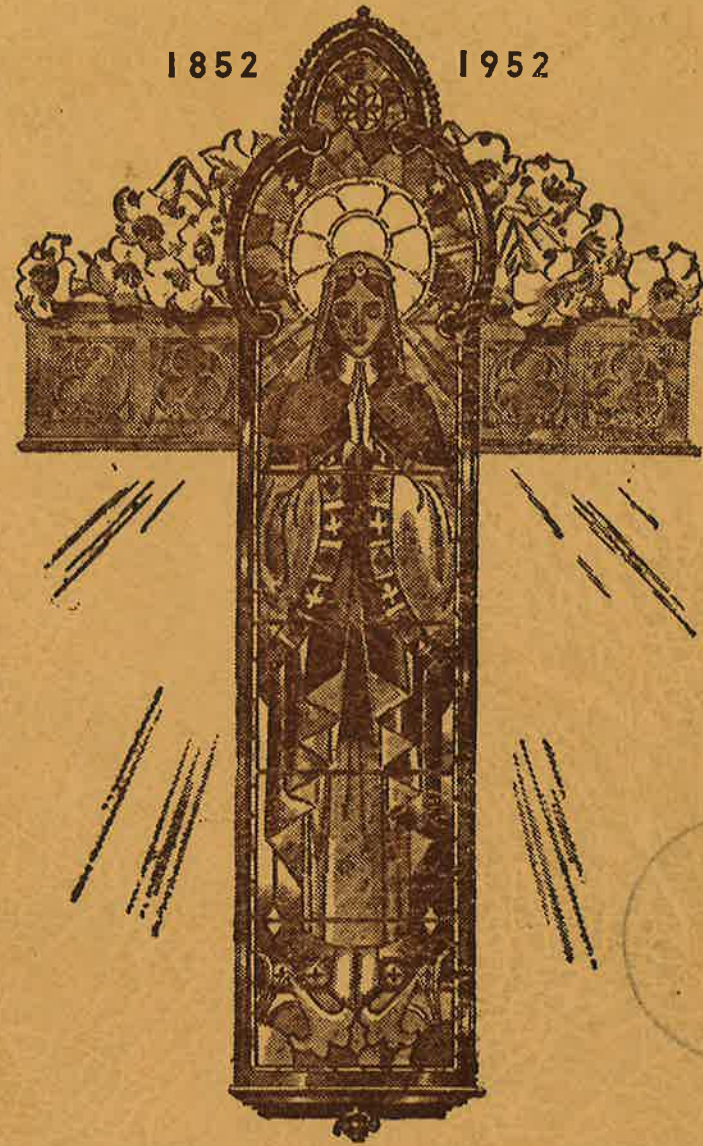


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JUNE 8, 1952

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL
244 Dayton Avenue
Saint Paul 2, Minnesota

THE REVEREND PASTOR AND MEMBERS OF THE PARISH
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL IN OSSEO:

The observance of the centenary of the organization of
our parish affords me the much appreciated opportunity to
cite all who have participated in the development of your
work during the past hundred years

First came Pierre Bottineau who had been one of the first
settlers of Saint Paul in 1841, coming from the Red River Valley
where he had been born and baptized, to appeal to Father Galtier
to cross from Mendota and provide services in the little log
cabin church of Saint Paul and six years later developing the
Saint Anthony Addition to Saint Paul in which he took an active
part in setting up the Catholic Church in the second claim he
had staked, giving hospitality to the first Sisters of Saint
Joseph and sending his daughter to their first Academy in
Saint Paul. This same spirit of the apostle prompted him to
provide services for the settlers of his third claim on Bottineau
Prairie which has attracted the devoted people who during
the last thirty-five years of the administration of their zealous
pastor have built a new church, a new rectory, and a new
school to mark the culmination of a century of apostolic activity
in the Kingdom of Christ. Osseo, the Evening Star, has reflected
the glory of Oriens, the rising Sun, that has shed luster on the
length and breadth of Christendom for the past twenty
centuries.

May the centuries ahead preserve and enhance the achieve-
ments of the century that is past, maintaining in undiminished
splendor the Eucharistic Throne of the Eucharistic King as the
source of all blessings and happiness for the people who love,
revere and imitate Him!

Very faithfully yours,

J. G. MURRAY
Archbishop of Saint Paul



*The Most Rev. John Gregory Murray
Archbishop of Saint Paul since 1932*

The North Hennepin Post

REINKING BUILDING — OSSEO

Originally founded in 1912 as the Hennepin County Enterprise, The Post this year celebrated its 40th Anniversary.

After successfully serving the Robbinsdale area for a number of years, The Post expanded its coverage area in 1950 to include the communities in the North half of Hennepin County and border towns in Wright County.

Excellent news coverage of every community, local pictures, features, and sporting events have contributed to making the North Hennepin Post MINNESOTA'S LARGEST RURAL WEEKLY NEWSPAPER. The Post now has a paid circulation of 7,000. Each issue contains from 32 to 40 pages of live, interesting news of this area.

The Post maintains an Osseo office in the Reinking Realty Building for the convenience of local patrons.

In addition the Post Publishing Company offers a complete printing service at its plant on Highway 52 just south of the Osseo Lake Road.

Owners of the Post Publishing Company include Edward C. Berault, president; H. O. Sonnesyn, vice president and editor; Harold L. Johnson, treasurer; Wayne W. Nelson, secretary; Richard Germundsen and Willard Sehnert, directors.

FOREWORD

IN 1922, I edited a pamphlet on the occasion of the dedication of our new Church, describing the history of the first 70 years of Osseo and the St. Vincent de Paul parish. At present, 30 years later, having just now completed the erection of our new Rectory and Catholic School, I am writing this booklet containing events and facts of the first 100 years of our community and parish.

I am dedicating this little issue to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Mother of God, first in token of gratitude to the Almighty, Who has singularly blessed this locality for 100 years and by Whose benign Providence this town has been spared of even any minor disaster; and secondly in order that the generations of the present and of the future for many years to come may understand that the priests and people of the past have heroically faced and solved the problems that confronted them. It was their living Faith and Trust in Almighty God that encouraged and sustained them in building up materially this unit in the circle of congregations in the Archdiocese of St. Paul. Harmoniously, under the leadership and guidance of their Archdiocesan Pastor, they worked together, contributing generously in the erection of the edifices necessary to carry on the work of Christ, in order that the precious heritage of the Faith of their forebearers may not be lost and that the development of the spiritual life may go hand in hand with that of the material.

A great deal of progress is evident in the comforts and luxuries of every day living in the homes and on the road of the average citizen since its inception. Even in these last 30 years much has been added, with all the electrical devices and appliances, the radio and television, to make life more convenient and pleasant. Still, with all that in mind, one is more than justified in asking: "Is the present generation happier and more content than those of the past?" My answer is negative.

Instead of embodying the history of Osseo's business places and those firms connected with the building of the new Rectory and School, and also other friends, in this narrative, I left it to the owners of each concern to pen the facts pertaining to their own enterprise and activities. We are grateful to these businessmen and friends who have so generously contributed to the success of this booklet.

May, then, this small contribution to the people of today and the children of tomorrow serve the promotion of God's honor and the preservation of the Faith in the souls of many.

Evans Furniture Company

HOUSE FURNISHERS AND FUNERAL SERVICE

Osseo, Minnesota

In 1905, J. M. Evans established a furniture and funeral service in Osseo, and operated that for 21 years. In 1919, Mr. Harry Nelson was employed as funeral director, and in 1926 J. M. Evans retired, and the entire business was purchased by J. Dahlheimer and Harry Nelson. At that time and thereafter the store was operated as the Evans Furniture Co.

In 1928 the store took on the franchise for Skelgas, and today is one of the largest distributors in North Hennepin County.

In 1929 the excellent funeral parlor with chapel was added, giving them much more room to serve the public.

In 1941 Robert Berndt joined our organization, which increased our efficiency and service considerably.

Whether or not you buy from "Evans" we are always glad to submit prices and figures. We are as close to you as your telephone.



Osseo Oil Company

TEXACO PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

FUEL OILS — TIRES — ACCESSORIES

Phone 51

Osseo



L. E. STREATER LUMBER CO.

Osseo, Minn.

This firm was established here as the Osseo Lumber Co. in 1907 with Ross Chase as manager. He was succeeded in 1908 by Andrew Olson, when the former took charge of the second yard started that year by the Rum River Lumber Co. of Anoka until 1910 when Reed and Sherwood of Anoka bought out this firm and moved across the street, where they have since maintained an up to date yard covering over one-half of a city block.

Purchased in 1945 by the L. E. Streater Lumber Co., who is the present owner.

The yard is being managed by Leonard Burr, who is there to help you with all your planning and building problems.

THE KILLMER COMPANY

LOUIS H. KILLMER

ALLEN D. KILLMER

Electrical Appliances
Electrical Wiring of All Kinds

Since 1917, Louis H. Killmer has been wiring farms and homes throughout the country.

His son, Allen, after discharge from the Navy in November, 1915, started his own radio repair shop and added major appliances and television repair.

Allen and his Father formed a partnership in October 1950, combining his Father's long years of electrical experience with Allen's radio and electric education, giving their customers safe and adequate wiring and the best in appliances and all electric repairs. Electrical work of any kind is their specialty.

They offer television, ranges, refrigerators, and freezers made by Crosley and Philco; laundry equipment by Bendix, Ironrite, and A.B.C., and all quality lines of small appliances.



Johnny Long's Liquor Bar

CHOICE WINE & LIQUORS

Successor to B&W Bar 1951

COLD BEER TO TAKE HOME

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF OSSEO AND THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH

I. FOUNDING OF OSSEO

"**A**H! DIS IS ZEE PLASE," exclaimed Pierre Botineau the colorful half-breed guide and founder of Osseo, as he emerged from the dense woods with his companions, to behold the open stretch of land before them. July 12, 1852, with Pierre Botineau as their leader and guide, came Peter Raiche, Peter Gervais and Joseph Potvin, to take up claims on the present site of Osseo; the settlement was at that time called Bottineau Prairie. Historical records show that in 1855 a post office called Palestine, with Peter Gagnon its postmaster, was located here. In 1856 Warren Sampson called it Osseo, though its former name was not soon forgotten. "Osseo" is an Indian word that Prof. Hodge claims to be derived from the word "Waseia," meaning "there is light," although the term more commonly is taken to mean "Son of the Evening Star." The village was in existence when the great poet Longfellow visited the famous Minnehaha Falls and wrote his poem, "The Song of Hiawatha." The hero of one of the Indian legends in this poem is called "Osseo" by the author, and the claim is made that Longfellow visited Osseo while in St. Anthony. Pierre Botineau was born in Red River Settlement, Man., January 1, 1810. His father was a French fur trader, his mother an Ojibway Indian.

In 1837 Pierre with three companions came from Winnipeg to make the journey over land to Fort Snelling, the next nearest trading post. Two of the men were lost in a blizzard west of Lake Traverse and perished, but with Martin McLeod he finally reached the Fort. Being a man of considerable ability and genial disposition, he was employed there by the army as guide and interpreter, until with the other settlers of the Fort, several years later, he was ejected from the military reservation. He went to St. Paul, then known as Pig's Eye Landing, later to St. Anthony (at present Minneapolis). In May, 1846, he bought 160 acres of land for \$150.00, known today as Nicollet Island, which he is said later to have lost in a poker game. Few men of the history of Minnesota have experienced a more eventful career than has Pierre Botineau. Old settlers of today, who have known him well, agree that he was a good man of clean character, and his good heartedness made him the real and

Red Owl Agency

Osseo, Minn.

Phone 116

In August of 1949 Charles Glander and Archie Bonfoey purchased the store from Andy Wishy. Mr. Wishy built and operated the store since 1947. After arriving in town the two soon became known by everyone as "Archie and Charlie."

"Archie" resides in Robbinsdale and is a member of Osseo Businessmen's Assn., Osseo Lion Club and American Legion.

"Charlie" lives in Osseo and is a member of the Businessmen's Assn. and Lions Club. He became a member of the Anoka Council of the Knights of Columbus after he joined St. Vincent de Paul Parish. He is a director of the Lions Club and president of the Business Men's Assn. for 1952.

In February 1952 the boys purchased the Red Owl Store in Osseo, Minn., and have enjoyed the many friends they have made there.

The boys firmly believe in their slogan: "Be Wise—Economy at Red Owl in Osseo."

OSSEO LUMBER COMPANY

The new Osseo Lumber Company was incorporated in 1949 by the owners, Oscar Berndt and Roman Schommer, both of Osseo. They moved into their new building in September of the same year.

They have a complete lumber yard and handle all materials connected with building, including paint and hardware.

Locally owned and operated.



OSSEO RED & WHITE STORE

The Red and White Store was purchased from a group of Osseo businessmen in 1941 by W. C. Leuzinger and operated by him until 1950. Since 1950 the store has been managed by Bob Newton who offers a wide variety of quality foods and every day low prices.

Bob Newton is a member of the Osseo Business Men's Association and the Lions Club.

Osseo Motor

BUICK

CHEVROLET

Pete Iten, owner of the Osseo Motor Co., celebrated a big anniversary this year. On December 9th, 25 years ago, Mr. Iten made 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 of the automobile business Mr. Iten did business with General Motors 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 and daughter Helen. Another son, Joe, at present is in the Corps.

beloved hero of his community. He died at the age of 85 at Red Lake Falls, July 27, 1895.

The village was platted in 1856 by Warren Sampson and Isaac Labissonniere, when soon after A. B. Chaffee laid out another village to the southeast and called it "City of Attraction." This is now included in the limits of Osseo.

The settlement grew very rapidly from the very beginning. People of many creeds and various nationalities flocked hither to take up a claim. The first comers could obtain a tract of land for very little money; to give an example, Peter Aubart, the father of Nicolas Sr., and John, whose descendants are still living on the original home-place, came here in 1855, bought 160 acres for \$200; a short time afterwards he in turn sold 60 acres of it to Louis Hamm, whose grandson, Francis, is still raising splendid crops on it today.

II. RELIGIOUS DEVELOPMENT

THE PIONEERS here as elsewhere were religiously inclined, realizing that their efforts would be vain without the blessing of God. Father Keller, a German priest who also spoke French, came from St. Paul to serve their spiritual wants. In 1855 he said the first Holy Mass in the first frame house of Osseo, owned and occupied by Pierre Botineau, which stood three-fourths mile west of the present site of the village, and is still in existence today, being used for granary purposes on the old John Wilmes' farm, now owned by Peter Kisch. Although the community was only three years old, the good pioneer missionary priest found some 100 families present at the H. Sacrifice. In his conversation with Mrs. Peter Aubart, Pierre Botineau heard him say, "You people should have a church here." That sufficed. The chief made his wishes known; immediately every able bodied man set to work to erect the first church of Osseo. They had no money, but there were trees aplenty, and to the woods they went, felling the choicest timbers for the new House of God. Within a few months the task was completed: a log church of about 30 by 50 feet, built on Peter Gervais' farm about 40 rods west of the present church site. This was the first Catholic church ever built in Hennepin County west of the Mississippi River. Father Hirth in 1856 was the first resident pastor, the structure was called the Church of St. Louis. Father Hirth remained in charge for about five years, making his home in the rear addition of the building; he was succeeded by Father Genis, who for five years came from Dayton to minister to the

L. W. REINKING, REAL ESTATE

L. W. Reinking, present Mayor of Osseo, was born in Corcoran township, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Reinking. The mayor's 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 trustee for three terms, comprising nine years.

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

During 1941-'42, Mr. Reinking was employed by the O. S. Bergseng Hardware and Implement Co. From 1942-'48 he was with the D. W. Onan Co. as a supervisor.

In 1949 he constructed the Reinking Building on Main St. and entered the real estate business in association with attorney George Hedlund.

GEORGE HEDLUND, ATTORNEY

George Hedlund, first attorney to practice law in the village of Osseo, was graduated from the University of Minnesota law school in 1941. After passing the bar, he practiced law for one year in association with a prominent Minneapolis attorney.

In 1942 he became law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Clifford Hilton. Upon the Judge's retirement, George became law clerk to Supreme Court Judge Julius Olson.

The air corps beckoned Hedlund in 1943, where he won his wings as a navigator. Later, he was navigator on a B-29 crew.

After being discharged as an air corps officer, George immediately resumed his law practice by setting up an office in the village of Osseo in the St. Cyr building. About a year later he purchased the William Neuman home in Osseo and moved his family, wife Doris and daughters Carol, 9, and Hollis, 3, to the new home.

At present he is in the active practice of law located in the Reinking building.

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"FEEDS FOR EVERY NEED"

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Arnold Emholtz, Prop.



THE HINES IMPLEMENT COMPANY

OSSEO, MINNESOTA

Mr. R. O. Hines on January 1, 1952, purchased the Syverson Imp. Co., who for a number of years were the local dealers of John Deere farm implements.

The Syverson Imp. Co. was organized in Minneapolis on December 10, 1935, and had their offices in the Deere & Webber Building. They handled the John Deere Line, DeLaval Separator and Caterpillar Lines during their stay there.

Mr. S. J. Syverson had been in the Farm Equipment business for nearly forty-five years until his death in 1947. His two sons Emery and Bennett then took over the business. They built a building on the south end of Osseo and conducted the business from there until its sale to Mr. Hines.



F. BIEDERMAN SONS

OSSEO, MINNESOTA

Same Corner—Same Family for 95 Years

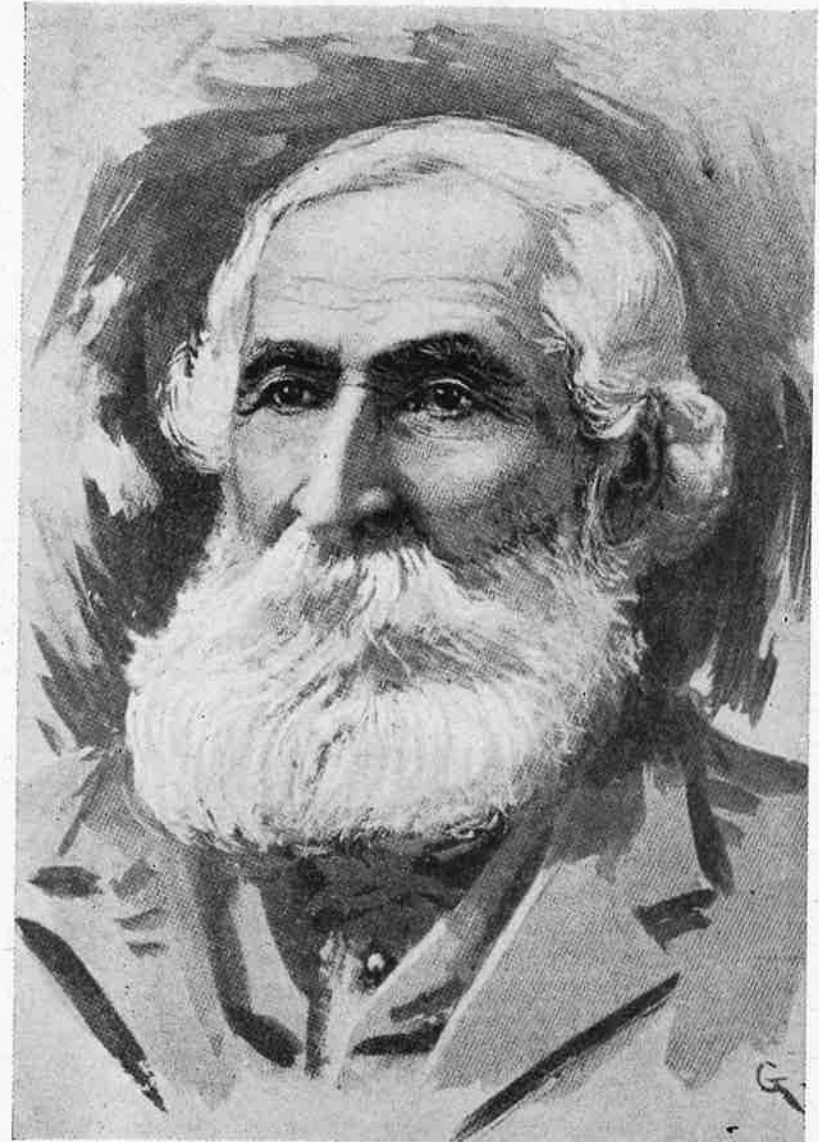
Serving the Residents of
North Hennepin County

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 market together for three years, when George Keifer bought his partner's share and operated the market alone for a period of 15 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 Naumann in as a partner. They worked together from 1937 to 1943 when Clarence purchased Oscar's share. Since then Mr. Naumann 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.



Pierre Bottineau
1810 - 1895

Princeton's Place

OSSEO, MINNESOTA

Few places in Osseo have changed hands more frequently than the present tavern. It was converted by Charest & 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 & Gervais, 1905-06; Gervais & Potvin, 1906-07; Sidney Potvin, 1907-18; Potvin & Chouinard, 1918-19; Sidney Potvin, 1919; DeMars & Potvin, 1919-20; Louis Mars, 1920-21; W. F. Busilmeir, 1921-25; Leonard Ayd, 1925- Bill Princeton, the present owner, has a full line of wines and liquors and has enjoyed an enviable reputation in town.



Trombley Co.

EXCAVATORS OF SCHOOL BASEMENT

The Trombley Co., formerly known as Trombley Bros., was started by two brothers, Harold J. and Malcolm H., in 1947. They began business with one small dozer and 1 dump truck; the following year they expanded; purchased a larger dozer and two more dump trucks and had two employees. In the spring of 1950 they erected a block building to house their equipment. Instead they purchased the Meltz Blacksmith Shop and began another business, with their gas station, therefore hiring two more men. The Trombley Co. now consists of two dozers, four trucks with six employees.

Besides the best in welding and blacksmithing, Harold J., sole owner, is proud to offer the best in excavating, sand, gravel and dirt hauling.

Stop-Shop-Save at the Osseo Department Store "The Reibesteins"

April 1940 the Osseo Junior Department Store, occupying the north half of the Heesen building, was purchased by George and Lucille Reibestein. The stock was small and the space inadequate.

A couple years later the "Junior" was dropped from the name; the stock was increased in quantity as well as quality, and many more items added. A branch store was opened in Crystal Village on the Bass Lake Road, operating as the Crystal Department Store.

In 1951 the entire main floor of the Heesen building was taken over and new fixtures added to more adequately display the merchandise then carried. At this time the front of the building was remodeled, eliminating two steps at the entrance of the store.

The Osseo Department Store is now a modern store, comfortable to shop in, and carries a large selection of merchandise so that you can shop with satisfaction for the entire family.

STOP IN AND BROWSE AROUND.

PAULLE FIXTURE & SHOW CASE CO.

Paulle's church furniture division, located in the former box store on the south edge of town, provides employment to many residents of the community.

Purchased in 1945 by the L. Paulle-Midway Fixture & Show Case Company of St. Paul, the plant has been completely modernized and the piles of aging lumber and hum of machinery along with the friendly smell of freshly cut wood, add an air of activity to the community.

Since the plant's conversion to the manufacture of church pews and chancel furnishings, the firm has supplied a large percentage of the new pews being built in the upper midwest and the quality of their product is widely known.



Larsen's Recreation

Osseo, Minn.

Harold is a member of Osseo's famous Larsen family—many years a member of Osseo Business Men's Association. Former member of Osseo Fire Department and a member of St. Vincent de Paul Parish.

For good clean recreation pay a visit to Harold's "Rec."

Marlin's Dept. Store

H. A. Marlin Telephone 24 Osseo, Minn.

One rainy October evening in 1939, a young couple from Minneapolis drove out to look over the village of Osseo. Their curiosity had been aroused by an advertisement in the newspaper: "Variety store for sale. Rent \$30 per month including living quarters in the year."

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Marlin purchased the store from Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Keske. The store was located on the present site of the Osseo Beauty Shop.

Business was slow, so for several years Mr. Marlin worked at other jobs to supplement their meager income. In the fall of 1940, they moved the store into the present building, which had just been completed by the late Mr. Lew Street. At that time they occupied only the middle section of the building. Since then, Mr. Marlin has bought the building and enlarged the store still further. In 1950 he added a 30-ft. addition to the rear of the building. The present store is now 46 ft. wide by 85 ft. long, with a large display room in the basement that Mr. Marlin uses at Christmastime for his Toy Store.

Besides Mr. and Mrs. Marlin, five clerks are needed to handle the ever-increasing volume of business. Mr. Marlin believes this wonderful growth has been due to the good service, dependability and excellent quality of merchandise that is offered for sale in this modern store.

The Marlins are happy to be a part of this fine, thriving community. They extend their sincere thanks to the many friends and patrons in and around Osseo, who have helped make this growth possible. It will be their policy always to serve Osseo and the adjacent territory with quality merchandise at consistently low prices.

VINCE PHARMACY

OSSEO, MINN.

Started in March, 1945, Vince purchased the Osseo Drug Store in 1947 and consolidated the business in one store. The building was enlarged in 1951 and they now employ 9 people. Vince Jenoski, the owner, has been in the drug business since 1935. He came to Osseo from the University of Minnesota where he was head pharmacist for 7 years. Milan Schulz, pharmacist, came to Osseo directly from the University of Minnesota.

Vince lives in Osseo and is a member of the Business Men's Assn., Lions Club and Kappa Psi, National Pharmacy fraternity.



PETER PHENOW

MASON AND CONTRACTOR

Osseo, Minn.

Fifty years ago Pete took up his work in his father's business. He now has his sons helping him, carrying on in true family tradition.

Have on hand at all times and at reasonable prices, lime, brick, cement, plaster, building blocks. Cement used for the church was furnished by him.



Larsen-Emholtz Motors

SALES



SERVICE

OSSEO . MINNESOTA

spiritual wants of the pioneers.

The congregation now felt the need of a more substantial edifice in which to adore their God; they were in poor financial circumstances still, but a willing spirit is not easily discouraged. All hands set to work again. Peter Gervais donated a corner of his farm, the present church site on Central Avenue. Contributions were made by members according to their meagre means. Some help from outside was sought. Peter Aubart and Louis Hamm went for a whole week collecting among their acquaintances in St. Paul, St. Michaels and elsewhere, returning with the sum of \$85.00, a small fortune in those days. The new edifice was completed in 1864, a frame building 32x54 feet.

Father Magnus came from St. Walburga, a church that stood two miles south from the present day Fletcher, to say the first Mass in the new church in 1864. He served the congregation only a short time to be succeeded by Father Nicolas, who again came here from Dayton for three years; Father Maurer then took his place for three years, until a frame parish house was erected in 1870, and Father Lechner became the resident pastor, taking care of Maple Grove, Corcoran and Medicine Lake as missions of the mother parish of Osseo. The bell, which today from the lofty belfry of the grand new church sends out its melodious tones far over the surrounding country, was purchased by the congregation from the St. Louis Bell Mfg. Co. in 1865. It first hung in a frame constructed for the purpose on the ground adjoining the church, until a steeple was built in 1890. Additions of a sanctuary 16x20 feet, and a sacristy 16x28 feet, were added in 1880 to provide more space for the growing congregation. This frame structure, which took the place of the old St. Louis log church, was given the name of St. Vincent de Paul.

The Lutheran Church

The Lutherans organized a congregation in 1865, and obtained for their minister the Rev. Mr. Jahn for two years; then came the Rev. Mr. Rehkopf, who remained 'til his death, 1871, and was succeeded by a young man from Germany for one year. After that their pulpit was occupied, with the exception of a brief period of time, by the Rev. Mr. John Fackler, for 30 years, until 1919, when the Rev. Mr. A. H. Kunz took charge and a substantial brick parsonage was built next to the beautiful little church which was erected in 1915. In 1927 the Rev. Albert Ziegler came from Japan with his family to take over the pastorate. Several of the Ziegler children were born during the

The Farmers State Bank of Osseo

Serving the Osseo Community Since July 1st, 1909

It was in the year of 1909 when several business men of Osseo decided to start a bank. The Farmers State Bank of Osseo was chartered on June 20, 1909, and opened for business July 1st, 1909.

Charles Hechtman was named the bank's first president, J. W. Hamilton was vice president and A. P. Hechtman was named cashier.

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

W. M. Neumann, president until his death July 14, 1952, was elected assistant cashier in 1914. He had been with the bank since 1912.

After Mr. Neumann's death, Donald J. Murphy was named president and Eugene G. Precht was put in charge of the insurance department.

Joseph Chouinard was elected assistant cashier in 1917. He has been with the bank since 1913.

The Farmers State Bank of Osseo was incorporated with a capital of \$10,000.00. The original surplus was \$2,500.00. Today the Osseo bank is one of the strongest banks in Rural Hennepin County. The capital stock is now \$50,000.00. Surplus is \$10,000.00 with undivided profits and reserves amounting to \$13,014.14.

Deposits on the opening day, July 1st, 1909, were \$3,838.76. Total deposits as of July 1st, 1952, are \$2,305,785.40.

The Farmers State Bank of Osseo has played a vital role in the growth of Osseo and community. Many of our thriving business firms got their start through Farmers State Bank of Osseo loans.

The Farmers State Bank of Osseo has grown with, and because of the community, and has been a vital force in community improvements on the way.

With our fine modern banking building and facilities, up-to-date equipment and component personnel, our bank offers a complete, confidential program of financial assistance and business counsel to serve the needs of every customer.

Heinen Hardware and Implement Co.

OSSEO

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Dealers in McCormick-Deering
Farm Equipment
Farmall Tractors
Gibson Refrigerators and Freezers



A. G. Olson

Osseo, Minn.

Congratulations to St. Vincent de Paul Parish on the completion of their beautiful school building.

We are grateful for having had the privilege of furnishing the tile and other building materials for this substantial addition to Osseo.

Henry's Appliance

Francis Henry, the owner of this store, was born in the township of Hassan, on the same farm where his father first saw the light of day in 1872. He made his home there all his life. He started his business in Rogers in 1936, and came to Osseo in 1948.

He is located in the building on Central Avenue which housed the Citizens State Bank for many years prior to being occupied by George Hovorka for 20 years. He has a full line of Norge and Westinghouse Appliances and deals in RCA radio and television sets. He and his brother, having built up a thriving business, live up to their slogan: "Service is our business," by their skillful and prompt work of repairs of any appliances, radio and television sets.



SETZLER'S RESTAURANT, BAR AND BOWLING ALLEY

The trade name of Setzler's has been a part of the main street in Osseo for many years. A. F. (Butch) Setzler entered into a partnership with Harold Larsen in 1933 in the old Gluek's building. In 1934 the Gluek Brewing Company built the beautiful new combination bar and restaurant building for the partnership. In 1940, the partners decided to further enhance the business enterprise by installing four new Brunswick alleys in a new building which they built adjacent to the south side of the Gluek building. Early in 1944, Mr. Setzler purchased the 50 percent interest of Mr. Larsen and became the sole proprietor. When William and Richard returned from service in World War II they assumed a business relationship with their father, William, becoming responsible to Mr. Setzler for the operation of the bar and Richard for the operation of the alleys. In February 1948, the untimely death of Mr. Setzler brought about the sole proprietorship of Mrs. Mary E. Setzler. For the past four years until the present time Mrs. Setzler has operated the three businesses with short term leases on the restaurant part of the building until June of 1951, when Richard and William entered into a joint agreement in the conduct of the restaurant. The building and the parking lot which serves both "middle blocks" of the town have come to be accepted as a part of the solid businesses of the town because of the fair dealings of Mr. Setzler and Mr. Setzler and the wide acquaintanceship they enjoyed in this town and community and other towns in the area. The names of community projects which have been served by the name of the business by these two men and their families are imposing one and has done much to enhance the feeling of friendship which the surrounding community has for this business establishment.

years he served the parish and then just before the start of World War II the Ziegler family returned to Japan. Both the Reverend and Mrs. Ziegler were teaching there in the Missions during the War years and Mrs. Ziegler and the children were taken prisoners and interned by the Japanese. They now live in Jefferson City, Missouri, where the Rev. Ziegler has a small pastorate. At this time the Rev. A. A. Schultz, present incumbent, became pastor.

The Methodist Church

In 1922 the M.E. Church of Osseo was erected in the southeast section of town. This congregation was previously known as the Union Sunday School and held its meetings in the Masonic Hall. This Sunday School was organized in Osseo, under the auspices of the Methodist Church, in 1912 by the Rev. McCaslin. In following years, the Rev. S. W. Matson, the Rev. Boswell, the Rev. Rundlett, the Rev. John Walker, and the Rev. Volkenant served as spiritual leaders. The Osseo Methodist Church was organized May 2, 1922, the Rev. W. E. Clark served as pastor until October, 1924; Dr. Carl Anderson, pastor from October 1924 until October 1925; the Rev. H. J. Soltau, pastor from October 1925 till September 1934; the Rev. E. B. Cooney served as pastor from October 1934 till June 1942; the Rev. U. E. Dahle, pastor from June 1942 until June 1945; the Rev. David S. McGuire, pastor from Feb. 1, 1946, until September 1948; Dr. Irving E. Putnam, pastor from September 1948 until March 1949; the Rev. Thomas Payne served as pastor from April 1949 'til June 1951 and the present incumbent the Rev. L. Lund, has served the congregation since June 1951.

The Church of the Nazarene

The 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 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.

Since that time the membership has continued to grow, so that on June 22, 1951, erection of the super-structure was begun. To date there have been 54 different persons donating a total of 1,730 hours of labor, making it possible to have Open House on December 31, 1951. At this time the church was

Dr. James R. Purvis

DENTIST

With rapid growth of the community, the dental care of its citizens became too great a burden for one dentist. Five years ago, Dr. James Purvis chose Osseo as his future home, and established his dental office in the St. Cyr Building. A native of Glasgow, Scotland, he made a pre-dental study at the University of Montana, 1930 to 1932; studied education until 1937, taught school for four years, previous to graduating in dentistry at the University of Minnesota in 1942. After serving as dental surgeon in the army for four years, he came to Osseo to help the important factor of a community's health—sound teeth.



Dr. S. E. Dick

DENTIST

The proper care of teeth is important in everybody's life. Osseo, fortunately, has had an expert dentist in its midst for many years. It was in 1916 that Dr. S. E. Dick came to locate in Osseo as its first permanent resident dentist. His office was above the former Citizens State Bank, now Henry's Appliance. At present his office is in the building that housed the old post office, prior to the present location.

Dr. Dick has the distinction of being the oldest professional man, in point of service—36 years—in town.

Osseo Clinic

DR. T. J. BLOEDEL

DR. ROBERT RANSOM

Osseo has always been fortunate, even as a small community, in having a resident physician to care for the sick. The first doctor to make his home in Osseo was Dr. A. Guerason, a Canadian, who came here from Minneapolis in 1866. He died 3 years later. Dr. F. Lawson succeeded him for five years and shortly after he left Dr. J. B. Delfendahl came here for a short period until 1878 when Dr. J. Pinault came to reside here till 1882. The next 5 years preceding Dr. A. F. Sinnard, who died in 1898, we had Dr. Nickoli. From that date to 1902 the medical profession was entrusted successively to 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, when he was succeeded by Dr. F. H. Mee, who previously practiced at Gaylord, Minn., where he was born, until his death in 1937.

Dr. Hammerstead, who had been associated with Dr. Mee, during his prolonged illness, continued his practice until succeeded by Dr. Marking in 1940. In the meantime, Dr. St. Cyr set up his practice in a new office and residence building, now occupied by Dr. Purvis, a dentist, and Dr. Leonard, an optometrist. The exigencies of war made great demands on the medical profession, many smaller communities were left without resident physicians. Dr. St. Cyr joined the armed forces in 1942 and Dr. Marking left shortly after.

But fortunately, Osseotes were soon taken care of again. In 1944, Dr. T. J. Bloedel, a 1936 graduate of the University of Minnesota, came here from Gaylord, Minn., and established the Osseo Clinic here the following year. The practice, however, was too extensive for one doctor, hence it was only natural that he should appeal to his fraternity brother and classmate to become associated with him in 1946. Since then these two able physicians have built up such a wide practice that a third doctor has recently been engaged to relieve them of some of the work.

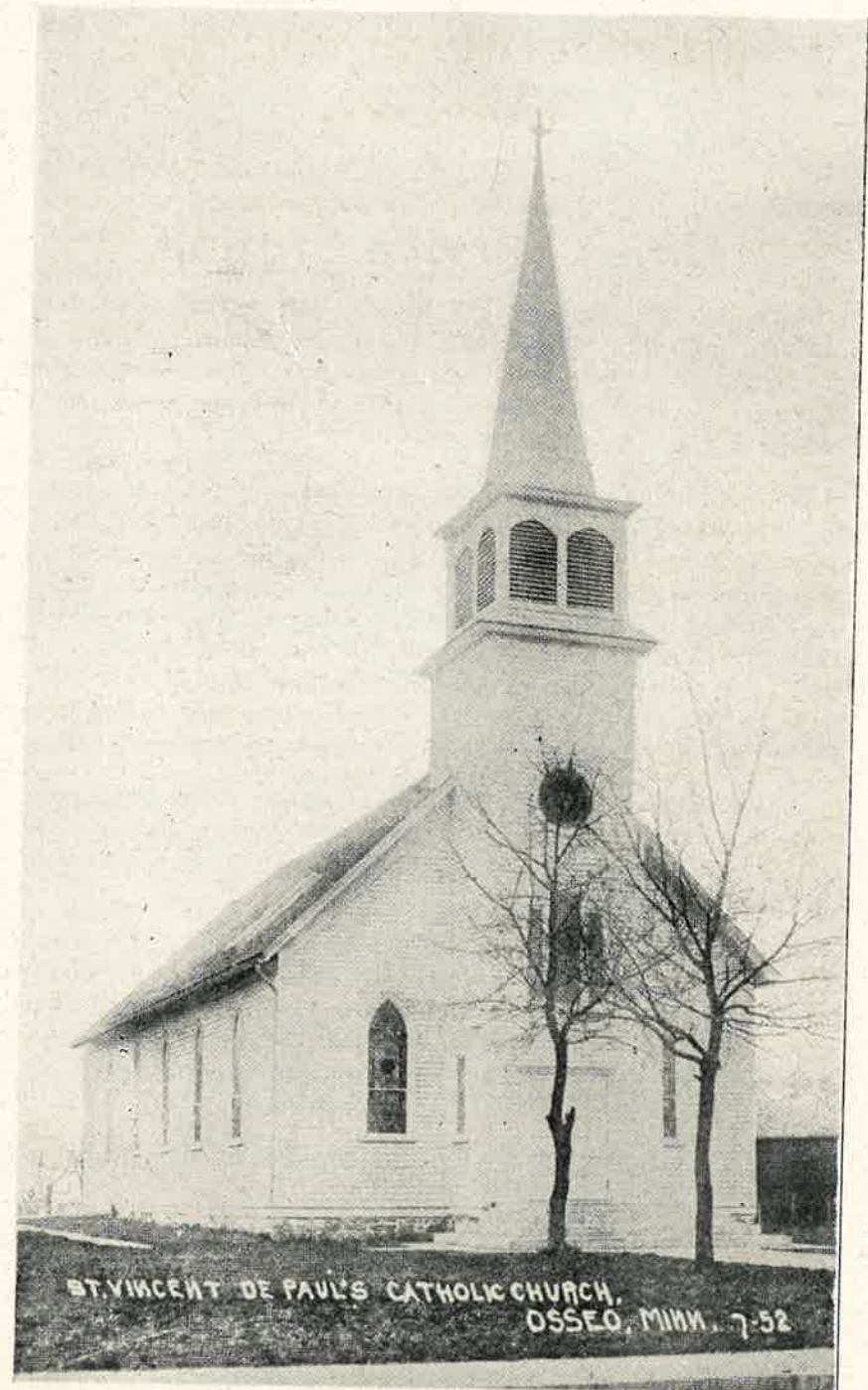
The building, now housing the clinic, has also become inadequate. Consequently, the plans are now completed to occupy the spacious new structure in the Iten block.

Bishman Manufacturing Company

The business was established in 1926 and the first manufacturing was done in a private garage in Minneapolis. A partnership was founded by Harold G. Lien and Walter A. Bishman who then were employed as automobile mechanics on West Lake Street in Minneapolis. In the fall of the year of 1928 they started a tire and battery shop on 38th Avenue and East Lake Street and the manufacturing business was then moved to this location and run in conjunction with the retail business. In the year of 1929, gasoline pumps were added to the location giving them a one-stop service station together with the manufacturing operations. The first item manufactured was a handle used for carrying batteries and as rapidly as possible new items were developed and distribution outlets were built up throughout the Northwest territory.

In 1935 the manufacturing business had progressed to the point of requiring full time of the principals and therefore, the retail portion of the business was leased to a third party. Due to the added efforts the business progressed to the point where additional and larger space was needed and in the year of 1940 the plant location was moved to 1101 South Second Street in Minneapolis where it remained during World War II. Further progress was made and in the year of 1946, the town of Osseo was selected as the best location for the operations and purchase was made of the Potato and Beet dehydrating plant which was used during the war to supply dehydrated foods to the armed services. This building was built in the year of 1940 chiefly for this purpose, but the need of these products ended with the war.

The growth of the manufacturing business has now progressed to the point that in 1952, its activities contribute to the support of 40 employees and their families and also partially contributes to the support of 40 manufacturers agents who distribute its products throughout the United States, Canada and foreign countries. It now manufactures and distributes twenty-eight distinctly different items of service station and garage equipment. The company is indeed fortunate in selecting Osseo as the site of its operations and is equally proud to be a member of its community.



Cities Service Station

Opitz and Walesch form the team of successful young businessmen in town. They handle the Cities Service gas and oil products. Alvin Opitz has charge of the bulk delivery. Cyril Walesch operates the service station, which is strategically located on Central and 3rd Ave.

38 years ago Rohe and Cook purchased this old land mark the town from Nick Eckes, to establish a hardware and implement company. Four years later Matt Rohe bought his partner's share, and with a keen eye for business, remodeled the building to make it suitable for a service station. When he died in 1933, Art Hasting acquired ownership and converted the store front into a barber shop, operated by Leo Roden until very recently. He ran the station for a few years, then leased it to Walter Iten until 1938 when Merlin Ramstad took over the lease.

In 1949 Cyril Walesch became its operator. Alvin Opitz, who owns and drives his truck, delivers Cities Service gas and fuel for cars or tractors, for homes or institutions throughout this area.

Cities Service products are well known everywhere. Their gas, engine tires, Kool Motor oil and batteries outrank in quality practically every other brand on the market. If your car needs gas or oil for the road, or tires or grease job, drive in at Cyril's station. If your bulk or fuel oil tank needs a refill, call Alvin. Services from both will be prompt and courteous.

The old building is now in the process of demolition, to make room for a most modern station.

OSSEO BEAUTY SHOP

Established thirteen years under the same management.

It is now known as the most modern and up to date shop of the Northwest. Is all complete with air conditioning.

Located on main street in a building only three years old.



JOSLYN AUTO BODY

Kenneth Joslyn, proprietor, started taking care of wrecked cars in 1943 in his own back yard. Five years later he erected a new spacious building to house his "Car Hospital."

This building is located where Ed Plante shod horses in 1890.

In Ken's place, wrecks are rebuilt, receive baked enamel refinishing, and broken glass is replaced. Excellent workmanship is his specialty.



DR. L. GERALD LEONARD, O.D.

Attended Marquette University two years, and graduated from Chicago College of Optometry in 1950. Licensed in State of Minnesota in October 1950 and started practice in Minneapolis in November. I came as the first optometrist to set up an office in Osseo in October 1951. Practice devoted to examination and rehabilitation of the eyes and prescribing glasses. Office hours Tuesdays and Fridays.

CLIFF THOMSON'S SERVICE

Thompson purchased this business in 1944 and since then has handled first grade tires, batteries and all Texaco products.

Cliff continues to operate under the policy of good service, high class merchandise and a friendly greeting to his many customers.



RODEN AND BEUCLER BARBER SHOP

This shop was opened for business in June, 1926, in the Masonic Building. In 1934 it was moved to the Art Hastings Building where it remained until 1952 at which time the shop was moved to its present location in new quarters in the Larsen Recreation Building.

In 1948 George Beucler formed a partnership with Leo Roden and the two now operate the shop.

Roden and Beucler wish to thank their many customers for their past patronage and hope to continue the many happy relationships they have built up in the past.



A. Viken Company

PAINTERS - DECORATORS

The contract for all painting and decorating inside and outside of the school building was awarded to this company.

The Viken Company consists of two Viken Brothers and their father, who came to the United States as a young man.

The pastor is well pleased with their excellent workmanship.

opened for the use of the congregation with new pulpit furniture, pews, and electric organ.

Formal dedication is planned just as soon as the exterior is completed.

Pastor Edward J. Johnson has served the congregation for the past twelve and a half years and watched the congregation grow from ten members and the Sunday School from 18 members to its present attendance.

III. EDUCATIONAL AND BUSINESS 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 this society disbanded and the school district, which embraced a large section each side of the village, bought the building for school purpose exclusively; during the following six years it was moved twice until destroyed by fire. Sampson's Hall was then used for six years until a two story frame building 30 feet square was erected. This structure served the educational needs until 1924 when the overcrowded condition required the construction of the new two story brick building which, for the first time, provided the children of Osseo with the possibility of obtaining a high school education at home. In June 1925 the lone senior, Elizabeth Lucht, received her diploma with solemn ceremony at the first graduation exercises in Osseo. This last June, 1952, the number of graduates was 42. In 1936 a large auditorium with seating capacity of about 750 and gymnasium were added. This edifice, within a few years again became overcrowded. In 1948 two more classrooms and a spacious lunch room, with a well equipped kitchen were added through the purchase of a government building formerly used to house the soldiers in the camps in Alabama. But, despite the construction of the Catholic parochial school, the need of further expansion soon became imperative again. In April 1952 a bond issue of \$240,000.00 was approved by the voters and at present the plans for construction of additional classrooms, laboratory, home economics and manual training facilities are being drawn.

With the growth of the settlement came the development of business. The first store of general merchandise was opened by Warren Sampson, on Sampson Street and 2nd Avenue in 1855, while Gagnon, on what is now called Central and 2nd Avenue, took care of the thirsty in his saloon. Sampson also established a wood market, buying the green wood from the

General Sheet Metal Corporation

This business was started in 1928 by G. W. Tourville and Mr. LeDuc doing general sheet metal work and serving the people of Minneapolis.

In 1933 "Bill" Tourville purchased the interest of Mr. LeDuc and continued the business as a sole owner.

During the war the company's entire facilities were used to produce approximately 75,000 metal spare parts boxes for Northern Ordnance Company under a sub-contract to the United States Navy.

Following the war, R. J. Kraus purchased a portion of this business, which was then incorporated. In 1952 Kraus purchased a new home in Osseo and is now a resident of this community. Since 1947 the company has expanded its facilities to include many branches of the sheet metal industry including air conditioning and ventilation for large buildings, heavy sheet metal work of all types including smoke stacks, ovens and dryers.

In the last two years the company has done a considerable amount of custom fabricated stainless steel restaurant equipment. This equipment is fabricated to the customer's specifications and installed on the job site by welding, making a permanent installation.

This firm is happy to have been chosen to furnish the stainless steel dish tables and work tables for the new St. Vincent de Paul school at Osseo.

Twin City Tile and Marble Co.

213-219 East Island Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

The Company was organized as a Corporation back in 1911 and has been operated principally by the men who formed the Company originally, or by their descendents.

The Company specializing in contracting for the installation of ceramic tile for floor and wall surfacing in institutional buildings, residential construction, etc., and in addition fabricates and installs foreign and domestic marble works in institutional buildings, such as hospitals, schools, churches, office buildings, etc.

The history of the Company and its growth has been identified closely with the growth of Catholic Institutions in the entire Northwest Area. Some of the notable installations that the Company has made include the following: St. Mary's Hospital Nurses Home and Chapel, Rochester, Minnesota, St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Cloud, Minnesota, St. Mary's Hospital, Minneapolis, Minnesota, the Cathedral Church, High School and several Parish structures for the Diocese of St. Cloud, St. John's Seminary, Collegeville, Minnesota, Visitation Catholic School, Minneapolis, Minnesota, St. Scholastica College, Duluth, Minnesota, St. Thomas College, St. Paul, Minnesota, Our Lady of Grace Catholic School, Edina, Minnesota.

The above represents a very few of the very outstanding structures which this Company has had a part in erecting through the years, and last, but by no means the least, is very proud part we took in the erection of the new Church for the Parish of St. Vincent de Paul, Osseo, Minnesota.

farmers and shipping it to Minneapolis mills after one season's drying. This business was increased and soon became the chief industry of the community and source of revenue for the pioneers; in 1881 we are assured that an aggregate of 100 cords a year was handled by the various merchants during the season. The first blacksmith shop was established in 1855 by Clark Ellsworth. Rudolph Niggler kept the first hotel in the village; McAfee and McRay "kept travelers" previous to this. McRay opened up the second store in the place.

IV. PIONEER LIFE

ALL THIS speaks well for the development of the community; but all was not so rosy for the hardy pioneers of those early days. They were poor and encountered many difficulties in the obtaining of a livelihood. The land was all covered with heavy brush and timbers. They were in possession of no implements, the grub hoe was their main stand-by with which little by little every year they succeeded in clearing another acre on which a few bushels of small grain was raised. There were no roads or bridges anywhere to be found, merely foot-paths or trails through the dense forest. Occasionally one could startle his neighbors by coming on horseback. One of these trails led from St. Paul to St. Cloud through Osseo, which is our present "Territory Road," leading west of the village to St. Michaels and beyond. Over this trail Joseph Labonne for many years carried mail on foot from St. Paul to St. Cloud, a distance of 70 miles. This sounds unbelievable to our present day generation; but in those times people thought nothing of long distant walks. From five, six miles and more many men and women would walk every Sunday to church, frequently through stormy weather. Even many years later children from the remotest extremities of the parish, never dreamed of coming to church by religious instructions in any other way than walking. In the milder seasons of the year, boys and girls all came barefooted, carrying their shoes until the church was reached; this they did to a great extent with the instructions from home to save the footwear. It was nothing extraordinary to see a man six miles from town pass in the morning with a bundle of axe handles he had made, and return in the evening carrying a 50 pound sack of flour on his shoulders.

In the years of early settlement there was practically no money in circulation, everything was done in trade; good eatables were hard to obtain, lustrous viands graced the table only

Frank P. White Co.

BACK IN 1922, with a few pennies in Mr. White, Senior's pocket, a new building material company was born called the Frank P. White Co.

With the Grace of God this small company managed to get along and even survived the critical depression years.

Just three years ago the Johns-Manville Company awarded our company their entire asphalt tile line for this area. The tile you see in the new school is Johns-Manville tile applied by the Frank P. White Co.

Through the years our policy has always been "Quality builds the company." That is why we have always held out for the best in building materials. Johns-Manville is a stamp of quality. Their brand of tile does not contain extenders. It lasts longer and looks nicer than cut-rate tiles that so flood the market today.

Ten years from now we would like to be able to come back to Osseo, Minnesota, to visit your school and be able to have the PASTOR commend us for a wonderful tile and a wonderful job instead of condemning us for the same.

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The Catholic Gift Shop does not number the years as does the Church of St. Vincent de Paul. But it can go back to the year 1911 when Mary E. Crocker established the Church Goods Store on North Third Street in Minneapolis, with a rather humble beginning.

When it became evident that Minneapolis needed a more adequate church supply house, the owner set up larger quarters at 929 Hennepin Avenue, and in 1919, Mrs. T. M. Niedermeyer became an associate with Miss Crocker (in 1922 she took over the ownership) when the store was moved to 43 South Eighth Street—a happier location than the second-floor Hennepin Avenue site, for Eighth Street was within the periphery of the down-town shopping area—the stores and shops of which have made Minneapolis quite prominent. This third location provided much larger display and storage space, and therefore an advantage to a fast growing clientele.

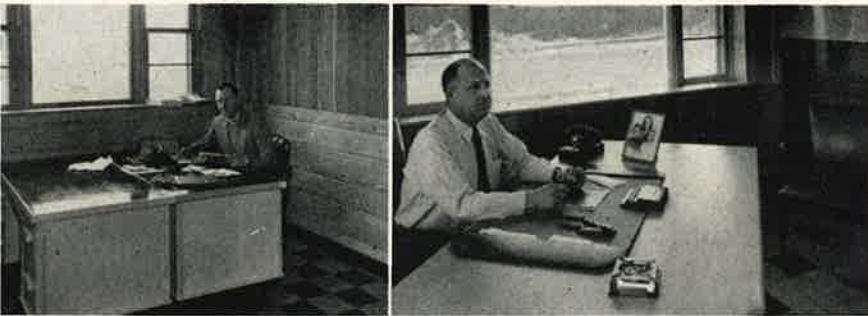
A new personality entered the picture in 1938 when John A. Schlumpberger became the owner and it was under his direction that the store was moved again, in 1942, to its present and largest quarters, with added personnel, to care for an increasing retail and mail order business. Under Mr. Schlumpberger the stock was materially increased, so that today the Catholic Gift Shop, with its contacts with domestic and foreign studios and factories, can fulfill the needs of the mission church or the imposing edifice—the parish school or the Catholic college. It goes without saying that the individual buyer will find in the Catholic Gift Shop the religious article or publication for personal or gift use, in a price range in keeping with his purse.

The integrity of a firm and the quality of the product it dispenses can be estimated from its associations. Membership in the Ecclesiastical Merchants Guild and the National Association of Catholic Publishers and Dealers in Church Goods has been cherished by the Catholic Gift Shop. These organizations are dedicated to the highest ideals in the manufacture and sale of those religious articles and church equipment which form the externals of Catholic worship and devotion. Mr. Schlumpberger feels that his institution reflects these same ideals. Your opinion would be encouraged or sought after your visit to the Catholic Gift Shop.

The Catholic Gift Shop feels it a privilege, through its owner, to congratulate the Pastor and Parishioners of St. Vincent de Paul Church on the occasion of its centennial celebration.

Scherer Brothers Lumber Co.

THE STORY of the development of the Scherer Bros. Lumber company is one of amazing financial success in the business world. Here were two farmer boys with no advanced education, with no financial resources, picking apples in the vicinity of their father's home and helping to organize a cooperative apple growers' association. Seeing that this did not pay off, they bought a hay baler. The revenue from this venture did not prove to be



MUNN SCHERER

CLARENCE SCHERER

very lucrative. With a keen eye for business, the deadheads on the Mississippi River made these boys dream of one day becoming lumber magnates.

In 1930 with a capital of \$240 to work with, in the space of 2 years, by hard work and an undaunted spirit of enterprise, they succeeded in building up the finest and largest privately owned lumber yard in the Twin City area, located on the banks of the Mississippi River, covering 13 acres of ground.

First they bought half interest in an old scow and log-raising equipment. In a few years they were the sole owners, with which, in the peak years, they reclaimed 22 million feet of lumber from the river between Minneapolis and Anoka. When the deadheads no longer came in large numbers, they bought the old saw mill they had leased in previous years at 59th Avenue and the river. In 1934 they moved it to its present location. With this mill, in addition to the one they had acquired a few years before, they climbed to their phenomenal height in the financial world.

The latest expansion program of the firm has provided a new magnificent office structure 30x80 feet and a new three-story warehouse 60x160 feet. The business offices, finished in a variety of 30 kinds of wood, have fine display counters and racks in spacious rooms with practically every item desired in home building. Here, too, we find a lounge equipped with combination electric range and refrigerator, where employees may prepare and eat their lunches.



In the warehouse the roller conveyors transport materials from one department to another or to the loading docks where a fleet of the firm's trucks stand ready at all hours. Here we also find the company's own mill fashioning mouldings of many designs and patterns, wood working plant, cabinet shops, etc.

Clarence Scherer, the president of the industry, holds offices in many national lumber organizations. Both he and his brother Munn are active in church and civic affairs of the city.

St. Vincent de Paul School, Osseo, Minn.

Aqustile Construction Gives Students, Teachers Echo-Free Classrooms

St. Vincent de Paul is typical of the many fine new schools springing up in the St. Paul Diocese.

Modern science and research in clay products design have given this new school perfect sound control in its classrooms. Aqustile, an interior wall tile with myriads of sound absorbing wells, "soak-up" sound like a sponge.

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The sisters who teach in the school have, also, emphasized the acoustiv calue of the tile . . . and the beauty it brings to the classrooms.

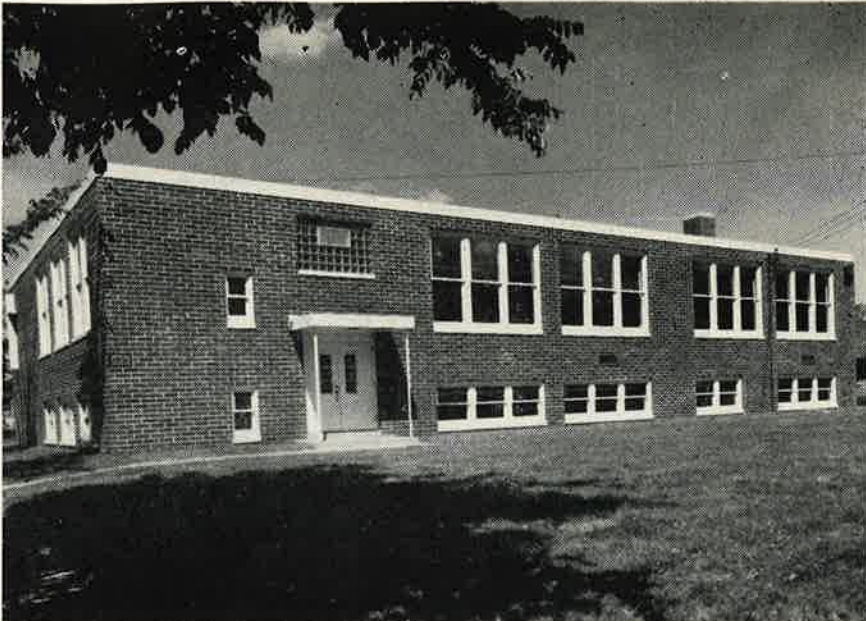
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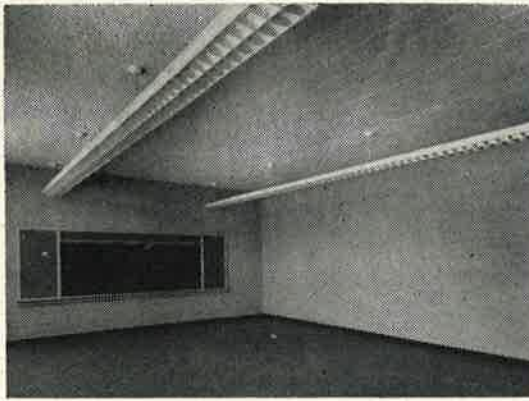
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A standard 8"x8"x16" Haydite concrete building block will support a total weight of 144,500 pounds or 1190 pounds per square inch in compression. (Twin City Testing and Engineering Laboratory, Report No. 93061, April 14, 1952.) This is far in excess of standard specifications and codes.

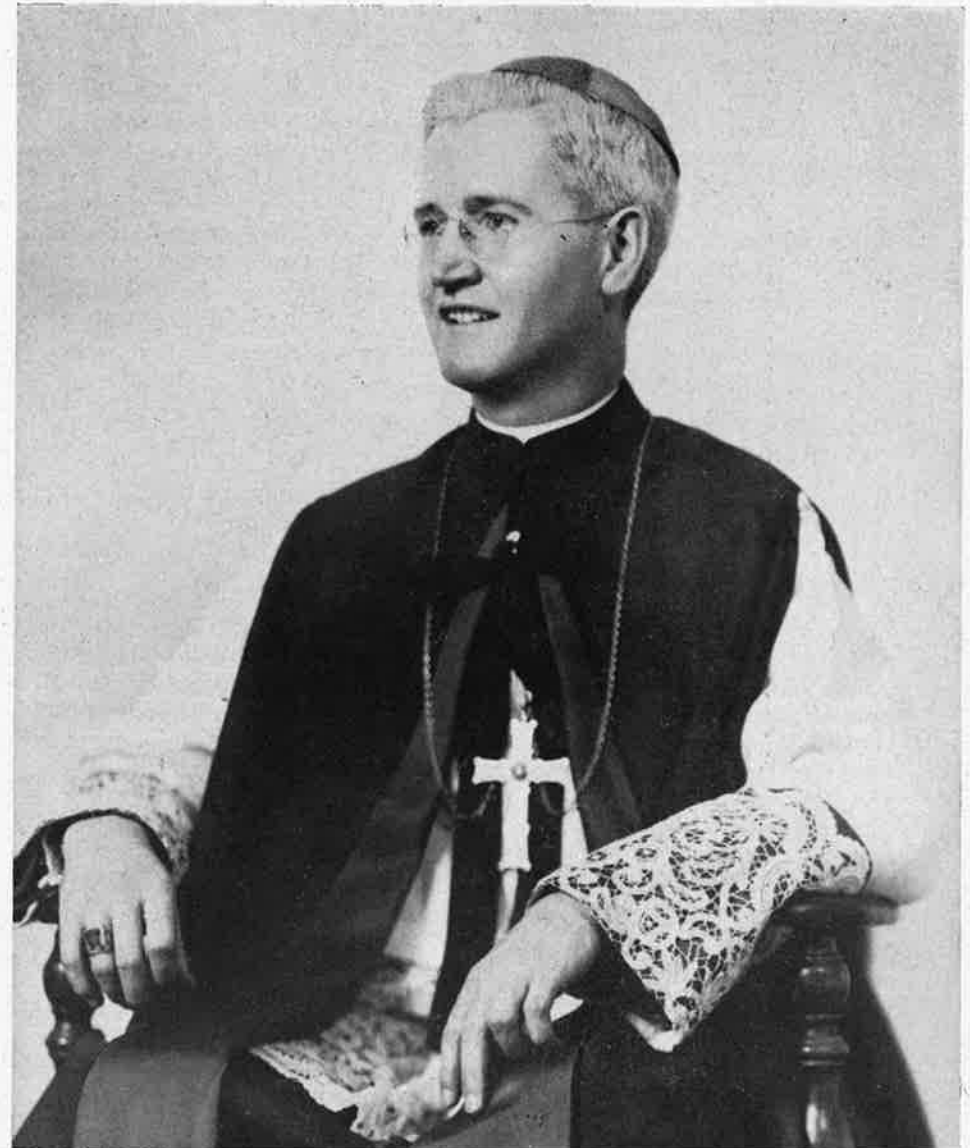
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when a successful hunting party returned from a trip. The game consisted mainly of partridges, rabbits, woodchucks and muskrats. Fish in the lakes and streams was abundant.

During the winter months, the old timers tell us, they would gather corn husks to make mattresses; and the women especially made straw hats entirely by hand from wheat straw. All grain was cut with the cradle and during harvest the women with their children would glean the lost spears, cut the heads for the owner and save the straws for their hat industry; one family could produce as many as 300 dozen of these sun protectors in one season. In the spring they would "trade them in" for groceries and wearing apparel. Nearly every farmer had a few sheep but the wool was never sold, it was spun into yarn, with which they knitted mittens, stockings, etc. In the early spring they were busy gathering the sap of the maple tree for syrup and sugar. With the return of warmer weather, the oxen were again put to the yoke to till the soil of the few acres that were cleared. Thus they lived, those sturdy men of the woods where today their sons and grandchildren have their farms of as fertile and productive a soil as there is to be found anywhere in the state. Poor they were, as a rule, in earthly wealth, but rich in Godly habits and upright living; whilst there existed among them a remarkable spirit of sociability and fellowship which found them ever ready to enjoy a royal good time and help a neighbor in all his wants.

During the terrible days of the civil war, all available young men of the settlement joined the forces of the Republic to fight for the cause of the Union. A strong G. A. R. post was established here in 1866 with the original number of 30 members and has been maintained until the last six veterans, Peter Lavalle, Joseph Scott, G. H. Smith, Bishop Jobs, A. J. Smith and Abraham Knoble, passed away in recent years. The Indians, who during the civil war period, by their frightful massacres struck terror into every community of early Minnesota settlers, never molested the inhabitants of this environment. Perhaps this is to be attributed to the fact that their leader, Pierre Botineau, was a half-breed, who would often dress up in all his Indian regalia to go visiting his Indian friends for weeks at a time; perhaps it is due to the fact that Osseo was prepared; for in 1863 all hands set to work to build a log fort near the present church site, solidly constructed with lookouts from which the men took turns in keeping the night watches. In this fort, 30x30 feet in size, nearly all the families, who out of fear had not moved to Minneapolis, took refuge at night. The

*Greetings
from a
Friend*



*Most Rev. James Byrne
Auxiliary Bishop of Saint Paul since 1947*

Hills, Gilbertson and Hayes

ARCHITECTS

The architectural firm of Damon, O'Meara and Hills, that prepared the drawings and specifications for the present St. Vincent's Church, was founded in 1919. P. O. O'Meara and James B. Hills were then working in the Fort Dodge, Iowa, office for E. O. Damon. The new partners, realizing that their chosen field of church and school architecture would be rather limited in Fort Dodge, opened an office in St. Paul where their first Minnesota commissions were St. Mary's Church, School and Rectory in the market district of St. Paul, and St. Lawrence School in southeast Minneapolis.

On June 5, 1921, Father Boerboom's parish voted to start their new church building by the coming Fall. The general contract was let to the E. G. Evensta Company of Minneapolis on September 3rd and on November 8, 1921, Archbishop Austin Dowling laid the cornerstone. The new church was completed the following year at a total cost of \$63,000.00.

Although Mr. Damon chose to remain in Fort Dodge, the firm of O'Meara and Hills continued to practice in St. Paul and later opened offices in St. Louis and Detroit. In 1950, Mr. Hills, preferring the Upper Midwest location, opened offices in Minneapolis with Mr. Victor Gilbertson and Mr. Mark Hayes as partners. Both of these younger members had spent some years in the St. Louis office of O'Meara and Hills so it naturally followed that the firm of Hills, Gilbertson and Hayes should continue in the field with which they were familiar. Mr. O'Meara had since passed away, but when Father Boerboom again sought the services of an architect, this time for his new school, he commissioned the above architects to do the work.

So the firm of Hills, Gilbertson and Hayes, with A. A. Fisher as Associate, has as its background such Twin City commissions as St. Mary's, Nativity, St. Lawrence, Annunciation, Holy Name, De La Salle High School, Cretin High School and numerous others and now the list has grown to include work for St. Anthony's, St. Joan of Arc, Visitation, Holy Childhood, St. Bernard's and Assumption parishes while their work for St. Vincent's parish in Osseo has spanned the years from 1921 to 1952.

Indian, however, never brandished his tomahawk in the moonlight of Osseo; although a terrible scare was thrown into the dwellers one night when the watchmen raised the cry of: "The Indians are coming." Everybody ran hatter scatter screaming with fright, seeking a place of refuge or hiding, whilst the brave men prepared their weapons for the fight, when the glimmering light of the moon revealed the approach of a small and strictly peaceful herd of young cattle.

V. PARISH ADMINISTRATION

The Catholic parish in 1873, when Father Maesfranx succeeded Father Lechner, was a strong and thriving unit of the community; the records of that year show that 49 children were baptized in Osseo in twelve months. Father Labret was here from 1874-75, and Father Robert for one year. In 1876 came Father Ladriere, who remained as pastor for six years, to be succeeded by Father Payette, who was the incumbent for two years; in 1885 Father Dekiere had charge until August of the same year when he was succeeded by Father Heffron, at present Bishop of Winona. In 1886 Father Lanzon was pastor for four years, when Father Durand succeeded him for one year. Father Pettigrew administered to the spiritual wants of the parish from 1890 until December, 1895, when he went to Dayton, where he died in April 1934. Father Keukelinck, who followed, remained for three years. Father Simon came here in October, 1898 and remained for five years. During his pastorate, in 1901, the present rectory was built. He was in turn succeeded by Father Savey, who discharged his priestly duties in the parish until his death September 13th, 1914. There being a scarcity of priests at the time, the care of souls was then committed to Father Blum from Robbinsdale for nine months. Father Kryjeski was then nominated pastor, remaining 14 months, when Father Blum again came from Robbinsdale for nine months. June 23rd, 1917, Father Boerboom, present incumbent, became pastor.

VI. THE TOWN OF OSSEO

AS the number of settlers increased rapidly the town of Osseo itself was not slow in keeping pace with the community's growth. It remained, however, under the township governments of Brooklyn and Maple Grove until the spring of 1875, when it was incorporated by act of legislature. A president, three councilmen, a recorder, and a treasurer constitute its officers.

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Frank J. Schiefelbein
President

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The Midwest Oil Company has grown from four small trucks to one of the largest company-owned and operated fleets of petroleum transports and fuel oil trucks in the Upper Midwest.

Midwest home heating fuel oil is used extensively throughout this territory, and more Minneapolis homes use Ace Fuel Oil than any other brand.

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The Midwest transport has become a familiar "travelling billboard" on Minnesota and Dakota highways—a sign of friendly service and guaranteed products.

Frank J. Schiefelbein, recently elected president of Midwest Oil, has been with the company since 1924. He is also president of the Midwest Oil Company of North Dakota, which was established in 1929 at Fargo to serve expanding markets in the Dakotas and Northern Minnesota.

The Midwest Oil laboratories have become famous in the Upper Midwest, testing and developing petroleum products designed to operate under the temperature extremes found in this part of the country. Wil-Flo Motor Oil, for example, has been designed to flow easily at temperatures down to 30, below zero.

At present the Midwest laboratory is studying new developments in industrial lubricants. The company has developed a specialized line of heavy industrial fuel oils, lubricating oils and greases.

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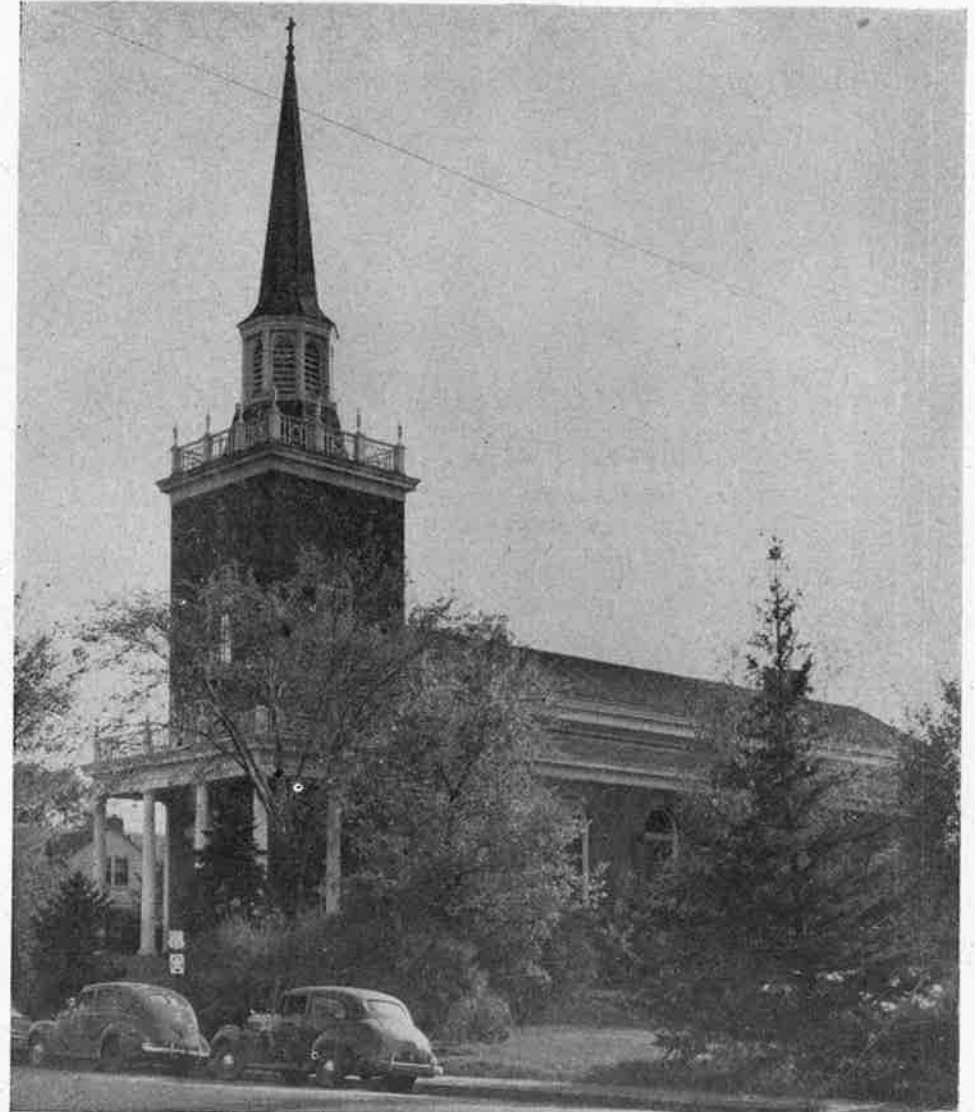


White Funeral Home

It is now fourteen years since Ralph A. White left the employ of a South Minneapolis mortuary to found his own funeral home. The business he started at that time has expanded steadily, outgrowing one building and making structural changes in another at the present location, 2730 Hennepin Avenue, where a staff of five is employed.

Mr. White is active in religious and civic groups, having membership in the Knights of Columbus, the Holy Name Society, the Lions Club, the Exchange Club, and the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce.

During this period, Mr. White has enjoyed a long and gratifying friendship with Father Boerboom, and the good wishes of Mr. White and his staff go out to Father and his Parish for their continued success.



St. Vincent de Paul Church

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It was a great pleasure to be able, through the Osseo Lumber Company, to furnish the hardware for your beautiful St. Vincent's School.

May we congratulate you on the completion of this wonderful project, and our sincere wishes for your continued growth and prosperity.

The first election was held in 1875 in the office of John Hechtman; the officers elected were: President, John Hechtman; council, D. H. Shepherd, William Krueger, Louis Berthiaume; treasurer, E. Lefebvre; recorder, William Ewing; marshal, H. Blaine; justice, Louis Berthiaume; assessor, A. G. Ray.

The population of the town in 1880 was 206, the assessed valuation of all lands and village lots with structures thereon in that year was \$23,563, which will give the visitor an idea of the wonderful improvements in passing through our village, or to the reader of this booklet, as he studies the announcements made by our business men in favoring us by occupying a space on its pages, and who have thus contributed to foster that harmonious spirit of co-operation and amicability that exists in our midst.

Good news was brought to Osseo in 1880 when it was learned that the right of way for a railroad track had been granted to the Great Northern, and two years later the first train came steaming through town. The town received facilities of communications with the outside world by telephone in 1893, when the first toll station was installed in E. Lefebvre's place of business; in 1904 the lines were extended throughout the rural districts. The present town hall, jail, later converted into the Osseo branch of Hennepin County Library, and fire house was erected in 1901 to take the place of the old frame structure. The water tower, with mains in all streets, was constructed in 1915, and that same year the village received the light and power from Minneapolis by electricity. Ten years ago, a second water supply was provided in the south end of town to answer the need of the increased demand.

The main street of our town became a great highway when, in 1918, the bitulithic pavement was laid from Minneapolis to St. Cloud, which was completed in 1921.

The population had a very slow but steady growth during its first 80 years of existence. In 1930 Osseo was listed as having 561 inhabitants; it grew to 738 by 1940 and at this present date it numbers well in excess of 1,500. Continuing its rapid expansion of the last decade will soon make our village a suburb of Minneapolis.

In the late 20's cement sidewalks were laid to replace the old board walks and all side streets were hard surfaced with "black-top" during the years 1935 to 1937. A new, modern jail was constructed in the small park facing the depot in the southern end of town. The new four lane road, one of the finest in the country, was constructed in 1949 the full distance to

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It can truthfully be said that Egan & Sons Co. has been built from a small beginning to its present status through sacrifice and effort. The younger generation cannot remember the good old horse and buggy days, but just ask J. J. Egan, President of the firm. He can tell you that in 1907 when he began, having a good horse and buggy was a must. Just think what your plumbing and heating cost would be today with this portal to portal pay if it wasn't for this great progress made in modes of transportation.

Egan & Sons grew in the same way. It originated in 1907 under the name of J. J. Egan. It carried on through two great wars and a depression that we shall never forget. When World War Two broke out, two of his sons were called into service, Costney in the Army Air Corps and William into the Navy Air Corps. Upon their discharge in 1945 a corporation was formed which found J. J. Egan as President, Costney as Vice President, and William as Secretary-Treasurer. Rapidly the company grew until today it handles approximately One Million Dollars a year in plumbing and heating contracts.

Throughout the years Egan & Sons have been the heating and plumbing contractors on houses, commercial buildings, post offices, schools, hospitals, research laboratories, churches of all denominations, and various other buildings. Besides your beautiful new school we take pride in saying that Egan & Sons were the plumbing and heating contractors on many Catholic buildings in Minneapolis and vicinity, The Ascension Rectory, club, and convent; St. Anne's School, convent and rectory; St. Mary's School at Bird Island; St. Stephen's School in Anoka, and the Catholic Orphanage Gymnasium all honored us with their work.

We hope that you people at St. Vincent de Paul will be proud of your new school and we at Egan & Sons wish you continued success.



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Minneapolis and Northwestward toward St. Cloud.

In the park opposite the town hall stands a large granite monument since 1937, in memory of those who from this community served in the Army of the Republic in the Civil War. Their names are embossed on a bronze plaque. And, in grim testimony, another Honor Roll was constructed of solid granite dedicated Memorial Day 1945. Here on bronze plates are read the names of the men and women of this environment who obeyed the call to duty in the military forces in the Spanish-American War, and in World War I, and in World War II. This latter monument was made possible by the voluntary and unsolicited contributions of our own citizens.

On the West Side near the public high school, we find the athletic field suited for sports events of every nature; and the finest night-lighted, enclosed ball park to be found in any small town in our state. This park, called Memorial Ball Park, was also dedicated to the memory of those who so gallantly fought for the nation's freedom on the field of battle. This project was paid for by voluntary subscription, in 1949, as the first ball was pitched over the plate.

This used to be typically a farming community, but it cannot be considered as such today. Thirty-five years ago Osseo had one of the largest potato markets in the Northwest. Splendid crops of Early Ohios raised in the fertile farm lands of Northern Hennepin County found their many buyers eager to ship them by rail to supply the food on the table in Kansas City, Milwaukee and Chicago as well as our own nearby metropolis. In the productive years of the teens and the twenties, an average of 30 carloads a day was maintained here during the potato digging season, whilst the peak of 68 cars in one day was reached in 1928. But, all this has changed. The acreage has been greatly reduced, the truck has replaced the railroad and the market is gone. Dairy is now the main source of income for most farmers, while in town many find employment in the various industries established here or commute to the city shops. First among these was Witt's Med-O-Sweet poultry farm in 1924, where some 35 men and women worked at processing chickens for the city market, and later preparing vegetables for the deep freezers. In 1941 a large plant for dehydrating farm produce was established here. After the close of World War II, the buildings were sold to the Bishman Manufacturing Co. With a payroll of 50 people, they supply service stations with necessary equipment all over the country. The Paulle Manufacturing Company operates one of its largest plants here, specializing at

The TWIN CITY MILK PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION has had an important effect on the lives and incomes of dairy farmers in the Osseo area. The first meeting of the Association was arranged by K. O. Kirkpatrick, County Agent in this county, and was held in September, 1916. The following January the Association was incorporated.

It has grown from a struggling organization with no assets to one of the best known dairy cooperatives in the United States, with over six thousand members and total sales last year of \$23,651,000. The purpose of the organization has been to find the best possible markets for milk produced in the area of the Twin Cities.

It was soon found necessary to build and purchase plants, and the Association now owns and operates eight creameries, and a central office in St. Paul. It has a net worth of \$3,200,000 and handled 510 million pounds of milk produced by members in 1951. It is strictly cooperative and is incorporated under the Minnesota Cooperative Law. The present officers are:

- FRED M. ROHE.....President
- R. B. GOODHUE.....1st Vice President
- A. T. FRANK.....2nd Vice President
- E. H. KNODT..... Secretary-Treasurer
- H. R. LEONARD.....General Manager

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This page is paid for by individual members of the Association living in the Osseo area

present in church furnishings. There are several other smaller industries located in Osseo.

VII. THE NEW CHURCH BUILT IN 1921

CONSIDERABLE improvements had been made in the old church building in 1907, during the pastorate of Father Savey; but, when a few years later the parishioners began to be more prosperous, the need of a new House of God was being felt more and more. Father Blum, during his short stay here had prepared the ground, the people clearly saw the need; but it was generally feared that a sufficient amount of money could not be raised for the noble enterprise.

April 5th, 1918, Father Boerboom called 15 representative men of the parish together to discuss the possibilities of a new edifice. A committee of nine men, viz: Frederick Lenz, Sidney Potvin, Fabian Labonne, Charles Heesen, Isaie Marshand, John Wilmes, William Hunt, Oliver Turgeon, and Nicolas Aubart, Jr., worked together to levy a just assessment on all members of the parish. With this list prepared by them the pastor interviewed each family and finding them most willing, concluded that the task could be accomplished; \$41,650 was subscribed. But the great war was raging on the battlefields of Europe, and our government opposed all non-essential building. However, on September 15th, 1918, the congregation at a general meeting unaimously agreed to contribute one-fourth of the assessment during each of the four following years, so that the money necessary would be on hand when the building would be undertaken. The building fund was thus started; the first five dollars were received October 3rd, 1918, and December 31, 1921, we had \$48,773.18 on hand.

At a general meeting of the congregation held June 5th, 1921, it was decided by a practically unanimous vote to begin the work of construction in the autumn of that year. A building committee of five men was chosen, viz: Peter Neumann, John Wilmes, Charles Hechtman, Joseph Gosslin and Ambrose Normandin. These gentlemen chose Patrick O'Meara of the Damon, O'Meara & Hills firm for their architect and instructed him to draw up plans and specifications along colonial lines for the structure. The plans were accepted August 7th, and bids were received September 3rd. The contract for the entire structure was awarded to E. G. Evensta Co., of Minneapolis, for \$37,448.66.

Excavating, by volunteer labor of the parishioners, was

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As far back as 1866 there were attempts to solve the problem of air infiltration around windows and doors of buildings but it was in 1893 that John Chamberlin of Detroit, Michigan, acquired the original patent for metal weatherstrip. The company was incorporated in 1897 and in 1910 Chamberlin added calking to its line; in 1928 insect screens were added; and in 1933 storm windows were first manufactured and sold. The installation of rock wool insulation was begun in 1936, so now, 55 years and 3 million satisfied customers later, we have a complete service to save fuel and increase the comfort, health, economy and cleanliness of building occupants.

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begun September 13th and the corner stone was laid with solemn ceremony by the Most Rev. Archbishop Dowling November 8th, 1921. The doors of the new building were first opened for services July 23rd, 1922, and it was solemnly dedicated August 27th, 1922, by the Most Rev. Archbishop Dowling. The new church has a capacity of 420. April 23rd, 1922, a committee of five men were chosen to look after the furnishings of the building, viz: John Wilmes, Henry Potvin, Mathew Rohe, Peter Phenow and Nicolas Aubart, Jr. The total cost of the building with all its furnishings and equipment is \$63,000.00. And be it said to the enviable credit of the people of the parish and others who assisted by their contributions, that no money needed to be loaned for any purpose. This gives evidence of what can be accomplished in even a small community of 105 families, when all its units work together in a harmonious and amicable spirit.

The progress of architecture in a new country untrammelled by tradition and by the general conditions obtaining in Europe, must always be of a great interest as a study of later and present-day developments, which have taken place on somewhat independent lines, often strangely similar and frequently widely different from those prevailing in countries with an older civilization. The design of this edifice is an adaptation of the same period as the Georgian style in England and known as Colonial, including the architecture of the original colonial districts before the period of the Greek revival and shows, especially in New England, a distinct type. The Georgian style which is commonly known as late Renaissance extended over a period A. D. 1702-1830. A number of important churches belong to this period, designed, as by Wren, whose influence was paramount. Examples of Roman Catholic churches and mission houses scattered throughout New England especially Maryland, resemble and are typical and significant of this particular period.

The High Altar, designed in keeping with the building itself, is constructed of white Carrara statuary marble obtained from Pietrasanta, Italy, through the St. Paul Statuary Co., of St. Paul, and donated by the altar society of the parish. The windows are constructed of imported antique art glass, modeled after the art windows of the famous Cathedrals of Europe of 14th and 15th centuries, produced in the studios of Ford, McNutt Glass Co., of Minneapolis, and donated by various societies of the parish and benevolent families.

Robert A. Reaser, a young New York artist, is responsible for the stations of the Cross, son of the well known decorator and

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Kerwin's, Inc., was organized in 1945. Three brothers, John, Paul and Frank follow in the footsteps of their grandfather and father.

John Kerwin, Sr., came to St. Paul in 1857. Joseph Kidd, their maternal grandfather, was a merchant in Canada.

Congratulations to Father Boerboom and the Catholic people of Osseo.

portrait painter, W. A. Reaser. At the age of 16 he entered the Chicago Art Institute and later at the Art Students' League of New York he worked under F. Louis Mora, one of the ablest masters of America. He continued his studies in Paris, Florence, and at National Academy of Design. In the set of paintings for Osseo, he has chosen to use pastel because of the richness and quality of color it makes possible. He has drawn upon various sets of "stations" for help and inspiration, notably the famous "Feuerstein" one. Having composed these classic figures in landscape surroundings and interpreted them in decorative color he has created something unusual in this form of church work, and has hoped thereby to do his share toward the betterment of the present day art in the Catholic church, the cradle of the greatest painting the world has ever seen.

The basement of the Church houses the heating apparatus, an entire modernly equipped kitchen and a large dining room or auditorium of 450 seating capacity and stage.

Eight years after the completion of the church, it was the wish of pastor and people to have the interior of the sacred edifice decorated. After obtaining the proper authority from the Archbishop, the contract was awarded to Andreas Pedersen of Minneapolis for the sum of \$1,800.00. Work was started in February 1930 and by August of the same year the entire project was finished. Two years previous to this, the murals of the Ascension and the Assumption in the sanctuary had been done by Miss Mary Welter of Minneapolis and the paintings of the Angelical Choirs above were furnished by the St. Paul Statuary Co. of St. Paul, who also placed the white Carrara marble angels on either side of the main Altar. All this was paid for from money saved from year to year.

VIII. THE NEW RECTORY AND SCHOOL

APRIL 11, 1948, proved to be a memorable date in the history of the 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 the pastor in gathering the necessary funds to obtain a parochial school. The parish had grown so rapidly the last few years that it then numbered about 200 families and the need of a Catholic school, as required by the law of the Church whenever possible, was keenly felt here. Plans to create a fund of \$60,000.00 for this purpose were formulated immediately. A committee of 12 men was chosen, who together with the priest, would draw up a list of estimates

Jos. W. Mastley

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Osseo

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At the age of eighteen Joseph W. Mastley was agent and operator for the Great Northern Railroad; a position which he held until the end of World War I. He then operated a general store in Albertville at which time he helped to organize the Twin Cities Milk Producers Association in that community.

In 1920 he sold the store and established a contracting business in St. Michael and surrounding communities, including Osseo, where he built Heinen's Hardware Store and remodeled the Olympia Cafe. He also erected houses for A. A. Joyner, O. Normandin, and Tom Quinn.

In 1939 he built the home in which he still lives. Since moving to Osseo he has built Setzler's Bowling Alley, moved and remodeled the A. F. Setzler home, and erected the building for Lew Street which now houses the Red & White Store and Marlin's Department Store.

He also built the Parkway Motor Hotel on Highway 52 south of Osseo and the three story Nuns' Convent in Dayton.

More recently he has built the Osseo Feed Mill and the storage shed for Streater Lumber Company.

Among the more recent remodeling jobs are the Osseo Motor Company, Main Garage, the Osseo Department Store building for Mrs. George Heesen and an addition to the Osseo Clinic. He has built and remodeled numerous barns and farm buildings in and around Osseo, including buildings on the Weaver Farm, now called Brooklyn Farm No. 2.

Since 1940 he has built and sold over forty homes in Osseo. He has also sold and installed numerous plumbing and heating systems.

Some of the homes he has built are those of William Princeton, Alvin Opitz, Carl Glasmann, the new St. Vincent de Paul Rectory, and the Homer Bird residence near Bredenberg's store.

During most of this work his crew consisted of his sons and sons-in-law and other hired help.

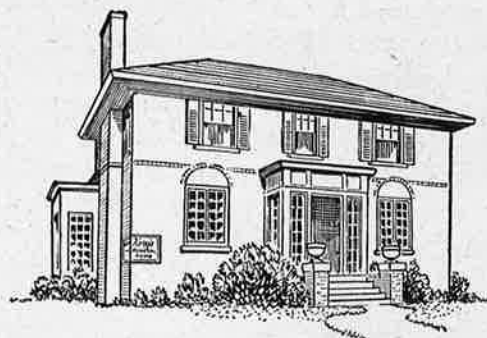
His "boys" and he still make up the majority of his crew.



New St. Vincent de Paul Rectory

Built in 1950

Jos. W. Mastley, Builder — Osseo



Albert C. Horej came to Anoka as funeral director October 21, 1921.

One of the last funerals held in the old church here in Osseo, that of Joseph Marsolais, January 31, 1922, was one of his first funerals.

Jerome M. Meyer has worked with him for the past fifteen years, except for the time spent in the navy and at the University of Minnesota, from which he was graduated as embalmer and funeral director.

In 1940, he purchased the present funeral home at the corner of Fourth Avenue and Main Street, Anoka.

Horej's Funeral Home

ANOKA, MINNESOTA

for each member of the congregation to contribute according to his economic status for a period of four years, so that the building of a school may be undertaken in 1951. To prove that this expression of willingness was no idle boast, by January 1952 the amount of \$62,815.19 had been accumulated.

One month from the date the first impetus to the project of a parish school had been given, the adjoining lot to the church property was purchased from William Phenow for \$3,000.00 to have the necessary space needed for construction.

But, to have a parochial school, a convent for the sisters is also necessary. The most feasible solution to this problem was to build a new rectory and reserve the former parsonage for the sisters' convent. With the approval of the head of the Archdiocese, the work of construction was put in the hands of Joseph W. Mastley, general contractor of Osseo. On the building committee were: Peter Iten, William Princeton, Leo T. Roden, Fred Rohe and Norwood Hall. The ground for the priest house was broken June 24, 1950, thus giving time to complete this before starting the school building. The house was first occupied on April 10, 1951; both the pastor and his men were very well satisfied with the results obtained. This 34x44 neat looking building is patterned after the Colonial style of the Church, with red face brick and white pillars at the front entrance. With an eye toward the future when a second priest must be added to the parish, the home was planned with expansion for same. Three rooms and a bath are on the second floor. The basement has a furnace room, laundry, vegetable cellar, recreation room and kitchen, in addition to ample storage space and a special root cellar built below the porch at the rear of the building. There are seven rooms on the main floor consisting of two offices—one to the right and the other to the left as you enter from the front. On the north side are two bedrooms each with private bath and clothes closets. On the south side are found the living room, dining room and kitchen. This residence was completed at the cost of \$28,246.00 and paid for from the savings of former years without any direct contribution for this purpose.

IX. THE CONVENT

THE FORMER red brick parish house provides a very suitable home for the sisters. The community room, dining room, kitchen, office and library, and a beautiful chapel, are all on the main floor, besides the rear and large front porches. On the

Northwestern Glass Company

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MINNEAPOLIS

Northwestern Glass Company began business January 1st, 1907. Over a period of years, through all kinds of business humps it has grown to be one of the largest exclusive glass distributors in the Northwest.

The firm manufactures mirrors and art glass for church windows, and is jobber of plate glass, picture windows and glass for all building purposes.

It is especially active in promotion of the use of glass in grade-pulling, attractive store fronts.

Northwestern Glass Company is exclusive factory distributor of Brascó store front metal, also No. 33 Armstrong Glazing Compound—both leaders in the industry.

Forty people are employed by the firm, most of whom have been with the Company 15 years and longer.

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second floor are four bedrooms and bath, and two sleeping porches. The full basement provides for laundry, root cellar and sufficient storage space.

X. THE NEW SCHOOL

FOR MORE than a year and a half, the pastor had made every effort possible, traveling north, south, east and west in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and South Dakota to find sisters to teach in the parochial school. But, despite the help our own Archbishop and two Bishops sought to give, every endeavor met with discouragement. The various orders of nuns just did not have the personnel to supply the need. Finally on the 16th of April, 1951, he received a letter that made his heart throb with joy. The Rev. Mother M. Blandina, O.S.B., announced that the Benedictine Sisters of Crookston would staff our parish school in September 1952; the pastor herewith acknowledges a debt of gratitude to the Mt. Rev. Francis Shenk, Bishop of Crookston, for the assistance received from him.

Immediately after receiving this good news, the preliminary preparations were made for the construction. The necessary proxy from the Mt. Rev. Archbishop being obtained, Father Boerboom and his building committee chose Mr. James Hills, of the firm of Hills, Gilbertson and Hayes in Minneapolis, as their architect. They located the school on the southwest corner of the parish property directly west from the convent and as close as practicable to the city side-walks on the south and west, thus preserving all possible protected area for playgrounds and garden space. The contract was awarded to the Ernest M. Ganley Construction Co. of Minneapolis June 28, 1951, for the sum of \$114,208.

The building is 88 feet by 56 feet with a main floor and a well-lighted basement. Fire resistant construction was used throughout the structure. The basement has a library, a kitchen, a large lunchroom and a playroom, in addition to a boiler room on the northeast corner and a janitor's apartment with south-east exposure.

The main floor has four well lighted classrooms, each 32 feet by 22 feet, tile floored toilet rooms and an office and restroom for the convenience of the Sisters.

Interior and exterior walls are of structural and facing tile, floors in general are of asphalt tile and ceilings in rooms where excess noise could prove distracting, are of acoustical tile; the only plastered ceilings being in the boiler room, the toilet room



Duffy Lumber Co.

Duffy Heating & Plumbing Co.

ANOKA, MINNESOTA

ON JUNE 1ST, 1941, Pat Duffy, Sr., and his two sons, Pat, Jr., and Harry, opened their new lumber yard. Previous to the building of their own yard, the entire family had been connected with the Simons Lumber Company, operating a group of lumber yards in southern Minnesota.

The yard was originally built to furnish a complete line of building materials to the Anoka area. Each year has marked a growth in the business, and finally, in 1946, a plumbing and heating department was added so as to better serve the community.

The steady growth of this business can best be seen in the number of persons employed. From an original force of six men, expansion has made it necessary to have a permanent payroll of over forty at the present time.

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MINNEAPOLIS

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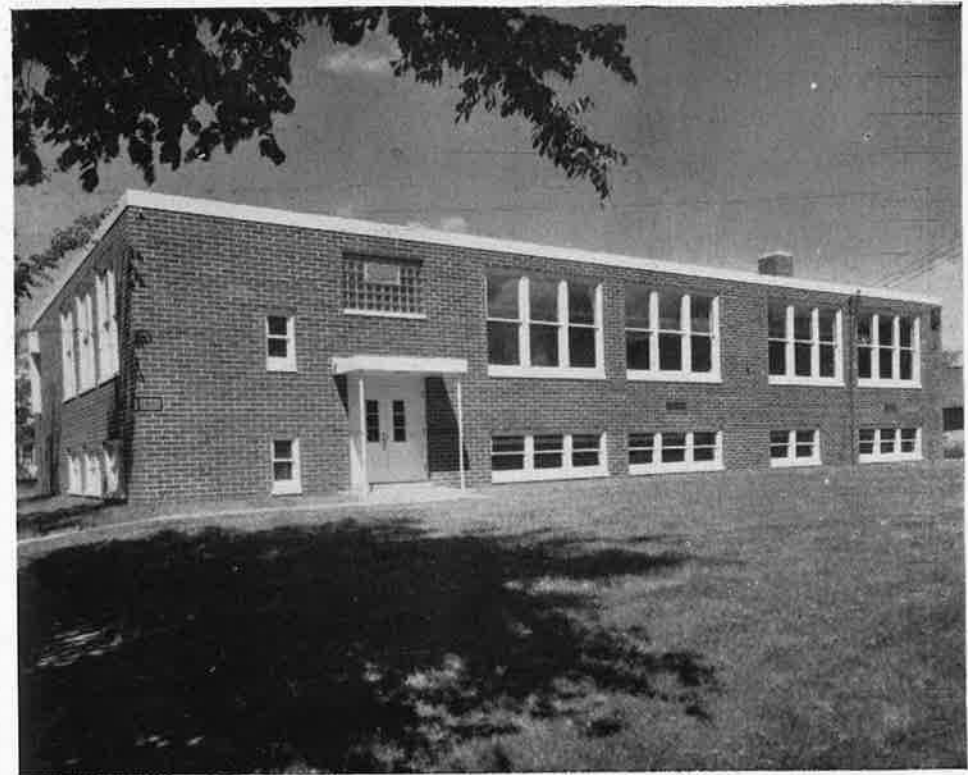
The cement mixer is today a common-place sight, and is seen on every building and sidewalk job in the country. Yet the very first cement mixer purchased and operated in Minnesota was by the Ernest M. Ganley Company, the general contractors of the St. Vincent's School. The firm was started in 1890 and specialized at that time in concrete and paving work, including such projects as paving Superior Boulevard out of Minneapolis, Rice Street in St. Paul and the building of many of Lake Minnetonka's famous bridges.

About 1910 the company entered the building business. Some of the well known jobs are the Foley Manufacturing Company plant, the Minneapolis Municipal Market, Holt Motor Company, Midway Chevrolet Company, and many of the Minneapolis Moline Company buildings. A large amount of railway and government work has been done by the firm, including such World War II projects as the Fort Snelling induction center, Camp Norrie at Ironwood, Michigan, and a portion of Camp McCoy at Sparta, Wisconsin, totalling about 2½ million dollars. The present officers are Ernest M. Ganley, president and treasurer; John E. Ganley, vice president; and W. J. Calhoun, secretary. The modern office and yard is located at 2922 Oakland Avenue, Minneapolis. The company has an organization and equipment available for all types of general construction work.

Among the many Catholic jobs constructed by the firm in Minneapolis are St. Anne's Church, St. Joan of Arc School and Church, St. Thomas Church and School, St. Albert the Great Church, School and Rectory, St. Frances Cabrini Church, Annunciation Convent, Our Lady of Grace School and Church in Edina, and Our Lady of the Lake School at Mound, Minnesota.

Large projects now in operation include the \$700,000 St. Francis Hospital at Shakopee, Minnesota, and a \$400,000 truck terminal for the Consolidated Freightways Company. The company prides itself on the fact that it has been doing work for many of the same customers the past fifty years, and it has never failed to complete a contract.

The registered engineer representing the Ganley firm on the St. Vincent's School job was Delbert J. Diessner and the job superintendent was H. K. Andreasen, both with a long experience in the construction industry.



*New St. Vincent de Paul School
Built in 1951*

Construction by Ernest M. Ganley Co.

Pomerleau & Son

227 E. HENNEPIN MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

The firm, established in 1893, has been an old landmark on East Hennepin Avenue ever since. From 221 it moved to 227 E. Hennepin twenty-five years ago.

Starting, as Mr. Aime Pomerleau used to say, "on a shoe string," it has had its ups and downs, as it weathered through the several financial depressions. But with undaunted courage, honest and skillful business methods, the former owners, Messrs. Munns and Pomerleau, built up a thriving business, with a \$50,000 stock in 1922.

In 1920, Everett, son of Mr. Pomerleau, became associated with the business and when in 1929 Mr. Munns passed away, the firm's name was changed to Pomerleau and Son., the name by which it is known today. The younger son, Louamus, in 1930 also joined as a partner in the store.

Since the death of the father, the two brothers in 1941 became sole owners. The capacity of stock and business has about doubled in the last year.

They are the official watch inspectors of the G.N. and the N.P. railroads. They do high class watch repairing and handle a complete line of jewelry, silverware and optical goods.

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Columbus Auto Supply

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Joe Henk, the proprietor of this store, started a small business at 202 East Hennepin in July 1918. After a successful enterprise for 22 years, he located on the corner of 12th and Hennepin, where he has a thriving business in tires and auto supplies of every description.

Honest business methods and expert management have made Joe a popular friend to all his acquaintances.

George Dupont Furniture Co.

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Mr. George Dupont, by hard work and able management, built up this great business place from very humble beginnings. He had been employed since his boyhood days by various companies in the furniture business.

Having learned every angle of the trade, George started out in business for himself in May, 1939. With very little capital at his command, this beginning was on the proverbial "shoe string." But with a keen business eye, his enterprise grew with such rapid strides that in the relatively short space of 13 years he now occupies on West Broadway a one hundred and fifty feet window display front, which is said to be one of the longest in the Northwest.

Here one can view a complete line of home furniture for every room and occasion, priced to fit every size pocketbook. One section of the store is used for display of electrical and gas appliances. The Gibson, the Norge and Universal; the Hamilton Dryer, and the Easy Washmachine, and the Sunbeam Products.

A liberal selection of radio and television sets of many makes and diverse models are kept on hand to choose from. Whether your preference is for an RCA, the Stewart-Warner or the Motorola, George has them for you with the right price tag.

Congratulations to Osseo on its Centennial and St. Vincent de Paul Parish.

and the janitor's apartment. Interior walls have been painted directly on the exposed tile, using varied color schemes to harmonize with the asphalt tile floors and the blonde woodwork.

Classrooms are ventilated by means of unit ventilators and artificial lighting is amply provided by efficient fluorescent units. Blackboards are of natural slate.

Future expansion has not been forgotten. Four more classrooms and additional storage and administration space can be economically provided on a second floor, when the school growth warrants such expansion. Also, due to the strategic location of the boiler room and the fact that steel stairs have been employed in lieu of concrete, the building may be readily extended northward.

In his selection of materials and methods of construction, Father Boerboom has kept uppermost in mind a well balanced policy of current economy and ease of future maintenance. It will be a relatively simple matter to add to the present basic scheme any such items as may appear desirable in making the future school more complete.

The building was finished and accepted by architect and committee April 16, 1952. The pastor and his committee are very much pleased with the work of both architect and contractor.

The building was blessed and dedicated with all the solemnity of the Church ritual by His Excellency Archbishop John Gregory Murray June 8th, 1952.

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These few facts I have gathered to relate the events of the first century of Osseo's history, and of St. Vincent de Paul's parish, in the hope that the memories of the past may serve to the edification of the faithful and redound to the greater honor and glory of Almighty God. May He continue to safeguard and bless our little community.

Sincerely in Christ,

HENRY J. BOERBOOM,
Pastor.



A Half Century of Rohaco Service

Four years ago the Roberts-Hamilton Company celebrated its fiftieth birthday. From an insignificant beginning in a little shop on Sixth Street in Minneapolis, Oliver and Edward Roberts began in a small way to job heating and plumbing materials of various kinds.

The volume of business done by the Company has grown by leaps and bounds from a yearly total of a few thousands to millions.

This remarkable and continuous increase in sales volume is no doubt due in some part to the gradual growth in material prosperity of the entire northwest, but it is also true that the trade have learned by long experience that the Rohaco Company is both efficient and dependable, that it can be relied upon to guard the interests of its customers in good times and bad and to give intelligent and friendly service even when little or no profit is involved.

The present president of the Company is Eugene E. Roberts and the vice president is Henry P. Roberts, both sons of the founders. The secretary is Eugene (Bud) Roberts Jr., the sales manager is Ernest Schwitzky and Barney Raimer looks after credits and is general office factotem.

The plumbing fixtures handled by the Company include the entire Kohler line, Briggs Beauty Ware and the special lavatories and closets made by the W. A. Case Company.

The Company is also exclusive agent for the Weil-McLain all steel line of hot water and steam boilers, concealed and baseboard radiation and the Moncrief line of furnaces and air conditioners.

In view of the remarkable record the Rohaco Company has made during the past fifty years this publication wishes to offer congratulations and to wish the Roberts-Hamilton Company another fifty years of intelligent and efficient service.



*Father Henry J. Boerboom
Pastor since 1917*

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This firm has been in existence for forty years. Mr. Victor Roland, in 1912, manufactured his millwork here, serving the people of Minneapolis and surrounding communities for more than thirty years with the skillful work of his products.

This splendid workmanship has been maintained and improved by the mill since it was purchased by the present owners in 1944. Here we find woodwork of every description, producing for homes and institutions, fine millwork, cabinets and mouldings. Because of their able work and reasonable prices this firm was awarded the contract for all the millwork needed in the new St. Vincent de Paul school at Osseo and the pastor of said school expresses his great approval of the products.

Mr. Ernest Anderson is the present president of the company, with Mr. Alex Erickson its secretary. With a personnel of 30 people at work, orders are promptly filled, not only in the city but all over the state and the Northwest.

C. W. Olson Mfg. Co.

1300 QUINCY STREET N.E.

MINNEAPOLIS

It was on the 5th of April 1920 that Mr. C. W. Olson started on a small scale to manufacture miscellaneous Ornamental Iron, Bronze and Aluminum articles, in a building of a very limited space on the same site of the present extensive factory. This structure was destroyed by fire in 1928. Undismayed by this misfortune, Mr. Olson and his partners set out to build better and bigger than before. He had as his first employee Mr. J. P. Murphy, who became his partner and stockholder in the industry in 1921, when Mr. C. W. Olson became president and Mr. J. P. Murphy secretary and treasurer.

As the three sons grew up they became affiliated with the firm also. The firm had grown to immense proportions when in 1939 its original founder passed away. Mr. N. J. Vireen, the vice-president of the company, then became its president, until about four years later, after his death, Mr. J. P. Murphy was elected president, which office he holds still today with S. M. Olson and Carl W. Olson Jr. as his associates in office.

For the last several years this firm has produced work in excess of \$1,000,000 a year average. It has become known nationally, sending its products out to at least 25 states. The plant occupies some 40,000 square feet of floor space and has an employed personnel of 100 workers.

Besides the miscellaneous steel furnished for the new St. Vincent de Paul school at Osseo, it also sent its products to Christ the King, St. Joan of Arc, the Catholic Church at Lakeville, St. Mary's College at Notre Dame, the Church of St. Albert the Great, and many, many others.

We extend our congratulations to St. Vincent de Paul of Osseo on its 100th Anniversary.