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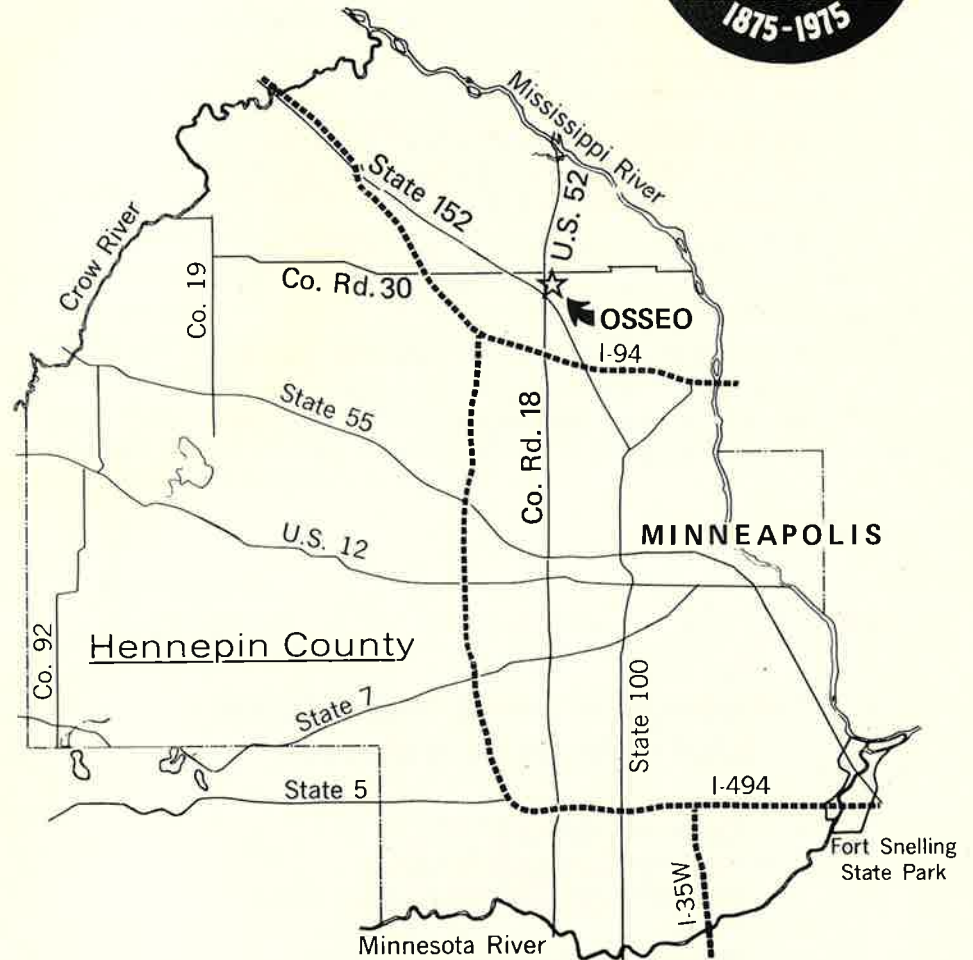
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# 100 YEAR HISTORY OF THE CITY OF OSSEO



Souvenir Edition

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The Centennial committee would like to thank all those who submitted pictures and data to complete this historical book.

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## FOREWORD

The purpose of this booklet is to bring to its readers the history of a community dedicated to making Osseo a city to be proud of.

It has been one hundred years since Osseo was incorporated in 1875. One hundred years is a long time and much progress has been witnessed – progress in comforts and luxuries – but even greater than those – progress in education of our youth – progress in getting along with one another – and progress in health and well being.

The beauty and the happiness of a small city is that we all share our joys and our sorrows.

The progress of people is always indicated by their faith in God. Osseo can be very proud of this faith as shown by churches of many denominations.

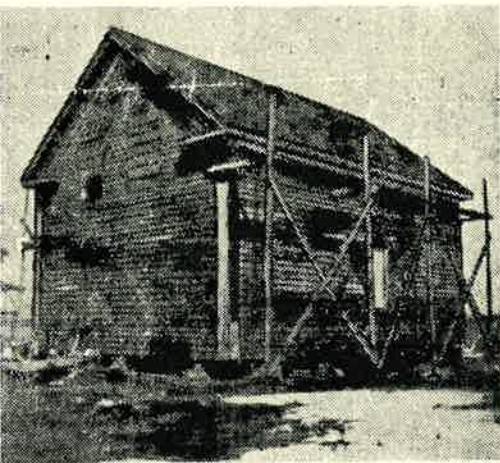
May those who read this booklet enjoy it as much as those who so unselfishly gave of their time and effort to put down on paper a history of such a great little city as Osseo.

*Victoria Krienke Joyner*

Victoria Krienke Joyner, Mayor.







the Bottineau's old home in Osseo. Built in 1854.



Pierre Bottineau.

## EARLY HISTORY

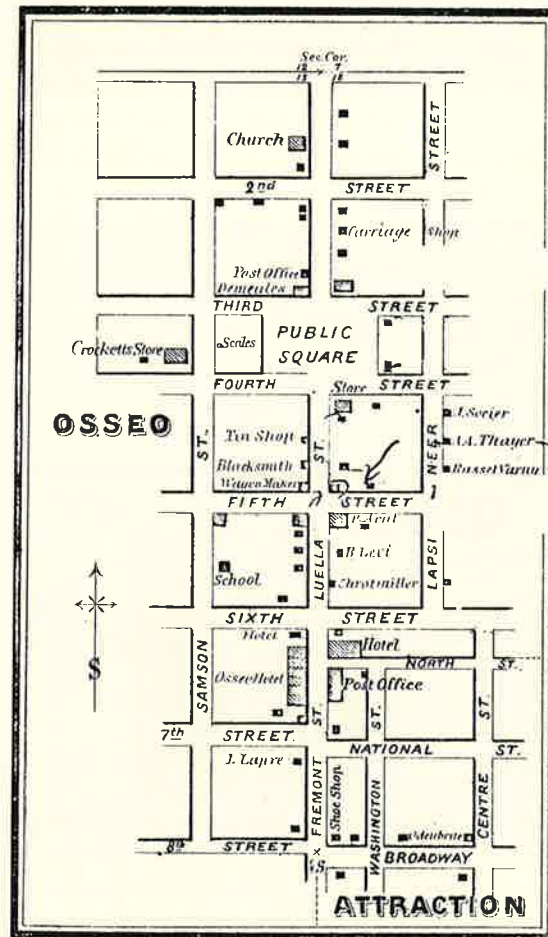
The city of Osseo is located in the northeastern part of Hennepin County, Minnesota. Originally Osseo was under the government of the townships of Brooklyn and Maple Grove. In the spring of 1875, by an act of the state legislature, Osseo was incorporated with a president, three councilmen, a recorder and a treasurer constituting its officers.

"This is Paradise", Pierre Bottineau exclaimed as he and his traveling companions: Joseph Potvin, Peter Raiche and Peter Gervais stepped forth from the deep woods and scanned the beautiful prairie before them. They relaxed around the campfire, took an evening meal and slept peacefully beneath the stars. Morning found them determined to make this "spot" a settlement. This all happened in July 1852. Claims were made on "Bottineau Prairie" and it wasn't long before other brave and adventurous men came to the area.

Pierre Bottineau was born near Pembina in the Red River region, now a part of North Dakota. His ancestors were of the Huguenots who came to America to enjoy a freer religion and settled near Boston. Pierre's father, Joseph, went into the great wilderness of the Northwest in the early part of the nineteenth century. Here he married a woman of the Chippewa race, "The Clear-Sky Woman" her Indian name. From his hardy and, in a civilized sense, nomadic father, and from his Indian mother, Pierre inherited those characteristics that made him the most noted scout and voyageur in mid-America.

In 1854 Warren Sampson, Isaac LaBissonniere, Clark Ellsworth, Seneca Brown, D. B. Thayer, and James McRay settled on "Bottineau Prairie". Mr. Sampson built and opened a store of general merchandise, and a post office in the settlement — then called Palestine. The years 1855-1856 saw much growth, and in 1856 the settlement was renamed Osseo, and platted by Mr. Sampson and Mr. LaBissonniere. It is said that Osseo is an Indian name, "Waseia" meaning 'there is light' although more commonly known as "Son of the Evening Star". The author Henry W. Longfellow mentions Osseo in one of his Indian legends contained in his poem "The Song of Hiawatha". It is also claimed that Longfellow visited Osseo while in St. Anthony.

A short time later another village "City of Attraction" was laid out to the southeast by A. B. Chafee. This little city, with its stores, homes and post office, was later absorbed into Osseo.



Map of Osseo—1873

utilizing the natural resources of the neighboring Maple Grove area, a wood market was established by Sampson in 1855. Cord wood was cut, cured for a season and then sold to Minneapolis merchants. It was common to handle up to one hundred cords per day during the wood season. The cord wood was hauled by teamsters over the rough trails to the big city. The monies received were used to purchase much needed goods by these hardy pioneers.

A blacksmith shop was established in 1855 by Clark Ellsworth; Eli Wiland became his partner in business in 1857. Later O. Leferrier and Ernest also opened blacksmith shops. In 1865 John Hechtman established a store of general merchandise dealing largely in cord wood. Emil Lefebvre opened a general merchandise and drugs store in 1873. He was also a postmaster.

As more and more people; French, Canadians, Germans, and native Americans settled here, more businesses sprang up. Among the many other businessmen who established themselves early in the development of Osseo are: Z. Labrasch, groceries and notions; Nelson Rougier, wagon maker; William Krueger and Joseph Woodly, boots and shoes; Samuel Witt, harness maker; and Maggie Rougier and Frances Thayer, dressmakers.

Osseo has always been fortunate to have a resident physician to care for the sick. The first doctor to make his home in Osseo was Dr. A. Guernon, a Canadian, who came here in 1866, a young man from Mpls.

Many businesses have been established since those very early days. Some structures of these former businesses have been located and have been included in this booklet to give the reader an eye view of how some "really" looked in their "hey day".

## OSSEO BAKERY



The Osseo Bakery occupies the former Farmers State Bank building. It is located at 116 Central Avenue. The proprietors are Karl and Chloe Mortenson.



Early General store. The owner was Hugo Schwappach, who never used a cash register or cash drawer but made change from his pocket. The store was located on the west side of Central Avenue, between 3rd and 2nd street.



This was Geo. Heesen's store before the wait-on-yourself came into use. Many things came in bulk, notice the open baskets, pickle jars, cookies in bins under the counter. Persons: Geo. Heesen, owner; Elsie Deisting Goetze, clerk; others not identified. (1920)



## MOTELS

1867, Rudolph Niggler, who had previously kept a smaller house for boarders and transient guests, erected a hotel at the cost of nearly \$100.00. It was not considered a good investment, because there wasn't enough business to sustain it. This house burned in 1870.

The International Hotel was built by Fritz Schmidt in 1874. It was three stories in height and had rooms for thirty guests. It was conducted by Mr. Schmidt at its opening.

The Great Northern Hotel, also two stories, a completely modern structure for the times, was erected by Peter Neuman in 1907.

These buildings have been gone for sometime, other businesses built in their places. The community does not have a hotel but motels are a short distance away by car.



The International Hotel and Bar was located at 2nd and Central. In the picture those that are identified are: Meinke Bros., bar owners, Joe Blonigan, Harry Richey, Joe Paul, Isaac Sonniniere, and others.



Great Northern Hotel. Located at Central Avenue and Broadway. This area now part of Highway 152.

## JOHNSON & GIERE Accountants

In the fall of 1958, two young men started a public accounting office in Osseo. Harold Johnson and Victor Giere formed Johnson & Giere, located at 119 Central Avenue.

The firm does accounting for small businesses, prepares income tax returns and accounts receivable billing. Offices have been located in two Osseo Shopping Center areas in addition to Central Avenue. Present address is at 253 - 5th Avenue S.E.

Both Johnson and Giere have taken an active part in community organizations and affairs. They deem it a pleasure to be a part of this fine city and the celebration of its centennial.

## Furniture Manor



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Furniture Manor was purchased from its original owner in 1969 by Pat and Bob Chupurdia. Furniture Manor specializes in better quality Traditional and Early American furniture at discount prices. They are located in the Osseo South East shopping center.

## TAK OSADA D.D.S.      PHONE 425-3023

Doctor Osada was born in Tacoma, Washington, and moved to Minneapolis in 1946. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Minnesota in 1952 and his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree in 1954. He entered the United States Air Force in October of 1954 and spent 2 years in Alaska. He opened his office in the Wiley Building in February of 1957, and in 1973 moved his office to the new wing of that building.

Doctor Osada and his wife have five children and reside in Brooklyn Park. They would like to take this time to thank their patients for the opportunity of serving them.

# SAWYER CLEATOR LUMBER CO.

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On March 1, 1953, Peavey Lumber Service opened a general lumber yard, handling lumber, millwork, paint, etc., in Osseo. At that time, the business was managed by Einar Petersen, with two employees, Ted Eastman and Logan Ammon.

Approximately two years later, Logan Ammon became manager and operated under the Peavey name until March 1, 1971. At that time, the business was purchased by Sawyer Cleator Lumber Company of 1400 Washington Ave. N., Minneapolis, retaining all personnel and employees.

Both companies have enjoyed serving the surrounding community and the many building contractors who operate in this area, and Sawyer-Cleator Northwest is looking forward to a continuation of this fine relationship.

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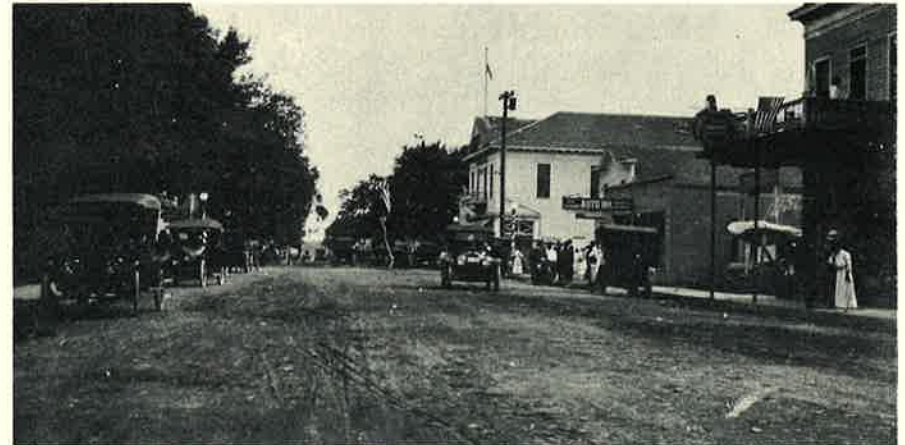
## JOHNSON'S IGA OF OSSEO INC.

425-2625

Dennis Johnson acquired the store in February 1973. It was formerly known as Bob's Red and White. Mr. Johnson also owns a store in Anoka. IGA is located in the Osseo Shopping Center.



This first view of Osseo that could be found was on a tin type — of the year 1869.



1915 view of Central Avenue, looking south from near 4th Street.



A 1975 view of Central Avenue in Osseo. The 1869 view was taken from the same location.





(1914)

## PHENOW BROTHERS

Phenow Brothers was started by Karl Pfenow, a stonemason. He was granted citizenship in 1897. His sons, Peter Sr. and Bill took over the business in 1900. Arnie, Peter Jr. and Tom joined the business in 1950. And it became known as Peter Phenow and sons. The sons took over the business in 1960 and Peter Phenow Sr. passed away in 1965. They are still doing business in the same location.

## EARLY PIONEER LIFE

During the development of the Osseo area many brave and determined pioneers, from the Eastern states and Canada, migrated here to make homes for their families. Some of the area was prairie, but to the north-west there were many trees, this being known as the "Big Woods". With a pickaxe and hoe and ax in hand the pioneers proceeded to grub out undesirable trees and cover and chop down some of the trees. The logs were used to build homes; and to provide fire wood with which to heat their homes. In this part of the United States the winters could be very cold and the summers very warm—the people needed shelter. The land was gradually cleared, acre by acre, so crops could be planted.

There were no roads, but as more families came, trails on the prairie and through the "Big Woods" became a reality. One of the trails eventually ran all the way from St. Paul to St. Cloud, known to many as the Territorial Road. One very important use for this trail was to carry mail from St. Paul to the outlying settlements, on "foot", even though St. Cloud was 70 miles away. On warm days it was not uncommon to see the children walking along barefoot carrying their "store boughten" shoes, to be put on just before entering the church or school. This saved the shoes and besides it could be fun going barefoot in the soft earth.

Each season of the year had its special tasks for these early settlers. Gathering of sap from the maple trees, and making syrup and sugar was an early spring activity. A little later it was time for the soil to be tilled; sometimes by hand tools, but later oxen and horses were used to pull a plow, which might have been made at the local blacksmith shop in the village. Seeds were planted and every tiny plant was carefully tended. Sometimes the weather wasn't ideal and crops would be scarce. Every part of the crop was utilized, even extra straw might be used to make straw hats, while the cornhusks filled the mattresses for their beds.

Tasks done during the summer included the weeding of the crops, tending of the family garden and preserving foods for the coming winter. To preserve sweetcorn, the housewife would cook the corn slightly, cut it from the cob, spread it out to dry in the sun until hard. The dried corn would then be stored in flour sacks in a dry upstairs room in the house. When the family wanted corn for a meal, some of the dried corn was soaked for several hours then cooked and made into "corn dishes".

Fall found the finishing up of the harvest, cutting cord wood and generally getting ready for the winter.

Winters were difficult even for these hardy pioneers. Snow fell and sometimes the people in the outlying areas would find themselves isolated from the rest of the world. They had many things to do during the long winter. One important job was to keep plenty of firewood split for the woodbox. This was usually done by the men and big boys, and was often carried into the house by the other members of the house. Each day, everyday all year long too, the water must be pumped and carried into the kitchen to be used for drinking, cooking, washing dishes, bathing and washing clothes. Water for washing clothes was heated in the clothes boiler, while the reservoir on the range heated water for other purposes.

The mother and big girls of the family spent many hours sewing, by hand, the clothing for the family. Mending and darning by lamp light was a common sight; and each coming day saw the filling of the lamps with kerosene, trimming the wick and shining of the chimney thus making it ready for the next evening. There were quilts to make; these might have been made from outgrown or worn clothing or from scraps left over from the sewing projects. When the quilt had been all pieced together neighbor women were invited in and a "quilting bee" was soon in progress. This proved to be a much needed social get-together.



A Hardware store before 1900.



wasn't all work – such activities as taffy pulls, making “hand turned” cream, popping corn and cooking fudge urged them on to other tasks that seemed light after some fun.

When sheep were introduced into the Osseo area, the shorn wool was spun by hand or if one were fortunate a spinning wheel was used. Hats, caps, scarves, and shawls were knitted. Some of the wool was dyed by dyes made from berries, roots and leaves – thus sometimes knitted articles were quite colorful. The hand carded wool was used as bats inside the hand-made quilts.

It came, which caused much concern to the pioneers. It was in the 1860's that the Civil War broke out and all the able-bodied young men in the community joined the forces of the Republic to fight for the preservation of the union. In 1866 the G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic) Post was established with an original membership of 30. With the final passing of these honored men the Post was dissolved.

The settlers of Osseo had some scares from the Indians, but because of the presence of Pierre Bottineau, a half-breed, visited regularly with his Indian friends, he was able to keep peace between the Indians and the white settlers.

There is much that could be written about many happenings in the Osseo area. During this passing, things came easier for the people. There were more modern homes, good roads, more merchandise to be purchased in local stores and generally the “good life” came into being.

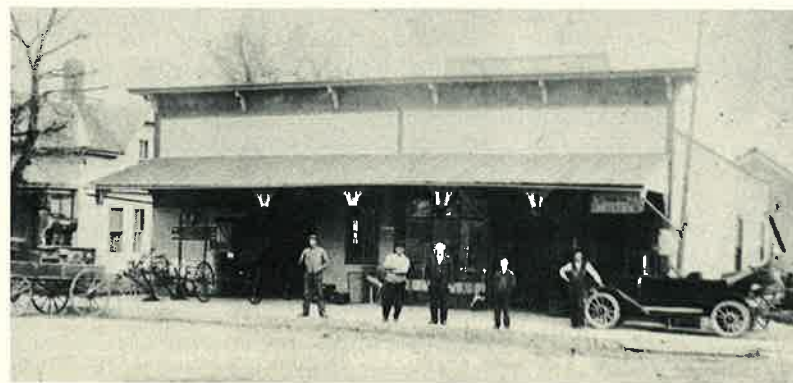


Early view of one of Osseo's oldest houses that is still in use. This one belonged to Eli Haviland. A picture of a family reunion. The house was located on Central Avenue near 3rd Street, it now belongs to Harry Biederman and has been moved to the other side of the block, East Avenue East. (1910)

## BEIDERMAN OUR OWN HARDWARE

1871 – 1975

Eli Haviland came to Minnesota from Osseo, Michigan, in 1857. He joined the first Minnesota Rangers to help repel the 1862 Indian uprising. He opened a tin and blacksmith shop in 1871 on the present location, and soon put in a hardware line of merchandise. Many things that we can buy factory made today were not available in those early days. Many of these items were hand made. Later he sold automobiles and farm machinery. Mr. Fred Beiderman, husband of Eli Haviland's adopted daughter joined the Haviland Hardware Company in about 1900 and later became manager. Upon the death of Mr. Haviland in 1912, Mr. Beiderman took over the store, after buying out the rest of the business as he had purchased part of the store when he became manager. Mr. Beiderman brought his two sons, Lee and Harry into the business as they became old enough to help. He then changed the name to F. Beiderman and Sons. Lee Beiderman was sent to the Minneapolis School of Business where he completed a course in bookkeeping and business management. The farm machinery line was sold until about 1945. Harry Beiderman joined the Our Own Hardware chain in 1924, to which the present store still belongs. Mr. Lee Beiderman was killed in an auto accident in 1955. Mr. Harry Beiderman took over the entire store after buying his brother's interest. Mr. Beiderman is still operating the store as owner and manager. This store is very likely the only business place in Osseo still operating in the same location since its founding and is now in its 104th year.



## OSSEO CLINIC

Dr. T. J. Bloedel                      Dr. S. K. Madireddi  
 Dr. R. L. Jackson  
 Dr. P. H. Shah                         Dr. L. L. Lira

Osseo has always been fortunate in having a resident physician. The first doctor to make his home in Osseo was Dr. A. Guerson, a Canadian, who came here in 1886. He died 3 years later. Dr. F. Lawson succeeded him for five years, and he was followed by Dr. J. B. Delfendahl. In 1878 Dr. J. J. Pinault came and remained until 1882. He was succeeded by Dr. Nickoli. In 1887 Dr. A. F. Sinnard assumed the practice until 1898. From 1898 to 1902 the medical physicians were Dr. Bacon, Dr. W. B. Murray, Dr. J. F. Landry and Dr. A. D. Haskell. Dr. J. M. Fore resided in Osseo from 1902 to 1911. Dr. F. H. Mee came in 1912 and remained until his death in 1937. Dr. Hammerstead followed Dr. Mee and was succeeded by Dr. Marking in 1940. Dr. St. Cyr arrived in 1940 and left in 1942 as did Dr. Marking.

In 1944, Dr. T. J. Bloedel began his practice here and established the Osseo Clinic the following year. In 1946 Dr. H. R. Ransom joined him until 1972. Dr. Richard Jackson, obstetrician, began his practice here in 1967. Then in 1972, Dr. P. H. Shah, internist, and Dr. S. K. Madireddi, family practice, joined the Clinic. Dr. L. L. Lira, surgeon, began his duties at the Clinic in 1974.

The building housing the Clinic has recently been enlarged and completely renovated, making it one of the finest clinic facilities for emergencies and routine medical care in the area.



Drug store and residence of former Dr. Mee located on Central Avenue near 2nd Street. The Store building is still in use but with a new front.



Osseo has had many bands. These talented men entertained the public many times during the year, particularly summer band concerts when people sat around on the grass listening intently to the "snappy musical pieces".

Pictured above is the Osseo Band at a picnic in the very early 1900s. Members left to right Wm. Neuman, A. P. Hechtman, Elmo Richey, Wm. Jones, Arthur Charest, Chas. Killmer, Alrick Charest, Geo. Rochat, Ed. Killmer, Ed Jones, Fred Rochat, Jack Hunt, Geo. Heesen, Marten Knoble, Wm. Heesen and Louis Killmer.



# OSSEO MOTOR

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## HISTORY OF 100 YEARS OF OSSEO

Pete Iten, owner of the Osseo Motor Co., celebrated a big anniversary this year. On December 9th, 25 years ago, Mr. Iten closed a deal with Mrs. E. W. Peterson that eventually led to his ownership of the Osseo Motor Co. At that time he was affiliated with the Main Motor Sales of Anoka.

Mr. Iten has been in the automobile business for 40 years. In 1918 he started working for Main Motor Sales of Anoka and came to Osseo in December 1926. Almost all of the 40 years in the automobile business Mr. Iten did business with General Motor products – an enviable record.

Mr. Iten has built it up and is now possibly one of the biggest businesses in Osseo. Affiliated with him now are his son Roy and daughter Helen. Another son, Joe, at present is in the Air Corps.

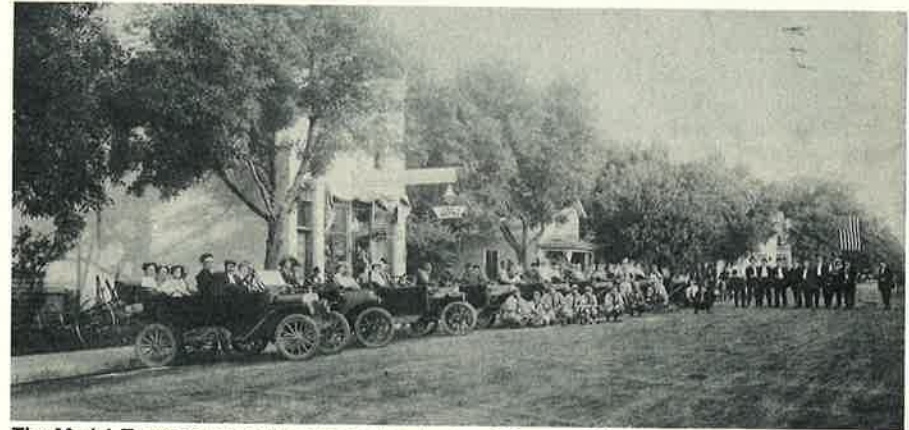
The above article appeared in the 1952 Edition of the History of Osseo. Since that time Osseo Motor Co. changed its name to Iten Chevrolet Co. and moved to its present location in Brooklyn Center in 1965. Peter Iten its founder, passed away in May 1973, preceded in death by his daughter, Helen, in February of 1962. The business is presently owned and operated by his sons Roy and Joseph. His youngest son Peter Jr., and several of his grandsons are presently active in the business.

# Killmer Electric Co.

332 CENTRAL AVENUE OSSEO, MINNESOTA 55369 425-2525

The firm is a continuation of a family business originally started by Louis H. Killmer in 1915, when he started electrical wiring in Osseo for homes, farms and businesses.

In 1945, his son, Allen returned from the Navy and started his own electric appliance service business and joined the electrical contracting business in 1952 after receiving his Minnesota Master Electricians license. The firm offers a wide variety of electrical services including light and power wiring and design and construction of industrial control centers.



The Model T was commonly seen on the streets of Osseo. Driving a car seemed to be a combination of fun and work. Patching kit, tire pump, tire wrench, side curtains were musts when one took the family for a "spin". (Approximately 1915)

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before autos and electric lights. The owners in the sign are standing in the door way. This shop long gone, the bar building (Princetons Place) is still being used with a new front. Located next to the corner of 4th Street and Central Avenue.

## L. W. Reinking, Real Estate

L. W. Reinking was born in Corcoran township, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Reinking. His father was a member of the Corcoran town board for many years, as well as a director of the Farmers State Bank of Osseo.

After farming 10 years in Corcoran township, L. W. Reinking moved to Osseo in 1929 and purchased a gasoline service station. In 1935, he put up his own bulk plant.

Four years later, his service for the village of Osseo began when he was elected to the board as a councilman. He served as a trustee for three terms, comprising nine years.

He was elected for Mayor in 1947, was re-elected to a second two year term in 1949 and again in 1951. The third successive election carried through until the fall of 1953.

In 1949 he constructed the Reinking Building at 9 Central Avenue and entered the real estate business.

Mr. L. W. Reinking would like to express his appreciation to all the persons who entrusted him with their patronage.

## PRINCETON'S PLACE On and Off Sale Liquors 337 Central Avenue Osseo



Princeton's On and Off Sale Liquors. Tavern was built in the 1880's. Off Sale was built in 1966.

In its early years, few places in Osseo changed hands as frequently as the business at this location. It was converted by Charest and Funk from a hardware business to a hard drink place in the "good old days" in 1901. Their successors: Camille Chaset, 1903-1905; Peter Neuman, 1905; Gervais and Gervais, 1905-1906; Gervais and Potvin, 1906-1907; Sidney Potvin, 1907-1918; Potvin and Chouinard, 1918-1919; Sidney Potvin, 1919; DeMars and Potvin, 1919-1920; Louis DeMars, 1920-1921; W. F. Busilmeir, 1921-1925; and Leonard Ayd, 1925-1926.

In January of 1926 William Princeton and his wife, Cora, purchased, what was then because of prohibition, a restaurant, soft drink and confectionary business. With the repeal of prohibition in 1933, liquor became available for sale again. In 1959 the Princeton's purchased the land and buildings from the Gluek Brewing Company. In 1966, the Princeton family — which now included their son, Joel — built a modern off sale liquor facility next to the tavern. In April of 1972 William Princeton passed away. The business is now being operated by Joel Princeton along with his mother, Cora, and his wife, Susan.

The Princeton's have always taken a very active role in the community and are proud of the almost 50 years they have been in business in Osseo.



Interior of Princeton's On Sale, William Princeton, owner, 1926-1972. Picture was taken on December 16, 1941.





School in 1893. Only the teachers have been identified. The children have not been identified. It is noted that they were from the Normandin, Heesen, Potvin, Hechtman, Haslach, and other families. The teachers are Mary Brown standing on the right, Lydia Weishaar standing rear center in dark dress, Isabell Curtis (Mrs. Otto Setzler) standing far left, and Supt. Pribble with the group on the far left.

The original building burned down in 1902 and school was held in the still unfinished Village hall until the same year. A frame building was built on the same foundation and used until 1924 when a new school was built on 3rd Avenue West. Students helped move into the new building carrying books and things during the Christmas holiday of 1924 season. The 1924 building's time is under consideration for removal.

## EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The first school was held in the summer of 1856 in the hall erected by the Society of Spiritualists and taught by Miss Sylvia Rowe. In 1858 the Spiritualists disbanded, sold the building to the school district, which then embraced a large section on each side of the village. The hall was used for school purposes for about six years, during which time it was moved twice, and then burned. After this, another hall, Sampson's, was used for educational purposes for the next six years, at which time a two story frame building was erected. This structure served the educational needs until it became overcrowded and a two story brick building was erected at third street and second avenue west in 1924. The school was known as District 43, which covered 6-½ square miles including the village and environs.

In the late forties and early fifties consolidation was taking place throughout Minnesota. By 1953, thirteen North Hennepin rural school districts had been dissolved and assigned to District 43. The last consolidation, Hennessy Hill, took place in 1964, bringing the total district area to 66-½ square miles. District 43 became new District 279 in the fall of 1957. It is presently the largest land-area school district in Hennepin County.



Osseo School of 1924, with the 1935 addition.



Osseo School of 1975

District 279's present seventeen schools house nearly 14,000 students. Two high schools, three junior high schools, twelve elementary schools and a central warehouse compose the facility assets of the District. At the completion of consolidation in June of 1954 the population was put at 1,220 students. By June of 1962 the district had grown to 5,569 students. In the decade from 1962-1972 the student population more than doubled to 13,500. Present population trends project continued growth, at a much slower rate. More than two-thirds of the District's land area is yet to be developed.

In the growth years of the sixties and early seventies, District 279 people constructed twelve new buildings in a ten year period. The largest bond issue, \$11,000,000 was passed in the fall of 1968. It provided the construction of Park Center Senior High, North View Junior High, Cedar Island Elementary School, the three district swimming pools and the central warehouse.





Class room of 1915.



Interior view of a one-room school was typical of those that dotted the Osseo countryside before consolidation with the city schools.



Osseo High School's first Basketball Team. Left to Right: Reed Gray, Coach, Bob Seibert, Morris Smith, Donald MacJunkin, Marvin Hartkopf, Robert Larsen, Vernon Charest, LeRoy Gervais, Harry Biederman, and Alvin Opetz.



Seated is Mrs. Lydia Krienke Zebarth, teacher, 1897. Standing left to right: Mrs. Elsie Roehlke Schendel, Mr. Walter Roehlke, and Mrs. Emma Roehlke Pagenkopf (pupils). Inside Burschville School.

In 1925 the voters approved yet another addition to the fifty-year old Osseo Senior High. Construction of a new gymnasium and auditorium was now begun. Osseo Senior High opened its doors in the fall of 1924 and graduated its first class, one student, in the spring of 1925. That student, Lily Lucht Ziebarth, now of St. James, Minnesota, returned to Osseo to speak to Osseo Senior High's 1975 graduating class. In 1975, District 9 graduated nearly 850 seniors, 358 at Osseo Senior High, another 495 at Park Center.

In 1975 major District growth took place in Maple Grove and some northern sections of Brooklyn Park, while significant decline was taking place in other more settled areas.

With the new construction at Osseo Senior High, the fifty-year-old original building will be demolished to make room for the gymnasium addition.

April 11, 1948, proved to be a memorable date in the history of the Holy Name Catholic parish. It was at the occasion of the Holy Name Society meeting that the group of men present expressed their desire and willingness to cooperate with Father Henry J. Boerboom in gathering the necessary funds to obtain a parochial school. The rapid growth of the parish, totaling about 200 families, thus the need of a Catholic school as required by the law of the Church whenever possible, was keenly felt here.

After much planning and collecting of funds the contract for construction of a school was awarded on June 28, 1951. The attractive, functional brick building, located at First Avenue West and Sixth Street North, became a reality. The building was finished and accepted by the architect and committee on April 16, 1952. The building was dedicated on June 8, 1952.

The school has served the educational needs of its many former students and the needs of its present students in grades one through eight.



Osseo Roman Catholic Parochial School as seen in 1975.

## HISTORY OF THE OSSEO PRESS

The first issue of the Osseo Press (Vol. I No. 1) was printed Nov. 29, 1923. It was 12 pages — four covering local news; a four-page supplement, and the other four pages consisted of a Patent section. In it were features, cartoons, recipes and advertising from the Patent Medicine Company.

Cost of the issue was 5 cents. Editor and Publisher of the first newspaper was Lester D. Wilcox. The original building of the Osseo Press was located where the Masonic Hall is today.

Otto M. Bohling took over the paper sometime in 1925. H. W. Schultz purchased the newspaper in May, 1926. Werner Schultz became editor of the newspaper in 1938.

When the original building burned down in August, 1932 the Press was moved to the Killmer building. In 1936 the building which today houses the Osseo Printing Co. was built and the paper moved.

In January, 1966 Schultz sold the Osseo Press to Don R. Larson, who with his wife Carole operate the newspaper today. They converted it to the offset printing process.

When Larson took over the operation of the Press, he solicited the help of the Osseo American Legion. The Legion needed a new roof on the basement facilities they had at the time. The drive was so successful they also constructed a full legion hall.

The Larsons started in a small area in back of the Osseo Press building at 240 Central Ave. Schultz went into partnership with his son, Werner, in the printing business which took up most of the building.

In June, 1966 the Larsons moved to 5 Second St. N.E. where Dr. Dick had his dentist's office for many years and which, prior to that, was the Osseo Post Office. The rest of the building housed apartments upstairs and the Osseo Surplus Center, owned by Jacob Silver. 20 years earlier, it was a drug store and originally was a bank.

The Larsons operated on Second St. until 1968 when they purchased the building. They published the Osseo Press, & Crow River News, in the same office. Today the Press serves as the legal newspaper for the city of Osseo, city of Maple Grove and the Independent School Dist. 279. Its offices are at 200 Central Ave.





**OSSEO-BROOKLYN**  
SCHOOL BUS COMPANY

200 2ND AVENUE N.W. • OSSEO, MINNESOTA 55369  
TELEPHONE 425-2542

Robert Regan in 1963 purchased the Tasler Bus Company from Jack & Ivy Tasler who started their company with 1 bus some 11 years prior. At the time of purchase the company was renamed the Osseo/Brooklyn School Bus Company to include the area the company services.

Since 1963 the school district needs have increased from 23 routes to more than 170 routes. 72 buses are needed to move over 8,300 students daily to and from school plus extra field trips.

The Osseo/Brooklyn School Bus Company employs 81 area residents as drivers and support personnel. Eighteen of those employees are full time. The average length of employment is 5.5 years. In 1963 the average cost of a new bus was approximately \$5,000.00, today the average cost has risen to approximately \$14,500.00. The average age of our buses is 4 years old.

All the buses travel more than 1,000,000 miles each year. Each bus must pass two rigid state inspections each year. The school bus system in the United States provide the public with the safest of all transportation when compared on a passenger mile basis.

Prior to moving to Osseo Robert Regan was in partnership with his brother Donald Regan in LeRoy, Minnesota where they operated a Ford Dealership. In 1962 they sold the dealership and moved to St. Paul where they started the St. Paul and Sub. Bus Co. and Top of the National Transit, which at that time was the largest mail contract between Chicago, Ill. and the West Coast. We move 7% of the mail out of the Twin Cities.

The management and employees of the Osseo/Brooklyn School Bus Company are proud of their association with the people of Osseo and the North Hennepin communities. We pledge our very effort to the safe and efficient transportation of your school children. My wife, Mary, and our 7 children would like to thank all of you for 12 wonderful years here in this fine community.

Thank you,



**osseo/maple grove area chamber of commerce**

During the 100 year history of the business community of Osseo a number of organizations of businessmen were in operation. If one became defunct there was always a new business stimulant started. Most all of the men of the business section at one time or another headed up these organizations such as the Osseo Commercial Club, the Osseo Business Men's Association, etc. The Osseo Chamber of Commerce (an affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce) became active and several years later became inactive. It has now been replaced by the Osseo/Maple Grove Chamber of Commerce. The new organization is in its third year and at the present time is headed by James Heig, president of the Northwestern State Bank of Osseo.

The Osseo/Maple Grove Chamber of Commerce is striving to update the Osseo Main Street business section with its "Project Proud". Recently they had printed a brochure for the area and at present they are sparking the Centennial program. Their interests are not only for the City of Osseo but the Osseo/Maple Grove community as a whole. Cooperation between the two cities is pertinent for the success of the business places of this area.

**OSSEO FEED MILL AND FEED STORE**

After working on a well digging and threshing crew, Arnold Emholtz - Arnie as he was known to his friends - decided there was a need for a feed mill in the community of Osseo. In 1925, he purchased the vacated Maple Grove railroad depot and moved it to Osseo near what is now the lot in back of Heinens. At first grinding feed was the main service along with the sale of whole grain, hay and straw. During the drought of the 30's, he traveled all over the state trying to find hay and grain for the cattle.

One of the highlights of each year to his children was the fall threshing season when Arnie readied the steam engine and threshing machine while his wife, Hattie, helped at the mill. The first job was always at Bill Engels and the kids could ride with him through town on the steam engine to the Engel farm.

As the need for more services became apparent, he added equipment for mixing feeds, shelling corn and cleaning grain. Before the days of packaged feeds, the Osseo Feed Mill registered and marketed their own brand of laying mash, chick starter, horse feed and cow feed. It was truly as advertised "custom grinding and mixing" as many of the customers had their own formulas or recipes for animal feed.

In the 40's State highway plans were drawn and they included the feed mill so the present block structure was built near the railroad with more grain storage, a truck scale and other new and faster equipment.

In the meantime the Bergsengs Store and warehouse on Main Street was purchased to meet the growing demands for lawn and garden seeds and fertilizer and pet foods. The Store is now managed by Virgil Siebert and services gardeners and hobby farmers along with the grain and cattle interests of earlier years. The Feed Mill mixed its last batch of feed and cleaned its last load of oats on April 15, 1975 when it was sold and the contents auctioned.

Over the last 50 years many tales were told when the farmers came to town to get their feed and their wives did the weekly grocery shopping.



# UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY

In attempting to reconstruct the history for the United Telephone Company in the Osseo exchange, we have used the knowledge of several people who have worked for the company for a number of years.

Roman Barthel, who started with the company around 1933, is one to whom we turned. Also, Ed Follett, who has worked in the area since 1956.

Prior to 1933, the telephone company was known as the Rural Telephone Company and was owned by a group of farmers of the area.

In 1933, the properties were purchased by Paul Glaeser and Leo Fischer, who operated the company under the name of Pioneer Telephone Company. In that same year, wages paid to linemen were \$.28 per hour. It was decided that St. Michael at that time would be converted to a dial telephone system. This was one of the first systems in the state.

Osseo operated on a magneto basis for a number of years. For those who don't remember, this was the crank type system. This was later converted to common battery, and in 1958, the first dial unit was installed in Osseo.

In the early years, the farm people worked off their telephone bills by helping the local telephone company set poles, string wire, etc. Only 2 or 3 regular employees maintained Osseo, St. Michael, and Rogers for a number of years.

In 1939, in the Spring, and later Fall, sleet storms raised havoc with most of the lines which were open wire at that time. Months were spent putting these facilities back in order.

In 1954, there were 1,320 telephones in the Osseo, St. Michael, and Rogers exchanges compared to 12,394 today. This indicates some of the growth which has occurred in the 21-year period.

In 1958, Osseo was converted to dial, and with it came toll free dialing to Minneapolis and St. Paul.

In 1968, the Osseo dial-switching unit was again changed, due to the high growth rate. In this same year, United Telecommunications and the Pioneer System were merged. The name changed once again to United Telephone Company of Minn. Since 1933, ten managers have been assigned to the area, and of that number, six are still employed with United Telephone Company in some capacity, including Roger Herdt, who is the present manager.

Thirty-six employees are now employed in the Osseo district who are responsible for the service and maintenance of the plant which has a value of \$6,563,000.



## North Hennepin Pioneer Society

For many years whenever those, both young and old, who hated to see the artifacts of the pioneer days disappear got together, they always had the same strong desire to do something about the problem while they still could.

In the fall of 1966, a few people gathered and started the momentum that became the North Hennepin Pioneer Society. They elected Mrs. Victoria Krienke Joyner, President; Mr. Frennd Wadsworth, Vice President; Mr. Dean Tripp, Secretary; and Mr. George Reinking, Treasurer. The society was incorporated November 18, 1966, with Victoria Joyner, Frennd Wadsworth, Baldwin Hartkopf Sr., and Mrs. W. R. Stevens as incorporators.

The Society's first project was the preservation of the Potter log cabin located south of Osseo, which was destined for wreckers because it was in the path of a highway. The Pioneers planned to take it apart and reconstruct it log by log as soon as a suitable site could be purchased. A short time later, a one-room school known as Burschville 107 was acquired only days after its last class had left on May 31, 1967. This purchase not only gave the Society a fine example of a one-room school, but also provided on the same site the needed ground for the reconstruction of the Potter log cabin.

The Burschville school, located on County Road 10 West of Osseo, has been the scene of many tours by school children and individuals.

## OSSEO SHOE STORE

We opened our doors for business March 1, 1946 in what the old timers called "The Glass Block". The building is now gone, but was next to the old Osseo Theater. Our first customer was Ted Zatch, who wanted a patch put on his pants, and heels on his shoes. After four years, the building was sold and we had to find a new place. There were no buildings available, so the town moved the kids' warming house up to Central Avenue where we operated for six months. We moved into our new building August of 1950. We have enjoyed almost thirty years of dealing with the people of Osseo and the surrounding area.

Don and Irene Francis



## AMERICAN LEGION

American Legion Loyalty Post 172, was organized October 17, 1919, with twenty four charter members, and Lloyd M. Smith as commander. Since its organization the post has had thirty-nine commanders including the present commander Robert Barthel. From 1919 to 1956 meetings were held in various places, commercial club rooms, Village Hall, Osseo High School, Post Club House, Heesen Hall, and the Osseo Grill, for which they have been held at the present clubrooms. April 1, 1917, the post held open house and dedication day.

Membership has risen from the original twenty four to this years 249. In 1920 the name was changed from Loyalty Post to Rudolph Priebe Post in honor of an area service man who died in France in World War II. Meeting nights have always been the second Thursday of the month. The Post, now and in years past, has dedicated its work to God and Country.

The Post sponsored its first Jr. Legion Baseball team in 1928. It hosted the Tenth District Convention in 1929. Over the years four members have served as Tenth District Commander; Harry Setzler in 1929, Arthur Setzler in 1935, Harvey Norelius in 1950 and Howard Cook in 1971.

The present Post Chaplin, Raymond Kreifall, held the office of Minnesota Department Chaplin in 1958 and 1968. Howard Cook is serving as eighth Tenth District Department Vice Commander for the years 1975-1976.

## OSSEO APCO SERVICE

### DON'S BARBER SHOP

Don Nordby began barbering in Osseo in 1955 for Stan Anderson. Don started his own shop in 1960 at 237 Central Avenue. After fire destroyed this location he moved to his present building at 208 Central Avenue.

Complete hair care services are available. His shop is known as the "Hair Care Capitol of the World".

"HAIR CARE CAPITOL OF THE WORLD."



## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit #172 of Osseo was organized in 1920. This was also the year that the Department of Minnesota was formed. Dr. Helen Hughes Heilscher of Mankato was elected and served as Dept. President in 1920-1921. (This unit is one of the few that bears her signature on its charter.) It was a bitter cold winter night in late November. About a dozen young women met upstairs in the dance hall over the People's Cash Store owned by George Heesen. This was on the corner where the Round Table Restaurant is located now. They all signed up that night but did not receive a charter until April 18, 1921. Dr. Heilscher was unable to attend the meeting so she asked Mrs. Sandy Hamilton of Minneapolis, who was Vice President of the Dept. to fill in for her. Miss Rosalie Gosselin was elected and served as first Unit President. Serving with her as secretary was Mrs. Lloyd Smith. Mrs. Smith's husband was Post Commander at that time. After that the ladies met in each other's homes until the Post bought a house from a Mr. Hammer. This was located behind Boerboom Park. They renovated it, fixing up the kitchen and meeting rooms. In 1956 the basement club rooms of the present building were built.

That first year (1920) the Unit sold poppies that were furnished by the Minneapolis units in the 5th District. They did a tremendous amount of welfare work for the WWI veterans and their families. Money was scarce and it was the beginning of the depression in the 30's. There were no welfare agencies to help the veterans, so the work being done by the unit was greatly appreciated.

### HOME BEAUTY SHOP

308 East Broadway

I started my beauty shop in Osseo in March of 1949, and have been in business for over a quarter of a century. I want to thank all the people who have patronized my shop in the past and hope to serve you in the future. I am proud to be a part of Osseo and wish much success to Osseo on its centennial.

## BOY SCOUT OF AMERICA TROOP 334

The Boy Scouts first started in Osseo when the Methodist Church of Osseo was granted a charter for Troop 334 on April 28, 1948, with 28 boys. Pastor David McGuire was head of the sponsoring institution; C. Hewitt, Institutional Representative; Roy Ward, Troop Committee Chairman; Ken Joslyn, Scoutmaster.

The Osseo Lions Club became sponsor of Troop 334, which then had 28 boys, on April 28, 1952, with Robert C. Larsen as President of the Troop; Fred Hasti, Institutional Representative; Patrick Gorman, Troop Committee Chairman; C. R. Jackson, Scoutmaster.

Troop 334 meets in their club room, built for them by the Lions, at Lake Park. The Institutional Representative is Don Gladson; Troop Committee Chairman, Gerald Scherber; Scoutmaster, Al Pieper.

On April 28, 1955 the Osseo Lions were granted a charter for Explorers Troop 334. The post has since closed.

## TROOP 178

A second troop started in Osseo when St. Pauls Lutheran Church of Osseo was granted a charter December 31, 1959 for troop 178, with 28 boys. Pastor Lohrke was head of the sponsoring institution; James Bert, Institutional Representative; Marvin Vollrath, Troop Committee Chairman; Chuck Blesi, Scoutmaster. Norbert Lerbs was Assistant Scoutmaster but assumed the position of Scoutmaster within a few months after the troop started. Troop 178 meets at St. Pauls Lutheran Church in Osseo. The Institutional Representative is Richard Emerich; Troop Committee Chairman, Marvin Vollrath (15-½ years); Scoutmaster, Norbert Lerbs (15-½ years). The St. Paul Lutheran Church sponsored Troop Scout Pack 178 from Dec. 1960 to May 1968.

In September 1968 the Osseo Elementary School PTA sponsored Cub Scout Pack 334 with Earl Morse as Cub Master. The present Cub Master is Dave Ericson.

Scouting in Osseo has and still is serving an average of 60 boys a year.

**NORM'S BARBER SHOP**

## OSSEO GIRL SCOUTS

Osseo Girl Scouting, sponsored by the Osseo American Legion Auxiliary began in the fall of 1930. Mrs. Ebba Norelius helped organize the troop which met at the Village Hall. The leaders were Margaret Spence (Larsen) and Mildred Wells (Rambow).

The members of this troop were Barbara Dick (Mathers), Audrey Setzler (Richey), Alice Phenow (Von Ende), Kathleen Phenow, Jane Spence, Dorothy Rochat, Lurene Scott (Thomson), Melba Hartkopf (Dornfeld), Lois Killmer (Meyer), Marion Korfiatis (Barzelis), Mary Jane Richards, Pauline Richardson, Laverne Rochat, Catherine Shell, Leona Schrieber (Smith), Lorraine McHugh (Heinrich), and Marguerite Neumann.

Lurene Scott was the first faithful reporter of troop activities in the Osseo Press. Reporting a camping party at Rev. Soltau's camp on the Mississippi she said, "Every night people came out to stay with us, to keep anyone from trying to kidnap us."

Volunteers' interest and enthusiasm have helped Girl Scouting in Osseo to continue growing steadily.

### **R & W WELDING & MACHINE, INC.**

252 FOURTH AVENUE, S.E. OSSEO, MINNESOTA 55369 425-5221

Raymond Rooney and Waldon Current, having decided to open a welding and machine shop, R & W Welding & Machine Co. opened in Ray Rooney's garage at 333 1st Avenue N.E., Osseo, Mn. on August 1, 1972.

In the next four months, the business grew to where they decided to move to 252 4th Avenue S.E., Osseo, where they are still located.

On January 1, 1973, R & W was incorporated because of business expansion.

They do steel and aluminum engineering and fabrication of tanks, trailers, machines, carts, rollers, etc. They also repair and maintain all types of equipment, and have grown from 3 employees to 10 full time people.

They still do business in the manner, "Service and Quality is Our Motto", and because of their fine customers, continue to grow.



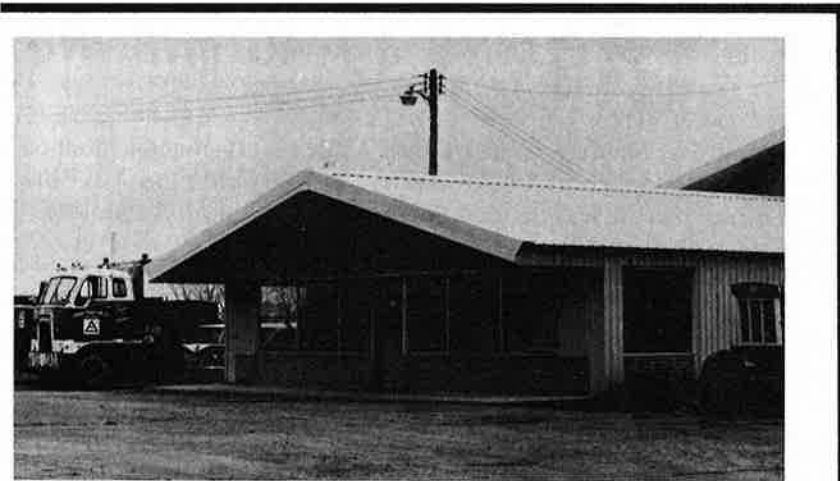
## OSSEO LIONS CLUB

The Osseo Lions Club was chartered on September 27, 1944. The Lions Club, composed of area businessmen or residents in managerial positions, is dedicated to fund raising projects for the purpose of charitable donations including the Lions Eye Bank and projects for sightless persons. It supports all of the goals of Lions International, national and state projects.

On November 21, 1975, the Osseo Lions celebrated its 30th Anniversary service to Osseo including the building and furnishing of Sipe's Park, the sponsoring of the Osseo Boy Scouts since 1952, the refurbishing of Memorial Park, various senior citizens projects, aid to needy sightless persons, Christmas gifts for the needy, sponsoring of the girls' softball tournament and state-wide tournament, rest benches in Osseo and more recently a picnic shelter in Boerboom Park.

Interested men or prospective members can contact a Lions member for additional information.

The Lions Club members wish to congratulate Osseo on 100 years of progress.



Congratulations to the City of:

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on her 100th birthday

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## OSSEO LIONELLES

The Osseo Lionelles were chartered in November of 1973 by their sponsoring group the Osseo Lions. They were organized as a group to help the Lions in service to the community. They have spent many hours at the nursing home and helping with the senior citizens. Any wife or widow of a lion member is eligible for membership. Meetings are held on the third Monday evening of the month throughout the school year at the Osseo City Hall Community Room.

### Charter Members & First Officers

Pat Robertson, President  
Marge Hinrichs, Vice President  
Gloria Larson, Secretary  
Bernice Vollrath, Treasurer  
Marlys Keppel, Sgt. at Arms  
Betty Roden, Director  
Evelyn Hartkopf

Alice Rude  
Arlene Barrett  
Alice Osada  
Pat Haertzen  
Jan Gladson  
Heidi Selvig  
Kathy Rapacz



### ACTION TV & APPLIANCES

GIBSON — SYLVANIA — ZENITH — SPEEDQUEEN — ADMIRAL

Action TV and Appliances opened for business on April 1, 1967, at 209 Central Avenue. After seven and one half years on Central Avenue, Jim Haertzen, owner-operator, purchased and remodeled the former Tonn Oil Co. property on highway 52. Jim and his employees sell and service a full line of electronic products. Included on the large display floor is a full line of major appliances.

## HINRICHS DEPARTMENT STORE

**Gordy and Margie Hinrichs 425-6868**

We are one of the newer businesses in the City of Osseo but at an old familiar location. It was Marlin's Department Store then Marlin's Ben Franklin and Payne's Ben Franklin. We are a new business but we are not new to Osseo. We have lived and worked in Osseo for over twenty-seven years. We are looking forward to meeting old friends and making new ones.

## STORY OF MAPLE GROVE/OSSEO JAYCEES

Osseo Jaycees were chartered in May of 1969 with 25 charter members. The extending chapter (Minneapolis) provided excellent direction first year.

Projects undertaken by the chapter that have improved its chapter membership and have been of direct influence on the Community are: Children's Xmas party, Jr. High Cambridge project, Softball Tournament, Jr. Champ Track, Organization of the Chamber of Commerce, and Rest Home project, to name a few.

Osseo and Maple Grove Jaycees met in November, 1974 and voted to merge the Chapters. The first officers of the combined Chapters took office June 1st, 1975 with high hopes and many expectations.

## OSSEO PAINT AND WALLPAPER STORE

Osseo Paint and Wallpaper Store was established by Harold and Mable Trombley in 1960, the first of its kind in Osseo. In 1973 the business was sold to Harold's nephew, Rawland and his wife, Sue Trombley. Located at 212 Central Avenue it still has the same name. You will find the best selection of paint in both Benjamin Moore and Baltimore. It also has one of the largest wallpaper departments in the upper midwest.

## TESSMAN

OIL COMPANY

BEAUTY NOOK

725 East Broadway Street  
425-4300

Steve and Karen live in Osseo and conduct both their businesses out of their home.

Steve celebrated 10 years in the oil business on June 1, 1975, serving the Osseo area.

Karen opened her beauty nook on June 1, 1975. She has already served the Osseo area for 9 years as a beautician.

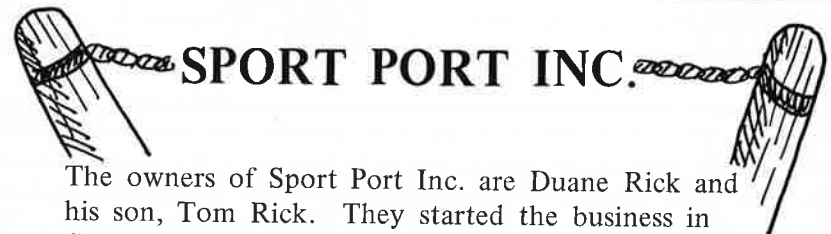
Steve and Karen want to congratulate Osseo on their centennial. A nice community to live and do business in.

## MAPLE GROVE/OSSEO MRS. JAYCEES

The Maple Grove Mrs. Jaycees were chartered on May 23, 1970, with nine members. They elected Jennith Schmidt, President; Sharron Lynas, Vice President; Lynn Fisher, State Delegate; Sue Christenson, Secretary; Sharon Hansen, Treasurer; Carol Boeson, Barb Russell, Sally Kemna and Ora Mae Weidema. In February, 1975 the name was changed to Maple Grove/Osseo Mrs. Jaycees.

Its main purpose is to serve and assist the Jaycees whenever needed. The Jaycees of Minnesota officially recognize the Mrs. Jaycees as the official Jaycee Auxiliary.

Some of the programs participated in are: Aid to Retarded Citizens, Cystic Fibrosis, Kidney Disease, Accent on Youth, Community Service, Teen Corp and Female Health. Services are donated whenever needed.



The owners of Sport Port Inc. are Duane Rick and his son, Tom Rick. They started the business in Crystal, May 7, 1966, and moved to Osseo December 1, 1966. Sport Port is located in the Osseo Shopping Center and deals in auto parts, boats, motors, and snowmobiles.

## DINO'S PIZZA



Mary Ann Rosbacka, mgr., Sandy Lang, Bonnie Stark, Judy Bierstedt  
— waitresses.

Back in 1971 Floyd Kruse bought Dino's and completely remodeled it. The original Dino's was started in 1965 in Wayzata. At one time Floyd had four locations in operation but Osseo is his only store at present.

They would like to take this opportunity to thank all of their customers for their patronage in making their business the success it is today.



## DEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS OSSEO LODGE NO. 206

Osseo Lodge No. 206 was instituted June 3, 1893. The following is a list of the 38 charter members:

David Ackerman	Emilien Lefebvre
T. F. Adcock	Moses Leger
Thomas I. Breckens	Frank Northrop
John Champlin	Chas. Opitz
Camille Charest	Henry Sampson
James E. Chapman	Chas. H. Setzler
Chas. Curtis	Fred Schmidt*
J. W. Dibb	E. G. Setzler
Bernard Dibb	Wm. C. Schmidt
Edward Ditzler	A. F. Simard*
Isaiah Dubuque	Hugo F. Schwappach
Edward G. Egan*	Richard Thompson
J. R. Emery	Oliver Turgeon
F. E. Griffith	Chas. T. Wadsworth*
Frank Hastings	Jesse A. Warde
Chas. Heesen	John Weishaar
T. J. Hennessy	Joseph Weishaar
Joseph Hodgin	Fred Wenz
Abraham Knobel	Peter Zimmerman

\*First Officers of Osseo Lodge

In the year 1895 our Lodge building was constructed—the lower section of this building now houses Bob Evans Gift Shop at 133 Central Avenue. In the year 1906 our membership had grown to 56. Because of business expansion of our tenant, an addition was added to the west end of the main building in 1915. Our membership had grown to 161 members by the year 1931. We gained 49 members in 1927, one of our largest membership gains.

During our many active years there have been several past and present activities and social events we have either originated or been part of. They are as follows:

Participated in supporting Minneapolis Society of the Blind, a children's orphanage, a retirement home at Northfield, Minnesota.

Participated for many years in local softball league, played donkey basketball and competitive volleyball events, & held dances and bingo.

Participated in fund raising for Rose Bowl Float, Aquatennial Float and Peace Gardens in North Dakota.

We are also proud to be the only Fraternal Order to be authorized to place flowers on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

We participate in State and National Bowling Tournaments and are proud to acknowledge Osseo Lodge No. 206 as State Champs in 1975 and the 5 previous years. We have also sponsored the State Tournament several years.

- Osseo Lodge No. 206 and Rebekah Lodge No. 9 have, for the past 15 years, sponsored a United Nation's student who tours the U.N. in New York and other points of interest such as Washington, D.C. The funds for this are raised by a monthly card party during the winter months.
- Osseo Lodge No. 206 also originated the Football Banquet for Osseo School District. This banquet was held for several years—the last year recorded was for the team of 1949. The Honored Speaker at the banquets were Pudge Hefflefinger, former All-American who played for Yale, and Donald C. Bennyhoff, Hennepin County Court Commissioner. Many who attended those banquets will remember Bennyhoff and one of his favorite songs, "The Cross-Eyed Butcher" the lyrics which went like this: "If your going to hit where your looking right now, your going to have to get someone else to hold your gosh darn cow"!

Members and non-members have spent many enjoyable hours within our walls. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those individuals for their contribution to the prosperity of this Fraternal Order.

**DALE H. SANDER**  
Agent

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## OSSEO REBEKAH LODGE #9

The Osseo Rebekah Lodge was chartered on January 29, 1945. There were 53 chartered members. Officers for the first year were: Marie Neuman, Noble Grand; Alyce Marlin, Vice Grand; Vera Schrieber, Recording Secretary; Marion Paul, Financial Secretary; and Lydia Tessman, Treasurer. Since then the regular meetings of the lodge have been held in their own rooms, located in the I.O.O.F. Hall on Central Avenue. The lodge promotes friendship, love and truth. Over the many years it has given support to the Northfield Odd Fellows Home, the sending of a student to the United Nations' Pilgrimage, and various community projects.

## THE OSSEO CONSERVATION CLUB

In 1934 a group of dedicated Sportsmen founded the Osseo Rod and Gun Club. The general purpose of the organization was to promote the highest standards of sportmanship and to work for and encourage legislation that would preserve and replenish wildlife and habitat. The Club and its projects flourished and in 1946 became a corporation in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota. For 20 years the Rod and Gun Club's activities were guided by these articles of incorporation. In 1966 the members of the Rod and Gun Club recognized times were changing and to be effective the organization would have to modify its original purposes. It was decided that the change in direction should be reflected in the Club's name. Hence, in 1966 the Rod and Gun Club was renamed the Osseo Conservation Club.

The name it still bears today.

## OLD WEST ARMS

209 Central Avenue

425-7799

Primitive firearms have been used throughout the history of this country by almost all of its frontiersmen and settlers. Today, replicas of these very guns are becoming a popular pastime with many. Tom and Dave Fraser, while new to Osseo, are longtime enthusiasts in the muzzle loading field, and can supply the shooters of this area with all of their muzzle loading supplies and accessories. They will be sponsoring a monthly shoot to help the inexperienced and introduce the curious to this fast growing sport.

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## OSSEO GARDEN CLUB

In 1885 the Osseo Land and Garden Culture Society was organized; their meetings being held on the second Sunday of the month. The function of the society was to discuss the management of farms and gardens. The society had twelve members. No records are available to show how long it existed.

On October 6, 1953, the present Osseo Garden Club was organized with the following officers being elected: President, Ruth Evans; Vice President, Jane Spence; Secretary-Treasurer, Lois Ackerman. Guest speaker at the meeting was Mr. Hunt of the State Horticulture Society.

The purpose of the Garden Club is to promote vegetable and flower gardens; encourage beauty in our homes and neighborhoods; and hold Flower Shows, where the knowledge of floral arrangements are displayed.

Previous to the founding of the Club the Osseo Friends of the Library had sponsored four annual Flower Shows; the plans for the first of those flower shows were made by Mrs. Frank Doezal, Mrs. John Evans, Mrs. Robert C. Larsen, and Miss Jane Spence.

## ALLAN'S FLOWER AND GIFT SHOP

To the Allan's it has been our life of happiness. We started out with a prayer and hope. To this day we raised our two sons. God was good to us. We had nothing when we started. Today we are rich in the memories of all our wonderful friends we have gained in all the years of our business. There is nothing more rewarding than when a new father comes in to get flowers and says, "I am a new Dad." or a bride-to-be all excited, or when we make arrangements for a funeral we share their heart-aches but know our flowers will comfort them. Only God knows. I could write about all the stories we hear about the big tomatoes or the other vegetables some have planted that were bought here. We are proud to have a part in making someone happy. The old part of our house is 119 years old. It dates back to 1856. We are happy and proud to be a part of Osseo.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Friends of the library are a group of citizens interested enough in the library to become thoroughly acquainted with its program and to interpret that program to the community. The Osseo Club was organized in 1949 by eighteen interested patrons. They have over the years enriched our library through gifts of books and other library material. They have sponsored teas, book fairs, and cultural opportunities for the community. Membership is open to all.



## OSSEO SENIOR CITIZENS

September of 1966 Alma Allen took it upon herself to organize a Senior Citizens Club. After being assured of a meeting place, a notice of the time, date and place was published, and a meeting for October was scheduled. Nine people attended the first meeting. Marilyn Andricks from the Recreation Department was invited to attend and explained how other similar clubs functioned and what activities they offered. Those present approved the idea she presented and Alma Allen was elected President. She then appointed Ida Blegen as Secretary and Hubert Schwappach as treasurer. They served in this capacity for four years. Also appointed were Lil Distad as food chairman and Nora Schwappach as reporter and card cheer.

Business meetings are held twice a month at the American Legion Hall in a planned program. Social activities are also held throughout the month.

The club now has at least fifty members and welcomes anyone over 65 years-of age.



Left to right: Ed Weber, Otto Heinen; John Vandever and John Heinen, Sr.

## HEINEN & MASON

In 1923, the five Heinen Brothers, Rudolph, John, Martin, Otto and Hubert purchased the implement and lumber business in Osseo owned by A. G.

Olson. It was called Heinen Mercantile and was located in the Lebreve home next to the Old Great Northern Hotel and Stables. The present building at 33 Central Avenue was built in 1935 and in addition in 1952. In 1951, a son-in-law, Don Mason, joined the firm and shortly after, in 1958, Otto retired. John Heinen, Sr. died in 1966.

The present store owners and operators, Don Mason and John Heinen, Jr. wish Osseo a happy 100 year celebration.

## THE OSSEO COMMUNITY RECREATION ASSOCIATION

The Osseo Community Recreation Association has been in existence for many years. Mr. Dick Heesen was in charge of the organization until his death. Mr. Doug Hastings has been president since then. The Association has been in the forefront of community recreational activities, primarily with regard to the development and use of Osseo Memorial Park.



Osseo Baseball Team of 1910. The entire town went out for baseball in those days. A parade from the Village Hall to the Ball park opened the season. Village Officials, the band and school children along with the ball team participated.

Butch Setzler, Bat Boy. Front Row: Chas Olson, Mike Klien, Geo. Petcock, Geo. Ruff, and "Push" Synder. Back Row: Geo. Rochat, John Olson, E. W. Meinke, Geo. Heesen, Walter Reynolds.

## BOTTLERS SUPPLY AND MANUFACTURING CO.

Bottlers Supply and Manufacturing Co. of Osseo is a world-wide supplier of bottling machinery. It is operated by its founder and president, Cornell M. Wing, his brother Elwood N. Wing, and John Palmgren. It is one of the three rebuilders of bottling machinery in the United States.

The firm followed their father, M. L. Wing, who also was in the bottling machinery distribution since 1925.

The company has been in the bottling machinery business since 1935, having operated in Minneapolis before moving to Osseo in 1965.

They also manufacture and design special types of machinery used in the carbonated beverage and food processing industries.

In 1969 Osseo Sports was formed as a separate division, taking on Scorpion snowmobiles, John Deere and Chrysler Out Board Motor dealerships. This portion of the business is managed by John Palmgren.

There are hundreds of "Wing Bottling Machines" shipped to many parts of the world, marked, "Made in Osseo, Minn. USA".

## OSSEO/MAPLE GROVE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

A newly formed organization to co-ordinate the various athletic associations in the communities of Osseo/Maple Grove.

## OSSEO MASONIC LODGE

Winslow Lewis Lodge #125 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons was founded by 25 charter members nearly 100 years ago in 1877.

Osseo Masonic Lodge is part of a world wide mens fraternal organization with lodges in nearly every country of the world. The main principle of Masonry is the brotherhood of man, and Masonry is composed of members of all races, religious beliefs, and all walks of life.

The first Master of the Osseo Lodge was Mr. George W. Savage, father of Mr. Charles Savage, former Mayor of Osseo. Mr. Andrew J. Smith, brother of Minnie Heesen, one of Osseo's oldest living residents, was the second Master. They were followed by sixty five past Masters with the first being his Anderson of Brooklyn Center, our present Master.

When the Lodge was first organized, its meetings were held over a black-horned shop located where Biederman's hardware store is now located. The old time members such as Gideon Henry and Otis Brown liked to have and some of the newer members we know today, men like Roy Ward, Edell and Neil Gray, Ted Zopfi, Robert Schwappach, and Harvey Kozlowski, how during the winter frost was on the nail heads of the flooring when they held their meetings in that first hall.

During the summer of 1932, the lodge hall, which had been built during the 1890's was destroyed by fire. Until the present Masonic Hall was built in 1933, the Masons held their meetings in the old Germania building also known as Heesen's Hall, where the Round Table Restaurant is located.

Osseo Masonic Lodge membership has grown to 250 men from the Osseo, Brooklyn Park, Maple Grove, Brooklyn Center area.

Our members have had a long history of involvement in our community, and we wish to congratulate Osseo for its Centennial.

## ORDER OF DEMOLAY

The Harry S. Truman Chapter, Order of Demolay movement was founded in 1919. Demolay is open to young men from 13 to 21, who believe in God; are of good character & reputation. It teaches them to be better sons, better citizens & hopefully, better men. Each Demolay Chapter has a sponsoring body, usually a Masonic Lodge, in this case Winslow Lewis Lodge #125 of Osseo. The members run each Chapter, conduct their own activities & learn to develop their leadership abilities. There are over 2500 Demolay chapters in twelve countries & territories. Over 30 million are now or have been Demolays, including many young men in sports, entertainment and politics.

## EASTERN STAR

Winslow Lewis Chapter 67 O.E.S.

November 22, 1923, the Grand Chapter reinstated Winslow Lewis Chapter No. 67. Four charter members are Minnie Heesen, Blanche and Neil Gray and Russell Gray.

Fire destroyed the Temple in 1932 and meetings were held in Heesen Hall where the Round Table is today.

A cookbook was published in 1970.

Brother Wesley Kohl served as Worthy Grand Patron in 1928, Sister Hilda Schwartz was Grand Ada and Sister Beatrice Myshak is presently Grand Chaplin for the Grand Chapter of Minnesota.

The O.E.S. is the largest fraternal organization to which both men and women belong. Brochures are available to explain history and social service projects. Members welcome inquiries.

## BETHEL #93 JOB'S DAUGHTERS

A Bethel of Job's Daughters was chartered in Osseo in December of 1971.

The goal of this group is to create an opportunity for girls with proper Masonic relationship between the ages of 12 and 20 to develop leadership, stimulate fellowship and fun, participate in community service projects and raise and donate money to charities and research foundations.

Some of the community projects in which Job's Daughters have been involved include aiding with projects at the Berkshire Home, Candy-stripping at local hospitals and the Masonic Care Center, having a party for students in Special Education classes in Osseo School District, cleaning local parks and decorating for CEAP Ball.

Bethel 93 is growing both in membership and activities and currently has 54 members.

## DR. PHILIP L. ISAACSON

Dentist

249 - 5th Avenue S.E.

Dr. Isaacson was born and raised in South Minneapolis, where he was graduated from South High School. He received his Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Dental Surgery Degrees from the University of Minnesota. In 1965, following graduation, he entered the Dental Corps. of the U.S. Army, serving in South Carolina and Vietnam. Upon discharge, in 1967, Dr. Isaacson moved to Osseo and started private practice. In 1973, he moved to expanded facilities in the Osseo Shopping Center. Dr. Isaacson and family reside in S.E. Osseo.



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## *Osseo Chiropractic Clinic, P. A.*

*Dr. John R. Rapacz*

220 CENTRAL AVENUE  
OSSEO, MINNESOTA 55369

TELEPHONE (612) 425-5525

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Dr. John Rapacz attended the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, the University of Minnesota, and Northwestern College of Chiropractic in Minneapolis and was graduated with his Doctor of Chiropractic degree in 1967. He operated the University Chiropractic Clinic with his father, Dr. Edward Rapacz, from 1967-1969 before purchasing the building at 220 Central Avenue and opening the Osseo Chiropractic Clinic on December 15, 1969.

The present clinic building — which was once an office building and later a restaurant — was remodeled and carpeted to include a private office, reception rooms, complete x-ray facilities, physical therapy and traction rooms, and Chiropractic treatment rooms. Additional therapies, improvements, and employees have made this one of the most modern Chiropractic clinics in the state. It is equipped to handle workmen's compensation, medicare, welfare, and personal-injury cases in addition to general conditions.

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## OSSEO BOOK REVIEW CLUB

1976 marks the 25th anniversary of the Osseo Book Review Club, started in 1951 by Ina Purvis, Marie Gordon and Gladys Wallen. This organization now has a membership of approximately 150 women who attend a luncheon, followed by a book or play review, on the second Tuesday of each month. Outstanding programs have long been enjoyed due to talented reviewers and able leadership. Throughout the years, the club has been generous with gifts of money to the Osseo Friends of the Library and to Camp Courage.

## DR. ROY C. OLSON

DENTIST

Dr. Roy C. Olson began his dental practice in January 1960, at 108 Central Avenue in the building owned by Mrs. Gladys Wallen. A graduate of the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, he was commissioned a captain with the United States Air Force, serving for two years as a dentist at Biggs Air Force Base, El Paso, Texas. His hometown is Hendricks, Minnesota.

In October, 1974, Dr. John F. Englund, a lifetime Minneapolis area resident and a graduate of the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, joined Dr. Olson in practice. They are now re-located in a new dental building at 25 Fourth Street N.W., Osseo.

## CHANTILLY COIFFURES



A new shop was opened up the month of May of 1968 just behind the Round Table Restaurant in a new building built by Ken Heesen after a big fire. The owner and operator is LaVonne Lofgren. She has been running this very busy shop for seven years. She has three operators working for her.

## OSSEO AREA CHURCHES

**Church of the Nazarene**  
 1st Street N.W., Osseo  
 Perry D. Cordell, Pastor

**Maple Grove United Methodist Church**  
 101, Co. 30, Osseo (RFD #3)  
 Wyle Krumrie, Pastor

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
 East Broadway, Osseo  
 H. Bertram, Pastor

**Church of St. Vincent de Paul**  
 Central Avenue, Osseo  
 Father Clement Zweber, Pastor

**Maple Grove Lutheran Church**  
 13 - 73rd Avenue North, Osseo  
 Eric Fry, Pastor

**Baptist Church of Osseo-Maple Grove**  
 17 - 93rd Avenue North, Osseo  
 Mark Coleman, Pastor

**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
 101 & County #30, Osseo  
 R. Arndt, Pastor

**Osseo United Methodist Church**  
 16 - 2nd Avenue S.E., Osseo  
 Jerome Schoeppler, Pastor

**Assembly of God Church**  
 14320 - 93rd Avenue N., Osseo  
 Garth Lambie, Pastor

**Advent Lutheran Church**  
 US 52 & 94th Ave. N., Osseo  
 D. Jerome Anderson, Pastor

**St. Gerard's Church**  
 9600 Regent Ave. N., Brooklyn Park  
 Father Robert Oelerich, Pastor

**Berean Baptist Church**  
 8825 W. Broadway, Brooklyn Park  
 Donald Odens, Pastor



Church of the Nazarene, 1st Avenue West and 3rd Street.

## OSSEO CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

The once Maple Grove Church of the Nazarene moved into the village of Osseo in 1947, after serving the Osseo area from a little white frame church at Fish Lake for many years. On June 23, 1946, the ground was broken for the new church, with the actual excavating starting August 1. During the winter months the membership worked on the basement unit of the church. The following summer the basement was completed and formally dedicated August 10, 1947.

Membership continued to grow, so that on June 22, 1951, erection of the superstructure was begun. With more than 50 different persons donating over 1700 hours of labor, Open House was held on December 31, 1951. At this time the church opened for the use of the congregation with new pulpit furniture, pews, and an electric organ. The formal dedication of the church was held when the exterior was completed.

Pastor Edward J. Johnson was serving the church when this new structure was built. Since Rev. Johnson left the following have served: Reverend Leland Hagen, Reverend Stanley Gerboth and Reverend Jerry D. Cordell presently serving the congregation.

## *Monterey Nursing Inn of Osseo*

525 2nd St. S.E., OSSEO, MINN. 55369 - Phone 425-2128

The Osseo Nursing Home was originally built by Ken Heesen and two associates in 1956, with additions to the home in 1958 and 1960. The home was sold to the Monterey Life Systems in 1970 and the name of the home was changed to the Monterey Nursing Inn of Osseo in 1974.

The home presently offers a full Occupational-Recreational therapy program, Physical Therapy, Speech Pathology, Social Services, together with a host of consultant services, and has forty two (42) medicare certified beds.

The goal of the home is to be of service to the community. Questions and suggestions are encouraged and welcomed.

## RITA'S HAIR FASHIONS

Rita Hanson, manager of the beauty shop, has been in business in Osseo for two years. Her shop is located in her home at 4 - 7th Avenue N.E. The Hanson family enjoys the Osseo area and they wish to thank all of their customers.





## OSSEO LUTHERAN CHURCH

Osseo Lutheran Church began as a mission of the Lutheran Church in America. Pastor L. Jerome Anderson was called to serve as the mission pastor on June 1, 1966, and later called to serve the congregation. After surveying the community an interest meeting was called on August 1966, at which 60 persons attended. The decision was made to proceed and the first worship service was held at the Osseo Elementary School on September 11, 1966, with 261 persons in attendance.

Osseo Lutheran Church was organized as a congregation of the Minnesota Synod of the L.C.A. on November 27, 1966. Ground breaking ceremony was conducted on August 20, 1967, but the congregation continued to worship in the Osseo Elementary School until the present church building was completed. The first worship service in the present structure was held on December 24, 1967. The present membership of the congregation is 907 baptized members.

## OSSEO SURPLUS SALES

Paul Fisk

Cris Hovaldt

*We wish to thank our customers for doing business with us during our first year in Osseo. Keep us in mind for your snowmobile needs. We carry new, used, and surplus parts.*

21 1st Street N.W.

425-7171

### Surplus Engine Parts

Kohler-Hirth	J.L.O.	Snowmobile Hoods
Tracks	Spark plugs	Wear Rods
	Many Others	

## MAPLE GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

The Maple Grove Assembly of God Church was started when a group of pastors of the denomination felt the need for an evangelical witness in the area of Osseo-Maple Grove. Two of these men were driving the gravel streets, the paved roads, and the busier highways one day and located a delightful looking cornfield on County Road 30, on which they could picture a house of worship. Together they claimed that land for the work of the Lord, determining our foundation would be the rock Christ Jesus, despite the corn roots. This resulted in the purchase of 10 acres of property.

Sunday, September 12, 1971, was the first Sunday of services, which were held in the temporary meeting place, the Maple Grove Village Hall. Garth Lambie, serving in Luverne, Minnesota, was asked to be the first pastor.

During the winter of 1971-1972, negotiations commenced to trade the long, narrow strip of property for another site just ¼ mile east with more frontage necessary to comply with Village ordinances and the complete projected church needs.

The first phase of construction was the parsonage; which is a large split entry home. At the present time the congregation meets in a chapel on the lower level, but the walls are bulging outward. The church has experienced a continual growth until at the present time has a constituency of about 100.

Ground has been broken for a church building which will include a sanctuary, fellowship hall, kitchen, and Sunday School rooms; and men of the church are doing much of its construction.

Services of the church include Sunday School at 10:00 A.M. (a study of the Bible with a class for every age); Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.; and the Sunday Evening Service at 7:30 P.M. On Wednesday evening there is a Bible Study at 7:30 P.M. The church also has a Royal Rangers program for boys, ages 8 to 16 years, and a Men's Fellowship group.

Reverend Garth Lambie has been the pastor since the conception of Maple Grove Assembly and extends an invitation to everyone to attend services or to visit.

## SHEPHERD OF THE GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Shepherd of the Grove's new Lutheran Mission held its first worship service on Saturday, June 24, 1973, in Cedar Island Elementary School Cafeteria with approximately 40 persons in attendance. Sunday school began one year later, fall 1974. In August of that same summer the first Mission Bible School met in the pastor's home and neighboring homes with 75 children attending.

The church choir and Altar Guild began their duties in the fall of 1973. In November 1974 members voted and selected the name Shepherd of the Grove Lutheran Church.

On January 10, 1974 Shepherd of the Grove Lutheran Church officially was recognized as a bona fide church organization. Sunday school children and church members signed the special charters.

Brooklyn Center became a popular area in August of 74 when Vacation Bible School enrolled over 250 children and taught God's word under tents. Tents were pitched on the church property next to Cedar Island School. A very active Senior Youth Group was organized in Spring 75 and a Junior Youth Group is organizing to begin this fall.

The groundbreaking for our permanent facility was a special day in the church's history. On June 15, 1975 the entire congregation joined Pastor Victor Fry and the Building Committee in officially breaking ground at Hemlock and West Eagle Lake Drive. The church membership numbers 160 communicant members and Sunday School members 100.

## City-Country Insurance Agency

309 CENTRAL AVENUE — OSSEO, MINNESOTA 55369  
PHONE  
OFF: 425-4151

City-Country Agency was founded in Osseo in 1951 and has been serving the needs of a growing number of policyholders in the metropolitan area since that time. At present, about 2700 households enjoy not only quality insurance and premium savings, but the convenience of having all of their insurance with one agency.

As a professional independent insurance agency representing many companies, City-Country Agency can offer insurance protection that is custom-tailored to your needs. Whether it be auto, life, homeowners, health, business, farm, or anything else from antiques to zircons, City-Country can provide the coverage for you.



**BROOKLYN CENTER  
CHAPEL  
533-3000**

**OSSEO CHAPEL  
425-2155**

### *CONTINUOUSLY SERVING THIS COMMUNITY SINCE THE TURN OF THE CENTURY.*

- 1905** J. M. Evans established a furniture and funeral service in Osseo
- 1919** Harry Nelson employed as a funeral director.
- 1926** J. M. Evans retired. Entire business was purchased by B. J. Dahlheimer, Osseo business man, and Harry Nelson.
- 1941** Robert Berndt, became a partner in the Evans Furniture Co.
- 1952** Keith L. Nordby and Charlotte H. Nordby purchased the funeral service from Harry Nelson, B. J. Dahlheimer and Robert Berndt.
- 1953** Construction began on new building for Evans-Nordby Funeral Home.
- 1954** New facilities of Evans-Nordby Funeral Home, at 1st Avenue East and 2nd Street North Osseo, were opened with spacious chapel, family visitation areas and casket-selection room.
- 1962** Keith L. Nordby and Charlotte H. Nordby built and opened the second Evans-Nordby Funeral Chapel in Brooklyn Center at 6000 Brooklyn Boulevard.
- 1972** Evans-Nordby Osseo Chapel was completely remodeled and enlarged, doubling the size of the original facilities. Also provided was a funeral home parking lot across the street.

For seven and one half decades the Evans-Nordby Funeral Homes have served this community with compassion and concern at a time of need. It continues to do so.





Osseo United Methodist Church.

## OSSEO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

In the early 1900's there was not a formally organized Protestant Church in Osseo. However, there was a small active band of practicing Christians. It was once more proved God's promise "to be in their midst" where even two or three would gather in His name. Beginning about 1910, these Christians met in each other's homes on Sunday evenings and worshipped at "Prayer Meetings" to replace the formal church worship many of them were accustomed to before they moved to Osseo. This early group was led by: Mr. and Mrs. Bert Crandall, Mr. and Mrs. Harder, Mrs. Melissa Krueger, Misses Clara, Cora and Agatha Krueger, Mrs. Maude Purdy and Chauncy Pryor.

In the fall of 1911 Rev. McCaslin came to Osseo to organize a Sunday School for the unchurched people in the community. At the advice of the late Al Hechtman, a Mason, contact was made with Mrs. J. E. Smith (Georgie Belle Smith) assisted by Hattie Larsen Heesen and Mrs. May Carpenter, at which time plans for a Sunday School were made. Those who worked diligently with the Sunday School included: Mrs. New Olson, Mrs. Charles Killmer, and her daughters Mary and Lillian, Mrs. Louis Schwappach and her daughters, Elsie and Edna. Mr. Ed Setzler worked with the choir. Other families attending included: the Dexters, Curtis, Savages, Larsens, Getchells, Wadsworths, the Neddersons, and Hendricksons. From holding meetings in homes until attendance was too large, meetings were held in the Masonic Hall on Central Avenue.

Excitement and interest grew and with the guidance of Rev. S. W. Matson, Rev. Boswell, Rev. Runlet, Rev. John Walker, Rev. Volkenant and W. E. [Name], a student from Macalester College, the need for a church was soon recognized. In 1920, plans to build a church were made. Mr. and Mrs.

Harry Spence donated land for the structure. Ground for the new building was broken on May 26, 1922. The church, located at Broadway and 2nd Avenue N.E., was dedicated November 5, 1922. Church enrollment continued to increase, thus it became necessary to enlarge the church building. The formal opening of the enlarged structure took place on January 8, 1961.

The following pastors served the church from 1922 through 1975:

Rev. W. E. Clark, 1922-1924  
 Dr. Carl Anderson, 1924-1925  
 Rev. H. J. Soltau, 1925-1934  
 Rev. E. B. Cooney, 1934-1942  
 Rev. U. E. Dahle, 1942-1945  
 Rev. David S. McGuire, 1946-1948

Dr. Irving E. Putman, 1948-1949  
 Rev. Thomas Payne, 1949-1951  
 Rev. Gordon Lund and  
 Dr. Irving Putman, 1951-1955  
 Rev. Al Toews, 1955-1960  
 Rev. Ralph High, 1960-1966  
 Rev. Richard Tice, 1966-1967

In 1967 Rev. Jerome Schoeppler became the pastor and continues to serve our congregation.

As of 1975, our community is experiencing a healthy population increase, and the next few years should witness a growth within our congregation as well as the community. Our church profile has already changed due to the many new families who serve the business community of the metropolitan area.

As we continue to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, our church should become an even greater witness for God in our community.

### SUBURBIA FURNITURE & CARPET CO.

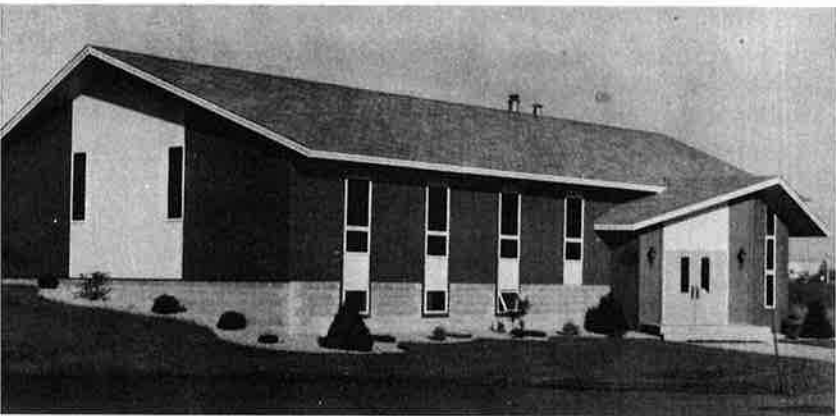
308 FIFTH AVENUE, S.E. • OSSEO, MINNESOTA 55369

April 1, 1967, Stan Kondziolka opened SUBURBIA FURNITURE AND CARPET COMPANY ON HIGHWAY 52, with a new idea!: Sell top quality furniture and carpet for about 25-35% less than you would pay in Crystal, Brookdale, or in Minneapolis.

It worked. Today Stan and his family (seven total work in the store) operate the most competitive total home furnishing store in the Metropolitan Twin City area.

How did this come about? Before opening in Osseo, Stan had over 2 decades of furniture and carpet background. Give every customer whether he be a doctor, workingman, fellow merchant, farmer, or retired couple, the lowest possible price on the sales ticket clearly marked so that no price negotiating is necessary. . . is Stan's policy.

Suburbia also prides itself in being a complete store with decorator service at no cost, wall covering, draperies, lighting fixtures and bedding and accessories are also available. We're happy to be in Osseo, we like the people here and hope to be here for many years.



Maple Grove 1st Baptist Church, located ½ mile west on County Road 30.

## SEO — MAPLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

In the fall of 1958, Rev. John Bronner surveyed the Osseo area to determine any interest in beginning a local Baptist Church. Rev. J. G. Johnson, Executive Secretary of the Minnesota General Baptist Conference, cooperated in the early stages, also.

Prior to this, the St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Osseo had vacated their church and parsonage at 101 Broadway in Osseo. These facilities were available for rent or sale.

As a result of these efforts, a small group began holding services in the former Lutheran Church on April 12, 1959. Rev. John (Jack) Bronner was named the part-time pastor.

The church was incorporated in August of 1960. The church grew in attendance to about 95 regular worshippers by 1966. During this time the church and parsonage were purchased by the congregation.

Rev. Bronner served a total of eight years. In the spring of 1967, he was called to become pastor at Hastings, Minnesota.

During the summer of 1967, interim pastors were Dr. Robert Mounce, Mr. Jack Couchey. In September, Rev. Winston Sherwich accepted the call to be the long term interim pastor. Pastor Sherwich can be remembered by his great ability to overcome his handicap of blindness. He won the hearts of all that knew him during his stay.

Mark Coleman and his wife Sybil, came to Osseo in early 1969. Most of the original members of the congregation had moved away and Mark and Sybil embarked on a real endeavor to re-group the church. The church building was in need of major repairs. In order to get a fresh start and to have a greater outreach the congregation voted to sell the property and build a new sanctuary. About five acres were purchased from Elmer Weber, just west of the Osseo Junior High School.

For a time in the winter of 1970, the Advent Lutheran Church invited the Baptists to worship in their church, because of the deterioration of the old church. This experience was highly valued by all — a real example of cooperation between two Christian Churches.

Under the leadership of Pastor Coleman, a new church was planned and built.

The dedication service for the new church was held on March 15, 1973.

An interesting ministry came with the purchase of the property. A very well structured barn was on the property. The ministry of "The Barn" has become a community project in which all churches have had a part.

The church presently (summer — 1975) serves an active congregation of about one hundred interested worshippers. The ministry of Rev. and Mrs. Coleman has reached into many areas.

As of May, 1975, Rev. and Mrs. Coleman tendered their resignation to become pastor at a Duluth church. Rev. Clarence Sahlin, a professor at Bethel Seminary has accepted the call to be interim pastor.

## MASTER MATIC, INC.

### ROUND TABLE RESTAURANT

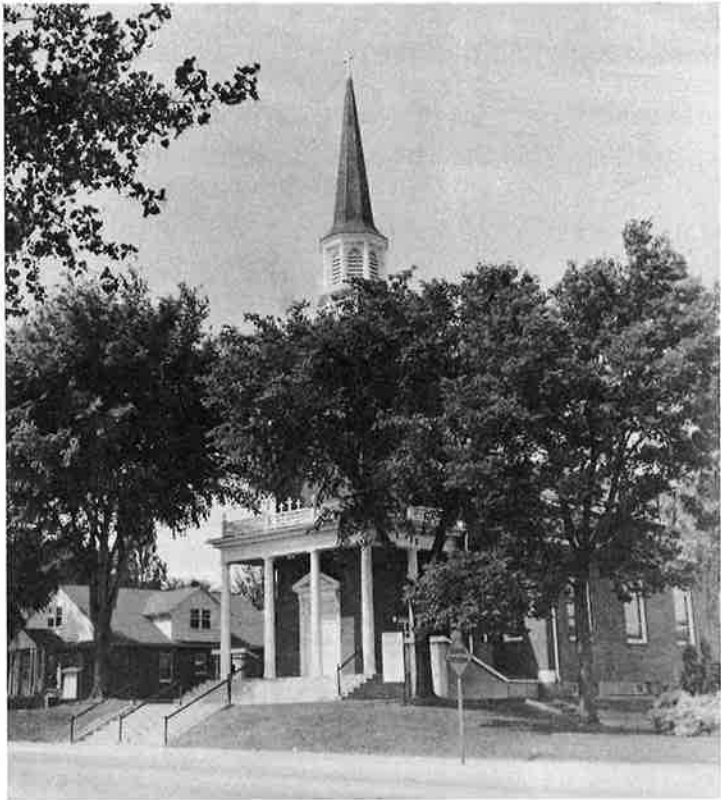
247 Central Avenue

Osseo, Minnesota

In the late eighteen hundreds the original building housed the Peoples Cash Store — George Heesen Proprietor. There was a community dance hall on the second floor. The lower level was made into two separate stores — a department store owned by Mr. and Mrs. George Reibestein and a grocery store. The Reibestein's operated their store in this location until 1961 when they moved to a new location.

In 1961 Cliff and Edna Payette and son, Michael moved their restaurant business from the Ranch House Cafe to this remodeled building and operated the Round Table Restaurant. On June 1, 1967, Dale Johnson became owner. On January 1, 1968 in seventeen degrees below zero weather in Osseo's biggest fire, the Round Table Restaurant burned down. The store was completely rebuilt by the owner of the building, Kenneth Heesen, and on May 17, 1968 the Round Table Restaurant was once again opened for business by Dale Johnson.





St. Vincent de Paul Roman Catholic Church, Central Avenue and County Road 30.

## VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH

history of St. Vincent de Paul Parish reaches back almost as far as of the community it serves.

first Holy Mass to be offered in Osseo was celebrated in 1855. It offered in the home of Pierre Bottineau by Father George Keller, st from St. Paul. The Bottineau home was located about three-ths of a mile west of the present city of Osseo. After Mass, Father er told the assembled pioneers that they ought to have a church heir own.

soon afterward, under the direction of Bottineau, willing volunteers n the construction of Osseo's first church. They felled trees to build 30 x 50 foot long structure. When completed in 1856, it was called Church of St. Louis. It was the first Catholic church ever built in nepin County west of the Mississippi River. It was situated about y rods west of the site of the present church.

The second parish a 32 by 54 foot frame building was completed in 1864 and called the Church of St. Vincent de Paul. It was built on the same site that today's church occupies on Central Avenue. The land on which the church was built was donated by Peter Gervais.

The parish grew steadily. In 1880 the sanctuary was enlarged and a sacristy, 16 by 28 feet, was added to the church. In 1890 a steeple was added to the church to house the bell that had been purchased in 1865, but which had hung in a frame adjacent to the church until that time. (That same bell now hangs in the belfry of the present St. Vincent de Paul Church).

The cornerstone for the Colonial style brick church used today was laid with solemn ceremony by the most Reverend Archbishop Austin Dowling on November 8, 1921. The church, built to accomodate 420 people, was completed at a cost of \$63,000.00, and dedicated on August 27, 1922. There were only 105 families in the parish at the time the church was dedicated.

The membership continued and has surpassed 500 family memberships.

Priests who have served St. Vincent's Parish over the years are:

Rev. George Kellar, 1855	Rev. Patrick R. Heffron, 1885
Rev. Francis Hurth, 1856-1861	Rev. Lanzon, 1886-1889
Rev. C. Genis, 1861-1866	Rev. Durand, 1890
Rev. M. L. Nicolas, 1866-1868	Rev. Charles A. Pettigrew, 1890-1895
Rev. Prosper Maurer, 1868-1871	Rev. Louis Keukelinck, 1896-1898
Rev. Francis J. A. Lechner, 1871-1873	Rev. L. Simon, 1898-1903
Rev. E. Maesfrax, 1873-1874	Rev. Francis Savey, 1903-1914
Rev. L. Lebret, 1874-1876	Rev. William Blum, 1914-1915
Rev. C. Robert, 1876	Rev. A. Kryjewski, 1915-1916
Rev. A. Ladriere, 1876-1882	Rev. William Blum, 1916-1917
Rev. A. Payette, 1882-1884	Rev. Henry J. Boerboom, 1917-1964
Rev. E. Dekiere, 1885	Rev. Leonard Bertrand, 1964-1968
Rev. Clement Zweber came to the parish in 1968 and is still serving the parish in 1975.	

## MR. WATER CARE

We have been serving the Osseo area since 1955, having bought out Axel Carlson, after his death. We rented a barn in Brooklyn Park as a plant for one year. Then we rented a building from Mr. Wiley for five years. In 1966, we built our own plant and expanded in 1972. Since then, we have been servicing and selling softeners to thousands of customers in Osseo and surrounding communities. We are grateful, and appreciate serving everyone.

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 714 East Broadway

## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

St. Paul's is an old, old congregation. Its beginnings go back to 1865, at which time it was known as "The Evangelical Church of Osseo". Six years later, in 1890, it became a member of the Synod of Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, and other states, now known as the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. At first, services were conducted in various Osseo homes. Later a small frame church was built; becoming too small, another church was built; then, in 1915, a combination brick and stucco church was built at the corner of Broadway and 1st Avenue East. Four years later, the first parsonage was built to the east of this church.

During the pastorate of Rev. W. Lohrke, the present beautiful, stone and brick parsonage were built at a cost of approximately \$5,000.00. The groundbreaking service was held on April 6, 1958, and on February 1, 1959, the new structure was dedicated to the glory of God. St. Paul's seats approximately 400 and it is located on 12 acres of land at the corner of Broadway and 7th Avenue East.

Known charter members of the congregation were: Carl Hartkopf, Harry Killmer, Fred Ebert, Carl Zadach, Johan Buchholz, John Schulz, William Rohde, and Friedrich Hartfiel. The first officers were: President, Harry Killmer; Secretary, Fred Ebert; Treasurer, Carl Hartkopf.

The congregation supported a parochial school from 1936 to 1940. A Sunday School was begun in 1927. In 1936, the congregation assumed the responsibility for beginning a mission congregation in Anoka; this was under direction of Pastor Ziegler. Pastor Schulz continued this work, organized the congregation, and in 1949 our daughter congregation, Mt. Olive of Anoka, dedicated its own house of God, with William Sutterer being installed as its first resident pastor.

The original group of Lutherans numbered 12; in 1952 there were 226 communicants and 335 souls; today the congregation numbers 675 communicants and 945 souls.

During all of these 110 years, a large number of pastors served the Osseo congregation. For those who might be interested, here is a partial list of those faithful servants of God who preached the Word and administered the Sacraments over the years: 1865-1876: V. W. Rehkopf, F. Buesher, J. Jahn, A. Calermer; 1876-1878: L. H. Buehrig; 1878-1881: H. Flee; 1881-1882: Henshel; 1882-1883: G. A. Bohnstengel; 1883-1885: C. Mack; 1885-1885: I. O. Zwicker; 1885-1889: A. L. Schmidt; 1889-1919: Johannes Fackler; 1919-1927: A. H. Kuntz (First resident pastor. Salary \$800 per year.); 1927-1936: A. H. Ziegler; 1936-1956: Arnold Schulz; 1956-1967: W. C. Lohrke; 1968- A. H. Bertram.

St. Paul's future looks bright. Even though Osseo itself has expanded to its city limits, the growing, surrounding suburbs of Maple Grove and Brooklyn Park should provide a rich field for expansion and growth.

May the Lord of the Church, who has blessed St. Paul's in the past, continue to shower the blessings of His pure Word on its members and the people in its community!

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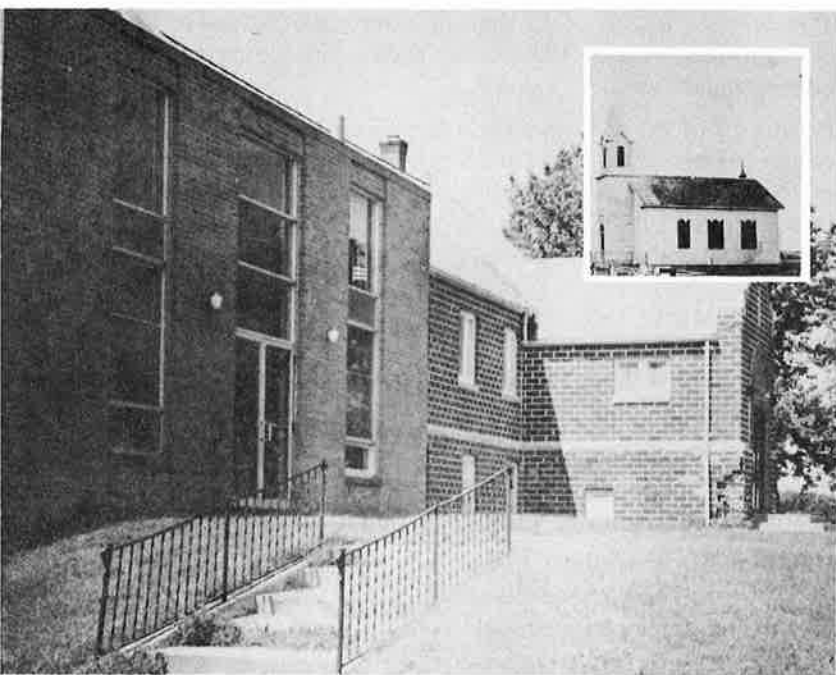
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Maple Grove United Methodist Church. (Inset) Old Maple Grove United Methodist Church.

## MAPLE GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

In 1846 Pastor P. Stubchen led the first soul, Daniel Bonn, to Christ. From 1846 until 1858, circuit riders served the young congregation. On April 12, 1858 Rev. Huelster preached his first sermon to about 30 adults. In 1861 Rev. Linse received the first members into the now named Immanuel Evangelical Church in 1861. Some first families included: Carl Sauselle, August Schnieder, Friedrich Miller, Fredrich Bonn, and Fredrich Reinking. A log house served as the first parsonage, being built on the Carl Sauselle farm. (Later the first log church was built on the Henry Noth farm. You may know it as the Ben Kriefall farm.) Other families joined the church congregation, namely: Kottke, Drause, Walter, Kriefall, Juedes, Henschel, Hartfiel, Dumann, Stelter, Wulkow, Stalberg, Pipenhagen, and others.

The log church became inadequate as the congregation continued to grow. In 1874 a new church was erected on the present site; and in 1883 a new parsonage was built.

Evangelical camp meetings were held regularly on the Henry Noth farm. Among the many great spirit revivals held year after year, two are of special interest: "The great revival of 1884" in which 40 souls were "Born Again", and at the 1931 revival, 21 souls were "Born Again".

Membership grew until it was necessary to build a new church. Under Pastor E. Butke's direction the present church building was erected and dedicated to the Glory of God on November 28, 1937, by Bishop E. W. Praetorius.

The Immanuel Evangelical Church celebrated its eightieth anniversary October 1-12, 1941, with Rev. G. G. Davis as evangelist. The young men that had been called into the service of the Lord were back and gave their greetings and testimonies. They were W. A. Juedes, Harold C. Reinking, and Wesley G. Miller. Later Lowell Reinking was called into the ministry.

In 1946 the Immanuel Evangelical Church united with United Brethren in Christ, which then became known as the Maple Grove Immanuel Evangelical United Brethren Church of the Minnesota Conference.

Under the direction of Pastor W. R. Thomas a new parsonage was erected, and on April 3, 1949, the parsonage was dedicated by Bishop E. W. Praetorius. On Sunday morning, October 20, 1957, ground was broken for a much needed fellowship hall. Under the direction of Pastor R. E. Marks, the Fellowship Hall was erected, the dedication taking place January 11, 1959.

In 1961 the church celebrated its 100th anniversary. During services the men sat on one side and ladies on the other side. Kerosene lamps were used for light, and old Bibles and religious books were on display.

Maple Grove Immanuel Evangelical United Brethren Church united with the Methodist Church in 1969. Now the congregation is known as Maple Grove United Methodist Church with a membership of 200. The church is located on Highway 101, one-half mile north of County Road 30, west of Osseo.

The following ministers have served this congregation:

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Rev. H. E. Linse, 1861       | Rev. J. Manthey, 1889-1891            |
| Rev. O. Ragatz &             | Rev. R. M. Mueller, 1891-1894         |
| Rev. Ende, 1861-1863         | Rev. H. A. Seder, 1894-1898           |
| Rev. O. Brill &              | Rev. C. F. Sydow, 1898-1901           |
| Rev. E. H. Bauman, 1863-1865 | Rev. F. F. Arndt, 1901-1905           |
| Rev. Wm. Stegner, 1865-1867  | Rev. G. Schaefer, 1905-1908           |
| Rev. J. VonEschen, 1867-1868 | Rev. M. Wordelman, 1908-1910          |
| Rev. J. G. Simon, 1868-1869  | Rev. G. Britzius, 1910-1915           |
| Rev. G. H. Knebel, 1869-1871 | Rev. H. Isker, 1915-1919              |
| Rev. W. Lenz, 1871-1873      | Rev. G. P. Herbolt, 1919-1921         |
| Rev. A. Walch, 1873-1875     | Rev. O. Brose, 1921-1923              |
| Rev. H. Hensel, 1875-1876    | Rev. C. Stettbacker, 1923-1928        |
| Rev. C. H. Koch, 1876-1878   | Rev. E. Streyfeller, 1928-1931        |
| Rev. M. Knopf, 1878-1881     | Rev. E. H. Budke, 1931-1942           |
| Rev. Geo. Haller, 1881-1882  | Rev. W. R. Thomas, 1942-1953          |
| Rev. H. E. Linse, 1882-1883  | Rev. R. E. Marks, 1953-1959           |
| Rev. L. Passer, 1883-1886    | Dr. C. O. Main, 1959-1964             |
| Rev. J. Kienholz, 1886-1889  | Rev. Dennis Rudhnke, 1964-1969        |
|                              | Rev. Lyle F. Krumrie, 1969 to present |

## ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 18th in the year 1864, a meeting was held by those residing in the townships of Maple Grove and Corcoran in the home of Mr. George Oswald. The purpose of this meeting was to organize a Lutheran Evangelical congregation. Those present at this meeting included: August Schmidt, Christian Reinking, Herman Schutte, George Oswald, August Schutte, Fred Schutte, Nicklaus Volbert, Christian Niemann, August Grambow, and Rudolph Schaefer. This group chose the name of the congregation to be "The First Evangelical Lutheran St. John's Congregation of Maple Grove and Corcoran Townships." Other early names in the congregation included W. Todthagen, C. Koehler, and John Schober.

The first church, a 20 x 24 foot and 12 foot high structure, was built; being dedicated to the glory of God on July 8, 1866. Pastor G. H. Arnicke was secured as the first resident pastor in 1868. Soon after arrival the first parsonage, a 18 x 24 foot log hut was built. The first church known as "The little brown church" with its home-made benches which stood parallel with the aisle was much too small. A new church was erected in 1881, and on December 15, 1927, the congregation was reunited over the burning of its house of God. A new church, the present structure, was built; being dedicated November 25, 1928. New parsonages also have been built as the need arose. The present pastor is Reverend Gerald Heimlich.

From the very beginning the congregation was interested in the Christian training of its children. In 1866 the records reveal that Mr. George Schmidt was employed as the first resident teacher. The very early records show that school was conducted for a month in the homes of Herman Schutte and Mr. John Schober. Mr. Fred Schutte was appointed the first teacher. The Christian Day School, held in a fine modern building today, provides a well rounded education for grades 1-8. The present teachers are Mrs. Pat Wenger and Mark Schoenborn. The church is located on Highway #101 West of Osseo.



## AL HECHTMAN AGENCY

Al Hechtman has been a lifelong resident of the Osseo area. He has been in the insurance business since 1953 and is now located in the Osseo Shopping Center. He deals in both insurance and mutual funds.

## BOB AND CARL'S AUTO BODY

107 Central Avenue

Robert Nelson

Greg Smith

This auto body shop is located in the old Ford garage, which was built in 1946. The shop was operated in Crystal for eleven years before moving to Osseo in September of 1969.

They specialize in repairing American and Foreign cars.

## BROWN DERBY CAFE

The Brown Derby Cafe on Highway 152 in Osseo has been under new management since October of 1974. Best wishes to Osseo on its Centennial celebration.



# CITY OF OSSEO

## COUNCIL NOTES

Osseo was "born" (platted, that is) on July 10, 1852, and for 73 years thereafter 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 12, the State Legislature passed a special law incorporating Osseo as a village and on March 19th, 1875, at the office of John Hechtman the Common Council was sworn in, to wit: President of Council, John Hechtman; Recorder, W. Ewing; Trustees, Wm. Krueger, D. H. Shepard, Berthiaume; Treasurer, E. LeFefebvre; Assessor, A. G. Ray; and Marshal, 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 officers serving as Councilmen and other offices. I will list the mayors and their 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, 10 years; J. Thompson; A. P. Hechtman, 6 years; H. B. Spence, 6 years; Chas. W. Savage, 8 years; George Rathburn; Peter Iten, 10 years; L. W. Reinhold; 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) 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 close all 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 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 the finances 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 Duella 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.

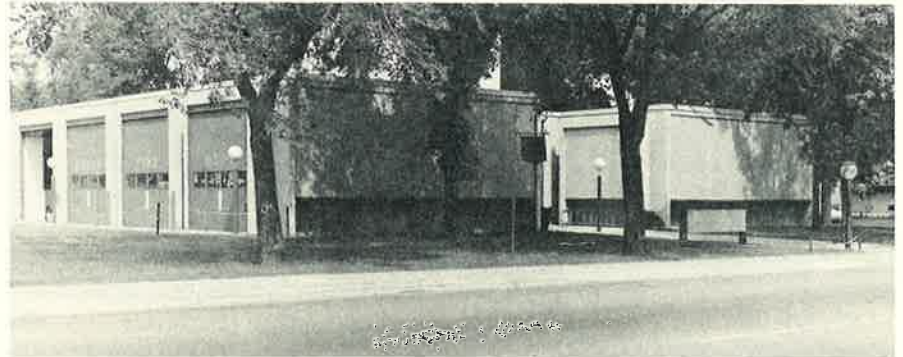
By June of 1885 for acting as Street commissioner and assessing property, Wm. Krueger was paid \$28. In 1886 the Assessor was paid \$30 to assess the Village and when Council cut that to \$20 he protested the claim to the Village. . . . in 1899, Peter Neumann, N. Mont and Nick Eckes held saloon licenses. . . . 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.



tions, 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  
2.50 (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  
way Pines, 197 shrubs, 12 peonies, 25 phlox, 25 iris, and all this  
\$126.00! . . . in 1913, Peter Phenow was paid \$4 for police work  
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  
p, and water tank. Water Consumers paid \$6 per year.

by June 1916, dogs were a problem and owners were ordered to tie  
or muzzle – if not done by July 1st, dogs at large were to be  
ot 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. . .

aftermath of the war years brought depression and WPA when  
o decided to use WPA funds and labor to re-do its streets. Popula-  
was 600-800 in this period and was stable to World War Two.

Village cannon were donated to the Scrap Drive. . . the Village  
ncil doubled as Ration Board, helped the Draft Boards and  
the village going. . . . the return of the young men in the middle  
es sparked expansion and Osseo doubled in size. In 1959, a total  
t surfacing program was initiated and street sealings were built in  
his issue and streets will be sealed at least once more before bonds  
retired in 1978. Curbs and gutters were installed in new sections  
blacktopping was ordered as new subdivisions were built upon.  
ermain upgrading has been carried on since 1959, with only one  
on remaining for upgrading.

uly 1960, 88 acres were detached from Brooklyn Park for road  
oses and include McMahons Additions to Osseo, plus St. Pauls  
eran Church and other parcels. This second wave of building  
ed with apartment buildings another 1000 people to Osseo. In  
ember of 1960, Village signed first Gas Franchise with Mpls. Gas  
pany. Also in that month Maple Grove detached and Osseo attach-  
he lands of School District 279 so Water and Sewer Mains could  
urnished by Osseo to High School Additions and the Jr. High  
ool. In June 1961, the Village contracted for Ornamental Street  
ts on Central Avenue. September 10, 1967, New Village Hall  
cated by U.S. Senator Eugene McCarthy. Cost (not completed)  
5,000.00 with future work done by succeeding tax levies. . . . De-  
ber 1967, 1st Snowmobile Ordinance passed. 1972, State Legisla-  
designates Osseo as a Statutory City and with Council Ordinances,  
o baptized in 1852, confirmed in 1875, became a City.

## JOYNER'S 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. Joyner's 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's built and are still operating a bowling lanes.

In 1963 Joyner's 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 Presi-  
dent 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.

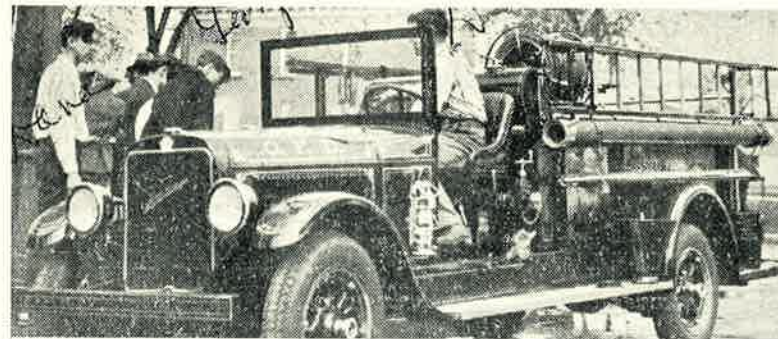
Leo Roden retired in 1966. George Beucler now operates a full-service barber shop with Ron Grams, a full-time barber-stylist, assisting him.

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

fighting depended on the bucket brigade in the early days. By 1900 citizens of Osseo wanted more fire protection. Hand pumps were called at suitable locations. These pumps had handles on both sides and six men could man one pump. Energetic pumping would develop a high hose stream. Three hundred feet of hose reached most buildings. Fire 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.

In 1915 Osseo installed a city water system when the electric power came to town. Hydrants were located with one to every block, and a 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 McHugh's 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 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 Kenneth 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, Ed Stumpf, R. Stark, full time and W. Weinand, H. Malzahn, L. Arens, D. Bonneville, part time.

## CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Congratulations Osseo for 100 successful and fulfilling years and our best wishes for the future.

Consulting Engineers Diversified Inc., formerly Caswell and Associates, has provided engineering, land surveying and soil exploration services to this area for the past twenty-one years.

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.

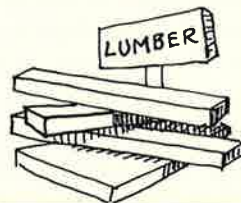


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## OSSEO MEAT MARKET

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.

## PARKS

History books tell us a driving park was once laid out on the farm owned by Isaiah Garvais in the town of Maple Grove, about one 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 see any other part. Osseo's famous race track was the hub of many enjoyable afternoons in the 1890's, with as many as 1000 people attending races from all parts of the state.

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

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.





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 a 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 Central 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 the 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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## 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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## OSSEO SKELLY STATION

Elmer Ulen, owner-operator

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'S REPAIR AND AUTO PARTS

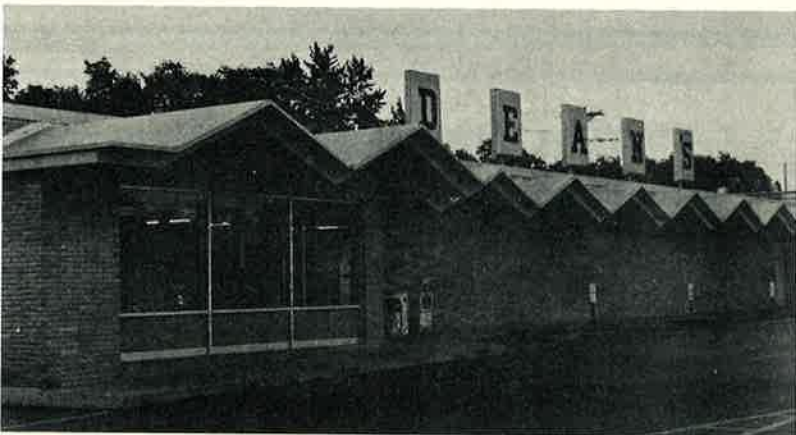
Woody Blair with 33 years experience established his own business at Osseo Body Shop in 1972. He moved to 521 Central Avenue in 1974. Woody is a specialist in his field of transmission repair and all mechanical jobs.

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

Optometrist

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.

## NOTES



# OSSEO CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

## SEPTEMBER 6TH & 7TH

### SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

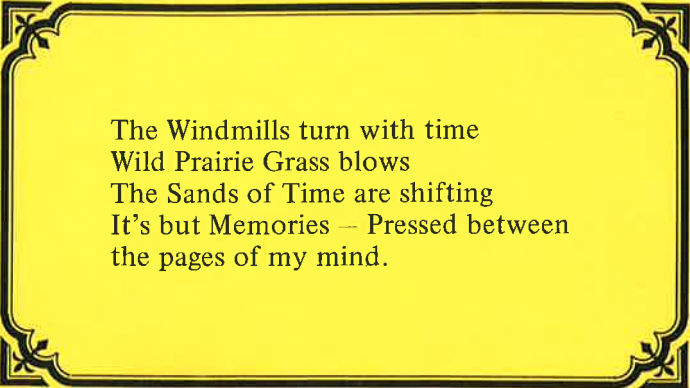
September 6th

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

### SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

September 7th

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



The Windmills turn with time  
Wild Prairie Grass blows  
The Sands of Time are shifting  
It's but Memories - Pressed between  
the pages of my mind.

### 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.

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