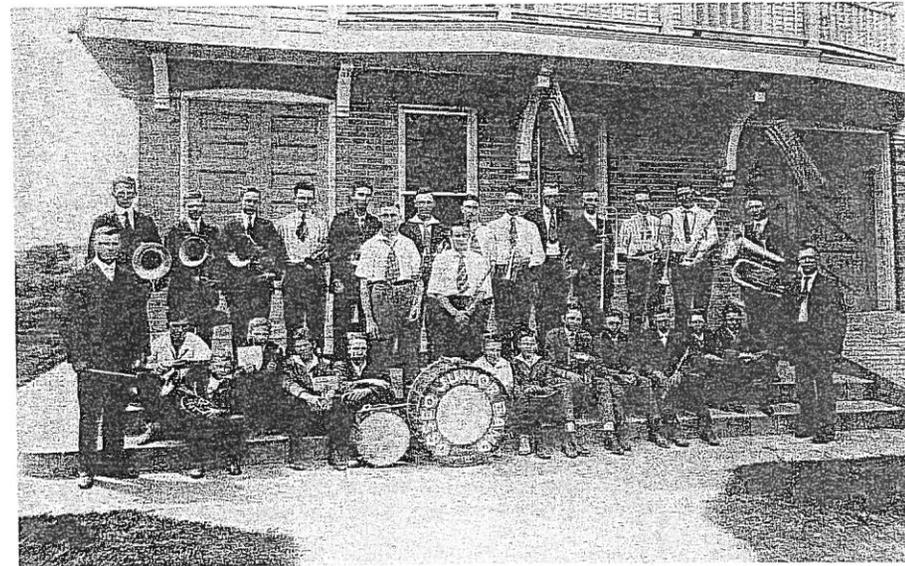
In 1958 Joyner built and are still operating a bowling lanes.

In 1963 Joyner built and are still operating a Par 32 golf links, and a golf driving range.

Now the third generation is adding their part to the hard work and the long hours of these many endeavors.

Victoria Joyner was born and raised in Maple Grove, as were her parents before her, Otto Krienke and Pauline Kottke. Victoria Krienke Joyner is serving her 22nd year as Mayor of Osseo and is currently Vice President of the Minnesota State Mayors Association.

The first grandchild of Albert A. is now an Attorney-at-Law, Jay A. Joyner.



Osseo Junior Band 1918. Members: Al Charest, director, Roy Ward, Ken Heesen, Henry Cook, Vern Charest, Jim Sadler, Walter Sidenkranz, Gordon Curtis, Chas. Neumann, Harry Biederman, Archie Champlin, Aaron Tessman, Wm. Engles, Bert Tessman, Lee Biederman, Neil Larsen, Ron Curtis, Harry Schreiber, Geo Neddersen, Ron Dibb, W. Hartkopf, Gene Swanson, R. Schwappach, Irwin Cook, W. Gray, Fritz Hartkopf, Frank Ward, and Fred Biederman.

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GEORGE'S OF OSSEO BARBER — STYLISTS

This shop opened for business in June, 1926, in the old Masonic Building.

In 1948 George Beucler formed a partnership with Leo Roden. The shop then was located where Gulf Oil is now. In 1954, a new building was built at 219 Central Avenue.

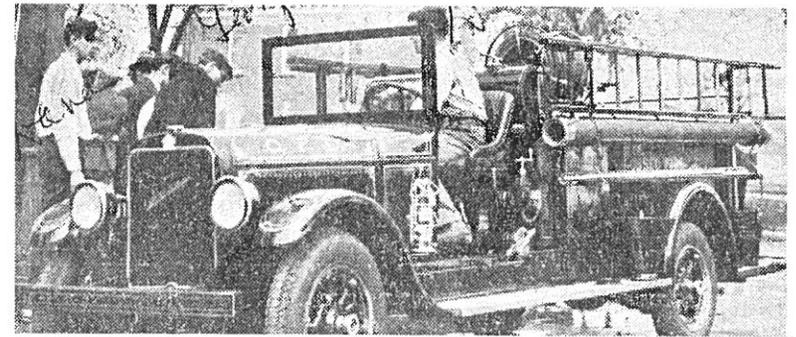
Leo Roden retired in 1966. George Beucler now operates a full-service barber shop with Ron Grams, a full-time barber-stylist, assisting him.

With the changing hair styles, George and Ron have attended many seminars and schools to keep up with the latest trends. They wish to thank their many customers for their patronage.

OSSEO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire fighting depended on the bucket brigade in the early days. By 1900 the citizens of Osseo wanted more fire protection. Hand pumps were installed at suitable locations. These pumps had handles on both sides and six men could man one pump. Energetic pumping would develop a good hose stream. Three hundred feet of hose reached most buildings. Later chemical units were purchased, and a ladder cart was hand made by Oscar John a local black smith. These units were pulled by hand, and any available man was a fireman.

Early in 1915 Osseo installed a city water system when the electric power came to town. Hydrants were located with one to every block, no building was more than 200 feet from the water supply. The 120 foot water tower provided 50 pounds of pressure and a two and a half



OSSEO FIREMEN GET NEW TRUCK
(1929)

inch hose line could be used. This was a big improvement over the former equipment. The larger hose cart was also pulled by hand, and some times by cars and trucks.

In 1929 the Village purchased the first fire truck. Lee McHughs bid for the truck was accepted. A North Branch company furnished the fire equipment. Since then two more trucks have been added along with other fire fighting aids. The old truck has been retired, but kept in running order.

Before 1915 there was no formal Fire Department. It was at this time the Commercial Club called a meeting with two men from the State Department of Insurance. Thirty six men signed up with Geo. Heesen as Chief, Geo. Neumann as assistant Chief, O. O. Normandin secretary, A.P. Hechtman, A.M. Lessard, and M.M. Carpenter as trustees. On December 10th the charter was signed by 15 of the original 36. This act gave Osseo its first formal Fire Department. The Charter members are as follows — Geo. Heesen, O. O. Normandin, A. P. Hechtman, H. W. Seidenkranz, Fred Biederman, G. W. Hein, J. M. Evans, C. F. Meinke, John Weishaar, Geo. Neumann, C. M. Savage, Wm. Phenow, W. P. Heesen, C. W. Peterson and A. H. Lucht.

Geo. Heesen carried on as Chief until 1947 when he resigned for health reasons. Wm. P. Heesen filled out the term as he was the next Officer in line. Virgil Kidd was elected as Osseo's 2nd Chief. Wm. P. Heesen was elected as the 3rd Chief and held the position until his retirement. Peter Phenow now holds the position.

In the early days fire alarms were given by the ringing of church bells. In the mid 1920's a siren installed back of the store buildings between 2nd and 3rd streets, later moved to the water tower. The department now has two way radio for communication.

The first firemen received no pay. Ruined clothes were paid for out of their own pockets. Now the firemen are paid for attending fires. A pension has been established. Pensions are paid after 20 years of service and at the age of 50 years.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

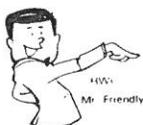
Available information goes back to when a Mr. Gardner was an elected constable for Osseo about 1915. Mr. Edgar Ackman was elected, policed Osseo on a motorcycle in 1922 and 1923, and continued as constable until 1926. Seymour Babcock was then elected; and in 1933 Kenneth Heesen was Constable Marshall until his retirement in 1958. Assisting on special occasions during Marshall Heesen's early days of police work were Louis Marchand, Jack Tasler, Seymour Babcock, and Morris Smith. In 1954 Osseo hired Harry Neumann for full time policing to assist Ken Heesen. Harry resigned in 1956 and Gerald Getchell was hired. Getchell was appointed Chief of Police in 1958. Phil Griep was hired when Mr. Heesen retired. Present department consists of Police Chief Getchell, R. Stumpf, R. Stark, full time and W. Weinand, H. Malzahn, L. Arens, and D. Bonneville, part time.

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The firm moved to the Osseo area in 1959 with a staff of 20. With its affiliate, Soil & Materials Engineers, the firm currently employs 70 engineers, surveyors, technicians and office personnel.

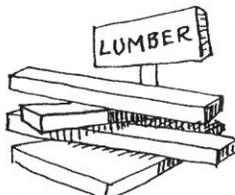
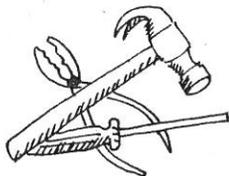


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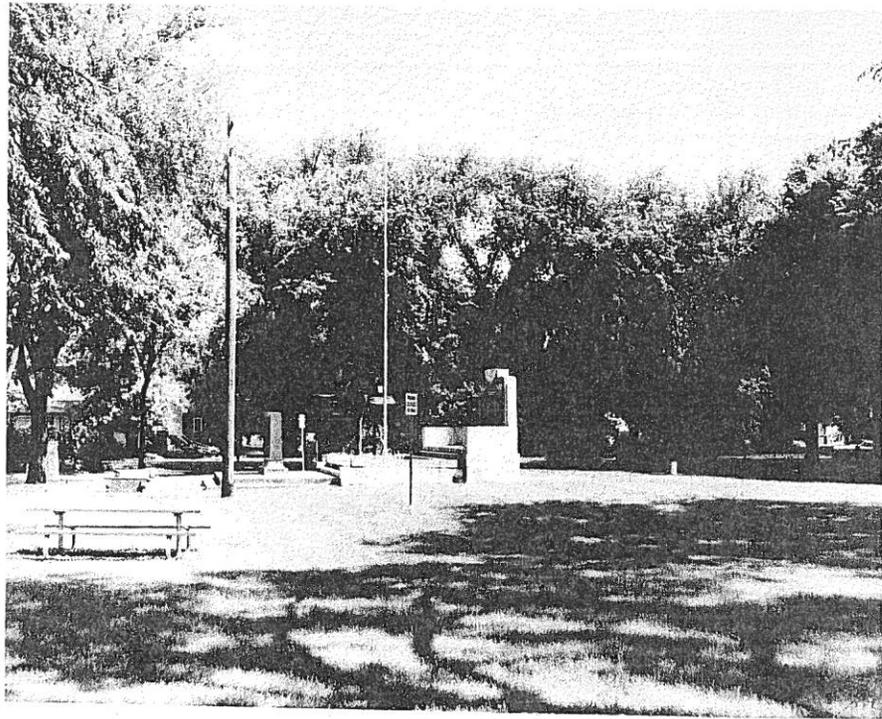


OSSEO MEAT MARKET

The Osseo Meat Market ranks among the oldest business establishments in Osseo. Eighty-two years ago Louis Lapray saw the need of supplying the Osseoites with good meats for their tables.

He was in the business for 20 years, until Rougier & LaFebvre took over for one year. In 1891 Emilian LaFebvre became the sole owner for one year. In 1892 Kiefer & Schiesser owned the shop together for three years, when George Keifer bought his partner's share and operated the market alone for a period of 41 years, when in 1936 he and his wife perished in the fire of their home next to the shop.

Oscar Dehmer then held possession for one year before he took Clarence Neumann in as a partner. They worked together from 1937 to 1943 when Clarence purchased Oscar's share. Since then Mr. Neumann has successfully built up one of the most thriving businesses in our little town, by courteous and honest methods. He specializes in home made sausages. His home cured ham and bacon is of the best.

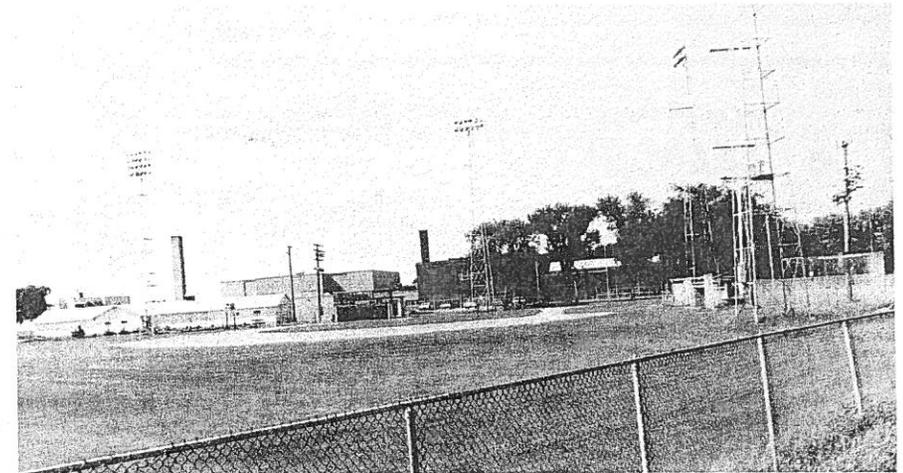


Boerboom Park located at Central Avenue and 4th Street.

The first area for such a park was set up across from the City Hall. In 1937 a large granite monument was erected in memory of those who from this community served in the Army of the Republic in the Civil War. Their names were embossed on a bronze plaque mounted on the monument. On Memorial Day 1945 another Honor Roll was constructed of solid granite. Here on bronze plates are read the names of the men and women of this environment who served in the military forces during the Spanish-American War, World War I, and World War II. Picnic tables are located on the grounds and a roofed shelter has been built. In August 1957, on the occasion of his fortieth year in Osseo, this park became known as the Father Boerboom Park.

At a location on Second Avenue West and First and Second Streets a second park was established. This park, called Memorial Ball Park, was dedicated to the memory of those who gallantly fought for the nation's freedom on the field of battle. This park has been the scene of many sports events of every nature. It is an enclosed park with fine night lights and with good seating capacity for the many sports-minded people of the Osseo Community. State and District sports tournaments are frequently held here, particularly during the pleasant Minnesota summer evenings. The first ball was tossed across home plate in 1949.

A third park came into being. This is known as Sipe's Park, the land being donated by Wm. Sipe, Sr., located in the southeastern part of the city. Many of Osseo's Summer Recreation activities for young people take place here. An ice skating rink has been maintained here during the winter season with a good warming house on the premises. The tennis courts, Boys Scout meeting room, ball field, playground equipment, watering system and lights were donated by the Osseo Lion's Club.



Memorial Park combination Baseball and Football Field.

PARKS

Our history books tell us a driving park was once laid out on the farm then owned by Isaiah Garvais in the town of Maple Grove, about one half mile north of Osseo. It was called the Osseo Driving Park. The track was surveyed by W. B. Henry, of Hassan Township, and graded by A. I. Smith of Brooklyn Township. It was a mile track, elliptical in shape, and had been pronounced, by competent judges, one of the finest anywhere. The facilities for viewing races were considered unexcelled on any race course, as one could stand in any part of the grounds and view any other part. Osseo's famous race track was the hub of many an enjoyable afternoon in the 1890's, with as many as 1000 people attending races from all parts of the state.

Osseo residents expressed a desire for established parks within the village limits to be used for memorials, picnics and sports events.

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This Osseo branch is staffed with local people living in the area.

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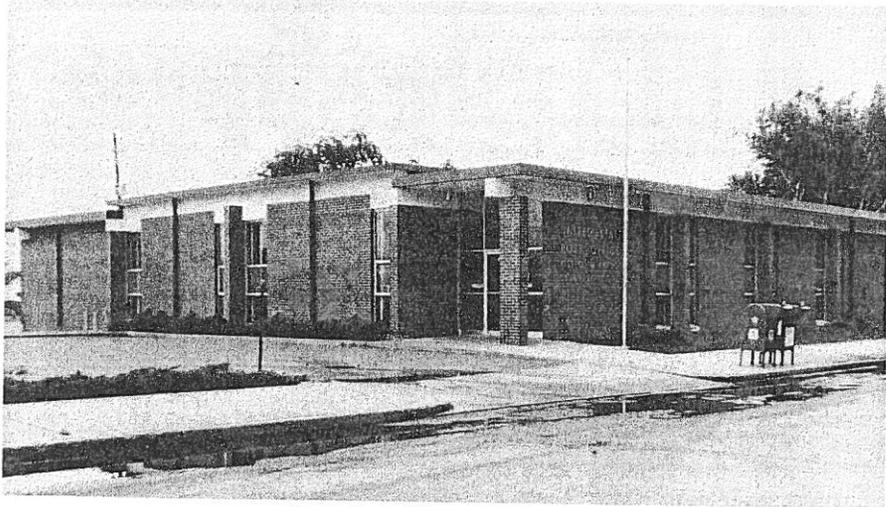
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DICK'S BAR

Before this liquor establishment began, the building itself was a blacksmith shop and later a drugstore.

After prohibition, a liquor business was started by Oscar Berndt and Charlie Savage. Following them, there were two successive owners until the present owner, Dick Christenson, bought the business in 1956, and the building in 1965.

Dick's Bar is known to Osseo People as a friendly and familiar "small town bar".



Osseo Post Office of 1975.

POST OFFICE

Osseo's present post office was dedicated August 16, 1970. The dedication was the first in the history of the community.

Postmaster Bob Heesen reflected on community history. "It's interesting to learn that the community which now carries the name of Osseo, originally began on July 18, 1855, and was established as Palestine, Minnesota. The name was changed to Osseo, April 18, 1856", Heesen said.

In the 120 years since the establishment of the community, there has been any number of post office locations, from a small corner in a grocery store, up to the present site. Many former sites have been forgotten, but many people remember when the post office was located in the rear of the present Osseo Press building, Central Avenue and Second Street, which later became Dr. Dick's dental office. From there the post office moved to the Masonic Building on Central Avenue, between Second and Third Street, staying there for ten years. In October, 1954, the post office moved to its first permanent building, at 17 Second Street West, across from the former Joslyn Auto Body Shop.

In February, 1970, the post office moved to its present location, 125 First Avenue West, for need of more space. Growth was constant since World War II, and the post office has grown from a small post office to one of the largest businesses in the community. The post office presently contains 7 city residential routes and 3 rural routes, serving a population of approximately 8,000 families, and employing 30 people from this community.



Rural Mail carriers and their carts, lined up in front of the Masonic Building.

Osseo has had 17 postmasters in the history of the community. Postmasters and time of their appointment include: Warren Sampson, July 18, 1855; John B. Bottineau; October 31, 1859; DeWitt C. Smith, June 20, 1860; James C. Conchman, May 14, 1861; Nathaniel Crockett, March 6, 1865; John Hechtman, February 1, 1866; Zepherin Demueules, September 20, 1869; Emilien Lefebvre, March 6, 1879; William Krueger, September 16, 1885; Joseph Sancier, May 20, 1889; Emilien Lefebvre, July 20, 1889; Christian Schwappach, August 14, 1893; John Hechtman, April 16, 1896; Elmer Owen, April 19, 1900; Stella M. Owen, March 2, 1911; George Neuman, March 1, 1915; and Robert P. Heesen, March 31, 1951.

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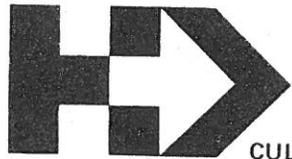
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FAIR'S MARKET

In 1955, Bud and Fran Fair started a vegetable market at the corner of county road 30 and hwy 52, in an old gas station. The first few years the family raised their own produce for the business. In 1963 the old station was taken down and replaced with a larger open market. They then added shrubs, trees and plants, expanding to a large garden center. In 1971, they sold the business to two of their sons, Mike and Don. They moved to Monticello and operate a large open market in that town.

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Elmer started his business in the original building on Feb. 1, 1958. Five years later a new station was built and he moved into it. They service and repair all makes of cars.

HAIR FASHION CENTRE

425-3534

HAIR FASHION CENTRE, located in the Osseo Shopping Center, has been serving the Osseo area under the present management for eight years.

Barbara Reick is the manager-owner of this salon. At the present time they do everything a modern salon would do which includes men's hair cuts and permanents. They retail many beauty products which includes the Redken line.

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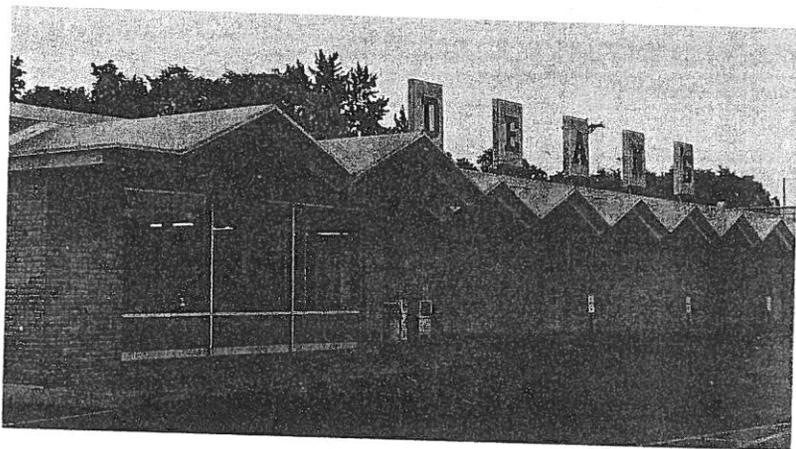
Woody Blair with 33 years experience established his own business at Osseo Body Shop in 1972. He moved to 521 Central Avenue in 1974. Woody is a specialist in his field of transmission repair and all mechanical jobs.

425-6261

DEAN'S SUPERMARKET 312 CENTRAL AVENUE

Dean's Super Market began in January 1958, when Dean and Heidi Selvig purchased the grocery business at 311 Central Avenue (now the Tradin' Shop) from Andrew Wishy. Dean Selvig is a fourth-generation grocer. His great-grandfather owned a grocery store west of Fremont, Minnesota and his grandfather and father owned a grocery store in Lewiston, Minnesota known as Selvig and Son. In addition his brother owns Champlin Food Mart in Champlin.

After doing business for nine years plus at 311 Central Avenue the business moved into a brand new building. A house belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Killmer was torn down and another house owned by Harry Beidermann was moved to make way for the store. In the fall of 1973, an addition to the north end of the building was begun and was completed in January 1974. The big Elm Tree at the South end of the parking lot is 129 years old. Dean's Super Market is Osseo's largest retailer employing seventeen people with annual sales exceeding one million dollars



FLOORCOVERING WAREHOUSE

256 - 4th Avenue S.E.
425-4125

The Floorcovering Warehouse located at 256 - 4th Ave. S.E. has been in business since April 1972. The store is owned and operated by Dale and Joan Grimmer. Dale has eighteen years' experience in the carpet business. He started out as a carpet installer and now is in the buying and selling of carpets. They started the company with the help of his brother and have now expanded and employ two full time salesmen and four full time installers.

The many selections of carpet, linoleum, ceramic and wall paper make it easy for the customer to find just what he is looking for.

Dale and his family moved from St. Paul about a year and a half ago to the beautiful Grow River Area in Rogers. They enjoy working and living in this area.

DR. R. W. MICKELSON



Dr. Mickelson's office is located at 119 Central Avenue which formerly housed the Old BEE HIVE - a restaurant and billiards parlor.

Dr. Mickelson has been at this location since December of 1971. He graduated from the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tenn. in 1969. He offers complete visual care. He also operates another office in Northdale Shopping Center in Coon Rapids.

STAN'S MEATS

Since 1946, Stan Herzig has been cutting quality meats in such locations as Redwood Falls, Glenwood, Paynesville, and Bloomington, Minnesota.

In 1972, he began an association with Dean Selvig and now owns and operates the meat department at Dean's Supermarket in Osseo.

Stan wishes to thank area residents for their patronage and joins with other Osseo merchants in congratulating Osseo on its 100th birthday.

NORTHWESTERN BANK OF OSSEO

An Affiliate of Northwest Bancorporation



In 1909 several businessmen of Osseo decided to start a bank. The Farmers State Bank of Osseo was chartered on June 20, 1909 and opened for business July 1, 1909. The name was changed to Northwestern State Bank, Osseo, Minnesota on October 1, 1958 to identify it as part of the Northwest Bancorporation even though the bank had been affiliated with Banco since 1930.

The first Board of Directors included: Dr. Alexander Aubin, J. W. Hamilton, Charles Hechtman, Archie D. Pouliot, William Reinking, Oscar J. Schley, Charles H. Setzler, Otto P. Setzler and Harry B. Spence.

The bank's first president was Charles Hechtman. W. M. Neumann was president from 1945 until his death, July 14, 1952. Donald J. Murphy was named president in 1952 and George Dochniak was named president in 1956. The current president, James Heig, was elected January 1, 1974.

The Northwestern Bank of Osseo was incorporated with a capital of \$10,000.00. The original surplus was \$2,500.00. Deposits on the opening day, July 1, 1909, were \$3,838.76. Total deposits on December 31, 1974 were \$22,078,243.15. Total capital and reserves were \$1,812,739.02.

The present directors of the bank are: Keith P. Caswell, Jr., Calvin R. Gray, Kenneth Heesen, James Heig, and Keith L. Nordby.

Current officers are: James Heig, President, Mike Bue, Vice President, Kirk E. Swenson, Assistant Vice President, William R. Belford, Cashier, Gerald G. Larson, Installment Loan Officer, Shirley A. Brinks, Personal Banking Officer, Harriet M. Dahlstrom, Assistant Cashier, and Donald D. Gladson, Manager of the Insurance Department.

OSSEO CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

SEPTEMBER 6TH & 7TH

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

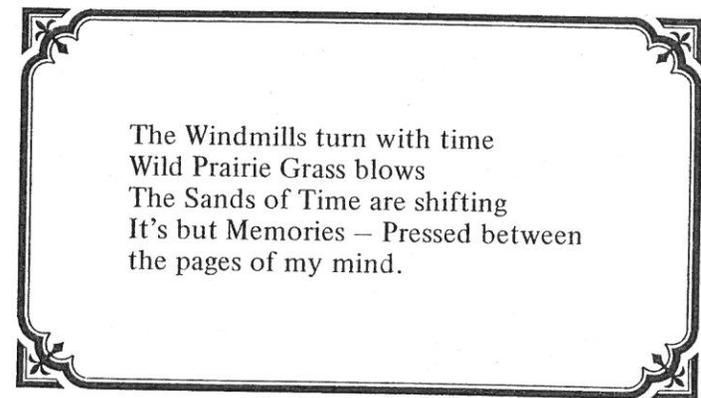
September 6th

- 10:30 A.M. Championship Softball Game (OCRA) Sipe Park
- 1:00 — 8:00 P.M. Exhibits (ALL ORGANIZATIONS) City Hall
- 1:00 — 8:00 P.M. Entertainment: (OSSEO SCHOOL DISTRICT) City Hall and Boerboom Park
- 1:00 — 6:00 P.M. Beer Stand and Refreshments (MAPLE GROVE/OSSEO JAYCEES) City Hall
- 1:00 — 5:00 P.M. Ice Cream, Pop, Popcorn, Centennial Items (YOUTH GROUP) Boerboom Park
- 1:00 — 5:00 P.M. Horseshoe Tournament (OSSEO CONSERVATION CLUB) City Hall
- 1:00 — 3:00 P.M. Kids Games (FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY) Boerboom Park
- 3:00 — 5:00 P.M. Oldsters Games (OSSEO LIONS AND LIONELLES) Boerboom Park
- 5:00 — 10:00 P.M. Beef Barbecue (LEGION AND LEGION AUXILIARY) City Hall
- 8:00 — 6:00 P.M. Old time merchants promotion (OSSEO/MAPLE GROVE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE)
- 6:00 — 12:00 P.M. Beer Stand (FIREMEN) City Hall
- 8:00 — 8:00 P.M. Street Dance (FIREMEN) City Hall
- 8:30 — 12:00 P.M. Senior Citizens Dance (OCO) City Hall

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

September 7th

- 1:00 — 6:00 P.M. Beer Stand (MAPLE GROVE/OSSEO JAYCEES AND MRS. JAYCEES) City Hall
- 1:00 — 6:00 P.M. Exhibits (ALL ORGANIZATIONS) City Hall
- 1:00 — 6:00 P.M. Ice Cream, Pop, Popcorn, Centennial Items (CHURCHES AND YOUTH GROUPS)
- 1:30 — 3:00 P.M. Parade (LEGION AND LIONS) Sipe Park down Central Avenue to City Hall
- 3:00 — 3:30 P.M. Mustache Contest, Bonnet Contest, Senior Citizen Recognition — (OCO) City Hall and Boerboom Park
- 3:30 — 5:00 P.M. Dignitaries, City Council — Boerboom Park
- 5:00 — 6:00 P.M. Family Outing — City Hall and Boerboom Park
- 5:00 — 6:00 P.M. Entertainment (OSSEO SCHOOL DISTRICT) City Hall and Boerboom Park
- 5:00 — 6:00 P.M. Prize Drawing (OCO) City Hall
- 6:00 — 7:00 P.M. Community Sing (OSSEO MINISTERIAL SOCIETY) Boerboom Park



TIME MARCHES ON

Years may come and years may go, bringing historical changes in each and every community. That which has been written here is a very small segment of "time". Each generation feels they have lived through the greatest technological change ever. The twentieth century has seen great developments in all areas — it is almost incomprehensible as to what the people in future centuries will witness. May the people who reside here in the future; read this history; add to it; and preserve it for those who come after them.