

News items from the *Kendall County Record*, 1910-1929:

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January

Jan. 5: J. McWeddell, professor of music at Knox college, has returned to his home in Galesburg after a visit with his cousin, Miss Etta Roberts.

The students and teachers of the various schools and colleges have returned to their respective duties after spending holidays with their families.

Wednesday evening three bobsled loads of young people from Montgomery and vicinity, after enjoying the sleighing, had a dance at Knapp's hall, bringing an orchestra with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dranir are again residents of Oswego, having moved into the house owned by Mrs. Bell.

An Aurora hunter was caught with a squirrel in his possession Sunday that he had shot on a farm prohibiting hunting and the fact that he had no license added to the seriousness of the crime. He was arrested and fined.

Cards have been received announcing the marriage of Miss Ora Woolley to Samuel Holland of Wheaton, which occurred Saturday, Jan. 1, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.M. Woolley. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C.A. Bucks of Aurora and was witnessed by immediate relatives only. For the time being, they will reside at Mr. Woolley's, then they will move to Chicago.

Lester L. Palmer, son of Mortimer M. Palmer, and Miss Bessie Runkle, daughter of Fred Runkle, all of Oswego township, were married last Wednesday by Rev. N.M. Stokes.

Last Wednesday evening, while performing his usual duties about the barn Nicholas Walbillig was kicked in the face by a sharp-shod horse. Although dazed by the blow, he walked to the house. Chas. Friebele, for whom he was working, immediately summoned a physician who found the injury of such a serious nature that he was removed to a hospital in Aurora. He did not rally and Monday morning at 8:45 the result proved fatal. The remains were brought to the home of his brother, John Wald, from where the funeral was held today, Father Quinn of Plano officiating, the burial being in the Oswego cemetery. Deceased was born in Luxemburg, Germany Nov. 13, 1861; came to this country 22 years ago, making his home with an only brother, John Wald, who with one sister in Germany, survives him.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Among the children who have recently recovered from attacks of the chicken-pox are Ralph Armour, Hazel and Edna Gilmour, and Clara Elliott.

There have been several sleighing parties recently, one going to Mrs. Margaret Rance's Monday to spend the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Anderson are here from Sperling, Canards to spend the remainder of the winter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Anderson. "Tom" went to Manitoba last spring and was not only pleased with the country but also pleased one of the inhabitants as he was married Dec. 23 to a Canadian girl and left for Illinois immediately, arriving in Chicago on Christmas day.

Yorkville: The damage done by the cold weather of December was general over the whole United States--even in the south--and the Eastern States suffered severely from tidal waves, wind, and snow storms. It was a record breaking month for snow and ice.

The Knickerbocker Ice company began putting up ice in the Yorkville houses last week, but have quit work and will do no more here this season. Two reasons: The ice is dirty on the south side of the pond, though it is of good thickness--15 inches and solid. The company has put up a little of this poor ice which can be used for cooling purposes. The ice on the north side of the pond is clean and fine, but the property owners on that side of the river forbade the company cutting on that side unless, as an employee said, they paid for the privilege. Ice is too plenty throughout the territory of the company for the company to pay out money here, and they have quit. A number of our men are thrown out of work by this stoppage, and Yorkville will lose considerable by there being no ice to ship. There will be ice enough for local use.

Jan. 12: Walter Burkhart had the misfortune to dislocate his shoulder. While driving home from Aurora one evening last week, the cutter upset in such a way as to cause the accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Lippold are the proud parents of a boy, born Jan. 5, 1910.

Master Arch Lake has returned to his home in LaGrange after a brief visit with his grandmother, Mrs. Dugan, and other relatives.

Mr. Andrew Swanson shows by figures that he has had a successful year in the cigar trade. In the factory, 81,625 cigars have been made; of that number he, personally, has made 74,000. In Oswego, 54,000 have been sold, 50,000 being the Oswego Panatellas. By this he has paid to Uncle Sam a revenue of \$245. It may be of interest to know that Mr. Swanson's is the only factory of its kind in Kendall county.

Henry Perry, who has been in ill health for some time, died Saturday morning, Jan. 8. He was as well as usual until about two weeks ago, from which time he has failed rapidly. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon from the residence of Calvin Pearce, where he, with his wife, had made his home for several years. Deceased was born in Jefferson

county, N.Y., July 9, 1824. When about ten years of age, he with his parents moved to Niagara county, where they made their home until 30 years ago when he with his wife moved to Michigan. For the past ten years he and his wife have divided their time between their children, Mrs. Calvin Pearce of Oswego and E.M. Perry of Bangor, Michigan. An aged widow and nine children survive him, all but four, who live in New York, being present at the funeral.

Saturday evening George Pearce entertained a party of young people at his home. An oyster supper was served to them and an all-round good evening was spent by those present.

Notice

List of matter remaining uncalled for at the Oswego post office for the month ending Dec. 31, 1909.

Letters--Mr. Edwin R. Bell, Mr. T.F. Clark, Mrs. S.A. Davis, Mr. Chas. P. Gilmore, Miss Mildred Howard, Mr. Eugene Ross, I.L. Wayne.

Cards--Mr. W.R. Weeks, Mr. L.D. Sleezer
H.S. Richards, P.M.

Charles H. Shoger and Oliver A. Burkhart of Oswego were advertising the new 1910 Jackson automobile. Models ranged from the Jackson 30 two or four passenger roadster for \$1,250 to the Jackson 50 seven-passenger touring car for \$2,350.

Yorkville: The past week has been a record breaker so far as cold weather is concerned. Thursday morning was 14 degrees below zero, the next to the coldest morning we had had up to that time this winter. Friday morning, the mercury dropped to 15 below, Saturday the weather moderated and the thermometer stood at 14 above only to drop back to 10 below on Sunday. Sunday night was a cold on, the mercury registering 14 below in the night but rose in the morning, the wind veering to the south.

The last car on the electric road down from Aurora came to Yorkville early in the afternoon of Tuesday of last week. Then there were no more cars running until Sunday. It was no grievance probably to most of our people, but it was a great inconvenience to some of the business people and to who's who wanted to go to Oswego or Aurora. The good old Burlington was our only connection with the outside world. True, the Fox River passenger coming from Chicago was often late as to the time-card, but they got here and kept us in touch with other people. A car from Aurora that should have got here at 3 o'clock on Tuesday, Jan. 4, was stalled this side of Oswego and a bobsled was sent up to bring marooned passengers who wanted to get home.

DR. ALDERSON GONE

It is generally reported that Dr. A.S. Alderson has left Yorkville not to return, and his brother-in-law, Mr. Campbell of Virden, Ill., is here to straighten up his affairs and to move the family to Virden. Why the doctor has left is a mystery in spite of the many rumors as to the reason. He and Mrs. Alderson left Yorkville last Wednesday and went to Chicago, where he left her, she returning to Yorkville Friday.

Dr. D.D. Raber, who was for a time at Plano but who has recently been at Scenic, South Dakota, has written that he will be in Yorkville on or about the 12th to take over the practice left by Dr. Alderson.

Jan. 19: Even though the weather was very unfavorable a good sized crowd attended the installation of Woodmen officers Thursday evening. The program committee had secured a speaker from one of the up-river towns, also a reader, who on account of there being no street car service, were unable to fulfill their engagements.

The basement of the Presbyterian Church has been finished into apartments, which is a great convenience for the church people. By divisions, which are lathed and plastered, they have class rooms, a commodious dining-room, kitchen, etc.

F. Emerson Lye, an impersonator, has been secured for an entertainment given under the auspices of the Modern Woodmen at their hall Jan. 22.

Jan. 26: Clarence Schickler has discontinued his duties at the East Aurora High School.

Courtney Hemm has taken advantage of the two weeks lecture course on agriculture given at the University at Champaign.

Miss Hilda Biesemeier attended a coasting party in Aurora one evening last week.

Invitations have been issued to the wedding of Miss Alvina Shoger to Myron Haag Feb. 2 at the home of Miss Shoger.

February -- 1910

Feb. 2: The carpenters are finishing the residence of Charles Schultz, which will soon be ready for occupancy.

Miss Edna Wolf, W.O. recently was graduated from a business college at Aurora, has accepted a position as bookkeeper for the Fox River Supply Company of that city.

The death of G.P. Boessenecker of Aurora came as somewhat of a surprise to the community.

L.F. Burkhart and Gus Pearson have each purchased a new touring car.

Gus Welz has discontinued his services with Uncle Sam and has gone to Aurora to work at his trade--a brush maker. Will Williams is acting as substitute until an appointment is made.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart entertained a sleighload of young people from East Wheatland and a few of their friends from here last Friday evening.

There is considerable sickness in the neighborhood--mostly bad colds and the grip.

Yorkville: In view of the extent to which the boxes by rural patrons has grown, and the delay in the delivery and collection of mail and the hardship imposed on rural carriers incident thereto, you are informed that commencing Feb. 15 rural letter carriers will not be required to collect loose coins from rural mail boxes. Patrons should enclose coins in an envelope, wrap them securely in a piece of paper, or deposit them in a coin-holding receptacle so they can be easily and quickly taken from the boxes.

Feb. 9: Charles Clinton left last week for a trip through the South visiting at Cincinnati and attending the Mardi Gras at New Orleans.

While on a tour of the United States Mr. and Mrs. William Benn of Fairbanks, Alaska stopped over Sunday to make his aunt, Mrs. Thomas Smith and cousins, Miss Ellen Smith and Mrs. Milton Beck, a short visit. It has been 38 years since Mr. Benn has been here and in that length of time he has made himself a comfortable fortune owning and operating gold, silver, and copper mines. When they left Alaska the thermometer registered 60 degrees below zero.

Miss Alice Updike, who has been teaching the Collins school, has resigned the position and a young lady from Plainfield has been secured to finish the year.

Wednesday, Feb. 2, Miss Alvina Shoger became the bride of Myron Haag.

Yes and the icy walk fall is a very fine fall; a very fine fall, indeed; you claw the air for elusive aid, you paw the ground until thereon laid. A very fine fall, indeed; and it useful to settle a gentleman's feed. We quote the above for the benefit of the fallen ones.

And if meat stays up to the top notch we will have to fall back on man's best friend, the horse, and eat him up in his old age, as some other countries do.

Conditions seem very favorable at present for the winter wheat, of which a good amount was sown last fall.

Comrade Hughes of Specie Grove has been quite poorly for over a week.

Yes, and mutilating mail boxes is not a very profitable business when Uncle Sam finds out the joker.

Yorkville: Residents of the Illinois Valley and particularly those located along the route of the Chicago Ottawa & Peoria railway are able to cover an addition ten and one-half miles by electric transportation through the opening of the Morris extension to Ottawa. Car No. 58, in charge of Motorman Thomas Cantwell and Conductor Howard Scanlan, initiated the stretch recently completed from Seneca to the Grundy county capital.

Feb. 16: Mrs. James Gowran and son Kenneth have returned home after a few days visit with her people.

C.E. Fowler has sold his interest in the firm of Morse & Fowler to William Morse, who will continue the business.

A new engine has been bought for the pumping station and will be installed in the near future.

According to the report of the fourth assistant postmaster general, the mail matter handled by the rural carriers has increased 96 percent since 1905. What a blessing this service has been to the American farmer. It has kept him in touch with the world and has made rural life far more pleasant than it would have been without such a daily mail service.

Feb. 23: Harry J. Jordan was arrested in Chicago Monday charged with bigamy, the charge being made by Mrs. Agnes Hanson Jordan of Plano, who was married to the prisoner Jan. 19 by Judge Mewhirter at the courthouse in Yorkville. "When I married Miss Hanson," said Jordan, "I was doped from taking headache powders and I didn't know what I was doing."

Mrs. Minnie Shoger is entertaining her niece, Miss Lillian Sorg of Hawkeye, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hafenrichter have rented and moved to the farm owned by John Herren from which William Elwood recently moved.

Grant Loucks and family moved to Sugar Grove Saturday, being taken over by neighbors in five or six loads. These people will be missed by their friends here.

The Oswego Whist Club went to Yorkville Monday evening to play the club there.

Arthur Roswell, our young auctioneer, is making a reputation as a crier that is second to none.

A sleighload of young people went to the home of William Quantock to bid him farewell as he soon leaves for North Dakota, where he has taken a claim.

Tamarack and Wheatland: The teacher of the Wilcox School, Miss Orma Young of Oswego resumed her duties Monday after a week's illness.

A number from here attended the wedding of Alexander Harvey and Miss Grace Gray at the home of the bride's father in Plainfield last week Wednesday at high noon.

March -- 1910

March 2: Charles Weber has sold his feed mill to Michael Kroft, who will continue the business here.

John Schickler has moved his family to their new country home; Chas. Ote moving into their recently vacated flat.

Steadily failing in health for several months, L.L. Rickard Sr. died at his home Tuesday morning about one o'clock.

Yorkville: The hope that the railroad between Yorkville and Morris will be built has been revived by an article in the Aurora News of Saturday night. This line is one of the most promising of lines if built in the state by reason of tapping the excellent farming country between the two towns and also giving a direct connection with the Morris coal fields.

March 9: Roy Shoger and Miss Florence Gates went to Geneva last Wednesday and secured a marriage license and were married by the Rev. T.A. Brewster of the First Methodist Church of that city.

Fred Kohlhammer, with his force of men, have begun work at Clarence Cherry's. The house in which they are living will be divided and moved and a modern residence erected on the old site.

A number of people were expecting some damage done when the ice went out but aside from a few being caught on this side of the river nothing was reported when the ice did go out on Saturday evening. The road leading to the bridge was blocked with huge cakes of ice, which made it impassable till Sunday morning when they were pushed aside.

George Collins left last Thursday for the state of Washington where he recently purchased a large tract of land.

Yorkville: Word came to Yorkville Monday morning that Mr. Nathan Hughes had died at his home Monday morning, aged 86 years, at his home in Specie Grove. Mr. Hughes was a well-known colored man who served his country as a Union soldier during the civil war. He was a member of Yorkville Post, GAR. Comrade Hughes was respected by his neighbors and the comrades of the Post; he was always a gentleman in his intercourse with our people and his color made no difference in his reception by his friends. It is a pleasure to bear testimony to his worth as a man and a patriot; he was loyal to his country and in all his associations was a quiet, self-possessed man of the best of traits. Comrade Hughes had been failing health for a long time, but was patient and courteous till the end came. A good citizen, he has left a vacant place in the ranks of the "boys in blue."

Tamarack and Wheatland: Among those on the sick list recently have been Mrs. James Stewart and son Graeme and Mrs. Thomas McMicken.

A number of colored people have arrived to work in the neighborhood, some having been here last year.

On account of repairs and renovations to the parsonage it will be several weeks before the pastor will move here. He will, however, occupy the pulpit every Sunday.

March 16: Miss Alice Updike and Harley Shoger were married last Wednesday.

G. M. Kroft who recently bought the feed mill has sold it back to Mr. Weber, who will continue the business.

Corn shredding has begun and they were working at G.N. Smith's Tuesday.

Scott Cutter has purchased Miss Bernice Pearce's stock of drugs.

City councils are passing ordinances forbidding the use of hatpins that protrude more than half an inch beyond the hat--or hair. The long hatpin has become a dangerous weapon and is to be suppressed. The big hats take a good deal of pin to keep them in place, and one a foot in length gives the proper balance.

Owing to the heavy increase in the list of patrons, the Chicago Telephone Company will print a new local directory at once. Another will not be issued for several months. If you need a telephone, sign a contract now and get your name in the new book.

March 23: Clarence and Hardy Shoger are riding in new touring cars, which they recently bought.

Andrew Shoger is doing some repairing on his house in town preparatory to moving into it from the farm, which his son Harley will occupy this year.

The firm of Schultz & Lippold is changed, Layton Lippold having sold to Charles Schultz his interest in the stock.

Mr. and Mrs. Finch of Audubon, Ia. are mourning the death of their infant son, which lived for only a few days. Mrs. Finch may be remembered as Miss Clara Minkler when she resided here.

Yorkville: Daniel Engle, a well known character at Oswego committed suicide by shooting himself at that town this morning. He has been out of work for some time and this morning went to Mrs. Osmond's, where he has been boarding, and shortly after the report of a revolver was heard. Engle was despondent over being out of employment and old age was overtaking him. He was about 50 years of age.

March 30: The census is not, never has been, and cannot be used to obtain information in connection with the enforcement of tax rates, deportation proceedings, extradition measures, army or navy conscription compulsory school attendance, child labor prosecutions, quarantine enforcement, or in any way to interfere with the enjoyment of

life, liberty or property by any person. It is to find out how much bigger the nation has grown since ten years before. That is all. It is not to pry into your private affairs.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Thomas Stewart has ordered an automobile.

April -- 1910

April 6: Clinton Burkhart has moved his family into the residence of Mrs. Minnie Leigh, Roy Smith occupying the one he recently vacated.

Word was received Saturday of the death of Mrs. E. Kusmaul of Ottawa. She may be remembered as Miss Edith Gargrave when she lived here, but a short time ago.

The time for the taking of the census and for the enumeration of people, statistics of the farm and garden, the business houses and office is near at hand and the agents of the government are making the final preparations prior to the active work, which will be of a searching nature, but no one will be exposed in person or property by the act of the enumerator. It is not mere curiosity on the part of the census agent--it is mandatory--so look kindly on the inquirer and help along the work.

Charles A. Clark, a native of Oswego, graduated from the McKillip school for veterinarians last Thursday night and will at once open an office at the Huntoon livery barn at Oswego. [The livery barn was at the northeast corner of Main and Jackson streets in downtown Oswego.]

April 13: Frank Friebele attended the horse market at Joliet last Wednesday.

Charles Clark has bought a new automobile.

Tamarack and Wheatland: During the storm Monday afternoon, Wallace Ferguson's barn was struck by lightning but the fire was put out before much damage was done aside from ripping off shingles and burning some straw.

April 20: Cassius Durand of Chicago, who is visiting at the home of Charles Roberts, has been taken ill and is confined to the house.

Dr. W.E. Kittler of Rochelle, made a short visit to friends here.

Dr. Charles Clark, who recently graduated from a veterinary college in Chicago, has an office at Huntoon Bros. livery barn.

The Half and Half Club, formerly known as the Birthday Club, was entertained by Mmes. Blain Saltzman, Charles Cherry, and Miss Kate Williams.

A number of the young men have arranged for a private dancing party to be held in the Woodmen hall Friday evening, April 22, which promises to be an event. An orchestra from Aurora will furnish the music.

At the school election held Saturday Arthur Rowswell was reelected for three years. Mr. Morse resigned as director; consequently D.M. Haight was elected for one year to fill the vacancy.

At the election for village trustees, the following were elected, 62 votes being cast, no opposition. Charles Roberts, clerk; Charles Shoger, trustee; George Troll and W.W. Clark, the two new trustees.

April 27: Miss Gertrude Kohlhammer, who has been attending a business college in Aurora, has accepted a position as stenographer with a firm in that city

Fred Huntoon, who was one of the livery firm of Huntoon Bros, has sold his interest to the other members and will shortly engage in another line of business.

MARK TWAIN IS DEAD

One of the world's most versatile writers and America's most accomplished humorist, Samuel Langhorne Clemens, died at his home in Redding, Conn., Wednesday evening, April 21, aged nearly 75 years, from heart disease. He was once a pilot on the Mississippi river and took his pseudonym as a writer from the leadsman's call as he felt the depth of the water--"Mark Twain."

Nobody can tell how much harm the great April frost of 1910 has done. That is the truth of it, says the Chicago Evening Post.

Yorkville: At the time of going to press a delegation of the heads of departments from the Chicago Telephone company is expected in Yorkville to look over the situation as regards the taking over of the Northern Illinois telephone lines.

The wires are all down on the west side of the street and the change of management of the Northern business is expected by May 1.

Manager Nading is endeavoring to sell his hotel that he may devote his entire time to the telephone management.

May -- 1910

May 4: Buy filtered gasoline at W.J. Morse's.

Charles Clinton has returned from the South, where he has spent the greater part of the winter.

John Herren has recently bought a new touring car.

At the regular meeting of the village board Monday evening, Robert Johnston was chosen for police magistrate; Ezekiel Davis, street commissioner; and Charles Reed to care for the pumping station. Licenses were granted to J.P. Schickler and Ted Stevens to continue the sale of liquor. John Schmidt, who for some time past has been proprietor of the Oswego saloon, is planning a trip abroad. Consequently, John Testin of Aurora was granted a license to continue the same business in The Oswego.

Mr. and Mrs. William Denney celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary Thursday evening.

Yorkville: Three men from Aurora went over the dam at Yorkville at 4:30 Tuesday night and one was drowned. The drowned man was Peter Lautwein, 36 years of age. He was the treasurer of the Aurora bricklayers union and leaves a wife and three children.

It is only necessary for a person to take a ride on the Joliet electric line to see, or feel, the shortcomings of our own line to Aurora. As was stated last week, the Yorkville branch has a roadbed that is in a dangerously poor state of repair. Another complaint brought to the cars of one riding on the cars is their filthy condition. Why should the people of Kendall County be so discriminated against?

May 11: The news of the death of Mrs. Nathan Hughes came as a surprise to the friends and neighbors. While not in the best of health since the death of her husband a short time ago, she had not been confined to her home. The latter part of the week, a relative came to make a short stay with Mrs. Hughes, as she was not feeling in the best of health. Suddenly Monday morning, death claimed her. Funeral services from the Methodist church, Oswego, Thursday.

May 18: J.N. Roberts is employed as a clerk in William Funk's store, the vacancy being caused by Andrew Pierce leaving for Oklahoma Friday evening.

News has been received of the marriage of Charles Clinton, which occurred at Syracuse, N.Y., the home of his bride. Mr. and Mrs. Clinton will return here for a short visit, but it is understood that they will make their home in the East.

The remains of Mrs. Sara Pearce, widow of the late Joseph Pearce, were brought here for burial Tuesday. Mrs. Pearce resided at Whittemore, Iowa. Heart failure overcame her in the short time of five minutes. Interment was in the Pearce cemetery beside her husband, who was buried there a few years ago.

Owing to the dedication services of the Oswego Prairie church, there will be no morning service at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning.

Raymond Ness, who of late has been hunting pearls, was fortunate in his find Saturday, having found two very good ones.

THE EXODUS TO CANADA

Uncle Sam Wants to Have it Stopped--How?

Washington, May 14--Washington officials of the departments of Agriculture and Commerce and Labor have a sharp sense of the need of something, no one yet seems to know just what, to stop the flood of emigration from the western United States into Canada. The administration is to take the matter up seriously.

In the last eight years, 480,000 of American citizens have gone to Canada.

NaAuSay: Mrs. Nathan Hughes died Sunday night, May 8, after an illness of a few hours. She was taken ill Sunday afternoon and passed away at 12 o'clock Sunday night. Dr. Drew held an inquest Monday morning and the decision of the jury was that she died of natural causes. The funeral services will be held at the Methodist church in Oswego Thursday afternoon and she will be buried in Oswego by the side of her husband, who died two months ago. She was 65 years of age.

FOLLOWS HUSBAND TO GRAVE

Maria Jane Hughes died at her home in Specie Grove Monday morning just two months after the death of her husband, Nathan Hughes. He died on Monday, March 7. Mrs. Hughes had been in poor health for some weeks but was able to come to Yorkville Saturday where she made application for pension papers for a pension as widow of a Union soldier. The trip was too much for her strength and she gradually failed until the end came Monday morning. Two children survive, Mrs. Edmund Lucas and Mrs. Robert Smith.

Mrs. Hughes and her husband were married during slavery times and were separated during the early part of their life. After the war, Mr. Hughes succeeded in locating his family and they were reunited and came north, where they have lived since. The family have been one respected by all who know them. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes being good neighbors and friends.

May 25: Cass Figge spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Figge.

The dedicatory services of the new Oswego Prairie church Sunday were attended by fully 500 persons. The edifice was erected at a cost of \$12,000, \$11,000 being raised before the completion, the remainder being subscribed at the two services Sunday, leaving them entirely free of debt. A free dinner and supper were served during the day to an immense crowd by the ladies of the church. The addresses and music were very well delivered by the various ones participating. The church has a seating capacity of 400. Besides the auditorium there is a YPA room, two smaller class rooms, and a commodious basement hall.

L.F. Burkhart averted a more serious accident Saturday when he suddenly ran his auto into the ditch to avoid striking G.M. Bower Sr., who was crossing the street near his home. The machine was quite badly damaged, two wheels being broken among other things. Mr. Burkhart was driving home Saturday afternoon before the storm broke and through a misunderstanding both were on the crossing at about the same time when Mr. Burkhart through presence of mind, made the quick turn in time to save Mr. Bower.

Miss Estella Schark, teacher of the Schell school [later renamed Willow Hill School], closed the year's work by giving a picnic to the pupils.

Yorkville: Those who watched for Halley's comet Friday night were not disappointed. About 8:10 it appeared in the west, directly over where the sun had set and was very distinct, setting rapidly and disappearing at about 8:30. It had the appearance of a will-o'-the-wisp, a gas-like flame evidently obscured by mist but distinctive. There was no tail in sight.

June -- 1910

June 1: Mr. T.C. Simpson was fortunate enough to recover two ponies that were stolen from the pasture last Friday evening. Two suspicious looking youths were seen about the neighborhood, waiting for darkness to cover their deed. They rode to Sandwich, where they were apprehended.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Armstrong were among the out of town visitors to spend Decoration day in Oswego.

Word has been received announcing the arrival of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Morriss of Waterloo, Iowa. Mrs. Morriss may better be remembered as Miss Laura Walker when residing here.

Mrs. A.C. Lake and sons have returned to their home in LaGrange after a brief visit.

W.L. Hahnenstein and family of Pontiac will soon become residents of Oswego, having rented the residence of Thomas Edwards, recently vacated by Roy Smith.

Yorkville: Mr. Lorimer says he did not pay a "single" representative for his vote. No, they seem to have been paid in quadruples.

There is a movement in the East among Grand Army men to do away with Decoration Day as now used and make a Memorial Sunday only.

If Mr. Lorimer did not furnish any of the money to secure the confessing members of the Illinois legislature, who did? Copley said he would put up \$100,000 to beat Mr. Hopkins. Did Senator Holtslaw get some of it?

Washington, May 28.--William Lorimer today asked the senate for an investigation of the charges that his election was secured through the buying of votes in the Illinois general assembly at prices ranging from \$1,000 upward. By way of preface to this request he delivered his long-awaited speech and in vehement language declared before his colleagues that the bribery scandal is the outcome of a "political conspiracy." The main points of the senator's address were as follows:

Eulogy of Minority Leader Lee O'Neil Browne, now under indictment in Chicago for bribery.

Attack upon Gov. Deneen.

Assault upon Rep. Chas. A. While, whose confession opened the scandal.

So far as the inner history of the senatorial deadlock is concerned, the address of Mr. Lorimer failed to come up to expectations. It was announced in advance that the senator would strip the covering off secrets and deals and "double-cross" plays in such a manner that the leaders in Illinois would have immediate cause for flying at each other's throats. The speech, however, fell short of its prospects.

Of Sen. Lorimer's speech in defense of himself--or in apology for himself--the *Chicago Evening Post* says: "The speech itself is purely a sympathetic political autobiography. Senator Lorimer drops the present bribery issue like a hot iron and devotes his efforts to telling the long story of his activities in the public life of this community. Especially does his mind turn to the relations between himself and the past and present editors of the Tribune."

June 8: Miss Florence Foster and Sergeant Burtson C. Ford, NCS 2nd U.S. Infantry, were united in marriage by Rev. A. Eugene Bartlett of Chicago Sunday, June 5.

John Seely has returned from Champaign where he gave a recital Thursday evening to dedicate a new pipe organ in the first Presbyterian church, where he was organist four years.

School closed Friday with a graduation of the eighth grade, which was held at the Congregational church.

Misses Susan Croushorn and Gertrude Williams have finished the year's work at Downers Grove and are spending the vacation at their respective homes.

Miss Lettie Smiley finished a successful year as teacher of the Collins school by giving a picnic to the pupils.

The teacher and pupils of the Harvey school will close the year's work with a play, "Little Red Riding Hood," given at the school house Wednesday evening.

Miss Ethel Lowry, who for the past two years has been assistant principal in the high school, left Wednesday morning for her summer home in Wisconsin. She has accepted a position in some school in Michigan for the ensuing year.

Mr. Brownell, who with his family moved here from Oklahoma a short time ago, has bought a lot in Loucks addition, where he is erecting a new house.

Yorkville: Chicago, June 5--Lee O'Neil Browne of Ottawa, legislative minority leader, awaiting trial on bribery charges in connection with the selection of William Lorimer to

the United States Senate, was surrendered by his bondsman, and within an hour released on habeas corpus writ here today.

Formal charges against Senator William Lorimer of Illinois were laid before the senate this afternoon by his colleague, Senator Cullom.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Mrs. Mary Barber has been quite ill for some days with pneumonia. Her age, which is about 93 years, is complicating matters. Her daughter, Mrs. John McLaren of Joliet and a niece, Jean Barber of Peotone, are caring for her.

The installation of the new pastor of the U.P. church will occur on Tuesday afternoon, June 14th.

Misses Bessie Clow and Jennie McPherson of Wheatland and Jessie Richardson of Plainfield arrived at home Saturday from a three months tour of Europe.

June 15: The students and teachers from the various schools and universities are at their homes for the summer vacation.

A number of the streets are being improved by graveling.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Willis have returned from a several weeks' visit with her brother, Roy Bower, of Canada.

On account of repairs at the church, the Children's day exercises will be held at the Methodist church next Sunday, June 19.

Owing to the fact that there was no graduating class from the high school this year, the committee in charge decided not to hold the annual alumni gathering.

Samuel Holland left Sunday for St. Louis, where he has accepted a position. Mrs. Holland will go a few weeks later.

Mr. Frank Leverich of Yorkville and Mrs. Mary L. Gaylord were quietly married last Thursday. After a short trip, they will return to Oswego where they will reside. Mr. Leverich has accepted a position at Henry Grimm's drug store in Aurora.

Arthur Rowswell, prominent auctioneer, has returned from Chicago, where he attended the International Auctioneers' convention held at the Palmer House.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bower accompanied by his mother Mrs. Geo. Bower, and Mrs. Henry Hafenrichter, attended the commencement exercises at Naperville last week, remaining over Sunday with relatives.

Miss Lillian Albee, teacher of the Squires school, closed the year's work with an appropriate program on last Tuesday evening. The crowd could not near gain entrance, but the windows afforded the means by which a number outside could see and hear.

Yorkville: Aroused in part by the astounding revelations of the grand jury of Sangamon county and Cook county, and in part by the open hostility of the Illinois General Assembly to progressive legislation, a number of citizens have called a non-partisan statewide conference to be held at Peoria on Monday and Tuesday, June 27 and 28 to discuss "The Breakdown of Representative Government in Illinois."

Miss [Pearl] Chase of Oswego and Miss Myrtle Belden are learning telephone operating in the local exchange.

Fred Graham, on Captain Raleigh's farm, Specie Grove, has 30 acres of winter wheat that gives promise of a big yield.

People who have ridden on the Yorkville-Aurora cars much will miss the familiar faces of a number of the car men who have had morning runs. Frank Dougherty, who was a motorman on the run on odd hours out of Yorkville, has resigned and has bought the Simpson farm about three miles east of Aurora. Here he will raise chickens. John DeJerald and Tom Kennedy, who had the other run as motorman and conductor, respectively, have been transferred and are now running up the river. The former is on a regular car run and the latter is on the express car.

"Do United States senators represent humanity or cash? I say, respectfully, that they represent the power that makes them senators. It is the exception when a poor man breaks into the Senate." This statement was forthcoming from former United States Senator William E. Mason in an interview in which the speaker defended his statement of a few weeks ago that 50 percent of the members of the United States Senate usually buy their seats.

"Fifth percent are bought," continued Mr. Mason, "Although I do not mean to say that the purchases are made outright as is alleged to be the case of one Illinois senator. Money is spent by interested persons to create sentiment for or against a candidate. it amounts to the same thing. Money puts them in Washington, ad it is a rare senator that does not represent the power that puts him there."

June 22: Fire destroyed one of the barns on the Charles Roberts farm Saturday morning. Men working on the telephone line trimming trees were burning the brush, supposedly at a safe distance from the building, but owing to the extreme dryness and the high wind prevailing, a burning brand is thought to have started the fire, which was beyond control in a very few minutes. The structure collapsed in a short time. About 15 tons of hay were destroyed in the blaze.

Mrs. W.P. Topping of Elgin will lecture at the Presbyterian church next Sunday evening on "The Landing and Examination of Emigrants at Ellis Island, New York Harbor."

Given away: A beautiful Japanese fan with every cash purchase of 50 cents or over on Saturday only, June 25. Be sure and get a fan. W.J. Morse.

Fred Pearce of LeMars, Iowa, who was called here by the illness of his father, Ezra Pearce of Montgomery, who is nearly 86 years of age, was calling on the Pearce relatives here the first of the week.

One of the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Lucas is seriously ill at her home.

Dr. George W. McFatrigh and sister of Chicago drove to Oswego in the auto Saturday and called on relatives--Pearces and Cooneys.

The Misses Elsie Collins and Orma Young closed a successful year's work in the Gaylord and Wilcox schools, respectively, with a joint picnic held last week at the Gaylord school. Miss Collins intends to take a business course at the Aurora college next year. Miss Young will teach the Rickard school in the ensuing year.

L.F. Shoger, Henry Burkhart, A.F. Wormley, Fred Mundsinger, and Joseph Ebinger went to Streator on Tuesday in Mr. Shoger's auto. They are interested in machines and some of them talk of buying in the near future.

Capt. Charles Clinton has returned from the East but expects to leave for points in the West soon, where he and Mrs. Clinton will spend a great deal of time traveling.

Watts Cutter is home from Champaign where he has finished a course in agricultural farming.

Miss Bernice Pearce has resigned her position with the Chicago Telephone Company in Aurora to accept a position as pharmacist in Mr. Moore's drug store at Yorkville.

Yorkville: FORTY-SEVEN STARS IN FLAG

Monday, President Taft signed the bill which admits the territories of Arizona and New Mexico as states in this great union. These new states will be Democratic, it is generally thought, and will help that party in national elections.

Now if congress or the President or the people of the United States could wipe out the State of Nevada a great wrong would be righted. Nevada, the land of sage brush, gamblers, and divorces, has a population about equal to that of our neighbor, Kane county, and has two United States senators with as much power as Illinois or New York senators and but representative in congress. It is an unbearable injustice to the other states.

It is evident that the Knickerbocker people do not intend to do anything in the way of repairing the Yorkville dam. A proposition has been made that will mean a great deal to Yorkville if carried out in the way of saving the power and retaining the mill pond above the dam that has so much to do with the beautifying of the village in the summer. The organizing of a company and the raising of about \$40,000 would insure enough funds to

build a new dam. From this dam, power could be gained to light the town and give a commercial lighting system to Plano, Oswego, and all communities that wished. If the present dam is allowed to go out, the river where will be worthless as a resort adjunct and all boating will be ruined. It remains for some young man with a deal of energy to organize the company.

The daily slaughter on railroad tracks and by automobiles is getting to be such common news in the papers that little note is taken of a death by these methods. Life is not as sacred as it used to be considered.

Ottawa Republican: The Wormley divorce suit that has been pending in the circuit Court for a period of two years came to an end Wednesday when Judge Edgar Eldredge granted Mrs. Catharine Wormley a divorce from Jesse Wormley and required her husband to pay her \$450 in lieu of alimony.

The Wormleys live in Mendota and were married at Oswego Oct. 2, 1904. They separated Nov. 27, 1906, Mrs. Wormley charging her husband had been cruel to her. She filed a bill for divorce and alimony May 1, 1907.

A cross bill was filed by the husband but was later withdrawn. The case was called for trial Wednesday morning. The testimony of the complaint was taken, but no defense was made and the court held the charges made in the bill to be true and granted a divorce.

June 29: Charles Clinton has sold his residence to Scott C. Cutter and has gone East to join his wife.

Mrs. Samuel Holland left Saturday to join her husband, who has recently accepted a position in ST. Louis.

Mrs. C.I. Smith had the misfortune to run a small ice pick through her hand between the thumb and first finger.

Andrew Swanson will discontinue business here and will sell all his household goods at public auction on Saturday, July 2. A.E. Rowswell, auctioneer.

Mr. Herbert Hinchman of Oswego was married to Miss Emma Voss of Chicago Wednesday, June 22 at noon.

The funeral of Oakley Woolley was held at the home of his mother, Mrs. Maggie Woolley, Saturday afternoon. Interment in the Oswego cemetery.

Oakley Woolley was born May 20, 1893 on the farm of his father, the late Charles Woolley. Since birth he has been an invalid and a great suffer at times. Every medical aid was resorted to, but as years went on, other complications would arise and death alone could relieve him from suffering.

Mr. Thomas Miller and Miss Eliza Turner were married June 26, 1860 in Akron, Ohio, coming directly to Oswego and locating on a farm near Mr. Elliott's where they lived for a number of years. Later, they moved to the village residing in the then-known Sierp

house. In a short time they bought the home in which they now live. Sunday being their golden wedding anniversary, their only child, Mrs. William Palmer planned a surprise for them. Mr. Miller was 83 years old Feb. 8, was born in Methwold, Norfolk, England. Mrs. Miller, 73 years of age, was born in Northwold, Norfolk, England. Mr. Miller came to the United States with his parents when 14 years of age. Mrs. Miller came when 20. They lived in Akron, Ohio previous to coming to Illinois in 1860 when they were married.

Yorkville: The bankers of Kansas City and of the Southwest dependent on Kansas City have agreed to lend no money to any one who intends to use the cash for the purchase of a motor car. This boycott is brought about, the bankers say, by the extravagance of the country in the purchase of automobiles. Thirty-two million dollars were invested in motor cars in the last year in Kansas.

"We'll have no more of it," say the cash holders. "If this thing keeps up there's no telling what condition the finances of the country will be in a year from now."

The engagement has been announced of Miss Laura Burkhart of Oswego and Edwin F. Hahnenstein of Yorkville. The young lady is a sister of State's Attorney Burkhart and Mr. H. is a well-known south of town farmer.

Hot, dry, dusty.

A gentle shower would get the votes right now. The gardens and fields need it and the towns could stand it.

A resolution authorizing an investigation of the election of William Lorimer as senator of the United States from Illinois was introduced in the Senate today by Sen. J.C. Burrows of Michigan.

The fact that charges against certain members of the Illinois legislature are now before the courts will result in delay in beginning the inquiry, but it is the understanding that a report will be made at the beginning of the next session of Congress.

Tamarack and Wheatland: The Chicago Presbytery held a stated meeting last Tuesday at the U.P. church. At noon, the 20 visitors, which included the ministers and their wives and several laymen, adjourned to the basement where a delicious dinner was served to about 100 people. In the afternoon, Rev. J.H. Gibson, D.D., was installed as pastor.

John McMicken raised a large barn last Saturday, a great many men being present to assist.

The Wilcox and Gaylord schools closed with a union picnic at the latter school, about 60 children and women being present.

The Church school closed on Tuesday with a picnic.

July -- 1910

July 6: Kendall Ashley from Panama was visiting his aunt, Mrs. Myron Wormley, the first of the week. His vacation ended the first of July, when he returned to his duties in the torrid zone.

Arthur Wormley and Oscar Shoger are owners of new autos.

William Funk has sold his grocery stock to Aurora parties who will take possession August. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Minick are the proud parents of a son, born Saturday, July 2.

Lost--A black boar weighing about 350 pounds strayed from the farm of John Seely Friday night.

July 13: Newark Chautauqua, July 26-31.

Miss Mary Cutter pleasantly entertained a company of 18 young people at her home Thursday evening.

Wesley Bower has completed a garage for the machine he recently purchased.

Miss Maria Lucas, who has been quite ill for some time, has been taken to the hospital for treatment.

H.S. Richards has finished putting in a new plate glass window in the barber shop.

After an illness of eight months, Miss Elsie Hafenrichter died Saturday morning. Deceased was 23 years, 9 months, and 6 days of age. Interment at the German cemetery.

July 20: The remains of Mrs. James Shepard of Aurora were brought to Oswego for burial Friday evening. Mrs. Shepard succumbed to an attack of pneumonia.

Miss Laura Sutherland and J. Harry Obman were married Friday, July 15, by the Rev. J.T. Hood at the home of the bride at Oswego.

Mary Beckstrom Pearson died at her home in Oswego July 14, 1910 after an illness of some duration from Bright's disease. She was born in Carlstead, Sweden March 15, 1856 and came to this country in 1883, coming direct to Kendall County where she made her home. March 4, 1886 she was married to Gustav Pearson at Oswego and has lived as a model farmer's wife since. Having no children of their own, the couple raised two girls whom they took in as orphans. Besides her husband, there survive one sister who lives in the state of Washington; the two young ladies who were raised by her, Miss Ellen Carlson and Mrs. Herman Armbruster. The funeral was held in Oswego with interment at NaAuSay.

July 27: Rushton Walker of Walnut Grove, Minn. is making his friends a visit.

Andrew Pearce, who accepted a position with a dredging company in Oklahoma a few months ago, has returned to his home on account of illness.

Wood alcohol and a match were the causes of alarming the town Tuesday evening when someone started a blaze in J.P. Schickler's saloon. Prompt action of the fire department extinguished the blaze before any alarming damage was done.

Carl Ludwig Lippold was born at Masen, Germany, Dec. 20, 1829 and died at Oswego July 24, 1910 of asthma, from which he had suffered for some time, and advanced age. He came to this country when a young man and located first at Rock Island where he lived a few years and then moved to the vicinity of Oswego where, as one of Kendall county's farmers, he passed the rest of his life. In 1853 he was married to Christina Wernen, who died in 1870, and subsequently married Barbara Kehl, who still survives.

August -- 1910

Aug. 3: Messrs. W.C. and S.F. Cutter returned from Minnesota where S.F. Cutter has bought a 320 acre farm on which he will move in the spring.

Miss Allie Wald has resumed her duties at the post office after a delightful outing at Camp Lake.

Arthur Rowswell is and has been in Chicago for some time serving on the U.S. federal grand jury, which at present is investigating the beef trust.

All those interested in organizing an old-fashioned singing school are requested to meet at the Methodist church Saturday evening.

The fine new country residence of J.D. Russell is nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy in a short time. Every modern convenience has been installed in this residence to give comfort to a home.

After several years as a successful merchant, William Funk has disposed of his grocery store and meat market, having sold to Jacob Friebele and Herr of Aurora who will continue the business. Mr. Funk has purchased a farm in Indiana to which he will move in the spring.

Charles L. Roberts died at his home in Aurora Aug. 2, 1910. He was born in New Jersey June 4, 1822; came west in 1843 and settled on a farm near Oswego where he lived until 1890 when he moved to Aurora after the death of his wife. Six children survive: John, Charles, and Jacob of Oswego; William of Kansas City, Mo.; Samuel of Marion, Ind.; and Marietta of Aurora.

Providence alone saved M.L. Wormley, his son Arthur and William Porteous from instant death on Tuesday morning when they were crossing the Burlington tracks in the auto owned by Arthur at the Montgomery depot enroute to Aurora. They had been waiting for a switch engine to pass and had started to cross the track, seemingly clear, when the eastbound fast mail rushed down upon them. The view being obstructed by buildings and freight cars, the occupants of the automobile did not see the train until it was too late. Arthur, who was driving, made every effort to clear the track by turning the machine to one side and thought they were safe, but an iron projecting from the engine caught the fender of the machine, whirling it completely around, throwing the three men out and badly damaging the car, tearing the front end completely off.

Aug. 10: Willie Foss, while with some other young boys, had the misfortune to receive the accidental discharge of a gun in his foot the bullet lodging above the toes.

Ben Skeen has discontinued his duties at William Morse's store.

John Conway and Bert Richards and their families have broken camp and returned to their homes.

NaAuSay: Farmers are very busy threshing wheat and oats.

Ottawa Journal: The Fox river at Wedron claimed two victims Tuesday afternoon at which time Mrs. Mina Carter, aged 47 years and her grandson, Elmer Carter, aged six years, were drowned about a half mile above the bridge. Mrs. Carter and the little boy left home to go pear hunting and were wading about the river looking for clam shells when they got into deep water and lost their lives.

Aug. 17: Miss Helen Dwyre has accepted a position at William Morse's store.

Richard Schultz has been enjoying a week's vacation from his duties at Schultz's store, spending a part of the time with relatives at Milwaukee.

The merchants of Oswego have decided to close their places of business on Tuesday, Aug. 23, from 1 until 6:30 p.m. on account of Booster Day in Aurora.

Lorenzo Rank was born in the empire of Germany July 1, 1827; died at St. Charles hospital, Aurora, on Aug. 15, 1910 of Bright's Disease. He was never married and has no relatives in this country, so far as is known, and the place of residence of his nephews and nieces in Germany is not known. A tailor by trade, he had lived in Oswego about 59 years having spent the years 1858 and '59 in California.

A GOOD MAN HAS PASSED OVER

Death of Lawrence Rank, One of Oswego's Oldest Residents

It is with sadness that *The Record* announces the passing away of one of its oldest friends, and its first local correspondent--a task he performed for this paper for nearly 40 years.

Mr. Rank died at the St. Charles hospital in Aurora, Tuesday night, Aug. 6, 1910, at 8 o'clock. He had been taken to the hospital about a week previous. He was unmarried, and, so far as we know, leaves no relatives in this vicinity.

Writing now from recollection, Mr. Rank was born in Germany. Coming to this country he lived in Plainfield and Plattville, but for the past 50 years was a resident of Oswego, where he was postmaster for many years. He was a man of peculiar ideas, but they were good ideas, and he had many notions about government and social life, which he enunciated in *The Record* at times with much force. He was an honest man. Not a tricky atom in his quiet, unostentatious make-up. He had been a member of the Masonic lodge in Oswego almost since its organization and often times was one of the officers of the lodge. While many disagreed with our old friend's ideas, everyone respected him, and all will say a kind word and give a sympathetic sigh for the good man who lived on this earth for 84 years. We feel that we have lost a friend who was full of goodly intention and who served the public faithfully.

The funeral occurs in Oswego tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Presbyterian church, and will be largely attended--for there was no person in this county who would do more for the bereaved than Lawrence Rank.

Aug. 24: Morton Richards is enjoying a two weeks vacation from his duties with the Fox River Butter Company.

L.F. Burkhart has gone to Minnesota to attend to the disposition of his crops.

BURY MR. RANK

As a token of respect for the man who had lived in the village for so many years and given so much of his life to the public service, the stores of Oswego closed from three till four on Thursday afternoon while the funeral services of Lorenzo Rank were being held. The services were in charge of the Rev. N.M. Stokes, who was assisted by Raven Lodge, A.F. & A.M. The body was escorted from the undertaking rooms of Mr. Croushorn to the church, and a short service was held. Music was rendered by Miss Pearce, Mrs. Barnard, and Miss Newman. Mr. Stokes spoke briefly on the text, "What is your life?" and the body was then taken to the Oswego cemetery and was laid away with Masonic honors. The number at the church spoke emphatically of the respect in which this man, alone in the world, had been held by his fellow townsmen. As Mr. Stokes said, no one ever lived a more moral life than Mr. Rank. He was a man to be copied after, an unsullied, moral, unselfish existence and one that will be missed in Oswego.

Aug. 31: Charles Shoger and O.A. Burkhart left Saturday to deliver an automobile to a party at Mazomanie, Wis.

Chris Herren Sr. has recently purchased from Henry Cutter the farm on which Toby Larson is at present living.

Wanted: Lady school teacher for District No. 9. Apply to J.D. Russell or Robert Herren.

Arthur Wormley has recently purchased a new automobile.

A number of the business houses were again visited by people of evil intentions early Tuesday morning. No one knows where they first entered, but the saloon of Ted Stevens was entered through a side door, the intruders leaving enriched by \$7. Whether in line or not, H.B. Read's grocery was entered through a side window where all they found was about \$1, which they took. Even though Schultz's store was tried, entrance was not gained. They were successful at Friebele & Herr's, gaining entrance through a rear window finding \$2.25 in the cash register. The saloon of J.P. Schickler was next visited. Charles Ode, hearing them, but not realizing, frightened them away.

Mr. Michael Keihl died at the home of his niece, Mrs. John Freidlein on Saturday Aug. 27, 1910, age 82 years. Mrs. Keihl was born in Bavaria, Germany June 27, 1828 and came to America in 1857, 53 years ago. He has lived most of the time in Aurora but some six years ago he had a stroke of paralysis and another more serious one two years ago so that or some five years he has resided with Mrs. Friedlein. The funeral services were held at the home of his sister, Mrs. Ludwig Lippold west of Oswego on Monday afternoon.

September -- 1910

Sept. 7: Mr. C.H. Durand of Chicago, who is in ill health, is at the home of G.M. Cowdrey, where he will remain for a number of weeks.

The annual picnic of the Methodist Sunday school will be held in C.I. Smith's grove Saturday of this week.

Ray Ness has bought the stock of candy cigars, etc. from William Funk and will continue the business at the present location.

Mrs. Mary Wolff Minich died at her home in Oswego at midnight on Wednesday, Aug. 31, 1910. She had been suffering from stomach trouble and the combination with old age and a general breaking down was too much for her constitution. She had been a resident of Oswego and vicinity for 43 years and had been much esteemed by all her neighbors and friends.

Mrs. Minich was born at Sacramento, Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania March 8, 1827 and married John Minich Aug. 25, 1845.

The bereaved husband survives, as do six children, 21 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren. The funeral was held from the Oswego German church Saturday with interment at the Oswego cemetery. Mrs. Minich was reared in the Lutheran faith and was a member of that church. She will be remembered as a woman of quiet disposition, industrious and a kind and loving wife and mother.

Sept. 14: William Hahnenstein has moved his family to Michigan.

Mr. J.B. Manning, who recently sold his farming effects, left Tuesday for his new home in Canada. The rest of the family will leave in a short time. The community is losing a good family but wishes them well in their new home.

Sept. 21: Charles Schultz and Ben Leigh are having the Shoger building, formerly occupied by A. Flagg as a pool hall room, remodeled for a bowling alley, which they will conduct this winter. Three alleys with modern improvements will be installed.

Fred Falk, with a party of land seekers, left for Canada recently.

Sept. 28: Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Smith are spending some time with friends at Cleveland, Ohio, while on their wedding tour, being married last week Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson of Aurora.

The building formerly occupied by the Northern Illinois Telephone Company, now owned by Mr. Cass of Aurora, is being remodeled for Ray Ness, who will move from his present location.

Mrs. G.M. Croushorn, president of the Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian church, closed her term of serving in this capacity by giving the Aid ladies a picnic at Electric park last Thursday, having automobiles to convey the 35 ladies to the park.

Pupils and the teachers of the high school are doing good work this year. There are nearly 50 pupils in the high school.

The high school baseball nine defeated the Wheatland boys at the game played at the plowing match near Plainfield.

The senior class, though small in number, makes up in quality. Robert Richards, Mabel Biesemier and Fern Gates are the only members of this class.

Yorkville: One of the most influential groups of people which helped settle Kendall county in its pioneer period, between 1830 and 1860, came from Orange county, New York. Beautiful Aux Sable Grove was the heart of the settlement and radiating from it in every direction, running over from NaAuSay township into Kendall and Oswego, spread the Townsends, Davises, Seelys, Satterleys, Howells, Cowdreys, and Jessups. Whole families of several brothers and sisters at a time they came, the first ones either via the Ohio, Mississippi, or Illinois rivers, or around the lakes from Buffalo, while later ones came by the first New York to Chicago railways with their frequent change of cars. So numerous were they and so influential in public affairs that it was seriously proposed in the state legislature to name the new county Orange in honor of the old home from which these people came. But the sentiment of honoring the popular Amos D. Kendall overruled this attempt. Something of all this is remembered when we are again called upon to chronicle the passing over of one of the original members of the "before the war" migration, as we do now in announcing the death of Mrs. William A. Jessup, who died

Sunday, Sept. 18, in her 81st year. She was the oldest survivor of the orange county immigrants still living where she originally settled.

Mary Jane VanDuzer was born on a farm near Goshen, New York on March 5, 1830. She was descended from one of the first settlers from Holland who helped make Manhattan Island the Dutch colony of New Amsterdam in the middle of the 17th Century. Her people were sturdy farmer folk who helped fight their country's battles in their succeeding generations; her father was a captain in the War of 1812; her grandfather was an ensign bearer in the Revolutionary War; and her great-grandfather, Col. Benjamin Tusten, was a pioneer in the then new Orange county and prominent in the French and Indian War. On her mother's side, a Margaret Jennings, she was the namesake and a grandniece of Mary Jennings Seward, mother of the famous New York statesman, William H. Seward.

Educated in the best local schools and a school teacher for a time, she came as a bride to Illinois in 1853 when the prairies were rapidly filling up with permanent settlers. Her married life began in a comfortable frame cottage built before the roads were surveyed in the midst of the NaAuSay prairie, half was between the "Grove" and the "Ridge," and in this small house, somewhat enlarged, she spent her 52 years of married life and five years of widowhood.

Four of her five children are still living, John V. of the old home in NaAuSay township, Theodore of Chicago; Mrs. Hugh H. Goudie and Clara H.

October -- 1910

Oct. 5: Fourteen of the young people of the Methodist church had a surprise party on their pastor, Rev. Mr. Laird, Saturday.

Alfred Wormley died Monday at Salt Lake City, Utah, from the effects of a paralytic stroke. He went west about five years ago to live with his daughter. He was born in Oswego in 1842 and the remains will be brought here for burial.

Robert Peterson has gone to Lansing, Mich. where he will work for an engine company.

The funeral of Mrs. Jane Payne was held in Aurora Wednesday and the remains brought to Oswego for burial. Mrs. Payne, at one time an Oswego resident, has been failing in health for some time.

Alfred Wormley died Monday at Salt Lake City, Utah from the effects of a paralytic stroke. He went west about five years ago to live with his daughter. He was born in Oswego in 1842 and the remains will be brought here for burial.

News of the death of Mrs. Anna Wormley, 76 years old, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H.A. Culver of Aurora, which occurred Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. has reached here. Mrs. Wormley was one of the pioneer settlers of Kendall county and lived in this vicinity the greater part of her life. Until 15 years ago she resided on the Wormley farm between Oswego and Aurora, most of this time making her home with Mrs. Culver.

Three children, F.C. Wormley of Oswego Mrs. H.A. Culver of Aurora, and Mrs. Frank Pinney of Yorkville; and a sister, Mrs. Susan Childs of Spokane, Wash. survive.

Oct. 12: Henry Bower is spending several days at Plano where he is making repairs on his barn.

Mmes. Ezekiel Pearce and Arch Price very pleasantly entertained the [Oswego High School] classes of 1901 and 1902 at the home of the former Friday evening in honor of Miss Laura Burkhart and Mr. Edward Hahenstien, whose marriage occurs Oct. 18.

Not many people are feasting on fresh, home grown strawberries at this time of the year but the William Jefferson family have been having this luxury from their garden.

The monthly examinations were given at the high school Thursday; the pupils are beginning to recover from the shock.

Yorkville: We are using electric motors in *The Record* office now and have no use for our steam engine. This is a four horsepower engine with a five horsepower boiler. Come in and see it.

Oct. 19: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edwards left on Friday for a winter's sojourn in California.

The sanitary fountain recently installed in the school building is an up-to-date arrangement for drinking purposes. It is not only very convenient, but is absolutely infection proof, and fully answers all the requirements of the state board of health.

Lyman Pearce and Arthur Wormley returned, Thursday, from Kansas City, where each bought a carload of cattle to fatten for market.

The first number of the Oswego Entertainment Course will be given in the Congregational church Oct. 28. Ned Woodman, cartoonist and humorist.

Another club has been organized recently composed of a number of young matrons and ladies of Oswego and vicinity, which will be known as the S.S. club. The meetings will be held every two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bower spent Sunday in Naperville and Mrs. Bower's aunt, Mrs. Sophia Book, came home with them.

The Rev. N. Butler has been appointed to supply the Oswego Methodist church the coming conference year.

At noon on Tuesday, Oct. 18, at the home of the bride, Miss Laura Belle Burkhart and Mr. Wm. F. Hahnenstein were united in marriage. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. L.F. Burkhart of Oswego and the groom a son of Mr. S.F. Hahnenstein of Kendall township.

Smoking is strictly forbidden on the high school grounds and premises. If any of the pupils are caught smoking they will be expelled from the school.

Nearly all of the high school pupils had their pictures taken in a group for postal cards, the past week.

The school is pleased to learn that J.T. Hood and Helen will remain in Oswego and not move to Missouri as was anticipated.

Yorkville: A Record story on the Panama Canal was headlined "Country's White Elephant: The Costly Panama Canal."

One of the most ludicrous exhibitions of baseball seen in Yorkville was the one that ended in the defeat of the Plano high school nine by the local high school boys Saturday afternoon by a score of 22 to 10.

Oct. 26: Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Ebinger and Miss Florence accompanied Mr. and Ms. Wesley Bower in their auto to Downers Grove Sunday to attend the dedication of a church in that place.

Cards have been received from Charles Teller at Singapore while on his trip around the world. He expects to reach New York about the Christmas season, which will make the trip about three months long.

Sunday, Oct. 23, was the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F.A. Jessup.

Mrs. Margaret Woolley has sold her farm to W. Davis of NaAuSay.

Oswego High School: Five of the freshmen were suspended from the English class Thursday. They promise that it will never occur again.

November -- 1910

Nov. 2: Charles Knapp, accompanied by a nephew returned from Germany after a stay of several months.

Mrs. William Denney entertained the members of the Wigwam club at her home Friday. The usual routine card and lunch were the afternoon pastime.

The firm of Knapp and Kneller has been changed to that of Rudolph Knapp, Mr. Kneller having sold his interest in the meat market to Mr. Knapp, who will continue the business. Mr. Kneller has rented the Gus Shoger farm for the ensuing year.

Nov. 9: Rudolph Knapp and E. Kneller having dissolved partnership Oct. 30, those indebted to above parties are requested to make settlements to same as indebtedness was equally divided.

Miss Nettie Rieger has discontinued her duties in Chicago and returned to her home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jefferson and his mother left Monday morning for New York city, whence they sail for England today. These good people will be missed as they have lived here for a number of years. They will remain abroad for year at least.

The Oswego Cooperative Creamery is a thing of the past. This was sold to Frank Young some months ago, who has been running it until Saturday morning when it was closed. Those sending milk here are now delivering or having it delivered to Aurora.

Nov. 16: The funeral of Mrs. George Burkhart was held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W.P. Behr at Montgomery Sunday afternoon interment in Oswego cemetery. Mr. Burkhart a former resident of Oswego, had been in ill health and failing for the past few months.

Nov. 25: Charles Tagart, The Man from Vermont, gave a most enjoyable evening to those who heard him at the Congregational church last Friday evening.

Eugene Moyer, who has for some time past been employed at Knapp's market, has severed his connection with same. Z.N. Taylor of Aurora is at present serving in that capacity.

A new piano has been placed in the home of G.M. Cowdrey.

The boys of the high school have finished preparations for indoor basketball in the Woodmen hall, where practice began the first of the week.

Nov. 30: John Schmidt has returned from a long visit with relatives in Denmark.

December -- 1910

Dec. 7: E.D. Thomas's sale will be held Dec. 16, 3 miles northwest of Yorkville. Horses, cattle, farm machinery, threshing outfit, Sandwich sheller, 6-horse portable gasoline engine and wood saw.

The Moses Cherry family is lamenting the loss of the family driving horse. Miss Sadie was driving to town Monday morning when it dropped dead.

Miss M. Hull, who has acted as assistant in the high school, resigned that position. Miss Gertrude Slater of Kansas filling the vacancy, beginning duties Monday.

Dec. 14: No news to report

Dec. 21: Grant Leigh was married to Miss Margaret Pauley of Aurora Saturday.

J.O. Pahaly has resumed duties at the depot.

William McDaniels has severed his connection with Huntoon Brothers after being employed by them for several months.

A.E. Rowsell finished his work as federal grand juror in Chicago on Saturday. This jury was called by Judge K.M. Landis, reported for duty July 14 last, and worked almost continuously ever since, investigating the so-called "beef trust," the oleomargarine manufacturers and the "moonshiners," the Fitzgerald sub-treasury robbery case, and the much talked of "brick trust," besides others of minor importance. Arthur says it became very tiresome and he thinks it too long for one jury to act. During his odd time he took up the work of stock judging under capable teachers, believing it would be of advantage to him as an auctioneer.

News of the death of Mrs. Putt, mother of W.T. Putt, formerly of this village, was received last week. The remains were brought from her son's home in Nebraska, where she resided, to Lisbon by W.T. Putt, where they were interred.

Mr. Ferdinand Smith was the victim of a surprise party given him on Monday evening by a number of his Aurora friends on his 28th birthday.

TRAGEDY AT MONTGOMERY

Has Been the Sensation of the Month in this Vicinity.

A man, infatuated with a woman who is said to have been living a fast life, shot and killed her and for a time has got away. The man who did the killing is well known in Little Rock township, where he lived since boyhood, if not born there. We have been told that Mr. Morris was in the Yorkville jail for a while in custody of Sheriff Normandin, charged with assaulting his aged father. He has a good standing in Plano; was secretary of the Woodmen camp and an officer in the Mystic Workers lodge, it is said. A carpenter by trade and a good workman. It is said he was in possession of some of the lodge money. The Inter Ocean of Tuesday has this: "George Faxon, president of the State Bank of Plano, told a reporter for the Inter Ocean that Morris's account at the bank was overdrawn. He (Faxon) had gone to Montgomery last Saturday, he said, to tell Morris that he must immediately refund \$1,000 alleged to have been short in his account with two fraternities for which he acted as collector."

The resort in Montgomery has long been looked upon with suspicion as a place where liquor is sold at unlawful times, and on several occasions it has received attention from the law officers and Aurora papers when some unpleasant incident has occurred. The

people of Montgomery owe it to the honor of the village to examine closely into this affair.

Dec. 28: Miss Daisy Shoger has returned from a brief visit with friends at Sandwich.

Carrier No. 1 wishes to heartily thank the patrons on his route for the many Christmas remembrances of various kinds that he received from them.

1911

January

Jan. 4: News of the death of Mr. Cass Gaylord of Los Angeles, Cal., has been received. Nothing of the particulars has been learned aside from his death, which occurred Dec. 28.

News has been received of the death of Mrs. Louisa Jeneson Nellis of Pontiac, which occurred Christmas morning. Mrs. Nellis, who was 83 years of age, was a former Oswego resident.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kneller moved Tuesday to the Gus Shoger farm, which Mr. K. has rented for the ensuing year.

Revival meetings are now in progress at the Zion Evangelical church at Oswego Prairie.

About 20 of the young people enjoyed a sleighride party Saturday evening, after which an oyster supper was served at the home of Kenneth Darfler where they watched the demise of Father Time of 1910.

Yorkville: In the year of 1910, 41 persons were killed who were flying in the air to emulate birds. It is a fearful toll of life in this new industry.

Operations began on the river at Yorkville Tuesday morning when the people from the Knickerbocker Ice Company began marking out the slabs of 10-inch ice for storing in the big houses. George Starr was about the first to get his icehouse filled, as he always is. The ice on the river is clear and solid, which encourages consumers here that we are going to get something good this summer--not the flimsy, muddy ice of last year.

Jan. 11: Professor and Mrs. Asplund are entertaining friends from Girard.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ode have moved north of Aurora to Andrew Walsh's where he is employed.

The third number of the lecture course will be given at the Congregational church Jan. 17, 1911. The services of Mohammed Ali have been secured for this date. The press notices of this learned man are most complimentary.

Tamarack and Wheatland: There is much sickness around here, especially among the children. The little folks in the following families have been or are ill with the grip: Thomas Stewart, Joe Elliott, Walter Gilmour, and George LaDew. Out of a school of 12 in the Wilcox district, only two are attending the school the first of this week.

The sale at Richard Rance's last Wednesday was well attended in spite of the storm, and things sold well, especially the livestock.

Plattville: The Plattville Methodist Episcopal church was destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon, Jan. 8, 1911, after having served as a shelter for the worshipers of that community for more than 50 years. Starting at the roof, the conflagration gained so much headway that before help could be summoned, the building was doomed.

The pulpit furniture, a few seats, one organ, and the chairs from the lecture room were all that was saved.

The Plattville church was built in 1859 during the time that Rev. W.H. Smith was pastor. It was a frame structure and was added to at different times until it was a comfortable place for the meetings. On Jan. 5, 1860, it was dedicated by Bishop Ames, who was then minister there.

Jan. 18: Fred Reinhart and family have moved into the residence recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kneller.

It is with regret that the illness of Miss Viola Boyle is learned of. Miss Boyle has been complaining somewhat of late and finally developed typhoid fever.

E.E. Johnson moved his family to the William Campbell farm Monday, where he will be employed.

Awakened by the barking of a dog Friday morning, Mrs. Charles Rieger looked from an upstairs window and noticed a blaze in the rear of the Woodmen hall. Arousing Mr. Rieger, he soon ascertained the danger and the fire bell called the community to assist. It was found to be in the Woodmen hall, but the smoke was so dense it made firefighting hard. Flames burned through the ceiling and spread both ways, that is, to the George M. Croushorn store and R. Knapp's. The greater damage was done to the furniture stock of Mr. Croushorn, who suffered a loss of between \$600 and \$700. R. Knapp to the extent of about \$75. How the fire started is not known.

G.M. Croushorn will hold a fire sale at his store all day Saturday, Jan. 21.

Jan. 25: The remains of Mr. Cassius Durand were brought to Oswego for burial Tuesday. Mr. Durand died several months ago, but the body was lying in a vault until now.

Miss Viola Boyle died at an Aurora hospital Saturday after a short illness from typhoid fever. She was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boyle of Oswego. She was taken ill on the Sunday previous to her death. The taking of this life is sad, just starting in her high school course, a bright and happy student.

February -- 1911

Feb. 1: Having sold his home to Geo. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Clark will occupy the C.E. Barker tenant house recently vacated by the Allen family--moved to Aurora.

The carpenters have just finished repairing the damage done by the fire in the Knapp building.

Fred Falk is among those who have recently bought automobiles.

Leonard Watkins, who has for some time been employed by Chris Herren, was struck with typhoid fever last week and removed to an Aurora hospital for treatment.

Another early settler of Kendall county answered death's summons on Sunday afternoon when Samuel Cooney died at his home near Plano. Mr. C. was 71 years of age and lived in the county for the great amount of that time. Interment at Yorkville Tuesday.

Miss Orma Young met with a very painful accident while driving to her school Monday morning. The pony she was driving shied, overturning the cart and dragging Miss young into the wire fence, cutting her face quite badly.

The remains of Mrs. Rhoda Goodwin of Aurora were brought to Oswego for burial Sunday. Mrs. G., a sister of C.I. and William Smith, died very suddenly of heart trouble at her home Thursday. Interment at Pearce cemetery.

Through the agency of John Herren the William Elliott farm was sold to Paul Lewis.

Jacob Oberholtzer died at the residence of his son-in-law, Daniel Ferguson, in Oswego on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 1911 of a general breakdown caused by old age. He was born in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania in 1822 and lived there till he was 34 years of age when he came to Illinois. He was a blacksmith by trade and was well known in and about Oswego. He leaves a widow and eight children. The remains will be shipped to Green Tree, Pennsylvania for burial.

Tamarack and Wheatland: The Collins school was closed last week on account of the illness of the teacher, Miss Lettie Smiley of Plainfield.

Yorkville: The ice men, who have been working so hard to fill the local ice houses were paid of and sent back to Chicago on Saturday. The alternate freezing and thawing had so honeycombed the ice that it was not fit to pack. The houses are nearly full, four days

being the estimate of the time needed to complete the job, besides the shipping of a number of carload lots. It is hoped by the men in charge here that the weather will change so there will be more ice in February when they will complete the job here and then finish their orders for shipping.

NEWS FROM AN OSWEGO BOY

The Denver Post of Jan. 26 prints a long interview with Charles B. Teller of Denver, who has just returned from the Philippines. Mr. Teller was formerly an Oswego boy, and his wife is a sister of Mrs. Lettie Seely of that village. In part, the Post says: "Charles B. Teller, who was connected with the Santa Fe for 17 years and subsequently was with the Colorado & Southern and the Denver & Rio Grande, has returned from a residence of three and a half years in the Philippines, where he has been engaged as superintendent of construction in laying railroad tracks in the islands of Cebu and Panay."

Feb. 8: An illustrated lecture on the Panama Canal will be given by Rev. Mr. Holland of Aurora on Monday evening, Feb. 20 at the Presbyterian church. Mr. Holland will show at least one hundred excellent slides. Admission, adults, 25 cents, children 10 cents.

A number from here attended the auto show in Chicago last week.

Theodore, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hargis, who was so badly scalded last week, died at an Aurora hospital after a few days of intense suffering. Interment at Naperville, their former home.

Rev. Charles H. Miller formerly of North Carolina will deliver his famous lecture on the Old South, the New South, and the Race Problem at the Presbyterian church next Wednesday evening, Feb. 15. Mr. Miller, though a southern man, takes the side of the New South and delivers this lecture in the interest of the freedmen.

Mrs. Charlotte Hobson Haight died at the St. Charles hospital in Aurora Saturday, Feb. 4, after a brief illness from pneumonia. She was buried in the family lot at Naperville after the services in her home in Oswego on Monday. Mrs. Haight was born in Lisle, DuPage county, July 15, 1841, her parents being pioneers. On March 17, 1863 she was married to D.M. Haight, who with three sisters, survives her. She made her home in Oswego after 1868, where she was well known.

Tamarack and Wheatland: The teacher at the Church school, a young lady from Joliet, has resigned her position.

Feb. 15: Work of redecorating the Woodman hall and G.M. Croushorn's furniture store has been completed and activities will begin soon.

Another old settler to answer the death summons was Ezra Pearce of Montgomery, who was brought here for burial Saturday. Interment in the Pearce cemetery.

Among the various ones afflicted with the grip are some members of the Fred Walker and Milton Beck families.

Tamarack and Wheatland: John Gray and Harvey Ferguson were in Chicago one day last week attending the automobile show.

Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Fraser, who will go to Manitoba next month, were pleasantly surprised last Tuesday evening by a crowd of friends from East Wheatland who left as mementoes of the occasion and remembrances in the new home to which they go cut glass as follows: Berry bowl, creamer and sugar, pepper and salt shakers.

Feb. 22: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kneller are the proud parents of a boy, born on Feb. 15.

Mr. Charles Rieger has gone to Texas in the interest of his land recently purchased there. During his absence, Miss Rieger will assist in the [lumberyard] office.

The illustrated lecture given by the Rev. J.W. Holland at the Presbyterian church Monday was very well attended.

Miss Minnie Augusta Shoger became the bride of George W. Hafenrichter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo H. Shoger, her parents, Wednesday evening, Feb. 15, 1911.

Mr. and Mrs. Shoger left on Thursday for Hannibal, Mo., Kansas City, Champaign, and other towns and upon their return will make their home on a farm at Wolf's Crossing, expecting to be there about the first of March.

Amid the outlay of presents was a purse from the church, which the bride had served faithfully as organist.

March -- 1911

March 1: Slade Cutter and son Henry left Sunday with their goods for their new home in Minnesota. The removal of the family will follow. It is with the deepest regret that these people from our community leave and we wish them every success in their new home.

Scott Cutter, manager, Fred Groner, repairman, and Martha White, the chief operator of the Oswego Telephone exchange resigned their respective positions last week.

W.D. Cutter left Sunday for Minnesota to assist Slade Cutter in unpacking his cars and settling in his new home.

Frank Walker is improving his house by building an addition.

Grandma Perry is quite poorly at the home of Calvin Pearce, heart trouble and old age being the afflictions from which she is suffering.

The gentlemen of the Congregational church will cook and serve a dinner in the parlors of the church on Tuesday evening, March 7, 1911. The dinner will be followed by a short free program in the church. Charles B. Teller, an old time Oswego boy, will tell of his trip around the world Herman Barn will sing.

Among the changes in the neighborhood, Albert Johnson moves to the Boessenecker homestead, which for 13 years has been tenanted by Frank Shoger, who has bought a farm near Aurora, where he will reside. George Collins, with his family, moved to the home he recently bought from Winfield Clark. John Friedlein to the John Bower farm. William McTaggart to the Charles T. Cherry tenant house. Glen Meredith resides in the house made vacant by the McTaggarts.

E.A. Smith has completed the remodeling of his store occupied by Charles Schultz, having installed an icebox and fixtures for the meat market, which is now in operation. An elevator has also been installed.

Clarence Parkhurst has moved to the farm he rented near Sugar Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Lucas and family spent a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Lucas.

Jerry Lucas has returned from a visit with Chicago friends and relatives.

Mrs. S.F. Cutter with Lillian and Russell leave this evening for their new home in Danvers, Minn. Miss Gretchen will remain to complete a course in millinery. The community at large unite in wishing these people very success in their new home.

Winter wheat is several points in percentage better now than last year at this time. Considerable spring wheat will be sown this year.

The annual moving of farmers is in full swing. Short leases do not mean much for the tenant or the farm. Long leases to good tenants will have to come into style yet.

ILLINOIS WOMEN DEMAND BALLOT

Bill Now Before Both Houses
of Legislature
Big Demonstration Planned
Suffragists Will Devote Morning to
Real old-Fashioned Lobbying
Among Legislators--Reception
at Executive Mansion

NaAuSay: Anfin Anfinson left for Minnesota Friday with a carload of stock and farming tools, where he will work at a farm owned by his father. Anfin is a brave youth of 18 years of age to undertake such a task. His grandmother will keep house for him. Mr.

Anfinson and the grandmother left Oswego Sunday for the West, where they will arrive in time for Mr. Anfinson to help unload the car.

March 8: Roy Croushorn resigned his position at the store of W.J. Morse Saturday. Monday he left for a short visit with his sister, Mrs. Ralph Norris of Carndon, S.D.

G.W. Colgrove is now ready to do anything in the line of mason work for the summer and fall of 1911. Headquarters at Millington.

Robert Peterson is serving on the federal grand jury in Chicago.

Allie Huntoon has rented the F. Friebele farm for the ensuing year and moved there with his sister, Miss Anna May.

Failing to gain entrance through a rear door at the depot, burglars broke a window in the express office, which enabled them to reach the lock, thereby easily gaining entrance. It is evident they went about their work leisurely, almost every box was opened, some molested, others not. Two boxes of cigars were taken from H.B. Read and other trifling things from various ones and five pairs of shoes, four from Henry Helle. Leaving their old ones, they wore the new ones away. About \$1 in rare coins owned by the agent, J.O. Pahaly and 70 cents of the company's money was taken. Leaving the lighted lamp on the floor in the store rooms as well as the hatchet, they went on their way unmolested.

News comes from Evanston of the engagement of Miss Edith H. Hebert to Clarence William Howe of Lancaster, Wis.

Fred Lippold with his family moved to Aurora Tuesday. Mr. L. is employed there.

Mrs. Henry Perry died Saturday evening at the home of her daughter, Mr. Colvin Pearce. Nancy Jane Perry was born in Clarkson, Monroe county, N.Y. Sept. 4, 1825. When a child she moved with her parents to Lockport, N.Y. She was married to Herman Perry of Lockport on Jan. 1, 1844. Five children were born to them, two of whom survive, Mrs. Colvin Pearce and C.H. Perry of Aurora. After her husband's death Mrs. Perry lived a widow for 24 years when she was married to Henry Perry of Lockport on June 4, 1880. They resided at Bangor, Mich. several years coming to Oswego in May 1899. Mr. Perry died Jan. 7, 1910. Interment in the Pearce cemetery.

Katherine Elizabeth Morrison, nee Maxan, died at her home in Oswego March 4, 1911 of tubercular affliction extending over a period of two years. She was born at Voca, N.Y., and was married at Oswego Sept. 8, 1870, where they lived to this date. She leaves her husband, one son, one daughter, and a brother. Burial at Oswego cemetery.

NaAuSay: Mrs. Jarley will be at the town hall in Plattville March 17. Do not fail to see this famous woman and hear her wonderful descriptions of her magnificent collection of wax dolls.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Master Graeme Stewart entertained four little cousins last Wednesday in honor of his fifth birthday.

Mrs. P.R. Stewart has a new piano, and Wallace Ferguson, Thomas McMicken, and Robert McLaren have bought or are contemplating buying pianos.

A number of colored people have arrived from Kentucky the past week to work for farmers around here the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Harvey Jr. are the parents of a son born on Tuesday, Feb. 28.

Members of the threshing and corn shelling rings and the neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rance near Tamarack last Wednesday evening to bid them farewell before they depart for their new home in Manitoba, Canada. Mrs. R. had been told a few days before that some of the neighbors were coming to spend the evening so it was not a surprise. About 60 were present, and spent the time in social conversation and in listening to selections on a graphophone.

March 15: Fred Falk is among the latest to become an owner of a new auto.

Kate Cliggitt has bought the house formerly owned by Frank Walker.

W.D. Cutter returned Saturday morning from Danvers, Minn., where he had been helping S.F. Cutter to settle in his new home.

Miss Vivian Woolley has accepted a position with one of the leading dry goods stores of Elgin.

A number from here attended the play at the Aurora opera house recently.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jefferson and Mrs. M. Jefferson have returned from a several months visit with relatives in England.

H.B. Read had hay clover, and timothy seed for sale.

Dr. Charles F. Read has recently been appointed assistant superintendent of the state insane hospitals and at present is at the Watertown hospital. [Son of H.B. Read, see above]

The marriage of Watts Cutter Jr. to Miss Esther Louise Sundeen was solemnized Tuesday, March 14, at the Methodist parsonage at Geneva. Mrs. Cutter, formerly of Moline, has visited among Oswego people to some extent and is very favorably known. Watts, who was born and reared here, needs no commendation.

One of Oswego's young ladies, Miss Rachel A. Gregg, was married at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.T. Gregg, Wednesday, March 8, to Edward W. Schaub. The young couple will go to live near Plainfield.

NaAuSay: Mrs. Jennie Stevenson Hall spent the past week visiting her sister, Mrs. G.C. Wheeler. Mr. and Mrs. Hall are moving from Dakota to the Hall farm near Lisbon.

An 11-pound boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson Sunday afternoon.

Of course you are planning to be among the number to view the smiling countenance of Mrs. Jarley at Plattville, March 17. You will find her to be a most charming young widow and one of the most eloquent orators before the American public. Her collection of wax dolls is the best ever.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schlapp entertained some friends from the Scotch settlement at their home Friday night. The event was in honor of those who are moving to Canada this spring.

ILLINOIS PEOPLE EAT CARP AND RELISH IT, SAYS YOUNG

"The large majority of people who live along the banks of the Illinois river claim they do not like German carp," said James H. Young of London, Ontario, who was an Ottawa visitor today, "But they eat carp and think they are good.

"Did you ever stop to think what becomes of all the German carp that are shipped from the Illinois river to New York?

"You hear out this way that these fish are considered fine food in the big restaurants of New York, and they may be served there to some extent, but they are shipped in by the carload.

"Instead of being eaten by New Yorkers, they are shipped right back here to Illinois and you buy them. Don't believe it? Well, it's the truth, just the same. They have a system by which all bones are removed and the fish is then properly cured and becomes halibut, smoked white fish, and various other varieties of cured fish.

"Then you people out here in Illinois and all over the country, for that matter, eat carp and think them fine."

FARMERS ACQUIRE PLAINFIELD ELEVATOR

An organization of farmers in the vicinity of Plainfield voted to build an elevator and the Barrs, owners of the established business in Plainfield, thought it expedient to sell their plant to the company rather than continue business. And so the transfer was made last week, the farmers grain company paying \$30,000 for the Barr property.

William Cryder is president of the farmers' company; George Drumm, W.H. Cryder, Fred Fiddymont, S. Murphy, William Webb, George Spangler, and C.F. Hartong are the directors.

Sid VanDyke is treasurer of the company and a number of our NaAuSay farmers are stockholders.

March 22: Mr. and Mrs. William Funk and family accompanied by Mrs. Margaret Schwartz left Friday morning for their new home in Indiana, where Mr. F. has bought a large farm.

Joe Anderson of Yorkville has been assisting in installing several new telephones in and about town.

Saturday March 25, at 1 p.m. I will sell at public auction my residence in Oswego, a lot of household goods consisting of a combination bookcase, sewing machine, gasoline stove, bedroom suit, etc. F.A. Leverich.

The fire bell Thursday startled this community when there was a slight blaze caused by an overheated cookstove in the William Funk home. The blaze, however, was extinguished without the aid of the fire company.

A number of small theater parties enjoyed the last few plays at the Grand in Aurora.

Rudolph Knapp has bought the Starr meat market at Yorkville.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Clark was buried in the Oswego cemetery Monday afternoon.

Casper Wolf died at an Aurora hospital Saturday from the result of a fracture of the thigh bone and complications. His age, 83 years, had much to do with the fatal result of the accident, his body not being able to withstand the strain. He was a resident of Oswego some 13 years, having moved here from Wheatland, where he had lived for 40 years on his farm. Surviving him are his widow and two children, Mrs. John Bower and John M. Wolf, two sisters, and six grandchildren.

Mr. Wolf was born in Schusbach, Germany Oct. 26, 1827 and came to America over 50 years ago, settling in Wheatland. In 1857 he was married to Margaretha Kuhn, who died nine years later. In 1868 he was married to a sister of his first wife, Miss Rosina Kuhn, the mother of the two children. The interment was in the German cemetery.

NaAuSay: Clarence Wheeler has resigned his position at a Chicago suburb and will assist his father with the farm work.

Thomas Penman, Glen Gabel, Ruth Penman, and Belle Stansel attended "The Classmates" at the opera house in Aurora Saturday night.

There was no school in the McCauley district Monday. The teacher, Miss Gooch, was visiting other schools.

BURLINGTON WILL NOT
CARRY DRUNKEN MEN

Orders have been issued by the Burlington to the effect that drunks are not desirable passengers. Agents are notified to refuse to sell them tickets, and conductors are notified to refuse to allow a drunken man to board their cars.

The drunks will not be allowed to ride on Burlington trains unless they crawl into freight cars and ride with the other hogs. This will be joyful news to men and women who desire to travel in peace.

Such an order coming from the officials of the interurban would win the approval of its patrons. Every effort has been made by conductors on the interurban to preserve peace on their cars, but they can't do it with a drunken individual on board. They should be ordered to keep drunks off and then live up to the rule.

Yorkville: George Starr has sold his market and meat business to Rudolph Knapp of Oswego after having conducted the business in Yorkville for over 30 years. He has been in poor health for a year and has been compelled to give up active life.

The new proprietor, Mr. Knapp, has been in business in Oswego a number of years and has a thorough knowledge of the trade, having learned it in Germany.

March 29: Misses Orma Young and Ruth Tremain, Dwight Young, and Kenneth Darfler were at home to about 35 of their friends Saturday evening at the XIX Century club rooms. Light refreshments were served.

Misses Daisy Shoger and Rose Schultz have resumed their duties in Aurora, having recovered from the mumps.

The store of Friebele and Herr was entered by burglars Friday evening. A small amount of flour, sugar, and other merchandise was taken.

Morton Richards is transacting business in St. Louis in the interest of the Fox River Butter Company.

Mrs. Jarley favored an Oswego audience at the Presbyterian church with an excellent collection of wax works from NaAuSay. In a pleasing manner she gave descriptions of each and after proper manipulations and "winding them up," they performed their several stunts which have made them famous in history.

April -- 1911

April 5: Cass Figge of Chicago spent Sunday with his people.

W.W. Clark has resumed his duties at the barber shop after having recovered from the mumps.

E. Moyer has resigned his position at Elgin, where he was employed in the meat market.

Arthur Rowswell attended the horse market and Aberdeen Angus cattle sale in Chicago last week. Mr. R. is one of the enterprising young auctioneers of the day and is going to let nothing go that may be a benefit to him in his work for the public.

The change whereby Charles Rieger retires from the lumber business to be succeeded by the Todd Lumber Company of Aurora took place on April 1. Mr. Rieger and family will leave for Texas as soon as business matters will permit.

Yorkville: The snow storm Monday caused the electric [street] car to jump the tracks near Oswego Monday morning, which prevented the local people that are employed in the up-river towns from going at the usual hour.

April 12: Kendall, the blind poet, will give his lecture, "The Sweet Singer of the South," at the Methodist church under the auspices of the Epworth League April 28. [The Epworth League is an organization of Methodist young people.]

John Friebele has sold his residence to W.D. cutter, who will demolish the present structure and build a bungalow. Work begins in the near future. Mr. F. will move as soon as possible.

Mr. Chitty of Aurora has completed a new well for Abe Cherry, getting water after three weeks' work.

Frank Stoss is the new clerk at the firm of Friebele & Herr.

NaAuSay: Howard Kellogg had fine success last week shooting ducks, bringing down seven with four shots.

Yorkville: Grant & Ohse have just completed the installation of a new ice box in their meat market and grocery. The new box is a modern one in every way and has ample capacity for the business.

April 19: At the annual school election Saturday an unusually small vote was polled. The two candidates were D.M. Haight and Mrs. William Palmer. The latter was elected as the new member of the board by two votes.

Layton Lippold has moved his family to Aurora, where he is working at the carpenter trade.

Otto Eugene Schwinof died at his home three miles from Oswego April 12, 1911. He was born in Germany Nov. 3, 1864 and came to this country 21 years ago. For a time he was employed by the ice company but a few years ago started farming, and farmed until he was forced by illness to relinquish active management. In 1893 he was married to Nellie Nelson, who with four sons and a daughter, survives. Interment at the Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: Plano and Oswego had political fights Tuesday that have never been equaled in the county. Bitter feeling was stirred up in both towns and personal matters were carried into the conflicts.

In Oswego, personal feelings entered into the fight where Scott C. Cutter defeated Charles Barker by a vote of 91-82. This political antagonism has been in existence for a number of months and was at a fever heat Tuesday. The trustees elected were Charles Mann, Thomas Dwyre, and Roy Croushorn. The defeated candidates were Fred Falk, Lewis Inman, and Charles Knapp.

NaAuSay: Ed Murley was reelected school director in the Union district Saturday evening; A.E. Kellogg in the Marysville; Herman Armbruster in the McCauley; and Ms. Bert Vickery in the Wynne.

Yorkville: Bids for the construction of the dam, power house, and equipment for the Fox River Electric Power Company are now receivable and will be opened at noon, May 10, when the contract will doubtless be let.

April 26: Miss Fern Cliggitt is the proud possessor of a new grand piano.

Samuel Herren has traded his auto for a five-passenger car.

May -- 1911

May 3: The telephone has been reinstalled in the depot after having been out a few weeks.

The Oswego high school baseball team went to Plano Saturday where they were beaten by the team of that high school by a score of 8-4.

Lee O'Connor, who has for the past year been connected with the Aurora Brewing Company, operating here, has moved his family to Aurora. Thereby the above company has discontinued business, the building being rented to local parties.

Work was begun Tuesday morning to demolish what has been known for years as the old Wayne house, which was recently purchased by W.D. Cutter. Work will begin at once on a new building.

Walter Ernst Kneller, the two months' old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kneller, died at the home of the parents April 28, and was buried in Oswego cemetery Sunday afternoon.

Yorkville: superintendent A.D. Curran had 21 pupils at the courthouse Saturday to take the eighth grade examination. As many more took the examination in the southern part of the county.

May 10: At the Oswego Village trustees' meeting the application and bonds of J.P. Schickler and Ted Stevens for dram shops were presented and accepted. Motion was made by L.R. Inman to draft an ordinance limiting the saloons to one for every 350 inhabitants and that the saloons be located only on Main street between Washington and Jackson streets. The motion was carried unanimously. The price of annual licenses was fixed at \$1,250 for the coming year. Edwin Stevens was issued a dram shop license for the coming year as well as one for John Schickler. Scott Cutter was granted a permit to sell liquor for medicinal, mechanical, and sacramental purposes for the coming year. [At the board's May 1 meeting, the board voted to allow the Kendall County Record's correspondent be given access to the village meeting records. A request by John Smith for a saloon license was tabled [in the 1910 Oswego census, Johan Smith was listed as a 57 year-old saloonkeeper who was boarding with Mrs. Julia Inman]. The board voted to hire Oliver A. Burkhart as village attorney at \$75 per year.

Yorkville: The sheriff of Grundy county has begun a war on the various slot machines in his county. Are there any slot machines operating in Kendall County?

Due to a new state law, drinking on an interurban car or even celebrating on the car after having been drinking will not be as enjoyable after July 1 as it has been for those doing so heretofore.

May 17: Leo Huntoon finished a course at business college in Aurora and accepted a position with the street car company at Wheaton.

At a special meeting of the Oswego board of trustees on May 8, C.L. Burkhart was appointed village treasurer at a salary of \$30 per year. The village attorney was directed to look into an ordinance in regard to water meters and report at the next meeting. Board members failed to agree on appointing a combination village marshal and person to oversee the pump filling the village water tower tank. Board members split 3-3 over appointing Charles Reed and James Morrison.

May 24: SAD DEATH IN OSWEGO

Mrs. Victor Mather Takes Own Life While Despondent.

Mrs. Victor Mather, a well-known lady of Oswego committed suicide Thursday morning by jumping into a pond in the stone quarry near her home at Oswego and drowning while despondent.

Anna Hopkins was born in Ripley, Ohio June 18, 1847, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Hopkins. When she was but 10 years of age her parents moved to Kendall County where they became pioneer settlers. March 23, 1876 she was married to Victor Mather. Twenty years of her married life were spent in Austin, Tex., her return being caused by the death of her father. She and her husband settled on the Hopkins homestead, where they cared for her aged mother. [The Hopkins farm was located on Wolf's Crossing Road where the two quarries are situated.]

A single lighted match and a barrel of paint caused a fire in the store of G.M. Croushorn Saturday morning. Owing to the quick work of the fire fighters, the blaze was soon extinguished. A number of caskets in the back room were damaged to quite an extent. The greatest loss was caused by smoke and water.

May 31: A meeting of the WCTU will be held at the home of Mrs. Margaret Young Friday afternoon at 2:30. Every member is urgently requested to be present--important business to transact.

George Hettrick left Tuesday evening for Palmer, Neb. where he will visit a brother and other relatives.

The remains of Nels Olson were brought to Oswego for burial; services were held Friday afternoon. Since the death of Mrs. Olson only a few months ago, Mr. O. had been in declining health. He was taken to Elgin for treatment but steadily became worse until death relieved his sufferings.

Mrs. Fred Walker and Mrs. B. Saltzman were hostesses to the members of the Birthday club and a number of guests at the home of the former last Thursday afternoon.

Decoration day was appropriately observed by the community. City Attorney Charles Clyne of Aurora was the speaker of the day, giving an address that was appreciated by a good-sized audience. From the church the procession, headed by the band, proceeded to the cemetery where, as in previous years, the soldiers' graves were decorated.

The Epworth League has elected the following officers for the ensuing six months: Theodore Lippold, president; Mrs. H. Varner, second vice president; Miss Lottie Williams, third vice president; Miss Nellie Fugate, fourth vice president; Ivan Fugate, secretary; Earl Brownell, treasurer; Mrs. Pearl Smith, organist. Mrs. Jane Hemenway of the Moody Institute addressed the league last Sunday night to the delight of all present.

The Baccalaureate Services for the graduating class of the Oswego high school will be held next Sunday evening, June 4, at the Evangelical church.

Yorkville: The State of Illinois is to build a new armory at Aurora which is to cost \$40,000, provided the city will furnish the site.

June -- 1911

June 7: Miss Myrtle Loomis has resumed her duties at the school, having recovered from the mumps.

A number from here attended the East Aurora high school play, "A Strenuous Life," given at the opera house last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rieger and daughter left Tuesday evening for Corpus Christi, Texas, their new residence. It is with regret we see these people leaving. For years, Mr. R. has been in business; no more can be said than every one knows.

The annual meeting of the alumni of the Oswego schools will be held next Saturday evening, June 10, at Knapp's hall.

The commencement exercises of the Oswego high school will be held in the Congregational church Friday evening, Jun 9.

William H. Smith died very suddenly at his home in Oswego Monday morning from an attack of heart disease.

William Henry Smith was born at New Marlborough, Mass., May 17, 1846. He came to Illinois with his parents in 1859 and settled on a farm about four miles from Oswego, where he lived until three years ago, having taken charge of the homestead after the death of his parents. He then moved to Oswego where he made his home with Mr. and Mrs. William Dwyre. Of the family there are left Mrs. Susan Rice of Oswego, Mrs. Louise Mowry of Wilmington, and E.A. Smith of Oswego, sisters and brother. Interment in the Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: BEEN MARRIED FOR SIXTY YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. H.S. Humphrey Observe
the Occurrence--Former Residents
of Oswego, Kendall County

Our old friend, J.H. Fram, who used to be connected with the Yorkville paper mills when Yorkville was a paper center, sends *The Record* a copy of the *Vandalia, Ill. Leader* of May 25, in which is noted the 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H.S. Humphrey, and thereby hangs a story:

When Oswego was the county seat of Kendall county, Mr. Humphrey published the *Kendall County Free Press* in that town. In 1864, when the county seat was moved to Yorkville--or was getting ready to be moved--Mr. Humphrey wanted to sell his plant to John R. Marshall, who was preparing to establish a paper in Yorkville, and did start *The Record* the last of April 1864. The price Mr. Humphrey asked was prohibitory so far as Marshall was concerned, and the sale was not perfected. Mr. Humphrey then moved his printing material to Vandalia, in Fayette county, and built up a good business while Mr. Marshall brought out a second-hand printing plant from Chicago and started *The Record*, which he has been publishing ever since--47 years. But now to Mr. Humphrey's pleasant anniversary. The *Vandalia* paper says:

"Sixty years is almost a lifetime; to live together as husband and wife for that period of time is an event that happens to but few people, yet an event of this kind was celebrated in Vandalia Monday last, Mr. and Mrs. H.S. Humphrey being the favored ones to enjoy this distinction.

"It was an event of such uncommon occurrence that the couple who enjoyed this distinction desired that all their friends should help them celebrate it and it was made a public occasion and everybody was invited to participate in it, a notice having been inserted in last week's papers inviting all to call at the home of their son, F.C. Humphrey,

during the afternoon and evening of that day, and nearly 400 people took advantage of the opportunity to call on and congratulate them on their long and happy married life. "Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey have been residents of Vandalia for nearly a half century, during all of which time they have enjoyed the confidence and friendship of all those who still reside here as well as of those who have come and gone. For 40 years he was in active business here and was identified with every enterprise which had for its object the betterment and advancement of the city along all moral and commercial lines. "Mr. Humphrey was born in Tompkins county, N.Y., Jan. 29, 1828. Mrs. Humphrey (nee Helen I. Fox) was born near Detroit, Mich. Feb. 14, 1833. They were married in Naperville May 22, 1851. Mr. Humphrey is now 83 years old and Mrs. Humphrey is 78. "When a boy, Mr. Humphrey entered the office of the *Ithaca (N.Y.) Chronicle and News* and learned the printer's trade, which vocation he followed until 1887, during his lifetime having established three different newspapers in Illinois, his last newspaper venture being the *Vandalia Union*, which he established April 16, 1864. He disposed of this property and retired from the newspaper business in 1887, J.F. Sayles and I.S. Matherly being his successors. After the inauguration of President Grant in 1869 he was appointed postmaster in Vandalia, and he held the position for 17 years, and until the election of President Cleveland, when S.B. Stout was selected as his successor. In 1877 he engaged in the drug business in Vandalia, which business he conducted for many years and which is still being conducted by his son, F.C. Humphrey. Mr. Humphrey came west and landed in Chicago in 1848, where he secured employment in the Chicago Journal office. In 1852, after his marriage, he established the *Kendall County Free Press* in Oswego, being the first newspaper published in that county. While a resident of Oswego he was for six years [1857-1863] the county treasurer of Kendall county, and was offered the nomination for another term, but declined on account of his having decided to locate in Vandalia."

June 14: A class of 10 received diplomas which move them to the higher room next year. Wayne Denney gave the welcome, Dorothy Drew the valedictory.

Receiving diplomas at the Oswego High School commencement June 9 were Fern Gates, Robert Richards, and Mabel Biesemier.

William J. Morse spent Tuesday in Streator, going with Hardy Shoger to return with the new machines of George and Albert Woolley.

The 23rd annual meeting of the Oswego alumni was held on Saturday evening at Knapp's hall.

Yorkville: Rehbehn Brothers moved their button factory to the old city hotel building Saturday and started Monday morning in full blast in their new location. This site is much better for them; they now have running water, motor power, and are nearer town. This factory has grown in size since it was started and now employs ten men besides the two proprietors.

The Fox River Electric Light and Power company, which is being promoted by Mr. Fred W. Simpson has let the contract for the construction of the dam at Millhurst. Men are now at work clearing out the trees and rubbish getting ready for the actual work of excavating. More than 14 carloads of cement will be needed to complete the dam.

June 21: Carpenters are building a garage for Elmer Rickard, who bought a touring car.

Work on the new bank building to be operated by Leo Burkhart will begin this week. The new building is a great improvement to the town as Mr. Burkhart intends to build it modern in every way.

Richard Schultz was married to Mae Van Valkenburg of Aurora Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz leaving immediately for Dakota for a two weeks trip, and when they return to make their home in Oswego where they have a nicely furnished cottage in readiness.

The June banquet of the Meramac Club will be held in Oswego June 27. The club is the largest and strongest institution of its kind in this part of the state, being composed of nearly 300 of the citizens of Kendall County. We are glad to have this important club meeting in Oswego. J.D. Russell and other local members are busy with the preparations.

Yorkville: Twenty-two "Boy Scouts" from Aurora stopped in Yorkville Monday on a trip to Starved Rock. They walked from Aurora in the morning and continued down the river in the last afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. H.R. Marshall attended the meeting of the Illinois Press Association at the Sherman House, Chicago the last of the week.

June 28: Ice cream and cake will be served on the lawn of the Methodist parsonage on the night before the Glorious Fourth.

Lou Young with his carpenters began work last week on the W.D. Cutter bungalow.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schultz have returned from their wedding tour and settled in their new home, the cottage owned by Mrs. Clarence Parkhurst.

Clarence Cherry shipped three carloads of fat cattle to Chicago on Tuesday night.

To see the display of harvesters and mowers on Tuesday afternoon speaks but partially of the increasing business of Mr. Robert Johnston, the local agent of the Acme Harvesting company of Peoria, who are indeed most fortunate in securing the services of one so active in the business. For the past three years Mr. Johnston has been working a trade which has constantly and rapidly grown into one of the best territories of the special agent, Mr. C.E. Adams of Rockford. This season being one of the best and busiest the services of Frank Collins were secured, who most ably assisted Mr. Johnston in preparing for this "Delivery Day." For the past ten days, one of the company's experts, Mr. William Goelzer, has been setting up the machines for this delivery, which extended to the various

parts of Kendall county. Even though some were unable to come for their machines for this delivery, ten binders and two mowers were in the display. A photographer was present to take a picture of the machines, the businessmen and others of the community forming a suitable background.

Yorkville: With the passing of franchises in Yorkville and Morris giving the proposed Yorkville-Morris road a right-of-way in each town, the building of the railway has been made a certainty.

Oswego people certainly made good when they invited the Maramech Club to their town. A perfect evening, after the roasting weather, aided materially in making the evening enjoyable. Much is due to Col. John D. Russell and his able corps of coworkers in perfecting all preparations.

Chicago Journal: My idea of the best vacation that \$25 could afford a Chicagoan would be two weeks at Yorkville, Ill. on Fox river, 53 miles west of Chicago. This place of quietude, of good fishing, boating, spring water and an abundance of old elm shade trees not only affords a very healthful resort, but is one of the most picturesque spots in Illinois. A cottage can be rented, fully equipped for sleeping and with cooking utensils. Fresh eggs, milk, butter, and vegetables can be purchased from the near-by farmers. The one great advantage of this vacation is the quick and cheap transportation. Take Aurora, Elgin & Chicago third rail electric to Aurora; get off at transfer station, take Yorkville car. The trip takes two hours each way and is one of the pleasures of the vacation. Cost of transportation, \$1.50 round trip; cottage, \$10; board, \$10; incidentals, \$3.50.

July -- 1911

July 5: Chris Herren Jr. cut off the end of one of his fingers Thursday as he was adjusting a harvester.

Charles Schultz has a new auto.

The picnic at Smith's Grove was attended by about 50 people of Oswego who, even though the heat was oppressive, enjoyed the outing to the fullest extent.

Hudson Wayne, Earl Simpson, the Misses Daisy Shoger and Hilda Biesemier spent the Fourth at Starved Rock.

NaAuSay: Will Pulver has a new buggy. Look out, girls!

Menzo Eberhart was born in Fulton county, N.Y. in October 1849 and died at the home of his brother, Frank, in Hampton, Iowa, on June 25, 1911. He was buried in the NaAuSay Cemetery on Tuesday, June 27. He was a brother of Mrs. D.C. Wilson.

Yorkville: Again the Morris-Yorkville railroad has been balked, this time as before by finances. The two towns at the ends have given franchises and money has been raised to guarantee the right-of-way to the Kendall township line. Here the project halts. Last week there was a meeting at the courthouse where contracts were to get signed and the road commenced. The committee for Kendall township were not able to fulfill this part of the transaction because money enough had not been signed for to insure the payment for condemnation suits that will arise. There are two farms on the right-of-way through the town, the owners of which refuse to sell the line through at the price of \$200 per acre. This means litigation and it is thought that \$1,000 more is necessary to make the committee safe. It is hoped the money will be forthcoming. If it is not, the road will probably be dropped.

Never has the general crop outlook been so good as this year. Corn is from a week to two weeks ahead of any previous season. The old saying of "knee high by the Fourth" is a back number--most of the corn in the county is about shoulder high and much of it tasseling out. Wheat has been harvested and went well. The yield was good and the farmer satisfied. Though the straw on the oat crop will be a little short, the general yield will be big. The hay crop, which promised to be small, has improved wonderfully since the rain of ten days ago.

The fruit in the county also promises big prospects. The cherries are more plentiful than they have been for years. The apple, peach, plum, and other fruit trees are well filled. Grapes look well, as do the berries. Kendall county is living up to its reputation as the garden spot of the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Helle were down from Oswego Monday and made a neighborly call at *The Record* office. Mrs. Helle was interested in the account of Mr. Humphrey's 60th wedding anniversary. She remembered the family when they lived in Oswego and was often in the *Free Press* office when a girl. Brother Helle is one of the early settlers of Oswego and a citizen of prominent position in that village.

COLORED CHAUTAUQUA

You are cordially invited to attend the first Chautauqua ever held by colored people in the north at Fox River Park Tuesday and Wednesday, July 11 and 12, 1911.

Entertainment will include a grand concert of 200 voices of the A.M.E. [African Methodist Episcopal] churches of Chicago and baseball, Leland Giants of Chicago vs. Deppens of Atlanta, Ga., two of the greatest colored teams in America.

July 12: Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Read accompany Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kilbourne of Aurora this week on a motor trip across the state to Moline and Davenport. They will visit Dr. and Mrs. Charles Read at the Watertown State Hospital.

July Fourth was also the day Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jessup entertained the Orange county residents at a picnic at their home. This is an annual affair--an event those concerned look forward to with a great deal of interest.

While repairing the J.N. Wayne automobile Robert Peterson and Hudson Wayne miraculously escaped a serious accident. Mr. Peterson was riding on the running board while at his work when in some way the machine made a swerve and before Mr. Wayne could gain control it ran into a tree parallel to the fence, the contact bringing it to a standstill. Mr. Peterson realized his danger and dropped off in time to escape injury, as did Hudson. The machine needs extensive repairs, but luckily both young men escaped without a scratch.

For sale: 7-foot Plano binder in good running order. I am through cutting; \$70 will buy it. L.F. Burkhardt, Oswego.

Open air meetings on Sunday evenings on the public school grounds are being well attended and will be continued through the warm weather on such evenings as the weather permits; otherwise services will be held in the Presbyterian church.

The death of Mrs. Helen Voss Cherry caused a pall over the community in which she had lived since a child. Apparently in good health, she was seized with her last illness and death resulted in the short time of 45 minutes.

Helen was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L.P. Voss of Oswego and was one of the brightest and most popular young ladies of that town. She was born in that village May 11, 1887, and received her education in the schools there. She was married to Clifford A. Cherry, only son of Charles T. Cherry, about a year ago Christmas and they have made their home in Aurora. About a month ago they moved into their new home in Downer Place, and the future had nothing but brightness for them. The death of his wife following the death of his mother a few years ago makes life seem hard to Mr. Cherry. Interment was in the family lot at the Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: THE BALLOON RACE

One of the balloons that left Kansas City Monday night was plainly visible from Yorkville at 1 o'clock Tuesday noon. While the airship was evidently a long distance away it was easy to tell what it was and to see that it was making a rapid headway toward Chicago and the lake.

Chicago, July 9: Fire early today destroyed the stables of the Arthur W. Dixon Transfer Company, burned 263 horses to death, and caused some \$500,000 damages. The cause of the fire is unknown.

July 19: On Sunday evening next, the Volunteers of America from Aurora will conduct an open air meeting on the public school grounds if the weather is favorable. A good old-time gospel meeting will be held.

Marjorie Morse and Claretta Walker entertained their little friends and their mothers Tuesday afternoon at Mrs. Morse's in honor of their birthdays.

The illustrated service held in the Presbyterian Church last Sunday evening was well attended and a splendid program of music and pictures showing many interesting points about the city of Jerusalem were presented.

The pupils and their families and the teachers who taught under C.C. Duffy in the Oswego school are cordially invited to attend a basket picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Cliggitt, Oswego, July 29, 1911.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Farmers are finishing up the harvesting of wheat and oats and will soon commence threshing.

NaAuSay: J.V. Jessup, Robert Schlapp, and John Murley shipped cattle to Chicago last Tuesday. Mr. Murley had the misfortune to lose one from the heat.

Yorkville: Robert Peterson of Oswego, who has been serving on a special grand jury in Chicago, was called before Judge Landis Thursday and given a severe reprimand for telling of the indictments that had been voted in a session of the jury. This body had been hearing the cases of the United States revenue officers in connection with the oleomargarine frauds and had indicted three officers. Peterson had left the court building during a recess of the jury and was met by several friends of the officers who proceeded to pump him till they got all the news they wanted. When he was summoned before the court, Peterson made a complete confession, and Judge Landis let him go with a reprimand.

Editor Carl Zwanzig of the *LaSalle County Herald* was arrested yesterday by Deputy United States Marshal Christ Gunther of Chicago and taken to the city on an afternoon train. Mr. Zwanzig was indicted by the Federal grand jury for misusing the mails, but the details of the offense with which he is charged are unobtainable.

The *Ottawa Free Trader* prints a letter from Mr. Zwanzig, a portion of which follows in explanation of the above charge:

Ottawa, July 12: Editor, *Free Trader*: Some five or six weeks ago a postoffice inspector informed me in the office of Mr. Henry Mayo that complaint has been made in Washington that in a certain article in which I denounced an itinerant German "minister" as a fraud and vagabond I had used a word which could be classified as "Indecent" or "obscene." I denied this and in the presence of Mr. Mayo gave a full and exhaustive explanation of the whole affair.

This inspector informed me in the presence of Postmaster Mayo that no further steps would be taken in this matter until I should hear from him again and at the same time solicited from me for this meeting of ours (which never took place) a translation of the article which started the whole commotion.

I have not heard from our inspector since, but was arrested on Monday, "railroaded" to Chicago and gave bonds in the Federal court in the sum of \$1,000.

C. ZWANZIG
Editor
LaSalle County Herald

July 26: Mr. and Mrs. M.M. James left Tuesday for an extended visit among relatives at his old home in Oneida county, New York. Mr. James made a short visit there three years ago but his wife will renew acquaintances after an absence of 24 years.

The pastor of the Presbyterian church has ordered 100 slides on the very interesting country of India to be used at the meeting on next Saturday evening.

John Schumacher recently purchased a carload of cattle to fatten for future market.

W.W. Clark has left the Voss barber shop and will move to Plano.

The pupils and the teachers who taught under Hon. C.C. Duffy at the Oswego schools will hold a home coming day in that town Saturday, July 29. The picnic will be held on the spacious lawn of the Cliggitt home in the western part of town.

Yorkville: The clamming industry along the upper Mississippi is steadily waning and hundreds of men with their families who have been fishing for the clams for years from the river have found new employment.

Although good pearl finds are not uncommon, lucky hauls are a rarity as compared with a few years ago. The Father of Waters, on which 20 years ago hundreds of persons made a livelihood by fishing for clams, can now boast of but a few stragglers who follow up the industry, occasionally making a good haul or finding pearls.

The Aurora sports have advertised a number of six-round fights to be held tomorrow, Thursday, night and have sent literature about the country.

A peculiar thing about the advertising was that the place of the meeting was not stated. It came to the ears of Sheriff Henderson that they were to be held at Riverview, and he at once put a stop to these plans. He went to Aurora Monday morning and told the promoters of the fights that they could not hold any glove contests in Kendall county. It has been a long time since Kendall county has had to deal with this class of people.

The Record office has been a busy place since last Wednesday with the installation of a new press on which to print *The Record*. The new machine arrived Wednesday morning from New London, Conn., and was unloaded and hauled to the office Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning. Then the old press was taken down and the new one installed, the work being superintended by Mr. Low, an expert from Chicago. The work went along smoothly and the new press was tested Friday afternoon and found to be in perfect running order.

This new piece of machinery is made by the Babcock Printing Press company of New London, Conn., and is one of the most modern of its kind for country printing offices. It will print the papers at a rate of 1,500 per hour, about half again as fast as the old one, and counts them as they are run.

The press that was taken out had been run in this office for 40 years and it was with regret that it was shipped away.

During the past week the three trustees of the Morris-Yorkville electric road signed the contracts with Colonel H.H. Evans for the building of the road that now place that gentleman under financial obligations to build.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Wheat threshing was started in this neighborhood last week; some are threshing oats this week.

August -- 1911

Aug. 2: The Epworth League will hold a "Bum" social on Oscar Graham's lawn Saturday evening, Aug. 5. This means that all must come looking like bums.

Robert Peterson met with a painful accident Saturday. While repairing an automobile he got the first fingers of his right hand caught in the fan, lacerating them badly.

Automobiling to New York, Mr. and Ms. Ernst Sweeting of Arizona, Ia., spent the weekend at the home of her cousin, Mrs. Calvin Pearce.

Yorkville: The Chicago Telephone company has a force of men at work changing over the old Northern Illinois lines. Between here and Bristol Station there have been two lines, one on each side of the road. This work will take down one line and put all the wiring on one set of poles. A cable will be put in between central and the A.A. Young home.

Balloon Man Killed at Plainfield

Mr. H. Darling of Chicago went up in a balloon and attempted some trapeze feats in the air. He missed his hold when about 700 feet in the air, came tumbling down, and fell into the DuPage river and was picked out dead. It is thought his back was broken while he was turning somersaults during his fall. People were horrified, of course, but they seem to enjoy these thrillers or there wouldn't be any.

Aug. 9: Sixteen members and guests of the S.S. club held their regular meeting at Fox River park Wednesday afternoon.

O.E. Wormley, who has been for several months in the Williams tie stable, has moved to the Shoger [livery] barn, where he has a tie stable and will do teaming. W.W. Williams has decided to establish a tie stable in the building formerly occupied by Mr. Wormley.

Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Wood have moved into the house recently vacated by Professor Asplund. Mrs. W. having taken charge of the depot, John Pahaly being transferred to Mt. Morris.

Mrs. Sarah A.E. Hunt, nee Wagoner, died at her home Aug. 3. Mrs. Hunt was born in Hillsboro, Ohio Jan. 31, 1842. Early in life the family came to Oswego. Here she grew up, went to school, taught school, and was married Feb. 6, 1868. Soon after, she went to

Livingston county. The children living are Walter Scott and Mrs. Cecilia Kiley and Elsie, an adopted daughter. Erwin died in October 1909, and Lucretia, born in 1868, lived only five years. The body was laid to rest in the Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: Work on the power plant at Millhurst is progressing rapidly. The promoters, Simpson Bros., have a good sized gang of men at work cleaning away what was left of the old dam, built years ago. After removing the stone in the dam, the timbers upon which they rested were found to be in excellent shape.

The middle section of the new dam is about completed and with a few weeks the north end, where the controlling gates are to be built, will be completed, when the flow of the water will be changed and the south end put in.

The second meeting of the Kendall County Automobile club was held at the Business Men's club room in Yorkville Friday night. The purposes of the club are for the furtherance of good roads and for mutual protection and benefit of the members of the club.

Joe Stumm caught the prize bunch of fish one day the first of the week. His string numbered 26 fine black bass and the lot weighed nearly 40 pounds. The largest was a largemouth and weighed three pounds.

While working on the new house near the Elms Monday afternoon, a carpenter fell from the scaffolding.

Aug. 16: Louise Chase is enjoying a week's vacation from duties at the telephone office.

Mr. James Hayes has resigned his position as repairman and at present with his family is visiting relatives at Antioch.

Fred Summers, who is traveling for a Chicago house, has been spending the past week at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Mullen.

It is rumored that Mr. and Mrs. G. Troll will soon cease to be Oswego residents, Mr. Troll having secured a lease of a bowling alley, which he will conduct at Rochelle.

The firm of Friebele and Herr has recently changed hands to that of the former. Mr. Herr has sold out to go elsewhere.

Although the Methodist church is closed for a period of two weeks, the usual prayer meeting will be held on Thursday evening.

Mr. George White has resumed his duties at the drug store after an illness of two weeks.

Rudolph Knapp accompanied by Scott Cutter took in stock to the Chicago yards Monday night.

Yorkville: The catching of mussels and the preparation of the shells for pearl buttons--and incidentally finding a valuable pearl--has been a growing industry along Fox river for two or three years and it is now becoming valuable as a dispenser of much money. The Rehbehn brothers of Muscatine, Iowa, were the first to establish a factory for boring out button blanks in this vicinity, starting a small concern about a mile down the river from Yorkville. As the work grew on them they desired better quarters and an association was organized here by a number of the citizens who bought the old City Hotel property on the river bank from the Cassem estate and gave the use of it to the Rehbehns. It has been fitted with necessary machinery and about 15 or 20 men and boys are employed about the premises, boring blanks, which are shipped to Muscatine, where the product is finished into buttons for various uses. The residue of the shells makes a big pile at the east end of the factory.

Morris Gazette: F.M. Zimmerman, promoter of the Fox and Illinois Union railway from the north has announced that all the field work for the road has been completed and will be transferred to paper by the middle of next week. Then they will be ready to let the grading contracts and active work begin in constructing the road. It is now up to those who have subscribed money to the proposition, if they want this road to be built before fall, to come forward at once and pay up so that the right-of-way can be secured.

Aug. 23: The John Morgan farm of 160 acres in NaAuSay is for sale by F.H. Falk, Oswego.

Among those from Oswego to attend the aviation meet in Chicago at various dates were H.B. Read, N.J. and Lyman Pearce, J.R. Croushorn, and John Condon.

J.A. Bell is among the number of Oswegoites who have become owners of automobiles.

Professor and Mrs. Brown, who will act as principal and assistant principal in the public school, have moved to the M.L. Smith residence.

Yorkville: Rudolph Knapp has sold the meat market that was formerly owned by George Starr to Jacob C. Ringer and Harry O. Smith. Mr. Knapp found that his business in Oswego occupied most of his time and for that reason made the transfer.

Aug. 30: Archie Lake of LaGrange is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Nancy Dugan.

Miss Ethel Gates has resumed duties at the telephone office after spending a week's vacation.

Yorkville: Col. John R. Marshall of Chicago has been appointed game warden for the fourth district, in which Kendall county belongs. Col. Marshall has been prominent in Illinois politics for a number of years--is colonel of the 8th Illinois regiment--the colored troops of our state militia. He is a man of good address and is a favorite among the colored people of the state.

September -- 1911

Sept. 6: Thirty members of the Birthday club and guests enjoyed a picnic outing at Electric park [in Plainfield] last Friday afternoon and evening.

G.H. Voss left Friday for San Francisco, being deputized by Sheriff Henderson, who was sent to bring the man who recently forged Mr. Bagwell's name. Mr. Bagwell lives at Millington.

School began Tuesday morning with Professor and Mrs. Brown as principal and assistant; Miss Braidwood of Chicago, Miss Orma Young and Miss Nellie Bushnell engaged for the grades.

The merchants of Oswego are to close their places of business at 8 o'clock excepting Saturdays from Sept. 18 to Nov. 1. Thereafter at 7 until March 1.

Just one week ago today in the best of health and spirits, Louie Peterson, with a corn sheller, went to shell corn for John Constantine. While working about the machine, in some way his glove or sleeve caught in a chain, badly lacerating his right hand. He was hurried to an Aurora hospital, where everything was done for his benefit and relief. At first the hand was doing very well, but Sunday afternoon he was taken much worse. All medical aid was of no avail, even the amputation of the hand, which was finally resorted to, was unable to save his life; lockjaw set in and death occurred at 10 o'clock Tuesday evening. Louie was a young man of sterling qualities. In the first years of manhood a promising career is suddenly ended.

A man was brought from Fox River park Monday night charged with picking pockets. He was caught by Superintendent Mormon of the AE&C company while snatching a pocketbook from a woman on one of their cars and turned over to Deputy Sheriff Eugene Manley, who brought him to Yorkville. He gave the name of James Williams and said he came from Hartford City, Ind. when arrested he had the pocketbook in question in his hand. As a kind of irony of fate, there was but two cents and a looking glass in the receptacle. He is being tried in Oswego this morning and it is expected that he will be bound over to the grand jury.

Sept. 13: On Saturday, Sept. 9, the Bower twins, George and Fred, celebrated their 50th birthday by preparing a feast at the former's home for all of the Bower families and near relatives.

Miss Myrtle Loomis was a recent caller among friends here. The grade in the Woodstock schools in which she teaches have not begun as yet on account of the epidemic of infantile paralysis.

Carpenters are finishing their work on the W.D. Cutter bungalow, which will soon be ready for occupancy.

Yorkville: Frank O. Hawley, a former Kendall county man, has announced his candidacy in the 11th District for Congress.

According to the game law, six days will be given the hunting public in which the prairie chickens may be killed, the number, however, to be limited to three birds.

Sept. 20: Miss Edith Burkhart and pupils have prepared an excellent program which they will render at the Squires schoolhouse Sept. 26.

An illustrated service will be held at the Presbyterian church Sunday night with the subject being "Bringing in the Sheaves." Sixty-five slides are used in this impressive service of picture and song.

Yorkville: The people who attended the Sandwich fair Wednesday were disappointed in not seeing the airship flight. As the result of an accident, the machine could not be used and the date was canceled.

Sept. 27: The funeral services for David B. Croushorn were held from the home of G.M. Croushorn, where he died, Thursday afternoon. The remains, accompanied by two sons, G.M. and John, left on Thursday evening for Bealton, Va., where he was buried on the family lot. Mr. C. was born Oct. 12, 1823 in Virginia where he lived until 12 years ago. During these 12 years he has resided at the homes of his sons in Illinois. At the time of the rebellion he was drafted into the service of the Confederate army, but served only a short time. Six weeks before his death he had a stroke of paralysis, from which he never recovered.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Between six and seven thousand people attended the Wheatland plowing match on the Hafenrichter farm last Saturday. An ideal day and fine roads combined to attract a crowd from Joliet, Aurora, Big Rock, Oswego, and the surrounding country. Autos were conspicuous as to number. The center of attraction for the men was the IHC Gasoline Tractors, which did good work despite the wet ground, which also troubled the contestants in plowing.

October -- 1911

Oct. 4: A.E. Rowsell is enjoying a visit from his father, who resides in Washington. Miss Vivian Woolley has returned to the home of her parents after spending several months at St. Louis, Mo.

The regular WCTU meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Margaret Young Friday afternoon of this week.

George Hettrick left Thursday for a business trip to Omaha.

After an illness of long standing which in the past two weeks developed to such an extent that he was removed to an Aurora hospital for treatment, which, however, proved unavailing, Henry Hebert died at the hospital Tuesday evening. Funeral services will be held Thursday.

On account of the extreme weather, the attendance at the Sunday school convention at the Congregational church was rather small.

H.S. Richards and Mrs. G.H. Voss attended the funeral of their bother, William Richards, which was held at Ottawa Saturday. After an illness of more than a year, he answered the death summons on Thursday. A widow and daughter, mother, four bother, and four sisters are left to mourn his loss. Mr. Richards was born at Oswego 43 years ago, where he lived until ten years ago, when he moved to Ottawa residing there until the time of his death.

Saturday being the 80th birthday anniversary of Mrs. Elizabeth Jeneson, she was unsuspectedly spending the afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Denney, when between the hours of 2 and 4, 30 old friends and neighbors came to help her celebrate.

Yorkville: A prominent farmer from out toward Plattville made himself conspicuous Friday night by driving his horses at a fast run through town. The result was that he was brought to Yorkville Monday and fined \$5 and costs before Justice Thompson. It is a report that the cause of the fast driving was visit at the three Yorkville saloons.

Oct. 11: Clarence Schickler had the misfortune to fall from a wagon and break his arm last Saturday.

Mrs. Margaret Young celebrated her 77th birthday in a very entertaining and appropriate way at her home Tuesday afternoon.

Joseph Graham was born in Oswego Jan. 29, 1841 and died Oct. 6, 1911. His life was spent in and around Oswego, with the exception of about 25 years, which he spent in Chicago and six months in California last winter. He was married to Jane Elizabeth Buell March 4, 1868. Six children were born to this union two of whom survive him, Frederick E. Graham of Oswego and Frank E. Graham of California.

Henry D. Hebert died at the St. Charles Hospital Oct. 3, 1911 after a lingering illness of Bright's disease. Born Sept. 18, 1853 in Oswego, where he lived almost the entire time, the exception being a few years a resident of Rochelle. A mother, father, two daughters, one sister, and three brothers survive him. The earlier years of his life were spent in the carpenter shop with his father, who for years was most active in the work. Ill health coming upon him, the past seven or eight years have been a time of suffering. Interment at Oswego.

Yorkville: It has been suggested that the refuse left at the Yorkville Button factory be used for road purposes, which makes the following from the Somonauk Reveille

pertinent here: Several wagon loads of clam shells from the Somonauk pearl button factory were dumped on some of our streets last week. These shells would probably make a fine road if they were run through a crusher first, but it certainly does not seem to be the proper thing to place them on the road in their present condition. It was presumed by those who had charge of the matter that the shells would soon be crushed into a fine roadbed by constant travel, but owing to the fact that as soon as the shells become partly broken they will be very hard on horses' hoofs, travel over them will be exceedingly light, as they will be avoided whenever possible. Consequently it will be a long time before they will become desirable roads.

Oct. 18: Postmaster Richards is at a loss to whom to deliver a postcard, even though addressed in an excellent style of penmanship. The addressee may get it by calling for it, as she and she alone may know for whom it is intended: "To the Lady Who Calls Herself Pansy," Oswego, Kendall county, Ill., is the person to whom it belongs.

THE IMPROVEMENTS ABOUT OSWEGO

Burkhart Block Nearing Completion

Pretty Resident Districts

Business Houses Well Stocked Up

The new brick block up the river at the pretty town of Oswego has been a decided improvement to the corner where the street car stops, and when completed will be the busy section of the village.

The Burkhart block will be occupied on the corner by the Oswego bank, a well-established financial institution, with the post office adjoining on the south; the next room has not yet been leased, we understand, but it will be a desirable location for some person. In the rear there is a long room for a garage where automobiles will be for sale and a place for repairs. The whole building is practically fireproof.

The frame structure that has been used as a post office for so many years was willed to the village by the late Lorenzo Rank--a place he occupied for so many years of his life--but the village authorities do not feel warranted in going to the expense of having it placed in better order, and Postmaster Richards desires better quarters for the growing business of the office, and he will be well and conveniently housed in the new block.

And then there is a part of Oswego that is now seen from the carline, a residence portion over in the neighborhood of the old Walter Loucks farm, who was one of the pioneers of the Fox River Valley. This vicinity has become a favorite residence portion of the village where there are a number of pleasing homes and others being contemplated. It is a beautiful location from where one can see the splendid farm region, the winding Waubonsie creek, the glittering waters of Fox river, and the groves and dales so prettily pictured.

And Oswego is fortunate in handsome residence property--every street being well kept and sightly. It has been a notion of the writer for many years that this old-time street--Main street--along which the carline runs and which was always a favorite drive before electric cars came is one of the prettiest streets on Fox river. The residents are taking good care that it shall remain attractive, although there are houses along the way that have probably stood for half a century. But this is part of the charm--people like to look

upon the old-fashioned house and many of the modern houses are patterning after the old style house.

Another thing: The business houses have to compete with the big stores of Aurora for trade, being only 20 minutes ride from that city, and they keep up things in city style with a good class of goods sold at most reasonable rates. On the corner of the big block is the store of Mr. Morse with a line of general merchandise which makes a good display; and several good stores beyond him. One of the show places of the village is the general provision store of Mr. Friebele, who has a fine room with his goods attractively displayed. In the rear is the market for meat, in the center and front is kept all kinds of good things for the table and the show of vegetables and fruit, etc. equals the stocks kept by city stores. Mr. Friebele understands his business thoroughly. There is Mr. Schultz's place near him, which is also well furnished with good things.

Oswego is becoming a pleasing place for residence and all along the carline will soon be built homes for the many who tire of the rush and bustle of the big city. And city conveniences can be found in Oswego--the streets are electric lights, walks well kept, pleasant social privileges, and a community that strives for the betterment of the home, the church and the school.

Oct. 25: Miss Nellie Belle Leigh and John Oscar Pahaly were married at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Minnie Leigh, in Oswego, Wednesday evening, Oct. 18. The bridal couple left for Denver, and on their return will make their home in Mount Morris. J.O. Pahaly has been a resident of Oswego for several years, acting as agent for the CB&Q and has made many friends. It is with regret we lose this young lady from our community.

Messrs. Shoger & Burkhart of Oswego, local distributors for the Studebaker corporation, returned Thursday from Detroit, Mich., where they have been the guests of General Manager Walter E. Flanders of the Studebaker corporation--E-M-F factories.

The gentlemen joined the Studebaker special train at Chicago and spent two days in Detroit inspecting the E-M-F factories and enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. Flanders, the automobile manufacturer." I confess that until my visit to Detroit, I was just a little skeptical of the ability of any company to build 50,000 automobiles in 12 months," said Mr. Burkhart. "We spent one day in the big Plant No. 1 in which E-M-F "30" cars are made and then we spent a day in a still larger one, Plant No. 3, where the Flanders "20 car is made from the pig iron to the complete, fully equipped car. I feel as I know my product now better than ever before."

November -- 1911

Nov. 1: There will be a quarterly meeting of the Oswego Prairie Evangelical church next Sunday. Rev. W. B. Rilling, presiding elder, will have charge of the service.

The Oswego WCTU will meet with Mrs. Margaret Young on Friday at 2 o'clock sharp.

Mrs. Rudolph Knapp and Miss Alma have returned from a several months' visit with her people in Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Norris have moved into their new home on the C.A. Davis farm.

On Sunday night the service at the Presbyterian church will be an evening of pictures illustrating some phases of temperance work. These are fine views and together with the illustrated songs will make an interesting evening.

Dr. Charles Read, assistant superintendent of the Watertown State hospital, has been promoted to the assistant superintendency of the Kankakee State hospital. The hospital for the insane at Kankakee is the largest in the state, caring for 2,500 patients, employing between 500 and 600 nurses and attendants.

The Oswego school is preparing to give a course of entertainments during the winter.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Mrs. Stewart and son Graeme are visiting friends in Tennessee, in the vicinity of the Cumberland gap.

A great many farmers are husking but experience some difficulty on account of the ground's being wet, and are obliged to unload often. The potato digging is about over, returns from the crop being various, some having fine potatoes, others having a poor crop on account of so many rotting.

Nov. 8: All those indebted for water tax are asked to be ready, as the collector will visit soon and appreciate prompt returns.

A small boy and matches caused a fire which, without the prompt assistance of the neighbors, might have been more serious for Chris Herren Jr. Striking a match in the straw stack, the blaze soon spread beyond the boys' control, but fortunately was discovered by elder members of the family who summoned the aid of the neighbors who formed a bucket brigade until the water gave out, then they moved the portion unharmed and no further damage was done. One stack partially destroyed.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Thomas King Sr., a pioneer of Wheatland, passed away late Saturday afternoon at his home near Normantown, from the effects of a stroke of paralysis. The funeral is held today at the house at 12 o'clock and at 1 o'clock at the U.P. church.

Nov. 15: Mr. John Schickler has recently purchased an adjoining 100 acres of the Tom Stewart farm.

Rooms 1, 2, and 3 of the Oswego public schools will give an entertainment at the Congregational church Friday evening.

Mr. Bert Walker has returned to California after an extended visit with relatives. His sister, Harriet, accompanied him.

Messrs. Sam Herren, Charles Friebele, Fred Graham, and C.C. Herren attended the football game at Evanston Saturday.

An actual measurement of 12-inch ice is on the Charles Smith pond.

John Herren has subdivided the 400 acre Thomas B. Stewart farm at Oswego into four parts. John Schickler has purchased 100 acres, Dan and Solomon Hemm 65 acres, and I.E. Evans of Aurora 100 acres. Have 135 acres with the buildings for sale yet. It will make a very nice farm. Inquire of John Herren, Oswego, Chicago phone 351.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Thomas King was born in Stewarton, Ayrshire, Scotland Dec. 4, 1832 and died at the King homestead in Wheatland township, Will county, Saturday, Nov. 4, 1911 at the age of 78 years, 11 months, from the effects of a stroke of apoplexy suffered the same day. In 1852 he came to America to this section where he engaged in his trade, a carpenter. In 1855 he was married to Miss Ann Birkett, and after living on the farm now owned by Stephen Findlay Jr., they moved to the farm where he spent the remainder of his life, over 54 years. As years passed on he amassed considerable property, mostly farming land and was largely instrumental in getting the EJ&E railroad to pass near his location and establishing Normantown. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. King, one son, David, being dead, the other six with one exception are living in this vicinity. They are as follows: Daniel, James of California; John, Thomas, Anna, Lawrence, and William, who with their aged mother, 20 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren, mourn the loss of a kind relative. Interment was in the cemetery adjoining the U.P. church.

Nov. 22: Lester Stoos has resumed duties at the Friebele store after a two weeks' vacation with his people in Iowa.

The second entertainment given by the school in the Congregational church last Friday was highly commendable to teachers and pupils. A varied program of drills, readings, and instrumental solos made a most interesting program.

Carpenters are busy remodeling the home of E. Todd, which will be occupied in the near future.

The marriage of Hudson Wayne to Miss Ethel Heath of Aurora came as a surprise to their many friends. The ceremony was performed Saturday at Geneva.

Tamarack and Wheatland: The winter weather the past week was too much for the colored folks and they departed for their homes in Kentucky, a number quitting before their employers' husking was done.

Yorkville: This is anniversary time with the big store of Wade, Leitz & Grometer of Aurora. The big store with its fourscore clerks is receiving congratulations from the people who have come to know this establishment as one of the best in Aurora. Fifteen years of upward and onward commercial achievements is the brief story of the store.

Nov. 29: Revival meetings are now being held at the Oswego Prairie Evangelical church.

December -- 1911

Dec. 6: The graduating exercises of the union teacher training classes of Oswego will occur at 7:30 Sunday evening, Dec. 10, at the Methodist church.

The revival meetings at Oswego Prairie Evangelical church are being well attended.

Mrs. Charles Herren recently received the sad news of the death of her brother, Alveron Van Driesen of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Mr. Van Driesen was a former resident in Oswego and well known by a great number.

Ralph Todd left Monday for Omaha, Neb., where he was married Tuesday to Miss Helen Leet. Mr. and Mrs. Todd will in the near future make their home near here.

Yorkville: The postmaster at Plainfield publishes in the *Enterprise* some hints about the post office that the Yorkville postal people want published in *The Record*. The Plainfield man says: "The post office department does not furnish telephone service in offices like Plainfield (or Yorkville) for the use of the patrons. In fact, the department advises against the use of them and there are matters pertaining to mail which the employees are forbidden by regulations to talk over the phone.

"The local post office is equipped with a telephone system as good as can be had at the postmaster's expense. It is at the disposal of post office patrons to a certain limit, but the good people are advised to 'guard well the treasure' and see that the phone privilege is not so abused as to make it a nuisance and necessitate abandoning its use for post office business altogether."

The 10 year-old son of Tony Harker, living near Bristol, narrowly escaped death Monday noon when caught in the flywheel of a gasoline engine. The boy was wearing a denim jumper and getting too close to the engine, the pocket caught on a bolt in the wheel. The was thrown against the wheel, which was running at about 500 revolutions per minute and there whirled till the engine was stopped. Strange to say, eh was scarcely injured considering the position. An older brother who was near at the time of the accident said that the wheel was going so fast that the body of his brother made but a dark blur as he revolved.

Dec. 13: A regular meeting and election of officers of Camp No. 1401 of the Modern Woodmen will be held at their hall Thursday evening of this week.

Master Edward Inman celebrated his birthday Saturday in an appropriate manner. A number of little folks enjoyed the party given for him at his home.

Miss Stella Shoger and Lester Robinson were married at the home of the bride's parents Saturday evening, Dec. 9. They will reside in Aurora where Mr. R. is employed at the Sencenbaugh store. The bride is an Oswego girl who has many friends and has lived all her life in that town.

Dec. 20: Henry Bower has recently bought the C.E. Fowler residence and will move it.

Shoger & Burkhart ran a new car out from Chicago one day last week.

The following notice copied from the News of Winthrop, Ia., may be of interest to many Oswego people: Mr. W.P. Danforth, a dealer in and repairer of musical instruments, who made his home with H.C. Undehaun of this place, died suddenly of heart disease on the morning of Dec. 11 at the age of 72 years and 1 month. The funeral services were conducted by the GAR, deceased being a member of Co. A, 127th [Illinois] infantry.

Revival meetings will begin at the Methodist church, Oswego Dec. 24, 1911.

Yorkville: Are we drifting into socialism as to governments? Great Britain has enacted a measure for the national insurance of working people against sickness and being deprived of work. The employer must pay a certain percent and the employee another percent into a common fund, and the government is also charged with a percent for its employees, all to be used for the indigent and helpless when the time comes that they cannot support themselves. The outcome is a problem. The socialist theory seems to be that the government must take care of those who are unable to take care of themselves, or are unwilling to take care of themselves. Under this condition, who is going to take care of the government?

Dec. 27: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fowler wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Mildred Fowler, to Clifton D. Hurd of Riverside drive, New York City, at the home of the bride's parents Dec. 23, 1911.

Col. Charles Clinton has returned from an extensive western trip.

Telephone men are busy preparing to move the exchange into the Burkhart building.

A.E. Rowsell spent Thursday listening to the packers' trial. Remember that Mr. R. was a member of the grand jury that indicted these packers.

In ill health for some time, Thomas C. Edwards has been gradually failing until with the last issue we chronicled the illness pneumonia, from which he did not rally. Saturday evening death relieved him from all suffering. He was born Jan. 9, 1847 in Wales, coming to this country with his people when a young boy about 10 years of age. With them he located in Oswego township where he resided the remainder of his life, residing

in the village of Oswego. A widow, Mrs. Margaret Edwards; one sister, Mrs. George Collins; and the daughter, Mrs. Albert Woolley, are left to mourn his death. July 3, 1890 he was married to Margaret Shepard, residing in Oswego. Funeral services were held Tuesday from the late home.

Yorkville: Starved Rock passed into the hands of the State of Illinois Friday when negotiations were concluded between the Illinois Park Commission and Ferdinand Walther, who has owned the property for the past 22 years. The papers signed and exchanged Friday show that the state paid the sum of \$146,000 for the 290 acre tract, which it is expected will prove to be the nucleus of one of the finest state parks in the country.

Illinois has taken a long step forward in the acquirement of this property and has fallen in line with the more progressive of her sister states and well as with the federal government.

Tamarack and Wheatland: The Wilcox school had a Christmas tree and program Friday afternoon under charge of the teacher, Miss Elsie Collins.

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January

Jan. 3: The burial of Lysander Haley, son of Mr. and Mrs. F.O. Hawley, took place at the Oswego cemetery Wednesday. The funeral was held from his late home in Wheaton.

Word was received Monday of the death of Lauriston Walker at the home of his parents in Walnut Grove, Minn. The remains will be interred in Oswego cemetery today.

Miss Margaret Brodie has accepted a position in the Wade, Leitz & Grometer Dry Goods store at Aurora.

Mr. Christopher Friebele Died Saturday, Dec. 30, 1911 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Bert Davis in Oswego after an illness of a week with pneumonia. Mr. Friebele has been a well known personage in Oswego for many years.

Mr. Friebele was born in Fillinger, Germany Feb. 21, 1836, and came to this country when a young man making his home near Oswego. He followed his vocation as a farmer from that time till about eight years ago when he sold his farm and made his home with his children. His wife died in 1889. Surviving him are six children: Mrs. Fred Graham, Mrs. Bert Davis, Mrs. Sam Herren, Frank, John, and Charles Friebele; a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Berth, and two brothers, Jacob and John Friebele. Interment at the Oswego cemetery.

Tamarack and Wheatland: The Wheatland U.P. church will give a Scotch social on "Robby" Burns' birthday, Jan. 25, under charge of Miss Bessie Clow. An admission of 10 cents is charged.

A number from here attended the funeral of Thomas Edwards in Oswego. Deceased formerly owned property about a mile and a half west of Tamarack and at one time lived here and had many friends who were shocked to hear of his death.

Yorkville: In order to be sure and catch the car the attention of the patrons of the electric line is called to a change in schedule that went into effect on Tuesday morning. The cars now leave Yorkville for Aurora on the hour, not five minutes after as has been usual. The car will leave Oswego at 19 minutes after the hour and is due in Aurora at 17 minutes before the hour, making the actual running time about 42 or 43 minutes.

The cars will leave Aurora at 15 minutes after the hour and get to Yorkville on the hour. The 30 minutes gained by this change in schedule will be used to make a round trip to Fox River park.

Whether this schedule will be possible or not is questioned. The power at the Yorkville end of the line is so weak that the cars have trouble in getting up speed enough to get out of town, let alone the lighting of lamps in the evening.

At Wheaton, Ill, Saturday afternoon Lysander Frank Hawley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. Hawley, died from the effects of an attack of pleurisy, which sapped his strength and took away an estimable young man at the age of 24. He leaves a young widow, his parents, brother, and sisters to sorrow for this early death. Deceased was born in Oswego July 12, 1887, and was married in March last to Miss Mabel McGee at Jacksonville, Fla. The funeral is held this morning. Burial in Oswego cemetery.

Jan. 10: Rudolph Knapp has sold his meat market to Eugene Moyer.

The post office has been moved to its new quarters in the Burkhart building and Postmaster Richards is very proud of the new office. This structure contains the Oswego bank, the post office, and a garage. It was just completed and makes a vast improvement on the corner in Oswego that is most conspicuous to those who ride on the street cars.

Mr. Reuben Hafenrichter and Miss Amanda Hummell were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hummell Friday evening, Jan. 5. Only near relatives were invited. The contracting parties are well known to the people of this community. The groom, a model young man, is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hafenrichter of Wheatland. The bride, a successful teacher, is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hummel of Oswego. On Saturday morning the happy couple departed on an extended wedding trip to Minnesota, Iowa, Colorado, California, and the Northwest. After April 1, they will be at home on the farm of Mr. John Hafenrichter.

Jan. 17: The once known Knapp meat market has again changed hands and is now Rebel & Co.; proprietors being A.O. Rebel and A. Nedgebauer, the latter having been employed by Mr. Knapp for the past few months.

Mr. Harry Mundsinger of Oswego and Miss Gertrude M. Haag of Oswego Prairie were joined in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Haag, on Jan. 11.

The happy couple took the 5:55 train at Aurora for Denver and California. On their return, they will located in one of Mr. Fred Mundsinger's farms two miles west of town.

Miss Jane Ann Stacey died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Shoger, at Oswego, Saturday, Jan. 13, 1912. Deceased was born in Atteborough, England June 14, 1833. She was married to James Stacy on Feb. 15, 1854 and to this union were born 11 children, one son and ten daughters. Three daughters died in infancy. Those to mourn her loss are Mrs. W.C. Schaffer of Syracuse, Kan., William Stacey of Campus, Ill, Mrs. Coselman of Little Rock, Ill., Mrs. Henry Blunt of Pontiac, Mrs. James Snyder, Osceola, Ind., Mrs. George Gordon of Roberts, Mrs. John Vonald and Mrs. William Shoger of Oswego.

The night watchman, Charles Reed, discovered a fire in the Shoger livery stable. Cause not known. O. B. Wormley occupies the barn but suffered no loss.

The telephone men are busy preparing to move the exchange into the new Burkhart building.

Mrs. Temperance Seely Jessup came here in the pioneer days with her parents and lived much of her life along the Fox river--for a few years she was a resident of Kankakee county. Mrs. Jessup was a sister of the late A.T. Seely, so well known in this county when he was a Yorkville druggist.

Mrs. Jessup died at her home in Oswego on Saturday night after a brief illness. Temple Ann Seely was born in Orange county, N.Y. June 1, 1836, a daughter of Peter Townsend Seely and Caroline Brown Seely; died Jan. 13, 1912. Leaves husband, F.A. Jessup, and six children, viz.: Albert Jessup of Big Springs, Neb., Jane Jessup of Oswego, Fred Jessup of Hart, Mich., Mrs. Clarence Cherry of Oswego, Charles E. Jessup of Yorkville, and Daniel Jessup of Mitchell, S.D. She was a sister of the late Townsend Seely, Mrs. Helene Carpenter, Mrs. Hannah Carpenter, and Jonas Seely, who was a former sheriff of Kendall county. Funeral from the Oswego home this noon and burial in NaAuSay cemetery.

Jan. 24: The sale, which was to be held at the Shoger barn Jan. 20, will be held at the same place Saturday, Jan. 27.

George White is ready to receive taxes at the Oswego drug store.

The Anti-Saloon League will hold a meeting at the Presbyterian church Friday night.

Yorkville: Mr. D.M. Haight was down from Oswego Saturday on business at the courthouse He says the winter has been phenomenal in that for 14 days consecutively the mercury indicated zero and below all the day and night. He is expecting an early spring.

Jan. 31: A number from here are attending the auto show in Chicago, among them Messrs. Elmer Rickard and Ed Adams.

The remains of Joseph A. Stevenson will be brought from his home in Chicago for burial Thursday. Mr. S. was a brother of Mrs. Guy Wheeler.

February -- 1912

Feb. 7: Mrs. Henry Rabe, who has been very low with typhoid fever the past two weeks is reported as doing very nicely.

The accounts of Rudolph Knapp have been placed in the hands of the Oswego Banking Co. All persons indebted to him are requested to pay at the bank as soon as possible.

Clarence Cherry and William O. Leigh are among the latest to buy new touring cars.

Feb. 14: Early Saturday evening the tenant house owned by Clarence Cherry and occupied by the Leonard Seidelman family burned to the ground. Mr. Seidelman and family had just moved into the house, where he placed a stove in the cellar to protect the vegetables and fruit. A fire was built, which burned fiercely and the banking around the house ignited as they had run the pipe through a window. Help was summoned which succeeded in saving the household goods but the building was a total loss.

At a meeting of the Oswego village council last week the Western United Gas and Electric company was given a 50 year franchise to furnish gas and electric lights in Oswego. This permission comes after a summer's work by the company in getting their gas pipes laid to Oswego and it is thought that the system will be opened early in the spring. The franchise gives Oswego gas service as cheap as it can be had in Aurora. The city council says that the gas company has been exceptionally liberal in their dealings and are well satisfied with the result. It is thought that the company will get the contract for the street lighting as soon as the one with the electric car line runs out. Efforts are being made to get the gas mains extended to Yorkville.

Yorkville: The last car from Aurora last Wednesday night did not wait for an extension of either franchise or track but started on the westward trip that has been prospected. When it reached the crossing on the west side of Bridge street, it stopped and another car had to be sent from Aurora to pull it back on the track. The trouble was with the air brakes. They froze up on the trip down from Oswego and refused to act, the car running off the rails and across the street.

Feb. 21: G.M. Croushorn has resumed duties on the rural delivery.

Feb. 28: Ed Gates left Tuesday evening with two carloads of effects for the new home in Minnesota.

Miss Anna Mae Huntoon and Robert Gates were quietly married last Wednesday evening. The young people left that evening for Iowa, where they will visit. Upon their return they will live on the Gates farm in NaAuSay.

Mrs. D.D. Brownell is now prepared to weave rag carpets and rugs to order. Address her at Oswego.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Huntoon have returned to Oswego where they will reside for the coming year.

Sarah Jenkins Woolley died at her home in Aurora Feb. 24, 1912 after an illness of three years. The funeral services were held at the home. Interment was in the family lot in Oswego cemetery.

Mrs. Woolley was born in Havana, Ohio March 15, 1846 and was married March 14, 1872 to George Woolley. They made their home on the farm now occupied by Allen Woolley until their removal to Aurora about nine years ago

Surviving her are the bereaved husband; two sons, Allen and Albert, who live on farms near Oswego; as do the two daughters, Mrs. L.F. Shoger and Mrs. Raymond Parkhurst.

NaAuSay: The military display given by the Boys' Brigade last Friday evening was well attended and much enjoyed.

Yorkville: In view of the fact that there has been a proposition made to the Yorkville Industrial and Improvement association whereby the Yorkville dam and adjoining property can be purchased from the Knickerbocker Ice Company there was a meeting of the directors Monday night. At this meeting it was decided to call a meeting of the stockholders and of every one interested in the project on March 4. At this time there will be a discussion as to the buying of this property and the rebuilding of the dam with an adequate electrical power house to supply Yorkville and all the surrounding country within a reasonable distance. The dam would be rebuilt in concrete and a modern electrical equipment installed that would supply all the demands of the country, including farms for a radius of ten miles.

March -- 1912

March 6: Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bower are the parents of a son, born Feb. 29, 1912.

Frank Huntoon, who has for some time efficiently served at the W.J. Morse store, has resigned that position and the vacancy will be supplied by Robert Richards.

Mr. and Mrs. Harding Edwards are rejoicing over the arrival of a son March 1, 1912.

March 1 witnessed a change among our business houses when Charles Schultz sold his groceries and hard ware stock to his brother, Richard, and Mr. Van Valkenberg, who will continue the business. Mr. V., with his family, recently moved from Aurora to the Barker tenant house.

Mr. William Rance of Wheatland and Miss Clara Bower of Oswego were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bower, on Saturday evening, March 2. The groom, a successful farmer, is the youngest son of Mrs. Margaret Rance and the bride is the accomplished and only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bower. After a short wedding trip to Dwight, they will make their home on Mrs. Rance's farm.

Tamarack and Wheatland: After an illness of less than 36 hours, John Elliott, aged 67, a pioneer of Oswego township, died at his home on the McLaren farm near Tamarack Thursday night. He was taken ill late Wednesday afternoon and failed rapidly passing away shortly before midnight Thursday.

In his younger days, Mr. Elliott was a hard working man and although confined to the home or near vicinity the past few years, he leaves many friends who regret his sudden death. Interment was in the United Presbyterian cemetery.

John Elliott was born in Ohio March 11, 1845. His father died when the son was three, leaving five other children besides John. In 1854 the mother with her six children came to Oswego and settled near there on the old homestead known as the William Elliott farm. Two of the older sons were in the war, both dying during the war or shortly afterward. In 1866 John was married to Miss Frances Lloyd of Aurora. The young couple lived in Montgomery county, Ill., the other 42 years of their married life being spent in this vicinity and near Naperville. To them were born five children, one boy dying during their residence in the southern part of the state and two little girls buried in Oswego, besides the widow, a son and a daughter survive, Joe, living a mile and a half west of Tamarack and the daughter, Mrs. Stella Claud, with whom the parents lived.

March 13: News of the marriage of Charles Clinton to Mrs. Emma Smith of Elgin was solemnized Saturday.

Mrs. Lou Young has returned from a short visit with relatives in Chicago.

Saturday afternoon and evening, March 23, the teachers of the Oswego school will hold an advertising social for the playground benefit. Articles donated by various firms will be on sale.

Nels Anfinson left Tuesday with his household and farming effects for Minnesota, where he has bought land within a few miles of Slade Cutter.

Mr. Ray Woolley and children left Saturday for their new home in Colorado, Mr. W. Going a few days previous.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Fred Shiffer and J.B. Anderson are expected home this week, having sailed the second of this month from Liverpool. The former has been gone two months and the latter nearly a year.

March 20: Charles Knapp is in a critical condition at his home.

John Herren recently received a coop of partridges from the state game warden, which he intends to take good care of.

Yorkville: When talk of the need of developing the water power along Fox river it is well to analyze some of the needs of the improvement of the dam at Yorkville and the great economy it will establish in all power departments. To have our machinery and dynamos run by the power of the river (so many years going to waste) will be a revelation and put money in our town and in the neighborhood about us. The greatest expense of electric power here is the cost of coal and its handling after brought here. It is a large sum. It can be saved by improving the power of the river.

When you look at the pile of clam shells on the east end of the pearl button factory here, you will get some idea of the business the Rehbehn brothers are doing on the old city hotel property. They employ 15-20 men constantly, paying good wages. And then there are the proprietors themselves, who are always busy and who would like to enlarge the factory and do more than just furnish button blanks. It has become a great industry and is helping Yorkville grow. There is no reason why the property should not house more small factories; the syndicate that owns the land and buildings could make room for more industries if there was economical power furnished.

Mr. Fred G. Young is willing to do his share of improving the water-power; to buy the land from the Knickerbocker Ice company, begin plans for a new concrete dam, and place Yorkville on the list as a desirable town for investments. And then what a fine place we should have for summer cottages along the river--both sides--when the dam is raised and the water backs to The Elms, giving us three miles of navigable water for launches and small sailboats. It would raise the value of every man's property and Yorkville would become noted as a summer home for city people.

March 27: Pupils of East and West Aurora schools are enjoying their vacation this week.

Quite a company of the NaAuSay young people attended a play at Aurora Friday evening.

Roy Smith will open a confectionery store, in the former R. Ness stand.

April -- 1912

April 3: At the review of the first quarter's Sunday school lessons at the Methodist church, Sunday, March 30, 76 officers and teachers present.

A number of the young people of Oswego attended services at the Galena boulevard Methodist church on Sunday evening.

Harding Edwards has returned from a business trip to Hannibal, Mo., where he was sent by the CB&Q, by whom he is employed.

Yorkville: ICE GOES OUT

The ice went out of Fox river at Yorkville Sunday without much excitement. The water raised a little early in the morning and by 10 o'clock the ice was well under way. The rain of Monday morning raised the water still more but as the ice was gone there was no more damage done. The dam at Yorkville was damaged at some parts but it still holds.

April 10: A new cash meat market has been opened in the Falk, Barker & Co. store operated by the Frank Market of Aurora.

Decorators are busy working on the building owned by the Aurora Brewing Company, preparatory to an opening in the near future.

Charles Knapp was born Oct. 27, 1842 at Reinfalls, Niederstaufenbuck, Germany, and completed his earthly pilgrimage after a lingering illness of some months on April 3, 1912 at Oswego at the age of 68 years 5 months and 6 days.

In the year 1864 he came to America and resided for a short time at Chicago, whence he moved to Oswego, where he lived for nearly half a century.

He was united in marriage with Miss Carrie Shoger of Oswego Sept. 11, 1864, and together they shared the joys and sorrows of life for nearly 50 years. This union was blessed with one daughter, who preceded her father to the world beyond when but in the bloom of life.

Mr. Knapp made at least seven trips to the old country visiting with loved ones in the fatherland.

Mr. Knapp was reared in the Lutheran faith, and after his arrival in this country joined the Lutheran church of Oswego. But after that church discontinued services here he for the past 15 years attended services at the German Evangelical church here, which with his liberal contributions he helped to erect and since then helped to support. He leaves to mourn his departure his widow, two sisters, one at Rockford and the other in Germany, besides a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at the German Evangelical church.

Yorkville: Fred Simpson, who has been building the dam at Millhurst for an immense power plant, has sold his interest with a small exception to the Commonwealth Electric company of Chicago. He will continue the work on the engineering feat until the dam is finished when he will cease all active work with the company.

April 17: Clarence Barnard has returned to his home in Wyoming.

Mary Ann Peacock Benn Smith, a lady who has been a resident of Oswego for 62 years, died at her home in this village Sunday. For 20 years she had been an invalid and she bore her burden as a patient sufferer. Mrs. Smith was born in Easingwold, Yorkshire, England on July 32, 1825 and came to his country and Illinois in 1850. November 24 of the same year she was married to Thomas Smith at Sugar Grove, and moved at once to Oswego where she has lied since. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Milton Beck and Miss Ellen Smith, and five grandchildren. Three sons preceded her in death. Interment was in the Oswego cemetery beside the remains of her husband, who died in 1869.

Yorkville: LINER'S PLUNGE
TO DESTRUCTION

New York, April 19: About 2 o'clock on Monday morning the great White Star Liner Titanic struck an iceberg or submerged wreck and in less than four hours sank to the depths of the sea carrying with her approximately 1,320 people, passengers and crew. The number saved known at this time was 863.

The Titanic was the largest steamship afloat and was on her first voyage to this country from England.

Drs. Drew and Diddy of Oswego were acquitted in their trial at the circuit court Tuesday. The two Oswego physicians were indicted by the grand jury two weeks ago for manslaughter, and the case excited considerable interest in Oswego. It was the result of an unfortunate accident to little Sarah Woolley, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Woolley. In a fall, the girl cut a gash over one eye and when taken to the doctor's it was found the wound would necessarily be sewn up. An anesthetic was administered and the child never recovered from the effects.

April 24: At the school election Saturday afternoon, F.H. Falk was elected director, there being no opposition.

Yorkville: With the granting of a 25-year franchise for electric light and power to the Fred G. Young Condensed Milk company the prospects for a new concrete dam at Yorkville became almost assured.

May -- 1912

May 1: About two weeks ago friends learned of the illness of Tom Kerr of Chicago. His illness was so serious that he was removed to a hospital where he was removed to a hospital, but of no avail as his affliction, a cancer, was beyond the surgeon's skill. Death relieved his suffering Sunday morning. The remains were brought to Oswego for burial Tuesday morning. For the past 19 years he had been a teacher in the Chicago schools.

Robert Richards has resumed duties at the W.J. Morse store after an enforced vacation caused by illness.

J.A. Stalp would like to have the people of Oswego and vicinity know that he is located here in the carpenter business.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G.M. Croushorn on Wednesday, April 24 when the daughter, Myrtle May, became the bride of Jacob B. Thorsen of Leland. Mrs. Thorsen is well known in Oswego and is in no need of an introduction to her many friends. Mr. Thorsen, during a short residence in Oswego, also made many friends.

Yorkville: The work of grading the Yorkville-Morris road is being carried on as fast as possible. There is a large traction engine on the job with a large grader and they are making great headway.

The boys from the Yorkville grammar room gave the Oswego high school a second beating Saturday on the Yorkville diamond. The score was 19-4.

May 8: The remains of Miss Nancy Helm arrived in Oswego Saturday. Miss Helm died at their winter home in Florida.

Robt. Herren has just completed a large tool shed.

Charles Ode has purchased the Charles Barker residence and will move very soon.

May 14 is to be observed in the various churches as mother's day.

Clarence Cherry shipped cattle to Chicago Tuesday.

Charles E. Fowler died at the G.M. Cowdrey home in Oswego Thursday, May 2, 1912 after an illness of about a year from heart trouble. He and his wife had made their home with Mr. and Mrs. Cowdrey for some months and it was from this house that the remains were borne to their resting place in the Montgomery mausoleum. Mr. Fowler was born in Ohio in 1846 and came to Illinois with his parents when but seven years of age. He went to work in a general store in Channahon when he was 16 years of age and later bought the stock and went into business for himself. He was married to Miss Jennie Fryer Sept. 25, 1873. In 1884 he moved to Chicago where he became a broker. Here his wife died in 1887 and in 1889 he was married to Miss Nancy Golden, who survives him. Mr. Fowler came to Oswego in 1902 where he was in business for nearly four years when his health compelled him to retire.

Tamarack and Wheatland: The electric storm last Friday night burned out the cable of the Inter-State Telephone at Plainfield and in consequence the lines running north and northwest are put out of commission and people up this way are finding out how to live without the telephone.

Yorkville: There was trouble on the trolley line one afternoon last week. The car left the track above Cowdrey's and the cars due here at 4 and 5 did not appear. It took a long time to get the cars running again. Some ladies left Aurora to come home on the 4 o'clock car. It stopped at Cowdreys and the ladies waited awhile, and got tired of it. They started to walk to Yorkville--nearly three miles--and they did it, getting here soon after 6 o'clock and the car got here about six minutes after the walkers did. But no matter, they were home and the walk gave them an extra appetite for supper. The ladies we recall were Mrs. Oliver Burkhart, Mrs. E.F. Hahnenstein, Miss Kittie Eccles, and Miss Ethel Beldern. They came in smiling and glad to be here, looking just as cool as though they had not walked three miles on a railroad track. They would make splendid "hoboes" so far as the waling goes.

May 15: Robert Herren is among the last to become the possessor of a new automobile.

Water tax is due. Please be prepared when collector calls.

The vacancy caused by the resignation of Charles Reed as night watchman is filled by James Morrison.

John Herren is the owner of a new touring car.

May 22: Isaac Peterson, born March 14, 1892 in Shetland Islands died May 18th of diphtheria at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Herren near Oswego. Mr. Peterson came to this country in August 1908. He was a young man who made many friends, all of whom regret his early death. Interment was at the Pearce cemetery.

Miss Violet Shoger is filling the vacancy in the telephone office caused by the removal of Miss Hill to Oregon.

Decoration Day will be observed in the usual way. Exercises will be held at 12:30 Thursday at the German Evangelical Church. The line of march will form at 1:30 at the school grounds as in previous years.

Yorkville: Our esteemed fellow citizen and vigorous business man, Mr. Fred G. Young, has put one over on his friends in this place and then some more. Referring to real estate transfers in this issue of *The Record*, it will be seen that he has transferred all his holdings here to the Public Service Company. [Young owned the electric light plant in Yorkville, and also owned the old Knickerbocker Ice Company properties in Yorkville along Van Emmon Street and near Oswego along the river on North Adams Street.]

May 29: To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that on May 27, 1912, I, Adolph Neugebauer, dissolved partnership with Rebel & Co. meat dealers of Oswego, Ill.

The firm of Falk, Barker and Co., has sold its stock of groceries and meat to M. H. Caldwell, who with C. Clark and G. B. Troll will continue the store.

It is requested that all the old soldiers meet at the drug store at 1:15 Thursday where conveyances (autos) will be at their disposal for the parade, which will start from the school, grounds at 1:30.

During the high wind and storm of Sunday the plate glass window of the J.P. Schickler building was blown in.

June -- 1912

June 5: Burrell Lucas died Monday evening. Interment will be at NaAuSay Thursday.

Frank Collins has accepted a position with the Acme Harvester Company.

June 12: The township Sunday school convention will be held at the Oswego Prairie church Sunday afternoon and evening, June 23. An excellent program consisting of addresses and musical selections will be given. A quartet from Aurora and Miss Mame Pearce on the afternoon program and Herman Barnard in the evening.

Oscar Shoger, who has been attending school at Champaign, is at the home of his parents for the vacation period.

Misses Orma Young and Stella Suhler spent Monday in DeKalb, where Miss S. will take a summer course preparatory to her school year in the Walker district.

Clara Minkler Finch is visiting among Oswego relatives and friends.

Hardy Shoger, in his auto, took Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith, Royce Smith, Mrs. William Dwyre, Paul and Miss Helen to Channahon Tuesday to attend the graduating exercises of a relative.

Henry Helle is very ill at his home.

The annual alumni meeting will be held Saturday evening, June 15, in the XIX Century Club room.

The graduating exercises held in the Congregational church last Friday evening were well attended and those present felt repaid. The address given by Professor Gilbert of DeKalb was full of instruction and beneficial to all concerned.

In ill health for months, Henry Helle died at 4:30 Tuesday afternoon. Funeral Thursday at the German church. Mr. Helle was one of Oswego's most highly respected business men, having been in business for about 50 years.

Mrs. Celia Lucas, wife of Edmond Lucas of NaAuSay, died Tuesday morning after an illness of nearly a year. The funeral services will be held at the NaAuSay Presbyterian church Thursday afternoon. Rev. G.A. Harris, the pastor, will be assisted by Rev. Mr. Woods of the A.M.E. Church of Aurora. Mrs. Lucas was 51 years of age, Her son, Burl died last week and his loss hastened the death of the mother.

NaAuSay: Bert Lincoln Lucas, who died at the home of his parents in NaAuSay township on the evening of Monday, June 3, was born in NaAuSay April 17, 1889 and was well known in the neighborhood and universally respected. He united with the Presbyterian church of Aux Sable Grove in 1901 and has borne a most consistent Christian character. Of a kind and genial disposition he was much beloved by all who knew him and through the months of his painful illness ever showed a spirit of calm resignation and firm faith.

Besides his father and mother (the latter at present in very weak health) there are seven brothers, two sisters, and many other relatives and friends who will mourn his loss.

Yorkville: K. Hibbard and William Young had a narrow escape from drowning last Thursday night when their boat went over the Yorkville dam.

June 19: Robert H. Johnston's delivery day of Acme Queen binders at Oswego will be June 22. This will be the largest parade of binders ever delivered in Kendall County. A cordial invitation is extended to all farmers to see the display. Free lunch at 12 o'clock sharp.

S.C. Cutter had the misfortune to break one of the bones of his forearm while cranking an auto one day last week.

Saturday evening, Theodore Lippold met with an accident which resulted fortunately for all concerned. He in his buggy and Charles Schultz in his auto met at the corner of Main and Washington streets, the auto striking the buggy with such force as to throw Mr. L. to the ground, but he escaped with a few bruises and cuts.

The pupils who attended the Oswego schools while Hon. C.C. Duffy taught there will hold their annual picnic in the Will Cliggitt yard, Oswego, Friday, June 21. All of Mr. Duffy's former pupils and their families are invited.

It is requested that members of the XIX Century club notify Mrs. Lou Young if they can attend the Yorkville club picnic Thursday.

L. H. Caldwell has sold his store, William Burkhart of Plano conducting business at that place.

The weather for the day of the reunion of the schoolmates of the old stone schoolhouse was all that could be desired, June 15, being their third gathering. Thirty-six girls and boys were present. They were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Wormley. [Names of those attending were printed with the story]

The funeral of Henry Helle, who died June 11, was held at the German Lutheran church Thursday with the Rev. G.C. Gasser officiating. Interment was in Oswego cemetery. Mr. Helle was born in Hessau, Germany, Nov. 29, 1835, and came to America in 1856. After a year spent in Ottawa he moved to Oswego where he conducted a shoe store since. In 1860 he was married to Miss Margaret Bower, who survives him with one sister, Mrs. Helen Voss, seven nephews, five nieces, and a grandniece. An active business man, Mr. Helle did not give up business until compelled to by his illness. He was a prominent member of the Masonic lodge and was always kind to those needing assistance.

Mrs. Celia Hughes Lucas died at her home in NaAuSay on Tuesday, June 11. She was born in Kentucky Aug. 1, 1860 and came to Illinois in 1877; was married to Edmund Lucas Dec. 12, 1878. Twelve children were born to them, ten boys and two girls, nine of

whom are living. She had been in poor health for some time and the last three weeks had been confined to her bed. Deceased was a member of the Presbyterian church, NaAuSay, where the funeral was held Thursday afternoon, conducted by Rev. G.A. Harris, and she was laid to rest by the side of her son, Burl, who preceded her to the better land a week ago. She leaves her husband, seven sons, and two daughters, two grandsons, and one sister to mourn the loss of a good wife and mother.

June 26: Stella Suhler left Sunday for DeKalb where she will take a summer course at the Normal preparatory to her fall teaching in the Walker district.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hafenrichter are the parents of a son.

The exhibit of foreign curios and relics at the Presbyterian church on Saturday evening was highly commended by all who were fortunate to attend.

Beginning July 3, the Oswego elevator will be closed two weeks for repairs. William Cliggitt.

Mrs. Henry Helle sells rubber boots and shoes below cost.

Allen Woolley and Ray Parkhurst are among the last to purchase new automobiles.

One of the prettiest of the many June weddings occurred at St. Luke's chapel, Evanston on the evening of June 15. Mr. Clarence Howe and Miss Edith Hebert were married by the Rev. George Craig Stewart.

Mrs. Henry Helle is selling out the stock of shoes for 50 cents, and up.

Saturday noon in Oswego was a busy time when Robert Johnston held his delivery of harvesters. Mr. Johnston is a well-known implement dealer in that section of the county and Saturday delivered 25 Acme binders to patrons. These people came from all over the southeastern part of Kendall, Oswego, NaAuSay, Oswego and Bristol townships were all represented in the display.

The farmers assembled at Oswego in the forenoon and at 11:30 were served a luncheon by Mrs. Johnston and Miss Floi Johnston. Plenty of sandwiches and donuts with hot coffee tasted good to the visitors, and when the crowd had finished and the cigars were passed around they were a jovial bunch. Over a dozen automobiles headed the procession that was then formed with the 25 binders, drove down the main street, and down on the flat near the river where a photograph was taken. The binders were all of a wide cut and made an interesting sight when they came down the street. The farmers had their horses polished to a nicety and the American flags from every team added much to the beauty of the scene.

July -- 1912

July 3: Richard Schultz is confined to his home by illness.

Raymond Richards, Leslie Morse, Leslie Falk and Ralph Burkhart returned recently from a week's camping trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Herren are the parents of a daughter, born Thursday, June 27th.

Frank Nicholson, who has been assisting John Stalp in the construction of the Ira Evans residence, has discontinued his services to accept a position in Aurora.

Miss Lida Huntoon and Earl Hibbard were quietly married at Yorkville by Rev. J.F. Vonckx of the Congregational church at the parsonage Thursday. Mrs. H. is the eldest daughter of Mrs. Mary Huntoon and has a wide circle of friends, as has also the groom, who during his residence here has made many friends.

Miss Edna Walker left Monday for Fort Plain, N.Y. for an extended visit with relatives.

Messrs. Robt. Johnston and Geo. Hettrick are among those who have recently bought new touring cars.

A number of the MDs enjoyed a picnic outing at Fox River park Tuesday afternoon.

The Methodist Sunday school enjoyed a picnic in Smith's grove last Friday.

Yorkville: WOODROW WILSON WINS

Democratic Ticket is Completed with Thomas R. Marshall of Indiana.

The governor of New Jersey, Woodrow Wilson, was nominated at the Baltimore convention Tuesday afternoon after a wrangling session of seven days. The Democrats were more rancorous than were the Republicans at Chicago. Champ Clark led the list for six days but as it took a two-thirds vote to nominate, Mr. Clark failed at the last when Illinois and New York went over to Wilson and named him on the 46th ballot.

A warrant was issued for the arrest of Charles Reid of Oswego on a serious charge Friday afternoon by justice Turpin of Plano. Several attempts have been made to serve the papers in vain and Reid has left the community. The case has to do with the associations of Reid and Minnie Schultz, a 15 year-old school girl of Oswego, daughter of a widow, neighbor of the Reid family. These conditions were recently heard of by the brothers of the girl and legal steps were taken. Word from friends gave Reid a chance to get away and though efforts have been made for his apprehension, he has not been caught. Minnie Schultz is the youngest child of widow living in Oswego and has three brothers and a sister. Reid and his wife have been living in the house adjoining the Schultz household and in this manner the two were acquainted. Reid is about 35 years of age and has been in trouble before.

Thirty cars of steel were received by the Yorkville-Morris road Monday and Tuesday and work of laying the track was begun Monday morning. The work will go slowly for a few

days, then they will lay about a half-mile a day. Manager Zimmerman has leased a locomotive from the DeKalb line and has purchased a crane with a 45 foot boom. When these machines are put in operation, work will advance more rapidly. Colonel Evans, who is financing the road, and Manager Zimmerman are both frank in their statements and expect to have the new cars, that are ready for delivery, running sometime in August. Power will be obtained from Joliet and it is probable that there will be a transformer house installed in Yorkville.

July 10: Robert H. Johnston will give an exhibition of the Cushman engine attached to the Acme binder on the Hawley farm, one-half mile south of Oswego, on Monday, July 15, 1912 at 2 p.m. Farmers should all see these wonderful machines in operation.

Misses Stella Suhler and Fern Gates, who are attending school at DeKalb Normal, spent the week end with their parents.

At the Duffy picnic held recently on the Cliggitt lawn, some silverware went astray. Among others was a silver fork, holly pattern, belonging to Mrs. G.H. Voss, which she would be glad to get back.

John Condon and Dwight Young returned Monday evening from a river trip, going as far as Ottawa by boat, visiting Starved Rock, and returning by rail.

Friends have received cards announcing the marriage of Miss Carrie Barrett to John J. Pink of Chicago.

H.B. Read handles carbide orders that L.F. Burkhart formerly supplied.

Mrs. Barbara Cridler was born in Bavaria, Germany, on Oct. 3 1845 and died after a prolonged illness at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Kusmaul near Yorkville July 5, 1912 at the age of 76 years, 9 months, 2 days.

In 1855 she was married to Mr. John Cridler. This union was blessed with eight children, two sons and six daughters. Her husband and two daughters preceded her to the world beyond.

In 1856 she came with her husband to America and located for one year in New Jersey, and in 1857 they came to Illinois and she lived near Oswego the remainder of her life. She leaves to mourn her loss seven children: Harry Cridler of Oswego; Joe Cridler of Elgin; Mrs. Mary Kusmaul of Yorkville; Mrs. John Wald and Mrs. Kate Kolf of Oswego; Mrs. Lizzie Porter of New York; and Mrs. Louis Mall of Iowa; besides 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Kusmaul, and the body was laid to rest in the Cowdrey cemetery, Rev. G.C. Gasser of Oswego officiating.

Tamarack and Wheatland; Mrs. Mary McLaren and son Louis were called here this week from Peotone by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Mary Barber. The old lady is past 90 and lives alone. She was found Tuesday evening by a neighbor on the floor where she had

fallen from a severe attack of heart disease. She is very weak and the outcome is doubtful.

Yorkville: BOUND TO GRAND JURY

Charles Reid of Oswego who has been a fugitive for a week gave himself up to Deputy Sheriff E.A. Manley Friday and was taken to Plano, where he appeared before Justice Turpin. He was held to the grand jury on the evidence in the case and his bond placed at \$1500. This he gave at once and left the county to return in October when the grand jury convenes. Reid denies all the charges made against him and declares he will be able to clear himself when given an opportunity.

July 17: Eliza Moore took in the opening of the Electric park Chautauqua and also made a brief visit to Wheatland friends.

Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Read leave on Monday for St. Johns, New Brunswick, for a two weeks sojourn.

The S.S. club and guests to the number of 20 enjoyed a picnic outing at Fox River park last week Wednesday evening.

The streets of the town are being improved by oil, a carload being purchased for that purpose.

Cards have been received announcing the marriage of Miss Edith Walker of Oshkosh, Wis. to Willis Doud of Winona, Minn.

Plattville: Plattville and vicinity has been the center of much excitement for the past week by reason of a boy bandit. Not that there was any such person that caused any unusual stir in the village but by reason of the exaggerated and garbled accounts of an incident that happened there some ten days ago. *The Record* gave its readers a version of the flight of a boy who had stolen a pony through that community and, as near as can be found, the story is authentic. At any rate, Sheriff Henderson has been unable to learn anything of the alleged "shooting up" of the village or the intimidation of any farmers or their families.

Yorkville: The village board of Yorkville is planning a much needed improvement--a public sewer system.

July 24: Having reopened my shop in Oswego, I will refinish and upholster all kinds of furniture and repair and new automobile tops and cushions. First class work guaranteed. W.F. Denney, Oswego, Ill.

Fay Hinchman, who is employed in a book binding establishment

Those knowing themselves indebted to the Oswego school for tuition please settle as soon as possible, with A.E. Rowsell.

The Congenial club held a picnic last week in Pearce's grove, which proved a very enjoyable affair.

Margaret Edwards, accompanied by her two grandsons, Leslie and Newton Woolley, left Wednesday for Chicago where, with friends, they will spend the remainder of the month.

Word has been received by friends of the death of Clarence Shumway of Lincoln, Neb. The death was accidental being caused by a train injury.

Sarah Edwards Collins died at her home in Oswego Sunday, July 21, 1912 from heart trouble. Her funeral is being held at the Oswego Congregational church. Mrs. Collins was born in North Wales, Feb. 9, 1843, and came to this country with her parents when 14 years of age. She has since that time made her home in the community in which she died. She was married to George Collins and with him has seen two of their children and the rest of her own immediate family pass out of their lives. Surviving are the husband and six children: Mrs. John Chaplin, Miss Ida Collins, Mrs. James Gowran, Frank Gilbert, and Tom Collins. Living on a farm until two years ago, Mrs. Collins was a model mother.

Advertisement: J.S. Stalp Contractor and Builder, Oswego, Ill. Chicago phone 27-J.

In a copy of the Thermopolis (Wyoming) Independent we notice that Clarence H. Barnard of Gebo, Wyo., is a candidate for county commissioner subject to the decision of the Republican primaries. Clarence was born in Oswego. He worked for the CB&Q flagging the crossing when he was a small boy. When not on duty at the crossing he was learning telegraphy at the depot with the station agent. He has been agent in several important cities; was traveling auditor, working in nine different states. On the recommendation of his superiors, he became assistant treasurer of the Owl Creek Coal Company of Gebo, Wyo. and for the past two or three years has been general superintendent.

Yorkville: A Fox river pearl was sold in Yorkville Tuesday that brought \$1,000 and is thought to be one of the finest specimens that has yet been found in the river at any point. The pear was perfectly round and white and weighed 30 grains, it being an exceptionally large one. The sale was made by A.A. Wallin, who has been in Yorkville for about a month looking for pears and the purchaser was a traveling buyer. [\$1,000 in 1912 would be worth \$22,000 in 2009 dollars.]

July 31: George Troll has resigned his position with Burkhardt & Co.

C.I. and William Smith have received the news of the death of a brother, Stimson Smith, of Rising City, Neb., which occurred Saturday, July 27. Mr. Smith was a former resident of this community and had many friends among the older settlers.

Yorkville: An interesting half-day was spent Saturday by a representative of *The Record* in going out with the construction train and watching the work of laying the track for the new Yorkville-Morris [interurban] road.

At the junction point of the new road and the Aurora line is a good sized warehouse, which has temporarily been made into a bunk house for the Bulgarians who lay the track. The entire construction gang is in charge of Fred Wilson, assistant manager, who is a veteran track man. Under him is Charles Schoenfeld, the track foreman. The men are checked twice daily by J.L. Gunsul as timekeeper, who figures their time and their wages. The road will be of the trolley type and will get power from the McKinley system at Morris.

August -- 1912

Aug. 7: Robert Lippold is installing a grain elevator in his new corn crib.

Gus Shoger has begun repairs on his livery barn, which was partially destroyed by fire last winter.

Carpenters and house movers are busy working on the house formerly occupied by the E. Biesemier family, which recently has been purchased by Messrs. Herren & Falk. The residence will be moved to the Park Addition and remodeled.

The vacancy caused by the resignation of Paul Dwyre with the firm of Schultz & Van has been filled by Mr. Ed Smith.

A number from here attended the funeral services of Harry Van Evra, which were held at his late home in West Pullman Sunday.

Earl Loucks is recovering nicely from a severe attack of hay fever.

A number of the farmers in the vicinity are going to have silos erected on their premises. The first in construction is the one for "Doc" Woolley.

Aug. 14: J.P. Schickler has sold a part of his farm to Mr. E.J. Ricketts of Aurora.

Miss Floi Johnston returned Sunday from a two weeks trip through Yellowstone Park, reporting a most delightful time.

A burglary is again in evidence in Oswego. M. Beck, proprietor of the saloon, is the victim. Last Friday afternoon between 3 and 5 someone made bold to get away with cash to the amount of about \$140, which was in a receptacle beneath the cash register. Effort to regain it has so far proved of no avail.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Threshing was considerably interfered with by the rains last week, but was resumed Tuesday morning.

Alexander Harvey was born in Ayrshire, Scotland April 26, 1826 and died in Oswego Township Monday evening, Aug. 5, 1912 at the age of 86 years. In 1859 Mr. Harvey

came to America, beginning followed one year later by his father and mother and eight brothers and sisters. This community was then a prairie with few settlers and only one person is now living who was here then, Mrs. Thomas King of Normantown. In 1862 Mr. Harvey was married and settle don the farm where the rest of his life was spent. After a few years, Mrs. Harvey passed away, leaving two sons and one daughter, one child having passed away before. Tome time later Mr. Harvey married Miss Maria Cowan, who with the four sons born to them, survive the husband and father. The sons are William and Stewart of Iowa; Robert John, Alexander, and Edward. There are also nine grandchildren. Mr. Harvey amassed considerable fortune, mostly invested in land. Besides the other relatives, a brother, Robert, and sister, Mrs. Ferguson, are left. The funeral was held last Wednesday at the United Presbyterian church. Interment was in the cemetery. And thus passes away another pioneer who helped to make this country what it is.

The board of review of Kendall county is working on an interesting case of alleged failure to list property that may mean several thousand dollars to the county. A year ago when the assessment was made, Charles Knapp of Oswego, since deceased, listed \$4,900 personal property. An inventory of his estate has been taken and personal property to the amount of \$68,000 it was found. It is reported that in and about Oswego that Mr. Knapp had considerable money and a few years ago, it is said, he had notes to the amount of \$88,000 in his possession. This is evidently a clear case of evasion of taxes. It is thought that the board will go back a number of years and make an effort to collect back taxes from the estate, which if the circumstance as state here are true, will mean at least \$5,000 to the county.

Aug. 21: Fred Willis, repair shop.

H.B. Read is in the market for timothy seed.

Miss Mae Barrett has returned to her home in Chicago after spending about ten days with Oswego fiends.

Joseph Darfler has recently purchased the Fred Wormley farm.

NaAuSay: School commenced in the Grove district Monday with Miss Clara Jessup as teacher.

Mrs. Frank Lucas and sons are visiting at E. Lucas's.

Aug. 28: Dr. Poolley, district superintendent, will preach at the Methodist church next Sunday evening. If the weather is hot like last Sunday night, the services will be held in the open air in front of the church where it will be cool and delightful.

The Junior League will have their picnic next Friday afternoon. The juniors invite their mothers to be present as their guests, and enjoy games, marshmallow toast, and picnic supper.

A.O. Rebel has discontinued the meat market he has been conducting for the past few months.

Master Ralph Smith celebrated his fifth birthday Monday by entertaining 12 young people and their mothers.

Albert Johnson met an accident Saturday while at work around the threshing machine, which required a physician to take few stitches in a scalp wound.

Fred Walker and Lyle Shoger came near having a more serious accident Saturday evening. Driving in town Mr. Walker was blinded by the headlights from autos at the garage and the horse driven by Mr. Shoger was frightened by a bicycle which caused the collision, throwing Mr. Walker out over the dashboard badly breaking the buggy and harness, but all concerned luckily escaped with a few minor bruises.

J. P. Schickler, who for years has been in the saloon business has sold out to Joseph Fry of Aurora, who will soon take possession.

Yorkville: Unable to withstand the force of the current, Avery Garner was swept into deep water and drowned at the gravel pits above The Elms Sunday morning... The boys in the party all work in proximity to the place where the accident happened and were down for their Sunday morning swim when the sad death occurred. Avery was the seventh child of Mr. and Mrs. R.F. Garner of NaAuSay, and had been working for Reuben Parkhurst on his farm on the river about three miles from Yorkville.

Robert Donaldson, a traveling man from Chicago who was camping at The Elms, went to the assistance of the boy. He was unable to start the motor boat, from which he was fishing and asked some fishermen in a row boat to take him out to the scene of the accident. He was prepared for diving and for a long time could get no trace of the body. Finally a wire was stretched between two boats and dragged along the bottom until the body was moved and struck Donaldson on the legs. He reached down and brought the remains of the unfortunate boy to the surface.

Coroner Thomas B. Drew was summoned and upon his arrival a jury was empanelled of C.C. Herren, foreman; Charles Friebele, Frank Friebele, W.O. Leigh, Fred Graham, and Fred Huntoon. They heard the testimony and brought in a verdict of accidental drowning.

September -- 1912

Sept. 4: School began Tuesday morning with Professor Uhl as principal, assisted by Miss Baker, the Misses Linda Nading of Yorkville, Orma Young and Nellie Bushnell in the grades.

Mrs. L.C. Young and Alleen have returned from a few days visit with Chicago relatives.

Richard Schultz has returned from the hospital greatly improved from a recent operation for appendicitis.

Henry Biesemier is assisting for the time being in the store of Burkhart & Co.

Sept. 11: William Dwyre was one of the recent heat victims, being somewhat overcome while at his duties Monday.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Triplets were born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hartman, living east of Wolf's Crossing, last Friday. The two boys weighed five pounds each and the girl four pounds. At last reports the little ones were thriving.

The Children have settled down for the year's school work. Miss Binder of Joliet is teaching the Church school and Miss McDonald of Joliet the Tamarack school, and Miss Fern Gates of Oswego the Wilcox school.

Elmer Elliott is a freshman in the Plainfield high school and Earl Lucks is enrolled in the East Aurora high school. Misses Marian Anderson and Annie Richardson are attending Jennings seminary in Aurora.

The threshing machines were stored away last week for another year and everybody is glad.

Sept. 18: Albert Collins, Fred Falk, Ed Friebele and Jake Meyers are among the most recent purchasers of automobiles.

Mrs. Dwight Ladd has returned from a visit in Sandwich and is at the Charles Roberts home.

Oswego and vicinity was well represented at the fairs held at Sandwich and Plainfield.

James Bell is employed by the Stephenson-Adams company in Aurora.

Fred Kohlhammer accompanied his son, Louis, to Jacksonville Tuesday where Louis will attend school this year.

The wedding of Herman Schultz and Miss Clara Westphal came as a surprise to their many friends. The ceremony was performed Saturday.

Another Oswego boy is brought into prominence, this time by the manufacture of a silver polish. Layton Lippold, who is now in St. Louis, is manufacturing a polish that he will demonstrate at the Illinois state fair. He would be glad to meet his Oswego friends there at the exposition building.

A contest in attendance between the men and ladies of the Presbyterian church choir was won by the ladies, leaving the men to entertain. The occasion was celebrated Friday

evening when the men treated the ladies to an automobile ride to Electric park [in Plainfield].

Kenneth Darfler started Monday to take a course at a business college.

After Oct. 1, the butchers of Oswego will close their shops at 7 o'clock on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights.

Yorkville: To the editor:

The people living along the new railroad from Morris to Yorkville are a very happy crowd. For over 40 years we have had railroad talk but today we see the railroad steel laid along the line and hear the bell and roar of the iron horse. We take off our hats and say "Welcome." That this is not all; we owe much to the railroad company, also to the men who have given much of their time and money to help get the railroad from the time it was proposed up to the present time. In all the farms on the right-of-way no property was destroyed.

A FARMER

Sept. 25: Charles Hubbard, who has been quite ill is on the road to recovery.

Richard Schultz has resumed duties in the store after spending some time with various relatives while recuperating from his recent operation.

George Troll is employed by the DeKalb road.

William Knapp left Sunday for his home in Germany where he will enter the army, completing his service in two years.

Word has been received of the death of Mr. Adam Armstrong of Chicago. Funeral services will be held in Oswego.

Beginning Oct. 1, William J. Morse, Burkhart & Co., Schultz & Van, and H.B. Read will close their places of business at 7 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday nights.

Several farms in the immediate vicinity of Oswego have changed hands. W.O. Leigh has purchased from C. Herren the farm occupied by John J. Friebele; C. Parkhurst gets the Darfler farm and about 30 acres from W.O. Leigh, adjoining; Frank Friebele the farm on which he lives of H.C. Cutter; and Theodore Abens of Bristol the T.S. Simpson farm.

John Herren has recently bought the farm known as the G.M. Cowdrey place.

October -- 1912

Oct. 2: D.M. Haight is in an Aurora hospital where he is receiving treatment.

John Stalp and carpenters are busy repairing the tenant house that John Herren recently moved to the addition.

Charles Barker and Frank Collins left last week for Holdrege, Neb., to join Mrs. B., who has been making an extended visit with friends in the west.

A regular meeting of the WCTU will be held Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Margaret Young.

Dr. T.B. Drew is in an Aurora hospital where he recently underwent an operation.

Notice to Coon Hunters

House bill No. 459 approved June 4, 1907, Section 1. Be it enacted by the people of the state of Illinois represented in the general assembly that it shall be unlawful to trap or kill for profit any fur bearing animal from the 1st of May to the 1st of November of each and every year.

The Methodist Church has just closed a profitable year's work for the Master. At the closing service Sunday night three young people came forward and acknowledged Christ and joined the church. The church attendance has been very good and the members faithful and loyal. The finances are in excellent shape. The pastor and all church expenses are paid in full with almost \$50 balance on hand in the different departments.

The Methodist Sunday school has shown remarkable growth this year, 100 percent increase, the attendance being double that of a year ago. There are now 26 members. Five of these have joined the church this summer. The Junior League has shown about 150 percent growth this year, increasing from 20 members till there are 56 on the roll.

Adam Armstrong died at the family residence, 2109 Warren Ave., Chicago, Sunday, Sept. 22, 1912 after an illness of several months. He was born at Carlton, N.Y. April 11, 1827.

The remains were brought to Oswego for interment last Wednesday, his former home for 50 years. Several years ago he bought a residence in Chicago where he moved his family. Mr. Armstrong settled in Oswego 58 years ago, establishing a large broom factory, which he carried on successfully for many years, and was always public spirited regarding the affairs of Oswego, often holding official positions.

Oct. 9: Mr. and Mrs. George Troll have stored their household effects and have taken rooms in Aurora where they will remain during the winter, Mr. T. being employed there. The S.E. Walker family will occupy the Troll house, Mrs. F.A. Leverich having sold her house to Dr. Charles Clark, who will soon occupy it.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schultz, Robert Richards, and Miss Rilla Van spent Sunday with Chicago friends.

Charles Barker and Frank Collins have returned from a business and pleasure trip to Omaha.

David Mosher Haight died Sunday morning, Oct. 6, 1912 at the St. Charles hospital in Aurora. He had been there for treatment for heart disease and for a time it was thought that he would recover. Mr. Haight was born in Elmira, N.Y. May 5, 1834. He came to Naperville as a young man and was a merchant there. March 17, 1863 he married Miss Charlotte Hobson, who died in February of this year. The bereavement meant much to Mr. Haight and he never really rallied from the blow. They were residents of Oswego for 40 years where Mr. Haight was a merchant until he retired about 15 years ago. Since then he has been justice of the peace. He was a prominent member of the Congregational church. Mr. Haight's familiar face will be missed by a large circle of friends. The funeral was held from the late home Tuesday morning. Interment at Naperville.

Yorkville: Alfred Browne letter to the editor concerning his trip to participate in the GAR encampment at Los Angeles.

Earlville now has electric light and power all day and night, current coming from the Mendota plant of the Northern utilities company. This company takes possession of the Yorkville plant on the first of November.

Judge Williams fined H. Cussin \$50 and costs Thursday for selling liquor without a license. Cussin pleaded guilty and was given time to go to Aurora and get the money for the fine and costs totaling about \$75, which he paid soon after. This man has run a stand at the ball park, Fox River Park, all summer and, as his plea shows, sold beer to the patrons without a license.

Oct. 16: N.S. Hunt has recently purchased a home in Aurora, where he will move in the near future.

The selection of seats for the Lyceum Course will be held at G.M. Croushorn's store Saturday afternoon and evening.

The painting and decorating of the Evangelical church is nearly completed and adds beauty to the building. Mr. Under of Naperville is the artist.

Mrs. Al Graham died in an Aurora hospital Tuesday night where she had been taken for treatment.

The M.E. people of Oswego surprised Rev. and Mrs. G.H. Black at their home Friday evening. The affair being a farewell as with his family he takes a pastorate at Hammond, Ind.

Yorkville: COLONEL ROOSEVELT
SHOT BY A MANIAC

Attacked by Assassin at Milwaukee Monday Night
His Condition Not Serious, But the Shock Has Stunned the Country.

A careless habit of some auto drivers is to go away and leave the engines of their cars running. In a place like Bridge street this is a dangerous matter. Something is likely to happen you can never tell when the machine will get away and the damage done cannot be repaid by recriminations. Stop the engine--it is not a hard job to start it again.

Several of the Bulgarians working on the Yorkville-Morris railway drew their money from the postal savings at the Yorkville post office and started for the homeland where they will do their part in whipping the Turk.

Later news is that all the Bulgarians on this road have quit and Saturday morning came to the post office to draw the balance of the money. The men have quit, says their head man, because of the wet weather, the mud, and the difficulty of the situation.

Oct. 30: Dr. T.B. Drew returned Thursday from the St. Charles hospital.

Wm. Ellwood with his effects arrived Monday from Minnesota. Mr. E. was very unfortunate in losing his household goods by fire just before leaving for Illinois. Oswego neighbors and friend assisted Mr. E. in many ways about settling upon arriving.

The first entertainment of the Lyceum course was given at the Presbyterian church Wednesday evening. Thorough an error or an oversight, Haigh Arklin was secured for a town without electricity, and, as a result, the lantern owned by Rev. J.T. Hood was used, Mr. Hood assisting the lecturer. Laboring under difficulties, the evening was a success.

Mr. George Woolley of Oswego and two lady friends met with a serious accident the other evening while riding near Somonauk. The steering gear weakened and the auto swerved from the road, going over a six foot embankment. The ladies were caught under the machine, the gasoline tank exploded and set fire to the auto. Calls for help brought some neighbors and the ladies were rescued though painfully injured. Miss Jessie Dewey of Somonauk was internally injured. Miss Lydia Brown had ribs broken; Mr. Woolley was slightly injured about the face and body.

The Circuit Court.

The regular session of the Kendall County Circuit court was called to order Monday with Judge Slusser on the bench. The grand jury was present with no absentees and were at once impaneled. Dr. L.P. Voss of Oswego was made foreman.

Four indictments were found. One against a young Plano man for wife abandonment. One against a former Yorkville man for larceny. Two against Charles Reid of Oswego for serious offenses. He is being held under \$3500 bonds. The court was adjourned until Wednesday, Nov. 5.

November -- 1912

Nov. 6: Robert Richards is taking an enforced vacation from duties at the W.J. Morse store, throat trouble being the cause.

The remains of Miss Effie Parker, who died quite suddenly at the home of her brother in Vermont, were brought to Oswego for interment in the Pearce cemetery Sunday. The girlhood days of Miss Parker were spent in Oswego, where she leaves a host of friends who mourn her death.

Leo F. Burkhart is moving the house he recently purchased for William Miller to his lot in the Hawley addition. Mr. B. intends to build to enlarge the garage.

The old post office has been altered slightly and is now to be used as a hose house for the fire department.

Wednesday evening saw the passing of the M.D.s. This organization of ladies is a memory only.

Yorkville: WOODROW WILSON WINS THE VICTORY

Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey will be the next president of the United States and will be supported by a congress of large Democratic dimensions. [Theodore Roosevelt, running on the Progressive ticket, beat Republican William Howard Taft nearly 3-1 in county voting.]

A meeting of the Kendall County Automobile club will be held Saturday evening, Nov. 9 in Judge Williams' room at the Court House. Report of committee on good roads and distribution of club emblem with other matters of great importance to the automobilist will come before this meeting. All owners of automobiles are invited to join the club and help to push along the efforts being made for good roads.

Nov. 13: Stella Suhler resumed her school duties after an enforced vacation of two weeks owing to diphtheria.

The high school girls have rented the old rink building and will use it for basket ball.

Yorkville: *The Record* was whipped in the recent election and takes its beating with commendable patience. *The Record* supported the Republican ticket--not Mr. Taft as a personality, but Mr. Taft as the nominee of the Republican party and the exponent of Republican principles. The Republicans of Kendall county divided on the matter, two-thirds going with the Roosevelt party, one-third with the party of Lincoln, Grant, McKinley, and Garfield. We were beaten two to one, and we accept the situation; can't do otherwise. We are sorry to have the Republicans of Kendall county at odds in this way; they have heretofore been so loyal and accepted the political situation philosophically in victory and defeat.

JUDGE FULLER DEFEATED

The Progressives elected the Congressman for this district by a plurality of about 1,300 votes. [In Kendall county, Republican Fuller totaled 875 votes; Democrat J.W. Rausch

totaled 526; and Progressive William Hinebaugh, a judge in the circuit court at Ottawa, totaled 1,210.]

RAILS NEARLY ALL LAID

Yorkville and Morris Soon to be Connected by Railroad.

Grading Complete and Track Laid to City Limits.

In the course of the next ten days, the Burlington and Rock Island railroads will be connected by the Illinois and Fox River Central at Yorkville and Morris. The rails are laid into the city of Morris and in a short time the laying of the steel will be completed. The building of this road has been a difficult task, the question of labor being a serious matter with the management. The war in the Balkans depleted the working force by the return of many Bulgarians to their home and the weather has been bad in many instances.

There are sites for four elevators. At the town line, Kendall and Lisbon, is to be an elevator built by the farmers; at the Lisbon Center school, 1-1/2 miles further south, Jeter & Boston have a large elevator in an advanced state of construction, one of the most modern in the country. At the Thompson stone quarry near the Porter school will be another market of the farmers, and at the Grundy county line still another receptacle for grain. This will give the people four elevators in Lisbon township on six miles of railroad.

The coal market will be helped in Yorkville from the fact that the new road goes in close proximity to the Morris coal mines where the best grade of soft coal is mined. This can be placed on the market in Yorkville cheaper than over the Streator line and at the same time give the consumer better fuel.

Nov. 20: Andrew Pierce has resigned his position with the Schultz & Van store.

Oswego has once more a shoe repairman who is located in Robert Johnston's implement store.

The high school enjoyed a marshmallow roast in the nearby Waubonsie valley last Friday evening.

W.J. Morse has received word of the death of his brother, George, in New Mexico. The remains will be brought to Dundee, his former home, for burial.

On Monday, Nov. 18, 1912, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hebert of Oswego celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Oliver Hebert was born at Montreal, Canada May 27, 1837. His wife, Edith St. Denis, was born at Montreal Oct. 10, 1832. Both came from Montreal to Oswego in June 1847. They were married in 1852 at Naperville.

Yorkville: NEWS CONCERNING

THE PARCEL POST

Information That Will be Necessary for the Public.

Post offices of Country Preparing for Innovation Which Will be Inaugurated on Jan. 1, 1912.

Aurora is going to raise by popular subscription \$100,000 or more in 11 days for a new hospital building to replace the present antiquated structure on South Lincoln avenue. The new building for which tentative plans have been prepared, will be located on the large plat at the corner of South Lincoln avenue and Weston avenue. The building will be modern in every particular, fire proof and equipped with every latest appliance for surgical and medical practice.

A campaign executive committee of over 70 men has been organized to have entire oversight of the enterprise. This committee is represented by citizens of Aurora, Sugar Grove, Naperville, North Aurora, Plano, Somonauk, Yorkville, Oswego, Hinckley, and other towns to hear from.

Nov. 27: Friday evening at the Walker school house, Miss Stella Suhler and pupils will give a basket social and entertainment.

Professor and Mrs. Uhl entertained the high school boys at their home last Friday evening.

John G. Seely will give a short organ recital preceding a musical service at the Presbyterian church in Aurora next Sunday evening.

Mrs. George Bower died at her home in Oswego on the morning of Saturday, Nov. 23, 1912 from a stomach trouble with which she had been afflicted since a girl. Last August she and her aged husband celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Katherine M. Krug was born in Bavaria, Germany, Feb. 13, 1823, and came to his country in 1849 with her parents. She was married to George Bower in 1852 at Oswego where she has since made her home. Her aged husband survives her with seven children: John G., Henry, Leonard of Gardner, Ill.; G.M, Fred and Charles and Mrs. Aaron Hafenrichter of Oswego.

December -- 1912

Dec. 4: Mrs. Margaret Edwards accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Albert Woolley and sons to Yorkville Thanksgiving day where they were entertained at dinner at the Charles Shepard home.

The Oswego school entertainment given by the pupils at the Congregational church was well attended by an appreciative audience last Wednesday evening. Professor Uhl furnished instrumental selections during the evening.

Word has been received from Topeka, Kan. that Mrs. Fanny Murphy Holyoke died Wednesday and was buried Friday.

Mr. H.N. Kent, our new shoe repairman, has found business profitable enough to bring his family to Oswego, occupying the L.F. Pauli residence.

Mrs. Henry Burkhart is slowly recovering from her severe shock received by being thrown out of a buggy last Tuesday while returning home from the funeral of Mrs. Bower.

The graduating exercises of Rev. G.C. Gasser's Cathetical class were held at the Oswego Prairie Evangelical church last Sunday. The class just finished a two years course and did credit to themselves in their final test before a large audience. Those receiving diplomas were Almon Schark, Marvin Bower, Elmer Haag, John Glasser, Atlee L. Hafenrichter, Irva O. Smith, Irene Ebinger, Esther Louisa Hafenrichter, and Luella Wolf.

NaAuSay: The Grove and Marysville schools held their Thanksgiving entertainments Wednesday afternoon.

Yorkville: Aurora has commenced a campaign to raise \$100,000 to build a new city hospital and its friends are canvassing the towns of Kendall county for financial aid to carry out the work. This is commendable as far as it goes, but why should our people pay money to establish hospitals in Aurora or elsewhere when we need one in Kendall county and can afford to have one. We have the physicians here who are competent to work in such an institution. This is the gist of some talk being heard in various circles since this Aurora campaign has commenced.

Dec. 11: The merchants of Oswego will keep their stores open every evening from Monday night, Dec. 16, till after Christmas.

There will be a meeting of the Oswego camp, Modern Woodmen of America, at their lodge rooms Thursday evening, Dec. 12, for the annual election of officers.

T.S. Simpson came home carrying honors from his Shetland exhibit at the stock show.

Mrs. Fannie Murphy Holyoke died at her home in Topeka, Kan. Friday Nov. 29, 1912 and was buried Saturday, Nov. 30. Mrs. Holyoke was the youngest daughter of the family, well known in Oswego and was 57 years of age. Surviving her are two daughters, a sister Mattie, and a brother Bob, who was a veteran of the 127th Illinois Volunteers and makes his home in Virginia. The father was an officer in the old 4th Illinois Cavalry. Mrs. Holyoke died from a hemorrhage of the brain after an illness of about ten weeks.

Dec. 18: Flexible Flyers at S.C. Cutter's drug store.

A Christmas program will be given at the Squires school by the pupils of Miss Edith Burkhart Thursday evening, Dec. 19.

Marriage license has been granted from Will county to Charles Obman and Miss Zelda Welsh.

Rudolph Knapp left Sunday evening on a business trip to Wisconsin.

The roof of the Bristol depot was found to be on fire one evening this week. It caught from the sparks of a passing engine, but was discovered before any serious damage had been done.

Dec. 25: Miss Elizabeth Pearce, who is teaching school at Kenosha, is enjoying a two weeks vacation at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Haag are the proud parents of a son, born Dec. 18.

Professor and Mrs. W.L. Uhl are spending the Christmas vacation with their people in Indiana.

Dr. T.B. Drew was called to Chicago Monday by the illness of his grandfather, Dr. Trovan.

Mrs. Rosina A. Wolf, nee Kuhn, was born in Bavaria, Germany March 9, 1836, and died after a lingering illness on Dec. 20, 1912 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Bower near Oswego at the age of 76 years, 9 months, and 11 days. In the year of 1868 she was united in marriage with Casper Wolf and together they came to America the same year and located on a farm near Wolf's crossing where they resided until 1897 when they retired from active duties of life and moved to Oswego. Nearly two years ago her husband preceded her to the world beyond. She was laid to rest in the Oswego Prairie cemetery last Sunday afternoon.

Yorkville: One hundred and sixty-one head of Canadian beef cattle were driven through Yorkville Monday morning on their way to a farm near Mazon. The cattle were in charge of Sollmeyer & Barr of Canada, who make a business of buying "feeders" for the Illinois farmer. The shipment was made from western Canada and was unloaded at Union, Ill. Thursday night. They were driven across the country and will be delivered at the farm on Christmas Day. The herd was driven by two cow boys from the west and the manner in which they handled the cattle on leaving Yorkville Monday morning showed their familiarity with the work. They stayed over night at the Nading hotel.

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January

Jan. 1: Mr. and Mrs. James Goudie left Monday for their winter sojourn in California.

Word has been received of the death of John Barrett of Chicago. Burial was Dec. 27 at Arlington.

Fred Willis has opened a shop in the building owned by Mrs. M. Helle.

Mrs. Catherine Leigh Rees, 84 years, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Wooley in Oswego Sunday night at 7:40 after a weeks' illness from pneumonia. She was born in Glamorganshire, South Wales, and was married in that country to William Rees, who died 12 years ago. They came to America a number of years ago and for some time past Mrs. Rees had made her home with her daughter in Oswego.

She is survived by the following children, William Rees of Hinckley, Mrs. Mary Severance, Breckenridge, Mo.; Edmond Rees of Bristol; Mrs. Harriet Curtis of St. Louis; Mrs. Margaret Wooley and Mrs. Alice Curtis of Oswego; Mrs. Decima Wheeler of Hope, N.D. Interment in the Oswego cemetery.

Jan. 8: Paul Dwyre has resigned his position with Schultz Brothers & Co.

Miss Gertrude Kohlhammer, who has for some years been employed at the Jacob Eye hardware store in Aurora, has resigned her position.

Miss Rose Schultz is employed as a cashier at Schultz Bros. & Co.

William James Shoger was born Jan. 26, 1868 at NaAuSay, Kendall County, and departed from these earthly shores on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 1912 at his home in Bristol township, bringing his age to 45 years, 10 months, and 29 days. On Jan. 4, 1893 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Stacy, at Pontiac, Livingston, Ill., and immediately they came together to Bristol township. This union as blessed with four children, two sons and two daughters. Nearly three years ago he suffered a paralytic stroke, which later developed into Bright's disease, which was the cause of his premature death. Fraternally, Mr. Shoger was connected with the Modern Woodmen of Oswego.

Yorkville: Having been besieged by many who wished to take a trip over the new railroad from Yorkville to Morris, Manager Frank M. Zimmerman put on two trips New Year's day that gave many a chance to observe the new line. This was not in any the opening of the road as no regular trips have been inaugurated and it is not probable that any regular schedule will be adopted for two or three weeks. The work of electrifying the line is being pushed as fast as possible. Already, the poles are up for about seven miles from the Morris end, and the crew started from Yorkville Thursday to complete the work from this end. It is thought that it will be possible to start the regular service within three weeks using steam for a motive power, the electricity to follow in a few days.

JETER & BOSTON AT LISBON CENTER

This popular and widely known firm of grain, coal, and lumber dealers is getting firmly established at the Lisbon Center station on the new Fox and Illinois Union railroad, and business is good and plenty.

Jan. 15: L.E. Wood is being relieved from duties at the depot by Mr. Wilson; Mr. Wood is helping to care for his mother, Mrs. Newton, who is very ill.

W. H. Kent, who recently moved here and was in the shoe repairing business, has sold to Bromwell Bros., who will conduct the business at Robert Johnston's store.

At the annual business meeting of the German Evangelical church of Oswego, held last week, it was decided to hold the services of said society in the future in the English language. The church has recently been repaired and redecorated, new carpets and the best gas lights put in at a cost of over \$300. Through the generosity of the late Mr. Charles Knapp, who remembered the church in his will with a gift of \$500, this undertaking was made possible.

Seth Edward Walker died at his home in Oswego Jan. 7, 1913. Heart trouble was the main cause of his death and a severe attack of pneumonia. Deceased was born at Belchertown, Mass., May 13, 1839; came to Oswego with his parents in 1845, where he has since lived. Was married to Miss Alida Loucks at Palatine Bridge, N.Y., Sept. 13, 1865, who survives him. Five children came to this couple, Burt Edwards of Eden, Cal., Harriet, Frank, and Fred (twins, and Edna, all of Oswego. Mr. Walker lived on his farm until a few years ago when he retired and moved to Aurora. He subsequently returned to Oswego. He was a soldier in the Grand Army, enlisted at the age of 22, September 1861, served seven months as a private in Company C., 4th Illinois Cavalry. Funeral was held at the Congregational church; burial in Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: At the meeting of the farmers' elevator stock holders Saturday the regular business was carried out, there being no real change. It was voted to call the place at which their new elevator stands on the Yorkville-Morris road Lisville.

Jan. 22: George Collins is confined to his home by illness, suffering a paralytic stroke.

Dr. C.F. Read has returned to his duties at Kankakee after a short visit at the H.B. Read home.

The sound of the fire bell aroused the town's people to activity last Friday. People at work on the Burkhart garage were tarring the roof when the tar kettle caught fire. Quick action extinguished the blaze before the department reached the place.

Pay Oswego taxes at the drug store, George White, Collector, daily except Monday when he will be at Wolf & Parker's in Aurora.

Mr. F. Kohlhammer with his carpenters are contemplating the Frank Herren home, which will be ready for occupancy about the first of March.

Frank Gerry left Monday to take a course in theology at Evanston.

Yorkville: Gerald Matlock has gone to Aurora to learn the undertaking business with his uncle, W.H. Healy.

Sunday forenoon Ms. William Lamb of Montgomery with her four children got on the park car to ride to the stove works, Aurora. The car stopped at Sard avenue and the mother and children alighted, being assisted by the conductor. The mother was carrying the baby, led her little boy by the hand, and two girls, five and seven years old, ran around behind the car in their hurry to get to their grandmother's about a block away, and ran right in front of the Yorkville car which was coming down the river. Vain efforts were made by motorman Maloney to stop his car and save the girl's life, but without avail; little Ruth was knocked down and the wheels passed over her body, crushing out her life. The other girl, Dorothy, was struck by the car step and bruised one side, suffering only a few bruises.

Jan. 29: Miss Esther Smith and Elmer Wolf, whose marriage occurs Wednesday, Jan. 29, were given a surprise by Mr. Harry Clark and Miss Myrtle Ebinger at the home of the former last Saturday evening.

John Frederick Meyer was born Jan. 3, 1887 in Bavaria, Germany, and died in a Chicago hospital Jan. 23, 1912. He was 26 years of age. His premature death was caused by a complicated ear trouble of long standing for which he submitted to a critical operation during the fore part of June. Later, complications set in and made other operations necessary. As a boy of 14 he came to America and located at Oswego. In July 1906 he was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Pepkie, also of Oswego, and together they started housekeeping. Mr. Meyer worked the past four years for John Cook at Bristol. He leaves to mourn his early departure his sorrow stricken wife, a son, father and mother, three brothers, besides relatives and friends.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Mr. and Mrs. John Brown entertained the threshing ring and a few neighbors at an oyster supper Tuesday evening, Jan. 14. A fine time was enjoyed by the 60 or 70 present.

Assistant superintendent of schools Muhlig of Will county gave an address on the consolidated school at the Tamarack school house last Friday evening.

Yorkville: Miss Louise Hill has bought the Yorkville gallery of Harman Krueger, to take possession immediately. Miss Hill has a good knowledge of the photographic business and will doubtless make a success at the venture. Her post cards and views are already a standard for Yorkville and vicinity.

February -- 1913

Feb. 5: M.L. Wormley, who was recently run over by a team which he was hitching, is ill at his home from the effects.

C.I. Smith, with a force of men, are filling the ice houses with 14-inch ice.

Dr. L.C. Diddy has sold his practice to Dr. Weishew of Chicago, who will locate here about Feb. 15. Dr. D's location is not determined. He will specialize in nervous diseases.

Feb. 12: Business increase caused Fred Willis to move his place of business into the other portion of the Helle building.

Miss Bernice Sara Hemm and Fred Schwantz were married Feb. 6 by Rev. G.C. Gasser. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hemm of Oswego and the groom of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Schwantz of Aurora. After a short wedding trip they will go to Valparaiso, Ind., where they will make their home.

Yorkville: The thermometer at 2 below zero this morning did not tell of the chill that was in the air. It really felt colder than any morning this winter. The ice and coal men are enjoying their annual smile.

Feb. 19: Dr. and Mrs. L.C. Diddy and daughter left Monday. Dr. Weishew continuing the practice at same place.

S. [Scott] C. Cutter spent the first of the week in Chicago attending the national convention of electrical inventions at the LaSalle hotel. Mr. Cutter had his inventions on display.

Mrs. Helen Voss died at the home of her son, G.H. Voss in Oswego Saturday after an illness of some weeks. Mrs. Voss was 70 years old and had made her home in Oswego a number of years. She leaves two sons, G.H. and Dr. L.P. Voss, and a granddaughter, Miss Irene Eier, all of Oswego.

Mrs. Voss was born in Wierson, Germany, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Helle. She came to America 65 years ago and was married to Mr. Gustavus Voss over 50 years ago.

Yorkville: The ice harvest in Yorkville closed Tuesday afternoon. The ice was so honeycombed by the warm weather that the cakes broke up on moving to cars. The ice company had a contract to supply Chicago with 600 carloads, but only shipped about 250 cars, the season was so short. Very little was put in the big ice houses here, but there is enough left from last year to supply our people.

Feb. 26: Smith and Benjamin is the name of a new firm wiring for electric lights in and about town.

Paul Dwyre, who is employed by the Stevens-Adamson Co. of Aurora was unable, on account of illness, to attend duties the first of the week.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Sleet and ice last Friday did untold damage to the telephone system here. In many places the wires are broken and poles down and it will probably be some time before it will be in working order. Many trees were injured by the weight of the ice.

Yorkville: John R. Marshall, postmaster at Yorkville for 15 years, has sent his resignation to the department at Washington to take effect as soon as his successor may be appointed and qualify. His commission does not expire of a year yet--March 7, 1914. The years that are pressing him make it imperative that he quit for the good of the service and of himself. The new president, Woodrow Wilson will appoint his successor.

March -- 1913

March 5: The last number of the lecture course will be held in the Oswego Congregational church Tuesday evening, March 11. this number is given by Miss Emogene Grinnell, vocalist and impersonator.

Paul Dwyre is recovering from a recent siege of diphtheria.

Those owning for gravel obtained from the Oswego pit are requested to settle with George W. Smith.

Among the many March 1 changes are Mr. and Mrs. John Friebele and son Albert, who move to the farm recently purchased from N. Martin by S.C. Cutter.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Herren have moved into their new home in Oswego.

Yorkville: Article by Andrew Brown of Newark on the battle for Ft. Henry during the Civil War.

March 12: Paul Dwyre who has been confined to the house for the past two weeks with diphtheria, is again able to be around.

Mr. and Mrs. Watts Cutter Jr. are the parents of a second son, born Sunday, March 9.

Everything looks very encouraging for the future of Oswego. Gas and electric lights are fast making developments in the way of installing the electric lights and gas throughout the town. The latest surprise for our community will be the installing of ornamental lights in the business block, which undoubtedly will be in operation by the first of June. Work on installing electricity in the business houses is under way and the time is only short when the business block of Oswego will show the most metropolitanism of any town in the county. Oil for the streets and general street development is planned for the coming year. Good for Oswego; she is at last getting on the map.

Mrs. Margaret Burkhart Friebele, wife of John Friebele Sr. died very suddenly of heart failure at her home Saturday. Deceased was 56 years of age, was married to John Friebele at the age of 19. Of this union four children survive her, Mrs. Emma Ode, Mrs. Louise Ode, Edward and Albert Friebele, together with the stricken husband.

March 19: Mrs. Lou Young has returned after a weekend visit with Chicago relatives.

The Misses Susan Croushorn and Gertrude Williams, teachers at Downers Grove, spent the weekend with their respective families.

This is the last week the Oswego tax books will be open. Those wishing to pay same will find collector at Cutter's drug store.

The Methodist ladies will serve supper at the parsonage Wednesday evening, March 26, to which all are cordially invited.

Mr. Ernest Biesemier met with an accident while at his work at the Aurora creamery one day last week. He was struck just above the knee with a churn, the injury necessitating several stitches. Mr. B., however, is at present attending duties.

Tamarack and Wheatland: The epidemic of measles is over and the scholars have returned to their various schools with the exception of Olivier Elliott, who had heart trouble and bronchial pneumonia, but is slowly gaining.

Yorkville: The advent of two young men from Plano Monday night filled the county jail to such an extent that Sheriff Henderson is letting one of his boarders sleep in the "upper berth." Some six weeks ago, Clifton Lyle was brought from Plano under charge of assault. A week or so ago, Elmer Swanson was brought from Plano on a charge of burglary. Monday, Leon Cooper and Floyd Smith were brought over under a charge of larceny.

Since there are only three night cells in the jail, the second tier of bunks has been called into use and Sheriff Henderson will be a landlord to these four till the first of next month. It has been some time since the jail has held four prisoners under criminal charges.

March 26: Those who are indebted for water tax are requested to pay at once as the water will be shut off for non-payment.

The storm Sunday night was damaging to a number near Oswego. Messrs. John Herren and Charles Light the heaviest losers, Mr. H's barn being utterly destroyed by the wind and in its collapse killed cattle and horses sheltered there. The barn of Theodore Abens was twisted about six feet on its foundation. Mr. A. lost two cattle electrocuted by a trolley wire of the street car company. The windmill on the M.L. Wormley farm being demolished, the wood shed on the John Seely farm being blown over. Many other similar incidents happening to those living down the river southwest.

Mrs. Margaret Schwartz has sold to Jacob Meyer the residence in which he resides.

William Dwyre met with a peculiar accident last week while at work in the barn shelling corn, he cut his finger with a corn husk so badly that three stitches had to be taken.

Carpenters are remodeling the residence on the farm recently purchased by Clarence Parkhurst for the occupancy of Rueben Parkhurst.

NaAuSay: There was no small amount of excitement in the neighborhood Tuesday when it was learned that the residence of Ed Murley was on fire. With the wind blowing a gale and a blaze well started there was no time for delay, but with the assistance of neighbors the fire was soon under control and the damage was not great. It is stated the fire started from sparks from the cookstove.

Yorkville: The worst storm that has been experienced in this section in the memory of the oldest settlers visited here Thursday night when the elements combined to make the damage severe. All villages in Kendall county and the larger cities near were entirely segregated from the surrounding country and it was not until Saturday there was any real connection with the outside world from Yorkville. The telephone and telegraph wires are down and the interurban line did not run a car through from Aurora all day. Fruit trees suffered badly as well as the other vegetation and the whole country is a scene of devastation.

The telephone company has probably suffered the worst. Miles and miles of wire and poles are down and the complete rebuilding of the lines will doubtless be the consequence. Poles are broken off for more than a mile in some cases. In the distance of three miles between Yorkville and Bristol there were 87 poles down and out. The Chicago Record-Herald of Saturday morning says scores of lives were lost.

April -- 1913

April 2: On Saturday afternoon, April 5, at the Fred Funk store, Auctioneer Art Rowswell will sell at public auction Mrs. Nan Fowler's household goods.

There will be the regular Sunday morning serve at the Oswego Methodist church next Sunday morning.

Miss Ethel Richards has resumed her duties at Knox college after a vacation with her people.

Miss Helen Dwyre has resumed duties at the W.J. Morse store after a few days absence on account of illness.

E.A. Smith is preparing for summer business, having installed a new fountain and otherwise improved his ice cream and confectionery store.

Oswego Township officers elected at the annual election April 1 1913 were M.L. Wormley, supervisor; George W. Smith, highway commissioner; George D. Tuttle and John G. Bower, justices of the peace; O.L. Wormley and J.W. Morrison, constables.

April 9: Mr. and Mrs. Ezekiel Pearce are the parents of a boy, which arrived at their home Monday morning.

Loyd Wormley had the misfortune to injure his right hand last Friday while playing ball at school.

The farewell banquet in the old Presbyterian church was held in their parlors last Thursday evening. Despite the extreme weather, about 60 enjoyed a delicious banquet served by the ladies. The program, though very good was shortened by talent unable to attend on account of the storm. Preparations are about completed for the new structure, which will be commenced very soon.

Leo Huntoon has resumed studies at Wheaton in the employ of the AE&C railway company.

The village election next week promises to be somewhat interesting in Oswego. John Herren was nominated by his friends on the independent license ticket. Mr. Herren is a good clean man and will give the village that kind of an administration. There was some opposition to a man of this type by some elements and at the last moment an opposition independent license ticket was put into the field headed by Scott C. Cutter. The candidates for trustee on the ticket are L.R. Inman, J.R. Croushorn, Charles W. Schultz, C.E. Mann, N.B. Knuth, William Denney, and E. Biesemier.

Died at her home in Oswego April 2, 1913, Mrs. Margaret Graham Butler, wife of Rev. James G. Butler. She was born in Philadelphia, Pa., where she lived until her marriage with Mr. Butler in 1864. At about 18 years of age she experienced religion and has lived a constant Christian to the end.

She came with her husband to Illinois in 1870 and was a faithful coworker with him in the different churches he served as pastor, both in the Presbyteries of Cairo and Ottawa. She had been failing in health for some years, but lately something pneumonia set in and she soon passed away.

A grief stricken husband and daughter remain to mourn her loss. The funeral was held at her home April 5.

Yorkville: Supervisor Myron Wormley of Oswego was at the meeting of the board Tuesday and his physical condition is much improved. The injury he received last winter from his horses was severe and he still feels its effects, but the supervisor is cheery in his greetings and is pleased because so many friends took an interest in him. How that does help you when you are a sufferer.

Sues Traction Company

There are several new cases on the Common Law and Chancery dockets of the circuit court this term, one case which we note is a bill for injunction brought by George W. Smith of Oswego against the Joliet and Southern Traction. The action is against the receiver of that company, Mr. Peterkin, who was appointed sometime ago. The bill was filed for Mr. Smith by Oliver A. Burkhart, who is assisted in this case by Judge Plain of Aurora and asks for affirmative relief. When the JP&A R.R. Co. built the road through Mr. Smith's farm, they agreed to build for Mr. Smith a cattle pass the same as the one maintained by the EJ&E, and opposite the same, so that Mr. Smith's cattle could pass

from one part of his farm to the other without crossing the tracks. The farm being divided about one-third and two-thirds by these roads, which parallel one another through Kendall county. Mr. Smith refused to deliver a deed to the company at that time because the company did not live up to their contract, that is, did not build the cattle pass the same as the EJ&E cattle pass, but instead built it 4 inches lower and dug out a trench underneath to make it conform in height with the EJ&E. The court held that the Traction company had complied with their part of the contract and that the cattle pas was O.K., and compelled Mr. Smith to give a deed. Last winter, the Joliet and Southern Traction company, successors of the JP&A, took out Mr. Smith's cattle pass and replaced it with a large drain tile or sewer tile, which are placed about 2-1/2 feet into the ground and at the present time is about $\frac{3}{4}$ full of water and dirt. Mr. Burkhart, as Mr. Smith's solicitor, notified the company of the existing contract and right of Mr. Smith to a cattle pass and asked them not to remove it, and if they did to replace it in the proper manner. The company granted that request. The bill filed by Mr. Smith asks that the company replace a cattle pass substantially the same as the one that was removed.

Tamarack and Wheatland: The rains last week prevented most of the farmers from doing much in the fields, but the majority are commencing the first of this week to get the oats in.

April 16: Benny Biesemier cut his hand badly Tuesday while cutting meat.

Ernest Biesemier while employed at work in Aurora Tuesday had the misfortune to slip and fall fracturing one of his ribs.

John C. Samuelson died at his home in Oswego Sunday, April 13, from a complication of ills of which heart trouble was the most apparent. He was born in Sweden April 10, 1841 and came to America when about 21 years of age. He settled on a farm in Kendall county and made many friends who join in sympathy to the widow and son. The funeral was held from the last home Tuesday with burial at the Oswego cemetery

Yorkville: THE VILLAGE ELECTIONS

Results of the Polls in the County--Few

Contests--Small Number Ballots Cast.

The village elections in the various villages of the county held yesterday resulted about as expected. In Oswego there was a fight, which resulted in the election of John Herren as president of the board. Scott C. Cutter was defeated by a vote of 120-71.

Elected for Trustees were Charles W. Schultz, J.R. Croushorn, E. Biesemier, and N.B. Knuth. For police magistrate, T.S. Dwyre was elected.

April 23: Charles Schultz is the owner of a new automobile.

A special meeting of the new board was held Monday evening; new officers were sworn in and a committee appointed to oil the streets in the near future.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Parkhurst Sunday, April 20, 1913, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Korte are moving to the C.A. Davis residence on Main street. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith and daughters are to occupy the residence Mr. and Mrs. K. vacate.

April 30: A good attendance is desired Friday at the high school where the parent-teachers' club will meet.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Light are the parents of a daughter born Saturday, April 26.

A ten inning ball game between the Oswego team and young Sods of Aurora was played recently at which the Oswego team won, the score 15-14.

Ground was broken Monday for the new home of C.L. Burkhart. F. Kohlhammer and carpenters are to begin work in the very near future.

A special meeting of the town board was held at the hall Monday evening at which time the following committees of the village for 1913-1914 were appointed: Sidewalk and crosswalk, J.R. Croushorn, Nate Knuth, and E. Biesemier; Finance and Miscellaneous Business, Charles Schultz, J.R. Croushorn, and L.G. Pearce; Streets and Alleys, Charles Shoger, Charles Schultz, and L.G. Pearce; Fire, water, Light, and Police, L.G. Pearce, Charles Schultz, and Charles Shoger; Health and Election, E. Biesemier, J.R. Croushorn, Nate Knuth; Law and Ordinance, Nate Knuth, Charles Shoger, and E. Biesemier.

May -- 1913

May 7: Levi S. Young left last Thursday for Quincy, Ill., where he entered the Soldiers' Home.

Mrs. Jacob Gieselman, who has been in a sanitarium at Hinsdale for treatment, has returned to the Fred Wormley home improved in health.

Yorkville: A bill in behalf of 27,000 farmers holding more than \$6,000,000 worth of stock in the Independent Harvester company of Plano is expected to be filed in the United States District court this morning. The company is a \$10,000,000 concern. The action will be taken by a committee appointed by 1,500 of the 27,000.

The charge of the farmers' committee and their counsel is that the agriculturalists were duped into paying as high as \$15 and \$25 above par for stock in a concern touted by promoters as organized to "buck the harvester trust off the map."

Then, they allege, they were denied any voice in the management of their "trust buster." They further allege they are being duped by gross mismanagement of the corporation on the part of the missionaries who sold them the stock.

The bill is directed principally against W.C. Thompson, Chicago, president and controller of the voting of the company.

The village board of Yorkville granted the Public Service of Northern Illinois a 50-year contract to furnish electric light and power in Yorkville at their meeting Monday night.

May 14: To Oswego Readers

The Record wants to give its many Oswego subscribers the very best service that a local weekly paper can give. We have a large list of readers served from the Oswego post office and many who get *The Record* at other offices who are interested in Oswego affairs. We would like to have items concerning the churches, the schools, the social affairs, the village doings officially, and anything that pertains to news. Not long dissertations on any matter, but brief, snappy paragraphs that will make up a column or two of Oswego doings.

Miss Florence White is the Oswego correspondent of *The Record*. We cannot pay her enough to do a great mount of work and it will help her and the publisher if you will write your notices and give them to her or send or keep her posted on local news. She is a competent, business woman and a good itemizer for whom *The Record* printers have regard because of her well-written copy. She sends letters to this office on Mondays and Tuesdays of each week. You should get your items in early in the week; sends later news on Wednesday mornings, but we cannot get much matter in type at that time because the forms go to press about the noon hour. Give us all a lift, please.

Miss Ethel Richards was called from school duties at Knox college last week by the serious illness of her mother.

Yorkville: The chain of Hearst newspapers in the various big cities of this country, "coached" by the proprietor, apparently are endeavoring to create a war feeling between this nation and Japan. As the boys say, they "are egging us on."

NEW ROAD ENDS ITS CONSTRUCTION

Thursday afternoon, in the presence of Col. H.H. Evans, owner and a party of Aurora and Yorkville friends, the last spike was driven by the construction gang of the Fox & Illinois Union Railway on the extension of the new road up Adams street in Morris where it will join the Rock Island system. All that remains to make the connection with the Rock Island complete is the installation of the switch, which the railroad will arrange for at a very early date in order that wholesale shipping connections can be made with Yorkville, Aurora, and intermediate points over the new interurban.

The meeting of the Kendall County Automobile Club was postponed Saturday by reason of the absence of a quorum. There were sufficient members there, however, to have an active discussion as to some of the important matters that were to have been brought before the meeting. One of these questions was the attendance of a delegate of the club at Springfield Tuesday on matters pertaining to the passage of a bill with reference to good roads, which it is the desire of the automobilists to have passed. It is said that over a hundred clubs in the state were represented. O.A. Burkhart went to represent Kendall county.

Saturday, May 10, was an interesting and eventful day for the eighth grade pupils from the country schools. Twenty-five bright and enthusiastic boys and girls accompanied by their teachers gathered at the high school room to write on the examination. Those who reached the passing average will receive the county diploma which should admit them to any high school.

May 21: Two carloads of oil for the streets have arrived, work begun on the applying. This makes one of our best improvements.

Excavating for the new Presbyterian church is well under way. Bricks for the structure are expected any day and contractor Lou Young with his force of men will begin as soon as possible.

The Oswego school base ball team won an easy victory over Yorkville grammar room at the Huntoon ball park. Their first success tells of the strength of the team by a 20-5 defeat. A feature of the game was the hard hitting and support at the right time.

Commencement exercises of Oswego high school will be held in the Congregational church on Friday evening, June 6.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Graeme Stewart, who was badly cut on a spader the week before last, is recovering rapidly.

John G. Anderson had the misfortune to have a horse badly cut in the telephone wires last week.

May 28: LaVerne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schultz, has been quite ill but improved at this date.

Robert Richards was unable to attend duties at the W.J. Morse store the first of the week on account of illness.

The recent ball game between the Oswego team and Socials of Aurora was a 7-2 victory for the visitors. The school ball team journeyed to Yorkville Saturday to meet defeat at their hands.

Robert Johnston is one of Oswego's enterprising business men who has been very busy of late canvassing for binders, etc., for delivery in the near future. Meeting with success, he is planning a delivery day for June 21, which promises to eclipse all former "delivery days."

The sophomores and juniors entertained the seniors at a picnic supper at Fox River Park Tuesday and then spent the evening in automobile riding.

Dr. L.P. Voss, G.H. Voss, E.A. Smith, and Charles Schultz took a 172 mile auto trip Sunday, visiting 25 different towns.

June -- 1913

June 4: Mrs. A.C. Lake and sons of LaGrange were recent visitors among Oswego relatives.

E.T. Sutherland is very ill at his home.

Tuesday of this week, Earl Simpson received a shipment of 35 ponies which he purchased during his recent trip to Michigan.

June 8, English services will be held at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the First Evangelical church, Oswego. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Every effort to make the picnic at the school grounds June 6 a success has been made by Mrs. F. Falk as chairman and her co-workers. At 10:30 that morning, the Oswego White Sox and Cubs battle for supremacy in the ball diamond. The two teams of young ladies should induce everyone interested in the sport to be present.

The Schultz brothers are driving a new team of ponies to their delivery wagon.

There have been quite a few improvements made upon the Methodist parsonage. All the walls have been redecorated, the inside woodwork put in white, the roof repaired, and electric lights installed. Material is on hand with which the exterior of the house is to be painted.

With ideal weather, the Decoration Day program was successfully executed.

Saturday afternoon a ball team from the Q shops pay a pick-up Oswego team, battling for 15 innings before Oswego gained the supremacy.

Miss Nellie Fugate, as teacher, closed the Rickard school last Thursday, holding the picnic in the grove back of the school house. An unusually appetizing picnic spread was enjoyed after which they crossed the river in boats to the Leigh ball diamond where a game was played.

The Rev. C.A. Bucks who has for years been filling the Congregational church pulpit, preached his last sermon there last Sunday morning.

Mrs. J.P. Lantz is quite ill at her home. Her illness has been extended over a period of weeks.

Yorkville: The electric line started the operation of new "single entrance" cars on the Yorkville run Friday. This car is an improvement over the old ones in many ways. The motorman closes the entrance gates before he starts his car and permits none to get off till

the car has come to a stop. The driver of the car is also protected from the passengers, his place being small and segregated from the rest of the car.

The "Y" that was recently built east of town is being used to reverse the cars, thus letting them run in one direction at all times and making it so that a lady doesn't have to pass through the smoking compartment.

Tamarack and Wheatland: The Tamarack and Church schools held memorial exercises at the cemetery Thursday afternoon and decorated the graves of the six soldiers buried there.

June 11: William Williams has fallen in the way of modern rural mail deliverers and is making the trip by auto.

Oswego will be beautified by a number of new residences. L. [Lew C.] Young and his force of carpenters are working on the Walker bungalow. Excavation began for the new Leonard Shoger home, which will adjoin John Burkhart's and the C.L. Burkhart home, which is now under construction.

Ivan Fugate was severely hurt at the Conkey Gravel company's plant and was taken to the Aurora hospital where he is receiving care. He was working around a belt when he was caught by the pulley and thrown to the floor, breaking his jaw bone and reviving serious bruises.

During the construction of their church, the Presbyterians will combine their services with the Evangelical people both Morning and evening.

E.T. Sutherland died at his home in Oswego Monday afternoon. He had been in ill health for a number of years but was taken seriously ill on Memorial Day. Mr. Sutherland was an old soldier and had made his home in Oswego for many years.

The graduating class from the Oswego high school for 1913 was Elfa Schubert, Gladys Barnard, Helen Carlson, Agnes Schubert, Neal Young, Milton Gronewald, Leslie Falk, and Wesley Gronewald, Raymond Richards, Mary Louise Pearce, Olive Burkhart. Salutatorian was Agnes Schubert; Valedictorian was Olive Burkhart.

Miss Stella Suhler closed a most successful year's school work [at the Walker school] with a picnic last Friday. Nineteen pupils and a number of their parents enjoyed the good things prepared for the program. This Walker school has the distinction of being one of the best equipped in Kendall county. Miss Ethel Schlapp has the honor of having the best attendance record, having missed but one day. Miss Winifred Walker justly claims the honor of the highest average in studies for the year and also for not being tardy in three years.

Yorkville: Leo Smith, the street commissioner of Yorkville and a boy who was visiting at the hotel went over the Fox river dam Wednesday evening and narrowly escaped drowning. They had started out in a boat for a fishing trip after supper and their location

did not suit so they started across the river above the dam. The boy assured his companion that he could handle the boat without danger until they got into the suction by the water running through the break at the north end of the dam.

June 18: Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dranir are the proud parents of a daughter born Sunday evening at the city hospital.

The annual reunion of the pupils of the Stone school was held at the J.N. Wayne home Saturday. A large crowd was present.

The United Charities of Chicago, which has in hand the placing of children in various homes for a two weeks summer outing, is assisted by Rev. M.A. Outland, who has been made chairman of the Oswego committee. Those who would be willing to help by taking one or more boys or girls please report to the chairman if possible.

For sale: Milk by the quart. Mrs. S. Peshia.

The annual Sunday school convention of Oswego township will be held in the Methodist church Sunday afternoon and evening, June 22.

After an illness of several years, though serious for only the past three weeks, Emil Wierick died at his home Friday morning. Coming from Germany with parents when a young boy, he settled around here where he has since made his home. For several years he followed the barber's trade, at one time being employed here. On account of ill health he discontinued this some time ago. He resided with his aged mother, who with two sons survive the deceased. Funeral services were held Saturday at the late home. Interment in Oswego cemetery.

Earl T. Sutherland who died at his home in Oswego Monday, June 9, was born in Little Falls, N.Y., Sept. 21, 1844 and came to Oswego some 60 years ago. Here he entered in business and for 40 years has conducted a restaurant and confectionary store at the same location. In 1875 he was married to Miss Lydia Turner who survives him. Nine children, William, John, Jessie, and Fred of Oswego; Mrs. Nick Dillenburg of Aurora; Mrs. Roy Slayton of Sandwich; Mrs. Harry Obman of Plano; Mrs. Fred Widdifield of Montgomery; and Harry of Aurora, also mourn the death of their father.

At the age of 19, Mr. Sutherland enlisted in the Union army in which he served three years as a private in the 127th Illinois infantry, 15th Army Corps, 2d Brigade, 2d Division. He fought in some of the hardest battles but came out unscathed. He was interested politically and served on the Oswego village board for eight years. He was also village marshal for 14 years. This familiar face will be missed by Oswego people. The funeral was held from the Congregational church Thursday. Interment was in Oswego cemetery.

Springfield, June 11--By the decisive vote of 82-58 the woman suffrage bill, which passed the Senate last month, passed the House today at the close of one of the most desperate and spectacular battles witnessed in the Illinois legislature in recent years.

The bill, the first of its kind to go through an Illinois legislature, extends to women the suffrage in the selection of all statutory officials in this state, including the voting for presidential electors. Constitutional officials are not included. By including presidential electors in the measure, the women of Illinois in the event of the Governor signing the bill will be able to vote for candidates for President of the United States in 1916.

Former Speaker Edward D. Shurtleff and Rep. Elwood Barker, Republican of McLeansboro, were the heroes of the suffrage battle today. It was Mr. Shurtleff who snatched the suffrage bill from the burning at the critical moment this afternoon and saved it from a parliamentary death. It also was Mr. Shurtleff who, when the roll was being called, made the unexpected speech at the right moment that turned the tide and a moment later electrified the entire House by his unexpected vote for the bill.

States permitting women's suffrage include Arizona, Colorado, California, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

Yorkville: Ice Cream Factory For On account of ill health, I want to sell. It is a good business and can be increased. Will make price right. B.A. Cotton, Yorkville, Ill.

June 25: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schlapp are the proud parents of a daughter born Saturday, June 21.

Miss Mary Cutter left Tuesday evening for Corpus Christi, Tex., where she will visit at the Charles Rieger home.

The Misses Helen Carlson, Edith Burkhart, Nellie Fugate and Stella Suhler left Monday for DeKalb where they will take a summer course at the Normal.

The Ripmores of Aurora came to Oswego to meet a recent defeat from the Oswego ball team at a score of 8-3.

Mr. L. Wood has resumed duties at the depot after spending a two weeks vacation with relatives.

Plano: The entire directorate of the Independent Harvester Company, the \$10,000,000 harvesting machinery concern whose methods of selling stock is being investigated by the government, resigned yesterday at a meeting held at Plano, the location of the corporation's plant.

As a result of this action, criminal prosecution on a charge of using the mails to defraud, which has been a topic of federal grand jury discussion for some weeks, may not be pressed by the government.

The new officials are William Deering Steward, Plano, president of the Plano State Bank, president; Frank G. Hanchett, an attorney in Chicago; C.S. Steward, Plano; C.E. Jeter, mayor of Plano; F.L. Martin, Hutchinson, Kan.; Grant Grinnell, Kankakee; and E.M. Shelby, Eagle Grove, Ia., directors.

Yorkville: A dispatch of June 13 from Springfield says the State auditor has issued a permit for a bank to C.L. Burkhart, John V. Jessup, L.F. Burkhart, E.S. Todd, and L.F.

Shoger for the Oswego State Bank of Oswego, capital stock, \$20,000. This is a strong organization and our neighbors up the river are to be congratulated on having this institution under the supervision of state officials.

The freight business of the Fox & Illinois Union railroad has increased to such a point that the management have been forced to buy a new locomotive, one of the 43-ton switch type--of the Chicago Belt Line. The grades on the road are so great as to make it impossible for the locomotive now in service to handle enough cars to clear their side tracks. The new motive power is expected this week when the timetable will be followed more closely.

The farmers along the route are using the new line to the limit. They are shipping grain and livestock and are receiving carloads of building material, coal, etc., to a degree that makes the men of the railroad work overtime nearly every day.

The power wires are now strung the entire length and the work of insulating them and fastening them to the poles is going on. The trolley wire is well into Kendall township and the work of putting up the brackets will be finished soon. The greatest delay is in the transformer house that has been delayed by the electrical house contracted to erect it. As soon as the building is erected, the road will be practically ready for electrification.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Little Bernice Anderson, daughter of Thomas Anderson, celebrated her third birthday one day last week by having the small boys and girls of the neighborhood in for the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Susenmeihl are the parents of a 13 pound son who arrived June 5.

Clarence and Florence LaDew are spending this week at the home of their grandparents in Montgomery.

July -- 1913

July 2: Mrs. Henrietta Williams and Miss Lottie Williams entertained at their home last Wednesday evening for Rev. G. Black, who that evening delivered an address at the Methodist church.

Messrs. and Mmes. Frank and Charles Herren and Robert Herren have returned from La Crosse, Wis., where they attended the wedding of Walter Herren to Miss Mabel Bryant Saturday morning. The bride and groom left for a week's trip through the Wisconsin summer resorts and then will come to Oswego to visit relatives. They will then make their home in Omaha where the groom will enter the wholesale hardware and implement business with his father in law, Mr. Bryant.

Tamarack and Wheatland: George LaDew returned Monday from a trip to Hannibal, Mo. He was accompanied by his brother, Kinley LaDew of Montgomery. While there they visited a cousin at Perry, Mo., and also the farm just across the Mississippi in this state

where the family lived some 30 years ago. They found many changes, although the house was still standing, but unoccupied.

Yorkville: The new engine for the Yorkville-Morris road arrived today and will be put in commission at once. It is expected that the locomotive will be able to handle the business of the road more expeditiously and Manager Zimmerman assures less delays in the schedule.

July 9: Mrs. James Austin and children of Washington, D.C. are at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mose Cherry to spend the summer.

Huy Biesemier has accepted a position with the Cudahy Packing Company of Aurora, beginning duties Monday noon.

John. B. Baumann, a former Kendall county farmer, died at his farm near Montgomery Sunday after suffering ill health for about two years. His homestead is well known to travelers on the Fox River branch of the Burlington--the big white house east of the tracks as they cross the bridge beyond Oswego. Mr. Baumann lived in the vicinity of Montgomery for 35 years and was a prosperous farmer and stock raiser. The funeral will be held from St. Mary's church, Aurora.

After an illness of several years, Hon. Charles T. Cherry of NaAuSay died at his winter home at Daytona Beach, Fla. Monday June 30, 1913. Mr. Cherry has suffered with Bright's disease and heart trouble and several times his life had been despaired of. Mr. Cherry was one of the most prominent men in Kendall county politics during his active life and was a representative from this district in the Illinois legislature for five terms, being first elected in 1890. He was also a prominent figure at Springfield and was a leader of the Republican majority during a large part of the time.

After retiring from active politics he was appointed by President Roosevelt as receiver of two national banks in Oklahoma.

Mr. Cherry was born in the house which for so many years has been his home Feb. 20, 1858, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Cherry. Of the 14 children in the family, there now survive Hamilton, Moses, and John Cherry of NaAuSay and Oswego; Mrs. William Clow of Plainfield; and Mrs. Ida Faxon of Plano. The father came from Buffalo, N.Y. in 1854 and settled the homestead. He bought his first land for \$27 per acre and added to it till he had acquired 3,200 acres at the time of his death. Charles T., the fourth son, received the homestead as his birth right and it has been known throughout the country as one of the most hospitable homes in the county, one where the latch string was always out.

Dec. 31, 1879 Mr. Cherry was married to Miss Emma Clark, who died eight years ago this spring. Since then, Mr. Cherry seemed to lose interest in his home place as a residence and spent much of his time in Florida.

The funeral was held from the late home in NaAuSay Monday afternoon when a large number of friends and relatives gathered to pay their last respects. Interment was in the NaAuSay cemetery.

“Charlie” Cherry, as he was familiarly known, was a man of striking physique, being six feet and three inches tall and weighed over 300 pounds. In spite of his bulk he carried himself well and was always a prominent figure wherever he went.

Yorkville: While no franchise has been granted on either side of the river, the granting of the right to lay mains is thought to be but a matter of a few days. The Western United Gas & Electric Company has asked for a franchise of 50 years on each side of the river and there is no known opposition to the movement. If the right is granted at once and in Plano and Sandwich, it is thought that the mains will be extended from Oswego this fall and Yorkville will be supplied. The Yorkville board of trustees passes on it Thursday night and of Bristol on Monday night.

The most valuable pearl ever found on the American continent as brought into Chicago Wednesday to be appraised, says the Inter Ocean. It was valued at \$8,700. The pearl was found several days ago by Dr. Jesse Carr of Sheridan on the banks of the Fox river. It weights 62 grains, and is a perfect specimen.

Dr. Carr had spent the day rowing and as he beached his boat his attention was attracted by a giant mussel shell. Not suspecting the treasure, he pried open the shell and found the great pearl nestling inside.

His friends to whom he exhibited his find admired the size of it, but guessed far below its real value. Pearl fishermen have found large gems in the Fox river, but nothing equaling this one in size and perfection.

Dr. Carr named it “Queen of America,” and presented it to his wife. On his first opportunity he brought it to Chicago to have it appraised and was astonished when told of its worth.

One of the most severe thunder storms that ever visited this community passed over Tuesday evening beginning about 4 o’clock. The street cars were held up for power, none getting to Yorkville until 7 o’clock. Many were stranded at Yorkville and many of our Aurora visitors used the more reliable Burlington train to get home.

The heavy traveling wagon in which he was going across the country blew over onto Dick Wallenberg Tuesday afternoon and broke his neck. The accident happened on the river road to Aurora between the Old Kennedy farm and W.E. VanCleve’s about 4:30 where the party had stopped on account of the storm. Coroner Drew was summoned and the inquest was held at the VanCleve home in the evening, where it was found that the man had been accidentally killed.

The story as told by the witnesses is as follows: Wallenberg had joined Mr. and Mrs. D.E. O’Connor at Toledo, Ohio at the time of their departure for Fort Dodge, Ia., where they intended to take up a farm. They were also horse dealers. They left Montgomery at noon Tuesday, bound west and were forced to stop by the approach of the storm. They had set the tent and Mrs. O’Connor was preparing supper when the tent blew over. She ran around and climbed into the front seat of the big wagon while Wallenberg took refuge behind it, his back to the wagon. This vehicle, formerly a mail wagon, was exceptionally heavy and with the top was rather top heavy. A strong gust of wind overturned it, burying Wallenberg under it and breaking his neck.

Wallenberg is not known to have any relatives and was a circus helper. He is said to have been unable to work this summer on account of rheumatism and was taking this trip as a pleasant diversion. He was about 40 years of age.

From a minimum temperature of 34 degrees on June 9 the mercury in the government thermometer observed by Herman Grimwood passed through all the degrees up to 101 on June 29. This gives the month a double record of being one of the coldest as well as breaking all records for heat since the establishment of the United States weather bureau for June.

The Kansas City Post balloon which finished second in the balloon race, Saturday passed over the Julius T. Sauer farm near Fox at 5:30 Saturday morning. The aeronauts dropped a note which read "Kansas City Post balloon. All well."

July 16: Miss Mabel Biesemier was unable to attend duties at the CB& Q office in Aurora for two days of last week on account of illness.

Robert Richards is enjoying a two weeks vacation from duties at the W.J. Morse store, Raymond Richards supplying during the time.

Andrew Pierce met with an accident Monday while at work in the Conkey Sand and Gravel Company's pit. Catching his right hand in the engine fractured his bones. Charles Turpin has severed connections with the Silo company for which he has been employed.

Robert Gates is employed at Schultz Brothers & Company since Mr. H. Van started on his vacation.

Yorkville: The bill abolishing the state fish and game departments and creating the State Game and Fish Conservation commission has passed the legislature and became effective July 1. This cancels all commissions to fish wardens and game wardens, whose positions will be filled by five state fish and game wardens and 60 deputy wardens, who will be required to pass the state civil service tests.

The village board in special session Thursday night passed the ordinance granting the Western United Gas and Electric Company the franchise for supplying gas for commercial purposes to the village for 50 years. Yorkville is getting mighty poor service from the Aurora electric line, and has been for some weeks. Car off the track, behind time, and holding passengers here while the Minneapolis vehicle runs down in the pit to turn around and backs up to the end of the track. The line needs reorganization and rehabilitation. Taking an hour to come from Aurora to Yorkville is pretty slow these times. Lack of power to run cars is too often the difficulty.

Thursday morning the Fox & Illinois Union Railroad used electricity as a motive power for the first time. The first car was tried Wednesday afternoon and made the run to the Thompson stone quarry, seven miles from Morris satisfactorily. This brings the

electrifying of the line one mile into Kendall county, ending at the Central elevator of which Mr. E.S. Fletcher is president.

July 23: The Epworth League of the Methodist church held a marshmallow roast among the Waubonsie creek last Tuesday evening.

J.O. Pahaly acted as agent at the depot the last of the week. Mr. L.E. Wood suffered a heat prostration Wednesday evening which necessitated the change.

Thursday evening of this week a 15 cent supper will be served at the Methodist parsonage.

After spending a month at their summer cottage at Morgan Creek the Fred Falk family have returned to their home.

Clare Willis of Iowa is here to assist his brother Fred Willis in his business.

Norval Tripp is spending several days with his grandparents in Aurora.

Miss Bernice Pearce was called from Fort Wayne, Ind., to accept a position at the Aurora office of the Chicago Telephone Company.

The recent ball game between the Kane Streets of Aurora and the Oswego team was a score close enough to be interesting--3-2 in Oswego's favor.

Saturday morning while seated at their breakfast, the Charles Friebele family were startled to notice smoke issuing from the barn. Flames were soon bursting from the top of the barn. Assistance was hastily summoned but the fire was too intense to save the building. The horses were taken from the barn, as was most of the other contents. The loft, which had been filled with new hay, is where the fire started, supposedly from spontaneously combustion.

Yorkville: Automobilists take notice: The state law requires lights on automobiles and motorcycles after sunset while in motion. This is a warning to you; beware of what will follow if not observed.

Four men in an automobile went into the ditch just east of the Lewis Rickard home on the river road Friday night and suffered severe bruises besides smashing the machine irreparably. John Biever of Aurora, a young man who was running an auto livery, was driving the car at that time. The other three occupants were also Aurora men who were camping along the river near the scene of the accident.

Biever had owned his car but a week and was inexperienced. He was called to the camp to take these men to Aurora. Starting up the Aurora road about 2 o'clock in the morning, the machine was going at a good rate of speed when it took the turn at the willows east of the Rickard farm and ran off the road. After running a distance in the ditch the auto struck a tree and threw all the occupants out. Help was summoned from near by houses and the

men were taken to Oswego and later home. Thought they were badly shaken, there were no bones broken.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Farmers have finished haying and are harvesting oats this week.

The whooping cough is prevalent in the neighborhood.

July 30: Preparations are being completed for the Duffy picnic, which will be held Friday on the school grounds.

Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Read have returned from a most delightful vacation trip to Mackinac and surrounding places.

Mrs. Richard Irving (colored) was tried for her sanity in the county court at Yorkville Friday and sent to the Northern Illinois State Hospital at Elgin.

Mrs. A.E. Rowsell died very suddenly at her home in Oswego Monday, June 28. She had been in her usual good health and retired feeling well on Sunday night. She was, however taken sick early Monday morning and died in the evening. It is thought that her illness was caused by Ptomaine poisoning.

Edith Schamp was born in New Jersey Nov. 29, 1875, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George R. and Sarah Schamp. She came as an infant to Illinois where her parents settled and where she has since made her home. In 1898 she was married to Arthur E. Rowsell, who, with an only son, Donald, survives her. She was a member of the Presbyterian church.

Funeral services were held at the church. Interment was in Oswego cemetery.

August -- 1913

Aug. 6: Mrs. Harry Clark, nee Minnie Coster, died Tuesday afternoon after a long illness. The funeral will be from the late home Thursday and the Oswego prairie church.

The reunion of those who went to school to Mr. C.C. Duffy was, as usual a big success. It was held on the school grounds in Oswego and 98 sat down to the long table for dinner.

Yorkville: The *Plainfield Enterprise* says that Congressman Ira C. Copley of Aurora has purchased the interest of Col. John Lambert in the *Joliet Herald* and of James Ferris in the *Joliet News*. This gives him a controlling interest in all the dailies in his district, the two Joliet papers, the *Elgin Courier*, and the *Aurora Beacon-News*. It will be hard for a candidate against him to get any support in the district, and means that Col. Copley will doubtless be a candidate to succeed himself.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Miss Mabel King and Eugene Tuttle were married at the U.P. Manse Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m. The couple will live on the farm in Wheatland which the groom has worked for a number of years.

A number from here attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Arthur Rowswell in Oswego last Wednesday.

Aug. 13: Mrs. C.S. Barker left last week for Yellowstone Park, being joined in Nebraska with her brother's family, who with her will tour the park.

A number from here attended a thimble party at the summer home of Mrs. A.J. Denney last Friday afternoon, reporting a most enjoyable affair.

Tom Hopkins of Savannah joined his family here Sunday, remaining to enjoy his vacation among relatives and friends.

The cornerstone of the new Presbyterian church was laid with appropriate services last Wednesday evening. Despite the threatening weather a good attendance witnessed the ceremony. The cornerstone of the old Presbyterian church erected in 1853 serviced a conspicuous place in the services.

Yorkville: That a little town like Yorkville should receive a shipment of nearly three tons of white paper on which to print the weekly issue is something out of common, the paper-sellers say. But last week, Mr. Ed rice delivered at the backdoor of this office 53 bundles, weighing 5,850 pounds. This nice white paper will be printed on and distributed to the nearly 1,300 families that take *The Record*, and the paper is read by approximately 9,000 people.

Every family in Kendall county should have *The Record* as a weekly visitor because it publishes matter concerning the home county that you do not get in any other paper, and no city daily, big or little, can fill the place of your home paper.

Friday night, Aug. 9, was the hottest night of the year, the thermometer staying at 77 degrees and above all that night. In fact the whole of last week was hot, the only relief coming when the rain started Sunday morning.

Aug. 20: Mmes Robert Johnston and Watts Cutter chaperoned two auto loads of young ladies to Electric Park [in Plainfield] Saturday afternoon where they picnicked and enjoyed the good things such an occasion affords.

About ten from here enjoyed a picnic at Fox River Park last Friday evening given by Herbert Barnard and George Troll for Miss Gertrude Slater. Needless to say, it was an enjoyable affair.

Miss Gertrude Slater left Monday evening for her home in Kansas.

Miss Daisy Shoger is spending two weeks in Chicago at a wholesale millinery house.

Mrs. Minnie Coster Clark, who died at the Aurora City hospital Tuesday, Aug. 5, 1913, was born in Kendall county Sept. 25, 1883. Her parents resided near Yorkville and in that vicinity this estimable lady made her home till her marriage to Harry Clark Feb. 22, 1910. She was a nurse previous to her marriage and leaves many friends to mourn her death besides her husband and two sons, Franklin and Harry Jr.; three brothers in Chicago; two sisters in Aurora, one in Yorkville and one in Minnesota. Mrs. Clark was a constant and efficient worker in the Oswego Prairie church from which church her funeral was held Aug. 7. Interment was in the Oswego cemetery. None could say but good of Mrs. Clark who won so many friends by her kind and congenial disposition, a fact exemplified by the interest displayed during her six weeks of illness.

Rollin Mason Wheeler was born near Casleton, Rutland county, Vermont Sept. 17, 1821 and died at his home in NaAuSay Aug. 14, 1913, age 91 years, 10 months, and 28 days, being the eldest of 11 children, the son of Alonson K. and Sarah Whitlock Wheeler. John A. Wheeler of NaAuSay is the only surviving member of the family.

In 1843, when 22 years of age, he drove through from Vermont, in company with his sister, Mary Ann and her husband, O.C. Johnson, to Illinois and selected the land in NaAuSay township, where he lived until his death, being the last person in Kendall county to live on land deeded to him by the government. The next year, Mr. Wheeler returned to the east where he married Phoebe A. Todd of Granville, N.Y., Sept. 17, 1844. They immediately returned to Illinois, the trip being made by canal from Albany to Buffalo, then across the lakes to Chicago, and then from Chicago to Oswego with H.B. Judson [is this actually L.B. Judson?] on a load of merchandise.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler brought with them a copy of the creed of the Congregational church. This was used in the organization of the first church services held in this community. Later on, the church was reorganized into the present Aux Sable Presbyterian church, of which both were charter members, he being one of the last of the surviving members. He was active in all the works of the church, serving as an elder until he was no longer able to act in that capacity.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler have celebrated their 50th and 60th anniversary. There are left to mourn his loss one son, nine grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren, together with other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held from the late home Saturday and a large company of relatives and friends filled the house and many were seated on the lawn. With the death of Mr. Wheeler there now remains only one of the 18 charter members of the AuxSable Grove Presbyterian church.

Yorkville: Murder after murder is the story told in the papers daily. The free sale of firearms and whiskey make a good combination to keep the jails of the country full to overflowing. It is hard to tell why the laws with regard to the sale of revolvers and the carrying of concealed weapons are not enforced and it is also a question as to why the sale of liquor to a person till he becomes a maniac is permitted.

Aug. 27: The Methodist Sunday school will hold their annual picnic Thursday, Aug. 28, at C.I. Smith's Grove [along Waubonsie Creek].

Henry Biesemier and Miss Mary Shedd of Rockford were quietly married last Wednesday evening at Aurora where they will make their home.

Miss Beulah Pearce accompanied a party of east side school friends to an all day picnic at the Falk cottage last Saturday.

Mr. Herman Wartenberg, an employee of the Chicago Telephone Company, met with an untimely death Aug. 19 while at his duties at Joliet. Mr. W. was foreman of a line gang and had tane up a pole to inspect work that had been done. The pole swayed with the weight and, accidentally, high-tension wires were touched, 33,000 volts passing through the body. Several doctors were on the scene of the disaster but all efforts failed to restore him to life. Mr. W. was for some time employed in Oswego as an employee of the company where he met and married Miss Maud Pierce about two and a half years ago.

Mrs. Sarah McCarty and granddaughter, Rose Pearce, have returned to their home in St. Paul after a ten-day visit at the Frank Pearce home.

The old plank of the river bridge will be sold in lots at the bridge, Oswego, Saturday, Aug. 30, 1913 at 4 p.m. A.E. Rowsell, auctioneer. James Campbell, Commissioner of Highways.

Yorkville: Warrants were placed in the hands of Constable Hardekopf this morning for the arrest of Covell Sleezer and Charles Marden for fast automobile driving on the north side. It is said that the two young men raced on Main street Monday. Trustee John Esch swore out warrants Tuesday evening before Justice McOmber.

September -- 1913

Sept. 3: Dr. L.J. Weishew is enjoying a visit from his father from Pennsylvania.

Call and inspect our line of Boys' Knee-Pants. Just the thing for school wear; from 48 cents to 98 cents a pair at W.J. Morse's Oswego.

Miss Floi Johnston has returned from a three days' camp at the Elms [near Yorkville] with friends from Aurora.

Ben Biesemier is taking an enforced vacation from duties at the Read store; an injured finger causing the trouble.

Mrs. Nancy Dugan has returned from LaGrange where she spent several days at the home of her son, A.C. Lake. Donald Lake accompanied her to her home to spend several day s.

Oswego school began Tuesday with the following teachers, Professor W. Uhl assisted by M.A. Outland; Misses Freda Nading, Edith Burkhart, and Nellie Bushnell for the grades.

Plattville: The North Plattville threshing gang finished threshing at S.J. Clayton's Thursday and in the afternoon enjoyed a picnic and social which was attended by their wives and families. Base ball and other games were indulged in after which ice cream and cake was served. All enjoyed the occasion so much that it was decided to hold these picnics annually at the last place of threshing.

NaAuSay: Mrs. Mottinger and son C.W. Mottinger of Plainfield were weekend guests of Almon Mottinger.

School commenced at the Union, with Miss Laura Kennedy of Yorkville as teacher and at the McCauley with Miss Helen Carlson of Oswego.

A high school has been organized at the Chapel. Ten pupils are enrolled. Miss Elizabeth Morrow, a graduate of Worchester, is the teacher.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Most of the schools will commence Tuesday of this week.

Miss Fern Gates and brother Albert were recent visitors at the home of their sister, Mrs. Gilbert Collins.

Sept. 10: Miss Mary Cutter began the school year Monday as teacher of the Cutter school.

The first meeting of the parent-teacher club was held at the school house last Friday afternoon. After a short business session a very interesting program was given. The Misses Ruth and Doris Denney furnished the instrumental selection.

A farewell picnic was held by a number of the young ladies at the famous Waubonsie picnic grounds last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Boardman, Mr. and Mrs. Will Boughton of Wheatland visited with their cousins, Lucia and Lizzie Moore Sunday. Miss Lucia accompanied them home.

Laura May, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schlapp, died at their home Sunday morning. Born June 21, 1913, the child had never been very robust. Funeral services held from the home. Interment at NaAuSay.

Messrs. and Mmes. G.M. Cowdrey, Calvin Pearce, A.E. Cooney, Mr. John Roberts, Miss Etta Roberts, and Mrs. George White attended the reunion of the 127th Illinois Infantry held at the GAR hall in Aurora last Saturday.

Fred Groner is enjoying a two weeks' vacation from duties at the telephone office.

T.S. Simpson shipped another carload of ponies to England this week.

Mrs. M.L. Smith and Noah Carpenter will be married today at the home of Mrs. Smith. Mr. Carpenter is now from Sioux City, Ia., but was formerly a resident of the Oswego neighborhood.

We, undersigned merchants of Oswego, agree to close our respective places of business at 7 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week commencing Monday, Sept. 15, 1913. W.J. Morse; Schultz Bros. & Co.; H.B. Read; J.G. Bower.

William Varner died at his home in Oswego Sunday after suffering a stroke of paralysis on Thursday. He had made his home in the house in which he breathed his last for 50 years and was well and favorably known. His failing health had made him retire from active life during the past few years, but he was still familiar about town. He served three years in the 127th Illinois Volunteers and upon his muster out became an engineer and from then on worked at various occupations.

Mr. Varner was born in Grove, N.Y. July 2, 1829 and came to Illinois when a young lad with his parents. Oct. 27, 1868 he was married at Yorkville to Susan C. Wormley, who survives him. There is also left a daughter, Mrs. Charles Lindemier who resides near Plattville. A sister, Mrs. Kate Boyne, lives at Kansas City, Mo., and a nephew, Mark Williams lives at Steger, Ill.

The funeral was held from the home Thursday. Mr. Varner was a member of Post no. 20, GAR, Aurora.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Word comes from Aurora of the arrival of an eight pound daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Young born Sunday morning at the City Hospital. The mother was formerly Miss Elsie Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. George LaDew and Mr. and Mrs. Robert LaDew motored to DeKalb last Friday and attended the country life conference. In the afternoon they went to Rolo and visited the new consolidated school, returning home by way of Sandwich and Yorkville.

A light shower in these parts Monday morning did a little good, but more is needed. It is thought the late potato crop will be light.

Yorkville: August dealt kindly with the people of Kendall county, both in the matter of heat and rain. There were but seven days of weather when the temperature went over 90. The nights were also cool, the temperature during the nights was 70 while on the fifth the mercury dropped to 47 degrees. Nearly six inches of rain fell during the early part of the month, the total being 5.77 inches.

Sept. 17: Mr. Henry Baum and family moved to Aurora last week where he has purchased a home. E. Moyer and family are to occupy the place thus vacated.

Professor and Mrs. N.J. Pearce of Iowa City are at the James Pearce home.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher died Monday. The little daughter's life was despaired of when she was born on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Carpenter left Tuesday on their wedding trip to various points in South Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Everyone is planning to attend the Wheatland plowing match on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Rance have returned from a month's visit in Wisconsin with Mrs. R's people.

Sept. 24: A regular meeting of the Woodmen will be held in their hall Thursday evening of this week.

Ray Mitchell was caught in the machinery at Conkey Gravel Company Tuesday. His hand was badly mangled and he may have suffered other injuries.

The property known as the Williams hitch-barn in Oswego is for sale with four lots. Can be bought very cheap. W. Williams, Oswego.

Yorkville: At the adjourned meeting of the board of supervisors on Monday, Sept. 15, plans for the proposed "State Roads" were laid as follows: The first road goes from Oswego south to the Grundy county road. Another from Yorkville south to the German church, then east and meets first road at the Union church to Wynne's corner and east to Caton Farm road and goes to the Will county line to join the main road to Joliet. The third road starts north of Oswego at the Kane county line to the Oswego bridge south of the river to Yorkville. Fourth road starts at Kane county line through Bristol Station to Plano, west to Sandwich. A spur is planned to be put in from the road south of Yorkville north across Yorkville bridge. Another from Yorkville through Millington and Millbrook to Newark.

October -- 1913

Oct. 1: Mr. Henry Cutter died at the home of his son, Scott C. Cutter of Oswego Tuesday afternoon. He was one of the old settlers of Oswego and had a wide acquaintance. The sketch of his life will be printed next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Todd and son have resumed their residence at Oswego.

John. P. Schickler has recently purchased the remainder of the N. Martin farm. He disposed of the farm he last owned to Frank Friebele.

Paul Dwyer recently accepted a position with the Burlington at Aurora offices.

John Bell is forced to use crutches to walk, sustaining an injury while cranking his automobile.

Gus Welz has moved his family to the apartment above the W.J. Morse store.

William Williams has resumed duties as mail carrier after a three weeks' vacation, A.E. Cooney substituting.

John Burkhart has sold the farm known as the Stevenson property to William and George Campbell.

Rudolph Knapp has returned from Kansas City where he purchased several carloads of cattle.

Schultz Brothers and Company will have an electric grinder installed, which will be used in various ways the business demands.

John Wald left Monday evening for Germany to visit relatives and places where he lived in his boyhood days.

NaAuSay: Frank Bundy died at his home in Plainfield Sunday morning, Sept. 28. Funeral service was held in the Methodist church and burial in Plainfield cemetery Tuesday afternoon. Deceased was a former resident of NaAuSay. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife and nine children.

Will Falkenberg raised a new barn Thursday afternoon.

Tamarack and Wheatland: A number from here attended the Big Rock plowing match last Saturday.

The Stewart brothers were filling their silos last week. Each one of the three have erected new ones this fall.

Yorkville: The Kendall County board of supervisors voted to appoint candidates to take the examination for the office of county superintendent of roads. Appointed were J.D. Russell, Glenn H. Fletcher, Hugh Palmer, E.B. Sleezer, and Fred Falk. In addition, the board specified the six county roads that were to be classified as state aid roads.

In accordance with the new charity law passed by the recent legislature, Judge C.S. Williams has appointed Mrs. Ella D. Hill as probation officer for the county. Her duties will include the investigation of all claims for mothers' pensions and delinquent and dependent which come before the county court. It will also cause the investigation of all cases that have already been passed upon, to see that the instructions of the court have been obeyed. At present there are several cases to come to the attention of the new officer including a mother's pension case from Oswego township and a delinquent and dependent case implicating some four or five children from Bristol township.

The Burlington railroad company has certainly given our neighbors a depot or station that any small city would be proud of. It has taken many years to replace the old frame building in use for some 40 years but the waiting has paid in the proud achievement that has been accomplished. The new station, on the "railroad park" north of the tracks, is substantial and beautiful in every way; built of brick, handsomely trimmed, with corrugated tile roof, modern wood finishings inside, and all the conveniences of today's requirements; it is a building that reflects honor on the Burlington company and is a credit to Plano. It is probably the most costly building in Kendall county, hardly excepting our court house.

Nicholas Adams of Aurora was shot by Albert Randall near Oswego Saturday afternoon while the former was gathering nuts on the property rented by Randall. Adams and Henry Myers were spending the afternoon in the country and at the Knickerbocker ice Co.'s land near Oswego they stopped to gather nuts. Randall and his brother, who have rented the property saw them and ordered them off. After some argument in which it is said that Randall became abusive, he shot Adams with a shotgun, painfully wounding him. Adams was taken to his home in Aurora where he is recovering. Randall was placed under arrest and Justice George Tuttle bound him over to the grand jury on the charge of "assault with a deadly weapon." he is out on a bond of \$300.

Oct. 8: James Pearce returned Saturday from Iowa where he had been in the interest of his farms.

A demonstrator will be at the W.J. Morse store Oct. 14 and 15 to serve MEX-O-JA coffee. Come, bring your friends.

Charles Cherry of NaAuSay left Tuesday morning for Broadview, Montana to visit his brother Harry.

Lloyd, six year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Price, died at his home early Tuesday morning. He was taken ill last Tuesday, supposedly from poisoning. Along the roadside the children had been eating thorn apples and it is thought that he ate poison berries by mistake.

NaAuSay: T.G. Johnson is erecting a new corn crib.

Tamarack and Wheatland: An eight pound daughter made her appearance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Stewart Wednesday, Oct. 1.

Oct. 15: The Presbyterian choir enjoyed an auto trip to Starved Rock and Deer Park Saturday. About 20 went and report a delightful trip.

The first entertainment of the lyceum course was held in the Congregational church Monday evening. The Seminary Girls gave a pleasing entertainment to a well-filled church.

Mrs. Margaret Woolley has broken ground for her new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Carpenter have returned from an extended wedding trip to Dakota and Minnesota.

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Maria Dowd, which occurred at her home in Winona, Minn., last week. Mrs. D. was a former Oswego resident, most favorably known to a large number of friends.

Levi Young of Quincy is visiting among Oswego friends.

The wedding of Miss Lida Pearce, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Pearce, to Robert Stuart of Wautoma, Wis., occurred at the home of the bride's parents Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart left later in the afternoon for a short wedding trip, after which they will make their home in Ripon, Wis.

Mr. Harold Russell and Miss Annette Budd of Sandwich also chose Oct. 14 for their wedding day. Mr. and Mrs. Russell left for a trip after which they will make Oswego their home.

Henry Clay Cutter, who died at his home in Oswego Sept. 30, 1913 was one of the best-known Oswego old residents. He was born in Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 26, 1830, and came west in 1852 with his brother, James, and made his home on the Cutter homestead west of Oswego. In their days of manhood, these two men went to California with the gold seekers but returned to their home in the east. In 1852 they again started for California but, while in Chicago, learned of the farming possibilities of the Fox River Valley. Each purchased a horse and rode to Oswego where they purchased the farm that remained the property of Mr. Cutter for many years and became known as the Cutter homestead. It is now owned by Frank Friebele. Success crowned the banner of Mr. Cutter and his holdings grew until his acres numbered high in the hundreds. While his health failed during the past few years, he has made disposition of these properties and made his home in Oswego.

His dealings with his fellow man have marked him as a person worthy to be set as an example for the present generation.

Mr. Cutter was buried at Oswego cemetery Oct. 2 after services at his late home in charge of Dr. Rowena Morse Mann, a Unitarian pastor from Chicago.

Yorkville: A North Carolina judge has been making very sweeping accusations against the telephone.

He declares that it is helping to break down the morality of young womanhood, as "boys and girls say things to each other over the phone that they would not say if they had to speak face-to-face."

The use of the telephone, Judge Carter said, caused people thoughtlessly to order things from merchants that they would not otherwise purchase, and thus increase their bills.

Private extravagance, he said, "finds expression in the purchase of automobiles by people

who couldn't buy shoes were their honest debts paid, and private extravagance which threatens to bankrupt the country." He said that much of the crime today can be traced directly to extravagant living.

Men of the Public Service company have been busy for some days here in putting up new poles and fitting them up for the big wire that will furnish us electric light and power from the plant at Joliet. Then we will have service 24 hours in the day and have the standard 110-volt service so we can have electric toasters, roasters, and boilers on our tables in the kitchen without fussing with gasoline stoves or ranges.

And the Fox & Illinois Union Railroad is being improved at this end; new concrete car-barn is being built to house the passenger cars here, and other smaller buildings being put up for the use of the company. The road has now become a necessity to many people on the line for miles on each side. Passengers are coming and going in larger numbers each day and school children come here by the line and at the other end go to Morris. The freight traffic is large, and when the regular service is assured there will probably be mail service between here and Morris.

The ice company is getting ready to repair the north end of the river dam, preparatory to the winter's storage of ice in thousands of tons. Some talk of a new concrete dam.

Superintendent A.D. Curran and U.J. Hoffman, state supervisor of rural schools, are making a tour of Kendall county. They will visit every rural school and Mr. Hoffman has the power to place these schools on what is known as the "standardized list" if they come up to the requirements. There is no doubt but that the schools of Kendall county are up to the standard of any in the state and that Mr. Hoffman will be pleased with his visit. Mr. Curran has proven an efficient official and has these "children of his" up to the highest grade throughout.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Mmes. Margaret Rance, J.H. Gibson, Harvey Ferguson, George LaDew and Miss Jessie Burnett attended the convention of the W.M.S. [Women's Missionary Society] of Chicago last Thursday at the eighth U.P. church on Garfield boulevard.

Oct. 22: Miss Hazel Moyer, having completed a business course at an Aurora business college, will be employed by the Royston Company.

A.E. Cooney has recently purchased the A.L. Tramaine farm and will take possession as soon as his village interests can be attended to.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Russell have returned to the J.D. Russell home after a short wedding trip and will make their home there.

Mrs. Lou Young and Neal have returned from a weekend visit with Chicago relatives.

Mrs. J.A. Bell has had her cottage redecorated and improved for Rev. Mr. Grinnell of the Congregational church who, with his family, will occupy it this week.

Phil Clauser who, for months past has been employed by the Todd Lumber Company, has moved into the Dr. A.E. VanDeventer residence last occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Hill, and has since accepted a position with Irving Haines who, with his carpenters, have begun work on the Margaret Woolley residence.

It is with regret we learned of the death of the infant twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Almon Wolf Monday.

Earl Simpson has rented the William Hitch barn, where they are caring for the show ponies recently returned from the state fairs at Milwaukee, Louisville, and Nashville where they carried away many prizes.

Yorkville: While on the road to Aurora the latter part of the week one could see the excavator at work digging the trench for the gas pipes which will supply Yorkville and vicinity with gas in the near future. The Western United Gas & Electric Company have a gang of men with a steam digger working from Oswego this way and it is thought the piping will be well finished before the ground is frozen deep enough to stop the work. The company had a franchise and it is only a question of getting the piping finished when the gas can be turned.

The steam digger for the sewer construction in Yorkville is also on the ground and this work is being pushed to the utmost.

October 29: Word has been received of the death of Delia Whiting. She will be remembered by many of the scholars of the old stone school house. She was a graduate of Wheaton college and a successful teacher in the schools of Joliet, Aberdeen, S.D., and Tacoma, Wash. She was an invalid for several years and spent the last two years in California where she died at Upland Oct. 13.

Ben Whitman, a two-years resident of Oswego moved to Aurora.

OSWEGO POSTMASTER DELINQUENT

It was something of a surprise to many when the news became public last week that H.S. Richards, for a dozen years postmaster at Oswego, was short some \$2,900 in his account with the department. There were some who opposed Mr. Richards as the postmaster who think the surprise is not a wonder. Harley Richards had many friends in the county and they can hardly account for his delinquency. He was a master carpenter and builder and was much in demand as a contractor. But the public office seemed to have dulled his appreciation for working at his trade and he drifted into a bad habit--some people say. It is published in a neighboring newspaper that when the post office inspectors called to examine his accounts, his clerk in the post office sent out to have him come in and "he was found in a saloon playing cards." That's what gets men--the saloon and its associations.

A year ago or more and inspector intimated to the postmaster at Yorkville that there seemed to be some cloud on the affairs of the Oswego postmaster, but that he could be derelict to the amount of nearly \$3,000 seems to be impossible. It is grievous that we have to record this lapse in an old friend and one who has stood well in his community,

but the facts must be told. The bondsmen of Mr. Richards are Watts Cutter, "Doc" Woolley, and Ed. A Smith. Harley has made over his property to them. By direction of a post office inspector, Postmaster Richards was arrested by a United States marshal and taken to Chicago where he appeared before the United States commissioner, Lewis Mason, for a hearing. He will doubtless be held to bail and have a trial in the United States court unless he pleads guilty and takes his punishment without contest. The punishment is severe--up to ten years in the federal prison and a heavy fine. The property owned by Mr. Richards in fee will hardly reimburse his bondsmen, and other creditors will be left.

Mr. Richards gave bail in the sum of \$4,000 and was liberated until a federal grand jury acts in the matter. Charles T. Cherry, a rural mail carrier from the Oswego office, has been appointed postmaster by the Richards bondsmen until a new official is appointed and qualifies.

Yorkville: The grand jury heard the evidence against the three suspected bank robbers who were brought from Joliet Saturday and indicted them for robbing the Millbrook bank. The men are Charles Stupey, John Clint, and Herb Washburn. State's Attorney Burkhart had his witnesses and case all ready on Monday and it was but a short job to convince the jurors that the men were at least to be suspicioned.

True bills were brought by the grand jury for the following cases: Alvin Randall of Oswego, assault with a deadly weapon; Earl Abbot, Plano, assault to commit rape; Henry Pierce, Oswego, keeping open a dram shop on Sunday; John Clint, Charles Stupey, and Herb Washburn, bank robbery; Ernest Nolte, Lisbon, attempted rape.

Court was then adjourned until Wednesday morning when several applications for naturalization papers will be heard.

The case of Cameron vs. Clinton, involving a large home in Oswego decided in favor of the defendant in the circuit court last year was reversed in the state supreme court and returned for another trial.

News of the New Railroad

North and South Through Newark

The Record is informed that the Illinois Midland Railway was incorporated at Springfield last week. It is planned to have the construction work carried on under the supervision of a construction company. The incorporation of the railroad company will enable the company to go ahead with any condemnation suits, etc., and is incorporated at this time more for that special reason than any other.

There are now in camp between Newark and Millington 100 men with 30 teams and all machinery for railroad construction. The surveyors have completed their field work between Seneca and Millington and construction will be commenced this week.

November -- 1913

Nov. 5: Kenneth Darfler is assisting at the W.J. Morse store during the illness of Robert Richards.

Rev. J. Turner Hood has resigned from the Presbyterian church to accept a position in the presbytery. The resignation is to take effect the last of the month.

The Parent-Teachers' club will meet at the school house Friday, a good attendance is desired. This club was formed but a short time ago and many good things have been accomplished by their hard work. Various games and amusements have been given the school children by these efforts and it is a fact to be regretted that anything pertaining to this improvement may be tampered with. Halloween jokers (?) found vent by cutting ropes of swings and with otherwise destroying things the parent-teachers' club had worked so earnestly for the betterment of our boys, girls, and schools.

Mrs. Lillie Collins Richards died at the St. Charles hospital, Aurora, early on the morning of Nov. 3 after a long and trying illness. She had been long afflicted with a cancer and it was that cut her life short. She was born in Louisville, Ky. July 12, 1871 and at the age of four was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Collins. Her childhood was spent mostly in Kankakee, though she lived in Ottawa a short time before coming to Oswego in 1884. She became a member of the Oswego Presbyterian church by letter, having joined that denomination at Ottawa. In 1893 she married Bernard Richards who, with two children, Edward and Ethel, survive.

The funeral was held from the Congregational church. Interment at the Oswego cemetery.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Miss Janet McLaren is recovering from a severe attack of mumps. The children in the J.G. Anderson family have had a siege of the same disease this fall.

Yorkville: Gets Verdict for \$1,800

In Oswego last year, a boy [Herbert Rebel] was sent to the store of Smith & Schultz to buy some kerosene. By some error the can was filled with gasoline. The boy took the can home with the contents and afterward used some of the fluid to start a fire. There was an explosion and the boy was badly burned--his face being covered now with scars--or one big scar. Suit was brought by young Rebel by "his next friend" against Smith & Schultz for damages to the amount of \$10,000. The trial began Monday morning--Burkhart, Herrington and Barnard of Michigan attorneys for plaintiff; Aldrich & Worchester for defendants. A jury was empanelled, but before the trial began the parties got together and settled on amount of damages and the jury gave a verdict for the boy for \$1,800.

Mrs. Jennie Reid is suing L.M. Woolley for damages caused in a difficulty they had early in the summer and this was the case next called. A jury was empanelled and Tuesday afternoon testimony was still being heard. Mrs. Reid claims that Mr. Woolley, both of Oswego, assaulted her when trying to gain entrance to a shop that was being operated by her son, Charles. The results as are being told on the stand are said to have been serious. The defense is busy trying to break down this line of evidence.

The orders thus far entered are as follows:

Jessie A. Sleezer vs. Alfred Thatcher Jr., assumpsit, default.

Herbert Rebel by Albert O. Rebel vs. Charles W. Schultz and Edward A. Smith, trespass on the case--dismissed.

Jennie Reid vs. L.M. Woolley, trespass--on trial.

Nov. 12: Mrs. J. Harp, who has been ill, was removed to Joliet to the county farm last week.

Fred Owens, who has been employed by T.S. Simpson for the past year, has gone to a position in Des Moines, Ia.

Dr. T.B. Drew is attending the clinical college of surgeons in Chicago this week.

Miss Fern Gates and the pupils of the Burkhart school will give a box social Nov. 21.

Walter Burkhart, Watts Cutter, G.H. Voss, Jay Bell, and John Seely are on the federal grand jury in Chicago this week.

Plainfield: The special meeting at the Plainfield Grain Company Saturday afternoon closed the negotiations for the Kersten & Smiley elevator property at Plainfield. Wolf and Normantown gives the local cooperative concern control of seven big elevators in a string covering a radius of 20 square miles of territory, the very richest and most productive in Illinois.

Yorkville: Why should the United States meddle with Mexico, anyway? They have two governments to take care of the country--Huerta and the other fellow, or fellows, known as revolutionists. Huerta seems to hold the capital and the other fellows skirmish about the country. It is a good deal like the story of the Kilkenny cats. Mexicans do not seem to be calling on the United States for aid--it is the men who have money invested in that country that are calling for war. And "War is hell!"

For several days a large force of men have been fixing up things about the big ice houses in Yorkville and rebuilding the north end of the dam across the river. This was quite a break, but not so serious as some of the papers made out last spring. The bridge across the race on the south end has been replanked--good thing for those who like to get over on the dam, and the bulkheads were removed so that the race is cleaned out of the season's rubbish and the water runs free and clear. "Enough power there," said one of the Public Service workmen, "to run light and power for Yorkville, Plano, and Sandwich--about 300 horsepower going to waste." And it's so; too bad the waterpower is not utilized. It will have to be some day. Two carloads of big stone were brought here from the Joliet quarries to repair the dam and they should be heavy enough to hold things down.

There is a persistent rumor about Yorkville that the Public Service Co. will build a concrete dam next summer at the location of the present Yorkville dam. While there is no definite promise of this move, there has been no denial and the plans are said to have been drawn and the work arranged. This new dam will be two to three feet higher than the present one and will give a rise in water that will renew the beauty of the river east of town and improve it as a summer resort territory.

The gas is coming. The long black iron pipes have been unloaded in Yorkville from the cars and a big motor truck has whisked them away out on the Bristol-Plano road, where they are being placed in the trenches, and soon we will be having gas to use in Yorkville and Plano as it is now in Oswego and we will all take easy chairs and live on "Easy Street" if we can pay the gas man, the ice man, the laundry man, the bakery man, and the electric light and power bills.

Dr. McClelland, president of the Yorkville board of trustees, had a conference with Mr. Faber last week in reference to permitting the Fox & Illinois Union cars coming down to Bridge street on the Aurora line. Mr. Faber seemed favorable to the proposition and would ask but a small compensation for the privilege. This would be a great convenience to our people who travel between Morris and Yorkville and be of a financial benefit to both roads.

The case of Jennie Reid vs. L.M. "Doc" Woolley, a damage suit for assault and battery wherein Mrs. Reid sued L.M. Woolley for \$20,000 alleged damages was bitterly fought for three days. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty. A great deal of expert medical testimony was given in the case in behalf of Mrs. Reid, endeavoring to show permanent injuries.

Nov. 19: Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Burkhardt have moved to their new home recently finished by the Kohlhammer carpenters.

A number of the young people of Oswego attended a dance at Bristol Friday evening.

The stores will be open every evening during next week, but will be closed all day on Thanksgiving day.

Mrs. Guy Hopkins and daughter Irene of Aurora spent a day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Biesemier.

Mrs. Charles Shoger received news of the illness of her sister, Miss Autie Werner at Seattle, Wash. Miss Werner, who is a traveling nurse, went there with a patient some time ago and but recently underwent an operation there.

At Oswego Saturday, Dec. 13, a representative of the Civil Service Commission will hold an examination of candidates for the office of Postmaster of Oswego. For application blanks, apply to the Oswego post office. The compensation of the office the last fiscal year was \$996.

Yorkville: Word from Newark is most optimistic concerning the railroad. The grade is assuming encouraging shape and will probably reach Newark this week, says our informant. The work, as completed, looks well. The creek bed has been straightened in several places by cutting new channels. When the grade is finished and the iron laid, connection will probably be mad with the Fox river line of the Burlington at Millington. Then Newark will have a road for two miles that will give them an outlet.

Tamarack and Wheatland: The Tamarack, Church, and Lantz schools will have an art exhibition at the church Friday evening, Nov. 28. Two hundred pictures will be on exhibition, copies of the world's masterpieces during the afternoon and evening and also a fine entertainment will be given in the evening. From the proceeds the three schools will secure pictures for their rooms.

Yorkville: The trolley line from Aurora has benefited some the past week by bringing down from Aurora large parties of workmen who were engaged in the trenching and laying of the gas pipes.

Workmen on the Yorkville dam are making a thorough job in repairing it. The north end is in strong condition now and a coffer-dam was made near the middle of the river and new timbers put in. It is a breezy place to work.

Work on the dam is going on as fast as possible. It was found, after the start was made, that there was more work than anticipated to put the structure in condition for the winter strain.

Nov. 26: The Oswego basket ball team is practicing in the second story of the Helle [old Star Roller Skating Rink] building. They went to Newark last night.

Miss Pansy Shoger's illness developed into scarlet fever, from which she is rapidly recovering.

Yorkville: The Western United Gas & Electric Company have made fast work of Yorkville and the north side. Many are using the gas on the other side of the river and the lighting of houses is a question of the piping. It is thought that a number will use this means of lighting since it is economical and satisfactory. The company has seen fit to employ hand labor for laying the pipes on the south side--the digging machine being too heavy for the bridges--and they have made fast work of it. Saturday night the piping was completed across the bridges and to the bank corner with a trench dug much farther, the rain of Saturday morning had much to do with the delay but the work still goes on.

December -- 1913

Dec. 3: Robert Richards has accepted a position with the Burlington in Aurora.

The scarlet fever quarantine has been raised from the Gus Shoger home, Miss Pansy having recovered from a recent attack.

Please be prepared to pay the water tax, which is now due.

The ladies of the Methodist church will hold their bazaar at the home of Mrs. Eugene Moyer Dec. 17.

Andrew Swanson has reopened his cigar factory in Oswego, which was conducted by him some time ago. He has traveled extensively since leaving here, coming from Des Moines, Ia.

Thursday afternoon of this week there will be the annual election of officers for the Modern Woodmen at their hall in Oswego.

A.E. Rowsell and son Donald attended the stock show in Chicago last week.

L.N. Hall is somewhat improved after a several weeks' serious illness.

Aprons, fancy and domestic goods for sale at the bazaar at Mrs. Eugene Moyer's Wednesday, the 17th, by the ladies of the Methodist church. Home bakery has been added to the all-day sale.

The regular meeting of the Parent-Teachers' club was held at the schoolhouse Friday afternoon. An instructive paper was ready by Mrs. W.J. Morse. The balance of the time was devoted to business in which the main issue was the fitting of the hall for basket ball.

Tamarack and Wheatland: The remains of the ten month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller of Joliet was brought here for burial last Thursday by the side of a little brother who died less than two years ago. The mother was Jennie Brown Miller.

Yorkville: The Linotype machine in *The Record* office is now equipped with a gas burner to heat the metal for the casting of slugs. This new attachment does away with a gasoline burner, which has been used for the five years the machine has been in operation. The gas furnishes a hotter flame and more satisfactory service and has been welcomed by the force. Other people on the south side to have the serve are the Grant restaurant, the Reddok home, and the tin shop at Armbruster's. All are well pleaded with the new heat. The north side has been well equipped with stoves and all are satisfied with the manner in which the gas company has supplied them. Many are considering the installation of gas for lights and the electric light people are beginning to take notice.

The freeze of Saturday night has delayed the work on the mains for the south side but the work is being pushed to the utmost.

Col. John D Russell of Oswego was appointed County Superintendent of Highways by the board of supervisors Monday. His salary was fixed at \$1,000 a year. This appointment was made from a field of five candidates, all of whom passed the state examination.

Tuesday was a bright and busy day for the city of Morris, the occasion being the formal dedication of the new courthouse rebuilt under a general order for repairs and which cost in the neighborhood of \$70,000.

In passing, it may be pleasing to note that men are at work connecting the track of the Morris [interurban] road with the Yorkville-Aurora road, and in a day or two we may expect the Morris car coming down to bridge street to receive and discharge passengers.

Dec. 17: Mr. John D. Russell received the appointment of superintendent of highways of Kendall county, made by the board of supervisors.

The remains of M.G. Minkler and daughter, Mrs. Emma Bartlett, were buried in the Oswego cemetery last week. Both were at one time Oswego residents and had for the past few years resided in Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Parkhurst are proud parents of a daughter born Monday morning.

Through the efforts of Rev. J. Turner Hood, Andrew Carnegie will assist the Presbyterians to get a pipe organ for their church. Whatever the purchase price may be, Mr. Carnegie will pay half.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Cherry have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in their recent bereavement, the loss of their only daughter, Harriett, only seven years of age.; was stricken with appendicitis last week, taken to the St. Charles hospital where she was operated upon and in the course of three days succumbed, death coming Thursday evening. The funeral was held from their home Sunday afternoon. Interment was in the NaAuSay cemetery.

Messrs. Charles Cherry, Charles Barker, and George Tuttle took the examination for postmaster Saturday.

The Methodist church Christmas exercises will be held on Tuesday Dec. 23.

Beginning Tuesday evening, Dec. 16, Oswego stores will remain open evenings until Jan. 1, 1914, remaining closed all day Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

Yorkville: The two men charged with robbing the Millbrook bank will have a trial in Kane county Jan. 12. Judge Slusser will preside. State's Attorney Burkhart has been gathering evidence for several days.

Construction on the switch which will permit the Morris [interurban] cars to run onto the AE&C tracks is almost completed and by the time *The Record* is in the hands of subscribers the cars will be running to the bank corner. This will lighten the labor of the car men in a measure as it will permit the express car on the AE&C to deliver their freight to the building on the Morris line and thereby save considerable handling.

Dec. 24: Herman Armbruster of NaAuSay has recently purchased from F.O. Hawley 180 acres formerly known as the Cliggitt farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Woolley and sons and Mrs. Margaret Edwards left Saturday for St. Petersburg, Fla. where they will spend the winter. Mr. W. has been a victim of rheumatism for several weeks and the change of climate was recommended for him.

Mrs. Tom Hopkins and daughters of Savannah are at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Biesemier to spend Christmas.

Plainfield, Dec. 19: John I. Evarts, sole owner of the Plainfield bank established 30 years ago by his father, Jeremiah Evarts, has disappeared from his mother's home in Bartlett avenue, Plainfield.

This morning the bank was not opened for business. The doors remained locked during the day.

Mrs. Emma Evarts, his mother, is prostrated with grief over his disappearance and refuses to explain a situation, which is inexplicable to the citizens of Plainfield.

Evarts was seen at 11 o'clock last night. He is alleged to have taken a Joliet and Southern Traction Company car, which left Plainfield at 10 o'clock, for Aurora. At 11 o'clock he was seen, it is said, in Aurora. Since then, no one has seen him.

That is the first section of a story that came out in the city papers Thursday night and Friday morning; it startled the friends of the Evarts family in Kendall county, where for over 20 years Jeremiah Evarts, father of John the disappearing banker, had been county clerk, and who was one of the foremost men in this county in every walk of life.

When Jeremiah Evarts retired from the office of county clerk in Yorkville he went to Plainfield about the year of 1887 and established this bank; at that time his son John was employed as a clerk in the railway mail service. Mr. Evarts died a few years later and his son took over the bank and has controlled it personally ever since. It was a good business and why John has got into this trouble is a mystery to his friends.

Increasing telephone intercommunication between Aurora and neighboring towns has brought about a demand for a general reference list of Bell subscribers, which can be used in one place as well as in another. To meet this demand, the Chicago Telephone Company has issued a new combined directory which embraces in one alphabetical list subscribers in Aurora, north Aurora, Montgomery, Naperville, Yorkville, Plano, Lisbon, Oswego, Plattville, Newark, Millington, and Little Rock.

The new directory is one of the most complete reference lists the Telephone company ever issued and should prove a boon to subscribers throughout the territory it covers.

On Monday, Dec. 15, Yorkville Post No. 522, Department of Illinois, Grand Army of the Republic, met at 2 p.m. and elected officers for 1914 as follows:

Myron C. Skinner, Commander.

S.S. Boomer, Senior Vice Commander.

Edwin Howes, Junior Vice Commander.

A.D. Curran, Chaplain and Patriotic Instructor.

Barney Phillips, officer of the day.

Charles M. Hill, officer of the guard.

William F. Donovan, Quartermaster.

Installation of officers ordered for Saturday, Jan. 3, 1914 at 2 p.m., after which "Coffee and hardtack" will be in order.

B.F. Herrington, Adjutant.

Dec. 31: One of the enjoyable events of the past week was a house party at the Charles Herren home. Miss Ethel entertained six young ladies, students at DeKalb. Miss Herren returned to her school duties at DeKalb Monday.

The remains of Mrs. Ezekiel Davis were brought to Oswego for burial Wednesday. Mrs. D. had been for months at the Joliet county farm and until very recently had enjoyed her usual health. Eight-five years of age made her one of the oldest of Oswego's residents. Burial was at the Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: No new developments in the matter of John Evarts and his Plainfield bank. His friends in Plainfield have given him up as a deserter of their cause and criminal proceedings are being entered with the sheriff searching for the missing banker.

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Jan. 7: A special meeting of the Woodmen will be held in their hall Thursday evening,
Jan. 16.

The Northwestern students have returned to school duties at Evanston, as did the students and teachers to their various schools.

Box rents at the Oswego Post Office are past due. Same must be paid immediately or boxes will be closed.

Hamilton Cherry, well known Kendall County resident, died at his home Sunday evening about 9 o'clock. He was nearly 79 years of age, and this last sickness was of less than three weeks' duration. Deceased was born in Buffalo, N.Y. in 1835, coming to Illinois in 1853. For some years in business in Aurora but the last years were spent in NaAuSay. He is survived by a wife; two sons, Charles of NaAuSay and Harry of Broadview, Mont.; a daughter, Mrs. A.K. Wheeler of NaAuSay; two brothers, John and Moses of Oswego.

Ben Biesemier lies in the city hospital at Aurora recovering from a shotgun wound received Sunday. A wolf had been seen by a number and in company with Earl Simpson and Mr. Halloday in the latter's auto truck they went to attempt to find and shoot this wolf. The hunt proved unfruitful, and about noon the hunters started for home, Ben putting the gun in the truck, thinking to shoot rabbits on their return. They had some engine trouble in starting and when the gun discharged they thought it was the engine until they heard the cry of pain. The gun had discharged, the load striking Biesemier in

the right limb, just below the hip and taking off the end of his third and last fingers, this hand being in his pocket.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Friday afternoon and evening will be "corn day." a program of speeches relating to corn soil improvements and other instructive subjects will be given by speakers at the Scotch church under the auspices of the Will County Soil Improvement Association.

Jan. 14: Oswego friends of Miss Pearl Simpson and Mr. Morton Richards were greatly surprised to learn of their marriage, which took place in Highland Park Jan. 10.

Benjamin Biesemier has so far recovered from his recent accident as to be able to be about on crutches.

There will be a free demonstration of Van Houten's "Rona Brand" cocoa at the W.J. Morse store Saturday, Jan. 17. All are invited to come and have a cup.

Joliet, Jan. 9: The grand jury indicted John I. Evarts, returning eight counts of embezzlement in the matter of the Plainfield bank. His disappearance is still a mystery. There are at present two warrants out for his detention.

The funeral of the late Hamilton Cherry took place from his home with burial in the Union cemetery.

Mr. Cherry was born in Rochester, N.Y. June 12, 1834 and died Jan. 4, 1912 being 79 years, 6 months, and 22 days old. He was married in 1854 to Miss Amanda Hopkins who, with five children survive him. He is also survived by two sisters and two brothers. Of his five children, only three were present at the funeral. The two absent were Harry of Bozeman, Mont. and a daughter, Mrs. Alonzo Wheeler, who was quarantined in her home on account of her children having scarlet fever.

Jan. 21: Ben Biesemier returned from the hospital Saturday. The injury healing as well as possible.

Miss Gertie Wormley is recovering nicely from recent minor operation performed Saturday.

Crimmin & Son, Plano, have closed several important land deals in the last few weeks. Among them was the Brown farm near Bristol, 133 acres at \$232.50 per acre.

Arch Price and George Suhler left Monday for Champaign where they will take a short agriculture course.

"Go to Church Sunday" has infected Oswego. The Congregational people will observe the day the first Sunday in February.

The Harold Square Entertainers will appear in the Congregational church on Jan. 27. This is the last number of the lecture course.

Levi L. Thomas died at his home in Oswego Sunday. The remains were taken to Odell, Ill. for burial.

Yorkville: One of the most stubbornly fought criminal cases ever tried in Kane County was ended last Saturday morning, Jan. 17, when Charles Stuppy and John Clint were convicted of robbing the Millbrook Bank on the morning of Nov. 26, 1912. The case was prosecuted by State's Attorney Burkhart of Kendall County.

To the Honorable State Highway Commission of the State of Illinois:

The undersigned residents and land owners of the township of Oswego, in the county of Kendall and state of Illinois, hereby respectfully petition your honorable board to relocate the following described proposed state aid road in said township of Oswego. The road is known as route No. 1, and commences at a point known as Phillips' corner on the line between Kane and Kendall counties in said state on the west side of Fox river, and runs thence south on the established highway and crosses the Fox river bridge at Oswego, running thence south on what is known as the Grove road and terminates at the Grundy county line. For the purpose of making a more direct route between Aurora and Oswego, and for the several reasons hereinafter set forth, we would respectfully request that the starting point of said road be at the county line of the east side road between Aurora and Oswego on the east side of Fox river and running next to said river; thence in a southerly direction along said road to the village limits of the Village of Oswego; thence south of Oswego as platted.

We respectfully submit the following reasons:

1st. This route will join the state aid road laid out by Kane county running south from Aurora, and will carry out the spirit and letter of the law, i.e., connect the main trading points, and join through routes running through other counties, and thereby carry out the original purpose for which the state roads are to be established.

2nd. This route will be a more direct route between Oswego and other towns in Kendall county and Aurora, and will save the state and county the price of about one mile of road which would be necessary to connect these towns if the west route were maintained.

3rd. The route herein suggested will also save the county and state the expense of maintaining the Oswego bridge crossing Fox river and now a part of Route No. 1.

4th. The expense of actual construction of whatever road is decided on will be much less on this route, for gravel of the finest kind is available at almost any point along said proposed route at a nominal price or even at a donation from the several land owners upon whose land the pits are located.

5th. The grade of this road follows the river bottom and there is hardly a hill on it, and thus the expense of grading in this respect would be greatly lessened, while the other route is very hilly.

6th. The route selected by the Board of Supervisors crosses two very dangerous grade crossings on the main line of the C.B. & Q. R.R. Co., while the route suggested

herein does not cross one, and only crosses the single track of the Fox river branch of the Q.

7th. The A.E. & C. R.R. Co. trolley line between Aurora and Yorkville parallels the route chosen, and in many places the grade is narrow and will be hard to establish, while on the other hand the route herein suggested does not have this objectionable feature to contend with.

8th. The route herein suggested is much more accessible to a great majority of the people residing in said Oswego township, and as a state aid road would be of a greater benefit to a greater number than the route chosen heretofore.

9th. The continuation of said route herein suggested, through the Village of Oswego will pass through the main street of said village, and will be invaluable to every business man in said village, and an incentive to improve this connecting link through said village. While on the other hand the route chosen on the west side will only pass the main corner of the town.

10th. The route suggested herein will make a more direct and connected through route between Chicago and Ottawa, LaSalle, Streator, Peoria and other Illinois river towns.

For the reasons above stated we, the undersigned, respectfully request that your honorable body proceed as directed by statute in such case and relocate said route No. 1 as herein suggested.

John Hoch, farmer, Oswego, Ill.

John Constantine, farmer, Oswego, Ill.

L.W. Figge, farmer, Oswego, Ill.

Geo. Henker, farmer, Oswego, Ill.

Roy Shoger, farmer, Oswego, Ill.

Fred Willis, tinner, Oswego, Ill.

Henry Pierce, merchant, Oswego, Ill.

E.A. Smith, merchant, Oswego, Ill.

H. Van Volkenberg, merch., Oswego.

Chas. M. Shultz, merchant, Oswego.

Richard T. Shultz, merchant, Oswego.

William J. Morse, merchant, Oswego.

Harry Schlapp, farmer, Oswego, Ill.

A.E. Rowsell, contrac., Oswego, Ill.

F.W. Waller, farmer, Oswego, Ill.

C.A. Clark, vet. surgeon, Oswego.

B. Darbey, merchant, Oswego.

Charles T. Cherry, jr., post master.

Lewis P. Voss, Dentist, Oswego, Ill.

J.W. Morrison, vil. marshal, Oswego.

L.E. Wood, C.B. & Q. St. Agent.

Rudolf Knapp, cattle dealer, Oswego.

H.S. Clark, retired farmer, Oswego.

E.Y. Ketchum, horseman, Oswego.

H.S. Richards, ex post master, Osw.

W.W. Dwyer, stock buyer, Oswego.

F.E. Bemhardt, blacksmith, Oswego.
Fred Carney, laborer, Oswego, Ill.
L.B. Chase, wool worker, Oswego.
Ed Obman, laborer, Oswego, Ill.
L.N. Hall, ins. agent, Oswego, Ill.
Chas. Weber, Mill & Coal, Oswego.
Thos. Dwyer, clerk, Oswego, Ill.
L.C. Wagner, finisher, Oswego, Ill.
F.A. Jessup, retired farmer, Oswego.
Leske Peshia, farmer, Oswego, Ill.
Henry Bower, retired farmer, Oswego.
Tom Collins, farmer, Oswego.
Wm. Cliggitt, grain dealer, Oswego.
E. Smith, elevator, Oswego, Ill.
W. Bramble, barber, Oswego.
C. Shoger, farmer, Oswego, Ill.
Oscar Weiss, laborer, Oswego, Ill.
Arthur White, janitor, Oswego, Ill.
E. Davis, laborer, Oswego, Ill.
Jacob Meyer, stock buyer, Oswego.
Harriet E. Walker, teacher, Oswego.
Mrs. Alida E. Walker, Oswego, Ill.
Mrs. Clara W. Edwards, Oswego, Ill.
Kate Cliggitt, school board, Oswego.
Mrs. F.W. Walker, Oswego, Ill.
Amy Parkhurst Smith, Oswego, Ill.
Grant Funk, farmer, Oswego, Ill.
Fred L. Walker, highway com., Osw.
Royce Smith, farmer, Oswego, Ill.
Simon Ness, sec. foreman, Oswego.
Daniel Minnich, laborer, Oswego.
C.L. Burkhart, banker, Oswego, Ill.
F.E. Collins, salesman, Oswego, Ill.
Albert Johnson, farmer, Oswego, Ill.
Philip S. Clauser, laborer, Oswego.
M.M. James, retired, Oswego, Ill.
W.H. Elwood, farmer, Oswego, Ill.
Milton Orr, farmer, Oswego, Ill.
Geo. LaDew, farmer, Oswego, Ill.
Jas. H. Stewart, farmer, Oswego, Ill.
Victor Mather, farmer, Oswego, Ill.
George Wooley, retired farmer, Osw.
J.D. Ebinger, farmer, Oswego, Ill.
John P. Schickler, farmer, Oswego.
A.E. Kellogg, farmer, Oswego.
W.A. Bower, farmer, Oswego.

L.F. Shoger, farmer, Oswego.
Paul Georgi, farmer, Oswego.
Myron Haag, farmer, Oswego.
Harry H. Clark, farmer, Oswego.
Arthur Hummel, farmer, Oswego.
L.M. Wooley, farmer, Oswego.
Oliver O. Hem, farmer, Oswego.
Hayes J. Wheeler, farmer, Oswego.
L.R. Inman, town clerk and carp.
Geo. M. Croushorn, RFD carrier and undertaker.
H.G. Burkhart, stockman & farmer.
Thos. W. Lewis, farmer, Oswego.
Chas. Sorg, farmer, Oswego.
G. Loucks, farmer, Oswego.
Chester Coble, farming, Oswego.
Bert Davis, farming, Oswego.
George Roth, farming, Oswego.
Alex G. Harvey, farmer, Oswego.
G.M. Bower, farmer, Oswego.
Fred Bower, farmer, Oswego.
John Harvey, farmer, Oswego.
Ben Leigh, farmer, Oswego.
Geo. D. Wormley, retired, Oswego.
Geo. Smith, highway com., Oswego.
W.O. Leigh, farmer, Oswego.
Albert Holladay, farmer, Oswego.
W.D. Cutter, farmer, Oswego.
Geo. White, tax collector, Oswego.
M.E. White, stenographer, Oswego.
Scott Cutter, druggist, Oswego.
G.M. Cowdrey, retired, Oswego.
Robt. H. Johnston, implements, Osw.
J.A. Shoger, ret. capitalist, Oswego.
F.B. Schram, dealer, Oswego.
Gust Pearson, ret. farmer, Oswego.
J.N. Wayne, farmer, Oswego.
H.A. Armbruster, farmer, Oswego.
Chas. Ode, merchant, Oswego.
Henry Lyon, farmer, Oswego.
R.D. Gates, farmer, Yorkville, R.R.
H.B. Reed, merchant, Oswego.
W.C. Cutter, farmer, Oswego.
John G. Bower, shoe merch., Oswego.
Albert Friebele, farmer, Oswego.
C.E. Mann, retired, Oswego.
E.S. Ladd, lumber yard, Oswego.

Geo. Collins, ret. farmer, Oswego.
E.L. Moyer, banker, Oswego.
John A. Anderson, farmer, Oswego.
W.H. Sutherland, Oswego.
Johan A. Sutherland, painter, Oswego.
Calvin Pearce, ret. farmer, Oswego.
Bert Barnard, blacksmith, Oswego.
Geo. Barnard, blacksmith, Oswego.
O. Nelson, mason, Oswego.
Chas. W. Smith, farmer, Oswego.
W.J. Burkhart, farmer, Oswego.
Chas. Roberts, vil. clerk and Assess.
J.N. Cherry, ins. agent, Oswego.
Edward Kruts, merchant, Oswego.
Sidney Cooney, laborer, Oswego.
Peter Cooney, ret. farmer, Oswego.
L.C. Smith, confectionary, Oswego.
Ben Biesemier, clerk, Oswego.
Thomas B. Drew, surg. and coroner.
Orestes Fuller, laborer, Oswego.
Frank Friebele, farmer, Oswego.
Elmer C. Coble, farmer, Oswego.
Chas. S. Barker, printing, Oswego.
N.B. Knuth, painting, Oswego.
Charles Friebele, farmer, Yorkville.
John Burkhart, ret. farmer, Oswego.
Ralph Todd, lumber, Oswego.
Clarence E. Parkhurst, farmer, Osw.
R.W. Morris, farmer, Oswego.
F.M. Groner, Supt. Tel. Co., Oswego.
Robert Garner, farmer, Oswego.
Andrew Pierce, engineer, Oswego.
Louis W. Schilling, carpenter, Osw.
Clarence Lyons, farmer, Oswego, Ill.
Herman W. Schilling, St. Com., Osw.
John Wald, farmer, Oswego.
Robt. Pederson, farmer, Oswego.
Chas. Shoger, automobiles, Oswego.
James Campbell, highway com. and farmer.
O.A. Burkhart, states attorney, Osw.
Roy Bargo, clerk, Oswego.
Albert Graham, carpenter, Oswego.
Fred E. Graham, farmer, Oswego.
C.E. Herren, farmer, Oswego.

J.D. Russell, county superintendent of highways, comes before the board and reports as follows:

Mr. Chairman and Gentleman of the Board of Supervisors:

Your chairman, Mr. Bretthauer, requested me to see the committee on State Aid Roads of Kane county, to determine where the State Aid Roads of Kane county would connect with Kendall county on the North, that Kane county will meet Kendall county on West side of Fox river at Phillips Corners, on Base line road, and runs west on said road to the Bristol Station road, and also connects with Kendall county, on east side of Fox river, with the road that starts at the city limits of Aurora, where Broadway street ends, thence south to the Kendall county North line.

Mr. Gus Shoger and Mr. S.C. Cutter of Oswego, come before the Board, asking that the prayer of the said petition be granted.

On motion of supervisor Barnes, seconded by Supervisor Murley, the board then adjourned until one o'clock pm.

Upon the 30th day of January, A.D. 1914, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon at the Courthouse in Yorkville, Illinois, the Master in Chancery of Kendall County will sell the John B. Baumann farm, consisting of 190 acres, situated near Montgomery, Ill. This is one of the best farms in Kendall county. Buildings in fairly good repair and the farm is free from quack [grass] and nicely located.

Jan. 28: Mr. G.M. Croushorn will enjoy a two weeks' vacation [as mail carrier] beginning next Monday Mr. Frank Walker will act in his capacity.

Owing to the replacing of men by the Burlington in Aurora, Paul Dwyre was obliged to sever relations at the grocery of H.B. Read. His successor is Robert Richards.

Word has been received from Washington at Mr. Chas. Barker has been appointed as the new Postmaster at Oswego.

Thursday evening of this week the Newark basket ball team will play the Oswego team. Admission of 25 and 15 cents at the door.

Friday evening of last week the second Yorkville basket ball team played the Oswego team, resulting in a defeat of 16-28.

William Francis Elliott was born in Hillsboro, Highland county, Ohio Dec. 17, 1830 and died at Udell, Ia. Jan. 17, 1914 at the age of 83 years. He came to Oswego in the spring of 1854. He was recognized as one of the most progressive and enterprising citizens of his locality and was a patron of education. He has served the Presbyterian church, of which he was a member, as deacon, trustee, elder, etc.

He was married to Sarah K. Andrews of Bellefontaine, Ohio Oct. 6, 1859, who died Aug. 13, 1906 at the age of 75 years.

They had four children, three of which survive him, Arthur Elliott and Mrs. J.J. Taylor of Udell, Iowa; and Sarah Elliott of Aurora. Miss Belle Bloss, a daughter, died 21 years ago. There are also six grandchildren.

Yorkville: For \$3.59: *The Record* and the Chicago Daily Inter Ocean will be sent for one year--on rural mail routes.

More on the Evarts banking scandal in Plainfield on page 2.

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Feb. 4: Kenneth Darfler began his work on Feb. 2 as a substitute on Postal Route No. 3, for Charles Cherry.

John G. Seely has rented his farm for the ensuing year and will devote his time more wholly to music.

Messrs. John Russell, Arch Price, Kenneth Campbell and George Suhler have returned from Champaign where they took a short course in their various vocations.

For several weeks, at intervals, a wolf or wolf tracks have been seen in various neighborhoods. Hunters have in vain tried to shoot them. Finally Gilbert Collins shot one Monday.

G.M. Croushorn is enjoying a two weeks vacation as rural mail driver. Kenneth Darfler having recently become a substitute.

Levi L. Thomas was born in Philadelphia, Pa., March 5, 1840, passed away in Oswego, Kendall county, Jan. 18, 1914. He came with his parents, brothers, and sisters in 1856 to Oswego where he worked with his father at blacksmithing until 1860 when they went to farming in NaAuSay. He joined the Presbyterian church in NaAuSay in the spring of 1862; was married July 10, 1862 to Prudence G. Johnson. In the fall of 1867 he moved to Odell, Livingston county, where he was a farmer and blacksmith for 20 years, after which he came back to Kendall county, which has been his residence since. His last sickness was of two years duration, beginning with the grip, then bronchitis, laryngitis, and ending in tuberculosis from which he suffered intensely and was glad to go home to Heavy of which he often spoke in his last days.

Yorkville: The Pubic Service Company has erected a platform opposite the Burlington station in Yorkville on which to install the wires, etc. for the transformation of electric light and power for the use of these villages; the electricity comes from the plant at Joliet and has to be changed some way for use here. Our people using electrical motors will have to put in new ones for the 110 voltage--we now use what is known as 220 from the old plant. Before many days they will have the new wiring completed and we can have light all night if needed. *The Record* folks have to put in two motors for its machinery.

Mr. Tetuer, who has charge of the big ice houses in Yorkville and of the property of the Consumers Company, says the ice on the river at Yorkville is in bad condition and if cold

weather does not come soon it is probably not much, if any ice will be harvested here. Ice was harvested in February last year, but the houses were not half filled--the season was so short. The company went to a good deal of expense last fall to rebuild the dam at Yorkville and maintain helpers and horses here that cost money, and it is hoped the freeze may come and give opportunity to fill the houses. And Yorkville will need ice the coming summer.

Feb. 11: There will be a mass meeting for the women of Oswego township in the school building at Oswego Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Mr. Herrington of Yorkville will give a talk on "The Personal and Legal Rights of Women." All women, whether suffragists or anti-suffragists and without regard to political preferences are urged to be present. The meeting is under the auspices of the XIX Century Club Civic committee, Mrs. H.B. Read, Mrs. Mary Young, Mrs. Lou Young, Mrs. Helen Richards, Mrs. Cooney, Mrs. Charles Barker, Mrs. G. Pierson, and Mrs. Myron Wormley.

John Kline Hall died at the home of his sister, Mrs. George White, in Oswego Sunday, Feb. 8, from heart disease. He had been a resident of the Oswego neighborhood since 1852 with the exception of a few years spent in the west. He was born in Redding, N.J. Jan. 19, 1834, and he came to Oswego and followed farming. He has made his home almost continuously with his sister, Mrs. White, who with her family gave him every care in his illness. His other relatives are two sisters, Mrs. Abram Williams and Mrs. Harriett Hall, and a brother, L.N. Hall. His life was one of which any may could be proud. The funeral was held from the White home Tuesday with interment at the Oswego cemetery.

Tamarack and Wheatland: The Wilcox school was closed Thursday and Friday to allow the teacher, Miss Fern Gates, and the pupils to attend the Farmers Institute in Oswego and pass a visiting day.

Yorkville: A temperature of 10 degrees below zero on Sunday morning and 15 below during Sunday night proved the coldest weather that has been experienced in and about Yorkville in several years.

One of the most successful farmers' institutes ever given in Kendall county was completed at Oswego Thursday afternoon after two days of instruction by speakers of merit. President John V. Jessup and Secretary W.C. Cutter closed their terms of office with the satisfaction of knowing that they had not only pleased their fellow laborers but had offered an interesting and instructive list of subjects for the benefit of the people who attended these meetings.

Feb. 18: Frank Emmons and Dr. W.A. Perkins have returned to their homes in Amboy and Milwaukee, respectively, after having attended the burial of their uncle, Kline Hall.

Noah Carpenter left last week for Sioux City, Ia., where he will make his home. Mrs. Carpenter is to leave in a short time.

Mrs. O. Thompson, son and daughter, of Grays Mills, Wis., returned to their home Friday after a visit at the Wm. Ellwood home.

Oswego, Ill. Feb. 12, 1914

Dear Comrade:

While this \$1.50 is at hand it might as well pay in advance for *The Record*. Let me, also, say I am delighted with your Abraham Lincoln article in the last issue of *The Record*. It carries me back to those stirring old times from '60 to '65 when it did seem that everything was a-quiver with patriotic life. In 1860 I belonged to the "Irrepressibles" in Albany, N.Y., where I was brought up. My cap, cape, and torch were in every night's parade in that old Democratic city, for I was always a "black Republican" abolitionist. Like you, I sacredly cast my first presidential vote for Lincoln. It was Lincoln's great speech in Cooper Institute, New York, that captured the heart of Horace Greeley. Greeley went to the convention in Chicago with the great name of Abraham Lincoln "up his sleeve." At that time, the *New York Tribune* was the most influential Republican paper in the country. Its editor was a powerful influence in that Chicago convention. Thurlow Weed, editor of the Albany Evening Journal, I think, aided Greeley in the good work and sanguine W.H. Seward was "left." History proved the wisdom of the choice. Very cordially,

J.G. BUTLER

[Butler served in the Civil War as an officer in the 30th U.S. Colored Troops. He was a long-time Presbyterian minister in Oswego, and is buried in the Oswego Cemetery.]

Tamarack and Wheatland: Miss Florence Haywood and pupils of the Lantz school gave an entertainment last Thursday evening.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Mary Quantock and Courtney Hem to occur next Saturday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents.

NEWARK'S NEW RAILROAD

Saturday, Feb. 14, 1914 will be forever a memorable date in Newark when the first train arrived in town over the new Illinois Midland Railway. It consisted of the engine, tender, and baggage and passenger coach. When it started from Millington at 3:35 p.m., many bystanders waved their congratulations and a cry of delight went up from the hundred or more passengers.

Feb. 25: News has been received of the death of Mrs. Frederick Long. In ill health for some time, they had moved to San Antonio, Tex., hoping she would be benefited by the change. Mr. Long was at one time pastor of the Congregational church here.

Under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers club, a Tom Thumb wedding will be given next Tuesday evening; admission 25 cents.

March -- 1914

March 4: Mr. Robert Peterson and Miss Elvah Ness were quietly married at Geneva last Saturday, Feb. 28.

Charles S. Barker received his commission as postmaster recently, beginning duties Monday morning, Mrs. Cramer acting as assistant.

Mr. and Mrs. James Fitzgerald and family have moved from Sugar Grove to the farm owned by John and Robert Herren.

A mass meeting in Oswego under the auspices of the XIX Century club will be held in their club rooms on March 10, at 2:30 p.m. Mrs. Edward Stewart of the Illinois State Suffrage Association will talk on "Why the women should be interested in politics." All women in the township are urged to attend.

Dr. C.F Read has been transferred to the Chicago State hospital at Dunning as assistant superintendent.

The Tom Thumb wedding at the Woodman Hall Tuesday evening was well attended and a pleasant affair. Clement Burkhart as groom and Gladys Parkhurst as the bride, with their attendants made an interesting bridal party. Too much credit cannot be given all those participating. See 2008-14-22

Mrs. Henrietta Williams will sell at public auction her home Saturday afternoon at 2, household articles of all varieties. Immediately following the sale of Mrs. Henrietta Williams, at the Presbyterian church, a sale of old doors and windows, etc. will be held on Saturday afternoon, March 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Todd and son left Saturday for a visit with her relatives at Omaha, Neb.

Tamarack and Wheatland: There is very little moving around here. G. Klomhaus is moving from the Smith farm to the Dr. Owens' farm west of Plainfield.

Four carloads of cattle and hogs were shipped from Normantown Tuesday and Wednesday by farmers in this vicinity.

Mrs. Agnes Ferguson, widow of Andrew Ferguson, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Gray, Thursday evening at the age of 85 after a short illness of pneumonia. The funeral, which was private, was held from the Ferguson family homestead Saturday afternoon, and interment was on the U.P. cemetery by the side of the deceased husband and a daughter.

Miss Mary Quantock and Courtney Hem were united in marriage at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Quantock Saturday afternoon, Feb. 21.

Wednesday, March 4, will occur the marriage of Miss Bessie Clow and James McMicken at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Clow.

Yorkville: Many of our exchanges are telling of the fine ice that has been harvested and stored in their towns for summer use. Yorkville seems to be the only iceless town. The Chicago company did not think it would pay to fill their big houses here, and we will have to depend on our neighbors to get ice to cool our champagne.

The last chapter in the now famous Millbrook Bank robbery case was enacted at Geneva last Saturday when Judge Irwin denied the motion for a new trial of Charles Stuppy and John Klint, convicted of blowing the safe and robbing the Millbrook bank on the night of Nov. 19, 1912. The defendants were sentenced by Judge Irwin to serve indeterminate sentences up to 20 years at Joliet. Sheriff McBarity will take them to the penitentiary sometime this week.

This is the most important criminal case that has been tried in this part of the state for some time, and means a great deal to this community. First, it is the means of breaking up one of the best organized gang of safe blowers that have been operating in this vicinity for the past five years and secondly, it is a fair warning to this class of people to keep out of Kendall county.

March 11: The Eugene Moyer family is moving into the Henrietta Williams residence, Mrs. W. and daughter occupying the second floor while Mr. M. occupies the lower floor.

Ben Biesemier has returned to duties at the H.B. Read store.

Miss Daisy Shoger began duties at a hat shop Monday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. Peshia, Monday, March 9, a son.

Tamarack and Wheatland: A very pretty home wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Clow Wednesday, March 4, when the eldest daughter, Miss Bessie L. became the wife of James McMicken. After a short wedding trip, they will live in the tenant house on the Clow farm. Mrs. McMicken is one of our popular young ladies, has been organist in the church, and interested in the Women's section of the Plowing Match, and all are glad she will remain with us. Mr. McMicken has lived in these parts until the past three years when he went to Manitoba, where the family had land interests, returning recently to make his home here.

All were greatly shocked when word was passed around that John Richardson, a lifelong resident of Wheatland and Oswego, had died suddenly early Friday evening. The funeral was held this Monday afternoon from the house. Besides a widow, one son and five sisters remain of the immediate family.

Agnes Harvey was born in Ayrshire, Scotland in May 1828 and died in Wheatland Feb. 26, 1914 aged 86 years. In 1851, in company with brothers and sisters, of whom only one remains, she came to Illinois. She was married to Andrew Ferguson in 1852 and in 1858

they settle don't he farm in west Wheatland where she lived 55 years. To them were born eight children, three of whom passed away before their father, whose death occurred in 1908 at the age of 85. The surviving children are Harvey, Wallace and John, Mrs. John Gray, and Mrs. Wm. Caldwell, all residents of Wheatland except the latter, who lives in Wisconsin. Robert Harvey is the brother left of the other immediate relatives. And thus are the pioneers of Wheatland who came when this country was but a prairie passing away.

Yorkville: CONTINUES RICHARDS CASE

Federal Judge [Kennesaw Mountain] Landis continued the case of H.S. Richards of Oswego until March 14, when it was called before him Friday. There is a peculiar condition in the affair, since the defendant, while admitting a shorting, says he knows not where the money went to. Thirty-four witnesses were subpoenaed to appear on the case, and the judge says he intends to sift the matter to the bottom.

The question of what the people of Yorkville are to do this summer for ice is becoming a serious one. The Consumers Ice company, successors to the Knickerbocker people in Yorkville, have not cut any ice this winter and their large houses are empty. The snow and thaw late in January put the ice that was on the river in an unfit condition to be cut, and the people had to abandon any idea of an ice harvest. This will mean either the shipping in of a sufficient quantity to supply the Yorkville demand from outside points or the establishment of a plant for the manufacture of artificial ice. The latter seems the more feasible plan, for then the village would be forever free from worry as to their supply. Then, the artificial product is much the purer and more satisfactory for use in the homes. Perhaps a stock company could be organized or a private individual induced to put in a plant.

It is reported and published that S.G. Durant, the promoter of the Illinois Midland Railway, is serving a 15 months' sentence in the Atlanta, Ga. federal prison. This really takes the managing head from the road and leaves whatever other work is to be done to the contractor, Mr. Connors. The financing of the road was done by Durant and this must, of course, be taken up by some other agent before the work can be continued.

In the death of A.E. Mottinger, Plainfield loses one of its prominent business men and politicians. Mr. Mottinger had been in ill health for several months and died early Saturday morning. He had held several county offices and was a member of several lodges. Surviving him are a widow and three daughters, one of whom, Miss Grace, has many friends in Yorkville.

March 18: The People's caucus will be held at the town hall Saturday afternoon, March 21, for the purpose of nominating candidates for town offices for the ensuing year.

Gus Welz, who has been confined to his home for the past 11 weeks, was taken to the hospital in St. Charles last week, where he is receiving treatment. Mr. W. ran a nail in his foot, which is causing this trouble.

Miss Lois Chase is unable to attend to her duties at the telephone office on account of ill health.

Robert B. Smith, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, formerly of Oswego, died at home in Chicago Thursday, March 12, 1914, where he had resided for the past 17 years. He was born in Oswego Aug. 26, 1879. He is survived by his wife, mother, brother and sister, Mrs. C.A. Curran of Aurora. Funeral services were held March 15 and remains taken to Graceland for cremation, this being his special request.

Mrs. H. Armstrong, widow of the late Adam Armstrong, passed away at her home in Chicago Monday, March 16. The funeral will be held Thursday from the Congregational church, Oswego; interment at Oswego.

Yorkville: The new law governing the election of presidents and members of boards of education went into effect July 1, 1913. It provides that the nomination of candidates for these offices shall be made only by petition, filed with the secretary of the board. Such petitions shall be signed by at least ten percent of the legal voters of the district. Ballots used in such an election shall be furnished at the expense of the district and shall be in the same form substantially as those used in general elections. The date of the election is the same as heretofore, the third Saturday in April. This law does not apply to the election of school directors.

Jay Widney has bought the ice business from O.C. Knudson and will deliver this summer. This will be a relief to the many who have wondered how they would be able to fill their refrigerators this summer. The ice will come from Lake Zurich and will be of excellent quality, lake ice being the purer than the river product. Owing to the extra handling necessary and the cost of freight, Mr. Widney will be forced to raise the price from 40 to 50 cents per hundred pounds, but this will not be burdensome. The shrinkage of the lake ice is not so great as the river ice for the reason that it is usually frozen more solid and lacks the porous surface.

The proposition for the establishment of a township high school in Yorkville was defeated Saturday by a vote of 317 to 212. The poll was a large one, larger than anyone expected.

March 25: Miss Orma Young and Mr. Oscar Shoger were married on March 17 at Naperville. These young people who have always made Oswego their home are well and most favorably known to hosts of friends who extend congratulations and best wishes. Mr. and Mrs. Shoger will make their home on the farm of the groom's father where they have lived for years. Mr. and Mrs. Shoger Sr. will occupy the new home in Oswego as soon as it is completed.

In May 1850, Mrs. Adam Armstrong came to Oswego; there she and her husband lived until about 20 years ago when they moved to Chicago and made a home with their daughters. Mr. Armstrong died two or three years ago and last week the wife died. Her remains were brought to Oswego Thursday and after the funeral service at the

Congregational church her remains were placed beside those of her husband in the home cemetery. Deceased was born at Lockport, N.Y., Jan. 15, 1837. Three daughters survive the loss of a good mother, Mrs. Bessie Armstrong Long, Misses Nellie and Jennie Armstrong. Ever since *The Record* has been published, nearly 50 years, the name of this Armstrong family has been on its subscription list and the publisher sincerely regrets the passing of so many old friends.

Mrs. E.A. Wolcott, late of Dundee, has moved to Oswego into the residence recently vacated by Mr. F. Reinhart. Mr. and Mrs. R. moved in with Dr. L.J. Weishew.

Mrs. J. Corneils has moved from Aurora to her residence. Miss Emma Corneils and Martin Corneils accompanying her, resuming duties in Aurora.

There will be a local [liquor] option meeting at the Presbyterian church Friday evening, March 27. Instructions on how to mark the ballot will be given.

Nominations for offices made during Saturday's caucuses were: Town Clerk, L.R. Inman; Assessor, George Tuttle; Collector, George White; Commissioner, Charles Sorg.

Yorkville: Suit has been filed in the office of the circuit court clerk for Kendall county by Mr. Connors who constructed the branch railroad from Millington to Newark, for his pay. Mr. Durant is not available at this time and the contractor is looking to the bank for the money placed there in escrow to be paid when a train ran from Millington to Newark over the Illinois Midland. It is unfortunate that there should be litigation but there are some who say "I told you so." It is a good thing for the town and vicinity and should be finished and kept in use. It may not pay a dividend, but it will be a convenience and of value to a large number of shippers who would have a two-miles drive with a load of stock--or four miles, counting the return. That distance and time is worth saving.

Alvin D. Mitchell, Oswego, on Sept. 30, 1912 was run over by an electric car in the night and lost his right foot. His wife, Martha M. Mitchell, now bring suit under the Dram Shop law for the loss of her means of support. The suit is against Frey & Co., then keeping a saloon in Oswego and John P. Schickler, the damages assessed at \$20,000. B.F. Herrington is representing the wife and six minor children. The trial will equal the famous Bell case of the '90s, which put the old City Hotel out of business and bankrupted several of its backers.

Three men employed by the Midland railway, Newark, have brought suit for the collection of their wages. J.P. Tutt, general manager; F.A. Schaeffer, engineer; and M.H. Dierzen, fireman have claims aggregating \$843.41, which they are unable to collect. There is a peculiar relationship between Connors & Co., who are suing the Newark bank and the railroad company. The contracting company is represented by Vroman, a law partner of Mr. Munro, president of the Illinois Midland. Is it possible that the whole affair is a close corporation with Connors, Munro, and Durant working together to get the money out of the Newark people.

April -- 1914

April 1: The women voters of Oswego township, irrespective of political views, are cordially invite to make the XIX Century club rooms their headquarters on election day, Tuesday, April 7. This will be a comfortable and cheerful place to rest, to meet, and to wait. Sample ballots will be shown and instructions on marking will be given to any who wish it. Hot coffee will be served free to all.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brownell are proud parents of a son, born last week.

Dr. T.B. Drew is in Chicago. He submitted to an operation performed at the Augustana hospital last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Clauser are parents of a daughter born Monday, March 30.

G.M. Cowdrey was a recent visitor at the home of his son, Chub, at Aurora.

RECALLING J. HELMUTH CASE

Oswego Saloon-Keepers Sued
for Damages to Mitchell Family

Nearly 25 years ago, three men were drowned in Fox river at Yorkville while, it was charged, they were in an intoxicated condition; suit was brought by the widow of one of the victims, Mrs. Bell, for damages and B.F. Herrington was the attorney for the case, fighting the suit through the circuit court, the appellate court, and the supreme court of the state of Illinois, winning a favorable decision in the court of last resort. The outcome of the matter was that Jacob Helmuth and wife, who owned the saloon property--he keeping the saloon--were financially ruined, and one of his bondsmen, a Fox town[ship] farmer named Shumaker, lost all of his property. It was a disastrous affair all around. It was shown by the decision of the court that the owner of property used for a saloon was equally liable with the man who sold the liquor that caused damage to life or limb of one who bought at such saloon--that the man who rented his property for saloon purposes had no better standing before the law than the man who stood behind the bar. And now there is to be another combat along the same line.

As was noted in *The Record* last week, suit has been started in our circuit court against Frey & Co., who kept a saloon in Oswego and John P. Schickler, who owned the building where the saloon was kept, in behalf of the wife and children of A.D. Mitchell, who lost a leg and was otherwise injured in the fall of 1912 by falling from a trolley car at Oswego while intoxicated, it is charged. it is said that Mitchell spent his time and his money at the Frey saloon greatly to the distress of his wife and six children. Mr. Herrington is attorney for the Mitchell family and he will stick to the saloon people like a chestnut bur to try and win damages to the amount of \$20,000. Defendant seems to have got into the frying pan.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Seven carloads of hogs, cattle, and sheep were shipped from Normantown and Wolf's last Tuesday by farmers in the vicinity.

Yorkville: On Tuesday next week, April 7, officers will be elected in the nine townships of Kendall county; the choice of same was made manifest at the primary elections and there is but little if any contest concerning candidates except in Little Rock where George Faxon is running for Supervisor on a "Peoples ticket," and John M. Whitfield is a candidate for same office on a Democratic ticket. The Republicans and "Bull Moose" seem to be afraid of each other in Little Rock, for neither faction would put up candidates.

A question in some of the towns is "Highways;" in some a vote as to poll tax, in others money or labor tax, and others hard roads tax. This is a very important matter that should receive attention from all voters concerned.

The main contest in Oswego, Kendall, and Little Rock is on the saloon matter, whether licenses shall be granted or not granted.

Tuesday night at 6:30, March 31, 1914 the whistle at the Electric Light and Power plant in Yorkville sang its swan song--blew its breath under the jurisdiction of the electric company, and the building will be vacated until some enterprising party comes here to establish a factory. The building was put up for the White Metal Manufacturing company some 25 years ago; that company did not last long. It was used for a condensed milk factory and light plant for many years, and is now silent.

CONCERNING HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS

To the Editor:

As there has been some discussion as to whether or not the labor system in district and property road tax is repealed by the new road law of July 1, 1913, commonly known as the Tice law, and as there is some question as to the time supervisors should assume their duties as treasurers of the commissioners of highways, I beg leave to publish the opinion of the attorney general:

"Section 169 of the revised act expressly repeals the act of 1883, excepting as to the right of officials holding office under that act, to exercise and enjoy the rights, powers, duties, and emoluments of their respective offices until the first election of highway officials under and pursuant to the revised act.

"The labor system was a part of the act of 1883, being sections 80 to 124 inclusive of that act, and is repealed by section 169 of the revised act.

"it is the holding of this department that the effect of the revised act is to put all towns under the cash system."

J.D. RUSSELL

[Russell, a resident of Oswego Township, was the newly appointed Kendall County Highway Supervisor.]

April 8: The remains of Mr. Arch Lake Sr. were brought here from LaGrange for burial Saturday. Mr. Lake was an Oswego resident until a few years ago when he moved to LaGrange where he followed his profession of a barber. About two years ago he first began to suffer from his last and fatal illness, dropsy, causing his death. Mr. Lake leaves a wife and two sons, a mother, Mrs. Nancy Dugan, and brother and a host of friends. Interment at Oswego Saturday in the morning.

One of Oswego's landmarks, the Armstrong tannery, is being torn down to make room for new and modern cottages to be erected by Miss Nellie Armstrong.

Mrs. Margaret Young, Oswego's oldest resident, was the first to cast her ballot at the election Tuesday. Exercising their first right at the polls, 273 women voted; 22 of that number voted wet. The most pleasant feature of the contest was in the fact that them men rose in their might and carried the township dry by a majority of 34, 389 votes being cast. The XIX Century Club rooms furnished women's headquarters. Any idea that the place and time were used to instruct the women to vote dry is erroneous. They were instructed how to vote either wet or dry. When votes were counted, 25 men's and 6 women's ballots were found effective.

Yorkville: Kendall County was voted dry at the election Tuesday by a record breaking vote in which the women showed their strength. Kendall, Oswego, and Little Rock townships voted on the anti-saloon question and all were lost to the saloon element by a safe margin. Oswego proved the banner town for the dries, carrying the issue by 255 votes, the men alone voting out the dram shop by 34 ballots. Kendall came next with a plurality of 123, men voting it dry by 11 votes. Little Rock carried the petition by 58 votes. There were no other contests in any other town on this question.

April 15: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Norris are the proud parents of a daughter born Saturday morning.

At the election of trustees of the Oswego school Saturday, J.D. Ebinger was reelected.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Todd have moved to Aurora. Mr. Todd still conducts the lumber and coal business.

Front page story on Mrs. Anna Elizabeth Avery Gates' 90th birthday, including story of her life.

April 22: Mr. Bob Murphy of Front Royal, Virginia, called on friends and comrades of the 36th Ill. Infantry one day last week.

Levi Young of the Quincy Soldiers' home is enjoying a furlough.

Grant Leigh was alarmed one evening recently when he discovered his valuable driving horse was missing from his mother's residence where he had hitched it. Search was begun and the track of the buggy, which had a rubber tire missing from one front wheel, was easily followed to the pavement in Aurora. The police were notified and early the next morning the horse was found tied near the Northwestern depot. It bore the signs of a hard drive but was otherwise uninjured.

Little Miss Alma Knapp celebrated her birthday Saturday by inviting 20 of her little friends to her home that afternoon.

A cowardly attack was made on Mr. Andrew Gray at his home last Wednesday evening. Mr. Gray lives alone and it is very common that friends spend a few hours in the evening with him. This time, Mr. Oscar Weiss had left but a short time and Mr. Gray had retired. A knock was heard at his door and upon inquiry the person said that he was "Weiss." and wanted to tell him something. Mr. G. opened the door and when he started to get a light, the intruder brutally attacked him, knocked him unconscious and made good his escape with \$9. Mr. Gray suffers a scalp wound and bruises.

The remains of Mrs. Mary Wilsey were buried at Oswego cemetery Monday afternoon. Mrs. G. had been in ill health for some time and after suffering from a paralytic stroke was removed from the home of her sister, Mrs. B. English, to the St. Joseph infirmary where she died Saturday at the age of 76 years.

Miss Jane Jessup and Richard Vaughn were married in Chicago last Wednesday, and came directly to Oswego where they will make their home with the bride's father, Frank A. Jessup.

In the village election, Oswego results were trustees, Frank Herren, Robert Johnston, and Oscar Graham, and clerk, I.H. Edwards.

Yorkville: At this writing there is prospect of serious trouble with Senior Huerta, the Mexican usurper; war talk is the theme and the glory of the city dailies. Readers of *The Record* are informed in the dailies of the condition of things and it is not our purpose to follow up the matter.

The service that has been given by the Public Service company since they changed their power from the old Yorkville plant to the high tension service has been such that it has caused several additions to the users of gas in Yorkville. The electric light people have taken it upon themselves to turn off the power and light when it suits their convenience without any notification and leaving the village without service. These stops run from a few minutes in duration to several hours.

The Western Gas and Electric company has supplied gas to the patrons in Yorkville since last fall and there is yet a complaint of absence of the gas to be heard. Difficulties with the Public Service company have caused several local merchants to install gas for lighting. William Friedberg, *The Record* office, Bretthauer & Lane, the Yorkville Harness Co., and George McHugh have gas pipes into their places of business and more are talking of the move.

At the close of the day May 7th, the saloons of Kendall county will go out of business--four in Plano, three in Yorkville, two in Oswego--in conformity to the will of the majority of the voters at the township elections on April 7.

The final examination for eighth grade students in Kendall County will be held Saturday, April 25, in the courthouse at Yorkville.

Teachers should encourage all the eighth grade pupils who are thoroughly prepared to pass this examination and to enter high school, to be present.

A county diploma, which admits to any high school, will be awarded to those who make a satisfactory record. Pupils should provide themselves with legal-cap paper and pencils.

Mrs. Alvin D. Mitchell was given \$500 damages in her suit against Joseph Frey & Co., and John P. Schickler in the circuit court last week. The case was an outcome of an accident to the plaintiff's husband, Alvin D. Mitchell, who was run over by a streetcar at Oswego on the night of Sept. 30, 1912. It was claimed he was under the influence of liquor at the time and that he had obtained the liquor at the saloon then being run by Frey & Co. in the building of John P. Schickler, who was made a co-defendant under the dram shop law.

Deputy Game Warden Hennis arrested three men on Sunday for seining in the Fox River at the mouth of Somonauk Creek. He was patrolling the river when he saw the men at work with their seine and started toward them. They saw him coming and started to run, but Mr. Hennis commanded them to halt and when they refused, he sent several shots flying in their direction. This brought them to a halt and they threw up their hands. The three men, who gave their names as Peter Woods, Thomas Molloy, and John Patrick, were a part of the crew who work in the gravel pit at Sheridan. Mr. Hennis place them under arrest. They were given the minimum fine, which they were unable to produce and were placed in the county jail.

DEATH OF H.S. HUMPHREY

Old Oswego Editor Dies in Vandalia, Illinois.

Hector S. Humphrey was publisher of the *Oswego Free Press* during the [Civil] war period and earlier; when the *Kendall County Record* was established in Yorkville in April 1864, Mr. Humphrey wanted to sell his printing office to J.R. Marshall; as he wanted \$2,500 for the plant, Marshall could not buy it, but bought a second-hand outfit from his employer, S.P. Rounds in Chicago and brought it to Yorkville and began printing *The Record*. Mr. Humphrey moved his Oswego plant to Vandalia, Fayette county, Ill., where he established *The Vandalia Union*, and published same for 30 years or more. He was next engaged in keeping a drug store there and was postmaster for 17 years. Mr. Humphrey died Saturday, aged 86 years. He was a staunch Union man, a Republican, and a most excellent citizen. In 1849 he was employed as a printer in the office of the *Chicago Journal*; J.R. Marshall began work in the same office, as a boy, in August 1852, and it was a coincidence that he should succeed Mr. Humphrey as the publisher of Kendall county's only local paper.

Under the heading "Old Yorkville Publisher Dies" the paper up the river publishes the following:

"Hector S. Humphrey, aged 86 years, who in the year 1856 purchased the *Kendall County Observer* at Yorkville and changed its name to the *Kendall County Record* died last evening at his late home in Yorkville."

The only item of truth in the above is that Mr. Humphrey is dead--and that fact might be doubted but that other papers have published the news. Mr. Humphrey did not purchase the *Kendall County Observer* at Yorkville and change its name to the *Kendall County Record*. There was never a *Kendall County Observer* published in Yorkville or in Kendall county; Mr. Humphrey published the *Kendall County Courier* for a short time in Oswego. Mr. Humphrey never lived in Yorkville and did not die in Yorkville--he was a resident of Vandalia for 50 years and died there. John R. Marshall brought printing material from Chicago in April 1864, and began the publication of *The Record* and has published it continuously ever since. There was no local paper published in any town in Kendall county when *The Record* was established. With these corrections made, the above paragraph taken from the up-river paper is true.

April 29: Mrs. Margaret Edwards returned Friday from a winter's sojourn at Florida, enjoying the winter to the utmost.

Fred Groner, who has been serving as repairman for the Chicago Telephone Co. in this vicinity has been transferred to Aurora. Arch Meyers will act in that capacity. Mr. and Mrs. M. occupying the Josephine Edwards residence.

A number from here attended an organ recital at the Presbyterian church in Aurora Sunday evening given by John Seely, who has acted as organist there and resigned to accept a like position and choir master in one of the churches at Akron, Ohio.

Miss Lois Chase has resumed her duties at the telephone office, having recovered from her illness.

The remains of Mrs. Sarah King were brought to Oswego Sunday for interment. Mrs. King made her home in Chicago and was a cousin of Mrs. Guy Wheeler of NaAuSay.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Mr. and Mrs. William Rance are the parents of a little daughter, born Wednesday.

Robert LaDew was taken very ill early Sunday morning with hemorrhage of the stomach, although resting easier at this writing, he is still in a serious condition.

Yorkville: A.N. Johnson, state superintendent of highways, and J.D. Russell, county superintendent, met with the commissioners of Oswego and Kendall townships and many business men at Yorkville Tuesday night. The subject was, naturally, state aid roads and Mr. Johnson gave a complete and satisfactory explanation of the methods, materials, and expense to be involved in this new movement. The meeting was in a measure in the way of a discussion and was interesting.

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EXIT THE OLD MAN
AND HIS VAGARIES

With this week's issue of *The Kendall County Record* I complete a period of 50 years as editor and publisher. The first number of *The Record* was printed in the last week of April 1864, though it was dated May 6; the next issue of *The Record*, under control of my successor will be dated May 6, 1914.

I have leased *The Record* printing plant and the paper to my son, Hugh R. Marshall, who has been business manager of the same for the past six years. He takes possession tomorrow, April 20, and my responsibility for *The Record* ceases.

It had been my purpose to write and print a long valedictory in this issue but the purpose has been set aside for various reasons and the reader will not be afflicted with my newspaper obituary.

In the 50 years of my service, it has been a purpose to deal justly, and give Kendall county a clean, home paper. I believe I succeeded in this purpose; if not, it has been because of poor judgment rather than desire to shirk any duty.

Writing this article does not come freely--there seems to be something hampering me at the typewriter; maybe it is because I am giving up the work of my life.

Paraphrasing the sentiment of St. Paul: I hope I have fought a good fight; I know I have finished my course; whether there is a future life of peaceful rest "beyond the river," I have yet to learn.

When you have done your best, what more can be done? If I have failed in many things, it is unfortunate. I want to quit with the good will of you all and I here extend to you my wishes for your success and happiness in every proper avenue of life.

But it is not "Good-bye"--

Just "au revoir," "auf wiedersehen."

JOHN REDMAN MARSHALL

Yorkville, Ill., April 29, 1914.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to those whom it may concern that I have this day (April 30, 1914) leased the *Kendall County Record* and the printing plant of same to Hugh R. Marshall, and my responsibility, financially and editorially, has ceased. Hugh R. Marshall will fill out the term of all unexpired subscriptions and will collect and receipt for all subscriptions, advertising, and job printing accounts now due. I will pay all bills owing by the *Kendall County Record* up to and including April 30, 1914 and none that may accrue thereafter.

JOHN R. MARSHALL

Yorkville, Illinois, April 30, 1914

McDowell & Curran, merchants in Bristol [now the north side of Yorkville], were burned out Sunday night, the entire building and stock being destroyed. The fire started in a lean-to in the rear about midnight and before anyone could get in the building the fire had gained such a headway that entrance was impossible. It was by the hardest work that the surrounding buildings were saved and the trees were badly scorched.

The firm has not decided whether or not to continue business as there is no place for them to go, the buildings being all occupied and Mr. Dowd is undecided about rebuilding, the post office, which was also burned out, has been moved by Postmaster O'Brien to the

Doten store building. The fire causes an irreparable loss to Bristol as the boys in the store had been doing a big business and were bringing many people to the village.

May -- 1914

May 6: Mrs. Nancy Barrett spent the last few days at the home of Dr. E.A. Van Deventer to be with Mrs. V., who was ill, death claiming her Sunday evening.

The recent ball game was a victory for the home boys who defeated the Mutuals of Aurora, 3-1.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vaughn were guests of honor at a post nuptial dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. C. Cherry at their home last Saturday. The home was made beautiful in spring decorations and cut flowers.

Sunday night's storm was accompanied by lightning, which slightly damaged the L.P. Voss residence, shingles being torn off, as was the plaster and paper.

Mrs. Emma Murdock Van Deventer, wife of Dr. A.E. Van Deventer, died at her late home Sunday night. Some months ago, Mrs. V. suffered a paralytic stroke, but recovered sufficiently to be about again. About a week ago, she was overcome by another stroke, which after a few days proved fatal. Born in Oswego Jan. 16, 1853, she resided with her parents who were among Oswego's early settlers. Twenty-five years ago, she was married to Dr. A.E. Van Deventer, residing in Oswego till her death. In her girlhood days, a remarkable ability asserted itself and which soon came before the public in her many books sold extensively here and abroad. This she continued until unable to write on account of ill health. A husband is left to mourn her departure. Funeral services from Congregational church Wednesday; interment at Montgomery mausoleum.

Yorkville: The *Elgin News* prints the following: "Clamming operations of Fox river and all its tributaries, which are in full swing at present, must cease entirely and there will be no clamming permitted until July 1.

"This positive order has been issued by the state fish and game commission.

"The mandate against clamming was issued, it is said, to protect the clam during the spawning season. The commission has the power to set aside any stream and its tributaries as fish preserves and has taken this action with the Fox river. Many complaints have been filed with the commission against the clammers."

Judge Landis yesterday sentenced Harley S. Richards, former postmaster at Oswego, to 18 months at the federal prison, Leavenworth, Kansas. Richards confessed to an embezzlement of \$3,000 of the government funds.

The saloons will close on Thursday night and Yorkville will join the ranks of the "dry" towns. Plano and Oswego are also in dry territory and Kendall county will be without saloons. There was an election contest filed from Plano with Judge Williams, but owing

to the fact that the Supreme court did not pass on the suffrage question, the trial was continued. Yorkville and Oswego were content to close without a fight. The nearest wet towns to Yorkville are now Aurora, Morris, and Ottawa.

May 13: The June Delineators are here--bring in your card and get yours. W.J. Morse.

Mrs. Tom Hopkins and daughter of Savannah were weekend visitors at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Biesemier.

Roy Smith has moved his family to the flat recently vacated by the J.P. Schickler family.

Earl Simpson shipped three carloads of ponies from Montgomery south Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Shoger have moved to their new residence just completed in the village. For years they have lived on the farm now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Shoger.

The Oswego base ball team was defeated by the South Ends of Aurora, 6-3 in 11 innings.

NaAuSay: The pupils of the high school will give an entertainment at the church Friday evening, May 15.

Yorkville: It is gratifying in the extreme to read the pleasing things that our contemporaries are saying of Hon. John R. Marshall, the retiring editor of *The Record*. His record is a long one and, from the tone of the other papers, successful. The wishes for success and prosperity to the new editor are also gratifying and we hope to be able to continue the success of *The Record* as a clean county paper.

Sunday was a great day for the automobilist. The rain of Saturday night had made the roads hard and the country roads were thronged with cars.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Mrs. A.G. Griffin of Aurora and Kinley LaDew of Montgomery have returned to their homes after spending some time at the Robert LaDew home during the illness of Mr. LaDew, who is able to be up and go around but is still very weak.

During the storm Saturday evening, lightning struck the barn on the David Sillar's farm, and three horses, a cow, and a calf, with hay, grain and harnesses were burned. Four horses were taken out of the burning structure and luckily the rest of the livestock was in the pasture. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

Monday morning, the corn crib on the Flagg farm near Plainfield was destroyed. The corn crib on the William Shepard farm near Lisbon was burned during the storm Monday morning.

May 20: Miss Helen Carlson completed her school duties in NaAuSay last Friday.

Mrs. Jennie Lake and sons of LaGrange were Sunday visitors with Oswego relatives.

The merchants of Oswego will close their places of business at 12 p.m. on Decoration Day for the balance of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Hull have moved from Lima, Ohio to Oswego in the Calvin Pearce residence.

A young wolf has been caught at the Leo Seidelman farm. A hunting party failed to find any more whelps Monday night.

Russell, 9 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rink, had his leg broken by the kick of a horse. He is doing as well as could be expected.

NaAuSay: Last fall a private school was organized at the chapel of the NaAuSay church under the charge of Miss Morrow from Ohio. The patrons and friends of the school were pleasantly entertained Friday evening by a well-prepared program given by the 12 capable young students.

All interested in the school are to be congratulated in having Miss Morrow with them for another year.

Yorkville: There was a great deal of interest shown in Yorkville Sunday when the Uncle Tom's Cabin company arrived and started to set up their tents. It was one of the biggest shows that ever visited Yorkville and the children vied with the older folks in watching the hounds, ponies, etc. There were over 50 in the crowd. One young fellow about 17 years of age had run away from his home in Chicago and joined the company. His father followed him to Yorkville and Sunday afternoon too him home.

"The time of the year is now here when you should look after your hot weather underwear," announced Friedberg Clothing and Dry Goods of Yorkville. Friedberg's listed a "well assorted stock of underwear" for the summer months.

May 27: Charles Leigh now takes his family in a new auto to ride.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Seagrist of Woodstock are the proud parents of a son. Mrs. S. may be remembered as Miss Rose Schultz.

James Morrison will collect the water rent that is now due.

Decoration Day will be observed in Oswego Saturday. At 1:30 p.m. the automobile parade will form in front of the bank building on Main Street [at the southeast corner] and go to the [Red Brick] schoolhouse where the pupils will be conveyed to the Presbyterian church, where at 2:30 the program will be given. Following this service the autos will convey pupils to the cemetery, where the graves of the fallen veterans will be decorated.

Ladies' night of the Meramech club was held at Oswego Wednesday night, May 20 and the evening was one of pleasure for the hundred and fifth who partook of the excellent banquet. The meeting was held in the new Presbyterian church and a place better fitted for the occasion could not have been found. The church, not yet completed, is an honor to the town and many were the compliments heard regarding it. The company upon entering came into the Sunday school room where they were met by the reception committee. They were then ushered to the auditorium of the church where the informal reception was held. This part of the church tells of the beauty that it will present when the work is completed. It is roomy light, and comfortable and when the new organ is installed, will be one of the prettiest places of worship in the county.

Yorkville: The commencement invitations of the Yorkville school, Class of 1914, were not printed by *The Record* office men. It is an out of town job. We make this statement in justice to the printers of this office.

June -- 1914

June 3: Charles Teller was a weekend visitor at the home of his sister, Mrs. Lettie Seely.

The barn of Dan and Sol. Hemm was struck by lightning during the storm of Sunday night. The quick assistance of Messrs. Oliver Hemm and Hardy Shoger extinguished the blaze before damage was done.

In the recent ball games with Batavia Blues and the Acorns, the Oswego team suffered defeat at the hands of both opponents.

The funeral service of the late Mrs. Catharine Mann were held from her late home Sunday afternoon. Interment in Oswego cemetery. Mrs. Mann was born in Canada Dec. 31, 1826 and came to Newark when a young girl and lived there three years, then she came to Oswego. She married Captain E. Mann, who died 14 years ago. Her death was caused by general debility. Her kind disposition won her many friends who share sympathy with the nephew, C.E. Mann, who is left to mourn her loss.

Yorkville: Ignorant of the force of the current of the Fox river above the dam at Yorkville, four young men from North Berwyn were carried over in a boat Saturday morning, May 30, and three were drowned. The three victims were Harry Tomaske, Benjamin Frederick, and Ernest Nesvacil, all of South Oak Park. Jerry Lavicks, also of South Oak Park was the only occupant of the boat who saved himself. He jumped as the craft neared the edge of the dam and swam to safety. The four were a party of seven young men who live in a Bohemian settlement at North Berwyn who came out Friday night for a fishing trip.

June 10: The Mutuals of Aurora journeyed to Oswego where, in an 11-inning game, they were the losers by a score of 2-1.

Among those to purchase new automobiles is James Pearce.

The Oswego school closed last Friday at which time a picnic was enjoyed by the entire school. Rain caused the dinner to be served inside, but after it cleared up, the usual games were enjoyed by all.

Miss Blanch Hatch, who has been recovering from an attack of diphtheria, is again able to be out.

Miss Bernice Pearce discontinued duties at the Aurora office of the Chicago Telephone company last Saturday. Miss Pearce with Mr. and Mrs. Colvin Pearce, will spend the winter in California.

Lost an automobile rear lamp. Finder please leave at W.J. Morse's store.

Dr. T.B. Drew is at Rochester, Minn., where he is attending a clinic.

Miss Catherine Hayford, teacher of the Rickard school, closed a successful school year last Friday.

Miss Stella Suhler closed her school year at the Walker school with a picnic last Saturday, Forty-five enjoyed the various amusements.

A sumptuous picnic dinner was enjoyed. Miss Suhler, who leaves that district to teach the Wormley school, was presented with a half dozen salad forks.

Miss Madeline Morganegg has the honor of having the highest average in her school work Miss Winifred Walker second; Miss Ethel Schlapp, the most regular attendant and Miss Winifred Walker honors for not being tardy for four years.

The 24th Annual Alumni association held its reunion and banquet in the Presbyterian church parlors Saturday evening. About 100 members and guests most thoroughly enjoyed the occasion.

Yorkville: C.C. Duffy Resigns

C.C. Duffy of Ottawa, so well known in Kendall county, resigned as director of schools in that city last week in a controversy over the retention of Herman Mischke as principal in Lincoln school. All who know Mr. Duffy are satisfied that he is on the right side--he has been interested in school matters since the Civil War and is well posted.

June 17: Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Wayne and son Arthur are at Lake Delevan, where they have purchased a summer cottage.

Miss Mabel Biesemier closed the Russell school Friday, June 12 after a very successful year.

Saturday morning with neighborly help, Mr. James Campbell raised a 40x60 barn. After the raising Mrs. Campbell served the gentlemen with a course spread which was heartily enjoyed by all.

Scott Cutter has received his fourth carload of Ford cars. Delivery of them will be very soon.

Yorkville: A special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Kendall county was held at the courthouse in Yorkville on Tuesday, May 19, 1914. Mr. Fred Bretthauer, chairman, stated that the reason for the calling of this special meeting was the receipt of a letter from the State Highway Commission asking that the board make their choice between concrete or brick for the material to be used in the construction of any state highway in Kendall county.

At the request of Supervisor Morley, Mr. Russell, county superintendent of roads, was asked to state his views regarding this matter. He also answered various questions asked by members of the board and explained the construction and comparative cost of concrete, brick, and macadam roads.

In the afternoon session, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the Illinois State Highway commission has submitted to this Board of approval two types of road, one of brick and the other of concrete and,

Whereas, this board does not approve of either of said types as submitted, and,

Whereas it is the unanimous opinion of this board that the "Macadam" type of road, built according to State specifications, 18 feet in width, is the best and most efficient type of road to build in the county, therefore be it

Resolved, That we respectfully request that the State Aid Roads in this county be of the "Macadam" type construction for their consideration at their regular meeting.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Among the students at the various high schools who are or will soon be home for the summer are Misses Nettie Brown, Emily King, and May Congdon, also Clinton King from the Plainfield high school, Earle Loucks from east Aurora high school, and Miss Annie Richardson and Marian Anderson from the Seminary in Aurora.

Mrs. Mary McLaren has gone to Madison, Wis., where her son, Louis, will graduate as electrical engineer from the university.

John Gray is unloading lumber at Normantown for his new bar, which will replace the one destroyed by lightning this spring.

The highway commissioners of Oswego have about finished grading that portion of the Lincoln highway from the end of the gravel road to the NaAuSay line and it is now ready for the top dressing. During the heavy rains recently, several automobiles were stalled and had to be pulled or helped out.

June 24: John Burkhart is among those to recently purchase an automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Young and children of Aurora have moved from Aurora to occupy the residence of that their permanent residence.

Dr. A.H. Churchill, who with his family will again become Oswego residents, was transacting business in town Monday.

Word has been received of the death of John Cliggitt at his home in mason City, Ia.

The 50th gathering of the Stone schoolhouse schoolmates who formed a club in 1900 for an annual affair, met at the Frank Hawley farm on the car line west of Oswego June 13, 1914 at the home of Paul Hawley, who loaned the use of their beautiful home and made possible another day of pleasure to 23 schoolmates, who for the day were girls and boys together.

Officers chosen for the coming year are Ella Newton Minkler, president; Ella Ricketson Hill, vice president; Anna Reed Smith, secretary and treasurer. An invitation was given to meet at the home of Josie and Levi Hall next summer, which was gladly accepted.

Yorkville: Kendall county is promising one of the largest crops of grain it has ever produced. A trip through the country is sufficient to convince one of this fact.

July -- 1914

July 1: Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Werve and family arrived in Oswego Saturday, remaining till Monday with friends. Leaving then for a visit with relatives in Wisconsin for about two days. They return to start on their journey to Los Angeles, Calif. This trip will be made by auto, which is most fully equipped for such a journey.

Death of John Cliggitt

John Cliggitt was born in Montgomery county, New York on the 25th of August 1840. When he was one year old his parents moved to Burlington, Vt., where he secured his rudimentary education in the public school, which he continued to attend until May 1850, when the family removed to the west and located in Madison, Wis. Where they remained until the following autumn when they removed to Naperville, DuPage County, Illinois, where they remained until December 1851. They next removed to Kendall County, that state. John Cliggitt continued his residence in Kendall County until his removal to Iowa in 1871. He completed the prescribed courses in high school Oswego, Ill. He taught several terms of school and in 1865 he began the study of law, to which he devoted his attention at all spare times during his pedagogic and other work. In the autumn of 1868 he entered the Chicago Law School in which institution he finished his work in 1869. In February of that year he was admitted to practice in the supreme court of Illinois and in June 1871, shortly after his arrival in Mason City, Iowa, he was admitted to practice in the district court of Cerro Gordo County. On the first of September 1879 Mr. Cliggitt was united in marriage to Miss Ella C. Brightness, who was born and reared in the state of New York, and their attractive home at 316 East Ninth Street they have delighted in dispensing hospitality to their wide circle of friends.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Two large barns have been erected recently, one at John Gray's and one at Laird Sillers'. Both raisings were attended by large crowds of men and after the work was done all enjoyed repasts served by the hostesses and their friends.

The severe wind and electrical storms the past week did considerable damage. Trees were blown down and old buildings besides the wind mill at Albert Anderson's.

Yorkville: Notice is hereby given that the state law with regard to the speed of automobiles will be enforced in Yorkville. The law places the following limits on speed in town:

In closely built-up business portions, 10 miles an hour.

In residence districts, 15 miles per hour.

Outside business and residence portion, 20 miles per hour.

When going around any curve or corner, 6 miles per hour.

The penalties are heavy fines; auto drivers are requested to take note of these restrictions.

Nearly four inches of rain fell in Yorkville between Wednesday evening and Friday morning, flooding the creeks and the river, and making the fields almost impassable for the farmer.

July 8: A regular meeting of the Woodmen at their hall will be held on Thursday evening of this week. Important business is to be transacted and every member is urgently requested to be present.

The Oak Park base ball team of Aurora came to Oswego for a 10 inning 3-2 defeat.

Mr. William Palmer was the victim of an accident last week. Going in the stall to care for his horse, it crowded him in such a way against the side as to break his collar bone.

The village of Lisbon brought suit against Mrs. Olive Newton claiming that she was obstructing one of the streets with a fence. The case was heard before Justice Roberts Wednesday. After the evidence, Justice Roberts decided there was no cause for action.

Rev. J.T. Hood and family are moving to Geneseo where they will make their home.

July 15: The remains of Mrs. H. Hopkins were brought from Chicago Thursday for interment in the Oswego cemetery. She was formerly an Oswego resident.

Arthur E. Rowswell of Oswego announced his candidacy for Kendall County Sheriff under the banner of the Progressive Party. A number of county Republicans were supporting the Progressives, and Theodore Roosevelt, who formed it. Kendall County Record Editor Hugh Marshall chastised the Progressives, however, for holding secret meetings and not advertising their platform.

Shoger & Burkhart in Oswego were offering a new six or seven passenger Studebaker "Six" fully equipped for \$1,575.

Scott Cutter, the Ford distributor in Oswego was advertising his line of autos. "Twenty-one Fords were sold by me last season and not one, to the best of my knowledge, has spent \$20 in repairs. Is this not a record? Twelve cars on hand to choose from."

July 22: Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Werve and children, accompanied by Mrs. Margaret Schwartz, returned last week from two weeks visit at Kenosha, Wis.

Miss Ina Huntoon is enjoying a week's vacation from duties at the telephone office.

Miss Stella Suhler spent the weekend at DeKalb where she attended a reception given the summer students by the Normal school faculty.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Farmers are now busy in the oat fields, many commencing Friday or Saturday.

Yorkville; Two young men from Plano, Charles Lintz and Louis Waechter, were fined \$10 and costs each in Justice Thompson's court on Monday. They pleaded guilty to having been seining with a minnow net and keeping all fish that were caught, irrespective of the law.

The Ninth Annual Sandwich Chautauqua was set for Friday, July 24 through Sunday, Aug. 2.

July 29: Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Werve and children left Monday morning for Los Angeles, Cal., expecting to make the trip by auto taking from four to six weeks.

Albert, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Schmidt, had the misfortune to badly break his arm last Thursday evening. While at play with other boys, he fell from the Dr. Clark livery barn in such a way as to fracture the arm at elbow and wrist.

Charles Schultz returned Sunday from a week's vacation. While away he was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Rolfe of Aurora, going on a short auto trip around Wisconsin lakes. Upon their return, they immediately went to their newly furnished home, having rented the R. Todd residence.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Korte returned Friday from Appleton, Wis. where they were called by the death of Mr. K's father.

Mr. George Collins returned Friday from England and the British Isles where he spent several weeks.

Charles Shoger left Tuesday morning on a business trip to Michigan to return with a 1915 demonstrator [automobile]

Threshing orders delivered free of charge by W.F. Morse.

Yorkville: Justice W.F. Thompson bound Charles Stober, the man who is accused of picking the pocket of Frank O. Hawley ten days ago, and held him in bonds of \$1,500. The case was heard in the town hall, Yorkville on Friday morning. Officer Otta Wirtz of Aurora, who has been working the case, says that Stober has been arrested some 40 times in Chicago and has served in the bridewell.

Mr. Hawley was on the car leaving Aurora at 5:10 p.m. on the afternoon of Saturday, July 18. The car was crowded with passengers and he was standing a short way up in the car talking with passenger. As he neared the home of his son, Paul Hawley of Oswego, he gave the conductor a signal and started to work toward the rear of the car and the platform. As he approached the platform he felt the pressure brought to bear on him by the defendant, he says in his testimony, who not only pressed him hard but at the moment the gates opened gave him a hard shove which forced him out on the ground. At that instant, Mr. Hawley says he felt the pocket book extracted from his hip pocket. Mr. Hawley then turned and regained the car, looking for the man who had robbed him. He was located near the front of the car sitting in one of the seats with his hands pressed tight to his legs. Mr. Hawley demanded his property and upon meeting refusal, he seized Stober by the throat. Mr. Roswell testified that in order to save his choking, the suspect raised his right hand to ward off Mr. Hawley's attack and the pocket book fell to the floor where it was recovered by Andrew Pearce. Mr. Hawley brought the suspected Stober to Yorkville where he has since been in jail.

August -- 1914

Aug. 5: Dr. A. E. Churchill and family have recently moved here from Dundee, having purchased the L. E. Paul home. He will take up practice in the Dr. Voss location.

The new pipe organ is being installed in the Presbyterian Church, the members of which were successful in receiving half from Andrew Carnegie.

Mrs. Terry has rented her home to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schultz, who take possession soon, Mrs. T. having purchased a home in Aurora where she will reside.

Mr. John Russell attended a Northern Illinois road meeting in Chicago last Saturday.

An inquest was held Wednesday morning over the body of an unknown man found here. The particulars have not been learned.

The fourth annual picnic of the Duffy pupils was held last Thursday at the beautiful country home of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Russell. Automobiles met the street cars by noon. Eighty had gathered to renew reminiscences and meet old friends. Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Duffy of Ottawa, Mr. John Mullnax of Fairfield, Ia., Seldon Bunn and family from Bloomington in his auto, many from Chicago, Aurora, and neighboring towns.

Yorkville: EUROPEAN WAR EFFECTS

As a result of the warlike conditions existing in Europe, conditions in this country have become unsettled. Following a break in the market on Tuesday last, grain regained the high price and seems to be again on a stable basis. The New York stock exchange was closed following a similar action by the London board and the trade in securities has been at a standstill. Several brokerage firms have failed and the financial market has been of the frenzied order.

American tourists in England and Europe are feeling the effects of this war scare. Money is hard to obtain and they may be forced into a long stay abroad. It is said that over 2,000 Chicagoans are thus stranded. To add to this inconvenience, several Atlantic steamship lines have cancelled their regular trips, and the ships are held in port.

The actual use of the aeroplane and airship in warfare will be tested thoroughly, Germany having already used part of her air fleet in reconnaissance. It is said that there is not a sufficient number of these ships in any of the countries to make them available for actual fighting, but they will be extremely valuable for scouting.

After successfully taking part in the largest automobile tour on record, number of participants and distance traveled taken into consideration, Mr. Charles Shoger of Shoger and Burkhart has returned to Oswego enthusiastic over an experience both interesting and unique.

Mr. Shoger was a member of a small army which gathered at South Bend, Ind. Tuesday noon and made the trip to Detroit in a special train. Each then toured home in his first 1915 Studebaker demonstrating car.

The party was comprised of the Studebaker dealers in the territories centering at Chicago, South Bend, and Indianapolis. Many of these men brought along their entire organizations and the entourage from Detroit to South Bend, where the Indiana contingent branched off for their respective homes, included in the neighborhood of 250 cars.

While Mr. Shoger failed to keep accurate track of his car's gasoline and oil consumption, several of the party did, the "Fours" showing an average of between 18 and 20 miles to the gallon on gasoline without any visible lowering of the lubricating oil, the consumption of which could have been no greater than a quart for 500 miles. The "Sixes" average from 12 to 16 miles on gasoline and used only a little more oil than the smaller cars.

Production at the Studebaker plants is coming along rapidly and several carloads of the new cars have been promised the local dealers during the next two weeks.

Aug. 12: The new elevator is now in operation, being one of the finest along the CB&Q road, being electrically equipped.

O.A. Burkhart has begun his new home on Main Street.

Geo. Smith is among those who are erecting a new silo.

Yorkville: It is with the utmost feeling of regret and sympathy that the people of the United States learned of the death of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson at the White House.

People are complaining that the news of the war from Germany is being bottled up. It is true that the other nations at war with the Kaiser have stopped cable communication from Germany. We, then, Americans, have no definite knowledge of the war from both sides. Did it ever occur to the residents of Joliet, Aurora, Elgin, and some of the other towns in the 11th district that they only get one side of the political story? Congressman Copley either owns or subsidizes all the papers in the territory and the people must either read Progressivism and Copleyism or no home paper at all.

During the war in Europe the American citizen of foreign birth is prone to side strongly with his mother country. This is a condition which cannot be avoided and the only thing to do is to control your feelings as well as possible in order not to stir the ire of a fellow citizen of another ancestry.

Many will be pleased to hear that Mrs. Emma Evarts of Plainfield has been given her dower rights in the estate of her husband now being settled. At a recent sale of real estate she was represented by J.J. Aldrich, who assures her that she will receive a third interest in all the tangible assets of the defunct bank.

Mr. T.T. Fletcher bought, through the G.H. Arundale Agency, the 240 acre farm of R.F. Booth in Lisbon Tuesday. The farm brought some \$62,000 as a price and makes Mr. Fletcher one of the heaviest landowners of the county and district. He now holds about 2,400 acres, which are estimated to be worth over a half million dollars.

The body taken from the river north of Oswego last Wednesday morning has been identified as that of Thomas B. Vickroy, who lived on the Mitchell road near Aurora. Despondent over the illness of his wife, Mr. Vickroy, who was 59 years of age, left his home Sunday night, Aug. 2. The finding of the body by clam hunters Wednesday satisfied the sons that the body was that of their father. They came to Oswego Friday and had Coroner Drew disinter the body. He was identified as the father by the personal effects found in the pockets and the tattoo mark found on the arm.

Aug. 19: Clinton Burkhart has recently purchased a new car.

Mr. J.A. Shoger is remodeling the office of Dr. L.J. Weishew by building an addition and a garage.

R. English died at his home in Oswego Tuesday afternoon after a long illness. He was a resident of Oswego some ten years.

An interurban line between Yorkville and Sandwich is promised by Upshaw Hoard of Aurora. With a terminus at Van Emmon and Bridge streets, Yorkville, it will connect directly with the AE&C and the F&IU, and make Yorkville a terminal point of value.

A.H. Churchill, M.D.: Office and residence in Lester property. Special attention to diseases of the eye, ear, nose, and throat. Spectacles properly fitted. Phone 38R, Oswego.

Mr. Minich Dead

Oswego lost one of her old settlers in the death of Mr. John Minich, which occurred Monday at his home. Several years ago he had an attack of paralysis but had recovered from it. Since the death of his wife three years ago, the only son, Daniel with his wife and family have made their home with Mr. Minich. Always of an ambitious nature, Mr. M. was up and about the place and Friday while looking at the garden he was evidently overcome with a stroke. Passersby noticed him lying very still where he had fallen, notified his people, who did all to relieve him but death overcame all. Even at his advanced age he was in good health until the last. Mr. Minich was born at Schuylkill, Pennsylvania July 11, 1825, and came to this county some 40 years ago. August 26, 1846 he was married to Miss Mary Wolf, who died three years ago. He followed farming and carpenter work until old age forced him to retire. He was a hard working man, ambitious for the good of his family and friends and his death will leave a breach in the hearts of many. He leaves five daughters, Mrs. J.P. Lantz, Mrs. Ed Haines of Oswego; Mrs. Ella Ackley, Mrs. Marry McNichols of Chicago; Mrs. Elizabeth Fuller of Kansas. The funeral services in charge of Rev. M. Groenwald, are being held this afternoon; interment in Oswego cemetery.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. LaDew are parents of a son born Sunday, August 9. Mrs. Lottie Alderman of Chicago is caring for the mother and little one.

Yorkville: The consensus of opinion in the United States is that the European war is the beginning of the end of monarchies and empires. The common people are not as ignorant as they once were and the experiences of their friends in America have told them of the success of this form of government where they would have a hand in the declaring of war themselves. it is not a question of lack of loyalty to their country. but it is the reticence of acting as puppets to the crowned heads that will start the trouble to overthrow the rulers.

Shoger & Burkhart were advertising new Studebaker "4" automobiles at their Oswego dealership. "Full 5 passenger, electrically started and lighted, full floating axle & Timken bearings throughout. Price Complete \$985."

Scott Cutter's Oswego Ford dealership was advertising Model T touring cars for \$480; runabouts for \$440; and town cars for \$690.

At the Courthouse: Estate of Tirzah Minard, deceased, L.N. Hall, executor--in the matter of the hearing on the petition for citation for the discovery of assets, continued to be heard after Sept. 9, date to be agreed upon by attorneys.

Aug. 26: A number from here enjoyed the auto races last Friday and Saturday.

Miss Floi Johnston entertained the Presbyterian church choir of Aurora at her home last Friday evening. After rehearsal a most dainty lunch was served and a most pleasant social hour enjoyed.

Mrs. S.C. Cutter spent Monday at Plainfield attending a family picnic at Electric Park.

Yorkville: Mrs. Justus Nading is much worried about her relatives in the German army from whom she has not heard since the war began. In the active army are four nephews, sons of her brother, John Helmuth, and two sons in law of her sister. Mrs. Nading visited them all a few years ago and of course is more interested than had she not seen them so recently.

September -- 1914

Sept. 2: Dr. L.J. Weishew has returned from a short vacation trip to Missouri.

After a month's vacation, Mrs. Herbert Barnard has resumed duties as modiste and will be pleased to meet her customers old and new.

Mr. L.F. Burkhart left the first of the week for Minnesota and the Dakotas where he has landed interests.

Albert Schmidt has moved his family to the flat vacated by the C. Ode family.

After a month's vacation, Mrs. Herbert Barnard has resumed duties as modiste [dressmaker] and will be pleased to meet her customers old and new.

Rev. and Mrs. R.V. Kearns have returned from a week's visit with friends in Chicago. Services were resumed at his [Oswego Presbyterian] church last Sunday. The new pipe organ has given success and the various committees are busily engaged in getting the edifice in order for dedication services, which will be held Sept. 20.

Yorkville: Shoger & Burkhart of the Oswego garage superintended an outing last Thursday that will be long remembered by the participants. Starting about 9 o'clock that morning, some 40 Studebaker cars, of which Shoger & Burkhart are agents, made a trip to Crystal Lake, Illinois, where they had a picnic dinner and returned in the afternoon. The trip was a pleasant one, not a bit of mechanical trouble affecting the cars, although Charlie Shoger did complain that he had to assist in repairing a few punctures for the unfortunates. With O.A. Burkhart in the pilot car, the line of automobiles went to Aurora on the east side of the river, thence north along the west side to St. Charles, passing the beautiful summer homes along the route and crossing the river to continue the journey to Elgin along the east bank. Through Dundee, Carpentersville, down the long Algonquin hill and through the village of Crystal Lake the party assembled on the shore of that pretty little body of water at noon.

The people of Kendall county were shocked to hear, last week, of the suicide of Miss Jane Duffy, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Duffy of Ottawa. Mr. and Mrs. Duffy are so well known about the county where he was superintendent of schools for several years, and particularly about Oswego and Plano where he was a successful teacher, that the news of this young lady's death was a shock.

Miss Nannie Hill, sister of Fred and Arthur Hill of Yorkville and principal of the Oak street school in Aurora, is still in Switzerland, unable to get home. She went to Europe in the early summer with a lady friend expecting to be at home the latter part of August but the sudden rush of war has caught her and she is still abroad. The credit checks taken by her are not available for cash because of the war and she is moneyless. Monday, her brother Fred went to Chicago and did all he could--cabled money to her at Interlochen, which will doubtless go by way of Italy, and it may be some time before she reaches Yorkville.

Sept. 9: Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Knapp now have a new auto.

Dr. C. A. Clark has passed a satisfactory civil service examination for assistant state veterinary and is eligible for appointment.

School is well under way with Professor Willis Uhl as principal and Elmer Coble, assistant; Misses Bessie Miller of Odell, Edith Burkhart and Nellie Bushnell in the grades.

Mr. James Clemens, who has for some time past been living in one of the John Russell tenant houses, has moved his family to a house owned by Mrs. L.M. Woolley.

Mrs. Jennie Lake and son of LaGrange were recent visitors among Oswego relatives. Glad to note that Arch, her elder son, has secured a scholarship from the LaGrange high school.

Leonard Seidelman has recently purchased from J.N. Wayne the farm now occupied by Mr. George Henker.

Labor day was quietly observed, stores closed at noon, the ball game between the local nine and the Mutuals of Aurora a proved a most interesting feature going for 11 innings when the home team won 7-6.

The marriages of Miss Daisy Shoger to William Burkhart and Miss Minnie Schilling to Ralph Ploucher occurred Saturday evening at Naperville. These young people went to Naperville by auto and a double ceremony was preformed. Mr. and Mrs. Burkhart moved into a newly furnished home in Aurora after a short wedding trip among relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Ploucher left for a month's trip to return to a newly furnished home awaiting, also in Aurora.

The dedication of the new [Presbyterian] church will be held Sunday, Sept. 20.

Sept. 16: Dr. L.J. Weishew is enjoying a visit from his mother and two sisters from Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. William Tobey have moved into the residence vacated by Mr. and Mrs. F. Groner.

Mr. and Mrs. Seldon Bunn and Miss Wakefield of Bloomington motored from there to spend a short time with the J.W. Roberts family, returning that same day.

Mr. Charles Hubbard who has been in poor health for so long was taken worse a few days ago and lies in serious condition.

Yorkville: A history of Illinois and Kendall county is being distributed in the county that is above the average of books of this type. J.F Leland, secretary of the Munsell Publishing company is in Yorkville to supervise the distribution and is receiving many compliments for the excellence of the publication. The history of in two volumes, the first being a good history of the state containing much information. The second volume is devoted to Kendall county.

The war news crowds the election returns out of the papers--it is hard to learn the exact returns.

Miss Nannie L. Hill, superintendent of the Oak Street school, Aurora, and a welcome visitor to her former home, Yorkville, has consented to write a series of letters for *The Record* in which she will tell of her personal experiences as a "stranger in a strange land." Miss Hill went, with Mrs. Eyman, also of Aurora, to spend the summer in Europe and was cut off from home by the war.

NaAuSay: T.S. Howell is having acetylene lights placed in his residence.

The new Presbyterian church at Oswego will be dedicated next Sunday and an invitation was extended to this church to attend the services.

Sept. 23: Mr. W. Cutter Jr. has recently purchased a touring car.

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Frank Peling is at present redecorating the XIX Century Club rooms.

Mrs. George Cowdrey Dies

Mrs. George M. Cowdrey of Oswego died at her home Sep. 21 after a year of illness, aged 76 years. Kate Haviland was born at Ithaca, Tompkins county, N.Y. July 8, 1838. The Haviland family came to Illinois in November 1866 locating at Joliet. On Dec. 1, 1870 she was married to George M. Cowdrey and to them were born three children,

Hamlet and Myron H. of Aurora and Mrs. A.G. Arneson of Rochelle. One sister, Mrs. Georgia Robinson of Oswego and a brother, Henry A. Haviland of Joliet survive.

Yorkville: The annual reunion of the 36th Illinois Volunteers was held in the Grand Army Hall, Aurora, on Thursday last and was a joyful occasion.

The United States Census Department at Washington has just issued a bulletin dealing with the ownership of Kendall county homes. The important facts contained in the bulletin relative to this county are as follows:

Farm Homes

There are 2,629 homes in Kendall county.

Of this number 1,223 are farm homes.

Three hundred forty-five of the farm homes are owned by their occupants and are free of mortgaged incumbrance.

The mortgaged farm homes number 274.

Renters occupy 601 farm homes in this county.

Urban Homes

Out of a total of 2,629 homes in the county, 1,406 are urban homes.

There are 870 urban home owners in the county.

Of this number, 117 are mortgaged.

Seven hundred forty-one of the urban owned homes are free of incumbrance.

There are 486 rented urban homes in the county.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Thursday was an ideal day for the famed Wheatland plowing match, and a big crowd, estimated at from seven to nine thousand gathered at the James Findlay farm, a mile and a half northeast of Tamarack. The day was spent in the usual manner, all the exhibits were up to the usual standard, and the 1914 match will go down into history as one of the most successful affairs ever conducted by the association.

Latest War News: The Germans have taken Pilsner and are now surrounding Delicatessen, where the Wurst is expected. The Belgian Hares have had a falling out with the Welsh Rarebits and the Swiss Cheese is shot full of holes. This will make the Irish Stew and the English Mustard Hot, and if the Russian Caviar sees the French Pastry it may start a Swiss movement--WATCH! The Spanish Onions are strong for a mix-up and if the Home Preserves are called out and spread over the German Noodles that may Ketchup with the Navy Beans, thereby causing an uprising of the Brussels Sprouts.

NEW OSWEGO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DEDICATED

Under circumstances which augur well for the future, the new First Presbyterian church of Oswego was dedicated Sunday before a large congregation.

The new church would be perfect for a place much larger than Oswego and the people are to be congratulated upon the excellence of the structure. While it is not an architectural triumph, as is said of some of the city churches, it is the most appropriate church that could be built. The first impression from the outside is one of strength and solid support. The building is of red brick with entrances on two corners to the audience room and to the pulpit, rest rooms and basement from a third. On the northwest corner is a small

belfry from which the call goes out to the people from a new bell. The exterior is not ornate but looks comfortable and the design should meet the approval of the worshipers. Upon entering through the main entrance one finds a comfortable vestibule and upon mounting the steps enters either the Sunday school room or, turning to the right, the main audience room and the stairway to the balcony. The partition between the Sunday school room and the main church is movable and slides up to make a larger auditorium. The interior is finished in natural oak, combining this wood in all the furnishings--the beautiful organ, the seats, the pulpit fittings, all accentuated by a mild green tint to the stucco walls and a perfect lighting system. The stained glass in the windows is of a class that is not somber and yet adds to the "church feeling" of the interior. Around the back of the audience room is a balcony, which adds much to the seating capacity.

But the most impressive sight is the large pipe organ and pulpit at the west end of the building. This organ fills the place behind the pulpit and is one of which many city churches might well be proud. The woodwork matches the interior of the church and the immense pipes stand out in grandeur. Before it are the seats for the choir and a railing that divides the choir loft from the pulpit.

The basement is a revelation to the women of the church. With a seating capacity of 125 people, the organizations can supply the wants of all their banquets and meetings.

Supplied from a kitchen which takes the entire side of the church, complete with water and gas for cooking, the ladies are happy to offer their services.

The musical program of the evening was worthy of the large city churches and all who listened to the new organ under the masterful hands of Miss Clara R. Wilson of the First Baptist church, Aurora, and to the singing of Mr. Herman Barnard of Aurora, were stirred by the emotions that only beautiful music can arouse. The organ is perfect; its mellow tones are to be wondered at and the immense volume fills the church completely.

The new Presbyterian church was erected over the former edifice and cost, including what the old building was worth, about \$14,000. The construction was in charge of a building committee, Messrs. George M. Croushorn, L.F. Shoger, and John Bower. The organ is valued at \$2,000 and was placed under the direction of the Andrew Carnegie principle, that gentleman bearing half the cost. The instrument is also free of debt.

Sept. 30: Miss Violet Shoger is the proud possessor of a new piano.

Willis Bros. have moved their tin shop from the Helle building to the J.A. Shoger stone building [American Male & Company] where they will continue their business.

A number from here attended the Big Rock Plowing match Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schultz left Tuesday morning for an auto trip through central Illinois spending three or four days.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schultz and Miss Rilla Van Valkenburg motored to Woodstock Sunday where they spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. J. Seagrist.

The Entertainment Course Committee will meet at Croushorn's store on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 3, to meet all those desiring to buy season tickets and allow them to select their reserved seats.

Mrs. Abe Cherry met with an accident Tuesday evening from which she is suffering a severe shaking and bruises. She and Miss Carrie Lombard were driving to town when they met Mr. Chester Coble in a machine. In some way there was a collision. They were thrown out of the buggy and the horse ran away. The wheels and shafts were badly broken. The ladies were carried to medical assistance and fortunately found to be not seriously hurt.

Mr. C.E. Hubbard died at his home Tuesday afternoon. He had been in ill health for a number of years but for the last few months in a most serious condition from which recovery was impossible. Funeral today.

First Presbyterian Church: At a meeting of the building committee held the past week in which the accounts were carefully audited it was ascertained that the church was not only dedicated free of debt but with a credit balance of \$200.

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Oct. 7: The first number of the lecture course will be held Thursday Evening, Oct. 8, at the Congregational church. The entertainment is to be given by the sextet Chicago Orchestra, which comes highly recommended. Secure your season tickets for a good course.

Miss Nellie Miller entertained at the L.R. Inman home two autoloads of company from her home town--Odell--Sunday.

Fire broke out in the barn of Mr. Frank Watts, which destroyed all the buildings except the garage and the house. Help was summoned from town and did good work as a bucket brigade and saved the buildings mentioned. Spontaneous combustion is the only imaginable cause for the fire.

Miss Anna Shubert has sold her house to Aurora parties.

Mr. J.V. Willis has moved from Mowesque County to Oswego and with his daughter will live in the house recently vacated by Mrs. English.

We wish to extend our thanks to the GAR and Auxiliary and the friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted during the sickness and death of our husband and father, also for the beautiful floral offerings. Mrs. C.E. Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. O.L. Wormley.

Don't forget the sale of personal property at the Oswego Methodist church Saturday, Oct. 18, at 2 p.m. Bills in all the store windows.

The Parent-Teacher Club of the Oswego school held its second regular meeting in the high school room Friday, Oct. 2.

This club was formed in January 1913 and has accomplished much in helping the children to some of the luxuries the board has been unable to provide on account of the lack of funds. By conferring with the teachers, it has worked out some of the school problems that have been a great benefit. Every mother is urged to be present at the November meeting, Friday, the 6th.

Yorkville: BOYS ARE FINED

Arthur Walter and Morton Hollis were fined \$5 and costs each before Justice Thompson this morning. The complaint was made by Mrs. Perry V. Fuller of Bristol, who charged that the boys used insulting language and motions toward her.

The old City Hotel building in Yorkville was completely destroyed by fire early Monday morning resulting in an almost total loss, the insurance being very light. The theory of crossed wires in the attic has been considered. Hard work on the part of the local firemen saved the barn adjoining that is used by Dr. R.F. Hoadley as a horse hospital. The Thomas Biggar furniture store was also threatened but did not catch. Rehbehn Brothers lost nearly all their machinery, amounting to some \$1,000, but several bags of button blanks, amounting to some \$1,600, were saved. The building was owned by the Yorkville Industrial and Improvement Association and was insured for about \$800. It was a structure that had been moved from the hill some years ago and has quite a history in the village. It was built during the '50s as a hotel and stood a block south of the courthouse. It was one of the landmarks of the community as a tavern and was operated by George Beck and later by Jacob Helmuth. Some 25 years ago it was moved down town and the building formerly owned by Dr. Harris was brought down from the courthouse and joined to it. The barn that was saved was formerly a part of the old Church carriage factory. This combination was used as a hotel by Jacob Helmuth and there was a bar in the east end. The drowning of three men and the claim for damage by Mrs. Bell put this firm out of business. Later the building was bought by Randall Cassem and remodeled as a hotel and operated by Fred Ohse. It has been since then the location of a bowling alley, a garage, and various minor businesses. When the improvement association bought the building the Rehbehn Brothers started a button factory there and the upstairs was occupied by families who had employment. The Rehbehns have not been active for about a year and the place was vacant much of the time. They had, however, planned to start cutting shells soon. Thirty-four machines were ready to start as soon as a new motor was installed and Henry Rehbehn was in Aurora when the fire started enroute to Chicago to purchase the motor. The electric light plant and creamery are now empty and there would be a fine location for the button factory. There is plenty of water, a proximity to power, and a building well fitted for the purpose.

Liquor Cases Continued

The cases against eight Kendall county men for alleged violation of the local petition law were called before County Judge Williams Monday morning and continued till Oct. 9. The trials were supposed to have been started at that time, but State's Attorney Burkhart

found, at the last minute, that Mr. Gillette, an attorney for the Anti-Saloon League was unable to be present with his witnesses and Mr. Burkhart was compelled to ask for a continuance. Judge Williams was opposed to letting the cases hang and tried to arrange an earlier date, without success.

The men against whom complaints were issued are John P. Schickler, Henry Pierce, and Roy Smith of Oswego; William Dolder, Harry Obman, and Been Olson of Plano, and Frank Fasmer and Joe Stumm of Yorkville. The main charge is based on the sale of "near beer," and pleas of not guilty were entered by the defendants. The men are out on \$1,000 bonds to await their hearing.

A warning from the disastrous fire of Sunday night--you are about to start your hard coal stoves for the winter. Take care that the chimneys and flues are clean and are not the fire traps that are often found. One of these small fires will smolder in a sooty chimney and break out at the worst time in the night. Another danger offered at this time of the year is the burning of leaves. Keep the children at a safe distance from a bonfire--many are burned to death in that very way.

Oct. 14: Mr. and Mrs. T. Kolf who for the past 20 years have lived in the W.D. Cutter house on the streetcar line, have moved to one of the John Bell tenant houses lately remodeled.

Harold C. Kessinger will speak at the First Congregational church in Oswego Sunday evening, Oct. 18, subject, "Christ the Carpenter." During a lecture tour of the South, Mr. Kessinger studied the child labor conditions and is ready to present them.

Choice eating potatoes, fully ripe for keeping, 70 cents per bushel. Apples, choice Baldwins, Greenings, Wagner's, 20-ox., and Tolman Sweets, \$2.50 to \$3.25 per barrel, at Northern Telephone building, Oswego.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wormley are the parents of a son [Myron], born Wednesday, Oct. 7.

Mr. George Woolley was quietly married to Mrs. Alice Jump at Plainfield last Thursday where they will make their home.

A number from here attended the Cub-Sox game in Chicago.

Miss Ethel Herren, teacher at the Gaylord School, will give a box social for the benefit of the school on Friday evening, Oct. 16.

Mrs. Caroline Knapp and Mrs. G. Shoger accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bower to Naperville in their auto Sunday to hear the lecture missionary Dr. Headland, Child Life in China.

Yorkville: G.C. Ulrich of Amboy has a leg taken off at Yorkville Friday night and is getting along in the hospital in Aurora as a result. He was a brakeman on the Burlington freight known as No. 92 and was in Yorkville last Friday evening about 9 o'clock. While

switching in the territory about the ice houses, he slipped and his right leg was carried under the cars cutting the limb at the knee. Aid was summoned and he was rushed to Aurora and the injury was dressed.

Samuel Normandin, one of the best sheriffs Kendall county ever had is a candidate for that office again.

The wheat crop sown this fall in Illinois is in immediate danger of very serious injury unless the volunteer wheat now growing in old stubble field borders is promptly destroyed by lowing under or at least by a thorough disking of the ground. This volunteer wheat is very heavily infested throughout the state by an early generation of the Hessian fly, which is now in all stages from the young larva or maggot to the winged insect, and is just beginning to emerge and lay its first eggs on the leaves of the young wheat of the regular sowing. If this early generation of the fly is allowed to come to maturity on the volunteer wheat, it is certain to infest the new wheat heavily this fall.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION

The next regular examination under the new law will be held Nov. 12 and 13 in the courthouse at Yorkville. This date is set by the State Examining Board, Springfield The new certificating law should be read and studied by every teacher. The progressive series of certificates has created a professional route of progress, which by its suggestion, will cause all ambitious teachers to forge ahead. A law which encourages teachers to move up and on must be good.

Amos D. Curran
County Superintendent

SCHOOL LAW UPHOLD

Jacksonville, Ill., Oct 13. -- Judge Norman L. Jones in the Morgan county circuit court today upheld the state law, which makes it obligatory upon the directors of school districts wherein no high school is maintained to pay the tuition of pupils who desire to attend high schools elsewhere. Similar suits are pending in a number of Illinois circuit courts.

Armour's butterine is fine. See Smith & Moore, Yorkville.

Oct. 21: Dr. T.B. [Thomas Barnette] Drew left for Chicago last week Wednesday to attend a clinic. Upon reaching the city he was taken seriously ill, was taken to a hospital where, Friday, he underwent an operation. While in a serious condition at this writing he was doing as well as could be expected.

Miss Mabel Biesemier left Monday to teach in a school near Yorkville known as the Martner school.

Workmen are busily engaged in improving Mrs. Mary Keely's grounds.

Dr. L.J. Weishew finished his third degree in the Masonic Lodge Tuesday evening.

G.H. Voss is improving his residence with a coat of paint.

Yorkville: Bipartisanship rules in the Progressive circles of the day in Kendall county, where we have men who have never pretended to be followers of the Bull Moos running on his ticket with the expectation of gaining an office to which the could not be elected by remaining with their own party.

Kendall county is in a prosperous condition. With good crops and a good county administration, everything promises well for the future. True, they are Republicans an stand for the principles of that party, but their offices and conditions show that they could have done no better. They should be continued in office. A change would mean a complication of affairs at the county seat and trouble in adjusting the affairs to the new administration.

The case of the school district known as the Rickard district and the Yorkville school district over the payment of tuition was continued on Saturday, and it is understood it will be settled without further litigation. The trouble was based on the new school law, which compels a district in which there is no high school to pay tuition for such pupils as with to attend such a school. The directors of the Rickard district failed to do this and the Yorkville people brought suit. There have been several cases of this character about the state and each one has been decided against the directors who refused to settle. The law reads very plainly and was passed in the interest of the poorer people, who, having no free high school in their district, could not finish their educations.

It is said that the horse buyers who were in Yorkville last week were buying for the English army. These animals are sent to Canada and then transshipped to England. Frank Ellsworth and his brother were down from Aurora on Tuesday, also buying horses.

Oct. 28: Mr. and Mrs. Seldon Bunn motored from Bloomington to spend the weekend with the J.W. Roberts family, returning Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Roberts and Miss Barbara Richards accompanied them for a week's visit.

Remember Friday evening is the time of the Family Album entertainment at the Presbyterian church under the auspices of the parent-teacher club. The cause, addition to the school library, is a most worthy one and it is hoped the public may respond. Adults, 15 cents; children, 5 cents.

Dr. T.B. Drew, who has been so ill at the hospital, is somewhat improved at this writing.

Miss Anna Shubert has moved to the Armstrong residence recently vacated by Rev. Mr. Grinell.

Yorkville: This has been a long season of summer weather; the first real frost came on Monday morning, the 24th. Tuesday morning the mercury indicated 25 degrees and there

was thick ice in many places where still water stood. The snappy air put vim into sluggish blood.

November -- 1914

Nov. 4: The Oswego WCTU will meet with Mrs. Margaret Young Friday afternoon, Nov. 6.

L.N. Hall is confined to the home by illness.

Miss Bessie Miller returned Friday evening to her home at Odell, having resigned her position in the school here. Miss Amelia Baker of Batavia is filling the vacancy.

The dreaded foot and mouth disease has been found on the Collins farm, Mr. Tom Collins suffering the loss of 49 head of cattle and 20 hogs.

Yorkville: Mrs. John R. Marshall died suddenly at her home in Yorkville early Sunday morning.

BIG REPUBLICAN VICTORY

Recover Much of Ground Lost to Democrats Two Years Ago.

Early Returns Indicate that Whole Ticket, From Sherman to Normandin, Is Elected.

Elliott Defeated Curran by Small Margin. GOP Wins in State and Nation. Progressives Poor Third.

The voters of Kendall County took a slap at progressive politics on Tuesday and elected all but one of the Republican ticket for county offices.

The farther the farmers get into their fields this fall the more encouraging they find their corn crop. Months ago the calamity howl of a half crop was heard; thank goodness this shortage has not been realized. In Kendall county the farmers will get at least a usual crop and in places a bumper.

The war in Europe is proving a big boon to postal savings in this country. From the very day hostilities opened, postal savings receipts began to increase by leaps and bounds and withdrawals fell off, a result quite contrary to the predictions of many well-informed persons who, in their imagination, saw lines of feverish depositors at post offices pay windows anxious to again return their savings to the boot-leg and body belt depositories whence they came before entrusted to Uncle Sam.

Two important results have followed: Thousands of people, largely of foreign birth, accustomed to send their savings abroad, are now patrons of our postal savings system; and enormous sums of actual cash have been released for commercial uses among our own people at a time when the need for every available dollar is pressing.

Nov. 11: The Paul Hawley residence is being wired for electric lights.

Dr. T.B. Drew is still very ill at the hospital in Chicago, having submitted to another operation Monday morning.

Yorkville: KENDALL COUNTY CATTLE QUARANTINED

The spread of the dreaded hoof and mouth disease that has been gaining serious proportions in Chicago and vicinity has brought it into Kendall County and up to Monday morning several herds of cattle had been quarantined. This disease has been prevalent in Europe for a number of years, has been noted in the United States but eight times and never before in Illinois. As a result of the visitation nearly all the northern counties of the state have been placed under quarantine, the Chicago stock yards closed and stringent methods have been adopted by the state veterinarian. Where a case is found in a herd of cattle they are segregated, killed, and the bodies either burned or destroyed with quick lime.

Kendall county returned to the Republican fold with a crash that awakened the Progressive element from its pleasant dream that it had gained a life hold on the offices from the county up. Every method was tried by the Progressive office seekers from a house to house canvass in which the voter was told things about the opposition which he evidently didn't believe to a long article in an up-river paper talking of the courthouse trust.

Nov. 18: Remember that chicken pie dinner to be served at the Presbyterian church parlors Friday evening from 5 till 8 p.m.

Mr. John Pierce has completed a barn on his premises.

I have taken charge of the Mora Studio, 91 Fox St., Aurora, Ill. I would be glad to have my friends drop in while in Aurora. Dwight Young.

The Parent-Teacher club met at the high school Friday, Nov. 13. Instrumental solos were given by George Van Volkenburg and Barbara Richards.

Miss Matilda Ingle died Nov. 11 at the Elgin hospital, where she has been confined for the past 20 years. Her death was caused from acute rheumatism. She died at the age of 68 years, 4 months, and 9 days. She leaves to mourn her death one sister, Mrs. Susan Lindemeier, nieces and nephews.

Tamarack and Wheatland: The Junior thank offering has been postponed on account of the hoof and mouth disease. The disease has broken out among the hogs belonging to Thomas and James Anderson. Some ten days ago they had their hogs vaccinated for cholera, which had appeared at a neighbor's, and it is supposed the serum was taken from hogs which shortly afterwards came down with the hoof and mouth disease. They had cattle with the hogs and no doubt the disease will spread to the cattle. Gilbert Collins is now quarantined as his two cows have the disease. The state inspector was around last week, but has not finished this part of Oswego township. The farmers of Wheatland and

vicinity met at the Church school last Tuesday afternoon and formed a protective association. So far, hunters are very scarce.

Yorkville: A tribute should be paid to Captain Von Mueller of the German ship Emden which was recently burned. A study of the prey that this boat has made on the shipping of the allies reads like the stories of Paul Jones and others of American fame. Von Mueller was a stagiest and an able commander, the results showing strongly in the effects he accomplished.

The weather has taken a change for the worse and winter is upon us. Sunday was cold and snow flurries were present. Since then the weather is not settled and today snow fills the air. The beautiful fall, however, pays for much possible bad weather.

Nov. 25: Mr. Ora Wormley has sold his residence to Mr. T.G. Johnson, who with his sister, Mrs. Prudence Thomas, and their mother, Mrs. Avia Johnson, will occupy it. Mr. Wormley and family will move to Mississippi.

A sale of household goods of Mrs. Sarah Pogue was held at her residence last Friday afternoon. Mrs. Pogue has gone to Oklahoma to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Nettie Livermore. Mr. Charles Schultz has rented the Pogue residence and after redecorating will move there.

Do your Thanksgiving trading early; H.B. Read, Schultz Bros. & Co. and Wm, Morse close their stores at 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

Oscar Graham has sold what Oswego property he owned and will move to North Dakota, where he had purchased land.

Miss Olive Burkhart, teacher of the Squires school, has arranged for a shadow box social Dec. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hawley are the proud parents of a son, F.O. Hawley Jr., born Nov. 23.

NaAuSay: Fern Gates is having a forced vacation from school in the Collins district on account of quarantine.

Southern Kendall: Two carloads of cattle and 35 hogs were killed Sunday on the Clarence Davis farm in Southern Kendall by government officials on account of the hoof and mouth disease. On Wednesday, the appraiser came out and allowed Mr. Davis the cost of his cattle and \$7.50 per hundred for his hogs. Friday, five men with teams and scrapers commenced the digging of the trenches, which were 50 feet long, 15 feet wide and seven feet deep. The officials are expected to kill the cattle Saturday, but the quicklime did not come and the killing commenced Sunday morning. One official shot them while one with a team hauled them into the trench where a third and fourth man cut them open and covered them with quicklime. Every man was fumigated before he left the

premises and after a thorough disinfection of the property it is hoped that all further spread of the dread disease will be checked from this source.

Yorkville: A British "war expert" in commenting on the big dreadnaughts being built by the United States says that in 1918 this country will have the most powerful squadron of fighting ships in the world. And in the meantime--well, let us pray.

"There is no boundary line of sympathy" is the headline of a newspaper appeal for financial assistance for the Belgians. We are persuaded to believe that there should be such a boundary line, however, until the worthy poor of this country are provided for.

Payments of the war tax inflicted on the country by the Democrats began this week. The tax on many commodities must be paid before Dec 1. If not paid on that date, a penalty of 50 percent will be assessed. The stamp tax includes practically all classifications of documents, bonds, certificates of indebtedness of associations, promissory notes, bills of lading, manifests, deeds, insurance policies, telegraph and telephone messages, and seats in palace and parlor cars.

In the sale of automobiles another field of commercial endeavor has been opened to women. A beautiful maiden offering a "Tin Lizzie" on terms of a dollar down and a dollar a week will prove irresistible.

In the Probate Court

In the matter of the estate of Tirzah Minard, deceased. In the matter of the order on A.E. Van Deventer to bring into court certain assets, alleged to belong to said estate--A.E. Van Deventer in court in person. Will of Tirzah Minard and notice served Lee Mighell introduced. Time extended to Nov. 9 1914 at 10 a.m. Citation ordered issued against Lee Mighell, Rev. Scheets, and the Trustees of the Methodist Church of Oswego, Illinois, returnable Nov. 9, at 10 a.m.. In the matter of the hearings on citation against Lee Mighell estate continued to Nov. 25, 1914 at 10 a.m.

A NEW HOLIDAY

For the first time in the history of Illinois, Dec. 3 is to be formally observed as a state holiday.

Illinois was admitted to statehood Dec. 3, 1818 and the celebration of the anniversary is a forerunner of the great centennial celebration to be held in 1918. It is expected that each anniversary from now until centennial year will be made the occasion of distinct celebration.

School children of the state are expected to interest themselves in the anniversary and to observe the holiday with appropriate programs. This is not meant to be a day interfering with daily avocations, but the flag should be displayed and when possible exercises held.

CATTLE DISEASE CHECKED

It is reported that the herds of animals in Kendall county that have been infected with the hoof and mouth disease have been destroyed and unless the unforeseen happens, the county is free from the disease.

Dr. Hoadley reports that he has superintended the killing and burying of 361 hogs, 243 cattle, and 19 sheep in Little Rock and Bristol townships since the plague started. This, with some animals in Oswego where Dr. C.A. Clark had charge, and the killing of a herd on the Davis farm, represents the only territories in the county where the disease has been fund.

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Dec. 2: Dr. T.B. Drew returned to his home Wednesday. After submitting to two operations, he is now improving.

The firm of Smith and Benjamin, electrical contractors, has been dissolved. Mr. Smith has bought Mr. Benjamin's interest and moved to Aurora, where he will continue the business.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hebert of Oswego celebrated the 62d anniversary of their marriage Wednesday, Nov. 18. They are of French descent, having come from Montreal to Oswego in 1847, where they became acquainted and were married five years later.

Levi Newton Hall died at his home in Oswego Monday afternoon, Nov. 30, after an illness of some five weeks. With this gentleman passes one of the older business men of Oswego, who has been associated with the village since 1852. Mr. Hall was born in New Jersey July 9, 1846, and came to Oswego with his parents when was six years of age. He was of a family of nine, the surviving being three sisters, Mrs. Abram Emmons, Miss Harriet Hall, and Mrs. George White. After completing his schooling, he went to work for N. Naerd in the drug store, a business which he afterward bought. With this store he ran a bank and in 1893 went into the insurance business which he has since followed. He has held many town and village offices and has been prominent politically. In 1871, Mr. Hall was married to Miss Josephine Forbes, who lives to miss the association of her husband of over 40 years.

Tamarack and Wheatland: The Harvey brothers have bought an automobile.

The Anderson Brothers are again in quarantine on account of their milch cows having hoof and mouth disease. The Collins families have been released from quarantine.

Yorkville: "Love, not dreadnaughts and siege guns, is to bring peace in warring Europe." Secretary of State Bryan made this statement in a sermon preached in Chicago Sunday. It strikes us that if the world waits for universal love to bring about peace it will have a long period of war.

It begins to look as if the title "mistress of the seas" is likely to be captured by Germany. England has made but little headway during the war.

The Kaiser's daily prayer: "O Lord, if you can't help me, please don't help the Bear."

More than 400 homicides in Chicago this far in 1914, and the Apaches of that crime-cursed city have 28 more days in which to make a record of a full 500 for the year. Why not call out the federal troops and put that city under martial law for six months?

YOU MUST PAY WAR TAX ON THESE

Articles on Which the Tax is to be Paid under the New Law

Here is a brief statement of the papers on which a tax has been put by the Democrats, which went into effect Dec. 1:

Agreements of sale; assignments of stock certificates; bills of lading or receipts; board of trade or change transactions; bonds, debentures or certificates; bonds of indemnity and as surety; bonds in the nature of insurance; brokers' contracts of sale; certificates of damage; certificates of profits; certificates of stock; certificates required by law; conveyances of real estate; customs house entries; deeds, instruments, etc.; entries for withdrawal; express and freight shipments; insurance contracts and policies; notes (promissory) except bank notes for circulation; mortgages and trust deeds; powers of attorney; proxies to vote at elections; protests of notes, checks, drafts; sleeping car berths; steamship tickets to foreign ports; telephone and telegraph messages; cancellation of stamps; penalties for violations; checks and drafts.

Dec. 9: Basketball, Yorkville Orioles vs. Batavia Maroons at Yorkville, Thursday, Dec. 10.

The funeral of Mrs. Jennie Reid was held at her late home Thursday afternoon, interment at the Oswego cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Arneson and daughter Caryl, late of Rochelle, have moved to Oswego to make their home with Mr. G.M. Cowdrey. Mrs. Arneson is with the Goodyear Rubber Co., as one of their salesmen.

Lou Young, who has been very ill at his home, is somewhat improved at this writing.

Mr. Charles Reid and Miss Minnie Schultz, both of Oswego, were quietly married at Geneva last Tuesday.

Come to the carnival at the J.D. Russell home on Friday evening, Dec. 18, given by the pupils of District No. 9, for the benefit of the library fund.

Yorkville: A representative of the Montreal Horse Company, who was in Yorkville last week, gives some interesting information. He was here buying for the artillery and cavalry of the European armies and says that England and France have placed orders for 80,000 horses. His company has purchased 10,000 animals for use in this great war. The average price now being paid for horses is about \$110 each, he says, and if the present demand continues an ordinary plug horse will next summer be worth \$300. There is a loss of almost 40 percent in the handling and shipping before they are landed on English soil. By the time the horse is delivered to the army it has cost the government purchasing

it at least \$750. He intimated that the United States might need these horses before many months have passed.

Yorkville is soon to have a Standard Oil company station. It is to be located close to the stockyards, near the CB&Q tracks.

Dec. 16: Dr. Voss [DDS] has moved to his new location on Main street [former Dr. Bell dentist office].

John Schickler is remodeling his store [northwest corner of Main at Washington] preparing it for a grocery and meat store. He intends making a cut rate house, meeting the demands and prices of the people.

The Schultz store [east side of Main between Washington and Jackson] is being redecorated.

Yorkville: The State Board of Live Stock Commissioners have halted all public stock sales to stop the spread of foot and mouth disease.

Tamarack and Wheatland: It is with sorrow we record the death of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John McMicken, who passed away Sunday morning at the age of 14 days. The mother was Miss Bessie Clow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Clow of Wheatland. The two families are at present quarantined for hoof and mouth disease, which broke out on the Clow farm about 12 days ago.

The dread disease has again broken out in the vicinity of Tamarack in two places. At Wallace Ferguson's, the milch cows and hogs have it. Luckily Mr. Ferguson had shipped his feeders week before last. Friday the Jersey herd on the Harvey Bros. farm was found to have the disease. There are over 50 high class jersey cows which will be killed, besides the hogs.

Dec. 23: Oliver A. Burkhart of Oswego was elected secretary of the Illinois State's Attorneys Association last week.

Mr. Roy Bargo has moved his family from the flat above the Johnston implement store to the residence lately vacated by Earl Brownell.

Dr. A.E. Van Deventer who has been in ill health for several weeks but confined to his home for about two weeks died Tuesday morning at his home.

The Farmers Mutual Protective Association held a meeting at the town hall Monday evening, Dec. 14, in order to arrange more fully their campaign against the foot and mouth disease.

J.D. Russell attended the good roads convention at the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago last week.

Dec. 30: The call of fire and the fire bell awakened a number of Oswego residents about 3:15 Thursday morning. Mrs. Margaret Helle's attention was called to the bright light in Willis Brothers tin shop across the street and it was but a matter of a few minutes before assistance was there to extinguish the blaze which had eaten through the floor and the ceiling. The stone wall serving to hinder the flames no further damage was done. Willis Brothers suffered little loss from water. Cause of the fire remains a mystery.

Mr. Tom Collins has been the victim of hard luck of late. First the foot and mouth disease claimed his herd of cattle. Thursday morning fire destroyed his horse and cattle barns. The tools and horses were saved but the barns burned to the ground.

Slight damage was done to the Oswego elevator Saturday morning when fire broke out in the top of the building caused by a hot box in the motor. The fire department was called out but a few pails of water had extinguished the blaze.

Abraham E. Van Deventer, pioneer doctor of Oswego, died at his home Tuesday, Dec. 23, 1914, from heart trouble. Dr. Van Deventer was born Jan. 26, 1834 in New Jersey. Sixty years ago he came west and settled in Oswego, opened a physician's office and continued to practice more or less till the time of his death. On account of his long service he was widely known throughout the community. His first wife was Melissa Snook, who passed away about 30 years ago. Later he married Emily Murdock of Oswego, who passed away last May. There were no children by either marriage. The funeral cortege proceeded by auto from the church to the Riverside mausoleum at Montgomery where the remains were laid to rest.

Yorkville: Word has been received that the Consumers Ice Company will not cut any ice on the river at Yorkville this winter. It is thought that the quality of the ice has deteriorated in recent years by reason of the large amount of sewage turned into the stream from up the river. So long as there is plenty to supply the wants of the company on their lake plants, they will make no effort to harvest ice here. The loss of this business to Yorkville, while not great, will be felt as the number of men necessary to handle the ice was sufficient to add to the income of the stores.

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Jan. 6: Mr. and Mrs. C. Herren Jr. are in quarantine, their daughter Dorothy being a victim of scarlet fever. Glad to note the case is slight.

Mr. Henry Brownell has moved his family to the F.O. Hawley house near the corner of Main and Washington streets, where he will continue his occupation, shoe making. A portion of the house will be used for a waiting room for the electric train.

Among those to entertain recently were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schultz. About 20 guests were invited to watch the coming of 1915.

Mrs. Margaret Weirich, for many years an Oswego resident, died on Christmas day at the age of 87 years. A few years ago it became necessary to move her to the Will county farm near Joliet where she lived until the time of her death. Funeral services were conducted from the Evangelical church; interment at Oswego.

Plainfield: The new Baptist church of which all the village was so proud, an ornament to Plainfield and the Lincoln Highway, burned to the foundation Tuesday morning about 3 o'clock.

The edifice was just nearing completion, the decorators being at work and had been insured for \$6,000, including the furnishings, which were not yet installed. While this is entirely inadequate to cover the loss, it is not so serious as it would have been if the church was complete and the new furnishings installed.

Yorkville: Springfield, Jan 5--The three Progressive members of the Illinois legislature tonight announced their intention of affiliating with the Republican party. Medill McCormick of Chicago and H.B. Hicks of Rockford, the two Progressive members of the house, accepted a formal invitation to participate in the caucus of Republican representatives.

George W. Harris of Chicago, the single Progressive senator, similarly took part in a conference of Republican senators. He declared that he would stand by the Republicans in the two contested election cases and that he expected to cooperate with them in all organization matters.

Jan. 13: The remains of M.O. Davis of St. Paul, Minn. were brought there for burial Friday. He was a son of the late Dr. Davis, a prominent physician here about 40 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Darfler enjoyed an affair Saturday evening. The T.T. and C. club of Aurora, of which Mrs. Darfler is a member, went by sleighs to one of their number, Mrs. William Shults of North Aurora, where the evening was spent in a pleasant manner.

After an enforced vacation owing to ill health, Dr. Drew has again resumed his duties.

Two sleighloads of the Presbyterian choir were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hibbard of NaAuSay.

J.P. Schickler and family have recently moved from the farm [along modern Route 31] to the Todd residence.

Mr. Halladay, who has spent the past year on the Watts Cutter farm, will move back to Aurora next week to resume his old duties. A family from Millbrook will fill the vacancy.

The Charles Ode Family will soon move to the J.P. Schickler farm, which he has rented for an indefinite time.

Rumor says that local farmers are contemplating the organization of a farmers elevator company.

Oswego is at last favored with a [trolley] waiting station. It is in the residence of H. Brownell, who has his shoe shop in connection.

Charles Smith has harvested his ice crop [on Waubonsie Creek] and reports the best ice in years.

The remodeling of the Hawley home is under way, preparing it for the permanent home of Mr. and Mrs. F.O. Hawley.

Dr. T.B. Drew announces that he has resumed his practice and is ready to attend calls either at the office or at home. The doctor has nearly recovered from his recent illness and is glad to be about again.

Tamarack and Wheatland: No new cases of hoof and mouth disease are reported from this vicinity and it is hoped the disease is checked.

Yorkville: The ice machinery and houses of the Consumers Ice Co. have been leased to Frank Fasmer, who will start to pack ice as soon as possible. The product on the river is from 11 to 14 inches thick and is exceptionally clear, meaning a good harvest. Mr. Fasmer will put up a quantity of ice and supply the Yorkville trade in the summer, putting on a wagon and will also have sufficient to be able to wholesale the product. This venture removes a burden from the minds of the local people who were wondering from what source they would fill their refrigerators this summer.

Orders for sale bills have come to *The Record* office so fast during the past week that the office was well-nigh flooded with work. The quarantine on account of the hoof and mouth disease prevented many sales in December and now they must all be crowded into January and February.

Jan. 20: Mr. Slade Cutter, who was called to Oswego by the death of his mother, arrived Sunday evening. He will spend some time with folks here before returning to his home at Danvers, Minn.

Miss May Atkins of Aurora is circulating among Oswego young folks for the purpose of organizing a dramatic class. The system taught is the Kelso. This culture is one that should be taken advantage of. Information may be obtained through Mrs. Gus Pearson.

Rev. Mr. Woodburn has been called to fill the Congregational pulpit and with his family will soon move to the residence owned by Mrs. John Bell.

A complete line of magazines, periodicals and daily newspapers will be found at the drug store and subscriptions will be taken there. This addition will supply a want in the community.

Miss Grace Potts and Mr. James McCulloch were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Woolley in Oswego Thursday Jan. 14, at high noon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R.V. Kearns in the presence of the immediate relatives and friends. A wedding breakfast was served. The bride and groom have made their home at the Woolley's, the former for five years and the latter for three, and will continue to live with these good people.

Mrs. Mary Fox Cutter, one of the pioneers of Oswego, died at her home here Saturday of heart failure. Born in St. Johnsville, N.Y. in 1834, she came with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Fox, to Kendall County in 1848. In 1854 she was married to Henry C. Cutter at Oswego and with him lived on a farm near the village for years. Mr. Cutter dies Sept. 30, 1913, and his widow never was strong after the bereavement. Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Nancy Dugan of Oswego and Mrs. A.P. Cutter of Arlington, Mass., and a brother, Oscar Fox of Oswego. Of the children, five are left to mourn her death, Dr. C.A. Cutter of Aurora; S. [Scott] C. Cutter, W. [Watts] D. Cutter, and Mrs. Blanch Cutter Hatch of Oswego; S. [Slade] F. Cutter of Danvers, Minn.

Mrs. Jennie Lake of LaGrange and Mr. and Mrs. Bissell Hunt of Chicago attended the funeral of Mrs. Cutter.

The annual installation of officers of the Woodmen camp was held at their hall on last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Doc Woolley were surprised by about ten of their friends Friday evening and enjoyed an excellent dinner and evening. The occasion was Mr. and Mrs. Woolley's 40th wedding anniversary and Mrs. Woolley's birthday.

Yorkville: Having been largely instrumental in the enactment of iniquitous legislation which has thrown thousands of men out of work, the scholarly phrasemaker who happens to be resident is now giving his attention to the problem of the unemployed.

While the coasting on the Bridge street hill has been fine and called out large crowds for several weeks, there were several accidents that lamed some of the young folks. The thaw and rain of last week made the hill almost a glare of ice and on Friday the bobsleds had trouble in keeping in the track. One bob failed to make the turn and ran into the telephone pole in front of Dr. Frazier's office. The driver, Clarence DeWitt, was knocked unconscious by the blow and several of the passengers received minor injuries.

Jan. 27: A musical treat is promised the people of Oswego and vicinity on Wednesday, Feb. 3. Mr. Herman Barnard with 35 voices from the Trinity choir of Aurora will give a concert at the Presbyterian church.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bower and children left Saturday evening for their home in Canada.

Miss Mary Cliggitt died at her home in Oswego after a short illness Sunday morning. Miss Cliggitt was a well-known lady in Oswego where she had spent most of her life and celebrated her 71st birthday on New Years day. Surviving her are sisters and brothers, Miss Kate and Will of Oswego, Mrs. Margaret Boomer of Aurora and James of Mitchell, S.D. The funeral was held from the late home Tuesday; interment at Oswego cemetery.

Robert Bruce Cameron died at his home in Oswego Wednesday, Jan. 20, of heart trouble after suffering several months from a paralytic stroke. He was born in Ackley, Iowa Oct. 12, 1871, and later moved to Rochelle, N.Y., where he lived till six years ago. He came to Oswego then to assist in the care of his uncle, Colonel Clinton, with whom he has since had much litigation in a case that has interested the entire community. Mr. Cameron was married to Cecelia Pidgeon at Mount Vernon, N.Y. May 31, 1897, who with five children is left to mourn his death; his father and a brother also survive. The funeral was held from the late home Sunday afternoon with Rev. R.V. Kearns in charge of the services, the Congregational quartet singing favorite hymns of the deceased. Co-workers from Rathbone, Sard & Co., where Mr. Cameron was employed, carried the body to its last resting place in the Oswego cemetery.

Tamarack and Wheatland: George Alexander Thompson arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Thompson Monday, Jan. 18. A son was added to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Collins on Monday, Jan. 25.

Yorkville: When hearing the baseball case in Chicago last week, Judge K.M. Landis made this remark: "He who strikes a blow at baseball strikes a blow at a national institution. A true statement, and coming from this distinguished jurist makes it all the more potent.

It's a 100-to-1 bet that if the newspapers of Chicago would decline to give space to pictures of female would-be politicians and fail to quote the vacuous clatter heard at club discussions, the publicity-seeking women of that city would quickly lose all interest in things political.

Motorman Dunn of the F&IU Railway struck and killed a monster rabbit about five miles south of Yorkville this morning. It was almost white in color and weighed eight pounds.

February -- 1915

Feb. 3: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Collins are the parents of a son, born Saturday, Jan. 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ode moved on Saturday to the J.P. Schickler farm, which he has rented for the coming year.

Dr. L.P. Voss has returned from Chicago where he was in attendance at meetings of the dental association.

Mr. and Mrs. John VanAult and family have moved to the residence on Washington street owned by Mr. George Woolley.

A party of boys and girls of the classes of Miss Edith Burkhart and Mr. Leo Huntoon enjoyed a sleighing party Friday evening after which they were royally entertained at the home of Mr. Huntoon.

Mr. Charles Bohn, who for several years past has been an invalid from rheumatism, died at his home Thursday, Jan. 28. He was born in Germany but spent the greater part of his life in America. The funeral was held Sunday from the German church [Church of the Good Shepherd]; interment in the Oswego cemetery.

Thomas Miller, one of the early settlers of Oswego township, died at his home Monday night. He was born in Northwold, England Jan. 3, 1826, and came to Oswego in 1840 where he has resided ever since. In 1860 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Turner at Akron, Ohio, who, with one daughter, Mrs. William Palmer, survives him.

Yorkville: NO FARMERS' INSTITUTE

The prevalence of the hoof and mouth disease caused the local authorities to call off the Farmers' Institute which was to have been held Thursday, Feb. 11. The program had been arranged when the new orders issued from the state made it necessary to cancel the entertainment.

Feb. 10: The recital given last Wednesday evening at the Presbyterian church by the Trinity choir of Aurora was well attended and proved to be most entertaining.

Nona, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Woolley, who has been so ill at the hospital in Aurora, is recovering from the operation and every hope is now entertained.

Robert Richards has accepted a position with the Burlington in the Chicago office.

Mrs. L.E. Wood is on the sick list and her husband has been forced to give up his duties at the depot temporarily that he may assist in her care.

Tamarack and Wheatland: Remember the supper at the [Scotch] church Friday evening, also the sale of fancy articles and aprons.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fraser of Manitoba are spending some time here visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. Colrust of Chicago has purchased the Muir property at Tamarack and will move his family here soon.

Announcement is made of the approaching marriage of Miss Anne Clow of Plainfield and Fred Francis of New Lenox to occur Feb. 20.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Janet Graham of Aurora and Frank McMicken of NaAuSay township, to occur today, Feb. 10, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Graham.

Yorkville: The steamship Iowa of the Goodrich Transportation Co., of Chicago sunk in the ice off that port Thursday, the crew of 71 getting to safety over the ice. The fact that Capt. J.C. Raleigh of Yorkville was captain of this steamer during the latter days of his lake seamanship brings the loss of this vessel to our own doors. Capt. Raleigh was one of the oldest captains of the Goodrich service when he retired, some six or seven years ago, having risen from the ranks. He was a careful, painstaking officer, and never had an accident. The loss of this steamer was, to the captain, like the taking of an old friend and he felt the loss keenly.

Feb. 17: Nona, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Woolley, who has been so ill, has sufficiently recovered to be brought home.

Mrs. G.M. Croushorn was a victim of the icy walks last week, falling and injuring her arm so as to make it useless for a few days.

Mrs. Fred Kohlhammer has received word from her people in Germany telling of the death of her brother, who fell in the fighting on the Russian border. Another brother is in the ranks, but to date no further news of him had been learned.

Mr. L.E. Wood has resumed duties at the depot. Mrs. Wood's condition is improved.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schumacher soon move to McHenry county where they have purchased a farm. A farewell party, intended for a surprise, was given them last Friday evening by about 60 relatives and neighbors.

Yorkville: Edgar Gates, the 10 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gates, lies dead as the result of an accident on Tuesday night when he was shot by his older brother, Vernon "Buster" Gates, 12 years-old. The shooting happened on the farm home of the Gates family, known as the VanEmon farm, about two miles east of Yorkville on the Oswego road. The boys had been playing with a gun in company with their father and when he went to do the chores they were told to put the rifle away. This they did not do, and while trying to get a shell from the gun it was discharged, the 22 cal. Bullet striking Edgar just over the hear causing almost instant death.

Feb. 24: Mr. John Schumacher is moving from the Cherry farm to McHenry, where he has purchased a farm. G. Denman is to move soon to the Clifford Cherry farm from the Charles Clark farm. Mr. and Mrs. Porteous will move to the Clark farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Pierce have moved from the late Schickler farm to the Forbes residence, which they recently purchased from Mrs. Sara Hall.

The Walker school is having an enforced vacation, the teacher, Mrs. Fay Hubbell, being confined to her home by illness.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Friebele soon move to the farm owned by William Cliggitt and Mrs. Margaret Woolley near Bristol. Last Saturday, about 30 of their friends surprised them at their home.

The remains of John L. Gaylord of Aurora were brought to Oswego for burial last Sunday. Mr. Gaylord died quite suddenly at his home Friday morning at the age of 57. While not in the best of health, his condition was not considered serious and his death came as a surprise to his relatives and friends.

For several weeks the building owned by Mrs. Margaret Helle and known as the rink building [60 Main Street] has been vacant. A vacant building with windows is taken as a target and it is a regrettable fact that the windows of this building have been carelessly broken by hurling stones. The owner hopes that the parent-teacher club may bring the matter before the pupils of the school that the mischief may be stopped or if the windows could be boarded it may eliminate the damage.

Yorkville: Henry Heffelfinger, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Heffelfinger of Platteville, was in Yorkville on business Saturday.

March -- 1915

March 3: Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Thorsen and daughter Virginia of Leland were Sunday visitors at the G.M. Croushorn home.

Dr. T.B. Drew has sold his residence to Mr. John Burkhart.

Miss Mary Cutter is teaching the Walker school during the enforced absence of the regular teacher, Mrs. Fay Hubbell.

Mr. and Mrs. John Martin and daughter Ruth have moved from Genoa and are occupying one of the Armstrong cottages. Mr. Martin is employed at the Schickler grocery and meat market.

Berkley and Wright of Yorkville have opened a new garage in Oswego.

S. [Scott] C. Cutter was called to Canandaigua, N.Y. Wednesday by the death of Col. Charles Clinton. For the past six months he had been under a doctor's care but his condition had not been considered serious and death, caused by apoplexy, came as a surprise to his many friends. Mr. Cutter left Friday afternoon with the remains and

arrived in Oswego Saturday afternoon. Burial services were in charge of the Aurora lodge of Elks Sunday interment at the Oswego cemetery.

March 10: The Oswego basket ball team that played an Aurora team Monday evening came home with a defeated record.

An attempt was recently made to enter the residence of John Bell. Jay, who had just returned home, heard a noise at the cellar door. Upon investigation he found a man gaining entrance. He was pursued as far as the Congregational church where he was lost in the shadows.

The Valley Garage Corporation of Yorkville has opened a garage in Oswego for the benefit of Ford owners. A complete repair department is in connection where extra parts are always in stock. The repair department is in charge of George Barkley, who has a thorough knowledge of the cars. The sales end of the business will be handled by Hugh Harnley.

Tamarack and Wheatland: There is a great deal of sickness just now, a number of cases being very serious. Margaret, the seventeen month old daughter of James Stewart, who has been very ill for two weeks, a trained nurse being in attendance for a week is not improving very fast, while her little cousin, Robert Stewart, is still under a doctor's care.

Miss Anna Susiemeihl, who has been ill with tonsillitis and rheumatism, is much improved.

March 17: Dr. L.G. Weishew and Miss Violet Shoger were quietly married on Wednesday, March 10. Mrs. Weishew is well and favorably known to a host of friends as is the doctor in his short professional career here. They are at home in the residence, which has been occupied by the doctor.

Milton Woolley and Miss Laura Kennedy of Yorkville were quietly married at Joliet Wednesday evening.

March 24: The Gus Welz family, who have been in quarantine for several weeks have recovered and the quarantine has been raised.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Woolley returned last Thursday from their wedding trip to St. Louis and are at home on a farm owned by the groom's father.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Van Deventer, who have been living here for several months past, have moved to Oklahoma.

John Wald was crowded by a colt while caring for it last week and had three ribs broken.

Miss Helen Carlson is taking an enforced vacation, her school being closed by an epidemic of scarlet fever.

Miss Stella Suhler chaperoned her pupils to a party at the Fox theater last Friday afternoon to see "Uncle Sam at Work." is was a moving picture from which every one could be interested.

NaAuSay: Fred Claassen of Wisconsin will assist the Ringberg brothers with their farm work this season.

Yorkville: Although it was in the heart of the district which suffered much from the hoof and mouth disease, Kendall county was not a heavy loser. The state has issued a table showing the losses by counties, and Kendall reported but \$41,631.32. This amount was charged to the killing of 540 cattle and 520 hogs.

March 31: Just received a car of cement at the Oswego feed mill. Charles Weber, Oswego.

Mr. Lester Peshia has recently purchased an automobile.

The Boy Scouts of the Presbyterian church met the Plano scouts at Plano last Friday evening and a game of basket ball was played.

Miss Adele Biesemier and Frank Woolley were quietly married last Wednesday.

Myron Herren received an appointment on the staff of crop reporters for Kendall county by Hon. B.M. Davison, secretary of the state board of agriculture.

Richard Schultz has purchased the Van Deventer property on Washington street and will occupy it soon.

Henry S. Clark, eldest son of Henry A. and Emeline Clark, was born at Ottawa Nov. 21, 1842, and came to Kendall county shortly after where he has since lived. In 1864, he was married to Margaret Seger of Aurora. Four children were born to them: Mary dying in infancy; Elizabeth Russell and Dr. C.A. Clark of Oswego; and Martha Hulls of Elgin. There are four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. He retired a few years ago to his present home.

April -- 1915

April 7: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schmidt and children moved Monday to Aurora where Mr. Schmidt has been employed for some years.

Mr. and Mrs. A.F. Wormley were among the recent Chicago shoppers.

Through these columns Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hafenrichter and son wish to thank their many friends for their many kind assistances during the illness and death of their brother and uncle, Mr. Gary Hafenrichter.

W.J. Morse transacted business in Chicago Wednesday.

Mrs. Mary McCauley, who suffered a stroke of paralysis last week, was taken to an Aurora hospital for treatment.

The remains of Mr. Rush Walker were brought from Walnut Grove, Minn. Saturday for interment in the Oswego Cemetery. Mr. Walker, until his removal to Minnesota, had been a prominent resident of Oswego and had held several political offices. His death followed a long illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Shoger are the parents of a son, born Monday, April 5, 1915.

Jacob Meyers is among the latest to own an automobile.

The funeral of Gary Hafenrichter was held Saturday afternoon from his late home; the remains were interred in Oswego cemetery. He died Thursday morning after a short illness. He was born at Weisdorf, Germany Aug. 31, 1844, coming to this country with his parents when only 2 years old. Locating in the vicinity of Oswego, where with his brother Henry they bought a farm and were among the prosperous. A few years ago they retired from active life and bought a home in Oswego. Mr. Hafenrichter never married, for the last 40 years making his home with his brother Henry, who with two other brothers, John of Wheatland and Lawrence of Yorkville and three sisters, Mrs. Barbara Constantine of Oswego and Mrs. Anna Boessenecker and Mrs. Elmira Faust of Aurora, survive.

Yorkville: WOMEN MAY VOTE

It may be of interest to the ladies to know that they are permitted to vote at the election of village president and trustees on the 20th. The only officer for whom they are not permitted to cast a ballot is for police magistrate.

DEATH CLAIMS MAN OF WIDE ACQUAINTANCE

George M. Hollenback Answers Final Call -- Was Popular Among Citizens -- Born in 1831

The death of George M. Hollenback at his home in Aurora March 30 marks the passing of one of the men who made Kendall County and the community what it is. A staunch, honest patriot; a man with the good of the country at heart; a companion to those in trouble and ever ready to extend the right hand of fellowship; this good man will be missed. Not only as a man of superior character will his place be left vacant but as an authority on the history of the early days of the Fox River he cannot be replaced.

Probably no other man in this vicinity was so well known as Mr. Hollenback. Born in Fox township on Dec. 1, 1831, he bore the distinction of being the first white child born in Kendall county [his twin sister being the second child born in the county]. Having

made his home in the county until some 20 years ago, he was widely acquainted and had the friendship of all who knew him. His early life was spent on the old homestead, where he was a farmer. Political life brought him later into the prominence which made the farm impossible and his wide research and study allied him with the barristers.

His admission to the bar in 1870 permitted his appointment as Master in Chancery of the Kendall County Circuit Court, which he filled to the time of his removal to Aurora, some 20 years ago. For a few years previous to his moving to Kane county, Mr. Hollenback lived in Yorkville, where his popularity was but a question of his acquaintances.

In his removal to Aurora, Kendall county lost one of its foremost citizens and his place has never been filled. His early home in Fox, near Millbrook, has a place in the heart of the people and it is looked upon as a landmark.

During the past few years, Mr. Hollenback has been an invalid but has never lost his hold on public affairs. He has taken a keen interest in politics and has ever given good advice to friends who have sought him. His wife has also been an invalid for some time and the two, while physically suffering, have enjoyed their companionship at their pleasant home. Mrs. Welles, formerly Miss Stella Hollenback, has been with her father during the winter and has done much for the comfort of both the older people.

The funeral was held from the late home Friday afternoon when a large number paid their respects to the memory of a friend and close acquaintance. Rev. Mr. Vaughan of the Galena street Methodist church had charge of the services...Interment was at the Riverview mausoleum [in Montgomery] where the family has a compartment.

...George Hollenback, son of John, married Hannah Barton and they had the following children: Ellen, John, Clark, Matthias, Mary, Sarah, Jane, Elizabeth, George, Hannah, and Ann. Of this family, George Hollenback, the eighth in order of birth, was born in 1792, and became a farmer and miller. He married Sophia Sidle, who was born in New Jersey in 1799, and they became the parents of six children while residents of Ohio and six more in Illinois. They lived in the county in Ohio in which they were married until the fall of 1829 when they started in a "prairie schooner" for Illinois. After many hardships they arrived at Gopher Hill, Ind., where they found relatives and friends with whom they remained for a short time before continuing their journey. At Cedar Point, they crossed the Vermillion river near what is now called Oglesby, where they remained for one year, and then journeyed still further, finding a resting place in the grove that is still known as Hollenback Grove, which after being surveyed was found to be a part of Township 36 north of Range 6 east of the third principal meridian, otherwise, Fox township.

George M Hollenback remained a member of his father's family until about 25 years of age. He taught a part of three years in the common schools in his neighborhood and spent some time outside his native state. He early became interested in politics and in 1856 he was elected Clerk of the Circuit Court of Kendall County and four years later was reelected to the same office. During the Civil War, he was appointed Kendall county enrolling officer and held the office until he secured a correct enrollment. In 1870 he was admitted to the bar and received from the judge of the circuit court, the office of master in Chancery, which he held for many years. In 1872 he was elected a member of the legislature for two years for the counties of DeKalb, Kendall and Grundy. He was a Republican then and never changed his political affiliation.

In 1859 Mr. Hollenback married Julia A. Woodworth, who died in 1886, leaving one daughter, Stella, now the widow of Edward Welles of Wilkesbarre, Pa. In 1888 Mr.

Hollenback married Frances F. Lewis, then the widow of Dr. C.H. Houghman of Milwaukee.

April 14: Mr. G.M. Croushorn now delivers mail in a new auto.

Mr. John Bower has moved his stock of shoes to the G.M. Croushorn store, where he will continue business.

Tamarack and Wheatland: John G. and Albert Anderson and Thomas Congdon shipped several carloads of fat cattle to Chicago last week.

Miss Fern Gates resumes her teaching duties in the Wilcox School this week after an enforced vacation of two weeks on account of scarlet rash in the family of her sister, Mrs. Gilbert Collins, where she boards.

April 21: Will Sutherland left last week for Denver, Ind. where he has established himself with a dog and pony show.

The John Schickler family have moved into their former home above the store. The Todd house vacated by them will be occupied by Dr. Drew.

Andrew Pierce of Oswego and Miss Annette Kackert of Aurora were quietly married at St. Nicholas church Thursday, April 15. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce will make their home in Oswego where Mr. Pierce is employed as foreman and general overseer for the Conkey Sand and Gravel Company. He is a member of the Oswego baseball team.

April 28: Dr. T.B. Drew lies in a very serious condition at the Augustana Hospital in Chicago where on Saturday he submitted to the fifth operation.

Mr. C.I. Smith is erecting a bungalow on his property to be occupied by an assistant in his ice business.

Andrew J. Shoger, one of Oswego's oldest residents, died Thursday morning at his home at the age of 78 years. Mr. Shoger was born Jan. 6, 1837 and came to Oswego when 17 years of age. At that time he located on a farm. In time he became owner and was one of the community's successful farmers until he retired about ten years ago. At that time he and his wife moved to Oswego where they purchased a home. Deceased is survived by four sons, Frank, Roy, and Harley of Oswego and George of Michigan; three daughters, Mrs. George Kesslinger of Sugar Grove, Mrs. Frank Walker of Oswego, and Mrs. Edwin Gates of Minnesota; three brothers, August and Leonard of Oswego, Henry of Kansas; and one sister, Mrs. Caroline Knapp of Oswego. Interment was at the Oswego cemetery.

May -- 1915

May 5: The Oswego Grammar Association of the Oswego public school will give a basket social at the schoolhouse Saturday evening, May 8.

Would be glad to do your cement work, sidewalks, cellar floors, and foundations. C.E. Morrison

The Oswego grammar school has a well-organized baseball team this year and are now awaiting the arrival of opponents.

The body of Levi Young was brought to Oswego for burial last week Wednesday. Mr. Young was born at Clinton, Huntington county, N.J. Oct. 28, 1844. He came to Illinois when a young man and has spent most of his life around Oswego. When a lad he enlisted in the Civil War, serving his time and returning to Oswego. About two years ago his health began to fail and being without relatives he went to the Soldiers Home at Quincy, where he died April 28 at the age of 71 years, 6 months.

Sunday, in spite of threatening weather, Messrs. L.P. Voss, G.H. Voss, E.A. Smith, Charles Schultz, Charles Cherry, and Lyman Pearce left at an early hour by automobile across the country. Their first stop of importance was Sycamore, where they breakfasted. Enroute they visited Belvidere, Rockford, Oregon, Grand Detour, where dinner was enjoyed, then on to Dixon, Mendota, LaSalle, Peru for supper, Ottawa, and back to Oswego. Leaving Oswego at 6 a.m. and arriving at home at 12 midnight, covering a distance of 230 miles is a very unusual record. Muddy roads were encountered, but the grand scenery along the Rock River left the muddy roads behind. Lyman Pearce drove the car.

Contracts have been let by owners of the "Big" woods for the cutting of all bass wood. An army of men have been transported from Sycamore and work begun. This wood is shipped to Joliet and there converted into matches. Owing to foreign shortage in shipments, a heavy demand is being made for match wood.

Dr. Thomas B. Drew of Oswego, coroner of Kendall county, died at the Augustana Hospital in Chicago Wednesday evening, April 28, after a fifth operation to restore his health. About two years ago he underwent his first operation for bowel trouble and this was followed at intervals by four more, the doctor getting out for his practice at intervals but always finding it necessary to return to the operating table. The doctor was a sturdy Scotchman, blunt, honest and square and his death makes many hearts sore that had received solace at his hands. He was a young man, striving to make a name for himself and was beset by misfortune on many sides. He was a defendant in several lawsuits and while he won all of them, it was thought that the worry had in a measure undermined him.

The funeral was held from the late home with interment at Spring Lake Cemetery, Aurora, where his father is buried.

Thomas B. Drew, son of John and Cecilia Drew, was born in Aurora Feb. 2, 1875. He received his early education in the public schools of that city and later worked in the car shops as a molder while he gathered money to pay his way through college. This he

accomplished and graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Chicago, in 1897; practiced for a short time with his uncle, Dr. D.M. Plovan, and soon after [June 1897] established himself in Oswego. He was married April 17, 1901 to Miss Dorothy M. Schmitz of Chicago who, with three children, Dorothy Barnette, 11 years old, Jessie Allen, 9, and Thomas Barnette Jr. 5, survives him. Of the immediate family, his mother of Aurora, two brothers, D.P. Drew of Aurora and Sidney Drew of Charles City, Ia., and two sisters, Mrs. Jennie Gardiner and Mrs. F.C. West, are also left to mourn. Dr. Drew was a member of several fraternal organizations, among them being the Masonic lodge, in which he belongs to Raven Lodge, Oswego, the Oswego chapter of the O.E.S., Knight Templar, Shriner, also a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Order of the Moose.

May 12: Mr. John Bower has recently purchased the building now occupied by Robert Johnston. Willis Bros. will move their place of business to that location.

Courtney Hemm now rides in a new touring car.

The dust nuisance of our town is settled as the streets are now being oiled.

A fine tennis court is being prepared on the [Red Brick] school grounds for the use of the young people during the summer.

May 19: Mr. Harry Mundsinger is among the last to ride in a new auto.

William Williams now uses a new automobile on his mail route.

If you want the best Portland cement, try Charles Weber, Oswego.

The remains of Hugh McConnell were brought here from Riverside for burial Thursday morning. Mr. McConnell was well known among a number of Oswego residents, as he formerly lived here and was for years actively connected with the creamery.

The death of Mr. James Pogue of Hinckley came as a surprise to his many Oswego acquaintances. Mr. Pogue submitted to an operation a short time ago, but did not survive. Interment was in the family lot at Oswego.

Dr. L.J. Weishew and Messrs. F. Reinhardt, Richard Schultz, Henry Hathaway, and Jay Bell, in the latter's automobile, went to Grass Lake for a week end fishing expedition.

From the *Hinckley Review*: Hinckley and community was shocked and stunned when the word came that cashier James B. Pogue of the Hinckley State Bank had passed away at the Presbyterian hospital in Chicago.

A couple of weeks ago he returned from Montana with his son Ralph. While in the West he was taken with one of the terrible attacks of gall trouble with which he had suffered for a couple of years. The return trip was made under difficulties and he was confined to his bed from the time he arrived home till his demise.

As a last resort to save his life, attending physicians and nurses advised removal to the hospital, and he was taken on the fast train early Tuesday morning. A superficial operation was performed to relieve the accumulation of pus, but relief came too late and Mr. Pogue passed away the following morning, Wednesday, May 12, 1915.

The remains were brought from Chicago by auto hearse and the funeral was held from the Methodist church Friday and interment was made at Oswego where a son of Mr. and Mrs. Pogue is buried.

Mr. James B. Pogue was without question the greatest figure in financial and business circles of this community during the past 25 years. For 30 years or more his home has been in Hinckley. As cashier of the State Bank, senior member of the Pogue Brothers Lumber Co. with yards at Paw Paw, Waterman, and Hinckley, secretary of the Hinckley Grain Company, and directing stockholder and adviser in many other concerns of prominence, he held the unique position of being sought in more cases than any other one man for financial advice. His political affiliations have always been Republican, he being precinct committeeman for Squaw Grove of the county central committee. He was a staunch member and treasurer of the Methodist church and a member of the Hinckley lodge of the Masons.

Mr. Pogue leaves a splendid family--his widow, daughter, Mabel and son Ralph; his mother, one of the pioneers of Kendall County who now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Livermore at Chickasha, Okla.

May 26: Charles Schultz has recently purchased a new touring car.

Mr. Dwight Young left a short time ago for Texas, where he will spend some time.

June -- 1915

June 2: Mrs. Jennie Lake and sons Donald and Archie of LaGrange spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Watts Cutter Sr.

Scott Cutter has recently received a 1916 Model 83 Overland Touring car. The new car is on the market much earlier than usual owing to the increasing demand or same, and at the nominal price of \$795.

June 9: Mrs. Charles Knapp has bought two lots from Mr. John Burkhart and will build a new home there soon.

The alumni of the Oswego High School will hold their annual meeting in the Presbyterian Church parlors Saturday evening, June 12.

Nine members of the Oswego High School Class of 1915 received diplomas. Graduates were Elsa Shubert, Helene Chaplin, Kenyon Palmer, A.J. Hettrich, Raymond Dwyre, Leslie Falk, Charles Gates, Wesley Greenawalt, and Myron Herren.

June 16: Miss Edith Burkhart and Mr. Leo Huntoon were quietly married last Saturday evening.

Susan C. Wormley was born on Dec. 11, 1834 at Steuben County, Town of Painted Posts, N.Y.; came to Oswego TA the age of 3 years; died at her home on June 10, 1915 at the age of 80 years and 6 months. She was the eldest child of George and Hannah Wormley; was married to William Varner on To. 27, 1868. To this union were born two children, one son and one daughter, The son died nine years ago. She leaves to morn her loss the daughter, Mrs. Frances Lindemier of Plattville; one sister, Mrs. Ann Hildebrandt of Paw Paw; and one brother, Orville Wormley of Oswego; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

June 23: A quiet wedding was solemnized last Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B.E. Myers, coming as a surprise to a large circle of friends when Miss Stella Schark and Arthur Stark were married by Rev. Mr. Gronewald. The couple left Thursday morning for an extended automobile trip.

Messrs. Gus Pearson, G.M. Cowdrey, Rev. J.G. butler and Miss Kate Butler attended the unveiling of the Soldiers Monument at Geneva last Thursday.

Miss Floi Johnston is enjoying a two weeks vacation from duties at the telephone office.

Dr. N.J. Pearce, who has been teaching the past year at Sioux City, Ia., is enjoying his vacation at the James Pearce home.

Old Time was turned backward in its flight when the schoolmates of the old stone schoolhouse met at their 16th annual reunion Saturday, June 12, 1915 at the home of one of the hostesses, Mrs. Emma Richards Wormley, who was assisted by the other hostesses, Alice Loucks Walsh, Ellen Ricketson Hill, and the schoolmates Lizzie Hudson Wayne and Bessie Richards Hord. There were 43 present.

Tamarack and Wheatland: The Wilcox School closed last week Wednesday with a picnic at the schoolhouse and the Tamarack School closed Tuesday with a picnic at Andrew Armour's.

Yorkville: Highway Notice -- Public Letting of Contract

Notice is hereby given that proposals will be received by the commissioners of highways of the town of Kendall county, of Kendall, state of Illinois, at the town hall, village of Yorkville, on Thursday, the 1st day of July, A.D. 1915, for making all cuts and fills on the road in sections 33 and 34 in said township, known as State Road No. 1, beginning at the east line of the corporation, village of Yorkville, thence east to the town line between the townships of Oswego and Kendall.

Said proposals to be by sections 1 to 6 in accordance with data on file with Jacob Armbruster, town clerk, Kendall township, or J.D. Russell, county superintendent of

highways, Oswego, Ill., and work to be done in accordance with grade established by engineer -- total estimate number cubic yards 3,930.

The commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids or let any or all sections.

All work to be done on or before September 1, 1915.

Dated at Yorkville, Ill., on this 21st day of June, A.D. 1915

S.J. CLAYTON

F.H. HAGE

Commissioners of Highways [This is modern VanEmmon Road; it was the first county road to be paved with concrete.]

June 30: Come to Oswego Thursday and hear the concert by the Yorkville Band in the evening.

Yorkville Orioles vs. Oswego on Monday, July 5--a good game promised.

Mr. Irvin Haines now owns a new automobile.

Rudolph Knapp has purchased a new touring car.

Cyrus F. Pogue was born on a farm near Hillsboro, Ohio Feb. 12, 1837. He attended a country school in Ohio and at the age of 16 he came with his parents to Illinois, settling on a farm about a mile east of Oswego, concluding his schooling in Oswego. He remained in Oswego until 1883, when he went to Kansas with his brother, Milton, settling on a farm near Norton, where he has since lived. On May 3 of this year, he left Kansas on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Amanda Pogue Ketchum, at whose home he died. He had been ailing only a few weeks before returning but continued to decline until death occurred June 26. Mr. Pogue's father's family consisted of Matthew, Cyrus, Rebecca, Nancy, Milton, and Amanda, the latter two still surviving. The funeral services were held Sunday from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ketchum. Interment at Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: The more one rides over the roads of the county the more one is convinced of the expediency of the use of oil on country highways. Going from a stretch of ordinary graveled road onto a stretch that has been oiled, the difference is immediately felt. Not only is the lack of dust evident, but the general superiority of the high way itself. The rains do not wash the treated gravel as they do the ordinary--mud doesn't form and the general conditions more promising. Could the farmers get together as they have from Oswego to the Base-line road on the river road, it would be but a short time till all the roads would be oiled and improved. The split log drag is another chance for the farmers to improve the roads and with the combination of oil and drag, they would soon make the county one of remark.

July -- 1915

July 7: The Fourth in Oswego was spent in various family reunions, a ball game between Oswego and Yorkville being the day's attraction. A good game was witnessed by a good

sized crowd, the score being 3 to 1 in favor of the home boys. Seventy automobiles welcomed the Yorkville band at their second concert in Oswego Thursday evening. The concert was good and was well received.

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The remains of Ed Dwyre were brought here from Elgin Saturday for burial in the Oswego cemetery.

S.C. Cutter of Oswego, the local agent for the Overland Automobile Company, was offering brand new 1916 model Overlands for \$778. Prospective customers in those days when car salesmen brought them to buyers' homes were urged to "Call No. 3, Oswego, for demonstration."

July 14: Mrs. August Korte was hostess to the members of the S.S. club at her home last Wednesday.

Donald Lake has returned to his home in LaGrange after a visit with relatives.

Prof. C.W. Rolfe of Champaign was a recent visitor among friends.

Mrs. Caroline Knapp is planning to build on the lot recently purchased from John Burkhart.

The culmination of a pretty romance came to light Tuesday when the news awoke the villagers of Oswego that Miss Stella Suhler was married to Mr. Earl Morran of Aurora.

Mr. George Suhler now rides in a new buggy recently purchased.

Yorkville: It is not a pleasant thing to be continually harping on the failure of a company to do its moral duty in places where franchises have been granted and where it is supposed to do business, but this unwelcome duty becomes necessary with regard to the Public Service Company.

This company bought out Fred G. Young, hung a large expense on the patrons by forcing them to pay for the changeover from direct to alternating current, promised to rebuild the lines in the village and put the system in first-class condition, to afford the village of Yorkville and Bristol the best service possible. The result--lines in bad shape, the wires touching trees and insulators broken, strips of insulation hanging from the wires which have rotted from age and are sagging on the poles. The lights and power were off for several hours last week.

The question: 'Why should we be compelled to bow to the Public Service Company?'

Congressman Ira C. Copley and the *Aurora Beacon* are surely just joking when they launch the candidacy of Henry Ford of Detroit, Mich., for vice-president. They must have

been viewing Henry's money. They can't be sincere, because none of the *Beacon* crowd drive Ford cars.

July 21: Mrs. G.M. Croushorn spent several days of last week with her daughter, Mrs. J.B. Thorsen of Leland. Mr. Croushorn and Mrs. R. Norris and children spend the weekend there, all returning Sunday.

The Yorkville band will give another of their popular street concerts Thursday evening of this week.

Yorkville: Deputy Game Commissioner Brown wishes it understood that there is no fishing allowed from any dam in Illinois, 100 feet being the limit of approach to the structure. Mr. Brown is also anxious to have it understood that the making of Fox river a game preserve precludes the capturing of any fish other than by hook and line, and these are subject to the law governing size.

The passage of a bill in the last legislature takes the burden of high school tuition from districts where there is no high school and places it in the county distributive fund of the state. In this way, a pupil from another district can get a high school education and the state really pays the bill, distributed with the county allowance. As an example: If a pupil from Fox attends the Yorkville high school, Fox will not be holden for the tuition but the money will be allowed Yorkville district by County Superintendent Elliott before the distribution of state funds is made. The law is an improvement on the old one and the payment of the tuition will not be felt so much by separate districts.

July 28: There will be no band concert this week.

Miss Elza Shubert was unable to attend duties at the telephone office last week on account of illness.

The Campfire Girls of the Congregational Sunday School enjoyed a hike to Fox River Park Friday at which time an all day picnic was thoroughly enjoyed.

The open air concert given by the Yorkville band last Thursday evening was well given and well received.

The stores of Oswego will be closed at noon on Aug. 4 for the remainder of the day on account of the grocerymen's picnic at Fox River Park.

Tuesday, Clarence Parkhurst's auto was stolen by a man who was doing some work about the farm. As yet no trace of him has been found.

Yorkville: An unspeakable horror was the capsizing of the Eastland in Chicago Saturday, a catastrophe which has plunged the city into grief not second to the Iroquois Theatre holocaust.

There was an unfortunate case in the county court last week which involved a scandal not entirely pleasing. The printing of the story in *The Record* was omitted purposely, as those who know the facts would not benefit by any further publicity and those who knew nothing about it would not be benefited by reading. The spirit which prompted this omission was to keep this paper a paper for the whole family--one which you are not afraid to let the children read.

WHY NOT PAVE STREET?

In view of the fact that it will be but a short time when the State Aid Road will have an opening into Yorkville, several of the citizens of the village are furthering the idea of bonding the Village and paving Van Emon street from the limits to Bridge street. This road, along the street car track, will mean much to Yorkville and should be considered. The street car company is bound to pave their tracks and for a specified distance on either side, leaving but a short part of the road which will have to be paved by the village. The advent of this State Aid Road means much to Yorkville and the people of the village can do no less than to make the entrance pleasant. It will open a road which will vie with the Starved Rock Trail and bring folks to town. Think this over. You may be asked to vote on such a proposition later.

August -- 1915

Aug. 4: The annual business meeting of the Oswego WCTU will be held at the home of Mrs. M.L. Wormley Friday afternoon, Aug. 6.

Rudolph Knapp is now riding in a new touring car.

Mrs. Herbert Barnard and daughter, Miss Gladys, left on Tuesday morning for Gebo, Wyo., where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Barnard, returning by Sept. 1st.

Daniel David Brownell, one of Oswego's oldest residents, died at his home Wednesday, July 28. He was born near here in 1847 and with the exception of a few years, spent his life here. Some years ago he, with his family, moved to Oklahoma, where they purchased a farm and lived there until a few years ago. Coming back to Oswego they purchased land and built their present home. In 1870 he was married to Miss Chloe VanDriesen and eight children were born to them: Mrs. Mary Hargis, Longdale, Okla.; Arthur of Longdale; Mrs. Elda Graham of North Dakota; Miss Elvira Brownell; Henry, Warren, and Earl of Oswego; Mrs. Edith Murren of Stillwater, Okla. Since returning to Oswego, Mr. Brownell has been raising small fruits but had retired from active service on account of ill health. He continued to grow worse the past six months till death claimed him. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon from the late home, the remains being interred in Pearce cemetery.

Yorkville: The Yorkville Orioles lost a seventeen-inning ball game to Oswego at Oswego Sunday by a score of 3-2. Oswego scored two runs in the third and Yorkville tied it up with two out in the seventh. From then on, it was a pitchers' battle filled with thrillers and

keeping the spectators on edge. Underhill pitched for Yorkville and Glen Leigh for Oswego."

More binder twine has been used in harvesting the oats in this community than usual on account of the heavy straw. Luckily there has been no shortage of the supply or the farmers would have had more trouble with their harvest.

A bad washout on the Burlington near Wedron threw the mail service into chaos Tuesday. The mail that should arrive in Yorkville at 9 a.m. was not delivered until Wednesday morning and all the mail that reached Yorkville during the day was but of a local nature. This seems like a bad "fall down" on the part of the postal officials who could have sent the mail sacks from Streator to Chicago so they would have reached Yorkville Tuesday evening at 6.

A large force of men was busy all day and night Tuesday with the repairs on the bridge and it is expected that traffic will be uninterrupted today.

Aug. 11: Every farmer will have more or less soft and immature corn this fall. This will make excellent feed if put in a silo. No need to suffer a loss in your corn this year. We carry silos in stock and are willing to make you right prices and terms on these. See us before it is too late. Todd Lumber Company, Oswego.

Miss Helen Dwyre is enjoying a two weeks' vacation from duties at the W.J. Morse store.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pierce recently moved to the Margaret Edwards residence on the corner of Madison and Jackson streets.

Robert Herren, while driving the binder in from the field Monday, was the victim of an accident. The team in some way became frightened, ran away, and one had to be killed. Mr. Herren was badly shaken and bruised.

Mr. and Mrs. Jens Corniels moved to Aurora last week, both Martin and Miss Emma Corneils being employed there.

Miss Susan Croushorn and Arthur E. Rowswell were quietly married on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 7, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G.M. Croushorn. The wedding was a quiet affair; only the immediate family being present. The contracting parties are well and favorably known. Mrs. Rowswell, having been connected with school work here and also at Downers Grove, resigning her position there last winter. Mr. Rowswell has lived here a number of years and has formed many friends and his work as auctioneer of late years has greatly enlarged that circle. After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Rowswell went on a short trip and are at present living in the remodeled residence he recently purchased from Mrs. Sarah Schamp.

NaAuSay: No better way than a silo to save the soft and immature corn that the most of our farmers are bound to have this fall. Be wise and put up a silo before it is too late and save every bit of your corn for feed. It's great feed. We carry silos in stock and will give

you long terms on one or two of them. See us before it is too late. Todd Lumber Co., Oswego.

Yorkville: The Eastland wreck is being raised this week and when it is again righted it is hard to tell what may be disclosed. Some of the evidence given before the investigators may be disproved. For instance, the fact that the sea valve was clogged and would not admit water. This would be a vital fault and the engineers of the steamer would be directly liable. Then again, Capt. Peterson may be upheld in his statement that he was in no way to blame for the accident, placing the fault with the owners and inspectors who allowed the boat to go into commission.

Kendall County school superintendent George Elliott announced efforts to have all county public schools use the same textbooks and curriculum for the 1915-16 school year. "It will be possible for all the pupils of the county, whether rural or town, to be at the same place in the book at the end of each month," Elliot contended. Oswego, Plano, Yorkville, Newark, Lisbon, and Plattville schools and the rural school districts as well decided to use the system.

Aug. 18: Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Knapp have returned from a sight seeing trip by auto from here to Milwaukee and other towns.

Dr. Florence Atkinson of Chicago visited at the home of Mrs. Josie Smith over Sunday.

The William Ellwood, John Martin, and Earl Hibbard families, Frank Huntoon, and Miss Ella Gates motored to Starved Rock and Deer Park--a weekend trip.

Mr. Dan Jessup from Detroit, Mich., motored to Oswego, where he is visiting various relatives.

Having no Sunday services at the Congregational Church, an auto trip to Sycamore was planned and successfully carried out. About 70 went from here.

Some threshing was done around here the last of the week and all the rings were ready to begin the first of this week if the weather had been favorable.

Yorkville: Governor Dunne wisely vetoed the bill allowing the establishment of a state office in Chicago to give Secretary of State O'Hara a chance to do his business in his home city instead of Springfield at an expense of some \$50,000.

Three Kendall County men, J.E. Moore, C.F. Shepard, N.J. Quinsey and Grant Nesbit, all residents of Yorkville, were sitting on the federal grand jury investigating the sinking of the excursion steamer Eastland at Chicago.

NaAuSay: There was considerable excitement at the [AuSable Presbyterian Church] manse last Friday morning when Mr. Kohlhammer and his men arrived for work and discovered that some tools and a bunch of lath were missing. It was known that a fruit

peddler from Joliet who makes weekly trips through this vicinity has stayed at the church the night before. He was immediately suspected and Edmund Seely and Mr. Kohlhammer started in pursuit, overtaking him near Plainfield. The peddler was very indignant and denied the charge, but when Edmund found the missing articles in his wagon he immediately became penitent and cried for mercy. After giving him a lecture and securing the articles, they allowed him in his way.

The weather being favorable, there will be a balloon ascension on next Wednesday evening in front of the Lane dry goods store.

Aug. 25: Miss Ruth Russell returned to her home last Saturday after spending several weeks on a Chautauqua engagement.

Mr. Emerson Ashley met with a painful accident one day last week. While he was breaking old iron, a chip flew up and struck him in the eye in such a manner that it was torn from its socket.

Yorkville: Threshing is in full blast and despite the early reports, oats are producing a good yield. Complaints are made at times as to the grading of the grain when it reaches Chicago, but in many cases this is due to the cleaning up of the ground under the chute on the thresher or sheller. The grain is graded in Chicago by a sample taken from the car. If you have gathered all the grain and dirt together from the ground, you will find a poorer grading by the commission merchant. Load nothing but clean, hard grain and feed the scrapings to the chickens.

The Record is in receipt of a letter from one of the safe business men of Millington as regards the Midland railroad. As was stated in last week's paper, *The Record* must refuse the publication of the letter. There is too much feeling in the community where the paper is popular to risk injuring itself by taking sides and the communications at such times always become more and more personal and keep drawing other letters in reply. We regret the feeling that exists among the people of the Millington-Newark neighborhood, but are not in a position to permit the fighting out of the dispute in our columns.

The lynching of Leo M. Frank in Georgia is one of the best exemplifications of the degree to which civilization can fall if lawlessness is not held in check. For years the southern whites have lynched negroes indiscriminately and the practice has continued without any check...Where there is a lack of respect for the law there is crime and Georgia will suffer for her lax legal methods.

George Elliott, county superintendent of schools, is making an effort to place Kendall county under a uniform textbook system. At present, the books are badly mixed and a pupil moving from one district to another will have added expense in buying the books necessary. Under the proposed system, the same book will be used throughout the county for the same grades and the purchase of new texts will be unnecessary.

By the use of a new manual recently placed in the hands of the teachers of the county, it will be possible for all the pupils of the county, whether rural or town, to be at the same

place in the book at the end of each month. This will enable all--teacher, pupil, and parent--to know where the studies should be at any time and for the child to change his school without loss of time. Plano, Yorkville, Oswego, Newark, Lisbon, and Plattville and nearly all of the rural districts have decided upon this system and will carry it out this fall.

September -- 1915

Sept. 1: The Methodist church room will be used by the Oswego school, as one of their rooms this winter. It is being cleared and fitted for the work of education, non-sectarian.

Willis Bros. have moved to their new quarters in the business block which had been occupied by Mr. Robert Johnston, who moved to the location they vacated.

A full line of Kendall County school books at W.J. Morse's.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schlapp are the parents of a daughter, born on Aug. 26.

The Cliggitt elevator has been sold to the Farmers Elevator, who take possession today.

Prof. W.R. Atherton, who has been engaged as principal of the Oswego school, will be at the high school building Saturday afternoon from 1:30 to 3 when he will be pleased to meet any or all parents, pupils, and teachers to discuss the work for the coming year.

Mrs. L.W. Figge left Tuesday for Twin Falls, Idaho to visit her son, Cass. From there they will visit other western points of interest.

Yorkville: In another column is to be found a poem regarding Mary Phagan. It is one of the strongest pleas for the abolition of child labor as practiced in the South that has been produced. These young girls are forced to work for a low wage and are brought up without education, despite the advantages they might have had under better circumstances.

While the cold weather is a menace, it has not yet reached the dangerous point. It is pleasant for the threshers and the horses to do their work in the cool days and the corn continues to grow. predictions are that there will be no frost under the present cold spell and that the weather will be much warmer in September, allowing the grain to harden.

Andrew Brown obituary.

Under the new school law there are but three high schools in Kendall County that are legally authorized to receive pupils and have their tuition paid by the county...Yorkville and Plano are each approved for the four years course and Oswego has a sanction for a three year attendance.

Under this new law the pupil who lives in a district having no high school has a right to attend a high school in the county, the tuition to be paid by the county from the state distributive fund.

Sept. 8: School opened Tuesday morning with the following teachers; Pro. W. Atherton, Miss Julie M. Barber, Miss Margurite Erving of Yorkville in 7th and 8th grades; Miss Edith Baker of Batavia in 5th and 6th grades; Miss Mabel Biesemier in 3rd the 4th grades and Miss Nellie Bushnell in the primary which this year is held in the old Methodist church [the Little White School Museum] which has been remodeled for that purpose.

Mrs. Margaret Helle is among the ailing of the past week.

Yorkville: Drainage Notice

Morgan Creek Drainage District

The commissioners of said district in said court asking that an order be entered by said court directing them as said commissioners to levy and distribute the sum of \$4,000 upon the lands of said district by way of special assessments upon the respective lands according to law, said moneys to be used for making needed repairs and improvements of the district and to meet the current expenses thereof.

Sept. 15: After enjoying a month's vacation Mrs. Herbert Barnard has begun duties as a modiste [maker of woman's fashion] and will be glad to again meet all customers.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reinhart have moved to their new home recently completed. Mrs. Emma Holderman will occupy the residence they vacated.

Mrs. Fred Kohlhammer accompanied her son Louie to Jacksonville on Tuesday, where he entered school.

William Rink recently purchased a new automobile.

The Parent-Teacher Club of Oswego will hold an ice cream social Friday evening at the primary room in the Methodist Church building. Proceeds are for the school library.

Yorkville: At special meetings of the Kendall County Board on Aug. 4 and on Aug. 9, the board voted to award a franchise to Upshaw Hoard to build an interurban trolley line, the Aurora, Mendota, and Western Railway. The line through Kendall County was to commence "at a point on the east line of Section 1 and thence in a southwesterly direction to Bristol Station, said road commonly called Bristol Road." The line was also scheduled to run through Section 23 of Little Rock Township along State Aid Road Number 7.

Sept. 22: Paul Young left on Saturday for Champaign where he will attend school, having won a scholarship at East Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Poucher of Aurora are the parents of a daughter. Mrs. Poucher will be remembered as Minnie Schilling of Oswego.

Plans are on foot for the erection of a new jail in the rear of the city hall [the Rank Building]. This structure will be made of concrete, hence fireproof.

Yorkville: "Kendall County has no almshouses," said a Kendall county official. "We do not need one. We have no poor in Kendall county. You will find," he continued, "that none of the small counties Of Illinois have almshouses. They do not need them and do not have them. Only the larger counties have them."

Kendall county is the only county in Illinois which has not an almshouse. It is not the smallest county in the state, either in acreage or in population. In acreage, there are 12 smaller counties. in population, there are eight smaller ones.

The statement of the county official that Kendall county has no poor and that none of the smaller counties of the state maintain almshouses may be indicative of the attitude of Kendall county on the subject of poor relief.

County Board meeting, on Sept. 14, 1915: On motion of Supervisor Barnes seconded by Supervisor Wormley, the board adopted the following resolution, all members voting aye:

preliminary Resolution of County Board
Requesting Improvement of a Public
Highway as a State Aid Road

Resolved, That the public interest demands the improvement as a State aid Road of the section of public highway described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the public highway designated as proposed State Aid Road Route No. 1, said point being at the present terminal of said concrete road, station 82, in the town of Oswego, and extending thence along said route in a south westerly direction for a distance of five thousand feet more or less.

Be it further resolved that we, the county board, will specify the type of road to be built. And it is requested that the aforesaid described section of highway be improved as a State Aid Road, and the county clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the State Highway Commission within ten days of the date hereof, said date being the 14th day of September, 1915.

In Matter of State Aid Roads.

J.D. Russell, superintendent of highways came before the board and asked them to inspect the different types of hard roads before specifying to the state highway department the type of road to be built.

Motion by Supervisor Barnes, that the board of supervisors, together with the superintendent of highways before the 15th day of October, inspect the different types of hard roads built by the adjoining counties; that the chairman of the board and the superintend of highways fix the date for the board to meet and make the trip.

Seconded by Supervisor Whitfield; on vote motion carried, all members voting aye.

Mr. Upshaw Hoard came before the board asking them to join with him in procuring from the CB&Q R.R. Co a subway under their tracks west of Fox river park. Motion by Supervisor Barnes, seconded by Supervisor Murley, that Supervisors Jones, Shaw,

Whitfield, and Wormley act as a committee to look into the matter of a subway under the CB&Q R.R. Co.'s tracks west of Fox River park and report at next meeting.

Joseph Billings and James Hamlin of Aurora, proprietors of the Millhurst club on the river south of Plano, were arrested by Sheriff Normandin Tuesday for gambling and selling liquor illegally.

The evidence was obtained by W.A. Edwards, a detective who has been working in the interest of the people who wished to close this resort of which many stories have been told. The property was bought by Billings & Hamlin last spring and was organized as a club, of which the membership was mostly Aurora men.

Sept. 29: Money has been subscribed and work will soon begin to erect a new Congregational parsonage on Benton street.

The porch chair that has been on H.B. Read's porch for ten years has mysteriously disappeared. If anyone knows where it is he would like to have it returned.

October -- 1915

Oct. 6: Mr. Lou Young with his force of carpenters is erecting silos near Hebron.

Miss Elizabeth Woolley has opened a dressmaking parlor in Aurora.

Yorkville: B.A. Cotton, administrator of the estate of Charles Bohn, announced that real estate consisting of Lot 14 in Lot 1 of Dygert's Addition to the Village of Oswego would be sold at auction on Nov. 1, 1915 at the Kendall County Courthouse.

"By virtual of a decretal order of the county court of said county, entered at the October term of said court, A.D. 1915 on the application of Alice Cliggitt, conservator of William Cliggitt, insane, to sell the following described real estate: All of Lot 7 in Block 11 and all that part of Lots 1 and 4 in Block 13 lying east of the Ottawa, Oswego and Fox River Valley Ry. Cos's right-of-way; also Lots 5 and 8 in said Block 13, excepting the right-of-way of the aforesaid railway company, on the first day of November 1915.

Alice Cliggitt,
Conservator for William Cliggitt"

Oct. 13: Mr. Rudolph Knapp has returned from Kansas City in the interest of purchasing stock.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Peshia have recently vacated their Oswego residence, moving to the home of their son, Lester. Mr. Atherton and family now occupy the vacated house.

Messrs. John and Frank Herren and Ed Friebele have returned from Kansas City, where they purchased cattle.

The family of Mr. George Etzel have arrived from their home in Iowa. They will soon locate in the Armstrong house.

Mrs. Lou Young has recently been called to care for her sister who is ill. Miss Aileen is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Young during her absence.

All farmers having an interest in the Oswego Farmers Grain Co. may have their certificates of stock by calling at the Oswego State Bank and returning receipts.

Yorkville: It is an interesting fact that Colonel Copley spends money freely in an effort to buy votes. He does not offer money at the polls but when he spends \$95 for a cake as he did at the Big Rock fair, it looks as if he were working on the principle that the road to a man's good nature is through his stomach. The Colonel has spent much money in holding the votes of the women through buying at conventions, at fairs, bazaars, or women's meetings. The Colonel is evidently planning for his campaign and for congress.

Gold Williams and Monroe T. Peterson were killed in an auto smash on the Starved Rock Trail north of Bristol at about 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon, and B.A. McDonald, Herman Prange, and William Witte were badly injured.

Mr. Williams is widely known in Chicago business circles, sales manager for the Marquette Cement Co. Mr. Peterson was the head of the Peterson Motor Car and Garage Co., also of Chicago.

Oct. 20: The Congregational and Presbyterian churches of Oswego have decided to hold union services one Sunday evening in each month during the cooler weather.

Mr. and Mrs. James McDougal are the parents of a son born last week.

Joe Ebinger and John Haag left Monday evening for St. Paul, Minn., to purchase cattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boyle have moved to the residence on main St. owned by Mr. John Friebele.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Pierce are the parents of a daughter, born last week.

Schultz Bros. & Co. have recently purchased an auto delivery truck.

Messrs. Hardy Shoger, Allen Woolley, Zeke Pearce, and Wesley Bower left on Monday evening for Kansas City to purchase cattle.

Mr. George Etzel and family have moved to the Armstrong house.

Mrs. Arthur Rowswell is teaching in the school during the absence of Miss Baker of Batavia.

A slight accident occurred Saturday evening when Mrs. Rudolph Knapp and Mrs. Frank Jericho had a collision. Slight damages were done only to the vehicles.

Dr. L.J. Weishew and Mr. Ben Leigh have recently purchased new roadsters.

Mr. Peter Cooney, one of the oldest residents of Oswego Township, died at his home Thursday, Oct. 14, 1915 after being confined to his bed for a year with nephritis. He was born in Mayfield, Ohio June 3, 1837 and came to Oswego when he was two years of age. His wife was Miss Amanda Carpenter, who, with four children, survives him. The children are Mrs. John West, Princeton; Mrs. Ella Keck, Aurora; Cyrus D. Cooney, Montgomery; and Sydney Cooney of Oswego. Interment at the Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: That the breaking of the local option law cannot be done in Kendall county with impunity was demonstrated in the county court last week. Judge Williams fined Billings and Hamlin both as a firm and individuals, their two employees, and three Plano young men \$422.70 for gambling and selling liquor illegally.

The injury to Mrs. Ole Thompson while in company of her paramour, Frank Licher at Earlville some ten days ago is another evidence of the fate of those who flaunt personal liberty and free love in the faces of the decent people of the community. This couple have shocked society in Yorkville as well as in other towns and their actions in Aurora are flagrant. Now the result--here is a young woman with two children suffering the loss of her right hand because of an escapade with a married man and the wife and children of the man are neglected.

Oct. 27: Mr. and Mrs. Baum, who have been living in a portion of the Jacob Myer house, have moved into one of the residence of Mrs. Margaret Edwards.

Mr. Phil Clauser and family have moved from the John Herren house in the Park addition to the house of Mrs. Jens Corneils, Mr. Herren having sold his property to Aurora parties.

Mr. Lin Olmstead who has been employed by Mr. W.J. Morse, has severed his connection with same and has accepted a position as brakeman for the Burlington. Kenyon Palmer is employed at the store in his place.

From the Amboy *News* -- Funeral services for Mrs. A. Emmons were held Tuesday afternoon in the chapel at Prairie Repose cemetery. Mary J. Hall was born Aug. 21, 1839 at Reddington, N.J. and died on Oct. 16, 1915 aged 76 years. She came to Oswego with her parents in 1852. She was married to Abram Emmons Dec. 1, 1863, and came with him to Amboy in 1871. Mrs. Emmons is survived by her husband and two children, Mrs. Edmund Reem of Bristol and Frank Emmons of Amboy; also two sisters, Mrs. George White of Oswego and Miss Hattie Hall of Oswego.

Yorkville: The immense strides in the perfection of the wireless telephone has made possible a conversation from Washington to Honolulu, a distance of some 4,600 miles.

With this improvement, it will soon be possible to converse with the commanders of vessels of the navy and keep in closer touch with their maneuvers.

At a special meeting of the board of supervisors of Kendall County on Oct. 21, 1915: In Matter of Type of State Aid Road to be Built in 1916

On motion of Supervisor Barnes, seconded by Supervisor Murley, the board by an aye and nay vote decided to build the type of road as follows:

That the type of road from the present improved section of State Aid Road No. 1 to the corporation line of the village of Oswego shall be the same as the portion already improved.

Those voting aye on roll call were Supervisors Barnes, Budd, Murley, Ohse, Shaw, West, and Whitfield. None opposed.

Cement roads for public highways evidently have not made much of a hit with the Grundy county board of supervisors judging by their vote cast Saturday afternoon on the form of road which the county appropriation for hard roads will be spent. They decided to build a 10-foot macadam road with a Sarco top dressing and with a dirt side track along it. This will cost about \$6,250 a mile according to the estimates of the state highway commission.

November -- 1915

Nov. 3: Mr. and Mrs. Seldon Bunn of Bloomington motored here Sunday to visit various friends. Mrs. Bert Richards returned with them to spend several days.

L.C. Smith and N.A. Young extend a cordial invitation to all to a dance to be given Friday evening, Nov. 5, 1915 at the Woodman Hall. Beebe's orchestra will furnish music.

Mrs. Edward Haines was taken to the hospital in Aurora last week where she submitted to an operation.

George Etzel has returned to his duties at the elevator being called to Ferguson, Ia. by the serious illness of his mother.

Having most satisfactorily completed course of music under a most capable instructor, Miss Ruth Schickler is now prepared to give piano lessons.

Nov. 10: Oscar Shoger is among those who recently went to Kansas City to purchase cattle.

A movement is abroad for a municipal Christmas tree to be the holiday feature in Oswego this year. The idea is a good one and should be promoted. Why not be metropolitan and at the same time generous. The plans now underway are to be discussed at the XIX Century Club rooms next Tuesday evening.

Yorkville: A defective switch at Central Friday evening suddenly sidetracked the 6 o'clock Fox & Ill. Union northbound car with disastrous results to the car and the high tension power line which operates the system.

It was necessary to send to Ottawa for the CO&P wrecker, which was brought to Morris and transferred to the Fox & Ill. Union tracks at the Liberty-Benton street intersection by means of jacks, block and tackle and props, there being no connecting switches between these two lines.

And now the Chicago papers are sickening their readers by spreading the story of the illicit loves of Frank Lloyd Wright all over the paper. These are stories which prevent a paper from being fit reading matter for the home and which make the young folks who are permitted to read it wise beyond their years. Such matter is of no news value--simply a yellow smudge on the face of the paper and society.

Nov. 17: The first meeting of the Oswego Dancing Club will be held Friday evening, Nov. 19, in Woodman Hall. Instructions will begin at 7:30, after which lessons dancing will be enjoyed by the members and their parents.

Miss Elsie Woolley is in the Aurora city hospital ill with typhoid fever.

Chester Hayven Helm, was born Feb. 3, 1833 at Oswego, N.Y. and died Nov. 13, 1915 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Bell at Oswego. In 1838 he came to Illinois with his parents when they purchased land near Bristol from the government. This property to the present day remains in the family. When 14 years of age he moved with his parents to Oswego where he resided until 1857 when he married Miss Sarah Stafford and moved to Wenona, Ill. To this union, four children were born, two dying in infancy. He is survived by two sons, Joseph Warren of Spokane, Wash. and Ulysses G. of Kirksville, Mos., both being with their father when he died. His wife preceded him in death 21 years ago.

Anna Eliza Case was born at Franklin, N.Y. on March 23, 1831. She was married to Garrett H. Teller at Stamford, N.Y. March 21, 1851 Five children were born to them. They removed to Oswego in 1857. She is survived by one brother, G.S. Case of Aurora; five children, Mrs. Anzolette E. Seely, Oswego; Mrs. Gertrude H. Moore, Denver; Charles B. Teller, Fort Worth, Tex.; Mrs. Margaret B. Krauer of Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Lucy A. Brunton, Denver, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. Teller came to Illinois from New York in October 1857 where they lived until his death Nov. 18, 1874. Mrs. Teller came to Colorado in November 1892 to make her home with her youngest daughter, Mrs. Brunton, where she died Saturday morning, Nov. 13, 1915 at the age of 84 years, 7 months, and 21 days. She was laid to rest beside her husband in the Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: With the death of Booker T. Washington, the colored race has lost one of its most effective champions.

No child under the age of 14 years will be permitted to drive an automobile in Wheaton, according to provisions of a new ordinance passed by the city council last week. The law also requires that boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 16 years get a permit from the city collector to drive a machine.

Nov. 24: R.V. Kearns, Oscar Shoger and Watts Cutter Jr. attended the Chicago Illinois football game at Chicago last Saturday.

Miss Mary Cutter is teaching room No. 2 during the illness of Miss Mabel Biesemier.

William Williams is enjoying a vacation from duties as mail carrier Kenneth Darfler is acting as substitute.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Brunton returned to their home in Denver, Colo., after bring the remains of her mother, Mrs. Teller, here for burial.

The home of Frank Pelting is under quarantine as their daughter, Bernice, is ill with scarlet fever.

Sale of Household Goods: Saturday, Nov. 27, the household goods of the late D.M. Haight will be sold at auction at the home in Oswego. Sale will include the Haight library.

Mr. Andrew Gay died at his home at Oswego Monday, Nov. 22, 1915. He was born in Oswego March 24, 1838. Left to mourn are two grandsons, Clinton and Willie Hildebrand; a brother Charles at the Milwaukee soldier's home; Miss Margaret Brodie, a niece whom he raised from a child; Mrs. Lawrence Hafenrichter, a niece; Harry Warner of Joliet, a nephew; Will Gray and other relatives of Sheridan.

The beautiful country home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ode was the scene of a home wedding Wednesday evening, Nov. 7, when their daughter, May, was married to George H. Risch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Risch of Palatine. The young folks have gone for a short wedding trip and will be at home on the groom's farm in DuPage county after Jan. 1, 1916.

December -- 1915

Dec. 1: A stereopticon lecture of Dr. Van Dyke's story of The Other Wise Man will be given at the Presbyterian church Sunday night.

During the illness of Mabel Biesemier, Miss Mary Cutter is supplying the vacancy at the school.

John Bunn Roberts was born in Newark, N.J. July 5, 1843 and died at his home at Oswego Nov. 25, 1915, aged 72 years, 4 months, and 20 days. When he was but three

months of age his parents moved from their home in New Jersey to the farm west of Oswego which has since been his home. He enlisted in the Union Army in 1861 and served as a private and corporal, Co. A, 127th Regiment Illinois Infantry. During three years of his service he acted as driver of the commissary train and went with Sherman on his March to the Sea. He was mustered out at the end of the war and returned to his father's home June 5, 1865. He was married to Elizabeth McConnell Jan. 1, 1866, who preceded him in death ten years. To this union were born two children one dying in infancy, the other his daughter, Miss Etta Roberts, who remains to mourn his loss. Besides his daughter, one sister, Miss Etta Roberts of Oswego, and four brothers, Samuel of Marion Ind., Charles of Oswego, William of Kansas City, Mo., and Jacob of Oswego survive him.

Tamarack and Wheatland: The entire community was greatly shocked Sunday afternoon when it became known that the wife of the pastor had been stricken with apoplexy at the close of the church services and passed away in the course of an hour or two without regaining consciousness.

Yorkville: Charles Weber of Oswego has received news of the murder of his nephew, Frank Weber, at Schurz, Nev. on Nov. 3. The murdered man was a son of P.C. Weber, a brother of Charles Weber of Oswego, and had been dragged from his office and pounded to death by men who were at variance with him as to public affairs.

Dec. 8: M.L. Wormley has recently purchased the Helm home. He intends to tear down the house and erect a bungalow and make it their home.

Mrs. Jacob Thorsen and daughter have returned to their home in Leland after a brief visit with her folks here.

Mr. Fred Kohlhammer has recently received word of the death of his brother, who was at the front.

Dec. 15: C. [Clarence] E. Parkhurst was fortunate in recovering his automobile, which was stolen from his home last summer. The machine was at Sandusky, Ohio, where Boyd M. Denius had traded it to Dr. C.L. Beatty, a dentist, for an old racing car. On account of the small sum in exchange, Dr. Beatty was always suspicious that something might be wrong. An insurance man who knew the particulars began to investigate, which led to the recovery of the machine. Mr. Chas. Shoger and Mr. Parkhurst went to Sandusky and identified the auto as the property of Mr. Parkhurst. The reward was paid and a settlement soon effected between Mr. Parkhurst and Dr. Beatty. Aside from the tires being worn, the machine is reported to be in good condition.

Mrs. Henry Biesemier of Aurora who has been caring for Miss Mabel Biesemier during her siege of typhoid fever, left Tuesday for a few weeks stay with relatives at Rockford.

Chicken pox is prevalent among a number of the school children, some being quite ill.

Miss Mabel Schwinof is assisting at the post office for the time being.

The best line of Christmas goods ever shown in Kendall county at Scott Cutter's, Oswego.

Dec. 22: The merchants of Oswego will close their places of business at noon Saturday, Dec. 25.

The Oswego dancing management has been somewhat misunderstood and hereby wish to announce that their dancing classes are not public affairs. The members of the class and their parents are the only ones who are supposed to be in attendance.

Mrs. Sarah Ann Forbes, one of Oswego's oldest residents, died Dec. 20, 1915 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Josie Hall. She was born April 2, 1826 at Palatine, Montgomery County, N.Y., and came to Oswego in 1847, where she was married to William M. Forbes that same year. To this union two children were born, Mrs. Josie Hall of Oswego and Mr. William Forbes of Chicago, both of whom survive. The husband died in 1900.

Dec. 29: The home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Davis is under quarantine, their daughter having an attack of diphtheria.

J. P. Schickler has sold the building he has been occupying to Messrs. Charles and Richard Schultz, who will move their present business to that location, occupying the living rooms above the store building. The J.P. Schickler family will move to the Todd house.

The remains of Mrs. Marietta Andrews, wife of Frank Andrews, were buried in the Pearce cemetery Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Andrews, who was 56 years of age, died at her home in Aurora on Christmas eve. She was born near Oswego and made this place her home for several years until 15 years ago when they moved to Aurora. She leaves a husband, three sons, six sisters, and a brother to mourn her loss.

Mr. Dwight Young of Galveston, Tex. is spending some time at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Young.

The remains of Mrs. Elizabeth Swanson were buried in Oswego cemetery Tuesday. Mrs. Swanson, who had been ill for but a short time, was taken critically ill Saturday and was taken to the hospital, where she died that morning. She was born in Oswego in 1875 and spent the early years of her life here. After her marriage to Frank Swanson, they moved to Aurora where she lived until her death. She was an active worker for the Daughters of Veterans, who had charge of the service.

Yorkville: An epidemic of the grip has prevailed in this section for the past month and efforts are being made to stop the infection. Chicago is taking radical measures and every home should take precautions.

Oliver Tweet was convicted Thursday of running a blind pig in the village of Lisbon. Tweet was arrested following a shooting scrape at his place of business on Dec. 13 when in a drunken scrap, Jack Reinhold endeavored to "clean out the house." Tweet was arrested on information sworn out by several Lisbon citizens on 11 charges, but was found guilty on only one of them.

The evidence as brought out at the trial showed that Tweet had been running a place where young men congregated and at times became boisterous and noisy. They would go to Morris, bring back whiskey, and proceed to celebrate in the Tweet soft drink parlors.

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Jan. 5: Mr. John Sekileman has purchased a farm near Miami, Michigan and will move there about March 1.

Mr. Gus Voss is preparing to move his place of business into the building owned by the Aurora Brewing Co. Interior reconstruction is now going on and he expects to be located within the next week. Mr. Andrew Swanson will occupy the rear of the building for the making of cigars.

A watch party was held in the parlors of the Presbyterian church on Friday evening of last week. The lunch was furnished by the Brotherhood, entertainment was furnished by them, and a royal good time in general made 1916 come all too early.

The company of Schultz Bros. recently purchased the John Schickler block and is now moving grocery and meat departments to that location. The barber shop will be transformed into a hardware store extending to the rear of the building. Mr. Charles Schultz will move into the rooms vacated by Andrew Swanson. An unusually attractive corner is being made by the company and one of the most metropolitan stores in the county. [The Schickler Block is located at the northwest corner of Main and Washington streets.]

Mr. John Schickler and family recently moved to the Todd house. Mr. Schickler expects to move back to the farm in the near future.

Mrs. Jennie Lake accompanied by her sons, Donald and Archie, were visitors among Oswego friends on Sunday.

Another iceman has come to increase the population of Oswego, the little gentleman coming to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Sunday afternoon.

The basketball game Saturday evening between the Plano and Oswego teams resulted in the victory of Oswego—40 to 24.

Margaret Segers Clark was born June 24, 1847 in Watertown, Jefferson county, New York, and died at Oswego, Illinois Dec. 31, 1915, her age at death being 68 years, six months, and 7 days. At 8 years of age she came with her parents to Aurora, Ill. She was married to Henry Seth Clark at Geneva, Ill. May 23, 1864, who preceded her to the great beyond March 29, 1915. Mrs. Clark lived for some 60 years in this community, residing for more than 40 years on the farm in NaAuSay township and spending the last 14 years in Oswego. She was a devoted mother, a loving friend, and a firm believer in Jesus Christ. She leaves to mourn her loss one sister, Mrs. J.B. Callan of Aurora; two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Russell of Oswego and Mrs. Martha Huble of Elgin; and one son, Dr. Charles Clark of Oswego. A host of friends join in expressing their appreciation of the life of quiet servitude and extending their sympathy to those bereaved.

Yorkville: The Germans and their allies continue to torpedo passenger vessels, the English continue to hold up the American mails and shipping, and the Wilson administration continues to write notes of protest. The only thing we can do is to ask, "Why are not some results obtained?"

Col. John D. Russell, superintendent of highways for Kendall County, was made chairman of the legislative committee of the Illinois Association of County Superintendents of Highways at a recent meeting.

In spite of the fact that there are several cases of scarlet fever in the vicinity of Yorkville, the physicians feel that it cannot be classed as an epidemic.

NaAuSay: There is a report that a grip siege is passing over this continent and NaAuSay seems to be directly in its path as many are afflicted with the dread disease.

There was little excitement at the election Sunday morning. All the old officers were reelected.

Kellogg-Perkins

Miss Grace Perkins and Herbert Kellogg were united in marriage on Wednesday, Dec. 29, at the home of the bride's parents in Yorkville, Rev. S.B. Long of the Congregational church officiating. Only the immediate families were present. After a short trip to McHenry county, they returned home and the bride resumed her duties at the Faxon school on Monday morning. After March 1, they will be at home to their friends on the groom's father's farm.

John A. Wheeler, one of the pioneers of Kendall county, son of Alanson K. and Sally (Whitlock) Wheeler, was born in Casleton, Vermont Aug. 7, 1835. In 1846, he moved with his parents to Kendall county and this has been his place of residence ever since. On Nov. 20, 1860 he was married to Loretta Young. Four children were born to them, two of whom survive him, a son, with whom he made his home since the death of his wife nine years ago and one daughter, Mrs. Nellie Swift of Mitchell, South Dakota. He is also survived by five grandchildren. Dec. 30, 1915 after a very brief illness lasting little more

than a week he passed peacefully away. He was the last of the older Wheeler families who came to this country at an early day.

Jan. 12: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mundsinger are the parents of a son, born Friday, Jan. 7.

Miss Mary Cutter is teaching in the Oak Street school at Aurora—substituting for the teacher, who is ill.

Mr. Arthur Wormley has been a sufferer from rheumatism for several weeks until the physician ordered a warmer climate for his relief, consequently he and Mrs. W. left last Friday evening for St. Petersburg, Fla., where they expect to stay for two months.

Owing to so much illness, the choir recital, which was to be given by the Presbyterian choir, was postponed.

Mrs. George Shoger is among the number of those afflicted with the grip.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schultz have moved into the flat above the store recently occupied by the J.P. Schickler family.

Tamarack and Wheatland: The annual church meeting was held at the church parlors last Saturday with a good attendance. Almost \$1,800 was raised during the year of 1915. The church was painted and shingled and a new furnace installed besides other minor repairs on it and the parsonage. Over \$200 was raised to furnish a room in the new Aurora hospital.

Yorkville: Neal Young of Oswego was visiting friends here on Monday.

Jan. 19: Oswego tax books are now open at Cutter's drug store.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pearce and daughter, Miss Edith, left Saturday for Ripon, Wis., called there by the illness of the daughter, Mrs. Robert Stewart (Lida Pearce), who is afflicted with pneumonia. The death of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, who lived to be two days old, and the death of Mr. Stewart's father brings sadness to this family.

Mr. J.D. Russell is spending the week at Springfield in connection with his work on the public highways.

After a lingering illness of tubercular trouble, Mrs. George Denman died Sunday evening at her home. Having been confined to her bed the past seven weeks, death relieved her sufferings. Funeral services were held today from her late home with interment in NaAuSay cemetery.

The G. H. Voss tonsorial parlor is now located in the building three doors north of the old location. The building vacated will be remodeled to some extent and the hardware department of Schultz Bros. & Co. will be moved there.

Mary Margaret Burkhart

Mary Margaret Lang was born in Oswego Feb. 5, 1863 and died at the Aurora city hospital on Jan. 13, 1916. She was preceded in death by her father, Mr. Andrew Lang, May 8, 1901, and one sister, Minnie, who died at the age of 3 years. She was married to Mr. John Burkhart March 6, 1882. To this union were born six children, five girls—Mrs. Mabel Wolf, Mrs. Lillian Pearce, Mrs. Edna Wolf, Mrs. Edith Huntoon, Miss Olive Burkhart—and one son, Reginald Burkhart, all of Oswego. Added to the husband and children, the aged mother, Mrs. Andrew Lang, one sister, Mrs. Leonard Burkhart, six grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends remain to mourn her loss. Mrs. Burkhart lived her entire life in this community, spending 25 years on the homestead in the prairie settlement, and the last nine years at the late residence in Oswego. She united with the Oswego Prairie Evangelical church in February 1883 and she served there for many years and after moving to Oswego she became a member of the First Presbyterian church.

Yorkville: The people of Yorkville were somewhat alarmed when they learned that Fasmer & Stumm would no longer supply ice for private use and the question, for a time, was a serious one. It has, however, been solved by Jens Todnem, who has undertaken to put up the supply for the village and those who wish to haul their retirements. The ice is being taken from the north channel of the river above the dam and is clear and sound, over a foot thick. The ice is of a quality that will pay any farmer with a private icehouse to get his supply at once.

Jan. 26: We are now in a position to furnish you with coal, barbed and woven wire, and salt. Also let us figure with you on lumber and building materials. Oswego Farmers Grain Company.

Mrs. Caroline Knapp has moved to her new home on the Oswego and Chicago road.

Mrs. August Korte entertained the members of the S.S. Club at her home last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Moses Cherry and Miss Sadie Cherry are moving into their new home, purchased from Mr. Orv. Wormley.

Miss Bernice Hunting of Tripoli, Syria, representing the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, will be the guest of the local church next Friday evening.

A meeting of the Farmers Elevator Co. was held Saturday at the Woodmen hall. W.O. Leigh was elected as president; Milton Hemm, Secretary; and Messrs. C.G. Ricketts and J.R. Simons as directors.

Lucinda Whitlock was born May 4, 1879 in NaAuSay and died after a lingering illness of five years duration Jan. 16, 1916, her age at death being 36 years, 8 months and 12 days. She was married to Mr. George Denman Dec. 24, 1897. To this union were born three sons—Arthur, Ralph, and George. Mrs. Denman has lived the greater part of her life in this community. She was a member of the Aux Sable Grove Presbyterian church. Besides the husband and sons she leaves five brothers—Frank Whitlock of Oklahoma, Henry Whitlock of California, James and Chauncey Whitlock of Oregon, and Theodore Whitlock of Wisconsin—also two sisters, Mrs. Martha Goldsmith of Sandwich and Mrs. Hattie Hibbard of Yorkville—to mourn her loss.

Emma. J. Ingram was born Sept. 6, 1847 in Pennsylvania. At the age of 9 years she moved with her parents to Sugar Grove, Ill., where she lived till her marriage. On Dec. 28, 1870 she was married to Mr. Morris M. James, and for the past 45 years they have been companions in joy and sorrow. They had one son, Fred W., who met death by drowning on his 16th birthday, June 18, 1888. For the past 45 years they have lived in the vicinity of Aurora and Oswego. In the year 1881 they both united with the Methodist church here, with which church in Aurora and Oswego they were connected until the local church disbanded. In July 1915 they brought their letters to the Congregational church. Mrs. James was also a member of the Aurora Woman's Relief Corps. After an attack of grip, which developed into pneumonia, she passed away on Thursday, Jan. 20 at the age of 68 years, 4 months, 14 days.

Mary Blanche Walker was born in Oswego on Jan. 29, 1890. She lived here till 1906 when she accompanied her parents to Walnut Grove, Minn., where she resided till her death. In the year 1900 she united with the church and never severed her connections from it. Miss Walker was married on Oct. 7, 1915 to Dr. E. Jamison of Walnut Grove, but the happiness which she found in her new home with her beloved husband was of very short duration—only three and one-half months. On Jan. 21, 1916 she passed away, her illness being only about ten minutes long. Her age was 25 years, 11 months, 32 days. Mrs. Jamison was a member of the Walnut Grove lodge of the Royal Neighbors. She leaves to mourn her departure her husband, her mother, Mrs. J.R. Walker, four sisters, Mrs. L.R. Edwards of Oswego, Mrs. George Graves of Aurora, Mrs. John Wicks of Walnut Grove, Mrs. M. Morris of Waterloo, Iowa, and two brothers, Arthur and Homer Walker. The remains were interred in Oswego cemetery Monday afternoon, Rev. A.S. Woodburne officiating.

Yorkville: ICE AND FLOOD DAMAGE

Rain Causes Flood—Thick Blue Ice

Taken Out of River—Stream

Higher than in Thirty Years

The hard rain of Thursday and Thursday night caused Fox river to overflow its banks and become a miniature flood. The actual damage to Yorkville was slight compared to the neighboring towns but the loss here will be considerable. The ice on the river was a good 14 inches thick in most places and was of the permanent blue variety, making the breaking up and going out more serious than had the ice been soft and rotted as it is in the spring. What it struck it demolished unless the resistance was extraordinary.

Thursday afternoon the rain began to fall and fell without intermission until Friday morning. The amount of water the fell is placed at about 2-1/2 inches. Early Friday morning the river became so high that the coating of ice broke up and then came the flood of waters and ice that continued throughout the day. Railroads were tied up and electric and gas systems were placed in danger. The Burlington kept up its regular train service throughout the day. The A.E. & C. succumbed to the flood when the tracks at the EJ&E crossing and at the Burlington viaduct west of the park were overflowed. The cars during the late part of Friday were run in three sections, which forced the passengers to transfer at these two points.

All the flats along the river were covered with water; shocked corn on the islands was carried away; a part of the Montgomery dam went out.

Jens Todnem, who was cutting ice for the summer's consumption, lost by the flood. His men were busy when the storm broke and the tools were left on the ice only to be endangered with the flood started. Two of the men narrowly escaped drowning when they attempted to save the tools and for a little while it looked as if the ice houses might be carried away.

Mr. and Mrs. John Esch and Mrs. F.W. Sleezer went to Chicago on Tuesday to attend the burial services of a baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Esch.

February -- 1916

Feb. 2: As was mentioned in these columns last week, a country store supper and picture show as given by the Three X club of the Congregational church last Friday evening. \$80 was cleared.

Mr. James Pearce is among the latest to improve his residence with a new lighting system, electricity.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Woolley and two youngest children left on Tuesday for Florida where they will spend three weeks with the A.J. Parkhurst family.

Feb. 1 was the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Cherry.

The celebration of the birthday anniversaries of Messrs. L.L Rickard and W.D. Cutter has become an annual affair, consequently a company of 18 were entertained Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cherry. It was also reported that this was also the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Watts D. Cutter, so a bride's and groom's cake graced the occasion.

John Philip Hummell died after a lingering illness at his home near Oswego on Jan. 29, 1916. He was born Aug. 9, 1851 in Bavaria, Germany and came to America in 1873, settling near Oswego where he resided till his death. In 1876 he united marriage with Miss Appollonia Shlelecher. This union was blessed with a son and four daughters, all of whom, with their mother survive the departed. Mr. Hummell was one of the thrifty

farmers of our community who began as a poor man but with the assistance of his family he prospered. Mr. Hummell was one of the thrifty farmers of our community who began as a poor man but with the assistance of his family and knowing industriousness and economy, he prospered.

Those surviving him are his faithful companion; his son, Arthur of Oswego; his daughters, Mrs. E.F. Hafenrichter and Mrs. Reuben Hafenrichter of Wheatland, Mrs. Henry Soltau, wife of the Rev. Soltau of Minnesota, and Miss Ella Hummell of Oswego. Besides, there are several grandchildren, one aunt, and one niece, Mrs. E. Krameuf, Wilson, Kan., who was residing in the Hummell home.

A large concourse of people attended the funeral services on Monday afternoon, Jan. 31, 1916. The services were held in the Oswego Prairie Evangelical church. The body was laid to rest in the church cemetery.

Feb. 9: The Oswego High School will give a basket social at the school house Thursday evening of this week.

S.C. Cutter left Saturday on a business trip to New York and various eastern points.

Mrs. Mary Shoger and daughter, Mrs. Ivan Fugate, spent Monday at the home of Mrs. William Patterson in Aurora.

Miss Callie Willis is at Niantic, where she is assisting in the post office for several weeks.

Ralph Lippold has gone to Des Moines where he will take a course in gas engineering.

Yorkville: RIVER POLLUTION

Fox River a Dirty, Evil-Smelling Waterway

The rivers and lakes commission, which has the power to issue orders against contamination of streams, discovers that the state laws make it impossible in many cases for municipalities situated on rivers to comply with a recent court ruling.

In the recent report of Le Roy K. Sherman, engineer of the commission, is the following statement: The commission has surveyed the Fox river and discovered it to be "a dirty, evil smelling waterway" from which the fish have been killed off. The reason is that its flow is not sufficient in the summer months to purify the sewage dumped in it.

By raising the height of the dam at McHenry, the commission believes that sufficient water may be stored to care for a larger population than that now living in the vicinity. Such a regulation would also check floods and tend to hasten the development of the Fox river both for navigation and water power.

Illinois should act on these reports.

Feb. 16: Mr. and Mrs. Moses Cherry and Miss Sadie Cherry moved to their new home purchased from M. L. Wormley, and remodeled for their use.

Mrs. Roy Bower has returned to her home in Canada after spending a month among relatives.

The young men's class of the Presbyterian church entertained the Builders class at a hard times party at the church parlors last Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Peshia and children have moved from the J.R. Simons farm to Oswego, where they will live with Mrs. Nancy Young for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. John Seidelman, who have purchased a farm in Michigan and will move there soon, were surprised at their home last Friday evening by 70 friends and relatives. During the evening two rockers were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Seidelman as a token of esteem.

Yorkville" "Bob" Jones received \$3,050 from Aurora for six weeks' work in that city as an evangelist. Besides this, the city had to raise \$5,000 for the building of a tabernacle and other expenses. There were 2,100 converts made during the time. Jones could afford to work hard for these conversions at the rate of \$500 a week.

Feb. 23: Mr. James Pearce celebrated his 79th birthday Friday, Feb. 18.

C.I. Smith has completed filling his ice house with a good quantity of ice.

Mr. and Mrs. John Seidelman left Monday for their home in Michigan, Ray Woolley moving to the farm they are leaving.

The Walker school house is being improved with new seats, which add greatly to the comfort and looks of the school.

The Oswego Farmers Elevator Co. has purchased the Williams livery barn and will use it as a lumber shed.

Paul Dwyre has discontinued duties at the Burlington, where he has been employed for several months.

Evan Edwards, a Kendall resident for 60 years, died Friday night at the St. Charles hospital, Aurora at the age of 72 years. He was a Civil War veteran. He is survived by a son, Charles; and a daughter, Mrs. W.B. Hall, both residing in Aurora. He was born in Wales, coming here with his parents when three years of age and settled near Oswego, living in and about this community until a few years ago when he moved to Aurora. Funeral services were held Monday. Interment in Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: A cement garage building, 60x90, will be started on the lot at the northwest corner of VanEmmon and Heustis streets, Yorkville, at once. The building will have a main show room and storage floor on a level with VanEmmon street, and the basement, which will be the repair department will have entrances at the back and side. Charles W. Hemm is building this garage and it will be occupied by the Valley Garage Corporation. They will carry on their Ford line and also operate a service station for the Reo, of which Mr. Hemm is the agent.

March -- 1916

March 1: Raymond Dwyre has recovered from a recent illness and resumed duties at the stove works.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin and children have returned from a short visit with Aurora friends.

Ernest Hoch left last week for Chicago where he has accepted a position with a lumber company.

Master Merrill Cherry spent the weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Cherry.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wendling moved Tuesday to a farm which they purchased near Naperville.

The Charles Wright family from Plainfield have moved to the J.R. Simons farm.

There has been a slight misunderstanding in regard to the XIX Century club library and the librarian wishes to announce that the books are for the public as well as for the club members.

March 8: E.A. Smith has discontinued duties at the store of Schultz Brothers & Co.

Mr. W.J. Morse has recently purchased an auto truck.

Paul Dwyre is at present engaged at the Schultz Brothers & Co. store.

The motion picture show under the auspices of the Men's club of the Congregational church at the church last Friday was very well attended.

Mrs. Ivan Fugate and son returned to their home in North Dakota after visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Shoger, for some time.

Eliza Turner Miller was born in Methwold, England Jan. 31, 1836 and died in Oswego Feb. 26, 1916, her age at death being 80 years and 26 days. At the age of 21 she came to America settling at Akron, Ohio, where she married Mr. Thomas Miller June 26, 1861. They moved to Oswego immediately after their wedding and for over half a century were permitted to enjoy a blessed companionship, which was terminated by the death of Mr. Miller Feb. 1, 1915. Into this house came one child, a daughter, Now Mrs. Grace Palmer, who with her husband and five children mourn today the loss of one most dear. She was a faithful member of the Methodist church.

Yorkville: Mr. and Mrs. Justus Nading have returned to the hotel at Yorkville and are ready to receive their former guests. Mr. and Mrs. Belke, who have had charge of the hostelry for the last year, have gone to Rockford where Mr. Belke is employed.

March 15: Mrs. Lina Spencer who has for several years been a resident of Aurora, has come to make her home with her brother-in-law, Mr. M.M. James.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pelling and family left Tuesday for Coldwater, Michigan where they will make their home. The Pelling residence was sold to Mr. Henry Rabe, who was recently married and is now occupying it.

Ray Woolley is among those who have recently purchased automobiles.

The Evangelical parsonage, which was sold at public auction last Saturday, was purchased by Mrs. Caroline Knapp.

Mmes. L.R. Inman, C.T. Cherry and John Herren, as a committee, went to St. Charles last Saturday to purchase lighting fixtures for the new Congregational parsonage.

Newark: Kodaks and supplies at the Newark hardware.

Yorkville: We of the United States look aghast at the terrible carnage and war in Europe and yet the people leap into a war with Mexico with a zeal that makes us wonder.

Did you ever stop to think that Kendall county has spent about \$1 million on roads in the past 20 years? What is the result? The farmers and automobile drivers can answer better than we can. During the past year the expense has reached about \$56,000. A bonded road, bonds payable in 20 years, would be built and guaranteed by the state and the \$1 million would build about 75 miles of concrete road in the county.

A good idea has been adopted by the circuit court by which all aliens who are awaiting their final papers will be able to vote at the November election. If this affects any of your friends who wish to vote at the general election, advise them that they lose no time in getting ready for the final papers. Remember, all papers must be pending or filed by June 24 to have consideration at this date.

Mr. and Mrs. Justus Nading have announced the engagement of their daughter, Irma Alberdeen, to Mr. Harlan William Bretthauer. The wedding will be celebrated during the latter days of April. Miss Nading has made a name for herself in the younger circles of Yorkville society, graduating from the Yorkville high school in the class of 1911. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bretthauer and is one of the leading grocers of Yorkville. He also is a graduate of the Yorkville high school class of 1910. The young couple will make their home in the newly arranged apartments over the store where all modern improvements have been installed.

March 22: Mr. Kenneth Campbell left on Saturday for Toronto, Canada where he has been employed by a construction company.

The J.D. Russell family now ride in a new automobile.

George Rabe of Maywood was a Sunday visitor at the home of his mother, Mrs. Margaret Rabe.

Rev. and Mrs. Woodburn have moved to the new parsonage, a family from Aurora moving to the Bell cottage, which they vacated.

Charles Mann has sold his home to Mrs. A. Mitchell, who will take possession immediately.

At the Republican caucus held at the village hall Saturday afternoon, the following candidates were nominated: Town clerk, L.R. Inman; assessor, Charles Roberts; collector George White; road commissioner, Fred Bower.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Young and daughter, who have made a six weeks visit among Oswego relatives and friends, have returned to their home at Pipestone, Minn.

Little Irene Wolf has been spending a week at the home of her grandfather, Mr. John Burkhart.

William E. Smith was born in Specie Grove near Oswego March 5, 1861 and died on March 18, 1916 aged 65 years and 13 days. He was a resident of Kendall County all his life. On Dec. 6, 1877 he was married to Ella Severance, and to them were born two children, Clarence E. of Oswego and Myrtle A. Hendricks of Sterling.

J.A. Schmidt was born in Berlin, Germany Aug. 26, 1863 and died at the Aurora City hospital Sunday, March 19, 1916, aged 52 years, 6 months, and 22 days. As a boy of 13 in company with a younger brother, Mr. Schmidt came to America, coming to reside with an uncle in Peoria. A few years later he came to Oswego where he has made his home for over 30 years. He was married to Miss Mary Feto in Oswego Oct. 4, 1901. To this union were born two children, Albert and Julia, who remain to mourn his loss. Mr. Schmidt was a member of the Oswego lodges of the Mystic Workers and Modern Woodmen and a member of the painters union of Aurora. Interment in Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: The people of the United States must make up their minds for a long siege in the capture of Villa. He is in his own country, where he knows every water hole and hiding place and will be able to evade the army for some time. We have every confidence in Funston and Pershing and will wait patiently for their gallant boys to accomplish that which they set out to do.

SMASH ON AURORA LINE

The 5 o'clock car out of Yorkville on the Aurora line Thursday evening left the rails at the "Y" east of Yorkville. No one was hurt but several windows were smashed and the car placed in a dangerous position. Traffic was delayed at that point for several hours and passengers were forced to walk to the terminus. This "Y" and the cars with the gates have been sore points with the Yorkville people since they were installed and all are hoping for the time when we can have respectable conveyances on the road. The cars are rebuilt, uncomfortable makeshifts for interurban service and the company should feel a little more pride in their equipment and place more desirable transportation at the service of their patrons.

March 29: Spectacles and eyeglasses properly fitted by Dr. Churchill, Oswego.

Leslie Falk has been confined to the house with a serious attack of grip.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Van Volkenburg have recently purchased the Pogue residence where they will make their future home.

The Mitchell family have recently moved to their permanent home recently purchased by them, the Mann residence.

Yorkville: THE COLUMBUS ATTACK

Horrors of Mexican Invasion Told by Americans. Stories of Attempted Massacre are Beyond Civilized Belief. Villa Fails in Attempt to Destroy Columbus, New Mexico. A letter from Mrs. Rachael Goebel Grimwood, a former teacher in the Yorkville schools, recounts the story of Pancho Villa's raid on Columbus, N.M. The raid across the border prompted the U.S. Army to pursue Villa. Gen. John "Black Jack" Pershing led the U.S. punitive expedition.

A brand new 1917 Studebaker Six could be purchased from Shoger & Burkhart in Oswego for \$1,050, including adjustable front seats, larger fenders, and other improvements.

April -- 1916

April 5: George M. Croushorn has returned from Kankakee, where he attended a meeting of the State Undertakers Association last Thursday and Friday.

Grant Leigh recently purchased a new touring car.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bohn are the parents of a son born last Friday.

Beginning Monday, April 17, the merchants of Oswego will close their places of business every Monday, Wednesday and Friday night until further notice.

Paul Dwyre has accepted a position in Chicago.

Yorkville: H.R. Marshall: According to the Chicago papers, Villa is alternately surrounded and escapes with the edition of the paper you chance to buy. Don't worry; it will be some time till the bandit is apprehended and then you will hear of it in letters about two feet high.

We note that Congressman Copley is asking for an investigation of the 'high cost of print paper' and saying that the price of paper has advanced so that the lives of many small papers are threatened. We wonder if he remembers that his cohorts of the *Aurora Beacon-News* eight years ago threatened to put several of us small fellows out of business in two years. It depends with Mr. Copley as to whether he is making a grand stand play to his voting strength or whether he is talking to his advertisers.

Two foreigners, looking like either Mexicans or Cubans, were in Yorkville attempting to sell fancy work and incidentally making themselves obnoxious. Their manner was overbearing and insulting. Such people have no place in Yorkville and every means should be taken to keep them out.

April 12: Kenneth Darfler has been unable to attend duties at the Lyon Metallic for the past week on account of an infected hand.

Beginning Monday, April 17, the merchants of Oswego will close their places of business every Monday, Wednesday and Friday night at 7 o'clock until further notice.

Rudolph Knapp recently bought from Robert Schlapp 40 hogs for \$1,469. He also bought several hogs from Harry Schlapp for which he paid \$40.50 each. "The high cost of living!"

Yorkville: It was a glorious sight Saturday night to see some 600 men rise from their chairs at the Hamilton club banquet and cheer the principles of the Republican party as portrayed by Senator Harding of Ohio. He is an able speaker; his talk was sound and his prescriptions for the amelioration of the Democratic disease which has swept the country good.

April 19: Mrs. Charles Cherry was host to the members of the Wigwam club at her home last Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Clarence Barnard of Gebo, Wyoming arrived last week to make an extended visit among relatives and friends.

Voting at the school election on Saturday was light. There were three candidates--Dr. A.H. Churchill, I.H. Edwards, and S.C. Cutter. The two former were elected, one to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of F.H. Falk and the other to replace A.E. Rowswell, whose term expired.

Roy Smith and Calvin Pearce are among those who now own new automobiles.

Col. J.D. Russell is to address the highway commissioners of Kane county at Geneva April 25th.

The Oswego Dancing Club closed its season with a very pretty party Friday evening. Their hall was very attractive with pink and white decorations. Miss Barbara Richards and Stewart Palmer led the grand march, which formed promptly at 8 o'clock and the programs were passed by two little boys in white suits, Max Cutter and Dan Cherry. Frappe was served during the evening.

CLIFFORD CHERRY SUED

A bill for divorce and alimony and an injunction for the prevention of disposition of property were filed in the Kendall county circuit court on Friday afternoon by Mrs. Clifford A. Cherry of Oswego against her husband, Clifford A. Cherry. The charges on which the suits are based are of cruelty, drunkenness and incompatibility. Mrs. Cherry says that she was driven from home recently at 10:30 o'clock at night with her year-old child and that her husband had been anything but a dutiful one for months. This suit will bring regret to many friends of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Cherry, who were not only prominent Kendall county people, but popular with their acquaintances. Clifford inherited the estates of both and is probably one of the wealthiest landowners in the county. The Chicago papers of Sunday printed pictures of Mrs. Cherry and made a sensation of the case.

April 26: Thirty members of the Masonic order of Oswego were guests of the Yorkville lodge at their 50th anniversary. Everyone was enthusiastic in the report of the affair.

Miss Lucia Moore, who was so badly burned several weeks ago, was taken for treatment to the City hospital for treatment last Saturday.

Dr. C.F. Read has recently received an appointment as superintendent at the state hospital at Waterton.

Paul Dwyre is now employed at the store of Schultz Bros. & co.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Clauser are the parents of a daughter, born Sunday, April 23.

Mrs. Wilhelmina Troll, an old Oswego resident, died Tuesday morning. She was born in Griefswald, Germany Feb. 9, 1839 and came to this country when 23 years of age. Her husband, George Troll, died 16 years ago. She leaves to mourn her loss one daughter, Miss Edith Troll; and two sons, Ernest and George of Aurora; besides a large circle of friends.

Yorkville: The automobile laws are being evaded every day in the county and it seems that this is the time of the year to stop it. Speeding, use of old numbers, cutting out of mufflers are frequently seen. We are not wishing to deprive auto drivers of their

privileges, but with to show that the pedestrian and horse driver have rights that must be respected.

May -- 1916

May 3: Paul Dwyre took an enforced vacation from the store suffering from an infection.

S.C. Cutter has improved his place of business by installing new showcases throughout.

At the school election on Saturday, Miss Kate Cliggitt was elected director to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. A.H. Churchill.

Mr. and Mrs. B.E. Meyers and family moved to Yorkville Friday where he has been transferred by the Chicago Telephone Company.

Miss Lucia Moore, who was so badly burned several weeks ago, who has been a great sufferer from her injuries and was finally taken to the hospital for treatment. After a week she was brought home but died Sunday evening, thus ending her sufferings.

Yorkville: Owing to the increased cost of paper and other items which go to make up a newspaper, the price of copies of *The Record* has been raised from 3 cents to 5 cents each. It will pay you to get on the regular subscription list at \$1.50 a year.

May 10: Messrs. Frank Woolley and August Keihl are owners of new automobiles.

Arthur Swinhoff is the new gardener at the home of Mrs. M. Keeley.

Lucia Maria Moore was born at Blackberry, now called Sugar Grove, May 18, 1841. She was never a healthy child and at the age of 8 years she suffered a stroke of paralysis from which she never recovered. For one year she was confined to her bed but finally she slowly and partially regained her health and was able to enjoy many blessings of life. With her failing health and strength she became practically a recluse.

Yorkville: "Wobbly Watchful Waiting," a Democratic house and senate which is delaying the preparedness of the United States against invasion and the plea of the pacifists received a telling blow when Texas was raided by Mexican bandits Sunday. The time for parley is over--the United States must at least have a sufficient force to police her borders. We are now, after a meeting with Gen. Obregon, to abandon our pursuit of Villa, the worst bandit it has been the misfortune for the government to have ever met. We don't want war any more than the pacifists but we demand protection for our own property and on our own land and protection from invasions of the enemy (especially when no war has been declared).

Yorkville: At the annual meeting of the Illinois Press Association at Chicago last week, Hugh R. Marshall, editor and publisher of the Kendall County Record, was a member of the credentials committee and later elected treasurer of the association.

May 17: Leslie Peshia is now employed at the Voss tonsorial shop.

Messrs. Charles Sorg and Charles Shoger left Tuesday for Rockford and various points in Iowa as Mr. Sorg had word from Rockford of his automobile, which was stolen last week being there.

Verna Elizabeth Hettrick was born in Oswego July 8, 1887, and died May 1, 1916. Living all her life in this community had endeared her to all. Verna attended the Oswego school and graduated from same after which she spent some time at Ferry Hall. In later years, ill health over took her and May 1, tubercular trouble claimed this young life. A father and brother are left to mourn her death. Interment in Oswego Prairie cemetery.

Advertisements in *The Record* said that Frank O. Lowden of Ogle County would be the next governor. Lowden was said to be a farmer, lawyer, and statesman.

Yorkville: Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the Yorkville Industrial and Improvement Association will be held at the Business Men's Club Room, Yorkville, on the 13th day of June, 1916, at 8 p.m. for the purpose of submitting to a vote of the stockholders aforesaid the question of abandoning the corporate enterprise, surrendering the charter, franchises and corporate name, and dissolving the said corporation and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before such meeting. R.A. McClelland, George H Arundale, John E. Reddock, C.H. Houck, C.S. Williams, Jacob Armbruster, W.R. Newton, Directors

May 24: Schultz Bros. have recently purchased from F. O. Hawley the house and lot back of their store. Great improvements have been made so far and an unsightly spot done away with.

The Oswego high school will give an entertainment and ice cream social at the schoolhouse Wednesday, May 31.

S.C. Cutter was in Chicago Friday where he acted as pall bearer at the funeral of Charles F. Milligan.

Upon entering his home last week Wednesday evening, between 9 and 10 o'clock, C.S. Barker was met by two intruders who had taken advantage of the house being alone. A skirmish ensued after which they made a hasty retreat. Nothing was found missing.

George Johann Mack was born in Bahlendurf, Germany in 1853 and came to this country 40 years ago, spending the greatest part of the time in the vicinity of Oswego where he was employed by farmers of the community. During the last two years he made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Jake Meyers and for the last three months had been in poor health

from heart disease. Mr. and Mrs. Meyers cared for him until it was necessary to take him to the Aurora hospital where he died May 16, 1916. The funeral was held Thursday from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Meyers. Interment in the Oswego cemetery.

Lane's dry goods store in Yorkville advertised Cooper Kenosha Klosed-Krotch Union Suits. Said the ad: "If during the day you are constantly conscious of your undergarments, they are not right."

May 31: Miss Carrie Manley is enjoying a week's vacation from her duties at the Aurora City hospital after which she goes to Chicago for three weeks to finish her training.

M.M. James sold at public auction last Saturday his household effects and with his brother, Thomas, they leave next week for New York where they will make their home.

On June 7th at the Congregational church a very interesting picture showing the Chicago Telephone operations of the phone will be given. The public is invited.

The marriage of Miss Mary Louise Pearce, daughter of Mr. James Pearce, to J.R. Croushorn took place Saturday at the home of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Croushorn are well and most favorably known to a large circle of friends in Oswego and Aurora. They will make their home in Aurora and be at home to their friends after July 1.

June -- 1916

June 7: A.J. Parkhurst Jr. has returned from Florida where he had been attending school and is now taking a summer course at the University of Chicago.

Bob Murphy of Port Royal, Virginia was a recently caller among Oswego friends. He is a delegate to the Republican convention at Chicago.

Kenyon Palmer, who has been employed at the W.J. Morse store, has resigned and is taking a business course in Aurora.

Chris Herren Jr. recently purchased the M.M. James property on Main street.

The large barn on the Ed Rink farm was struck by lightning early Thursday evening. Even though the neighbors responded to the call the building burned to the ground.

A telephone evening with illustrations discussing the constructions and operation of America's great talking service, under the auspices of the Three X club of the Congregational church will be given Wednesday, June 7. Music by Chicago Telephone orchestra.

The 26th annual meeting of the Oswego alumni association will be held in the Presbyterian church parlors Monday, June 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Peterson are the parents of a son born Tuesday, June 6.

The people of Oswego will have the privilege of listening to an address by Hon. Oliver W. Stewart of Chicago on Monday, June 12, in the Congregational church under the auspices of the Flying Squadron Foundation. Mr. Stewart was the only prohibition member of the 43rd General Assembly of the State of Illinois. He was elected on the prohibition ticket from the Chicago district.

Yorkville: There will be an all-day meeting of the road commissioners of Kendall county at the courthouse Saturday, June 10. Last winter there was an association formed of these gentlemen and plans were laid for the holding of meetings for the general good three or four times a year. Program topics will include "Culverts and the Best Kind to Use," "Which is the best Road Material: Crushed Gravel or Crushed Stone," and "How We are Raising Money for Hard Roads."

June 14: Raymond Parkhurst has recently purchased a new touring car.

The funeral services of Mrs. Mary Willis were held Sunday from the late home in Aurora. Interment in Oswego cemetery. Mrs. Willis formerly lived in Oswego.

It has been the custom of Schultz Brothers & Co. to keep their place of business open till 10 o'clock Sunday mornings. Beginning with the first Sunday in July they will discontinue this practice and their store will not be open Sundays.

School closed Friday with the annual picnic and field day. The graduating exercises were held at the Congregational church Friday evening, the class of four--Lloyd and Gertie Wormley, Ruth Denney, and Pearl Kohlhammer--receiving their diplomas presented by Professor Atherton.

June 21: Mr. and Mrs. John Herren accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. L.P. Voss, will start soon as the weather permits on an automobile trip through northern Illinois and Iowa.

Mrs. Watts D. Cutter and daughter Mary left Tuesday for northern and western points. Their trip is unlimited and will extend to the coast. Stops along the way will be made. They will visit among relatives in Washington and Oregon.

June 28: Max and Clay Cutter are making an extended visit at the home of Archie and Donald Lake at LaGrange.

| Mrs. Charles Woolley and family have recently rented the James house and will move from Chicago.

Myron Herren, who had his automobile stolen last Friday evening while in Aurora, has had the good fortune to recover it.

Mr. Watts Cutter has gone to his farm at Bartlett, where he is having a silo erected.

Mr. L.E. Wood has resumed duties at the depot after a two weeks absence.

A new gasoline service station has recently been installed at the Shoger and Burkhart garage.

July -- 1916

July 5: The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Clark was buried in the Oswego cemetery Sunday.

Richard Schultz and Wilton Woolley are among the new automobile owners.

Miss Floi Johnston resumed duties at the Chicago Telephone office after enjoying a two weeks vacation trip through Illinois and Wisconsin, motoring with her party as far as LaCrosse. About 800 miles were made before reaching Oswego.

The residence of Mrs. Caroline Knapp was struck by lightning Sunday afternoon, causing only slight damage.

July 12: Messrs. and Mmes. John Herren and L.P. Voss and Master Robbie Herren are enjoying an auto trip through Iowa in the former's machine.

The parent-teacher club will give an ice cream social on the school this week.

Mrs. Josie Smith recently received word of the death of her brother, Charles Samse, at Kokomo, Ind.

Yorkville: It was our privilege to visit Electric Park at Plainfield on the evening of the Fourth and while there to admire the beauty of the place and to envy our neighbors in Will county. As a quiet place for a picnic, to go bathing or boating, or to dance it is ideal and a cottage may be rented here a pleasant vacation may be spent.

The Germans have landed a submarine merchant vessel in a United States port in spite of the careful watch set by the allied navies. The boat, a large one, made the 4,000 miles in 16 days and brought dye stuffs, which are so badly needed in this country. They wish to take back munitions of war.

July 19: Mrs. Charles Woolley and family have moved into the Chris Herren house on Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barrett of Aurora recently purchased a lot in Oswego and will immediately begin construction of a bungalow.

Yorkville: Two men who were clamming, named Farmer and Edwards, found the body of a man in Fox river on Tuesday afternoon. The body was caught on the riffles just north of the camp on the Ernest Ahrens farm north of Oswego. No trace of the man's identity or the actual cause of his death could be learned.

July 26: Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Croushorn have located in their home in Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barrett have recently moved back to Oswego from Aurora. They have purchased land and will build.

The Frank Walker residence is undergoing an overhauling, making ready for their future occupancy.

Tuesday morning at 4 o'clock the house on the Moses Cherry farm was destroyed by fire. The William Porteous family occupied the place. Mr. Porteous has arisen early, built a fire, and left the room for a short time. When he returned to the kitchen he found it in flames. Just how it caught is unknown but within an hour the house was burned to the ground. The family escaped injury but saved but very few articles. Insurance covered both house and furniture.

Many Oswego business men met Col. Lowden at Aurora and accompanied him on the day's trip in the county.

Yorkville: A four year legal battle to force the purification of the Fox river has been won by residents of that valley.

As the result of a decision by Judge Creighton of the Sangamon county circuit court denying the cities of Elgin and Aurora an appeal, those municipalities have been given until Dec. 31, 1917 to comply with the ruling of the Illinois rivers and lakes commission, which ordered the construction and operation of septic tanks for disposal of sewage. The commission ruled that with the sewage of Elgin and Aurora and numerous factories and villages emptying into the stream, the waters were polluted.

An appeal from the finding of the commission was asked by Aurora and Elgin on the ground that the necessary construction work would require a financial expenditure impossible for them to meet at that time.

August -- 1916

Aug. 2: The Parent-Teacher club will serve ice cream at the schoolhouse Friday evening, Aug. 4. Everyone come and help a good cause.

Messrs. and Mmes. Chas. and Richard Schultz motored to Starved Rock and Deer Park Sunday.

Miss Helen Dwyre is enjoying a three weeks' vacation from duties at the W.J. Morse store.

Mrs. Eugene Moyer, Miss Moyer, and Miss Ruth Treman are enjoying a week's vacation at camp at Electric park [in Plainfield].

The barn belonging to Frank Schram was completely destroyed by fire Monday night. Flames were discovered about 10:30 and had gained such headway that the building could not be saved. The efforts of the volunteer firemen were successful in saving nearby buildings.

Mrs. Andrew Lang died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L.F. Burkhart July 20 at 5 p.m. She was born at Wurtemberg, Germany July 3, 1829; was married to Andrew Lang at Oswego 25 years later; and died at the age of 87 years and 17 days. Her husband and two her daughters preceded her in death. Mr. Lang passed away in May 1901; Wilhelmina died in infancy, and Mrs. John Burkhart died on Jan. 13 of this year. She leaves to mourn her loss one daughter, Mrs. L.F. Burkhart, 13 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Zubal Washburn Howe was born at Lockport, N.Y. July 20, 1827 and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Laurena Hull at Oswego July 26, 1916. His early life was spent in New York. In 1851 he was married to Maryette Perry and came west in 1854. Three children were born to them. Becoming affiliated with the Illinois Central, he was one of its builders and for over 30 years he was engineer for this and the Northwestern railroad. During the Civil War he ran a government train carrying the troops, supplies, etc. Mrs. Maryette Howe, the aged widow, and two children, Albert of Seattle, Wash. and Mrs. Hull of Oswego; two grandchildren, Zubal Howe of Seattle and Mrs. G.A. Robertson of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; one brother in Idaho; and a sister in Wisconsin are left to mourn his death. One son, George, died last June. Mr. Howe was a nephew of Elias Howe, the inventor of the sewing machine and also a descendant of the landlord who conducted the inn at Sudbury, Mass. famous in Longfellow's "Tales of a Wayside Inn," which belonged to the family until about 15 years ago. The remains were buried from the late home July 28 in the Pearce cemetery. During the time Mrs. Howe has resided in Oswego he has made many friends who extend sympathy to the bereaved family.

Aug. 9: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walker have remodeled their house recently vacated by L.E. Wood, and will take possession in the near future. The residence in which they have lived will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Hammond of Tampico. Mr. Hammond comes here as the agent of the CB&Q, Mr. Wood having been transferred to West Brooklyn.

The business men of Oswego will give the public a complimentary band concert next Thursday night. The value of summer band concerts as creators of good will between merchants and customers has long been recognized by progressive business men and we believe in music as the ideal method of boosting our community. The band is an Aurora organization under the leadership of L.H. Condry of Chicago.

The annual Duffy picnic was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Cooney on Thursday of last week. It was a regrettable fact that Mr. Duffy was unable to attend as business

interests called him to Iowa and his health forbade him making the trip. Mrs. Duffy and Son, Guy, and daughter, Mrs. Jordan of Ottawa, were present.

Yorkville: Stephen Ferriss Ashley died at his home in southern Kendall Thursday, Aug. 3, 1916, from valvular heart trouble. While he had been in poor health for several years, rheumatism and kindred complaints troubling him, he was evidently improving and his death was unlooked for by his large circle of friends. Mr. Ashley has been a well-known citizen of Kendall for years. He was particularly noted for his education, which covered a knowledge of the affairs of nature to a degree which is seldom found among laymen. He was consulted by many on their problems that troubled them and was always ready to help them. His early life was spent as a teacher and in this capacity he served the people of the districts near his home. The Brown school, the Union school, and others of the vicinity were found in his experience. He was a master hand with his microscope and general knowledge of biology and zoology. His sons have been brought up with this training well in hand. As a teacher, Mr. Ashley was hard to surpass.

The funeral was held from the late home Sunday afternoon with interment in the Cowdrey cemetery.

Stephen Ferriss Ashley was born near his late home at Specie Grove Nov. 28m 1843. His father was the late Almon P. Ashley and his mother Huldah Ashley. From these he inherited a spirit of uprightness in his dealings and this habit gained a respect from all those who knew him. He was married to Mrs. Cora Thorne at Morris Feb. 20, 1902 and she, with the two sons, Almon Victor and Warren Cotton Ashley, survive. Of Mr. Ashley's immediate family are left a brother, Myron Ashley of Chicago; two sisters, Mrs. Ellen Platt of Plainfield and Mrs. Alice Pletcher of Hoopeston.

The land on which Mr. Ashley lived, a farm of some 250 acres, was obtained by his father from the government when the sale price was \$1.25 per acre. Today it is worth at least \$300 per acre.

Tour The National Parks

The Burlington is THE National Park Line and for the accommodation of its patrons has planned a National Park Vacation Tour that has no parallel--including as it does Yellowstone National Park (going via the new Cody Road, through Shoshone Canyon and over Sylvan Pass--the ONLY auto route into the park), Glacier National Park, Rocky Mountain National Estes Park--the most of the best of the National Park wonders in America--and Colorado--all in one tour--all on one ticket. Think of it! Come in and get our folders--they are worth reading even if you don't go.

Wm. J. Corcoran, Agent
Yorkville, Illinois

"There's Comfort for You on the CB&Q"

Aug. 16: Mr. and Mrs. Seaton are the parents of a son, born Saturday, Aug. 12th.

J.D. Russell and the bridge committee attended the Northern Illinois conference of road men at Wheaton Saturday.

Arthur Lee Price of NaAuSay died at the St. Charles hospital, Aurora, Monday morning, Aug. 7, from blood poisoning. He was born at Orange, N.J. Oct. 26, 1867, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Price. He came to Kendall county in 1883 and was employed by Selah Jessup for a number of years. Mr. Price was married to Miss Jessie E. Anderson March 17, 1903, who with little 4 year-old Doris, lives to mourn for him. The other surviving relatives are the aged mother, Mrs. Mary F. Price of Livingston, N.J.; two brothers, Frank A. of Roscoe, Minn. and Henry O. and one sister, Lucy C. Price of Livingston, N.J. Mr. Price was a member of the Yeomen of America. His funeral was held from the United Presbyterian church of Wheatland of which he was a member, Wednesday, Aug. 9, at 2 p.m.; interment in the cemetery adjoining the church.

Yorkville: With the sad shooting affray that brought sorrow to so many Kendall county people last week we can but reiterate our claim that the sale and possession of firearms is being carried to an excess far beyond legal permission. Almost any one can buy a firearm nowadays, especially in the cities, and ammunition is as free on the market. The registration of the name and address of the purchaser is but a matter of form, many fictitious names being used. The stories of shootings in nearly every paper with weapons being used from the small target rifle to the sawed-off shot gun is evidence enough of this fact. Enforce the present law, and if necessary make it a little stronger.

If this issue of *The Record* seems a little ragged it is due to the fact that we have been installing a new Linotype typesetting machine and with the installation and learning the operation it has delayed us somewhat.

The drought of several weeks was broken last Thursday night when a fine rain came to water the thirsty earth. More than an inch of water fell and all were happy at the change. Crops were improved and the hope of a large corn crop is brightened.

Aug. 23: Charles Boyle Jr., who has served four years in the U.S. Navy, returned to his home Sunday and will make his people a visit.

Miss Helen Dwyre has returned to her duties at the W.J. Morse store Monday.

L.E. Wood, who has for the past seven years acted as agent at the Burlington depot, left Saturday to accept a similar position at West Brooklyn. Mr. Hammond is acting here in the same capacity.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brownell are the parents of a son born Saturday, Aug. 19.

Edwin Betz, who has been employed at the W.J. Morse store, has resigned that position and the place is now supplied by Leslie Morse.

Prof. and Mrs. Wesley Rolfe of Champaign were recent visitors with friends in Oswego.

The concert given by the Junior Moose Band of Aurora Tuesday evening on Main street was well patronized by an appreciative audience. Over 100 autos were parked in the business portion.

Leslie Peshia is employed at the W.J. Morse store.

Yorkville: The railroad strike which was to tie up all the roads in the United States is being pushed farther away. The railroad presidents have agreed to the eight hour demand and the rest of the differences are to be left to arbitration. President Wilson has cajoled, wheedled, and threatened till he brought about the consent to arbitration for which he is to be congratulated.

Aug. 30: The band concerts which have proven successful will continue for some time, the next to be given next Tuesday evening on Main street.

A.J. Hettrick is temporarily employed at the store of Schultz Bros. & co. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schultz and son have gone to Newton while he is enjoying a vacation.

Miss Minnie Barber of LaFox has returned to Oswego to resume her duties in the Oswego public schools.

Myron Herren has accepted a position with the Lyon Metallic Mfg. Co. of Montgomery.

Yorkville: Oliver A. Burkhart of Oswego, the candidate for nomination and reelection as state's attorney of Kendall County, stands for the strict enforcement of the local option laws and has the undivided support of the dry organization. Mr. Burkhart has been a successful officer and has made many friends on both sides by his square dealing. You will make no mistake supporting him.

The epidemic of infantile paralysis has frightened the people of the United States as no other for years. One of the great features in favor of this disease is the lack of proper sanitation and this matter must be attended to. The presence of flies, of mosquitoes, the accumulation of garbage, the dirty condition of sinks and toilets, all tend to the breeding of the germ which means so much to the little ones.

September -- 1916

Sept. 6: owing to the rain, the band concert given by the Aurora Junior Moose was postponed until Tuesday evening, Sept. 12. Some of the prominent political aspirants are expected here and will give short addresses.

Miss Pearl Kohlhammer is studying shorthand in Aurora.

The Roy Bargo family have moved into rooms above Morse's store.

Mr. and Mrs. George Conway and children of Oregon have moved to the G.S. Roe residence.

The Farmers Elevator company is making improvements by building lumber sheds.

Charles Cherry is now delivering mail in a new car.

Arthur Wormley has gone south in the interest of his health.

Miss Josephine Ebinger, who teaches the Cutter school, is boarding at the Frank Walker home.

John T. Hopkins, son of the late Elijah Hopkins, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Agnes Risk of Fairfield, Ia., Aug. 30, 1916. He was born Feb. 2, 1850, and for years followed the insurance business from which he had for some years retired. He was an active member in the Presbyterian church of Aurora. The remains were brought here for burial.

Yorkville: H.R. Marshall endorsement: "A vote for Mr. Burkhart as state's attorney will mean a vote to continue the present condition in the county when every one has had justice well administered and conditions of the best. The present incumbent of the office, Oliver A. Burkhart, has had much to do with this condition and his retention will be for the benefit of the community." Oswego resident Burkhart easily won re-nomination in the primary, 1,034 to 851..

After an agreement had been made between the management of Oswego and Yorkville [community baseball teams] that they would be bound by the teams they played on Sunday for the teams they played on Monday, Oswego refused to live up to that agreement and Yorkville walked off the Oswego ball diamond Monday, no game having been played. On Sunday, the Oswego boys had their only two pitchers mercilessly slaughtered, losing by a score of 12-5. Unable to stand this defeat in the danger of a second, the Oswego boys loaded up and when it came time hired players walked onto the field to call the game on Monday, several of whom were pitchers.

Sept. 13: William Jefferson, who has been ill, is up and about again.

Charles Schultz is enjoying a two weeks vacation from duties at the [grocery] store and with Mrs. Schultz left on Monday for the scenic parts of Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burkhart left last week for Minnesota, where he has land interests.

G.H. Voss is enjoying a vacation from duties at the [barber] shop.

G.H. Voss is improving his residence with the addition of a new porch.

Lyman J. Pearce and Miss Amelia Eichorn of Aurora were married last Wednesday morning at the hope of the bride's parents, r. and Mrs. Gustav Eichorn. Upon their return from an auto tour to New York, they will make their home at the Gus Pearce residence. Mrs. Pearce is one of Aurora's well-known musicians.

Sept. 20: Rev. J.G. Butler and daughter motored to Waltham, LaSalle county, on last Wednesday, where as moderator, Mr. Butler preached the opening sermon of the Ottawa Presbytery.

Miss Bessie Pearce left last week for Cedar Falls, Ia., to resume her duties as teacher in the public school.

Yorkville: Kendall county had 2,051 Republican votes cast at the primaries of which 97 were by women; there were 185 Democratic, of which none were by women; and 3 socialist.

Again the private banks have started their ravages on the poorer classes of Chicago's foreigners and again the men have practically escaped the grasp of the law. These private bankers have all they own in easily negotiable stocks and bonds and so, when they have sufficient money from the business people thy can make a quick get aw ay. It is time the state and nation took up the regulation of these institutions.

Sept. 27: Morton Leigh, who has for several months been employed at Batavia, has resigned his position there.

C.E. Mann is among the ailing of the past week.

Schultz Brothers are improving their store and the flats above by installing a modern heating system.

The Andrew Swanson family have moved to the Charles Weber house on Main street.

Dr. C.A. Clark has recently purchased a new runabout.

George M. Cowdrey, one of Oswego's best known men, died at his home Saturday, Sept. 23, at the age of 75 years. Until the past few months, Mr. Cowdrey had been in very good health, when at that time he began to succumb to the advanced years of ability. Mr. Cowdrey was born on a farm four miles from Oswego and has lived in and about this community all his life. At one time he resided on the farm located south of town and this place was named in honor of him. From there, he moved to Oswego 20 years ago, where he resided until his death. Although a well-known man, he never held public offices. He was a member of the Masonic lodge, the Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodmen, and the GAR Post of Aurora, having served in the war of 1861-65 with the 127th Illinois Infantry. Three children are left to mourn his death, Hamlet and Myron of Aurora, and Mrs. Al Arneson of Oswego. The funeral was held from the late home; interment in Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: Preliminary Resolution of the County Board Requesting Improvement of a Public Highway as a State Aid Road.

Resolved by the Kendall County Board of Supervisors in regular meeting assembled Sept. 12, 1916, that the next improvement on State Aid Road be in the public highway described as follows: Beginning at a point on the public highway designated as State Aid Road, Route No. 1, said point being: Beginning at a point where said State Aid Road enters the village of Yorkville at the east end of VanEmon Street in said village and extending easterly along said route for a distance of 5,280 feet, more or less.

Be it further Resolved, that the type of improvement be of concrete, 15 feet in width, with earth shoulders on each side, Seven and one-half feet wide.

And it is requested that the aforesaid described section of highway be improved as a State Aid Road. [This refers to modern VanEmmon Road from the Yorkville city limits to modern Ill. Route 71.]

October -- 1916

Oct. 4: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schultz are moving to their flat above the store recently vacated by the A. Sorenson family.

Wesley Bower is very ill with the typhoid fever.

Miss Bernice Pearce drove her car to Chicago Tuesday for shipment to California for their use while in California this winter.

Yorkville: Mr. Fred Esch and Mr. and Mrs. August Esch of Chicago spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. John Esch. They came to celebrate the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Esch and also Mr. Esch's birthday.

The 33rd annual convention of the Kendall county WCTU was held in the Oswego Presbyterian church Sept. 29, 1916, with a good attendance each session.

Oct. 11: H.B. Read has bought a carload of choice western Ohio potatoes. Sell on the truck at \$1.40.

Miss Mary Cutter has returned to her duties as teacher in the Oak Street school after several days' absence on account of a case of infantile paralysis.

Irving Haines and his force of carpenters have begun work on the Mose Cherry residence to replace the one recently destroyed by fire.

Slade F. Cutter left last week for his home in Minnesota after a visit of several weeks among relatives and friends.

J.G. Etzel left Tuesday for Decatur where he will attend a grain dealers' convention.

A.J. Parkhurst recently sold the farm on which Reuben Parkhurst is living to Mrs. Christine Suhler, she having sold her Oswego property to A.J. Parkhurst.

W.O. Leigh left on Wednesday for Woodruff, Wis., where he will enjoy a six weeks hunt.

Yorkville: Where will we be able to get men to fight in case of war? The tactics of the administration under President Wilson have soured the entire country on the army and navy. The boys who were yanked from good jobs to go to the border of Mexico on an errand which has been explained in so many different ways that there is no telling their mission, are not at all anxious to take the chance again. Wilson had 150,000 men on the Mexican border to fight a handful of half fed half-breeds and then sent them home without gaining a thing that he demanded of the Mexican border. Do you wonder that the Democratic administration has trouble in getting the support of these men?

Oct. 18: J.P. Schickler and family have moved to Aurora where Mr. Schickler has gone into business.

Kenneth Campbell, who has been assisting his uncle, Mr. F. Purvis, a contractor of Toronto, Canada, for several months has returned to his home here.

The library of the XIX Century club will be open every Saturday afternoon from 2 till 3.

All women who wish to vote at the election November 7 should assure themselves that their name is on the polling list of the precinct in which they live. This is a duty which they owe their country. The women have demanded the ballot--they have been given this right as far as possible under the existing laws. If they refuse to exercise their franchise, it is a sign that their demands have been merely in the quest of honor and not duty. Every woman should register and vote.

Oct. 25: C.E. Teller of Texas was a recent visitor at the home of his sisters, Mmes. Lettie Seely and Gertrude Moore.

If you want some nice stock hogs, go to Knapp & Co., Oswego, before Friday noon.

A number from here attended the Chicago Symphony concert at Sylvandel [in Aurora] Monday evening. Alma Gluck, as soloist, was a treat for music loving attendants.

I.C. Wagner has recently purchased from John Seely the residence in which he has lived for several years.

Yorkville: Owing to a mild attack of infantile paralysis, the Yorkville schools were closed on Monday for a period of two weeks.

November -- 1916

Nov. 1: Mr. and Mrs. William Jefferson have moved from the Armstrong cottage to the residence recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rabe.

Rudolph Knapp is having a furnace installed in his residence.

Yorkville: About 50,000 good sized fish were placed in Fox River Tuesday afternoon by the state fish commission in an effort to bring back some of the fishing that has been destroyed by the presence of carp and the illegal use of seines. Black bass, rock bass, crappies, pickerel, blue gills, and bullheads were turned loose to seek new homes in the river above the [Yorkville] dam. It was mainly through the efforts of Frank Kenaka that this shipment was made, with the assistance of Joe Stumm and other fishermen of the village. The politicians of Aurora, however, who own cottages up the river, commandeered the carload and had the fish placed at Old Point Comfort and at The Elms. This lack of distribution was not entirely satisfactory, as many believed that the fish would winter better below the dam where no fish were placed.

The women of legal age are requested to use their right of franchise at the polls next Tuesday, Nov. 7. We are entitled to vote for the 29 electors for president of the United States; for three university trustees; member of the state board of equalization; and county surveyor. Let little Kendall go on record for her largest number of women's votes cast at a presidential election.

ANNA M. DEVEREAUX

County Pres., WCTU

Nov. 8: Dr. A.H. Churchill has improved his office by remodeling and redecorating it.

Halloween in Oswego was a very quiet affair, occasioned by the number of special police stationed at various places who arrested the boys before any pranks could be enjoyed. No charges being preferred, they were soon released and willing to seek the parental shelters.

Miss Gertrude Kohlhammer, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kohlhammer of Oswego and John A. Meyres of Aurora were married Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 2. Mr. and Mrs. Meyers left immediately for a trip to Minneapolis. Upon their return they will live in Aurora where Mr. Meyers is employed by the Burlington. Mrs. Meyers was well and favorably known both here and in Aurora where she was an employee at the Chicago Telephone office in a clerical position.

Mrs. Jubal W. Howe, at the age of 82 years, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Laurens Hull of Oswego Sunday after an illness of short duration. Maryette Perry was born in Clarkson, N.Y., Sept. 29, 1834, and was married to Jubal W. Howe Sept. 22, 1851 at Lockport, N.Y. Mr. Howe died July 26, 1916, and after his death her health gradually failed. A daughter, Mrs. L. Hull of Oswego; a son, Albert of Seattle, Wash.; a grandson of Seattle; a granddaughter in Iowa; one brother, James Perry of Douglas, Mich.; and a sister, Martha Brewer of Amboy, are the surviving relatives.

Front page headline: WILSON NOW LEADING
RESULT NOT CONCEDED

Nov. 15: There will be a box social for the benefit of the Russell school at the home of Robert Herren.

H.C. Hammond and family are moving from the Constantine house on Washington street to the E. Todd house recently vacated by the J.P. Schicklers.

L.L. Rickard has begun remodeling the VanEvra residence he recently purchased.

Yorkville: Kendall County went about three to one Republican. This means a return to the old percentage which was destroyed by the progressive vote in 1912. The democratic party in the county is maintained by a few loyal democrats who are willing to permit their names to be placed on the ticket with the assurance of being beaten. [A total of 4,454 votes were cast in the election, 2,711 by men and 1,743 by women.]

The Villa depredations are still going on.

Nov. 22: Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Barrett, who have been living with Miss Edith Troll while their new home was in construction, have moved there, it being completed last week.

Arthur Wormley is installing the electric lights in his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Harnley have moved to the farm recently vacated by Chester Coble, who with his family, moved to Aurora where he is employed by the street car company.

Nov. 29: After an illness of scarlet fever of about one week, Mrs. August Corneils died at her home Nov. 28. The epidemic seems to have been prevalent in that vicinity. The Leo Seidelman home is quarantined for it, one of their children being afflicted.

Messrs. James Campbell, S.C. Cutter, Ed Gates, and O.A. Burkhart have returned from a week's hunt at Beardstown, each with a goodly supply of ducks.

George Kessler has purchased the C.S. Barker house and with his family will occupy it in the spring.

December -- 1916

Dec. 6: W.O. Leigh returned last week from Woodruff, Wis., where he had spent six weeks hunting. Many friends enjoyed venison at Mr. L's kindness.

Mrs. Jennie Lake of LaGrange was a recent visitor among Oswego relatives.

Dec. 13: Christmas trees at Cutter's, Oswego. Order now that we can keep them fresh for you.

The residence of Mrs. Barbara Constantine on Washington street is being remodeled for Mr. and Mrs. C.S. Barker, who will take possession in the early spring.

Fred Reinhardt has sold his residence to Mrs. Anna Gates, who expects to move there soon. Mr. and Mrs. Reinhardt plan to move from Oswego the last of the month.

Charles Herren Jr. is the owner of a new roadster.

Wilton Woolley recently purchased a new automobile.

Beginning Monday evening, Dec. 18, the merchants of Oswego will keep their places of business open evenings until after Christmas.

Dec. 20: Charles Shoger is acting as juror on the federal grand jury in Chicago.

The many friends of Mrs. Charles Johnston (Maggie Walsh) were surprised to hear of her death at her home near McHenry last Wednesday. Mrs. Johnston was born and reared near Oswego where she lived until 2 years of age when she with her family moved to McHenry.

Irving Haines has recently purchased from Mrs. Margaret Helle the building known as the rink.

Yorkville: John D. Archibald, president of the Standard Oil Company, who recently died, left an estate of \$20 million. He left the estate to his widow, two daughters, and a son. This is another argument that there are too many estates and too much money going into the hands of one man or family. A more equal distribution of the money of the United States would mean less suffering and less trouble from the high cost of living.

The use of Xmas for Christmas is one thing that should be discontinued by everyone. As one person has it, it would be well to write the name of the Saviour as J. Christ as to write the name of his birthday as Xmas."

The Kendall County Board voted to appropriate \$12,100 to help pay for the improvement of State Aid Road 1, in Kendall County. The action was to facilitate paving a one-mile stretch ("a distance of 5,168 feet, more or less") of Van Emmon Road with concrete from the Yorkville village limits east towards the present right-of-way of modern Ill. Route 71, which extended to Oswego. The board had voted to establish it as a State Aid Road on Sept. 14, 1915.

Dec. 27: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reinhardt sold their household furniture at auction Saturday and left on Tuesday evening for California, where they will visit for several months among her people.

The Misses Mabel Biesemier and Nellie Bushnell treated their pupils to a picnic of ice cream and cake with the Christmas tree and all its good things for children at the primary room last Friday afternoon, school vacation for one week to follow.

Yorkville: Billy Sunday has sprung a new one--in the tabernacle which is to be built for his meetings in New York there will be a private bath for Mr. Sunday's use after he completes his attacks on sin. We might suggest a trainer and a few blankets that the minister might 'cool out' after his bouts."

No one can complain of the good old-fashioned Christmas weather for 1916. Snow on the ground and the thermometer hovering around zero makes one think of the earlier days. But the thing that is missing is the tinkle of sleigh bells. Once in a while you see a sleigh or a bob [sled] go by but little of the jingle that makes one feel that there is some pleasure in the world. The raucous toot of the auto horn and the sound of the open muffler have taken the place of 'Old Dobbin.'

George Mears, who is serving a life sentence in Juliet for the murder of Harry Wormley, will seek a pardon through the Illinois State Board of Pardons during January. The crime was committed at the Wormley farm home near Oswego Dec. 21, 1891. Mears had come from Aurora to effect a reconciliation with his wife, who was working for the Wormleys. The family were at the supper table, Mears sitting in the kitchen. He came to the door and asked his wife again if she would not return to him and she again refused. A revolver was then drawn and Mears shot Mrs. Wormley through the throat. Harry, 14 years old, was the next victim. He died from his wounds Dec. 23. Mears gave himself up the next morning and his defense was a lapse of memory.

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January

Jan. 3: Mrs. Blanche Hatch has returned to her duties in Chicago after a ten days' vacation from school duties.

A number of the young people from here attended a watch party at the Betz home Sunday evening. Music and songs made the old year's departure and met the New with all sorts of good cheer.

NaAuSay: The members of the Kellogg-Mottinger household were given quite a scare Saturday morning when flames were discovered issuing from the register in the dining room. Upon going to the basement, the flames were seen to be creeping along the floor timbers above the furnace. Quick action and a few pails of water soon had the blaze under control and no very serious damage resulted, although it was thought that in a very short time the gas and smoke would have made it impossible for anyone to work. Mrs.

Kellogg and Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Mottinger wish to thank the telephone operators and their friends and neighbors who so quickly responded to the call for help.

Homer Vickery is attending the agricultural college at Winona Lake, Indiana.

May J.E. Lutzow, daughter of George and Hannah Lutzow, was born in Aux Sable Township, Grundy county, May 24, 1879; was united in marriage to John Cryer Dec. 8, 1897, at Morris and died Thursday evening, Dec. 28, 1916 after suffering several days with diphtheria. She is survived by her husband and five children, two boys and three girls; also two brothers, Eugene Lutzow of Blue Island and Will Lutzow of Minooka; and two sisters, Mrs. Herman Armbruster of this place and Mrs. Elmer Cryer of Morris. She was a member of the Free Methodist church of Aurora. The funeral services were private Saturday morning at the Aux Sable cemetery near Morris.

Jan. 10: Mrs. O.A. Burkhart, who underwent an operation for the removal of her tonsils last week, is rapidly recovering.

Mr. C.I. Smith with his force of men has completed filling his ice houses.

Lost on Christmas day, a lady's gold watch, between the W.J. Morse store and the Knight residence in Yorkville. Liberal reward offered for the return of same. Ole Nelson, Oswego.

Measles seem an epidemic in the vicinity, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Ezekiel Pearce having the disease.

The third number of the Oswego Lyceum course will be given at the Congregational church next Friday evening. Miss Minna May Lewis, a reader and lecturer of exceptional ability, will read "Within the Law." This story is one of the best of recent fiction and has a strong and interesting plot.

Yorkville: Eighty years ago today--January 10, 1837--at Skipton, Maryland, the founder of the Kendall County Record was born. He came west with his partners in 1848 and learned his trade in the old Chicago Journal office. Mr. Marshall came to Yorkville after he had served over two years in the army and started the Kendall County Record. Of this paper he was editor and publisher till he served out his 50 years of honorable service in 1914 when the present publisher, the only son of John R. and Augusta E. Marshall, took charge. Mr. Marshall has served as county superintendent of schools, a member of the state senate, postmaster of Yorkville, and has always been active in the work of the [Republican] party.

Jan. 17: Mrs. J.B. Thorsen and Virginia are visitors at the G.M. Croushorn home.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Croushorn and Al Arneson attended the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Thorsen of Leland last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wormley had a narrow escape from fire last Tuesday morning from an over-heated stove in the kitchen. The stove was near a partition which ignited from the intense heat. Smelling smoke, Mrs. Wormley investigated and the quick response of the men and the neighbors saved the house from burning. Aside from a hole burned in the partition and along the rafters, no damage was done.

J.D. Russell is at Champaign at the University of Illinois where he is taking a course in the construction of highways and bridges.

Oswego taxes are ready for collection. Will be at the S.C. Cutter drug store every day but Monday, on that day at the Wolf and Parker hardware store in Aurora. George White, collector.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Collins are the parents of a son born last Friday.

Yorkville: The death of William F. Cody passes one of the lights of boyhood. As Buffalo Bill, this gentleman had endeared himself to the hearts of young America as had Daniel Boone and Kit Carson--or the fictitious characters of Nick Carter and Deadwood Dick. Cody was a man of attainment and had much to do with the suppression of Indian uprisings. As a scout and pony Expressman he gained a reputation for valor which anyone might envy.

Rumor has it that President Wilson will order the return of the Pershing punitive expedition to Mexico in the near future. This is all very well in removing any respect the Mexican may have for the United States government and army but why was Pershing sent into Mexico in the first place if it was not to establish respect? Do not withdraw Pershing--augment his force and leave him to complete the job he was sent to Mexico for--capture Villa.

Jan. 24: Clifford Cherry died at the Aurora city hospital Tuesday night after an illness of some months. The funeral is to be held from the Congregational church, Oswego, Jan. 26. Mr. Cherry was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Cherry of NaAuSay, whose death left him an heir to a large property in the Waish-kee-shaw reservation south of Oswego.

While living in Aurora he was associated with Aldrich & Worchester in reading law and was later a justice of the peace. For several years he has been living on the Cherry homestead. A more complete obituary will be printed next week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell were called to NaAuSay last week by the serious illness of his sister, Mrs. McLaren.

Frank Huntoon had the pleasure of hearing John McCormick sing in Chicago Sunday.

The remains of Mrs. Ida McKinney Fosgate, late of Chicago, were brought her for burial Thursday. Mrs. Fosgate was a former Oswego girl and well known among a large circle of friends.

Messrs. L.R. Inman and P.J. Schlapp left Thursday morning for Charleston, S.C., where they were summoned by friends of Irvin Haines. Mr. Haines being too ill to make the return trip unaccompanied.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas German of Montgomery have moved to the Margaret Edwards house on the corner of Madison and Jefferson streets.

Mrs. L.L. Rickard has received word of the death of her niece, Miss Frances White, who for months has been a victim of tubercular trouble from which she died at the tent colony near Springfield.

Yorkville: Hon. C.C. Duffy is, at the time of this writing, lying close to death at his home in Ottawa. Mr. Duffy is a Kendall county man, formerly a teacher at the Oswego school, then at Plano, Superintendent of schools in Kendall county from 1877 till 1889, clerk of the appellate court from then till now.

The punitive expedition of General Pershing into Mexico to capture Villa dead or alive has started its march to the border and by the time this is printed will have reached its own country. How can this expedition be looked upon as anything but a blunder. If there was anything accomplished, even to the cowing of Villa, there would be a chance to shout. The army of the United States has been made a subject of derision by the Mexican government.

Jan. 31: A regular meeting of the Parent-Teachers club will be held at the schoolhouse Friday afternoon at the usual hour. The committee in charge have secured the services of Dr. L.J. Weishew.

Mrs. Margaret Schwartz, who is at the Lew Gaylord home in Montgomery, is ill at that place.

A number from here have been in attendance at the auto show in Chicago.

A number from here attended a shower for Miss Josephine Ebinger Wednesday. She is soon to become the bride of L. Gerry.

Mr. and Mrs. Barker have moved to the J. Constantine residence on Washington street, having sold their house to Mr. and Mrs. George Kesslinger, who will take possession soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Parkhurst are the parents of a son, born on Wednesday, Jan. 31, 1917.

A good-sized crowd attended the stockholders meeting of the Oswego Farmers Grain Co. at the Knapp hall Saturday afternoon. The remaining shares were sold and Robert Herren and Mr. Hem reelected directors.

Mr. and Mrs. L.M. "Doc" Woolley and son Wilbur left Monday for Monmouth where today (Wednesday) Wilbur Woolley and Miss Lessie Buck are married. After a wedding trip south they will be at home on the Woolley farm.

The funeral of Clifford A. Cherry was held from the Oswego Congregational church Friday afternoon with interment in the NaAuSay cemetery.

Clifford A. Cherry was born at the Cherry homestead, NaAuSay, July 20, 1885, the only child of Charles T. Cherry and Emma Clark Cherry, both of whom are dead. After a few years at the University of Illinois, Mr. Cherry entered the law offices of Aldrich & Worchester where he read law till he was elected justice of the peace and opened an office of his own. His marriage to Miss Helen Voss was solemnized Dec. 27, 1909 and shortly after her death in July 8, 1911 he moved to the homestead farm where he lived the balance of his life. Three years ago he was married to Miss Myers of Aurora who, with a daughter, survives him.

There was divorce proceeding pending in Kendall County Circuit Court, but Mr. Cherry died before it had come up for trial. A will was left, leaving the life use of the property, one-third to the widow and the balance to the little daughter. The children of the child shall receive the entire property. If there be no issue, the 1,000 acres of land will revert to the father's collateral heirs.

Yorkville: The icy walks of the first of the week were conducive to broken commandments as well as broken bones.

President Wilson has vetoed the immigration law calling for a literacy test in fear of getting into trouble with the foreign countries. It is the opinion of a great many citizens of the United States that there must be some way of improving the class of immigrants who have come to our shore during the past few years and this seemed the best way of grading them. We have "got by" with the exclusion of Japanese and Chinese and perhaps could influence the other countries to see our reasons as satisfactorily.

The final bronze memorial tablet was placed in the lobby of the courthouse, Yorkville, recently through the earnest efforts of the local Woman's Relief Corps. The final tablet is a beautiful one and has 43 names of veterans, bringing up the number on all the tablets to 1,543. The names are of the men who went from Kendall county to fight for their country in the various wars and the list is as near complete as the combined efforts of the ladies could effect. The first tablets were installed Aug. 15, 1901 at a cost of \$1,000. The officers of the corps at this time are Ellen Davis, president; Tillie Hagerman, senior vice; Ella D. Hill, treasurer; Etta Curran, chaplain; Addie Boston, conductor; Fannie Barns, guard; Mary S. McClelland, secretary; Nancy Patterson. These ladies raised \$145 for this last tablet with the assistance of the board of supervisors to whom they are grateful for their generous aid.

The interest in the local organization has dwindled, the idea of completing the installation of the tablets being the incentive which has held these loyal women together. Now that their praiseworthy work has been completed, they will doubtless give up their charter.

NaAuSay: A.H. Mottinger attended the auto show in Chicago Tuesday.

February -- 1917

Feb. 7: S.C. Cutter, who has been confined to the house with an attack of grip, is again able to be about.

Oswego Farmers Grain Co has recently purchased a truck.

Miss Martha Cameron is confined to her home with an attack of scarlet fever, as is August Smith, who recently became afflicted with the same contagion.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Richards of Waukegan were weekend visitors at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.S. Richards. The wedding was a surprise to his many Oswego friends.

Miss Nellie Bushnell, who for years has been a most successful teacher on the primary department of our public school, has resigned that position to accept a similar one at the Lake Street school in Aurora. Miss Davis of Batavia has been secured to fill the vacancy caused here.

Miss Adelaide Haring and Milton Hemm were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Haring in Batavia, Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Hemm were the recipients of many beautiful gifts. Later in the evening they left for a short wedding trip. They will reside in the Hemm homestead near Oswego.

One of the prettiest home weddings of the season occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Murry Buck near Little York when their daughter, Lessie Louise, was united in marriage to Wilbur Mitchem Woolley of Oswego at high noon Wednesday, Jan. 31, 1917. The happy couple left for St. Louis where they will visit the groom's sister, after which they will be at home after March 1st to many friends. The young couple met while Miss Buck was attending Jennings Seminary in Aurora in the year of 1915.

NaAuSay: A.H. Mottinger spent Saturday at Dale Mottinger's in Wheatland.

Yorkville: The government of the United States is preparing for war. A force of 500,000 men is expected to be raised to defend the coasts of the country--not for foreign invasion. Germany has committed no "overt act" which would cause a declaration of war.

Stand by the President.

Ex-president Taft is supporting the President at every point.

William Jennings Bryan is asking the people of the United States to protest against the entering of the war ring.

Gov. Frank O. Lowden of Illinois was the first to offer the services of his state to the President. The governor is in a position to be proud of his state and the backing he has.

As one leading German of Chicago expressed the situation, it is much the same as of a man who is asked to choose between mother and bride--the old home or the new--and he would choose the bride.

"We fought with Sigel" will have a new note if the fight comes. The descendants of this loyal German and those who fought under him [during the Civil War] will be as loyal in this crisis as were their forebears in '61. And a hard fighting, patriotic division it was.

Feb. 14: Cherry sale Saturday, Feb. 17; see notice under public sales. Challenge silo filler, Hercules stump puller, Cadillac auto, to be sold.

Dr. L.J. Weishew left last week for the home of his parents in Pennsylvania, being called there by the illness of his father. Dr. Perkins of Chicago is attending to his patients during his absence.

The A.E. Rowsell family was frightened Monday morning about 10 o'clock when a fire broke out in their residence from an overheated chimney. The prompt action of the volunteer fire department extinguished the blaze before much damage was done other than a hole about three feet square being burned.

Miss Elsa Shubert has resigned her position with the Chicago Telephone company in Chicago and is at the home of her mother.

Mrs. Anna Gates has moved to her new home, recently purchased from F.E. Reinhardt.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Woolley have returned from their wedding trip to St. Louis, Mo., and are at home at the L.M. Woolley residence.

John Burkhart and Mrs. Minnie Leigh were quietly married at the home of Mrs. Leigh Tuesday of last week. After the ceremony, the bridal couple went to the Burkhart residence, where they will reside.

Ralph Norris with his family has moved to the Elmer Rickard farm, which he will work in the ensuing year.

Yorkville: George Mears, who is serving a life sentence in Joliet penitentiary for the murder of Harry Wormley of Oswego, escaped from the prison last Thursday and went to Chicago where he was captured that night and returned to the prison. His petition for pardon was before the state board and it was thought that he would be given his freedom in a short time. This action on this part will doubtless remove any chance he may have had for release. For eight years, Mears has been a trusty in charge of one of the quarries and had shown such behavior that it was thought he was worth of a pardon.

There should be no new apportionment of the state of Illinois till the new constitutional convention has been held and the new constitution outlined. If we reapportion now, Cook

County will get more congressmen and a larger representative in the state. This will give them the balance of power over the down state districts and will place Chicago as the capital of the state in reality."

Feb. 21: Hamlet Cowdrey is staying at the home of his sister, Mrs. Al Arneson, while he is recuperating from a recent operation.

Frank Collins, who has accepted a position as overseer for J.G. Bereman, will soon move to his farm. Mr. and Mrs. E. Moyer will reside in the house he vacates.

J.P. Schickler has rented the Elijah Hopkins farm and with his family will soon move from Aurora there.

The Old Folks Dancing Party given by the Oswego Dancing club at the Knapp hall last Wednesday evening was an enjoyable affair, 50 couples responding to the invitations.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schultz and family, how have for the past year lived in Wheatland, have moved to the Henry Bower house on Main street. Mr. Schultz will follow the carpenter trade.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Parkhurst are moving to the Clifford Cherry farm. While assisting with that work, Josh Ammoris, a neighbor, had the misfortune to have a runaway which caused him to break a limb.

A pretty wedding was solemnized on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Luella Hettrick when her only daughter, Stella, was united in marriage to Kenneth Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell. Following the ceremony, refreshments were served and the young people left on a ten day wedding trip. Upon their return they will make their home on the Campbell farm south of Oswego.

Feb. 28: F.M. Hinchman had the misfortune to badly injure two fingers while at his duties at the Joseph Frey Co.

Richard Schultz has sold his residence on Washington street to Gordon A. West.

Mrs. Margaret Schwartz is spending several weeks with the Charles Schill family who will move March 1 from the home place to a farm west of Aurora.

G.M. Croushorn has resumed duties on the rural mail route after enjoying a ten days vacation.

Miss Gertie Wormley is confined to her home with an attack of scarlet fever, which seems an epidemic in and about Oswego.

Mr. and Mrs. L.L. Rickard have moved from their farm to their home in town, having sold their farm effects at public auction last Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. S.S. Ingham will move to the Rickard farm March 1.

Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Fitzgerald and sons have moved from the Herren farm to a farm near Kaneville.

Miss Olive Burkhart has been engaged to teach the remainder of the year in the Cutter school, the former teacher having resigned.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schmidt and family have moved to Yorkville where they will live on the Palmer farm.

March -- 1917

March 7: J.D. Russell was in Morris Monday, where he was one of the principal speakers on the making of roads and giving data on what he had done.

Mr. V. Mather, who has left the Hopkins farm, was the victim of a surprise party last Tuesday evening at the L.F. Burkhart home, Mr. Burkhart inviting 12 men to enjoy the occasion. Mr. Mather will spend some time at DeKalb. The J.P. Schickler family will move in this week.

H.C. Hammond, who has been acting as agent at the depot, has been transferred to Tampico, where his family have moved.

Mrs. Christine Suhler and son George moved, Thursday to the farm they recently purchased from A.J. Parkhurst.

Ezekiel Pearce, who two months ago injured a finger by mashing same in a machine, has had to have it amputated.

Junior, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Watts Cutter, met with a painful accident Monday when he accidentally pulled a kettle of hot water on him, burning himself about the shoulders rather badly.

Last Thursday, Rev. James G. Butler had a lively spin with Dr. L.J. Weishew while the doctor was making professional visits in Bristol Station, Montgomery, and Aurora, the last call being on Mrs. Henry Shoger, who is improving from her serious accident. Barring stops, it was a wind-splitting trip and quite refreshing.

Yorkville: Four more years of Wilson. The President was inaugurated at Washington Monday for his second term. The first term was not pleasing to a large percentage of the people.

March 14: Someone has attempted to solve the high cost of living problem by petty thievery. Last Thursday night, entrance was forced to H.B. Read's store and a gallon jar of butter missing.

Rev. R.V. Kearns has tendered his resignation as pastor of the Presbyterian church to take effect April 8. He has accepted a pastorate at Pekin.

Mr. and Mrs. August Korte moved last week to the J.C. Conway house on Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Collins have moved to the J.H. Bereman farm where he will act as foreman for Mr. Bereman.

Even though the illness of Mrs. J. Seagrist (Rose Schultz) of Woodstock was known, her death came as a surprise. Everything was done for her recovery but she failed to respond and died Friday evening, March 9. Rose Schultz was born and reared in Oswego where she was well and favorably known. After her marriage to John Seagrist of Montgomery about four years ago they moved to Woodstock where they resided till her death. She is survived by her husband, two children, her mother, Mrs. Minnie Schultz, three brothers, Charles, Herman, and Richard, and sisters Mrs. Herman Bohn and Miss Tillie Schultz. The funeral services were held Sunday from the German Evangelist church; interment in Oswego cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pierce are moving to Baring Springs, Mich., where Mr. Pierce has a position.

A quiet wedding was solemnized on last week Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Hills when their eldest daughter, Pearl, was married to Otto Zieke. Mr. and Mrs. Zieke will make their home on the farm owned by Charles Davis.

The Eugene Moyer family have moved to the house of Mrs. Richard Vaughn recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Collins.

There was a disastrous fire early Wednesday morning at the Irving Moyer place when a large barn filled with machinery was burned to the ground. There was no insurance on the machinery.

Yorkville: In the death of Count Zeppelin, Germany loses a valuable character in her plans for defense. He has, by his inventions, kept England in a constant fear by reason of his aerial ships. It may be a fortunate thing for the allies that this man has been taken. He was planning further attacks and they were stopped by death.

March 21: While never in the best of health, Stella, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mundsinger has been very ill the past several days and died on Monday evening, March 19, at the home of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell were called to Plainfield Monday by the death of Mrs. McLaren, a sister of Mr. Campbell, who has been in poor health for a couple of years.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Peshia are having the Rebel residence on Madison street redecorated and intend to occupy it soon.

Myron L. Wormley was named Oswego Township Supervisor in the March 1917 caucus. Other township officers were Charles Sorg, highway commissioner; George Manley, justice of the peace; and Fred Reinholt, constable.

March 28: Dr. C.F. Read has returned to duties at East Moline after a few days visit at the H.B. Read home.

Mrs. Charles Schultz, who has been in quarantine for scarlet fever, is again able to be out.

Stella Mundsinger born Jan. 11, 1890, died at the home of her parents March 19, 1917, at the age of 27 years. For the past few years her health has been rapidly declining rendering her unable to leave her home. Contracting the prevailing epidemic she lacked vitality to withstand the siege, pneumonia developing claimed its victim after a struggle of 12 days. She leaves behind her father, mother, two sisters, Laura and Alma, and one brother, Harry.

Yorkville: The cutting of timber on Fox river is not a thing which meets the approval of most of the citizens nor is it in keeping with the teachings of the national department of forestry. This time of intensive farming, with its drains and reclaimed sloughs, makes the former necessary protection of the crops unnecessary. Leave enough timber on your farm to make the place habitable, and don't cut Kendall county as bare as the western plains.

The adoption of a reasonable military training in the public schools as a part of the curriculum is justly meeting with approval.

Col. Henry H Evans, the president of the Fox & Illinois Union Railroad, died at the home of his son, Arthur, in Aurora Tuesday afternoon. Col. Evans was one of the characters of Aurora who will always be remembered. It was he that made the Aurora-Yorkville line possible. It was he who built the Yorkville-Morris line. In fact, he is the man who is to be thanked for the present interurban systems running out of Aurora.

April -- 1917

April 4: There was no fight in Oswego Township. Sixty men and one woman cast their ballots to elect the following officers:

For Supervisor--Myron L. Wormley.

For Commissioner of Highways--Charles Sorg.

For Constable--Fred Reinhart.

The N.B. Knuth family is moving to the C.A. Davis residence on Main street recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. August Korte.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Price are the parents of a daughter, born Sunday, April 1, at the Aurora city hospital.

Mrs. A.E. Rowsell and son returned Saturday from the Aurora City hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Shoger are rejoicing over the arrival of a son on Tuesday, April 3.

For years past the public has known of the E.T. Sutherland confectionery store and restaurant, which the family has upkept. Same place of business has discontinued and retain the place of residence only.

Yorkville: William Jennings Bryan and his peace ideas seem to be as popular with the red-blooded sons of America as a crutch.

When *The Record* goes to press today it is probable that the United States will be at war with Germany and the "Central Powers." This war is a fight against the Kaiser and his monarchical government.

April 11: G.M. Croushorn, who for years has served the patrons of route 1 as rural mail carrier, will be missed by them as routes 2 and 3 will cover No. 1. Change to be effective April 16.

H.B. Read has recently purchased a truck for his grocery business.

Mr. and Mrs. G.M. Croushorn have returned from Leland where they were called to attend the funeral services of J. Thorsen, the father of their son-in-law.

Mrs. Jessie Clark has moved from Chicago and is now residing in the house owned by Mrs. Sherm Young.

George Hafenrichter has recently purchased a touring car.

The William Dwyre residence is improved by the installation of new electric lights.

Gretchen, the 15-month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Shoger fell from her crib Tuesday evening striking her head on the floor in such a manner as to fracture the skull, from which she died Thursday morning.

Yorkville: The war groom is becoming a menace to the country--one who marries to save being called in the first draft. Many of the older men would be glad to go after being married a few years. Of course, this is not personal.

Today inaugurates the baseball season. Be to the credit of the boys of the American league that they have put in many days of military training under a regular officer. They are subject to a call at any time.

We wish to call attention to the fact that flags are flying from the majority of the business houses in Yorkville and that the idea is in direct keeping with the request of the government. It is hard in these times of war to keep from expressing your opinion, and the display of "old Glory" is a happy expression.

Through the efforts of Rep. Tyers there was a large consignment of bass and game fish unloaded in Fox river last week. Part of the carload was at Oswego and the balance at the Elms and Yorkville, some 100,000 fish weighing from one to four pounds being set free. The game wardens are busy protecting these fish from seiners. With the netting out of the carp and the addition of game fish, it is thought that the river will soon be again stocked with the tribe which calls for visits for fly casters and fishermen from out of town.

April 18: Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Smith were called here by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Margaret Young, who last week suffered a paralytic stroke. Mr. Smith returned to his home but Mrs. Smith remained to nurse Mrs. Young, who, we are glad to note, is improving.

Mrs. Caroline Knapp is redecorating her house recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pierce for her occupancy. James Pearce has rented the house she now occupies.

Dorothy, the 12 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Clauser, died at their home Sunday afternoon after an illness of but two days, pneumonia causing her death. Funeral was held from their home Tuesday afternoon; interment in Oswego.

Mrs. A.J. Parkhurst and son arrived from Florida via auto and the family moved to their new home recently purchased from Mrs. Christine Suhler.

Oswego village election:

Votes cast--34 men.

Elected--For president, John Herren; for trustees, J.A. Shoger, John Burkhart, Frank Walker.

Yorkville: Don't be a slacker. If you are eligible for service in the army or navy, enlist at once. The Eighth Regiment, the pride of the Chicago colored folk, recruited fifth boys this Saturday. This looks like patriotism.

All the young fellows who are too young to enlist can help their country this year and show their patriotism by getting a job on a farm or raising their own garden. The scarcity of food stuffs will be felt and each can help some toward the general good.

The law in Illinois requires all hedge fences the first year after they have attained the age of seven years to be cut back to the height of five feet and done so every two years

thereafter. If not so done, the owner is subject to a fine of from \$10 to \$50 for every offense for not complying with the law. And further, it makes it the duty of the commissioner of highways to bring suit, or cause to be brought, to recover the penalty for not obeying the law.

You are informed that men are now accepted for enlistment in the United States Army for the period of the war only, and that they will be discharged if they so desire when peace is declared. The age limit has also been extended to 40 years.

April 25: The James Pearce family has recently moved to the house of Mrs. Caroline Knapp on the Chicago road. Mrs. Knapp has moved to her old residence on Adams street.

Mrs. Edith Troll is breaking up her home, which will soon be occupied by the Roy Bower family. Miss Troll will make her home with Mr. and Mrs. R. Vaughan.

The Fred Leigh family are enjoying the pleasures of a new touring car. Mr. W.J. Morse recently purchased a new car.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Friebele have recently adopted a little Miss Ethel, age five, into their home.

Yorkville: The contract for the concrete road from Yorkville to Aurora received another boost when the contract for another section was let the last of the week. Superintendent Russell says that the contract from the present stopping place east of Oswego will be finished into that village beginning at once. Then the men will start from Yorkville and work east, the prospect is that the money allotted for this section will complete the cement section to the present highway near the Cowdrey farm. J. Hinden & Son have the contract.

May -- 1917

May 2: The Robert Johnston family now ride in a new touring car.

Robert Henley and family have moved to Oswego where they are occupying the Sherman Young house. Mr. Henley is the agent of the CB&Q.

Lloyd Worsley enlisted in the army a week ago and was sent to Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, and has since been sent to Arizona with his company.

Yorkville: State's attorney Burkhart [of Oswego] is after the violators of the automobile laws. He is justified in getting after the ones who have no new license for their cars. It might be well for the local authorities to follow up a few of their own ordinances and make a stop to some of the flagrant cases which have come to the notice of citizens as regards muffler cut-outs and speeding.

FLAG ON SCHOOL

A new flagstaff and flag have been erected on the German school south of Yorkville known as the Rabe church and school. The members of the congregation appointed a committee to attend to this matter and the flag was flown last Friday. Mr. Zeiter brought a flag to The Record office on that day and said to give it to the owner when he called for it. It had been nailed on the schoolhouse by someone unknown and the members of the church wish to return the flag to its owner.

May 9: Contractor John Hinden with his force of men has begun work on the cement road, beginning at this end they will build to the corporation limit.

Mrs. Herbert Barnard discontinued her dress making establishment May 1 and is now employed at the office of Dr. Churchill in Aurora.

Jay Bell has tendered his resignation at the Lyon Metallic company at Montgomery.

Leonard Burkhart has recently purchased the Leigh property on Main street.

Louis Weller was accidentally killed by the northbound passenger train last Thursday morning. He was walking on the track and before he could clear same he was struck by the train, death resulting instantly. Mr. Weller had met with serious accidents during the last few years but miraculously recovered from all. He was born May 21, 1828 at Wertenburg, Germany, and came to Kendall county in 1856. In 1858 he was married. Mrs. Weller died Feb. 12, 1902. For years, he was among NaAuSay's successful farmers, such being his occupation until he retired and moved to Oswego where he made his home with the exception of occasional visits with his only daughter, Mrs. Louis Georgi. Saturday afternoon the funeral was held with interment in NaAuSay cemetery.

Yorkville: There is a movement on foot to organize a "Home Guard" in Yorkville and nearly a hundred men have signed to become members of the company. The object is to afford protection to the several public places in the county and to be of service for local protection should this emergency arise.

Charles W. Hemm and Jacob Zeiter gave a demonstration of a tractor with a plow a few days ago, which opened the eyes of the farmers of the community. They have a tractor--the Moline Universal Tractor--which runs on two wheels, leaving the other work to the machine to which it is attached. Arthur Hemm gave a demonstration as a plow marvel in good shape. He took the outfit through sod at a rate that would make horses look slow. This machine can be studied as the acme of tractor perfection. It can be used on a small farm to advantage.

May 16: Mrs. Margaret Schwartz has returned to her home after an extended stay at the Charles Schell home near Aurora.

I.H. Edwards has resigned his position with the Chicago Telephone company and gone to Walnut Grove, Minn., where he will engage in business. The remainder of his family will move there as soon as school closes.

G.H. Voss is serving on the grand jury in Chicago.

Paul Dwyre has discontinued duties at the CB&Q office in Aurora.

Quarantine has been raised from the August Keihl home, a nephew having recovered from an attack of scarlet fever.

Relatives have received word from the Slade Cutter family of the enlistment of their son, Russell, who has joined the aviation corps and is now at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. They also stated the marriage of their daughter Gretchen to J. Kennedy, an attorney of Superior, Minn.

Yorkville: Why call the war so horrible when 11 are killed, seven may die from injuries, and 15 more were less seriously injured in auto crashes in and about Chicago on Sunday?

The Yorkville Home Guards had their first meeting at the town hall Saturday night and perfected their organization. Between two and three hundred and patriotic spirit met the efforts of the organizers.

The Aurora, Elgin & Chicago railroad company swore out warrants against A.J. Parkhurst and Ray Parkhurst last Saturday, charging the former with disorderly conduct and the latter, his son, with stoning a railroad train. The case was called before justice Thompson Tuesday morning and was quickly settled. The charges were dropped on condition that the Messrs. Parkhurst pay the costs of the case and for the broken window in the car.

The action happened last Friday morning when the Parkhursts were driving some cattle from their farms along the tracks of the AE&C to a new pasture. As they were crossing the tracks, the car came up and frightened some of the animals. The story goes that Ray Parkhurst asked the crew to wait a minute that they get the cattle across, but they did not and started the car. He became angry, threw a stone, and started across the field. The crew then went after him, but before they could get him to the car the elder Mr. Parkhurst came out and demanded they let him go. The train men did so and the warrant followed. This story is only hearsay as there was no evidence given.

May 23: Measles seem an epidemic in and about town, the Misses Gladys Barnard, Ella Hebert, Vera Cutter, and Max Cutter being the present victims.

Roy Shoger, Joseph Darfler, Ray Shoger, and Nate Pearce are among the latest to purchase automobiles.

A.J. Parkhurst Jr. has enlisted and left last Friday for Jefferson Barracks, where he joined the hospital corps. Last Thursday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Woolley entertained a number of relatives for him as a farewell before his departure.

Yorkville: The rains during the week have given promise of a renewed life to crops. Corn and oats are jumping and the pasture and hay land are much improved.

The transportation of troops to Europe is a question which will give the administration considerable trouble. The transports must be numerous and they must be convoyed. The time seems ripe for Mr. Edison to spring the invention he says he has which will destroy the submarines.

Buy a Liberty Loan Bond and help in the financing of the war as well as to place your money where it will draw interest and be safely invested. Never has a movement been so well taken by the middle class as the system of loans and everyone can benefit by them. See your banker; he can arrange all the details for you.

The selection of Maj. Gen. Pershing to lead the forces of the United States to France and the choice of 40,000 of the best-trained soldiers and marines of the country meets with general approval.

D.C. Mewhirter and Eugene C. Hopkins left Thursday morning for Little Rock, Ark., where they entered the officers training camp at Fort Logan H. Roots. Both are men of a class which the government is trying to develop to take command of the troops which are soon to be drafted. Mr. Mewhirter, the president of the Farmers State Bank of Yorkville, will doubtless be placed in the quartermaster's department. Mr. Hopkins has just graduated from the university of Illinois, where he has been highly recommended because of his military training. [Note. Both men were temporarily rejected, Mewhirter because of a still-healing incision from a recent operation and Hopkins because he was not heavy enough. Both were eventually inducted.]

Rodney Kennedy and Henry Schumacher went to Chicago Monday morning and after passing a perfect examination were accepted by the U.S. Marine Corps. They are to report at Chicago next Monday.

Uriah J. Hubbard, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.U. Hubbard, has been accepted in the railway engineering corps and expects to go to France in the near future.

Wilbur D Forton and William Whiteman have joined Company D., Illinois National Guard, and expect to go when the guard mobilizes July 25.

Amos J. Parkhurst Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Parkhurst, has enlisted in the regular army.

May 30: Miss Beulah Pearce has been engaged to teach in the Oswego school for the ensuing year.

The commencement exercises of the Oswego High School will be held on Friday evening, June 1, 1917 in the Presbyterian church. No formal invitations have been sent

out this year by the class, but the public is cordially invited to attend. The following program will be given: March, Miss Ella Hebert; "Community Spirit," Stuart Palmer; reading, "The Painter at Seville," Adra Edwards; instrumental solo, Pansy Shoger; "The Rise of Mohammedanism," Paul Giese; "Jane Addams and Hull House," Alice Young; class history, Leslie Morse; vocal numbers, Mrs. W.J. Morse; presentation of diplomas, Supt. W.R. Atherton.

Yorkville: The Burlington railroad has offered to the United States Government the use of the Montgomery sheep sheds and 1,000 acres of land to the west of the yards as a nucleus for one of the great military camps which are to be established in Illinois for the training of the new army. A tract of 3,600 acres is needed and the government will establish 28,000 men and 12,000 mules besides all equipment in each camp.

One of the most severe storms in years struck Kendall county Saturday afternoon and caused untold damage in many sections. In Yorkville, there was a hail storm accompanied with rain and wind. Hailstones six inches around were picked up.

June -- 1917

June 6: The Decoration Day program was held in the Congregational church last Wednesday. Especial mention is due to the school children and those who assisted in the decoration of the graves.

Miss Mae White closed a very successful school year in the Wormley district last Friday with a neighborhood picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ahrens.

Latest communications from A.J. Parkhurst come from Ft. Riley, Kansas, where he is in training.

A total of 107 Oswego Township men had registered for the draft by June 6, a total of 941 men from throughout Kendall County eventually registered.

Yorkville: Encourage your boy to join the colors. He is needed and if he enlists he will be able to select the branch of the service he wishes to serve. We were a little disappointed to find Miss Jane Addams allying herself with the peace party and with such people as Emma Goldman and persons of her ilk.

The conditions in Russia are becoming a serious menace to the allied powers. Whether the Slavs make peace with Germany, declare an armistice, or wind up in a civil war is equally dangerous for the Entente.

June 13: Mrs. Jennie Lake and sons have returned to their home in LaGrange after spending a few days with relatives.

Mrs. Margaret Schwartz accompanied Mr. and Mrs. L. Georgi to the Charles Schell home, where they were Sunday visitors.

Ed Donnelley is unable to attend to duties on account of illness.

Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Herren, is among the last to be afflicted with an attack of measles.

NaAuSay: The Marysville school closed last Wednesday and the people of the district enjoyed a picnic at Dellwood.

Yorkville: All the supervisors of Kendall county were present at the meeting Monday and they had a good time to discuss the matters of the county...It was voted to meet the 1918 state allotment for the building of roads and to expend the money this year on the road from Yorkville to Oswego. This is a wise move on the part of the supervisors, as the expense of building will doubtless be greater next year. The work on this end will be started as soon as the contractor finishes the concrete into Oswego, probably in about a month.

A total of 941 men--4 black men, 63 foreigners (including 3 from belligerents), and 874 white men--registered for the draft in Kendall County.

June 20: Any person dumping rubbish at the village dump north of Oswego will be prosecuted. This is for the use of the village only.

Board of Trustees

Relatives have received word from Arch Lake of LaGrange that he has recently joined the navy. [Lake actually joined the U.S. Marines. He was killed in action, and is buried in the Oswego Township Cemetery.]

Henry Smith of Iowa was recently a visitor at the home of his brother, C.I. Smith.

Neil Young and William Foss are the last from Oswego to answer the call of Uncle Sam.

Clay and Max Cutter, Robbie Herren, Lee Woolley, and Wayne Denney are camping for this week near Yorkville.

Mrs. Bellon, who has recently moved from Chicago, has taken rooms at the L. Weller residence.

Mr. and Mrs. John West are moving to the house known as the Helm property, now owned by M.L. Wormley.

The schoolmates from the Old Stone School met Saturday, June 16, at the home of Carrie Young Roberts. The building formerly stood at Tyler and Monte streets, and was the first public school in Oswego.

Yorkville: CATCH SLACKERS IN KENDALL

Elmer Garner, employed by the Chicago Telephone company, was arrested by Sheriff Normandin Saturday night, charged with evading the registration law. He was placed in jail till Wednesday when a secret service man called for him and he was taken to Chicago. Garner had made oath when he was married, about four years ago, in Pennsylvania, that he was 24 years of age and had given his age as 27 to the telephone company. At the time of registration he claimed to be 32. He came to Yorkville last winter with a crew who were rebuilding the telephone lines about the county and has made his home here most of the time since.

H.D. Wells was placed under arrest Tuesday night by Sheriff Normandin for not having registered and spent the night in jail, going to Chicago with Garner and the secret service man Wednesday morning. Wells is from Shabbona and is said to be 22 years old though he claims but 19. He went to work for Charles Cherry south of Oswego two days before registration day but failed to send in his card.

SPECIAL ELECTION

TOWN OF SEWARD

There will be a special election at the town house, Seward, Saturday, June 23, when the question of borrowing \$25,000 for the construction and maintenance of hard roads will be voted upon. Polls open from 7 a.m. till 5 p.m. Women can vote.

Public notice is hereby given that bids will be received by the undersigned members of the Bridge Committee of Kendall county, together with the undersigned Commissioners of Highways of the Town of Seward...for the construction of a bridge over the West Aux Sable creek on the road leading from Oswego to Morris, the same being State Aid Road No. 2, on the line between sections Seven and Eight in said Town.

All who are interested in the Home Guard are invited to meet at the town hall Yorkville, Thursday evening, June 21 where they may become members of the company. Efficient officers from Aurora will be present to drill you and you will be "doing your bit." No physical examination is made for members of the guard, and any male between the ages of 18 and 45 is eligible for active membership.

It is the aim of the Home Guard to recruit 82 men and then get a charter from the State Council of Defense when they will be permitted to wear uniforms and carry arms and ammunition. It is a worthy object--the drill will do you good and we need you--come on out.

June 27: Fred Esch and family motored out from Chicago Sunday to spend the day at the Edward Haines home.

The Oswego Red Cross Unit has been held in the XIX Century club room, but owing to the heat the meetings will be held every Thursday in the Knapp hall. Please note the change.

Mrs. John Bell pleasantly entertained Wednesday evening for the Misses Frances Switzer and Munson of the Aurora hospital, who expect to leave in July for duties in France. The company was composed of nurses from the city hospital.

Mrs. Minerva English has moved to the Mrs. Margaret Edwards residence on Washington street.

Stone School Reunion

A very enjoyable day was spent by the schoolmates of the old stone schoolhouse who found it possible to be present on Saturday, June 16, 1917 at the home of Carrie Young Roberts, who was the hostess of the day and whose home was an ideal place for such a gathering. After greeting the guests as they arrived from the different cars, about 30 "girls" and "boys" were seated at one long table. The schoolmaster (as he calls himself) of 83 years, who taught some of us at the time of the Civil War, O.S. Wescott, and Mrs. Wescott, at the head of the table. A verse of Auld Lang Syne was sung before being seated, in memory of other days and at the request of one who was formerly of our number, Emma Murdock Van Deventer, who wished we would sing it at every gathering and wrote copies of the words for some of us to use.

Record display ad:

The 20th Century Farm Horse is guaranteed to equip any Ford car to do the work of 3 to 4 horses on any farm. Why pay \$700 or \$800 for a heavy tractor when your Ford will do the work for one-fifth the money?

Reasons why every farmer should have a 20th Century Farm Horse

1. Tractors are cheaper and more efficient than horses.
2. Fords are cheap and recognized as the Universal Car.
3. 20th Century Farm Horse attachment is cheap and durable and converts a Ford into a powerful Tractor.
4. Not only is the original cost small, but the cost of running is away less than horse feed. They don't eat when not in use. They don't get tired. Flies don't bother them. In hot harvest weather, they don't drop in the harness.
5. In the rush season, plowing can be done at night by means of the Ford headlights.
6. When the plowing season is over, two hours' work and you have a Ford pleasure car.

Anybody Wishing a Demonstration of this Tractor Please Call on

J.E. Price, Yorkville,

Yorkville: The organization of the home defense company was completed Monday night and on Tuesday the credentials were sent to Springfield with a request that the company be recognized by the state. The Kendall County Home Guard has a membership of nearly 125 men at present.

July -- 1917

July 4: Mrs. Roy Weber and children from Chicago are the guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fiber.

It is hoped the social given by the Presbyterian church choir Thursday evening, July 12, will be well patronized. The proceeds will be given to the Red Cross Society.

Fred Reinhart is decorating the interior of the Ed Smith building preparing to establish a lunch room and an ice cream parlor.

Yorkville: Record editor H.R. Marshall praised the Illinois General Assembly and Gov. Frank Lowden for the recently completed legislative session: "The permission to bond Chicago to build a 'town hall for the nation' in which to hold conventions was killed," Marshall noted with approval.

The members of the Kendall county exemption board met at the court house Saturday and organized. Judge C.S. Williams was made chairman; C.E. Jeter secretary, and Dr. R.A. McClelland medical examiner. The oaths of office and other business were executed and forwarded to Washington Saturday evening. Monday, the cards filled out during the registration and other matters pertaining to the business were turned over to the committee by County Clerk Budd.

July 11: An invitation is extended the public to attend the evening services to be held at the Presbyterian church next Sunday evening. The subject will be "The Causes of the Present War." Those who have been in doubt regarding the situation are especially requested to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Parkhurst are the parents of a daughter born Sunday, July 8.

The Red Cross working rooms are open to the public Thursday afternoon. Bring your thimble and do your bit. The steamer is waiting in New York harbor for these supplies.

Don't forget to patronize the Red Cross benefit sociable Thursday evening. Do not be a slacker.

Yorkville: We would warn anyone from bathing in the river. The filth from all up-river towns is dumped into it and it is far from clear. The Blackberry creek is much more wholesome.

Aurora is having a great time with the open town. Loose hotels, women on the streets, chop suey restaurants as covers for vicious practices, wine rooms in saloons, and gambling flourishing are things which are now troubling the administration of Mayor Harley.

July 18: ~~Oswego column unreadable on microfilm~~ The ice cream social given by the members of the Presbyterian choir was a most successful affair. As had been advertised, it was a Red Cross benefit, the neat sum of \$35 being added to the treasury by the aid of S.C. Cutter, who donated the ice cream.

Albert Woolley has recently purchased a new touring car.

Miss Willis has returned to her home in Bloomington after a several days' visit among Oswego relatives.

W.J. Morse has returned from a week's visit with relatives at Dundee. Upon his return he was accompanied by Mrs. Wolcott, who will spend some time here.

Mrs. Margaret Edwards left last Friday for a two weeks' visit with relatives at Bridgeton, N.J.

A new place of business graces our main street--F.E. Reinhart has opened a confectionery shop in the E.A. Smith building, which has been nicely decorated for his occupancy. George VanVolkenberg is assisting.

Miss Barbara Richards pleasantly entertained a company of young ladies at her home last Friday afternoon.

The remains of James Jarvis, who lived in Chicago, were brought here for burial last week.

Yorkville: Cotton, we had supposed, is one of the prime necessities, especially in war time. We find, however, that southern senators, while ready to pass food control to check the greedy producer of food materials and the evil middleman of the north are sternly opposed to any government control over cotton.

Northern capital is going to pay for the war. Northern enterprise is going to carry it on. The north is going to do most of the fighting, and it may not be altogether unfitting to remark that southern representatives might show their appreciation of these facts more emphatically than they have up to this time.

On another page of *The Record* will be found an advertisement of the new map and directory of Kendall county as will be issued by the *Prairie Farmer* of Chicago. Since the advertisement was sent, it was found advisable to substitute women for men solicitors. The book they are compiling is one much needed in the county and the ladies should be given every help possible.

Advertisement:

Farmers and Breeders

Kendall County

Attention!

We take pleasure in announcing that after receiving the hearty endorsement and cooperation of prominent farmers in the county we have started work with a force of capable and reliable men who are gathering data for our Farmers' and Breeders' Directory of Kendall County.

Prairie Farmers'

Kendall County Directory

will give the name of every farmer in the county, also the name of the wife and all the children in the family.

The name of the farm, post office, rural route, township and section number, the number of years' residence in the county and the number of acres owned or rented.

Breeders of pure bred livestock and poultry will be classified under different heads.

The directory will also contain general farm data, statistics, and agricultural information of great value to Kendall County farmers and breeders.

July 25: Robert Murrin has resumed his duties at the Todd Lumber Co. office after a short vacation.

Mrs. Wolcott has returned to her home in Dundee after a visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W.J. Morse.

Yorkville: Order your coal supply now. It will enable the dealer to prepare for your needs even though he cannot deliver it for some time. you will be given a promise that your home and office will be heated next winter if you order now. There may be a serious shortage later.

The High School Tuition Bill became a law a few weeks ago and provides for a county board of education consisting of four members, three of which must be elected in non-high school territory on or before Aug. 1, 1917. The county superintendent of schools is the secretary of the board, but does not have a vote. The board is to levy the tax and report it to the county clerk on or before the first Tuesday of October.

County superintendent George Elliott has made arrangements to hold a special election on the first day of August next, to elect such a board. Three petitions have been filed with the county superintendent of schools of Kendall county for this board as follows: Otto Miller of Newark; W.C. Cutter of Oswego; and John Holt of Seward. These men are of known ability and familiar with school work.

Kendall county is all in non-high school territory except District 19 and District 24. Any child entering high school who lives in this non-high school district will have their tuition paid by a tax raised in this non-high school territory. it seems, from the law, that the child or his parent or guardian may select any two, three, or four year high school that he pleases, whether in the county in which he resides or in some other county.

The election for the county board will be held on the first day of August.

For many years the state has held that the child should have more than an eighth [grade] education and several laws have been enacted to accomplish this purpose. They have been defective in many ways but have aroused an interest in high school work. A few years ago, only a few pupils from the rural districts entered our high schools. Last year, more than 175 pupils from the rural districts, who lived in Kendall county, attended some high school. That is a good showing and speaks well for the interest taking in the education of our children.

August -- 1917

Aug. 1: Dr. Churchill and family have returned from a brief visit at Libertyville, from there visiting the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, witnessing the sham battle held there.

Miss Helene Chaplain has returned from a visit with her mother of Wheatland.

Yorkville: Sealed proposals for State-aid Road improvement in Kendall County known as Section D, on Route 1, will be received by the Department of Public Works and Buildings.

Engineer's estimate for this work, exclusive of such materials and equipment as will be furnished by the State, is \$8,690. Length of improvement, 2,500 feet. Pavement: Type, Concrete; Width, 15 feet. Nearest railroad passenger station, Yorkville. [This pertained to Van Emmon Road from the Yorkville village limits east to modern Ill. Route 71.]

The hot weather is causing much discomfort but the corn is growing in proportion. Oats will be harvested this week and they look fine. Hay was a good crop and the promises for a bumper output are pleasing. A little rain would be acceptable but we should not grumble. Take the heat and watch the corn grow.

Aug. 8: Miss Julia Pearce died at her home in Oswego Tuesday, Aug. 7, 1917. The funeral will be held from the Frank Herren home Thursday afternoon; burial in the Pearce cemetery.

Dr. Charles Read, who has been acting superintendent of the state hospital at East Moline, has been transferred to Dunning, in the same capacity.

Mrs. Peter Cooney, having recently sold her home, has gone to Aurora to make her home with her daughter.

The J.G. Etzel family have moved to the Armstrong residence.

Miss Helen Dwyre is enjoying a four weeks' vacation from duties at the W.J. Morse store.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schultz left Tuesday for a weeks' visit with Milwaukee friends. Mr. Schultz is on his vacation from the store. Paul Dwyre is assisting during his absence.

The first school in the Oswego township was opened in a log cabin on the highest point of land near the village. When the Indians--moved in 1837, it was used for a school. A new school was built in 1840. In 1850 a stone school house was built.

Yorkville: It is reported in the morning papers of Tuesday that the Southern people resent the sending of colored troops to the south to be trained. They are anxious to have the white boys train in the south, but when the Trained and Efficient Eight of Illinois--the colored regiment of Illinois--want to get into the service, the southern senator "arises on his dignity" and says no black man can train on his soil We leave it to the President and

cabinet. If there is need for the white boys to train in Texas and other southern places, why shouldn't the Illinois Eighth, with a perfect record, a credit to the United States, white or black, be sent to the south to train?

Aug. 15: Oswego area residents accepted in the second military draft call included Dr. L.J. Weishew, R.R. Robinson, Alvin Sorg, Fred Schwarz, Russell Boyle, Robert Ammons, Arthur Schark, Henry Hathaway, William Poss, Leon C. Harshbarger, and Claire Willis.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gowran are enjoying a new Maxwell car.

During the absence of the Charles Schultz family, Paul Dwyre is assisting at the firm of Schultz Bros. & Co.

Mrs. S.C. Cutter and Miss Vera spent Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Jennie Lake at LaGrange.

Aug. 22: Max Cutter is spending several days with relatives at LaGrange.

Mrs. Bellon is moving to the Victor Mather residence.

F.G. Seaton, who has been employed at the Farmers Elevator, has resigned, to be succeeded by Oscar Weiss.

Yorkville: Kendall county evidently has no place for the IWW disturber. A crowd of threshers took an itinerant disturber to the horse trough near Plattville and treated him to a ducking. Then they bade him begone, and he needed no second invitation.

Monday afternoon and night there were heavy rains all about the county. In some places, hail fell and damaged the corn crop. threshing was stopped and the earth given a good bath.

Mr. Amos D. Curran of Bristol celebrated his 81st birthday on Saturday, Aug. 18. Mr. and Mrs. Curran are both in good health.

The crew of the Chicago Telephone Company is expected in Yorkville today to begin the work of laying their cables underground. The conduit will start at the Lyons corner on the north side and extend to the court house on the south side. Thus all poles and unsightly cables in the downtown district will be eliminated. The work is done by several gangs. There is a steam ditching machine that digs a ditch for the tile work. These tile have four or six holds through which the cables are passed. They are cemented and thus rendered weather and water proof. At frequent intervals manholes are placed to expedite repair work.

Aug. 29: The anniversary supper at the Congregational church has been postponed on account of the remodeling of the basement.

Roy Bargo has recently accepted a position at Camp Grant as carpenter.

Prof. and Mrs. Newton Pearce of Iowa City are visiting relatives here.

Oswego teachers are attending the institute at Yorkville this week.

Yorkville: The colored outbreak in Houston last week was a terrible thing to happen at this time--or any other time. The sending of colored troops into Texas bore evil fruit and now the colored man is to answer for sins he committed while under the strain of repeated insults and ignominies. The Texas people asked that no Negroes be sent to their state but their request was unheeded with the result of many killed, both white and black, and the 24th Regulars, Negro, in disgrace. This regiment was with Pershing on the Mexican border and had an exceptionally fine record as soldiers. But anyone can be wrought to a point of fighting by repeated jibes and insults. The regiment should have been left in the north.

A letter dated Aug. 4 was received yesterday by Will Reed of Plattville from Fred P. Thompson, a Plattville boy who is now serving in France. In part he says: "We are having a lot of rainy weather. I see Francis Munson every day. He has been sick a few days but is better now. I was sick for about two weeks, had such a cold I could hardly talk. You must not expect to get a very long letter from me; it will be impossible for me to tell you anything concerning the war. Don't ask me, when you write, any questions concerning the war as we are unable to answer them. We have a YMCA here where we get free writing material. When I come home I will be able to tell you things you never heard or dreamed of. I have seen a great many sights. Give my regards to all the boys. Be sure to address my letters this way:

Private Fred P. Thompson
Company A, 16th Infantry,
AEF via New York."

Fred would appreciate letters from his friends. Show your loyalty and help keep him posted on home affairs.

September -- 1917

Sept. 5: All ladies who can knit and are willing to make sweaters, wristlets, or socks for the Oswego unit of the Red Cross are requested to meet at the workshop next Tuesday afternoon. It is desired that Oswego's quota of 15 sets be completed by Oct. 1. Those who have received Red Cross printed instructions, please bring the finished article.

John Russell has recently purchased the A.E. Cooney property on the Oswego-Naperville road.

School began on Tuesday morning with Professor W.R. Atherton as principal, assisted by Miss Beulah Pearce. The Misses Jean Malcolm, Bessie Whitley, Mabel Biesemier, and

Davis will teach in the grades. Professor Snyder of North Aurora has been engaged to teach music.

A.E. Rowsell has recently purchased a touring car for the new position he accepted Sept. 1 with the Blair Seed Co. of Aurora.

F. Kohlhammer, with his force of men, are building a new corn crib for E. Moran.

James Austin of Washington, D.C. is visiting friends and relatives here after an absence of 20 years.

Yorkville: Adam Bede says the prices are so high it is hard for a man to pay his respects this year.

So long as Yorkville has no peace officer, just so long will there be petty infractions of the laws and ordinances.

The threshing machine with the accompanying power is making music in the fields of Kendall county; the air is dotted with smoke from the engines and the "hum of industry," a favorite quotation, puts heart into all pertaining to life and its demands. The oats crop is bountiful; the cornfields are promising; the yield of potatoes makes for plenty, and we are assured of keeping the wolf of hunger from the door. Should wheat fail and flour go out of sight, we will have oatmeal, cornmeal, creamed codfish, and baked potatoes enough to feed an army in France as well as in Kendall county.

Sept. 12: A canvass of the community will be made next week for selling tickets for the lyceum course to be given this winter.

Miss Bernice Pearce and passengers are motoring through southern Michigan. They will be gone about a week.

Miss Gladys Barnard has been employed at the Sencenbaugh store, Aurora, as an apprentice milliner.

Yorkville: Yorkville again has a police officer, but we have noted no difference in the violations of several ordinances. At the last election, the village elected a police magistrate. Why not give him a job once in a while.

In a recent report from the government, Illinois is supposed to furnish about 60 percent of the corn crop of the United States and a large proportion of other grain. Iowa was a failure as to corn this year by reason of bad weather conditions. It will be a long time before our sister states can wrest the title of the corn state from Illinois.

The frost of Monday night threw gloom over the community on account of the corn crop. The weather of late has not been propitious--shocks of oats too wet to thresh and corn

stopped in the dent by a frost. Perhaps the frost of Monday night was not a killing frost but just delayed the hardening of the grain.

There was a special election in the Town of Kendall Monday when 36 voters chose to issue \$25,000 worth of bonds for the building of hard roads, and 12 opposed the move. But 48 cast their ballots and no woman voted. While there is some opposition to the issuing of bonds for road building, the proposition seems a sound one. If a bond issue had been voted 20 years ago, we would have had good, hard roads in Kendall; they would have been paid for, and the only cost would have been upkeep. Anyone who has driven in Kendall knows that the roads are worn out.

A threshing crew had an exciting experience out at the John Fox farm Monday morning when a barn into which they were sending straw was struck by lightning. George Kiehl, who was in the barn handling the blower, had one of his arms around the metal and when the lightning struck the barn, his arm was temporarily paralyzed. Several of the men were thrown to the ground and a team of mules belonging to John Walde was killed. The barn was a mass of flames a moment after it was struck and had it not been for the presence of the threshers other buildings would also have been destroyed by fire. The horses were released from the burning building, but the other contents, consisting of harnesses, etc., were destroyed. The barn was 40x42 feet with a 24 foot lean and contained 20 loads of straw from ten loads of bundles--Somonauk Reveille.

Sheriff Normandin, with a guard of the Joliet penitentiary, took an escaped convict from the telephone gang Saturday morning. The convict, James A. Logan, a Negro, was serving a life sentence for the murder of a woman whom he robbed in Chicago. He, with four other convicts, escaped from the penitentiary some ten days before, and he had gone to work for the telephone men a few days later. He is a young man, 29 years of age, has served 12 years in the penitentiary, and escaped while an honor convict.

The marriage of Miss Marion Graves to Glenn Palmer was solemnized Saturday afternoon, Sept. 8. After the wedding luncheon the young couple left by automobile and will spend several weeks in Wisconsin. They will be at home after Dec. 1 at Oak Grove farm north of Yorkville.

Sept. 19: On Sunday evening, Sept. 23, Rev. R.G. Reynolds will give a talk on his travels in India with lantern slides in the Presbyterian church, Oswego.

Yorkville: The list of the boys who will represent Kendall county in the second [draft] call will appear before the exemption board at Yorkville on Thursday afternoon. On Friday morning they will leave for Des Moines, Ia., where the cantonment at Camp Douglas will welcome them.

Oswego residents drafted include Harry B. Reinhardt, Raymond H. Ness, Fay Hinchman, Maurice Leigh, and Aaron Sorg.

It was an unexpected thing that was called to our attention very recently by a politician. Check the men either who have enlisted or who have answered the draft without a claim of exemptions and you will find the majority are Republicans.

The opinion of the Kendall county farmer seems to be that there will still be a large corn crop. The frost of last week did hurt--you can't get by that--but there is a chance for saving the crop.

Sept. 26: A farewell will be given the boys of the township for the next army contingent Thursday evening of this week. The Red Cross unit will have charge. A 6 o'clock dinner will be served the boys at the John Herren home. A public reception will be tendered them at Knapp's hall at 8, to which everyone is invited. State Sen. Kessinger will deliver an address.

Robert A. Murring, who has been employed at the Todd Lumber Co. office, left Saturday morning with the Aurora contingent for training at Camp Grant.

Fred Walker has recently purchased the Milton Beck farm.

A.J. Hettrick is employed at the Charles Schultz grocery and hardware store.

The Oswego baseball team journeyed to Plainfield Friday to meet the team of that place to meet defeat at their hands.

F.E. Reinhardt, who during the summer months conducted an ice cream shop, has closed same for the season.

C.G Ricketts has sold his farm on the Grove road to O.O. Hem of Aurora, who will move there in the near future. Mr. Ricketts has purchased the Ernest Ahrens farm on the river road.

The marriage of Miss Meta Kindavater of Aurora to Kenneth Darfler was solemnized Tuesday at the First Presbyterian church, Aurora. Mr. and Mrs. Darfler left for an eastern trip after which they will make their home with the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Darfler.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurenz Hull are storing their goods and are making preparations to spend the winter in Florida. Mr. and Mrs. John Russell expect to take possession of their new home about Oct. 1.

Yorkville: It was good to see the spirit with which the drafted men went to their military camp Friday. There wasn't a dissenter in the ranks and all seemed pleased to be able to serve the country.

Jon the Kendall County Home Guard and get into line for protection of the lives and homes of the state. When the Illinois National Guard was federalized, it left the state

without protection. You, as a member of the home guard, will take the place of the guardsman who is fighting for the country. It is a duty you owe your family, your country, and yourself.

William Shortman of Yorkville and Miss Pearl Chas were married Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the Methodist parsonage. Mr. and Mrs. Shortman went for an auto trip, returning the first of the week. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shortman of Yorkville and is a foreman at the American Well works, Aurora. The bride is an Oswego young lady and the young people will make their home here.

October -- 1917

Oct. 3: Wednesday, Oct. 10, at the Congregational church, Mr. James Scott of Geneva will give a lecture illustrated by pictured, on Red Cross work.

E.T. Pearce and Oscar Shoger have returned from St. Paul where they have been buying stock.

F.H. Falk accompanied J.H. Bereman to Kansas City last week where Mr. Bereman has entered prize stock.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno D. Russell are moving into their residence recently purchased from A.E. Cooney.

L. Peshia, who has for some time been employed at the W.J. Morse store has resigned to take up carpentry work. Harold Graham is now working for Mr. Morse.

C.W. Hubbard who recently sold his home to Lippold Bros., has purchased the Albert Rebel residence and will soon occupy same.

Prof. and Mrs. C.W. Rolfe of Champaign were recent visitors among Oswego friends.

The Oswego Unit of the Kendall County Chapter of the American Red Cross gave special honor to the boys of Oswego Township about to be called to Army cantonment.

Mayor John Herren and wife gave a dinner in honor of the boys at their home. As a special honor to the boys, Sen. Kessinger of Aurora, County Supt. of Roads Mr. John D. Russell, Supervisor of Oswego Township Mr. Myron Wormley, and Messrs. G.H. Voss, A.H. Churchill, and W.D. Cutter were invited to dine with them, Mrs. Herren being assisted in receiving by the ladies of the Red Cross.

At 8 o'clock, the party adjourned to the Red Cross rooms in the Knapp building whence they were received with cheers by the large audience.

The meeting was closed by the singing of "Illinois" by the audience and prayer by Rev. Byles. The following are the Oswego boys who expect to be called to the cantonments: Will Foss, Paul Wayne, Clare Willis, Austin McDonovan, George Smith, Alvin Sorg,

Carl Sorg, Fred Sutherland, Leonard Watkins, Jake Meyer, Russell Boyle, Arthur Schark, and Mike Bauman.

Oct. 10: Andrew Orieger, northeast of Oswego, now drives a new car.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pearce and family will soon move to Aurora where they have purchased a home.

Henry Schwinoff, who joined the navy some months ago, is enjoying a 14 day furlough after which he will return to Charleston, S.C.

Arthur Schwinoff has accepted a position as brakeman for the Q, running from Chicago to Savannah.

Richard Schultz has recently accepted a position as traveling salesman for the Heinz Pickle Co.

Mrs. C.C. Fowler died very suddenly at her home Sunday afternoon of heart trouble, a long standing ailment. She was about her usual duties when stricken and died within an hour. Funeral services were held from her late home Wednesday. Interment at Montgomery Mausoleum.

The sudden tragic death of Lewis W. Woolley came as a surprise to the community. Wednesday, Lewis was assisting Frank Woolley to haul tile and had a wagon heavily loaded with same, which had been loaded from the car standing on the track at the depot. he went to alight from the wagon and fell, at which time the team started and he fell in such a manner that the wheel pushed him several feet, finally running over his chest and crushed the life out of him instantly. Louis W. Woolley was born near Oswego Oct. 31, 1878, and died Oct. 3, 1917. He lived with his parents until a young man, attending the Oswego school and assisting the farm work. In June 1903 he was married to Miss Carrie Ward. To this union three children, a daughter and two sons, were born, the daughter dying some years ago. Lewis was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. L.M. Woolley, well known residents of Oswego. Even his misfortune, the loss of an arm, did not prove much of a handicap, as he was always a most able man about his duties. The funeral was held from his late home Friday. Interment was at the Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: The nucleus of a platoon for the Kendall County Home Guard was started at Plattville Tuesday night. Six of the Yorkville boys went out and signed up several of the Plattville boys and had a short drill. Friday night of this week there will be another meeting at Peterson's garage, Plattville, when all of that vicinity who are interested are invited to turn out. Show your loyalty and join the guard.

The suffragettes continue to harass the president with their cries for attention and their picketing of the White House. Their patriotism must be at a low ebb if they cannot permit the administration to concentrate their energies on the questions of the war.

Yorkville has been hit by the unprecedented advance in the price of milk. The local milk man has advanced from 9 to 12 cents per quart. Everywhere there is an investigation as to the cause. In Wisconsin there is a prosecution of the milk combine when it was found that there was a conspiracy.

The child labor law passed by the state and in effect after July 1 is one which should be studied by those employing children between the ages of 14 and 16. The law requires an employment certificate issued by the superintendent of schools, which permits such employment to be in the hands of the employer.

Oct. 14: Miss Floi Johnston has accepted a position with the choir of the Galena Street M.E. church, Aurora.

Henry Schwinoff, who recently enjoyed a furlough, has returned to duties at the Naval Training station at Charleston, S.C.

J.O Pahaly has recently purchased a new touring car.

Charles Wright has recently purchased a new automobile.

Louis Larson is among the latest of the recruits here having joined the Navy last week and has gone to Lake Bluff Naval Training Station.

The Red Cross rooms have been changed from the Knapp hall to the township hall.

Word has been received from our boys at Des Moines, Ia., that they expect to be transferred to a southern cantonment soon.

Yorkville: It would look fine to see a fine, new flag flying over the courthouse when court convenes next Monday morning. Courthouse committee, attention.

Oct. 24: J.G. Etzel returned from Galesburg where he attended a grain dealers' convention.

L. Hull has recently purchased the C.C. Barrett residence.

Miss Gladys Barnard in company with Aurora friends spent Sunday at Camp Grant.

Rudolph Knapp motored to Camp Grant Sunday.

L. Georgi is remodeling the Weller residence and with his family will occupy same soon.

The Sellers family have moved to Aurora recently.

NaAuSay: There will be a patriotic entertainment at the church Friday evening, Oct. 26. The music will be patriotic numbers and an address on "Our Training Camps" will be given.

The Boy Scouts are canvassing the community, selling Liberty Bonds.

Meatless and wheatless days are on in Chicago and the promised bread ticket is hovering over the city. Economy in your table is as easy without the days as with them if judgment is used. We hope the country will not have to face the issue as it is met in the foreign countries.

The first transport has been blown up and the first big loss of life has been registered against the Sammies. Luckily the transport was on the return trip or the death list of the Antilles would have been larger. Again, the leak of information has caused the United States trouble and again the German spy system has won.

Chicago has finally awakened to the fact that the cabaret is a foul blot on their escutcheon and are endeavoring to clean up.

Oct. 31: Clay and Max Cutter spent Saturday at LaGrange, where they witnessed the football game.

John Watkins left Friday for Camp Dodge, Iowa.

The home of the late Louis Weller is being remodeled by Louis Georgi and will be occupied by the Georgi family.

Frank Seaton has accepted a position as manager of an elevator at Tampico, Ill.

Between \$8,000 and \$9,000 worth of Liberty Bonds were sold in Oswego Wednesday. The school children assisted, making a house to house canvass, selling more than \$3,000 worth.

Yorkville: The subscriptions of Kendall county to the Red Cross have far exceeded all expectations and have placed the county I the first rank of the nation as a loyal county.

November -- 1917

Nov. 7: Neal Young, who has been in U.S. service at Fort Snelling, Minn., has been transferred to duty at Fort Sheridan and spent the weekend with relatives here.

Mrs. Earl Moran has been unable to attend her duties as teacher in the Walker school on account of illness.

Leonard Watkins was the last to leave from here for Uncle Sam's service at Camp Dodge and was supplied with necessities from the local unit of the Red Cross, a full comfort kit, pillow, sweater, scarf, wristlets, and socks being included.

Joe Richards, now of Camp Dodge, was a weekend visitor at the H.S. Richards home.

Charles Boyle, with his family, has moved to the Paul Hawley residence recently vacated by the Geo. Morris family.

Mrs. L.W. Woolley has sold her farming effects and with her two sons has moved to Aurora where she will make her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dilly have moved to the residence recently vacated by the Charles Boyle family.

Yorkville: The Kendall County Home Guard will offer 80 men to the state as members of the State Reserve Militia, who will take the two year oath of service in the state and assist in filling the gap made by the federalizing of the regular guardsmen. This is a signal honor for little Kendall. She was the first to get a Home Guard Company on the records of the state and for this reason a place was saved for the Reserve.

Nov. 14: The wedding ceremony of Miss Olive Burkhart and Raymond Campbell was performed last Wednesday at thign noon at the bride's home. Immediately after the service, Mrs. and Mrs. Campbell left for Michigan for a short time, after which for the time being they will reside at the James Campbell home.

The remains of the late Miss Eliza Russell of Chicago were brought here for burial last week Tuesday Miss Russell was born in Chicago 69 years ago and came to this community with her parents. When she grew to womanhood she returned to Chicago where she taught in the public school for years, having retired a few years ago. Her health of the past few months failed until her death Oct. 27, 1917.

Oliver Leigh and Miss Kathleen Saum of Aurora were quietly married at Aurora Nov. 6. After a short wedding trip, they will be at home to their friends at the W.O. Leigh residence.

Owing to the illness of the [station] agent, Mr. Henley has been called to Tampico, Ill. to substitute.

John Freidlein has recently purchased the residence now occupied by Mrs. Nellie Schwinoff. They will occupy it in the spring.

Oswego people leaving today for Florida are Messrs. W.A. Leigh, Calvin Pearce, James Pearce, Lawrence Hills, and their families.

Yorkville: Kendall county has made a record of which she should be proud. As a county, considering her size, she stands at the front in matters patriotic. With a population of less than 10,000, the county ranks 8th in the state and 24th in the nation in point of membership in the Red Cross; the chapter has given over 11,000 articles; the Liberty Bond issues went ahead of the quota; the Kendall County Home Guard was the first in the state to apply for recognition as a company.

The road officials of Kendall County had an all-day meeting at the court house Saturday. Present were four supervisors, 13 commissioners who took a lively interest in the program. The first topic to be discussed was "The Sixty Million Dollar Bond Issue." This was ably handled by Supervisors I.V. Cryder of Lisbon and H.P. Barnes of Bristol. They were well versed on the subject. "What we are getting from the Federal Aid Fund" was discussed by Supervisors Ellie H. Jones of Seward and John Murley of NaAuSay. Mr. Jones read an exhaustive paper on the subject, which showed much study. Mr. Murley expressed himself as in favor of the federal aid fund, but that as Mr. Jones had covered the ground so completely he gave a talk on "Building Roads in the Early Days by Donation." "Duties of the Town Clerk under the new Road Law" was handled by Superintendent John D. Russell, who outlined the duties of the clerk.

Nov. 21: S.C. and W.C. [Scott C. and Watts C.] Cutter left Monday morning for a several days hunting trip to Beardstown.

Mrs. Anna Shubert will leave this week for Chicago where she will make her home. Mr. and Mrs. S. [Septa] Peshia will move to the place she vacates.

Relatives and friends have received word from "Brownie" Leigh, now with Uncle Sam in Texas. He is with a number of Chicago boys and a number from Aurora. Among them is George Dahlin, with whom he played ball all summer. Brownie reports plenty of heat and dust, but good times.

Edward Haines was born June 1, 1848 in Schuylkill County, Penn. He came west to Illinois in 1872 and was married to Annie Minich in 1872 and settled in Oswego in 1874, and has resided here since. He became a member of the Lutheran church at the age of 18. He loved his family and the quiet of his home. He died Nov. 16, 1917 and is survived by his widow, one son, one daughter, and one grandson.

Nov. 28: The merchants of Oswego will close their places of business Thursday, Nov. 29, at 10 o'clock a.m. to remain closed the balance of the day.

A.J. Hettrick has resigned his position at the C.W. Schultz store, Kenneth Darfler being employed to fill the vacancy.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Peshia are moving to the Fred Bower residence on Madison street, which was recently vacated by Mrs. Anna Schubert.

Mrs. Jennie Lake and Donald were weekend visitors among Oswego relatives.

S.C. and W.C. Cutter have returned from a week's duck hunt at Beardstown.

John Hinden and son, contractors, have finished the cement work on the new state road and will soon complete the shoulders, which will open the highway to the public in the near future.

Fred Kohlhammer with a force of men are building a bungalow for G. M. Bower on the lot he recently purchased in the Park addition.

Mrs. T. Clauser enjoyed a weekend visit from her brother at Camp Grant, Rockford.

The Kendall County Chapter of the American Red Cross made a shipment of 5,000 articles to headquarters the last week and the entire number is now raised to 11,000 articles to assist the American Red Cross in the great way.

Sent from Oswego were 372 muslin triangular bandages; 69 handkerchiefs; 4 fracture pillows; 2 tray cloths; 54 wash cloths; 5 dish towels; 8 rolls hospital linen; and 40 hospital bed shirts.

December -- 1917

Dec. 5: 300 stock hogs for sale Monday, Dec. 10, at 1 p.m. at Oswego stock yards. Knapp & Co.

Oswego won the distinction of banner town of Kendall county when her citizens subscribed \$1,350 to the YMCA Army Fund. The quota is assigned to this township was but \$500, which was oversubscribed \$850. The town gave \$667; township, \$685; making the \$1,350.

Yorkville: Today the company of Home Guards of Kendall county will be sworn in to the state service, which will place them in the place of the National Guard called to the federal service.

Dec. 12: Four of Oswego's young men showed their patriotism Monday morning when they left for San Antonio, Tex. where they will join the aviation corps. Cass Figge, Harold Graham, Leslie Falk, and Elmer Coble all enlisted in the same branch of the service.

C.W. Rolfe of Champaign was a business caller in Oswego last week.

Richard Schultz has accepted a position as traveling salesman for the National Oil Co.

Work on the state road has been discontinued for the season. Contractor J.H. Hinden and Son left last week for their home in Pana.

Leslie Peshia is employed at the W.J. Morse store.

Relatives have recently heard from Arch Lake to the effect of his safe arrival in France.

Yorkville: Company K, Fifth Regiment, Illinois Reserve Militia, was sworn into the state service last Wednesday by Colonel Abbott of Springfield. Sixty-three of the boys from Yorkville and Plattville were in the number. The company will soon start recruiting in other parts of the county.

Dec. 19: Owing to the local coal shortage there were no services at the Presbyterian church last Sunday.

William Williams who has for several years been a most efficient rural mail carrier from the local post office has resigned his position.

Yorkville: Don't let your feeling against the German government run away with your judgment and lead you to criticize the Germans of your community. Many a man in Kendall county has relatives in Germany, he may have been born in Germany himself. Treat your German neighbors as American citizens.

Dec. 26: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mundsinger are the parents of a son born Friday, Dec. 21.

Miss Gladys Barnard and John Bloomer, recently of Rockford, now employed at the Todd Lumber Co., were quietly married Dec. 17. Mr. and Mrs. Bloomer will reside in Aurora.

A.J. Parkhurst Jr., now in the aviation camp at Omaha, Neb., is spending a few days with Oswego relatives.

W.D. Cutter and Dr. Cyrus Cutter have returned from Rantoul where they visited their nephew, Russell Cutter, who is training there.

Yorkville: The people in charge of the \$60 million road improvement in Illinois have wisely announced that they intend to spend none of the money till after the war. This improvement must be paid for out of the public taxes and while there is such a drain on the finances of the state it is well to hold off this extra expense. This does not mean that we are not in favor of the improvement--it will be one of the grandest things for the state--but the money is needed in other channels at the present.

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January

Jan. 2: No Oswego news column

Yorkville: Thomas J. Fletcher Jr., 22 years old, son of Thomas Fletcher of Lisbon, was painfully injured when a shotgun over the muzzle of which his hand rested was accidentally discharged. He was taken to the Morris hospital where late Thursday it was reported he was out of danger. The shot tore his left hand badly and grazed the side of his head, breaking the scalp. It may be necessary to amputate the thumb.

Jan. 9: Charles Damon has sold his place and is at present living in the residence recently vacated by the F. Wilkening family.

C.I. Smith has completed his harvest of ice for the coming season's business.

Mrs. Blanche Hatch has returned to school duties in Chicago.

Mrs. Jennie Lake of LaGrange was a recent visitor among Oswego relatives.

Corporal Frank Wright and Sergeant Ray Carl of Honolulu are visiting at the Wilbur Wright home.

Kenneth Darfler is carrying mail on the route recently traversed by William Williams.

Word has been received from Lloyd Wormley, now stationed at Yuma, Ariz., with the 35th, Co. K, that he has been promoted to the rank of corporal. He is also busily engaged in the post school as teacher in the fifth, sixth, and seventh grades, many in the company being unable to read or write in the English language.

Yorkville: The biggest blizzard of years struck Yorkville Sunday and tied up business generally. Roads of any kind--steam, electric or wagon--were almost impassable Monday morning.

The blizzard which visited this part of the country Sunday was one of the most severe in years. The old-timers had a great time telling of what happened in '48, but the younger ones were satisfied that this storm was a corker. Snow started falling Saturday night and continued with unabated fury all day Sunday and well into the night. A high wind accompanied the snow and filled the roads and walks with immense drifts. Traffic of every kind was stopped except on the Morris line. Superintendent Miller and his crews had cars going all night to avoid a tie-up. Aurora traffic stopped at 10 o'clock on Sunday morning and was not resumed till Tuesday night. One car lay in Yorkville all that time while another was held at Oswego. Trains on the Burlington were delayed and the mail carriers were unable to make their regular trips. Fortunately, the temperature stayed about 20 degrees above zero during the storm. On Tuesday morning, however, the mercury went to 12 below.

Jan. 16: The merchants of Oswego wish to hereby announce that they will close their business places every evening at seven o'clock except Saturday, until further notice.

Yorkville: To our readers

Owing to the storm, mail delivery has been necessarily hampered and we are forced therefore to give you less correspondence than usual. The storm also prevented the usual social affairs and the local news is short. We hope you will bear with us in this matter and we trust to give you more news next week.

Trains began running Monday afternoon but their time was irregular. Mail is being handled although the rural carriers were unable to make their complete rounds. Cars were through on the Aurora line Tuesday at intervals but Wednesday morning their schedule was adopted.

The severe winter of the past two weeks has caused unusual suffering by reason of shortage of fuel. The railroads have been so hampered with snow that delivery of fuel has been badly handicapped and the call of the cold for warmer fires has caused unwonted use of coal.

Back to the olden times was the condition in Yorkville the past week. All modern methods of transportation were put out of business and we had no rural delivery or, in fact, any mail to speak of. The only link with modern times was the fact that telephones, electric power, and the telegraph were not hampered. It is a strange feeling to sit and look out the window to see bob sleds and hear the jingle of sleigh bells without the raucous honk of the automobile horn and the smell of gasoline.

Jan. 23: Dwight Young left Saturday evening of San Antonio, Texas where he will join the aviation corps.

While Alice Gray was in Aurora Tuesday her home was burned to the ground. It is thought an overheated chimney was the cause. Not being able to get water with which to fight the fire the building was soon in ashes.

Septa Peshia is entertaining a brother from South Dakota.

Owing to a misunderstanding of the Garfield order, the stores were closed Monday p.m., but it is understood that in the future they will remain open for business.

The body of Mrs. D. Pearce of Chicago was recently brought here for burial. She was the mother of Charles Pearce of Joliet and Addie Pearce of Chicago, making her home with the latter. She may be remembered as Miss Bennett when living her doing duties as school mistress. She was 80 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Weiss are the parents of a daughter born Saturday.

Mrs. A.R. Cherry is among those ailing with grip.

The fire fighters responded Friday to the call which directed them to the John Lindley home. An over-heated chimney resulted in a scare and a little damage.

Yorkville: Monday was shovel day in Yorkville and the citizens responded right promptly to the call. The big drifts were cleared from the business streets.

Eighteen inches of snow on the level and 20 degrees below zero tells the story of the winter in Kendall county. It is the most severe weather we have had in the memory of many of our readers and one of equal severity is hard to place even by our oldest citizens.

Jan. 30: Mr. and Mrs. Morton Richards have returned to their home in Chicago after being released from quarantine at the H.S. Richards home.

John W. Cherry is confined to his home with an attack of grip.

Oswego taxes can now be paid at the Cutter Drug Store. Owing to the fuel situation closing certain business places on Monday, taxes will be collected on Saturday in Aurora at the usual place and in Oswego every other week day.

John Russell has returned from Champaign where he has taken a short course in connection with his highway work.

Word has been received from Charles Reiger of Corpus Christi, Tex., that a snow has fallen lasting two days. The thermometer registered 16 degrees above zero. The garden vegetables have been frozen. Oats are \$1 per bushel; corn, \$256; and hay from \$25 to \$45 per ton. There is a new army camp located there which is preparing to accommodate 20,000. Incidentally, an appropriation of \$600,000 has been made for a sea wall.

Yorkville: There will be but 18 working days for many in February, thanks to Mr. Garfield. Starting with 28 days, there are four Sundays, four Mondays, Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays to be observed. Blakely of the Plainfield Enterprise says, "This is the new democracy's idea of keeping business humming--nothing to do but hum. Oh hum!"

The auto truck has reached such a degree of efficiency that it will not be long till every farmer will want one on his farm. These, with the tractor, will save much grain in the saving in number of horses and are tireless in their work. With such trucks as are offered at reasonable prices as they are now, it would seem to be economy to use them. The trips with produce can be made to town cheaper and quicker.

The horrors of war were brought more directly to our own Kendall county by the death of Fred P. Thompson of Plattville, in action. This young man was one of the first to answer his country's call at the opening of the war and he has been in France for months. His cheery letters have been printed in *The Record* till he is known throughout the county. The particulars of his death are not known but he was in the firing line fighting for the glory of his country without a complaint or a waver. His name will go down among the heroes who have gone from Little Kendall for the maintenance of the nation and the edification of the world.

A growing evil in this country and one which is hard to suppress is the use of profanity. It is used by men in all walks of life and so commonly that, in many cases, it is not noticed.

Another blizzard broke Saturday and fortunately, was as serious as its predecessors. Snow fell all day and a wind drifted the new fall in all the crevices and holes. The car tracks and walks were again filled up but the wagon roads were not affected to any great extent. Sunday was a gloomy cold, cheerless day. The wind was not strong but the temperature was cold. Monday broke with a touch of snow which fell Sunday night but the skies cleared by noon and the sunshine was welcome.

The Burlington didn't miss a train, although they were hours late.

There must be in the neighborhood of two feet of snow on the level in Kendall county.

Sleighting is brisk and the farmers have abandoned the automobile for the bob sled.

Heatless Monday closed the stores again, but there was considerable travel.

February -- 1918

Feb. 6: Albert Woolley has returned from Chicago where he spent two days selling stock.

Ray Ness has returned to duties at Camp Logan after enjoying a few days' furlough among relatives and friends.

Friends have received the news from Frank Barrett recently of Chicago to the effect that he has accepted a government position and is located in Kentucky.

Joseph Richards of Camp Grant was a weekend visitor at the H.S. Richards home.

Twenty from here enjoyed a bob sled ride to the Clarence Shoger home last Tuesday evening. An oyster supper was served and at a late hour the homeward trip began, through all its difficulties home was reached about four in the morning.

Myron Herren shipped three carloads of stock to Chicago last week.

A special stockholders meeting of the Oswego Farmers Grain Co. will be held at Knapp's hall, Oswego, on March 7 at 1:30 p.m.

Yorkville: Prepare for a flood the like of which has not been seen in years if this snow goes off in a rush. There has been a fall of over 40 inches of snow in January, approximately 4 inches of water on the level.

Sarah Raymond Fitzwilliams died at her home in Chicago Thursday at the age of 76 years. She had been one of the most prominent women in Illinois educational circles since she became head of the Bloomington schools in 1868.

Feb. 13: After enforced postponements of the installation of Eastern Star officers, this installation was held at their hall last Saturday.

Fay Hinchman is spending a six-day furlough with relatives and friends. He is now stationed at Camp Pike, Ark., with the medical reserve corps. Upon his return, he expects to remain about a month when he expects to leave for "Somewhere in France."

Miss Helen Dwyre has resumed duties at the W.J. Morse store after an enforced vacation caused by illness.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Russell are the parents of a daughter born Sunday, Feb. 11, 1918.

Mr. and Mrs. F.H. Falk spent Friday at Chicago where they met their son, Leslie, who was enroute to Buffalo, where he has been transferred and will construct the new Liberty motor.

NaAuSay: Almon H. Mottinger committed suicide by shooting himself at his NaAuSay home Monday morning. He has been in a dejected state for several months. About harvest time his friends began to notice a change in him and it is thought that the illness of his wife, the short corn crop, and general nervousness brought on the act. There was no notice of the affair; no word was left; no good-byes were said. He had gone to the buggy house near the residence rather early in the morning and shot himself with a 10-gauge shotgun, death coming instantly.

Mrs. Mottinger and the baby are left to mourn the husband and father. The widow has been in poor health for several months. The life of little Cark was for a long time despaired of but with the added years, the health took predominance and the youngster is well and healthful.

Yorkville: The manner in which the snow started to leave last Friday gives much encouragement. Instead of flooding everything, the water seeped into the ground and there was but little water seen on top of the ground. If indications are worth anything, this should be a banner year for crops.

Ralph R. Thompson of Georgetown has mailed an obituary of his brother, Fred P. Thompson, who was the first Kendall county man to lay down his life in the present war. Fred P. Thompson was born in Georgetown Aug. 30, 1883 and was killed in action on the French battle front Jan. 22, 1918.

After the death of his father in 1897, his father took him and an older brother, Everett, to Morris where he made his home. The brother Ralph and a baby sister, who died a short time later, were left in charge of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Reid. Everett was drowned in 1893. After the death of his father in 1897, Fred went to work on a farm near Morris. He also worked on farms near Minooka and Plattville. He learned the blacksmith trade and worked at the trade for about two years previous to his enlisting. He enlisted in Aurora, May 28, 1917, in the infantry and was assigned to Company A, 16th Illinois [sic: it was 16th U.S. Army Infantry Regiment], going to Jefferson Barracks and to France in June. He was a member of the Plattville camp for the Modern Woodmen and took great interest in church and social affairs. He leaves to mourn one brother, Ralph R., several other relatives, and a host of friends. [He is buried in the Plattville Cemetery.]

Feb. 20: The ladies of the Nineteenth Century club who were on the committee for Feb. 7 were handicapped by the death of one of the committee, Anna Barrett, since the yearbook had been printed and the resignation of another, Ida Falk.

Word has been received from Russell Cutter, who is on the Atlantic coast, to the effect that he will leave for "over there" in the near future. He is in the aviation corps.

L.M. Wormley has recently purchased 56 head of feeders distributed on his sons' farms.

Messrs. Fred Falk, O.A. Burkhart, and Ed Todd have returned from Akron, Ohio, where they were sent to investigate the merits of the "new Rubber Sole," whose promoters are endeavoring a location here.

Paul Dwyre has discontinued duties at the Schultz grocery.

August Karty is remodeling his recently purchased house and will move in as soon as completed.

Warren Foster, who has accepted a position as motorman for the street car company, will discontinue his business here and move to Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Peshia will move soon to the Peter Dano farm.

NaAuSay: Mrs. Myrtle Mottinger died at her home in NaAuSay Saturday afternoon following a long illness. Her death was perhaps hastened by the tragic passing of her husband, Almon H. Mottinger a few days before. She leaves to mourn her loss her mother, Mrs. Belle Kellogg and her little son, Clark.

Feb. 27: August Klomhaus has moved to the L.L. Rickard farm, which he has rented for the coming year.

Paul Dwyre is now employed at the Lyon Metallic Co.

Cass Figge of Camp Grant was home on a short furlough.

The epidemic of measles is prevalent, a number of the young people having been confined to their homes with same.

The John Hoch family have moved to their new home near Woodstock.

Miss Pearl Kohlhammer has a position in the clerical force at Miller-Bryant-Pierce Co., Aurora.

Yorkville: The shortage of cars for the shipping of grain and livestock is getting more serious every day.

A full obituary of Myrtle Mottinger is published.

March -- 1918

March 6: At the Archie Price sale, lunch was served by Ben Leigh, Robert Peterson, Otta Zieke, and Harold Russell. The patriotic spirit of the boys was shown by the giving of the net proceeds of the sale, which were \$20.80, to the Red Cross society.

Friday evening, March 8, the pupils of the high school and grades will give a good program at the Presbyterian church. A military drill and sham battle, a good farce by the high school pupils, we will see 12 little sailors there too, and many other good things.

Leo Huntoon left Friday for Washington, D.C. in the interest of war work that E.C. Faber is interested in. He expects to be gone about two weeks.

Mrs. Nellie Schwinoff has recently moved in the Main street residence recently purchased by her.

Mr. Henley has recently moved his family to the house owned by Mrs. Mathews.

Ralph Burkhardt has recently secured a position with the Goodrich Tire Co at Akron, Ohio.

Yorkville: IS THIS A JOKE?

The egg dealers are now complaining of a shortage of egg crates to handle the increased production of eggs occasioned by the order preventing the sale of hens. It seems ridiculous, but there must be some cause to slow down the sale and thereby keep up the price.

March 13: The Thrift and War Savings Stamp drive has been delayed in Oswego township on account of the poor condition of the roads. There has been several hundred dollars worth of stamps sold, however, in the town by the school children. The drive opened with a meeting held Monday night, March 11, in the Red Cross room or town hall. The township was divided into nine divisions, the boundaries of which will be the same as the school districts, and two people selected in each district to canvas every home and every person in his district.

The persons appointed by this committee and who were present at the meeting Monday night, together with many patriotic citizens were:

No. 1, Willow Hill, Frank Eyre, Thomas Lewis.

No. 2, Squire's, E.T. Pearce, O.A. Shoger.

No. 3, Wormley, A.E. Cooney, C.G. Ricketts.

No. 4, Oswego, Local Committee.

No. 5, Wilcox, James Stewart, Thomas Quantock.

No. 6, Collins, Thomas Collins, R.C. Hettrick.

No. 7, Harvey, Milton Hem, Myron Haag.

No. 8, Walker, Fred Walker, Harry Schlapp, L.W. Figge.

No. 9, Russell, H.C. Russell, Robert Paterson.

No. 20, Minkler, Albert Potts, R.D. Gates.

No. 21, Cutter, C.C. Herren, Fred E. Graham.

The War Savings committee for the town of Oswego is O.A. Burkhart, Chairman; J.D. Russell, F.H. Falk, Rev. Gelsc, W.C. Cutter, and John Herren.

James Morrison is now ready to take orders for baby chicks or set eggs on shares; also to clean and spray hen houses.

The school entertainment given last Friday evening was a successful affair, \$53 gross proceeds.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Bower have moved to his father's residence awaiting the completion of their new bungalow.

Elmer Drainr is one of the candidates for road commissioner of Oswego township.

At a stockholders meeting of the Oswego Farmer's Grain Co., held in the hall Thursday of last week, the capital stock of the corporation was raised from \$15,000 to \$40,000, 257 shares of the 300 were represented. Not one objectionable was cast. The company, although but of two years' existence, has developed into one of the strongest organizations in Kendall county, a quarter of a million dollars worth of business having been done during the year of 1917.

NaAuSay: A cablegram was received last week by the family of Harold C. Self announcing his safe arrival in France. He is a member of the Base Hospital unit "R." Mr. Self is a brother of Mrs. E.S. Martin.

NaAuSay will need at least \$1,000 to do their part in Red Cross work. A monthly subscription plan has been adopted. The township has been divided into districts with a solicitor over each who will canvas each home for subscriptions. Everyone is urged to give as liberally as possible to this good cause.

Yorkville: There was a large gathering at the Yorkville high school Friday afternoon when the seniors and juniors debated on the question "Shall Capital Punishment be Abolished." The affirmative won on points of 249 to 235, a fact which was based on three points--delivery, English, and argument.

March 20: The latest news as to the whereabouts of our boys in the service of Uncle Sam is: Cass Figge at Fort Snelling, Minn.; Harold Graham somewhere in France; Austin McDorman, Camp Hancock, Ga. Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Parkhurst recently heard of the promotion of their son, A.J., who is now a second lieutenant in the balloon aviation corps.

Neal Young spent the weekend at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Young.

Mrs. John McCauley

Mary Tigue, born in Ireland in 1842 and came to this country at the age of 10 years. When very young she married John McCauley. To this union were born ten children, four are left to mourn her: Anthony and Tom McCauley, Mrs. Hicks of Superior, Neb., and Mrs. Clark of Oklahoma. Three years ago she suffered a stroke of paralysis. She suffered with poor health until death claimed her March 15, 1918. She has been a patient and good mother, very much attached to her home and could not be induced to leave it even though too poorly to care for it. Mr. McCauley died in 1876.

Mrs. McCauley's funeral was held from St. Mary's church, Father Kildeary officiating. Interment in Calvary cemetery.

HURRAH! FOR OSWEGO

A drive for the sale of the Thrift and War Savings Stamps was made in the township of Oswego Wednesday and Thursday, March 13 and 14, which amounted to \$6,330.50. One thousand two hundred and fifty-two certificates, whose face value is \$5 each were sold for \$6,260 and 282 Thrift Stamps at 25-cents each, amounting to \$70. Two men in each school district were appointed to canvas their territory while the homes in the village were visited by six ladies of the Red Cross society. All were very much pleased with the way the people responded to Uncle Sam's call and that the citizens of Oswego township are so loyal.

Yorkville: The new automobile route from McHenry to Ottawa which is being laid out through the efforts of Rand, McNally & Co will pass through Yorkville. Fred G. Wideman has been working on this plan for a long time and Tuesday morning received a letter from the company that they would go ahead with the routing. The course will be shown in their new automobile map and will be marked. The marking will carry the traveler from McHenry to Aurora, through Oswego to Yorkville and thence along the river to Ottawa. At Oswego, there will be a connection with the Chicago branch of the route. The letter says in part:

"We have decided to go ahead and mark the trail ourselves from McHenry through Elgin and Aurora, connecting with the Fox River route you checked for us at Oswego. We intend marking it with the same markers. You know we have had no trail extending from Geneva north, and the name and marker for the Fox River Route already planned is so good and so applicable to the proposed branch to McHenry that we are going ahead and manufacture an additional quantity of the signs."

This route will mean much to Yorkville, as it will direct many of the Chicago parties through here that have before gone north. This should be a hint to the village board to get VanEmon street fixed up. The street car company and aldermen ought to have the entrance into town over the new cement route in shape for the summer.

March 27: Mr. and Mrs. John Bloomer expect to move soon to Streator, where Mr. Bloomer has accepted a position with a lumber firm.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hem are the parents of a son born Friday last at the Aurora city hospital.

Mrs. Hicks returned to her home in Superior, Neb. after being called here owing to the illness and death of her mother, Mrs. McCauley.

Tuesday next, a meatless but wholesome dinner will be served in the Congregational church parlors. Everyone is welcome and ladies are requested to bring their Red Cross work for the afternoon occupation.

Kenneth Tripp left recently for Western Canada, where he will work this summer.

Saturday night, robbers broke in the back door of the W.J. Morse store. entries of the cash register shoed a loss of \$4.60.

Yorkville: Fly your flag on Monday, April 6, the anniversary of our entrance into the war. Place one in your home and at your place of business.

Don't fail to set your timepieces ahead one hour when you retire Saturday night in accordance with the new daylight saving law. There will be no confusion as ever timepiece in the United States will be changed accordingly. This method of saving has been successfully tried abroad an should mean a great saving of light, at least. Gasoline, kerosene, gas, and electricity will be saved by this method.

Did you suffer from the coal famine last winter? If you did, you will appreciate the necessity of placing your order now for your next winter's supply.

The list of casualties coming from the front are impressing on the minds of the people the seriousness of the war. The lists are getting longer as the fighting gets more active. Be brave in the force of these reports and remember that in this great fight for humanity some must be bereaved.

The latest order from the food administration gives the following substitutes for wheat and flour and may be bought on the 50-50 basis with white flour: Corn grits, corn meal, corn flour, hominy (not canned), potato flour, rice, rice flour, barley flour, buckwheat flour, oatmeal, rolled oats, sweet potato flour, soy bean flour, feterita flour, and edible corn starch.

April -- 1918

April 3: Mr. and Mrs. H.S. Richards have received word from their son Joe of his safe arrival in France. He has been placed upon the staff of General Pershing.

Donald Lake and Floyd Hallowell of LaGrange, together with Clay and Max Cutter motored to Starved Rock last Saturday, returning Monday.

Owing to a bent radius rod on the car belonging to R.K. Knapp, an accident which may have proved very serious to him happened on the State road recently. The car, being hard to drive, swerved to one side and in the fighting of same the sudden jerk unbalanced the machine, ditching it. Mr. Knapp was badly shaken up and carries many bruises. His being caught under the top was the only thing that saved his life.

The body of Mr. William Forbes will be brought to Oswego for burial from the home of his sister.

Through the persistent efforts of Merrill Morse and George Van Valkenberg, a neat tobacco and candy fund was collected for the boys who left Monday for army training. Unable to wear the khaki, these patriotic lads did their bit in the way of soliciting for a lump budget of good cheer.

Yorkville: Saturday, April 6, has been made a national holiday by President Wilson and a state holiday by Acting Governor John G. Oglesby. On this day every flag in the country should be unfurled and everyone in the United States should show their respect for the glorious Star Spangled Banner. This anniversary of our entrance into the great war is one which should develop the patriotism of the entire people.

Didn't mind it, did you? You never noticed the change of time after the novelty wore off, but did you notice that you did not burn so much light at night as before.

"We are coming, Brother Allies, 100,000 strong." This was the welcome news printed in the Monday morning papers. The training period is over and the boys marched valiantly to the front to take their places with the seasoned troops of their allies. It is a disappointing fact that there are only 100,000 men available, but we must wait. The period of watchful waiting is still with us and the boys are not getting to France in proportion to their need.

Prices are fixed by the Food administration on wheat, pork and other commodities. Did you ever notice that the products which are fixed are all northern crops? There is a greater need for cotton in the world at present than ever before and has the administration attempted to fix a price on the southern staple? Ask the Red Cross chapters how the price of cotton for bandages and surgical dressings has advanced and you will appreciate this criticism. The south is in the saddle.

Among 30 young men of Kendall county who left for Key West, Fla., where they will be assimilated into the National Army were Oswego residents Alvin V. Sorg, William Foss, Claire W. Willis, Paul A. Dwyre, Fred Sutherland, David Dunlop, Frank A. Huntoon, and Arthur Schwinoff.

April 10: W.H. Krueger and family have moved to Milbank, S.D., where they will spend the summer with his brother.

Mrs. Arthur Rowsell is ill at her home with scarlet fever.

Eugene Moyer has resigned his position at the Schultz firm and is working in Aurora where the family will soon locate.

Mr. and Mrs. August Korte have recently moved in their newly remodeled home on Madison street.

Mary Stahley was born Feb. 22, 1844 near Berne, Switzerland and died March 30, 1918 at St. Charles hospital, age 74 years. When seven years of age she came to America with her parents, who made their home on a farm near Mokena. In 1868 she graduated from State Normal School after which 33 years were spent in teaching, 20 of these being in the Chicago schools.

For the past 9 years she has resided in Oswego. When a young lady she united with the German Lutheran church and has lived a devoted Christian life. She leaves one sister, Karianna Stahley, and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held Monday, April 1, from the home of her nephew, John Herren. Burial in NaAuSay cemetery.

Jacob Meyer was killed a week ago Tuesday night in an automobile accident, the actual facts of which will never be known. His son was to have left in the draft the following day and there had been a party in his honor Tuesday evening. Mr. Meyer Sr. started to take Mrs. Lange to her home in Aurora after the party and the two were found on Wednesday morning on the Burlington right-of-way at the foot of Superior street. They had evidently come down the hill and broken through the fence falling several feet, landing under the machine. Mr. Meyer had evidently tried to crawl out for help but was too badly hurt and died on his way to the hospital. The lady died later at the hospital.

Yorkville: During these times of fuel shortage and demand for waterpower, it seems a crime that the dam at Millhurst should be allowed to disintegrate. This dam was built at a large expense by Simpson brothers, had an excellent location, and was being built for the development of the power of Fox river. It was sold to the trust for something like \$65,000 and abandoned. The loss of money from the giving up of this dam as well as the loss of power which could be developed is hardly short of a crime. Much coal is used in the manufacture of electric power in this part of the state, the Aurora, Elgin & Chicago using such power for one, and the coal saving must have been great had the Millhurst dam been permitted to reach completion. Some action should be taken to make this power available--it is a useless waste of money to let the dam lay as it is.

The lynching of Robert P. Prager at Collinsville last week is a blot on the escutcheon of the state which will be hard to remove. The animus which prompted the deed is one which should be fought in the entire country. It is one which brooks no good and which places the law in a precarious position. What avails it that a man should be lynched? That a man should be made to kiss the flag? That a man be forced to shout for the country? [From Wikipedia: "On 3 April 1918, Prager was confronted by a group of miners and warned away from Maryville. UMW leaders Moses Johnson and James Fornero, who feared for Prager's safety, tried to get the Collinsville police to put him into protective

custody, but they declined. The two men instead took Prager back to his home in Collinsville. The next day, Prager returned to Maryville where he prepared a document attacking Fornero. He posted copies of this document around the town and returned to Collinsville that evening.

“Some of the miners who had confronted him in Maryville were drinking in Collinsville that night and decided to go after Prager at his home. They dragged him into the street, stripped him of his shoes and outer clothing, and draped him with an American flag.

“Prager was rescued by a policeman, Fred Frost, who put him in the jail. The mayor, John H. Siegel, calmed the crowd for a time, and it was decided to close the town's saloons early. However, the officer who was sent to close the saloons brought the news that ‘a German spy’ was being held in the jail.

“A mob gained entrance to the jail and found Prager hiding in the basement. The police stood aside as the mob marched him beyond the city limits. After allowing Prager to write a brief letter to his parents in Germany and pray, he was hanged in front of a crowd of two hundred people at 12:30 am on 5 April.”

The Fox River Trail, one of the most picturesque of automobile routes in Illinois, will pass through Yorkville on its way to Ottawa. The Rand & McNally Co of which are issuing new road maps of the state on which the trail will be shown and they, in conjunction with the Chicago Motor club and the Kendall county road organization, will mark the route. The committee representing the Kendall county folks, F.G. Wideman, Sherman Budd, and H.R. Marshall, met with Raymond R. Erving, who has charge of the trail service of Rand, McNally Thursday. The route was definitely settled and the plates are being made. There was a desire on the part of the Aurora people to have the autoists go through Aurora and through Wedron. The committee, however, convinced Mr. Erving that the Yorkville route was the prettiest in so far as it traveled along the river almost the whole way. The route will be marked by the first of June.

There will be a meeting of all citizens of Kendall county who are interested in the construction and maintenance of good roads at the court house, Yorkville, Saturday at 1 p.m. The former organization of road officials will be revamped and new officers elected. Come out and help boost for the hard roads.

April 17: Ralph Burkhart has returned from Akron, Ohio, where he has been employed by a tire firm.

Mabel Goodendorf is ill at her home with scarlet fever.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bohn died recently. She was but a few days old.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schultz left today for their new home at Michigan City, Ind., where Mr. Schultz is employed.

Henry Pierce and family have moved into the house vacated by the Ammondson family.

Royal Beyerle is on a 15-day furlough from Camp Logan, after which he will go "over there." Royal at one time lived in Oswego.

In the election for village officials, Frank Herren, Robert Johnston and John Bower were elected Trustees and A.H. Churchill was elected clerk.

Yorkville: At the fall election, you will be asked to vote on the issue of bonds to the amount of \$60 million for the building of better roads in the state of Illinois. This issue of bonds will in no way apply on your taxes. The sum is to come entirely from the licenses paid for automobiles and is to go back on the roads over which the use of machines has made it necessary. The state highway department has laid out a comprehensive web of roads on which the money will be spent and every county in the state will be benefited.

It would be a good move on the part of everyone in the county to join the Kendall County Association for Good Roads. Kendall county needs the cooperation of her citizens in the maintenance of highways and the repairs.

April 24: Oswego Farmers Grain Co. have a stock of binding twine now on hand. Prices limited to stockholders and customers. No more at this price this year.

Miss Esther Martin is now employed in the local telephone exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. E.T. Pearce are the parents of a son born last week.

Raymond Ness, who has been at Camp Dodge since last fall has been transferred to a southern camp.

W.H. Warford, Aurora contractor, and his force of men have begun work on the concrete coal elevator and pockets for the Oswego Farmers Grain Co.

The Phillip Clauser family have moved to the residence recently vacated by Henry Pierce and family.

Oswego township is close to the 200 percent mark in the 3rd Liberty Loan drive. The quota is \$29,000, incomplete returns show \$46,000 subscribed in a three days' drive. O.A. Burkhart, chairman of the Oswego township Liberty Loan and war committee, announces that the organization which he is chairman of has been made permanent, the members having agreed to act for the duration of the war, and longer if needed.

Owing to ill health, Miss Esther Hill has been forced to resign her position as stenographer in Aurora.

Mrs. M.E. Keeley has recently sold her Oswego property to a Chicago party. She is moving her effects to California.

Miss Bessie Mitchell is employed in the local telephone office.

Yorkville: The Independent Harvester Co. of Plano was sold under the hammer for \$900,000, a sum equivalent to the company's liabilities, to Attorneys Bloodgood, Kemper & Bloodgood of Milwaukee, representing a syndicate. Deering Steward of Plano, receiver of the company and former president, reports that only one bid was received.

Frank O. Hawley, a former resident of Oswego, died at the home of his daughter, Mr. E.C. Faber in Aurora Friday morning after an illness of nine weeks with Bright's disease. Mr. Hawley was born and raised in Oswego township, across the river from Oswego and came from a family of pioneers in Kendall county. He and his father, Paul Hawley, were both widely known and with their farming carried on a real estate business. The homestead is well known, the big white house on the Aurora road a mile out of Oswego. Mr. Hawley was born Nov. 20, 1848 and receive his early schooling in Oswego. He was a pupil of the school taught by the Hon. C.C. Duffy and a schoolmate of Frank Vanderlip. He was mayor of Oswego for a number of years and was influential in the building of the present school building. Upon moving to Aurora, Mr. Hawley dabbled in politics, at all times a Democrat, and took a great interest in municipal affairs. He ran for Congress at one time against the Hon. Ira C. Copley and received a good-sized vote. His interest in finances led him to the banking business and he has been director and president of the Aurora Trust & Savings Bank. Mr. Hawley was a 32nd Degree Mason. The funeral was held from the old Oswego church Sunday. Interment was in the Oswego cemetery The Aurora Masonic lodge s had charge of the burial and special cars were run from Aurora to carry the friends. Beside the widow, Mrs. Lettie Hawley, Mr. Hawley left to mourn two daughters, Mrs. E.C. Faber of Aurora and Mrs. W.K. Sherman of South Bend; a son, Paul G. of Oswego; and a brother, Carleton of Cleveland.

May -- 1918

May 1: The Oswego High School is giving a dance Friday evening, May 10, at Knapp's hall for the benefit of the Junior Red Cross. The public is cordially invited to attend. Schultz's orchestra.

On the evening of Friday, May 3, a box social will be held at the Minkler school.

Work of the volunteer women of Oswego shipped Saturday, April 27, for Belgium aid 5 comforters, 3 children's comforters, 1 man's overcoat, 1 boys overcoat, 2 girls coats, 1 sweater, 2 ladies dress skirts, 5 ladies underskirts, 3 ladies dresses, 2 ladies waists, 2 boys shirts, 16 pieces underwear, 2 baby jackets, 9 little underskirts, 4 girls dresses, 1 girls dress skirt, 4 caps, 2 baby blankets, 5 baby bands, 1 child's skirt, 1 bib, 1 nightgown, 1 pair booties, 1 boy suit, and two towels.

At the recently school election, A.E. Rowswell was elected as director, Miss Kate Cliggitt retiring from the school board.

Frank Walker is now employed at the H.B. Read store to fill the vacancy caused by Ben Biesemier who left Monday for Camp Dodge in the service of the U.S.A.

Dr. J. Newton Pearce of Iowa City, Ia. was called here by the accident of Lyman G. Pearce, who is at the hospital in Aurora where he is slowly improving although as yet he is in an unconscious condition.

Neal Young who is stationed in Chicago spent Sunday in Oswego.

Merrill Morse, who was injured recently by the breaking of a paper press wire, is unable to be about.

Monday morning, three more of Oswego's young men answered the call to the colors. They being Ben Biesemier, Will Goodendorf, and Jay Funk. They were sent to Camp Dodge. William Vaughn, colored, was sent to Camp Grant Tuesday.

NaAuSay: Charles Johnson, brother of Frank Johnson, died Monday at Elgin. Funeral was at the NaAuSay church, with burial at the NaAuSay cemetery Wednesday (today).

NaAuSay township went "over the top" in the third Liberty Loan campaign. The quota was \$20,000 and over \$35,000 was pledged.

Yorkville: Now Kendall county has gone well over with the Liberty Loan subscriptions, let's again take up the War Savings Stamps. This is an easy, profitable way to save money without any great effort.

GOVERNMENT WARNING!

Numerous complaints have been made to the Pigeon Section of the Signal Corps that carrier pigeons of the racing homer type, being trained throughout the United States for communication service with the American Army, have been shot by persons on hunting expeditions. The killing of these birds by hunters has seriously interfered with the training of homing and carrier pigeons for Army service.

Because of the important part carrier and homing pigeons are playing in the war, and the great need for their breeding and development, the War Department has considerably expanded the Pigeon Section of the Signal Corps.

Any pigeon in the air may be a carrier pigeon flying from a loft under Government supervision. Its destruction may be a serious loss to the American Army. All persons, therefore, are urged to refrain from the shooting of pigeons and to discourage the practice by hunters and children.

A meeting was held at the court house, Yorkville, Friday afternoon when a permanent organization was perfected for the celebration of the Illinois Centennial in Kendall county. While the meeting was not largely attended it was enthusiastic. Officers elected were C.A. Darnell, chairman; C.S. Williams, vice-chairman; and L.K. Devereaux, secretary and treasurer.

Advisory committee members elected from Oswego were J.D. Russell, M.L. Wormley, and G.H. Voss.

May 8: Mrs. Jennie Lake and son Donald were guests of Oswego friends Sunday.

Dr. L.E. Weishew has responded to the call to the colors, leaving Tuesday for Hoboken, N.J. Mrs. Weishew accompanied him to Chicago.

The funeral of Mrs. Charles Gaylord, who died at the Churchill home recently, was held in Chicago. Burial in that city.

The Neolin Sole company of Oswego stockholders have recently purchased an equipped building in Geneva, which will be the permanent location.

The Oswego Congregational church dedicated their service flag Sunday evening. The Home guards of Yorkville were in attendance.

Henry Hataway expects to leave Oswego soon. He will take up government work at some ship building yard.

Yorkville: At a meeting of a committee of Kane county men Friday afternoon, along with three men representing the Kendall county good road association, the route of the Fox River Trail was practically settled. An organization was formed, the Fox River Trails association, with J.T. Smith of Elgin as chairman, James Lino of Aurora, secretary, and William McCullough of Aurora, treasurer. Present from Kendall county were J.D. Russell, superintendent of roads, Fred G. Wildman and H.R. Marsha. They insisted that the trail be laid out in the most direct route and not run over the Starved Rock or Cannon Ball trails. It was practically decided to go through Yorkville, cross the river to the five mile bridge, through Millbrook Millington, Newark, and along the old stage road to Ottawa. A committee of four was appointed to go over this end of the route with power to act, and another committee will go over the northern end into McHenry within a few days.

This route will be one of the most scenic trails in Illinois and, if advertised, should draw a large number of automobile parties this summer.

The will of Clifford A. Cherry was admitted to probate in the Kendall county court last Thursday, another step in the settling of the much fought over estate. The fight on the will was brought to a culmination last week in the circuit court when Judge Slusser found no reason to refuse to permit the instrument to probate. When the will was first introduced in the county court, Judge Williams was forced to refuse it to probate because one of the witnesses was unable to swear that he thought Cherry was of sound mind when he made the will. It is expected that Gunsul and Burkhart, attorneys for Mrs. Cherry, will bring further litigation.

The will left by Mr. Cherry caused some surprise when it was first made public. The entire property was left in trust to the daughter, to revert to other heirs of the Cherry family upon her death.

May 15: Henry Hathaway has resigned his position at the barber shop to take up war work at some navy yard. He will first visit his folks at Covington, Ky.

Sod has been broken for the erection of a barber shop located at Main and Washington streets. Gus Voss is building.

James Bell and Wayne Runkle left Friday for Jefferson Barracks. Word has been received to the effect that they are again being transferred to other points.

Floi Johnston left Saturday for Washington, D.C. where she will take a course in government training. The period is for three weeks only, after which she will meet Mary Cutter and they will spend a week in nearby cities sight seeing.

Word was received Monday to the effect that Archie C. Lake of LaGrange, now at the front, was injured April 30. He is with the marines and doing front line trench duty.

At a recent meeting of the Oswego school board, the local appointments for the ensuing year are the Misses Biesemier and Sodt.

John Herren has purchased the remaining space net to the barber shop in construction and will build a real estate office.

At the Oswego Prairie Evangelical church last Sunday after the morning service, a beautiful National flag was dedicated. The audience repeated the following pledge: "I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible with liberty and justice for all."

Yorkville: The boys "over there" have now been dubbed the "Buddies" instead of the "Sammies." It matters not what they are called; they represent the blood and sinew of the great United States. They are in the fight to a finish and are living up to their reputation as fearless men with a touch of human feeling toward their vanquished foe.

May 22: Failed to previously mention the farewell given James Hall Bell at his home before leaving for training by the Order of the Eastern Star. "Jay" was the first member of the local order to join the colors. Word has later been received from him, the last from Waco, Tex.

Oswego has had and is having the prevailing epidemic, one more being added when last week Miss Mary Goodendorf was put under quarantine with smallpox. There are now five cases in that and the George Denman family.

Mr. and Mrs. O.O. Hem have moved from Aurora to the farm residence he recently purchased from C.G. Ricketts. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schwaus are residing there.

Word has been received from Ray Ness that he is on the way to "somewhere in France."

Clemment, the son of Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Burkhart, is among those confined to his home with measles, as is "Robbie" Herren and the children of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Schilling.

Tuesday evening's storm did its share of damage to Oswego, lightning striking the big barn on the Frank Herren farm and reducing it to ruins in a short time. Discovery was made in time to remove the livestock and attention given to surrounding buildings, as the barn was doomed.

Yorkville: The latest draft orders sent to the local board make a demand for 72 more men to be drafted into the National Arm between now and June 4.

Eleven men who registered in Kendall county last June have disappeared and their whereabouts are unknown. This is a small number from the total number registered, 947. Nine of them are Mexicans who were working on the Burlington at Plano at the time of registration and are not citizens of the country. One is a Norwegian and one is a Russian, both of whom were working on farms.

May 29: Word has been received from "Mortie" Leigh to the effect that he is on his way to France.

The fire department again responded to the call Monday when the haystack owned by Frank Herren again began to blaze. Immediate assistance rendered the necessary aid.

Peter Dano, who has been ill at the St. Charles hospital for months, died Sunday evening at the age of 66 years. He was born and reared in Oswego where he lived the greater part of his life. Four brothers, Frank and Nelson of Aurora, Joseph of Joliet and John of Rockford, and one sister, Mrs. L. Dobbin of Aurora, survive. Interment in the French Catholic cemetery.

A committee has been appointed to make the bouquets for Decoration Day and anyone having flowers to contribute for same will greatly assist them.

Fred Reinhart has disposed of his business and will soon join some division of Uncle Sam's army. Ed Obman will conduct the business.

The Oswego school will hold its field day exercises on the school grounds Wednesday, June 5.

Last Friday evening, Ralph Johnson was given a farewell before leaving for army service. The party was held in the Knapp hall and attended by 75 neighbors and friends.

Miss Helen Dwyre has returned to duties at the W.J. Morse store after an enforced vacation.

The Oswego stores will close at 11 o'clock on Thursday morning, Memorial Day for the balance of the day.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Oswego Farmer's Grain Company will be held in Knapp's hall, Oswego, June 22, 1918 at 2 p.m. for the purpose of voting on the question, "Shall we change from the present system to the cooperative plan." Mr. Milliard R. Myers, editor of the American Co-Operative Journal, and A.N. Steinhart, Secretary, Farmer's Grain Dealers' Association of Illinois, will speak.

Yorkville: Again, we ask you to order your coal for next winter. The heat of the summer makes coal seem like an unnecessary commodity, but forewarned is forearmed.

Negro troops are holding a sector in the trenches west of Verdun and it is said that two of them have been decorated for distinguished service. Colored troops were valiant fighters in the Civil War and helped save Col. Roosevelt at San Juan. The negro is efficient when given training and opportunity

Twenty-five men last Friday, 26 men Tuesday, and 21 next Saturday will wind up the present order for soldiers that the local board of Kendall county have for shipment to cantonments of the national army. It is not expected that there will be another call till after the registration of the men who have become 21 since last June.

June -- 1918

June 5: Rev. A. Stewart Woodburne, A.M., D.B., former pastor of the Congregational church at Oswego was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy with honors at the last convocation of the University of Chicago.

Otto Johnson and family spent Sunday at the George Trish home at Bristol. They report that Harrison, who has been so seriously ill for the past four or five months, is still considered to be in a very bad condition. An x-ray was taken a few days ago to decide the best course to take in his treatment.

Donald Lake has returned to his home at LaGrange after a weekend at the Scott Cutter home.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Parkhurst died at the home Sunday evening. The little one contracted whooping cough and was unable to withstand it.

Ralph Johnson left Saturday for Fort Thomas, Kentucky.

Yorkville: Months ago, it seems like years, the state of Illinois passed a law to compel the cities up Fox river to put in sewage disposal works. To date, nothing decisive has been done and the river remains as filthy as before, making the fishing unpleasant and the

bathing impossible. Aurora, St. Charles, Geneva, Batavia, and Elgin are all malefactors and the sewers in these cities empty into the river. Something should be done to stop it.

The laying of the cement road in the State Aid Highway between here and Oswego has been resumed. The contractor will complete the road as far as the contract calls for this summer. This will take the cement from the edge of Yorkville to a point just east of the Elms, covering all the swampy parts of the road and making the river route possible most of the time. The road commissioners of Kendall and Oswego have agreed to keep the unpaved portion of the route in as good condition as possible. No further work can be done till after the war as nothing but uncompleted contracts can be worked on now.

It was a fine stalwart crowd of young men who left Saturday for Camp Thomas, Ky. Twenty-one of Kendall county's embryo soldiers departed on the 4:19 train for the station amid the acclaim of relatives and friends.

Oswego area residents leaving included John Augusta Linquist, Ralph J. Johnson, Nick Baumann, Gustav Henry Linquist, and Clayton P. Roth.

June 12: All persons interested in the welfare of the Cowdrey cemetery are requested to meet at the cemetery on Saturday, June 15, at 3 p.m. for the purpose of electing a board of directors and other business necessary. A.J. Parkhurst, secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Groner have located for a few weeks at the residence of Mrs. Jake Meyers.

The Misses Mary Cutter and Floi Johnston have returned from Washington, D.C., where they have been spending the past few weeks.

The school mates of the Old Stone school house will hold their annual picnic Saturday, June 15, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George White.

While cleaning an automobile at the garage Saturday, Ralph Burkhart had the misfortune to be the victim of a gasoline explosion. Help was nearby and the flames were quickly extinguished, but not until he had received bruises on the hands and limbs.

Delbert Richards is home from Moline, Ill. And will soon leave for the Polytechnic school at Peoria, where he will remain for a few weeks, then leave for "over there."

Jake Meyer will leave June 15 for Kansas City, Kan. where he will enter a Polytechnic school.

The graduation of the 1918 class of the Oswego high school was held in the Congregational auditorium Wednesday last. The graduates were Bessie Mitchell, Rorris Denney, Leah Knuth, Kenneth Ricketts, and John Lindley.

The salutatory, "Our Ties with South America," was given by Bessie Mitchell. The valedictory, "Autocracy versus Democracy," was given by Kenneth Ricketts.

Advertisement: Maxwell, \$100--A real super car and one that has been proven so by actual tests made by the American Automobile Association. The most miles on gasoline, the most miles on tires, the world's hill climbing record, the world's endurance and speed record. A car built within its own factory. Demonstrations at any time. Scott C. Cutter, dealer, Oswego, Kendall, Bristol, NaAuSay townships.

Northern Seward: A successful term of teaching was closed Friday at the Bronk school, with Harry Devereaux as teacher. The teachers, scholars, and their parents enjoyed a picnic in the school year Friday. Ice cream and cake were served.

The Busy Bee Club met Friday with Mrs. Vema Omens with 18 members and three guests present.

Yorkville: Uncle Sam put the "I" in Marne and the U.S. Marines are doing well, thank you.

The eclipse of the sun by the moon on Saturday, June 8, was plainly visible to people of the county. The sky was clear enough to offer a perfect vision and smoked glasses were called into use everywhere.

The President has given to the Boy Scouts the responsibility of making a census of the Black Walnut of the country. The wood is needed for air plane propellers and for gun stocks. It is needed swiftly. The Yorkville troop will undertake the task of covering Kendall county, township by township. Trees must be at least 12 inches through, four feet from the ground. It would be a great help if those who have black walnut which they would be willing to sell to the government would communicate with Scoutmaster A.E. Haydon, Yorkville Troop No. 1.

NaAuSay: The boys of the community met Monday night at the church to organize a home guard. A number of the boys responded. They will meet again Monday night.

A few weeks ago, Edward Ringberg had his Ford stolen and now he has replaced it with another car.

June 19: Good roads meeting in Yorkville Friday. You are invited.

Lt. A.J. Parkhurst enroute from Omaha to Columbus, Ohio spent Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Parkhurst.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bower have moved into their new home.

Charles Boyle was a recent visitor with his folks here. He will soon enter the navy, where he has been for many years. The brother, Sgt. Russell Boyle, was home on a 24 hour furlough. He will leave this week for the Atlantic coast and "over there."

Paul Young has returned from his college year spent in Pennsylvania.

Harold Graham, now in France, writes home to the effect that he is fine, not to worry, and they will all be home soon.

Sunday afternoon while motoring, Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Cherry, son Merrill, and Miss Sadie Cherry with Charles Cherry were the unfortunate victims of an accident. While going up one of the Yorkville hills the engine stalled, the car started to back down. Mrs. Cherry jumped out as did Miss Cherry, each suffering minor injuries. The car crashed into the bridge crushing the back seat into the front, damaging the car badly. The other occupants, with the exception of being badly jarred, were unhurt.

The much anticipated day for the annual reunion of the school mates and their guests of the "Old Stone School House" arrived and they met at the very pleasant home of Lavina Hall White, 40 in number, Saturday, June 15.

Yorkville: It is hard to remember when the farmer was at a greater rush than at present. Corn requires tending, clover is being cut, other hay is about ready, wheat and barley are approaching harvest--everything is unloaded on the farmer's back at once. The need of experienced men on the farm is great. Let everyone who can help do so. Many retired farmers can return to the farm for the short time necessary for the harvest and assist in laying by the crops.

Why should the people of Michigan want Henry Ford for United States Senator? Ford is a business man beyond doubt but he is a dyed in the wool pacifist. This class of men should be kept out of the councils of the country while the conduct of war is the business of congress. His efforts to stop the war by pacifist methods, sending the boatload of people to Norway and Sweden, are sufficient indication of his principles. What Congress needs now is men of the character which will fight the war to a successful finish and Mr. Ford does not measure up to that standard.

At their June 10 meeting, the Kendall County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted for a resolution urging voters to go to the polls in November and approved the proposed \$60 million bond issue to build hard roads.

The stock of the Lane dry goods store was sold to Chicago people Friday and taken away on the next day. The store is now vacant and the Yorkville people are hoping to have it occupied again soon. George Lane was in the draft and Mr. Bretthauer, who was financial interested, did not want to carry on the business alone.

June 26: Miss Mabel Schwinox has discontinued duties at the post office and has accepted a position at the Farmers Elevator in Yorkville.

Henry Schwinoft is home on an eight-day furlough. He is stationed on the battleship New Jersey and has crossed the Atlantic twice convoying troop ships.

James Cliggitt was born at Burlington, Vt. Jan. 20, 1839 and with his parents moved to Illinois in 1850. He resided on the farm owned by his parents near Oswego till the breaking out of the Civil war when he enlisted in Co. H, 13th Ill. Infantry, being the first person from Oswego to enlist in the Union army. He spent 3 years in active service, when he was wounded and taken prisoner at Vicksburg, Miss. He was honorably discharged in 1865 and returned to Oswego. He moved to St. Louis in 1870 and resided there for 10 years. He was married to Miss Viola McCloud on May 17, 1876 and to this union were born two sons, Lt. Morris D. Cliggitt of Camp Kearney, Calif. And Earl J. of lake Bluff. In 1880 Mr. Cliggitt returned from St. Louis to Oswego and after a residence of two years in this place he moved into the northwest and later settled at Chamberlain, S.D. Mrs. Cliggitt died June 3, 1894 and now, 23 years later, at the age of 79 years, 5 months, Mr. Cliggitt follows here on June 21, 1918 into the Great Beyond. By the separation of death he leaves his two sons, two sisters, Mrs. Boomer of Aurora and Miss Kate of Oswego, and one brother, William.

Yorkville: Any farmer in Kendall county who wishes to get help during the harvest can do so by calling on their township chairman of the Council of Defense Committee. The plans are laid for the registering of all the available men who can assist in the handling of farm work.

Plano: Mrs. Fred G. Wideman has accepted the position as superintendent of the Plano schools for the coming year. Owing to the war, male superintendents are scarce and the Plano people foresaw the trouble by employing Mrs. Wideman who is a well-qualified teacher for the position. She has taught in the Oswego and Yorkville schools and when the draft claimed Plano teachers she substituted during the spring.

July -- 1918

July 3: Will Schilling has recently enlisted in the ship building department of the U.S. Navy. He left Oswego Tuesday. Dewey Boyle has enlisted in the cavalry leaving at the same time.

Mrs. John Bloomer and Mrs. A. Barnard spent Sunday at the Great lakes Training station, where Mr. Bloomer is located.

Mrs. Blanche Hatch has returned to Oswego after completing her year's work as teacher in a Chicago school.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon West have returned from Virginia where they have purchased a 100-acre farm, which is about 40 miles from Richmond.

Word has been received from Russell Cutter now in London that he is becoming very accustomed to the English ways. He has been there about five months.

Yorkville: Beginning with Aug. 1, 1918, the price of *The Record* will be \$2 per year. All subscriptions before that time will be taken at the present price of \$1.50. This change in price is made necessary by the advanced cost of production. The price of paper has gone up more than 100 percent as has every commodity used in the production of a newspaper.

Aurora, the "City of Lights," is to have a merchant vessel named after her. It is fitting that a boat should be named Aurora, but we hope there will not be so much criticism of the officers of the United States vessel as there of the city.

Two hundred and twenty-one men have been sent to different cantonments by the Local Board and only two men are left in class one for general service.

July 10: Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lippy of Marengo were recent Oswego visitors.

Zeke Davis has recently purchased the residence formerly owned and occupied for many years by Frank Schram. He intends to move there making it his future home.

All those holding pledge cards who have pledged a certain sum a month to the local unit of the Red Cross will please give names as early as possible to Miss Edna Walker, secretary of the local unit.

Patrick Tigue died Saturday night at ten o'clock at the home north of Oswego where he for years has led a solitary existence. He was born in Ireland 74 years ago coming to this country when a very young man. He was buried in Calvary cemetery in Aurora, the funeral services were held Tuesday at the McCauley [McCawley] home and from the St. Mary's church in Aurora.

Yorkville: Illinois should do something at once to give the soldiers who are representing her at the front the right to vote at the fall elections. To do this would mean a special session of the legislature but the result would pay for the effort. The men who are fighting should be given their franchise as well as those who remain at home.

July 17: Friends of Ben Biesemier who wish to write him may use the following address: Pvt. Ben Biesemier, Co. A., 360th Inf., Am. Ex. Forces.

Word has been received from John Watkins, now in Camp Grant, that he is again in the hospital. Previously he was confined to the hospital four months with measles, pneumonia, and knee trouble.

Henry Hafenrichter, while driving a load of hay, had the misfortune to fall off, injuring himself quite badly.

The name of the late John Cliggitt, of Mason city, Ia., a brother of Miss Kate Cliggitt and William Cliggitt of Oswego, will be placed in the encyclopedia of American biography. Mr. Cliggitt, who died about two years ago, was a prominent citizen of Mason City and spent his early life in that vicinity.

Yorkville: Emil Johnson, the only native deserter of Kendall county, was caught in the dragnet in Chicago Friday and will be brought to Yorkville for examination and then inducted to Camp Grant for active service. Johnson registered June 5, 1917 while he was employed on the farm of Eli Olson in Fox township. He was a Chicago man and returned there, it is supposed, before he answered his questionnaire and no trace of him has been found. He, with several Mexicans, were the only ones who showed their lack of patriotism and they have been posted as deserters, the department of justice being notified by Judge Williams.

July 24: Lt. Charles E. Risling of the Medical Reserve Corps at Ft. Sheridan visited Thursday night and Friday of last week at the home of Rev. James G. Butler and daughter. On Friday afternoon, Lt. Risling called at the Red Cross workshop and gave an interesting and helpful talk concerning his work at the fort, which was very much appreciated.

Through the clever advertising of a poster displayed in the post office by Master Buster Wormley and with the assistance of the Misses Margaret and Morice Smith, the local chapter of the Red Cross has had \$4.02 added to its treasury. The young artist advertised an entertainment and the serving of frappe on the lawn of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wormley. With the assistance of the Misses Smith, the program was executed in a flawless manner and the refreshing frappe made the afternoon one of great success as the receipts show.

Saturday afternoon, the citizens of the village responded to the fire call. The old Chapman house on the Charles Schultz property being aflame, supposedly caused by spontaneous combustion. Quick action upon the part of the fire fighters saved the building and caused little damage.

"Doc" Gates has recently made the purchase of a touring car.

Warren Foster has changed the residence of his family to Aurora, he being employed by the street car company there.

Owing to the reclassification of registrants, William Schilling was recently recalled from Baltimore, where he was engaged in shipbuilding.

Word has been received of Jay Bell that he was in southern Illinois, enroute to the eastern coast.

Yorkville: Charles A. Comiskey of the Chicago White Sox donated nearly \$28,000 to the Red Cross last summer from the receipts at the gate and every player was a heavy buyer of Liberty Bonds. The same conditions existed in nearly every other city in the big leagues, the loyalty of the base ball owners could not be questioned.

“A ‘doughboy,’” says the Stars and Stripes, official paper for the AEF, “Is an American Soldier, any American soldier, infantryman, artilleryman, medical department, signal corps, officers and men alike, all are called ‘doughboys.’ Our cartoonist is one, so is General Pershing.”

The term “doughboys” dates back to the Civil War when Army wit was aroused by large globular brass buttons on infantry uniforms. Somebody (he must have been a sailor) dubbed the buttons “doughboys” because they reminded him of the boiled dumplings of raised dough served in ships’ messes and known to all sailors as doughboys. Originally it referred only to an enlisted infantryman, but the AEF applies it to all branches and all grades of service.

Yorkville: The committee which was appointed by Judge C.S. Williams to have charge of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the admission of the state of Illinois to the Union held a meeting at the court house Saturday afternoon.

After a little discussion it was voted to hold the celebration at or near the county seat, Yorkville, on Thursday, Sept. 26. It was decided on a motion of O.A. Burkhart, to ask the directors of the several school districts of the county to have the schools dismissed for the day without any loss of time charged against teachers or pupils.

July 31: The [interurban trolley passenger] transfer station is again occupied and will be open for patrons.

Arthur Wormley has recently purchased a touring car.

Charles Barker is nursing a broken arm, the result of cranking his automobile.

Will Schilling left Tuesday for a southern camp.

Yorkville: Something should be done by the people of Yorkville to repair the dam during the present low water. George Barkley of the village board says that fifty to a hundred dollars would put the structure in good repair and is anxious to see it done. Let’s fix the dam before it gets worse, it would be a calamity to have it go out.

August -- 1918

Aug. 7: Mr. and Mrs. R.K. Knapp accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Herren motored to Camp Grant last week.

Mrs. Anna Passage of Seattle, Wash. visited friends here last week. She may be better remembered by some as Anna Davis.

While in Aurora Sunday afternoon, John Wald had the misfortune to have his Ford stolen. No trace of the auto has been found; same was insured against theft.

Jack Boomer of the Great lakes Training Station was home Sunday.

Monday afternoon and oat field belonging to Isaac Tripp caught fire from sparks from a passing train. The damage was to the extent of destruction to four acres.

Word has been received from Mort Leigh that everything is fine and he is with the Australian contingent, on July 4, they took 15,000 prisoners.

While driving a heavily loaded oil truck to Oswego, the man in charge in turning out for a team at the Waubonsie creek bridge [on modern Ill. Route 25] drove too close to the embankment, the truck slid off completely overturning but righted itself upon landing. The drop was about 20 feet. Little damage was done to the truck, less to the driver, but two stitches put in his nose. This is the second accident of its kind at that location.

In a letter recently received by Mr. and Mrs. John Bell from their son James in Camp Merritt, N.J., the following incident is related: "One day he in company with three lads were walking along a dusty highway when a large touring car overtook them, the driver extending a most cordial invitation to ride, the boys reluctantly accepting. The lady passenger asked jams to ride beside her and upon doing so was obliged to answer many questions. She, in turn, told him she had four sons in the navy. This personage proved herself to be no other than Madame Schuman Heink, the noted opera singer. As a parting gift, \$20 was given to the boys."

Yorkville: LATEST ORDERS OF THE U.S. FOOD ADMINISTRATION ON THE SALE OF SUGAR

For the month of August consumers are entitled to two pounds of sugar per person. The sales are limited to not more than two pounds at one time to customers in cities, towns, and villages. The sales are limited to farmers to five pounds at one time, but the same rule applies to them, that is, two pounds per person per month.

The additional amount during threshing which the farmer is entitled to is two pounds for every 90 meals.

For canning purposes, customers are entitled to ten pounds of sugar at one time on certificates approved by the local Food Administrator.

One of the hottest heat waves that has struck Kendall county in years arrived Sunday and is still with us. The heat has been intense and is without relief today. The weather bulletin says "partly cloudy Wednesday, not quite so warm north and central portions; Thursday unsettled."

The Chautauqua at Yorkville the first five days last week gave the people an opportunity hear talent in their own home town that would be impossible to get together under any other conditions. The talent was composed of artists in their line and not one who attended but went away from each program with new thoughts and higher ideals. Entertainment included light opera, presentations by soldiers, vocalists, and comedians.

Martin A. Ryerson, Director of the War Savings Committee for Illinois, has announced the week of Aug. 15 to 22 inclusive as Pershing Patriot Week.

Aug. 14: Mrs. Jennie Lake and son Donald of LaGrange spent Sunday among the Cutters.

Miss Ella Hebert has returned from California where she spent the past six months regaining her lost health.

The ice cream social given by the Belgian Relief society last Thursday evening was an enjoyable affair. The some of \$9.80 was cleared, which will buy the necessary articles to complete the layettes the ladies are making.

Yorkville: The reports that Henry Ford has turned his plants over to the government to be used without compensation seems to be erroneous. A check up on the contracts show that Mr. Ford will benefit to the tune of about thirty millions by his war work. He has turned over his factories to the government and has accepted contracts much the same as other factories for which he is not to be blamed. The advertising that he has refused compensation is, however, a little off the truth.

The Germans are trying to gas some Eastern coast cities by means of their submarines. Such actions in no way help the cause of the enemy--they must be in hard straits to resort to such efforts at "frightfulness."

If the women of the United States expect to get universal suffrage, they must call off their hagglers at Washington. Women with banners, with impudent insistence, hang around the capitol and the White House and make life miserable for all who pass. The President and his administration have trouble enough at the present with foreign enemies.

Except in 13 counties, everyone in Illinois will have to burn either soft coal or wood this winter--or go cold. The Fuel Administration will not permit anthracite coal to be shipped into the other 89 counties for this is the official order of John E. Williams, U.S. Fuel Administrator for Illinois.

"The determination was arrived at to divide the total amount of coal allotted to Illinois on an equal percentage basis between Winnebago, Boone, McHenry, Lake Ogle, DeKalb, Kane, DuPage, Lee, Kendall, Will, and Cook." These counties, Mr. Williams says, will get only 89 percent of the anthracite they used last year, and he adds, "It is with great regret that the State Administrator is obliged to announce that anthracite will not be available for the other counties in the state."

The Yorkville dam retains its status as a dam in spite of the break on the south end and all fishing within 100 feet of the structure is prohibited. A letter from A.S. Clow, division inspector of the game and fish department, published in the *Aurora Beacon* as follows: "I have taken up the matter of the Yorkville dam with the attorney for the game and fish department. He holds that the dam is a sufficient obstruction to be classed as a dam, and in his opinion all persons found catching or taking fish within 100 feet of the dam are liable to prosecution under state law."

Aug. 21: Roy Bower has recently purchased the Col. Clark home and will move soon.

Max Cutter has returned from LaGrange where he spent the past week.

Leslie Falk has been transferred to Champaign, where he will remain for about three months.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bell have received word of the safe arrival of their son Jay on foreign shores.

Mrs. M. Edwards has recently sold her house located on Jackson and Madison Streets to Mr. Langhart of Aurora.

Yorkville: Plainfield is having trouble with the people of Electric Park. Some of the young people come into town attired in bathing suits. We fail to see where there is much difference between the modest bathing suit and the immodest street suit as affected by many.

By reason of the numerous questions received regarding the wheat and beef regulations, the Department of Food Administration has asked that the following be made public: All restrictions on the sale of ice cream cones have been withdrawn. Wheatless Days and Wheatless Meals are terminated. Beef regulations for public eating places likewise terminated. Urge using only beef from lightweight cattle.

A letter from Mr. A.L. Browne of Newark bears a melancholy tone but the many friends of Mr. Browne are confident that he will pull through his illness in good shape and be able to attend the reunion of his regiment this fall. Mr. Browne recently sold his 80 acre farm near Newark for \$20,000, getting \$259 an acre for it. His health was so poor that he felt compelled to sell and went to Ashton where he is with his sister. His last letter bears a date of Aug. 19 and says: "I am here at Ashton and expect to be here and at the Rochelle hospital for some time. In a few days, I am to undergo an operation at the Rochelle hospital."

Men handy with shotguns and with mouths watering for pigeon pie are urged by the War Department to be very careful as to what pigeons to shoot. The safest way is to shoot none on the wing. Get them sitting, if you must have the pigeons for dinner. The reason for this is the danger of destroying choice birds being trained by the Signal Corps of the United States Army for use on the battle front.

Aug. 28: A letter from Merrill Coselman now in France was received by his mother to the effect that he had been wounded and was in a hospital. The seriousness was not revealed.

Miss Switzer, now located at Camp Pike, Arkansas, was the guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Bell.

Thurlo Carlson has discontinued painting and decorating and has accepted a position at the Oswego garage.

Edwin Betz and Ralph Burkhart motored to Champaign Sunday to see Leslie Falk who is stationed there.

Miss Malcom, a former Oswego teacher, has accepted a position in the Oak Street school.

Albert Woolley and family and Mrs. Margaret Edwards spent Sunday in Chicago at the Barrett home. Miss Rose is packed and awaiting her call for foreign canteen work.

J. Holland and family have returned to their home in Iowa after a two weeks visit here. The distance of 280 miles was covered in one day.

Yorkville: There is a proposition before the people of Yorkville and vicinity for the establishment of a movie house in Yorkville which will offer the patrons the best possible attractions at a small price. The Pathe people, the official war photographers of the United States and one of the largest concerns in the county, are the ones who have the proposition and it is offered to the people.

September -- 1918

Sept. 4: Mrs. L.N. Hall recently sold her home to L. Georgi. They will take possession Oct. 1. Mrs. Hall will occupy the residence vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Peshia.

Wednesday of last week, Katharine Becker of Elgin and Roy Hettrick of Oswego were united in marriage. They will make their home at the Hettrick farm.

A public dance will be given at the hall Friday evening, the proceeds to be given the local Red Cross. Stewart's Jazz Band will furnish the music.

Chris Herren has recently sold 80 acres of land to the CB&Q. The purchase was made for the gravel beds.

The Elwood and Peshia families will leave this week on an overland motor trip to Colorado. They are equipped with a tent and the trip will be made one of real pleasure.

Word has been received that Fred Sutherland has been appointed Corporal.

Yorkville: Marvin, the nine year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J.G. Matlock, was hurt in a runaway a week ago Saturday, but is fully recovered.

A force of men have been working on the dam across Fox River at Yorkville for the past few days. They are employed by the Public Service Co., and will have the structure tight before fall. It is a good thing for Yorkville that this work is being done. The river is low

and in towns where the dams have been permitted to wash out, the water is extremely low.

Sept. 11: The aged mother of M.C. Hubbard died at his home Monday, and was buried Tuesday. She was in the late nineties.

S.C. Cutter and Miss era were Saturday visitors at the home of Mrs. Jennie Lake of LaGrange.

From the sums of the tag day amounting to \$48.70, the social, \$19.50, and the community flag dedication, \$4, two electric sewing machines have been purchased and installed in the Red Cross rooms.

Paul Dwyre has recently been assigned Corporalship.

Yorkville: The Federal building in Chicago was blown up by a bomb last week. Was it the work of a member of the infamous IWW, or was it the act of a diseased brain?

LEON BURSON DEAD

Leon Burson, the lad who has been well known as a pitcher in the local clubs about Plano, his home, is reported dead in France. The word came Tuesday night to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Burson of Plano from Mrs. Amerson of Oak Park. Maj. Amerson is the commanding officer of the medical corps of which Leon had been assigned and in a letter written some three weeks ago to his wife told of the death of his first lad, Leon Burson. Particulars are not forthcoming and there has been no notice sent out from the War Department. Everyone is hoping that the information is erroneous and that there will be a correction sent.

Leon Burson was sent in one of the early drafts from Kendall county in the fall of 1917 and had his training in the medical corps at Camp Houston, Tex. He has played ball about here and has pitched many games for the Yorkville Orioles.

Sept. 18: Word has been received from Fay Hinchman that he is bound for Italian shores.

Warner Lake of Flint, Mich. is visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. Nancy Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Michels, who have resided in the Vaughn cottage this summer, are moving to Aurora.

Mrs. Sarah Hall is preparing to occupy the William Williams residence.

Mrs. L.J. Weishew has returned to her home after spending the summer in the East.

Clair Willis and Frank Huntoon have been advanced to First Private.

Yorkville: The Kaiser's "peace offensive" don't seem to receive much welcome among the Allies. Well it don't--we must have a decisive, complete victory and no parleying.

The Pathe people with whom the local folks are working in view of getting a picture show in Yorkville will give a free show at the town hall, Yorkville, Saturday evening, Sept. 21. The show will be a five reel production and will represent exactly the quality of pictures which will be given for the 52 weeks if enough tickets are sold. The program will be as follows: Pathe Current Events, including the cutting in half of a steamer to get it through the Welland Canal, comedy, porpoise fishing; Vaudeville, acrobats and trick scenes; raising wild animals for the circus; "The Rice Industry in Japan; drama, two reels, "On the Edge of a Precipice."

Sept. 25: Under the auspices of the local Red Cross, a vegetable sale will be held at their shop. Remember, Friday of this week is the day.

L.C. Smith and family have moved to the residence recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. S. Peshia.

Letters have been received by Mr. and Mrs. John A. Bell from their son, James, who wrote from Bordeaux, France.

Mrs. Jennie Lake was a weekend visitor with relatives in Oswego.

L. Georgi is building a garage on his place recently purchased from Mrs. L.N. Hall.

Plano: Kendall County adds another name to her list of casualties. Leon Burson and Fred Thompson on honor roll.

Leon Stanford Burson was born in Plano July 15, 1891, died in service, in France, Aug. 14, 1918. Was in the first draft from Plano, leaving September 1917. He went to Camp Dodge, Iowa for a short time then was transferred to Camp Logan, Houston, Tex. Was in the Hospital Corps with Maj. Amerson. He left for France in May. A letter from France has been received telling of his death, which occurred from shrapnel while loading an ambulance wagon for the front. He was given a military burial and laid beside other American comrades in a cemetery in France.

October -- 1918

Oct. 2: Recent report shows the Ira Evans farm now belonging to James Gowran.

The boys at Key West have been ordered over. Paul Dwyre has been detailed to remain in America.

Saturday evening, an impromptu service for a township service flag was held on the street. The short talk was given by Col. Russell and Rev. Craighead. Music was community singing. Our flag and that of France occupy space by the service flag, each receiving the highest tribute. This flag representing the township will stand the hardships of weather as our township boys are standing the hardships of war.

On. Oct. 22, a card party will be held in the 19th Century Club rooms for the benefit of the Red Cross fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Russell attended the funeral of her cousin, Howard Byers of Sandwich. He has just received the commission as lieutenant when he was taken ill with Spanish influenza, living but a few days.

Yorkville: The epidemic of influenza struck the Yorkville high school last week and that branch of the school was closed on Thursday to reopen Monday. The teachers afflicted are Misses Hatch, Keith, and Klindworth. Superintendent Ackerman says if present conditions prevail, there is no cause for worry as to the rest of the school.

The change of time back to sun time will be made on Sunday, Oct. 27. It has been advised by clock men not to turn your timepiece back but to stop it for an hour and then start it again. Turning back is liable to injure the clock.

Oct. 9: Mrs. Jennie Lake of LaGrange called among the Cutters Sunday.

Owing to the age limit, Leslie Morse and Stewart Palmer have returned from Champaign where they had entered college.

Herman Schultz has recently moved to the Gordon West home vacated by him and the Rev. Geise family are moving in the Shoger residence recently purchased for a parsonage.

Paul Geise has returned to duties at Naperville after being obliged to remain home a week owing to illness.

Lewis Larson of the U.S. Navy is home on a furlough owing to lung injury due to escaping steam. He will spend most of the time in Montana.

George Croushorn is at Leland, where he is substituting for Jake Thorson who has been called to Camp Grant to care for the bodies of pneumonia victims.

Otto Schuman of Fairbury, Nebraska, spent an hour in Oswego Tuesday. Mr. Schuman was born in Oswego and in early years moved to Nebraska. Owing to scarcity of undertakers he was sent to Camp Grant by the government.

The body of Harper Hopkins of Decatur was brought to Oswego for burial Sunday. Mr. Hopkins lived here in early days, marrying a sister of George Wormley. Deceased was 77 years of age.

Mrs. Caroline Page Young died last Friday at the home of her son, A.M. Young in Aurora. Deceased was born Nov. 2, 1827 in Dover, Maine. Both her parents spent their declining years at her home in Oswego and were buried here. Mrs. Young leaves two

sons, W.F. Young of Chicago and A.M. Young of Aurora. Her grandfather fought in the Revolutionary war and she lived to see three of her grandsons in her country's service.

Friends of Rose Barrett of Chicago have received word of her oversea arrival. She is in canteen work.

Alida Loucks was born in Stowe Aralia, N.Y. 1839 and was married to Seth E. Walker of Belchertown, Mass. In 1864, coming to this locality at that time. To this union five children were born, Bert, Fred, Frank, Harriett, and Edna, all of whom reside in his vicinity with the exception of Bert who lives in San Jose, Calif. Her husband, S.E. Walker passed away five years ago last January. She was the youngest of a family of 12 children, but one survive her, a sister at Nelliston, N.Y. Death relieved her from suffering Oct. 8, 1918.

There will be a flag raising at the Cutter school house Friday, Oct. 11. At the same time, a picture of Gen. Pershing will be unveiled. There will be exercises by the school children and talks by Superintendent Elliott and Rev. Craighead of Oswego.

Yorkville: The influenza has a firm grip on the country but it is gradually being shaken off, say the authorities. Advice offered to everyone is to be careful of that cold or any symptom promising the 'flu.' Take care of yourself and consult a physician at the least promise of an attack. The death rate in this country has been heavy. People have been dying in large numbers in both civilian and official life. The only way to keep the country from a more serious epidemic is to use care in your health.

The death of Record editor H.R. Marshall's brother-in-law, A.N. Fletcher and his wife at the submarine base hospital at New London Conn. was reported. The cause of death was reportedly pneumonia, probably brought on by the flu. He was a chief gunner's mate at the time of his death. He had served in the navy for many years, and had served in the Spanish American War. At the time of his death he was instructing recruits in gunnery at the New London sub base. His body was returned to Yorkville for burial.

NOTICE TO THRESHING COMPANIES

Please send your threshers report to the undersigned as soon as possible. The United States Food Administration is urgently calling for a complete report of all grains threshed in Kendall county for this season, therefore please be prompt.

C.S. WILLIAMS

County Food Administrator.

Oct. 16: The William Hill family is now occupying the house vacated by the Seaton family.

The barber shop has recently moved to the new location opposite the post office.

Mrs. Mary E. White has recently sold their farm at North Oswego to Charles Light.

Mrs. Ralph Norris and children are ill with influenza.

Owing to the quarantine placed recently on public gatherings the lecture that was to have been given in the Presbyterian church is not to be given.

Owing to prevailing illness, the Red Cross rooms will not be open this week; also the 19th Century Club will not hold their regular meeting.

Donald Lake of LaGrange called on relatives here Tuesday.

Yorkville: The influenza is taking a terrible toll from the country and there seems to be a continuation of the spread of the disease. In another column will be found an article from the government telling of the cures and precautions to take. One piece of advice seems timely, however, keep away from crowds and avoid people with colds. Personal care will in many cases prevent an attack but when you feel it coming, call a doctor.

The regular weekly drill of Company K, I.R.M. [Illinois Reserve Militia], to have been held tomorrow, Thursday night has been postponed indefinitely. Capt. L.K Gilpatrick.

The \$60 million bond issue for good roads has frightened many by its name. They don't realize that this amount of money is to be raised by the users of automobiles and comes out of their tax as machine owners? Not a cent will be added to the personal or real estate taxes of a person. The good roads will be built and maintained by the auto owner. Vote for the issue.

Oct. 23: William Toben and family are moving to the residence recently vacated by Andrew Swanson.

Mrs. Ralph Norris who has been critically ill with pneumonia is recovering.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Minick died Saturday night after suffering but a short time with the prevailing epidemic. The funeral was private and held from the house.

R.K. Knapp has returned from Kansas City where he purchased cattle.

Yorkville: The action of the supervisors in ordering a flag pole in the court house yard is to be commended. With the existing conditions, the flag at the top of the building is so placed that it is almost impossible to raise and lower the flag at morning and night.

Pneumonia claimed a member of Company K., Illinois Reserve Militia, Friday, Oct. 18, in the person of Jess C. Wittrup. The young man had fought the influenza until he was forced to his bed but had waited too long. Pneumonia developed in a malignant form and despite all efforts of love and science the young man was called to answer reveille in the grand encampment above. Jess Charles Wittrup was born in Chicago Oct. 2, 1901.

Mrs. Wittrup, mother of Jess, was seriously ill when the son died; his death added to her grief and pneumonia took a harder hold, which combated the efforts of two physicians, and death relieved her suffering Tuesday afternoon.

The epidemic of influenza had knocked the bottom out of all social and business affairs. Its spread had caused the stopping of all congregations for any purpose and public gatherings are claimed to be a menace to health. Kendall county has been overrun with the malady but seems to be getting rid of the disease by degrees. The one great watchword of the people should be "Care for your Health." Watch a slight cold, see a physician if it shows signs of getting worse and most of all keep warm and avoid other people who are affected. The grippe is a thing which cannot be laughed off and requires attention. If this is given, the danger of fatal results is lessened.

The annual convention of the Kendall County Sunday School association has been postponed indefinitely on account of the epidemic of influenza.

NOTICE

The recent epidemic which has spread so rapidly over the country makes it necessary in the minds of officers and executive committee of the northern Illinois Teachers' Association to postpone the meeting scheduled for Nov. 1-2, until a later date.

George Elliott
County Superintendent

The Yorkville Public Schools are closed on account of the grippe this week. Two new cases developed during the weekend and it was thought best by the authorities to take no chances. All the churches were also closed Sunday and no public meetings have been held. Orders from Springfield are that funerals must be strictly private and the ban has been placed on lodge meetings.

NaAuSay: There were no services at the Presbyterian church last Sunday owing to the order of the Board of Health. Unless otherwise notified, services will be held Sunday, Oct. 27.

Oct. 30: Chris Herren left last week for California where he will look over an irrigated territory recently opened.

Sunday afternoon the funeral of Mrs. Ray Mitchell was held at their late home, deceased passing away at a hospital in Champaign, where she had been a patient for a brief period of time. She left here about three weeks ago for Champaign, where Mr. Mitchell was working. While there they were both ill, she developing pneumonia, which proved fatal. Interment in Oswego cemetery.

Saturday afternoon the private funeral of miss Lizzie Moore was held from the home of her sister, Mrs. Louise Kennedy. Miss Moore had been a sufferer and a hospital patient for some weeks. Following the time medical aid declared her incurable she was brought to the home of her sister where she died. Interment in Oswego cemetery.

November -- 1918

Nov. 6: In balloting Nov. 2, voters in Kendall County overwhelmingly approved the \$60 million bond issue to build hard roads throughout Illinois, 1,532-90.

A meeting of the Oswego War Fund committee will be held at the town hall Nov. 7.

The postponed card party to be given by the XIX Century club will be given at their club rooms Monday night, Nov. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reinhart are moving in the house vacated by Ray Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lippy have recently moved from Marengo and are now occupying the Louis Georgi cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pierce will soon be Oswego residents. They will occupy the rooms being vacated by Fred Reinhart and he will be employed by Charles Schultz.

After a three weeks vacation owing to the influenza, the school has started.

Mrs. Shortman spent Sunday with her husband at Camp Grant.

Yorkville: The first letter via aeroplane to arrive at the Yorkville post office came last Wednesday morning. The letter was indeed a package, weighing about three pounds, and took 35 cents to send. The package bore a 26-cent aeroplane stamp, a 25-cent regular stamp, and a 2-cent documentary stamp. The package was in excellent shape and bore no signs or rough handling. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hanna were the recipients of the parcel and it was mailed at Nipa, Calif. Postmaster Fasmer thinks the expense of postage such as to discourage frequent use of the air for postage.

Nov. 13: George A. Miles, who spent the past month at the home of his uncle, Rev. J.G. Butler, has accepted a position with the Marshall Field Company at Chicago.

The funeral of Hazel Burkhart was held Sunday afternoon. Ill but one day she died Friday evening of pneumonia. She was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burkhart.

GERMANY A REPUBLIC

Great War Ends with Armistice

Teutons Take Government in Own Hands

Kaiser Abdicates

Crown Prince Dead

America is called upon to feed hungry works after greatest war of history is ended.

Fighting stopped Monday morning. Everybody celebrates. Business suspended.

Armistice demands rigid but Foch enforces them. Thirty days to peace table.

Mrs. Hugh R. Marshall was called to Chicago Tuesday by the death of her nephew, Gordon F. Smythe, from influenza and Pneumonia. He was to have entered the army last Friday but was taken to St. Luke's hospital in stead and died Monday afternoon. This is the third death in Mrs. Marshall's family from Pneumonia and she has but recently recovered from a serious attack of influenza.

The detachment of seven men who were to have left Kendall county for Spartanburg, S.C. to take up their duties at Camp Wadsworth will not leave. Chairman Williams of the local board has received orders to hold them. While this statement is not official it is commonly talked that there will be no more drafting of men.

Nov. 20: Miss Sadie Georgi is confined to her home with an attack of influenza.

Petty thievery was again in evidence when the W.J. Morse store was entered last Friday evening. The cash drawer was relieved of \$5, but nothing else seemed to be disturbed.

It is stated that more died from the epidemic of influenza than there did on the battle field. It was a dreadful scourge: H.R. Marshall

Nov. 27: Will Shortman of Camp Grant has been home on a few days furlough.

The German losses of men killed wounded in the war is over six millions. The British is over three millions. Want any more war?

You may possibly feel that no harm can come from German propagandists in Kendall county, but more unlikely things have occurred in past times. That the Nation is alarmed at the extension of Bolshevik principles is a guide for us. Don't be caught napping; set your face and your voice against any man or woman who, in this time of stress, will advocate socialistic doctrines and socialist government. We now have the best government in the world; it has been tried and not found wanting. Down with the red flag of blood and riot!

December -- 1918

Dec. 4: The United States has been ravaged by the disease known as the Spanish Influenza or grip to the extent that the deaths have reached an astounding figure. No part of the country is free and no relief is in sight. Physicians are baffled. Cases are not all alike and treatment varies. Care of your health is essential and to avoid the epidemic you must carefully watch your habits. Keep your feet warm, your digestion in good condition, avoid drafts and eschew alcohol. When you feel the ailment coming, go to bed and stay there till a physician tells you you may get up. Prevention is the thing--take care of yourself.

During the last growing season, Kendall County farmers produced the following: Winter wheat, 725 acres, 20,597 bushels; spring wheat, 2,756 acres, 75,242 bushels; oats, 37,458 acres, 2,346,900 bushels; barley, 3,608 acres, 159,859 bushels; rye, 33 acres, 973 bushels.

Dec. 11: Grant Leigh is ill at his home with pneumonia. Mrs. Leigh and children are ill at the home of her mother in Aurora.

Junior, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wormley, is recovering from an attack of influenza.

The youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Fay Blackman passed away Monday morning, complications arising from influenza.

Obituary of Mrs. Henrietta Trish Williams.

Miss Carrie M. Schilling died Dec. 5 at her home in Oswego of pneumonia following influenza. A private funeral was held at the home of her father, Henry Schilling. Miss Schilling was born Sept. 23, 1889 at Oswego. Her mother Mrs. Henry Schilling died but recently. Miss Carrie coming home to care for her and while there was stricken with her fatal illness.

Frank Christopher Friebele, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Friebele, was born in Aurora Sept. 28, 1869. He died Friday, Dec. 6, 1918.

Dec. 18: For Sale: A new eight room house, gas and electric light installed, a barn, chicken house, and four lots. Inquire of Henry Schilling, Oswego.

Miss Esther Hill is employed temporarily at the Schickler store in Aurora.

The Grant Leigh family who have been seriously ill are improving.

Recent work has been received from Clare Willis that he will be at Camp Grant for demobilization.

Dr. L.J. Weishew has been called from the East coast owing to the illness of Mrs. Weishew and the birth of a son. He is obliged to return Wednesday.

Word was received last Saturday to the effect that Ben Biesemier had been seriously wounded Nov. 4. A letter came Monday evidently written by a friend but dictated by himself. The wound barred him from writing and he was gracious in praise for those attending him.

Death has taken a wonderful toll from the country this fall. Not only has the grip epidemic had much to do with it, but it seems that every ailment has been more severe than usual. Men with slight complaints have gone to their final resting place with a

complication of diseases. Care of your health is essential. Don't flirt with disease but keep warm and comfortable.

Dec. 25: Clare Willis, Paul Dwyre, William Foss, and Fred Sutherland have returned to their various homes, having been discharged from the ranks of the U.S. Army.

Dr. L.J. Weishew has returned to his duties as lieutenant in the medical corps at camp near New York City.

Howard Herren has been discharged from the S.A.T.C. [Student Army Training Corps] at Champaign and is spending the Christmas holidays with his people.

Bans have been removed on all food stuffs. Don't misinterpret this order. It doesn't give you license to use recklessly all the food that you want. You can get along on smaller quantities of flour and sugar than you did before the war. You have had practice. Continue the good work.

Colonel Upshaw Hord died at his home in Aurora Sunday morning after an illness of a year. The colonel will be well remembered in Yorkville where he has been interested in several railroad ventures. His efforts put through the AE&C branch which runs to Yorkville. He was born in Kentucky and came to Aurora in 1867 where he and his brother, Lysander, were in the flour milling business. Col. Hord leaves his widow and one daughter besides his brother and three sisters to mourn.

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January

Jan. 1: George White, one of Oswego's oldest settlers, died Sunday, Dec. 29, after a long illness. He was born in Germany, August 31, 1844, coming to this community when very young. He spent practically his entire life in and about Oswego. He was one of the first volunteers in 1861 and served throughout the Civil War in the 129th Illinois Infantry. He was a prisoner at Andersonville and was of the few to survive the horrors of that place. Mr. White was married to Miss Sarah Livinia Hall on Feb. 14, 1878, who still survives with the three children, Martha and Florence at home and Guy in Chicago. Mr. White was a member of Aurora Post 20 of the GAR

Jan. 8: *The Record* mourned the death of former President Theodore Roosevelt with a black-bordered front-page photo. Roosevelt died Jan. 6, 1919.

It is hoped there will be a large attendance at the Red Cross meeting Friday. There is plenty of work and the poor little Belgium children need the warm clothing now. It is also the close of the Christmas Roll Call. If you are not enrolled, forget what you have done, think of our boys overseas yes, and especially those wounded over there and others who

have been brought to the U.S. who so need our help. Many of them in the U.S. are dying in some camp of their wounds and have no home to be sent to.

Fred Beinhardt who recently was very ill has recovered sufficiently to resume duties at the Burlington.

While at play, Leslie Weiss dislocated his elbow. The accident happened when sliding down hill on a sled. He is again at school.

Mrs. Allen Wooley is one of the influenza victims; also Mrs. Hardy Shoger.

Mary Cutter has recently been substituting in the Oswego school for Miss Baker.

Paul Dwyre has accepted a position with a Morris firm.

Jan. 15: Andrew Pierce has left the Schultz grocery and accepted a position with the Conkey gravel pit. George Schafer who had his sale last week has come to town and will live with Mr. and Mrs. George Evans.

Paul Young has returned to the battleship USS Muscatine in New York Harbor on which he will embark for foreign shores.

Sherman T. Young died at the Aurora hospital Friday afternoon at 2:50 o'clock of trouble following influenza. He was 51 years of age. He was born at Oswego November 3, 1867, and had made his home in Oswego and Aurora all his life. He leaves a widow, Daisey Young, and one son, Paul in the United States navy, former East high school football star and also two daughters, Misses Sarah and Alice Young of Oswego and one sister, Mrs. John C. Hopkins of Aurora.

Jan. 22: Miss Aileen Young is suffering from the effects of a nervous breakdown.

Mr. Rolfe of Aurora is filling the vacancy at the Schultz store caused by the resignation of Andrew Pierce, who is now working at the Conkey gravel pit.

Rev. R.M. Cressey of Winona, Ill. will deliver an illustrated lecture on "Historical Illinois" in the Oswego Presbyterian church on Monday evening, Feb. 10.

Jan. 29: The John Jessup family is recovering from the influenza. The little son, Wm. Jessup is recovering from pneumonia.

February -- 1919

Feb. 5: F. Kohlhammer is beginning to remodel the Josephine Edwards residence recently purchased by him.

Mr. and Mrs. Moses Cherry celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary Sunday by entertaining at a family reunion.

Feb. 12: Lloyd Wormley, who was the first to offer his services to Uncle Sam and was sent to Yuma, Arizona where he has been serving ever since, has been honorably discharged from the army.

Frank Greshaw has returned from a Texas camp with an honorable discharge from U.S. service.

William Dwyre is confined to his home by illness, being taken quite suddenly Tuesday.

Feb. 19: Lloyd Wormley, who was the first to offer his service to Uncle Sam from this community and was sent to Yuma, Ariz., where he has been serving ever since, has been honorably discharged from the Army.

Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Lantz celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their home Sunday by entertaining over one hundred relatives and friends. A most appetizing repast was served and a most enjoyable attendance spent by those present. A substantial purse, two leather rockers, and other tokens of esteem were left Mr. and Mrs. Lantz.

Feb. 26: Corp. Frank Huntoon is in Camp Grant and expects daily to be mustered out.

The Fred Mundsinger family have recently moved to their new home in Oswego recently vacated by the Meyer family.

Miss Esther Hill has accepted a position at the local telephone office, the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Shortman.

Yorkville: DeWitt VanTassel has bought the home occupied by the late Mrs. Raleigh and will vacate the Fred Johnson residence, which will be occupied by Louis Gaworski.

March -- 1919

March 5: Albert Kessinger, Alvin Sorg, Frank Huntoon, Glen Jericho George Grishour and Ralph Johnson have received honorable discharges from respective army camps and over sea and returned to Oswego. Arthur Schwinoff, who has returned from over sea, has been very ill at Camp Grant with scarlet fever.

Record ad from the Chicago Telephone Company: The word "Good-by" at the end of a telephone conversation is not only a courtesy between those who have been talking but it is definite indication that the conversation is terminated, and that the receiver may be returned to the hook without discourtesy.

Don't forget to say Good-by when you have concluded your telephone talk.

March 12: John, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Elliott, met with a painful accident while at play with other young boys. An air rifle causing the painful injury to John, which may cause him to lose an eye.

Orv. Wormley has recently purchased an automobile from H. VanVolkenberg.

Raymond Dwyre, who has been ill, has resumed duties at Schultz's store.

Yorkville: Never in the history of the Fox River Valley Railroad has a passenger had to pay more for transportation to Aurora [from Yorkville] than 37 cents till the new government controlled railroad raised the rates to 42 cents to go the 12 miles. We are now paying higher passenger rates, higher freight rates, higher express rates and suffering the worst service in the memory of the present generation.

March 19: Earl Simpson and Rilla VanVolkenberg left Sunday for New York where they will spend a week with Ben Biesemier who will soon have his last operation.

Yorkville: "Billy" Smith, proprietor of the Yorkville Garage and Vulcanizing Company, died at his home on the north side Tuesday afternoon after a week's illness from the influenza. Charles William Smith was born in Yorkville Sept. 10, 1880.

The baseball men are soon to leave on their spring training trips Sure sign the war is over.

The repudiated debts of some of the Confederate states are being dug up by English creditors and pay demanded. The amount is considerable and may be a feature of the final settlement of the League of Nations. That would be a fine thing for Uncle Sam who has loaned the Allies billions of dollars.

March 26: Last Thursday, March 20, was Rev. J.G. Butler's 82nd birthday.

Henry Schilling left Monday for northern Wisconsin where he will visit the home of his daughter, Carrie.

Yorkville: The AE&C gives the poorest service ever experienced by the writer and by the majority of the readers of *The Record*. There is no idea of a schedule, the road bed is worse than useless and the fare is sky high. Every day or so there is a miss on the number of cars to be run to Yorkville. The village boards of Montgomery, Oswego and Yorkville should demand satisfaction.

April -- 1919

April 2: The stores of Oswego will be open until 9 p.m. every Wednesday evening beginning April 9 until further notice.

Cards from Raymond Ness say that he will sail for the States April 20.

Yorkville: Mr. Thomas Fletcher of Lisbon is in receipt of a letter from J.R. Messner, director of collections for the United War Work campaign of last November. Kendall county raised 168 percent of their quota and topped the state in this regard. The letter is dated March 26 and in part says:

“You will be interested to know that Kendall County was the first county in the state to pay in full the amount subscribed during the war Work Campaign of last November.

April 9: F.A. Phelps of Grand Rapids, Mich. visited Oswego friends recently. Mr. Phelps was a former banker here.

There was an accident on the trestle at Oswego a week ago, which was not made public till long after it was over. A freight car ran into a passenger car while the former was in a smokescreen made by a Burlington freight engine. It was simply luck that the cars didn't leave the track and kill someone. Someday, perhaps, there will be a correction made on the Aurora-Yorkville line and the track will be usable. The DeKalb and the Plainfield roads out of Aurora in the hands of a receiver or have been are Pullman coaches compared to the local cars.

April 16: Grant Funk was taken to the City hospital Tuesday. Recently while operating a tractor, he fell injuring his hand, resulting in blood poisoning. Later pneumonia developed. At this time he is seriously ill.

Paul Dwyre who has been employed at Morris has recently resigned his position.

A meeting of the farmers of the neighborhood of Oswego was held at the home of Nate L. Pearce Thursday and an organization formed known as the Oswego Farmers Improvement and Social Club.

Yorkville: The county of Kendall was thrown into mourning Tuesday when the news of the death of the Hon. Avery N. Beebe, the veteran circuit clerk, had been called home to his father's...In the state, Mr. Beebe was widely known as the oldest active circuit clerk. His public service began when he was elected circuit clerk in 1884. His service has been continuous since...During the last year Mr. Beebe has been in failing health. He was at his post of duty but the work was largely carried on by his efficient deputy, Miss Frances Lane, whose work was of such character as to relieve Mr. Beebe from much responsibility....Avery N. Beebe was born in New London, Conn. Aug. 2, 1833...Mr. Beebe came to Plano in 1857 where he went to work for Henning & Steward as a clerk. Later he went into business for himself and made a success of it till he was elected circuit clerk and moved to Yorkville.

Members of Company I, 339th Infantry refused to get into the front lines of the fight in Russia. We don't say in the war with Russia because we are supposed to have none. We have no idea what the Michigan and Wisconsin troops are supposed to be doing in Russia.

Flu Takes Two More

Two Yorkville Young People Succumb to Pneumonia After Short Illness--other relatives are sick.

April 23: At a special meeting on April 8, the Kendall County Board unanimously passed a resolution appointing Frances Lane clerk pro tempore of the Kendall County Circuit Court and ex-officio recorder of deeds in lieu of holding a special election to fill the position vacated by the death of Avery N. Beebe. The appointment was made in view of "her long and faithful service, her ability, and the efficient manner in which she has conducted the duties of her office, which has practically included all the work of the entire office for the past years." The appointment was previously approved by Circuit Judge Mazzini Slusser.

April 30: A.J. Hettrick is recovering from the fracture of two ribs received during a baseball game between the young men's team of the Aurora and Oswego Presbyterian churches.

Recent word has been received stating that Jay Bell has arrived in New York and Raymond Ness has sailed from France.

John Herren is moving the Chester Helm house to the back of the lot and will erect a bungalow on the present site.

The Andrew Gray house is being moved to the James Morrison lot.

May -- 1919

May 7: Ora Jennings was a Camp Grant visitor Sunday.

Rev. Mrs. Giese and family are moving to their new location in Chatsworth.

Jay Bell has arrived at Camp Grant and expects his discharge soon.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Tripp is reported ill with small pox.

Russell Cutter of the Aviation department, and who has seen overseas duty for 14 months, has landed in New York. He will visit relatives about here before returning to his home at Willmar, Minn.

Owing to the resignation of Frank Walker, Paul Dwyre is clerking at the H.B. Read store.

Ed Donnley and Mabel Carlson were quietly married at the Presbyterian parsonage Friday afternoon. They are living in the Vaughn cottage.

The C.M. Hanson family of Minooka have recently moved to the Mrs. Caroline Knapp home. Mr. Hanson is a mechanic and employed in Aurora.

Messrs. John Russell and Robert Herren have recently purchased new automobiles.

Yorkville: It is not a pleasant task to rail at the people of Kendall county continuously in regard to their Victory Loan subscriptions, but it must be done. This loan is still dragging and our quota has not yet been reached. The credit and honor of the United States are bound up in this loan.

It will have been six months Sunday since the armistice was signed. The world is but little nearer peace than it was then.

Today is the 55th anniversary of the *Kendall County Record*. The first issue of this country paper was printed under a date line of May 6, 1864.

Yorkville has a movie picture house now that removes any excuse for anyone to go to Aurora or elsewhere to see the best films. No expense is being spared by the management to give their patrons the very best that can be had.

It is reported that the 33rd Division of the U.S. Army will have sailed from France by May 12. This should bring them home by the first of June. In this division are a number of Kendall county soldiers.

May 14: W.J. Morse has returned from a month's visit with relatives in western Nebraska.

A new silo is being erected at the George Suhler farm.

Arthur Schwinoff of Camp Grant is home on a short furlough.

The pupils of the high school enjoyed a hike and wiener roast Monday evening, the Cherry woods affording a most excellent objective.

A farewell for Rev. Mr. Giese and family was given at the Oswego Prairie church parlors last Friday evening. There were 100 present to enjoy the occasion. The Giese family left Thursday for their new home at Chadsworth.

The death of George Barnard came as a surprise to his wide circle of relatives and friends. Taken ill Saturday evening, he grew gradually worse till medical aid could do no more and he succumbed to a complication of diseases Sunday morning. George Barnard was born Oct. 13, 1848 at Rochester, N.Y., where he resided until he reached manhood. In the fall of 1870 he married Amanda Hibbard. In 1878 they came to Oswego where Mr. Barnard started a blacksmith shop, same trade being followed till his death. The wife, Mrs. Amanda Barnard, and three sons, Bert of Oswego, Clarence of Gebo, Wyo., and Herman of Aurora; and one sister, Mrs. Hattie Friedman of Rochester survive. The

funeral services were from the late home Tuesday. Interment at Riverside cemetery, Montgomery.

Yorkville: Everyone in Kendall county and the country should draw a sigh of relief and then congratulate themselves on the patriotic manner in which the county and country subscribed for Victory Bonds.

May 21: Rev. J.T. Hood, who has served in the World War in YMCA work but recently returned from over there, will give a talk Friday evening at the Presbyterian church.

Fred Bower is improving his residence in town preparatory to moving there soon.

These are busy days for the graduating class of the Oswego high school, but time of recreation was found Wednesday evening when Miss Blanch Milligan, Mrs. Block, Misses Baker and Anderson chaperoned the Misses Pierce, Verla Falk, Leslie Woolley, Merrill Mores, and George Van Valkenberg to Chicago to a theatre party at the Auditorium to see MacBeth.

Fred Walker and Royce Smith shipped their cattle to Chicago Tuesday.

Mrs. Maria Lyons has moved from the Bell cottage to her home on Main street.

There was an impressive ceremony at the Oswego Congregational church last Tuesday when the Rev. Frederick Peggs, the pastor of the church, was regularly ordained as a minister by the representatives of the Aurora Association

The Cutter school is now displaying two new flags, the Peace Flag and the Victory Flag. The former has a blue center with a border made of the 21 victorious nations. On the blue center is a map of the world with the statue of Liberty and the motto, "Peace on Earth, good will toward men." The latter flag is composed of those of the 21 victorious countries, with our own banner in the center.

Chairman O.A. Burkhart for Kendall county on the Armenian and Syrian relief fund reports that he now has on hand a total of \$2,187.77 which he expects to send in soon.

May 28: The closing day of the XIX Century club year ended for 1918-1919, was much enjoyed by its members Thursday, May 15.

Ray Ness returned from overseas Saturday, having been mustered out at Camp Grant.

Russell Cutter, who has but recently been discharged from the aeroplane division of the army, was a weekend visitor among Oswego relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Campbell are the parents of a son born Friday morning, May 23 at the Aurora hospital.

A grader is now at work on the Oswego streets preparatory to the oiling, which will soon be done.

The Rev. J.T. Hood, who was at one time pastor of the Presbyterian church, gave an interesting talk in that church Friday evening.

Kenneth Tripp is ill with smallpox and is the second member of the Isaac Tripp family to have the disease. Norval Tripp is convalescent.

Leslie Morse left last week for Wood Lake, Neb., where he will remain for six months on a ranch.

J.R. Craighead left Tuesday for Kings, in the interest of the New Era movement.

Col. John D. Russell and several other Kendall county men attended a meeting of Kane county road commissioners at Aurora Friday evening. They went in the interest of the cement connection in the road between Aurora and Kendall county. At present there is a cement road from Oswego to the county line. The Kane county people have decided that since this is the first county to hook up with them that they will do their best to complete the job. County Superintendent Russell is always on the out look for the benefit of Kendall county and it is through his efforts that many improvements are made.

June -- 1919

June 4: No Oswego news column; see next week.

June 11: Miss May Barrett has returned to her home in Chicago after a brief visit with friends here.

John Bloomer has returned to Oswego, having received his discharge from the navy.

Morton Leigh has returned from overseas and received his discharge.

Wednesday, June 4, Paul Dwyre was united in marriage to Mildred Weise of Morris by Rev. Mr. McArthur at his home in Chicago. After a brief sojourn in Chicago they returned to Oswego where Mr. Dwyre is employed. Miss Weise is a girl of charming personality and has won many friends here. Possessing a talented voice she has appeared many times in social circles. Mr. Dwyre has but recently received his discharge, having spent the past year in a southern camp.

A new firm of Reinhart and Bell will soon be established in Oswego in the building vacated by Gus Voss. Patrons may there enjoy the delicacies of a soda fountain and the privilege of a rest room.

Miss Mabel Biesemier will leave soon to attend summer school at DeKalb Normal.

To Auto Drivers

All violators of automobile laws will be arrested.

James Morrison, Marshal

(Received too late for last week): Dr. L.P Voss has recently purchased the property known as the Helm corner.

Oswego friends of Mrs. Mary Marcus Fisher have recently received word of her death. She was an early resident of Oswego and formed many friends here. She was living in Chicago at the time of her death. The remains were taken to North Carolina and placed beside her husband, who is buried there.

Herman Tetzlaff, born in Germany in 1854, came to this country at the age of four years. In this immediate vicinity he spent his early years and established hosts of friends. Attending the Oswego school until the age of 12, he then accepted a position as a clerk in Aurora. From there he next lived in Kansas returning to Aurora, he was in partnership in a drygoods store. In this capacity he spent most of his life. His only relatives are the Keihl people here. he died at his home in Elgin. Interment in Elgin.

Ralph Burkhart, Leslie Falk, and Raymond Dwyre spent the weekend at Indianapolis, Ind., where they witnessed the automobile races.

Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Herren, Max Cutter and Robbie Herren were hosts to their class at school. Teachers and pupils numbered about 25. The lawn was prettily decorated by Japanese lanterns and ferns. The event was a farewell as Max and Robbie attend an Aurora school net year.

The program for the Oswego High School commencement was given Wednesday evening June 4. Processional, Miss Jessie Baker; invocation, Rev. James RE. Craighead; double quartet, "Tis Morn," Ruth Marvin, Audrey Knuth, Nellie Mitchell, Margaret Davis, Merrill Morse, Reginald Burkhart, George Van Volkenburg, Leigh Woolley.

Fred Barkley, an Aurora boy, was arrested in Oswego Saturday night charged with the attempted theft of an automobile. He was bound over to the grand jury by Justice T.G. Johnson and brought to Yorkville, He was examined by physicians Monday and found to be of the moron class and efforts will be made to place him in a school where he can be cared for.

Charles Cherry drove into Oswego last Saturday night and stopped his car on the street. He had not gone far when Barkley, a boy of about 16, attempted to start it. There were no batteries in the machine and when the boy threw the switch over to the battery he was lost. He cranked and cranked, finally getting the attention of Mr. Cherry, who had him arrested. He said that he had been told to get the machine by a Mr. Murphy of Aurora. Young Barkley had been apprehended when he borrowed a horse and buggy in Aurora several years ago and last year he appropriated an automobile.

Yorkville: It is possible but not probable that when we of Kendall county go to vote next fall, 1920, we will find ourselves in a brand new, tailor made congressional district.

TO GET GERMAN CANNON

Congressman Charles E. Fuller has put in a bill in the present Congress to give Yorkville a captured German cannon or field piece from the number captured in the late war. There will be an airplane of the United States Demonstration Service in Yorkville this afternoon and will remain till Thursday noon.

CONCRETE TO AURORA

Action has been taken by the commissioner of Aurora township, Kane county, and a concrete road will be built at once connecting the concrete road from Oswego to Aurora. The road by the French cemetery [Sacred Heart Cemetery, Montgomery] will be straightened out and there will be a clear stretch of hard road from Oswego to Aurora. This improvement has been brought about by the untiring efforts of several Oswego citizens who have worked hard to accomplish this end.

AIRPLANE IN Yorkville

There will be an airplane of the United States Demonstration Service in Yorkville this afternoon and will remain till Thursday noon. The two men in charge will arrive shortly after noon and will be the guests of the Yorkville business men.

NaAuSay: Friends were surprised to hear of the marriage of Harold Cormany and Florence Keister at Crown Point, Ind. After a short wedding trip they returned to his father's farm.

June 18: Courtney Hemm and Albert Woolley shipped stock to Chicago Monday.

William Shortman is driving a new car.

S.J. Hall has recently purchased the Jane Jessup Vaughn home.

The much anticipated day for the reunion of the schoolmates of the Old Stone school house planned for June 14 arrived and was very enjoyably spent by the 31 present.

Yorkville: THE DUFFY REUNION

The annual reunion of the pupils of the Oswego school at which those who went to instruction under the Hon. C.C. Duffy are invited, will be held on the lawn of the Duffy home in Ottawa Wednesday, June 26. The Hon. Frank Vanderlip, one of the schoolmates, now of New York, will be present.

June 25: Lt. Stewart Heberling and family of LaGrange spent the week at the White home.

The James Campbell family are enjoying a new automobile.

Yorkville: Those having ice cream pails or cans belonging to me are requested to return them or call 40-W or 51-R.

Jens Todnem

THRIFT WEEK IN ILLINOIS

This week, beginning last Monday, is being celebrated as "Thrift Week" throughout the United States as designated by the War Savings Organization of Illinois. The idea is to promote thrift in the country and to start the children on the right track as to saving. In order to bring about the cooperation, the children are promised a real treat by the government. The treat resolves itself into the gift of a hand grenade, manufactured by the government for use abroad and made over to a saving bank for the school children. The proposition is explained in the following letter from the Chicago headquarters:

Real Hand Grenades and Savings Banks

Thirty thousand Illinois school children, probably more, will receive at the reconvening of school in the fall, a souvenir of the war that in later years will be highly prized. The souvenir is a real hand grenade converted into a savings bank. These banks are being manufactured from grenades designed for use by the American troops in France.

The mechanical contrivances for exploding the grenade and safeguarding the thrower are left intact. Only the TNT is removed. This had to be done to make room for the pennies and dimes the school children will save therein for the purchase of War Savings Stamps. When the armistice was signed, the War Department had 15 million grenades on hand and these are being transformed into banks. Illinois has been allotted 30,000 and has asked for an option on an additional 30,000.

Under a plan approved by the Treasury Department for the distribution of the souvenir banks, each child under 10 years old who during the vacation season earns enough money to buy one War Savings Stamp and submits to his teacher an account of how the money was earned would be entitled to receive a bank. Children of more than 10 years would be required to purchase two War Savings Stamps.

The banks will be distributed in the fall by the teachers upon the pupils' essay. It will be for the teachers to determine whether the Stamps bought represent bonifide vacation earnings.

July -- 1919

July 2: The merchants of Oswego will keep open Thursday evening, July 3, but will close all day July 4.

Dr. Charles Prescott Hebert died at the hospital in Riverside, Calif. on the morning of July 1. Because of the seriousness of the illness of his wife, his body will not be brought to Oswego for burial. The funeral will be held at Riverside Thursday July 3.

Word has been received from Harold Graham that he has arrived in the United States.

Roy Weber of Chicago and family have moved to Oswego where he will enter business with his father, Charlie Weber.

Thursday last, Mrs. L.C. Young entertained the Wilted Lettuce Club at her home.

Mr. Weishew has returned to his home in Pennsylvania after an extended visit at the home of his son, Dr. L. Weishew.

Saturday, Miss Mabel Schwinoff was married to Mr. H. Hampton of Plano. They are enjoying a brief trip to St. Louis and Belleville, Ill. visiting relatives.

Mr. Atherton and family are again located in Oswego, he holding a clerical position with an Aurora firm.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ammons of Mendota are the parents of a daughter.

Messrs. Biesemier and Van Volkenburg and families motored to Camp Grant Sunday spending the day with Ben Biesemier.

NaAuSay: Friends will be glad to hear Andy Armstrong has arrived safely from France.

Grandma King and Mrs. Dan King of Tamarack spent Wednesday with Miss Stella Devereaux.

Yorkville: The nation went "bone dry" yesterday--and now, if ever, is the time that a feller needs a friend.

The hope that our soldiers will all be out of Europe soon must be abandoned. Secretary of War Baker has issued a special appeal to young men to enlist in the army for service in Europe and bleak Siberia. How long, oh Lord! how long, will it be until our "democratic" president steps out of the role of Czar long enough to let his "subjects" know why he is keeping our soldiers in Siberia. Do we owe that country anything?

The farmers are a busy crowd--cultivating corn, haying, getting ready to cut wheat and their oat crop coming on fast. Crops are all in good condition and the hot weather is bringing the corn out fast.

THE DUFFY REUNION

A number of people from Oswego and Aurora went to Ottawa last Wednesday to attend the annual reunion of the pupils of the Duffy school of Oswego. The reunion was in the nature of a picnic, held on the lawn of C.C. Duffy's home, where dinner was served cafeteria-style. Mr. Duffy, while not in the best of health, was able to be with his former schoolboys and girls and all enjoyed the day. Of special interest was the presence of Frank Vanderlip, one of the nation's big men and a former pupil, at the picnic.

July 9: James Gowran has recently sold his farm to Herman Miller of Somonauk.

Fay Hinchman is home again having received his honorable discharge from Fort Sheridan.

Ben Biesemier has returned to Fort Sheridan after enjoying a five day furlough, which he spent at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schultz, Dr. and Mrs. Weishew motored to Michigan City the Fourth where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schultz.

Dr. and Mrs. Churchill entertained relatives from Chicago last week.

A family reunion was held Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Havens in honor of her brother, Jay Funk, who recently returned from overseas.

Oswego students have returned to DeKalb Normal after enjoying a few days vacation.

NaAuSay: About 25 of the young people went on Edmund Seely's truck to Starved Rock the Fourth and report a fine time.

Yorkville: There are 43 soft drink "parlors" in Aurora and hard-boiled denizens of that burg can't find anything suitable to drink in any of 'em.

Sodas and Sundaes
when served by the sanitary
Paper Cup and Dish Service
which we tender our patrons
are absolutely pure. To insure
yourself against the so-called
"CUP GERMS" use our
sanitary system.
We Strive To Please
F.G. Hill & Co.
The Rexall Store
Yorkville

At The Movie
YORKVILLE TOWN HALL
20 cents and 10 cents
and War Tax
Wednesday, July 16
WM. S. HART IN
"The Border Wireless"
A western feature. Many like
Tom Mix, but most movie fans
like W.S. Hart better. Come
see his first appearance in Yorkville

July 16: John Haag, for many years a resident of Kendall county near Oswego committed suicide by jumping into the abandoned stone quarry on River street, Aurora, Monday morning. The coroner's jury decided that the act was committed while Mr. Haag was temporarily insane from the effects of the heat. Mrs. Haag had tried to keep her husband at home Monday morning because of his health but he insisted on going for a walk with the tragic result. Mr. Haag had retired from farming several years ago and moved to Aurora. The body was held in the quarry, which is over 50 feet deep, till Tuesday afternoon when it was raised by exploding dynamite in the water. All attempts to reach it by grapples were vain.

July 23: Pathe phonographs and records for sale at Cutter's Drug Store, Oswego. Also a complete line of Eastman Kodaks and films.

Reinhart has sold out to Bell who will remain on the present location.

Relatives have received word from Ben Biesemier that he has submitted to the eighth operation on his arm and is convalescent.

Merrill Morse and Stewart Palmer are remodeling the Evans building preparatory to starting a grocery store.

Yorkville: We have said before in the columns of *The Record* that one of the serious problems was to get men back to the farm. In days gone by there was no blame attached to a boy who didn't want to put up with the hard work and lack of convenience on the farm. Now it is different. The man living in the country enjoys all the comforts of the city dweller and is more free in every way. The trouble is with the city man who, out of a job, would prefer loafing in pool rooms and dives of the city to the healthful, free life of the country. This has much to do with the labor problem. Work on the farm is not as arduous as it was in years gone by and a campaign of education to the city man would be a good undertaking. Teach him that the modern machinery has removed much of the drudgery of farm labor. Show him the beautiful prospects of a country home with a freedom never known by dwellers in the crowded cities. Take the matter up in the schools and teach the boy the joy of the outdoor life.

Letter to the Editor

And so our ever-gracious and agriculturally inclined (?) President has saved the marvelous daylight saving law from repeal.

Agricultural interests are based industrially, and farmer folk predominate over any other class of workers numerically. Farmers all over the country protested against this absurd law, and demanded its repeal.

Congress heard this demand above the noise of organized labor but the President did not. Well, Brother Farmers, let us take our medicine with as good grace as we can and see if we can remedy matters.

Do you suppose, thorough national organization of farmers would help?

It wouldn't hurt to try it.

W.F. OSBORN

An order from the Adjutant General, Frank S. Dickson, rescinded the order, which called the Fifth Regiment, I.R.M. [Illinois Reserve Militia] to Camp Lincoln from July 26 to Aug. 2. This was welcome news to many as the farmers' work is in such condition to make the going a hardship. The majority of the members of Company K were loathe to leave their work for this training and they were relieved when the order came. At the drill of Yorkville platoon, Company K, Thursday night it was decided by Capt. Gilpatrick to discontinue drill till Thursday night, Sept. 4. This will give the farmers a clean run at their grain and threshing. The order applies to the Plattville platoon as well.

Ignoring the plea of President Wilson, the Alabama state senate following Georgia's lead by a vote of 19 to 13 refused to ratify the federal woman's suffrage amendment. Alabama also is a state that is viciously opposed to any restrictions on child labor.

July 30: Lieutenant John H. Long recently called on friends. Mr. Long may be remembered as the Civil Engineer on the state road.

Mrs. Margaret Edwards is spending the week in Yorkville attending the Chautauqua.

Miss Floi Johnston left Tuesday to spend her vacation at Yellowstone park and other western places of interest.

Russell Boyle has returned to his home after having received his discharge.

The residence of William Williams has recently been sold to Henry Heffelfinger of Plattville.

Yorkville: No cars are running today on the AE&C and Yorkville is back to the old steam car service to get to Aurora. The third rail is also out of commission and the up river cars are stopped. The employees voted to strike Tuesday and stopped work at 2 this morning. The street car men demanded the same settlement as the Chicago car men would get and were not satisfied with the price set by General Manager Faber.

The street car men in Chicago are not getting the sympathy they expected from the passengers. The offer of 65 cents an hour and an eight hour day looks big enough when they are to be paid time and a half for overtime. The demands of the car men seem outrageous and beyond reason.

It is said there will be no attempt to move cars till the race riots are over.

The Chicago morning papers tell of a death list having grown to 26 in the race riots in that city and the injured will number nearly 300. There are 4,000 National Guardsmen being held in reserve for the trouble should the Chicago police be unable to cope with the emergency. The outlying companies of the Reserve Militia have been ordered to stand ready to go at a moment's notice. Company K [from Kendall County] has been reported ready and will answer to a man if the call comes. The bad feature of the affair is that many foreigners, not naturalized, are mixing in the riot and making it hard for the true

American to prevent further trouble. Twelve Italians, armed with sawed-off shotguns were arrested in one bunch.

THE FOX RIVER FILTH

Some years ago there was a law passed in the state of Illinois which was to stop the use of the Fox River as a public sewer for the cities on its banks. The law provided that the cities would put in septic tanks and dispose of the sewerage. The enforcement of this law was overlooked during the war time but the state is now getting busy. The Department of Public Works has notified the cities of Aurora, Elgin, and other nearby places that they must get busy and float a bond issue to provide for a new disposal tank. If this is not done at once, the state will refuse them the right of the river and collect damages if they do. The condition of Fox River is such that an enforcement is necessary. In the past decade the river had deteriorated in stream value so that it is almost useless as a spot of beauty, a place to fish or swim. The water is polluted to such an extent that to use it for any purpose is dangerous. It is to be hoped that a cleaning of the stream will be effected with the state conservation and again we can catch fish we are not afraid to eat from its ripples. Aurora and Elgin are putting up a howl about the expense. They are being answered by the residents along the river and the smaller towns where the river is looked upon as a place for diversion. The cities have dumped refuse as well as sewerage and the big chemical factories have further polluted the river. It is high time the practice was done away with forever.

The need of rain in the surrounding country is becoming serious and all nature is crying for a good downpour. Last week was a hot one, Friday was the hottest day we have registered, the thermometer getting over the 95 mark in the shade. Threshing has started and farmers are selling a little of their new grain. The spring wheat crop was a failure. Oats are coming strong and the corn crop promises great yields.

NaAuSay: Homer Vickery had a swarm of bees sent him from Ohio by express and reports them in fine condition.

August -- 1919

Aug. 6: Mrs. Dan Minick has returned from Iowa where she has been caring for a sister who is ill.

The Oswego girls who have been taking the summer course at DeKalb have completed same and returned to their homes here.

The Morlock [Cigar] Wrapper factory is now operating. Local help has been secured and in time 30 operators of machines will be required. It is hoped the local people will boost the enterprise.

An employee of F. Klomhaus had the misfortune Monday afternoon to fall from a loaded wagon of oat bundles, resulting in temporary paralysis. The accident happened as he tried

to catch a sliding bundle sipping as he do so and fell, striking his head. He was taken to the Aurora hospital. His recovery, although slow, is expected.

Yorkville: Harold D. VanEtten of Bath, Mason county, Ill. and Miss Caroline Lindley of Oswego were married Saturday afternoon by the Rev. S. Burman Long at the Congregational parsonage. The young people will make their home in Mason county, where the groom is operating a farm. The bride is a graduate of the Yorkville high school and lived here a number of years. Her father was a blacksmith in Yorkville and moved from here to Oswego.

Mrs. Christopher C. Duffy of Ottawa died Monday evening following an operation. Mrs. Duffy had been in ill health for a number of months and had submitted to surgical treatment as a last resort in vain. This excellent woman will be remembered in Kendall county as the wife of "Chris" Duffy, who taught the old Oswego school and was later county superintendent of schools from 1877 to 1889 when he was elected appellate court clerk and moved to Ottawa. Mrs. Duffy was Miss Emma Hall of Sycamore before her marriage.

The citizens of Yorkville and vicinity will have an opportunity to get a close-up view of army life in the field in a few days as the Camp Grant Motor Truck Train is due for a visit.

The train consists of three Liberty Trucks, an ambulance, a rolling kitchen, and one touring car. The party is in charge of Capt. John Harrison of the recruiting office at Camp Grant. It is expected here Friday, Aug. 15, and will go into Camp here over night. They come from Aurora and go from here to Morris.

There was a wonderfully fine rain in Yorkville and vicinity last Wednesday night and Thursday morning. About an inch of water fell and the farmer was made glad for his corn crop.

Thanks to the intelligent efforts of Gov. Lowden, the strike of the street car men in Chicago ended Saturday.

When negroes are lynched in the south we of the north have an irritating habit of indulging in caustic comment as to the inability of the southerner to handle the negro problem intelligently. The Alabama legislature has passed a joint resolution expressing regret at the race riots in Chicago and Washington. Rather handing it back to us in a somewhat courteous way, isn't it?

Aug. 13: A quiet wedding took place at the Presbyterian manse Friday, Rev. Craighead uniting in marriage Mildred Potts and Lyle Shoger.

After four successful years as manager of the Oswego Farmers Grain Co. Mr. George Etzel resigned to accept a better location at Ransom. F.J. Lindsay of Grand Ridge has been secured by the local grain company.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dwyre have recently moved in the Armstrong cottage.

Construction of a residence has begun on the W.O. Leigh farm.

Ernest Biesemier is enjoying a week's vacation from the creamery.

The Henry Friebele family have recently moved to town and are located in the Baker cottage.

Yorkville: The Aurora, Elgin & Chicago Railroad Company has gone into an involuntary receivership and the conditions of the strike remain unchanged. The street car men Saturday refused to accept an increase of five cents an hour and the tie-up continues. The receivership has made no promise as to the running of cars.

Aug. 20: Raymond Dwyre will leave soon for Chicago where he will attend a veterinary college.

Friday evening of this week a local talent program will be given at the Congregational church. Proceeds to defray expense of the new piano.

In honor of his birthday, Robbie Herren entertained a few boy friends Saturday at Electric Park [in Plainfield].

Yorkville: James H. Bell of Oswego wishes to entertain all the soldiers of Oswego Township at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bell at Oswego. The reception will be held at 8 o'clock Friday. Aug. 22.

Aug. 27: Watts C. Cutter and Tom Quantock left Saturday for California to attend land interests there.

Friday evening last, Mr. and Mrs. John Bell and son James entertained the returned soldiers. A course dinner was served, after which cards furnished the evening's amusement.

Harry Clark is suffering the effects of a broken ankle caused from a horse falling on him.

The State Road has been closed to traffic owing to road construction on the north end.

Harry Mundsinger recently purchased a new touring car.

A reception for the return of soldiers will be given in the parlors of the Oswego Prairie church Thursday evening of this week.

Saturday, Aug. 30, "The Boys" will open a cash meat market. Quality and price an object.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Haines are the parents of a daughter born Aug. 2.

Yorkville: The cement road between Oswego and Aurora [modern Ill. Route 25] has been closed for a time. The Kane county commissioners are putting in a cement road to meet the Kendall county road at the county line and extend it to Aurora. This will be a great benefit to automobiles. Now is the time the commissioners in Kendall county get busy on the cement between Yorkville and Oswego. The small strip now in [on modern Van Emmon Road] is only an aggravation.

Having no hope that President Wilson will act favorably upon their appeal to bring their boys home from Siberia, Illinois mothers and fathers have taken their case direct to the House foreign affairs committee. Chairman of the committee Porter says "there is absolutely no justification in law" for sending our troops to Siberia, and that "the time has come to challenge this extraordinary use of the army."

Lt. James W. Welch, accompanied by Mechanician R.J. McNown of the United States Army, visited Yorkville Sunday in their airplane. They aroused much interest by flying about over the county and visited one or two of the villages. They landed in the Fred G. Palmer field north of town about noon and took dinner and then set out for Rantoul.

After three weeks of idleness, the rails of the AE&C carried the first of the cars since the strike on Thursday afternoon. The car arrived in Yorkville at 2:33 in charge of Cy Hill, motorman and Tim Kennedy, conductor. These old-timers seemed glad to be back on the run and put up with a good deal of kidding. The striking employees did not gain much by their act. They were given a five cent an hour raise but their eight hour demand was not given.

September -- 1919

Sept. 3: "Rip Van Winkle," Friday and Saturday at Yorkville movies.

Mr. H. B. Read has recently sold his grocery business to Harold Graham, who in the future will continue the same.

A piano has recently been installed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E.T. Pearce.

W.J. Morse, while attending the 'round-up' at Plattville was unfortunate to the extent of being knocked down by an unruly horse, suffering an injury in the foot and being badly shaken up, but is now resting comfortably.

While motoring Monday evening, Mr. and Mrs. John Burkhart were victims of a collision, the offender being John Gruber. The accident happened at the intersection of the Douglas and Montgomery-Naperville road. Mr. Burkhart's car was overturned, injuring Mr. and Mrs. Burkhart who were taken to the Aurora hospital. The extent of their

injury has not been learned. The other occupants of the car were Olive Campbell, Reginald Burkhart, and George Van Volkenburg. They escaped injury.

Yorkville: The annual fair, held in Sandwich, is set for the week of Sept. 9 to 12 inclusive this year. This is one of the most successful fairs of the state and should draw well. An interesting feature of this affair will be a display from the Rock Island arsenal, which shows whippet tanks, high-powered guns, and has the 6th Division artillery in charge.

That the soldiers, sailors and marines who went into the World War from Kendall county shall not go unrecognized, there is a movement on foot among the supervisors to represent these men with medals, given by the county. There are 532 men on the honor list of Kendall county.

Did you get your official buttons yet, showing that you were a member of the army of Democracy in the World War, or were you afraid to trust your discharge to the mail? You may bet your button next week by calling at the Sandwich Fair with your discharge. These buttons are issued only through Government agencies to prevent those not entitled to them from securing them. They are a neat lapel button in the shape of a five-pointed star, with a wreath surrounding the letters, U.S. A silver one is given to those who were wounded and a bronze for the others.

In Siberia there are 1,800 Italian troops, 1,540 British, 1,686 French, and 8,000 American. This is about the proportion of men the United States will have to furnish under league of nations control, to say nothing of money, munitions, and provisions.

The price of ice has been raised to \$1 per hundred pounds since September 1. This advance was made necessary by the exhaustion of the supply at Yorkville and the necessity of shipping the supply in from Williams Bay, Wis.

Bristol has taken the question of fire protection seriously and have an order in for a chemical engine for delivery soon if the money can be raised. The chemical, which is ordered by the Bristol folks, is a good one. The tanks of 35-gallon capacity each, are mounted on a Ford chassis. The two tank outfit permits one tank to be charged while the other is being used. With this are 150 feet of ¾-inch cotton hose, nozzle, tools, a portable extinguisher, an extension ladder of 20 feet on a windless, and all the smaller details.

Roy Burrell was smothered to death in an Oswego elevator Friday afternoon when a floor gave way and permitted a bin of wheat to cover him. Burrell was cleaning up about the first floor of the elevator when the bin above broke loose. The second floor swung down and pinned the unfortunate man and the grain buried him. An inquest was held by Deputy Coroner Weishew. The deceased was an Aurora young man 23 years of age and had but recently been discharged from the army. He had been married shortly before going into the army to Miss Lora Foss of Oswego, who with a baby daughter, survives him.

Sept. 10: Lloyd Wormley is employed by the Schultz store, taking the place vacated by Raymond Dwyre.

Leslie Falk is attending Armour Institute in Chicago.

John Ammons is now conducting the transfer station.

Eaton Smith has been committed to the Elgin asylum where he will receive treatment.

Mrs. John Bloomer left Tuesday for Detroit where they will make their home..

Mrs. Andrew Shoger is suffering the effects of a fall injuring the muscles of her limb.

While going to Aurora recently, the [interurban trolley] car left the rails the sudden jolt throwing Mrs. H.B. Read from her seat. Although not seriously injured, she is confined to her bed.

William Utley has recently purchased and is now occupying the home of Miss Lizzie Moore.

Yorkville: Kendall County will hold a big home coming picnic and welcome for her fighting men at Yorkville on Thursday, Sept. 25, 1919. To this big picnic everybody in the county is invited. The soldiers, sailors and marines of the World War, the Spanish-American War and the Civil War will be the guests of honor. It is expected that 300 or more fighters will be present to assist in the consumption of a chicken fry, which will be served to them free. It has been suggested that the schools of the county be closed on that day.

The wedding of Thomas A. Fletcher and Miss Naomi Robinson was solemnized on Saturday, Sept. 6 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Robinson of Morris.

Sept. 17: Fred Graham has returned from Gillespie where he is interested in a coal mine.

The Morlock Wrapper Factory now operating in Oswego, is progressing rapidly. A number of local operators are employed. With increasing demands for his materials extra space is going to add to the commercial welfare of the village.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Atherton have recently purchased a home in Aurora, where they will soon move.

New gas engine for sale, one horse-power, suitable for pump, washing machine, or other light work. Louis Schilling, Oswego.

Yorkville: Arrangements for the homecoming honor picnic to the Kendall county fighters of all wars are rapidly nearing completion.

Company K, Fifth Regiment, Illinois Reserve Militia spend Thursday and Friday of last week at the state rifle ranges at Camp Logan a few miles north of Waukegan. The company left on the 7 o'clock car Thursday morning, 55 men strong, in command of Captain L.K. Gilpatrick and Lieutenants Charles Howell and E.A. Shepard.

The Railroad Regiment, the 89th Illinois Volunteers, held their 34th annual reunion at the GAR rooms, Aurora, Tuesday, Sept. 9. Fifteen of the veterans were present.

FACTORY IN OSWEGO

The Morlock Manufacturing Company of Aurora has opened a new factory in Oswego for the manufacture of house dresses, aprons, and middies. They are advertising for young ladies to work in the factory.

The regular meeting of Post No. 1, Kendall county World War Veterans, will be held at the Oswego town hall Friday evening, Sept. 19. The roll will be called at 8 p.m. All members are requested to be present. All men holding honorable discharges from the army, navy, or Marine corps are eligible for enrollment. Plans are to be discussed concerning a club room for this organization and other business importance will be transacted.

G.S. JERICO

1st Lt., W.W.V.

The most cheering news that has come over the wires for some time is that 102,513 aliens have left this country since the armistice was signed. Let's encourage a few hundred thousand more to leave, peacefully if we can but forcibly if necessary.

Sept. 24: Otto Lippold is a recent purchaser of a new touring car.

The Atherton family have recently moved to Aurora, where they have purchased a home.

Stewart Palmer has sold his interest in the Boys Cash Store to Aurora parties who with Merrill Morse will continue to conduct business.

Yorkville: Among the activities planned as part of the Homecoming Picnic for Kendall County military veterans on Sept. 25 were continuous motion pictures at the Yorkville Opera House, free to all soldiers, sailors and marines; a band concert; races and other activities at the Base Ball Park; a formal march by the veterans from the Base Ball Park to the Court House; presentation of medals to all veterans; addresses by state politicians; a Plano-Yorkville baseball game; and a free dance.

The Motion Pictures in Yorkville are meeting with marked success and patronage. They have Wm. S. Hart tonight in the celebrated film feature, "Branding Broadway," with a good comedy and Ford Weekly.

A running gunfight between a gang of robbers and local law enforcement officials and armed residents ended with the capture of the bandits and the wounding of Kendall County Sheriff Hextell. The gang of four Chicago auto bandits robbed a garage in Somonauk of cash and tires and a car and fled through Sandwich and Plano towards Aurora before finally being cornered in a woods near Kaneville, where they shot it out with the lawmen and their civilian assistants before surrendering. Farmers along the gang's route were alerted by telephone and gathered under Sheriff Hextell, stuffing ammunition for their shotguns in their pockets as they collected at Aurora. Somonauk City Marshal Zeller got two shots off with his shotgun as the gang refused orders to stop and instead sped past him. The posse discovered the shot-riddled automobile in some woods near Kaneville. Leaving their machines, the farmers deployed and crept upon the center of the woods. As the sheriff softly parted the foliage of a bush to peer ahead, a bullet fired from ambush struck him in the hand. The sheriff cried for the posse to close in and leaped forward. As the farmers crawled toward the flashes made by the robbers' revolvers they fired upon those bushes, firing and reloading as swiftly as possible, aiming low. A scream told them that one shot at least had struck its mark. "Will you surrender?" shouted Sheriff Hextell. A trio of shaky voices answered "Yes. Come and get the chief. You got him."

The sale of the Cherry real estate will be held on the premises, known as the Cherry homestead, south of Oswego on Monday, Sept. 29. Some of the finest farmland of Kendall county will go under the hammer beginning at 11 o'clock that day. N.J. Aldrich, the Aurora attorney and executor of the estate, has charge of the sale. This is an opportunity to buy land which cannot be beaten in the county.

October -- 1919

Oct. 1: Miss Vera Cutter left Monday for DeKalb where she will enter Normal.

Will Sutherland has returned to his home here after an absence of four years traveling as an advance agent to a show troupe.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Arneson and daughter, Miss Carrol, moved this week to Aurora where they will make their future home.

Word from the west states that Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Cooney have purchased fruit land in California and will live there in the future.

Owing to rapid operators, the output of the Morlock Wrapper Factory has greatly increased within the past two weeks. New members have been added to the force and the general atmosphere of progress prevails.

George Denman, who has been connected with the Todd Lumber Co. for the past four years, has resigned his position.

Owing to the resignation of Paul Dwyre, John Ammons is assisting at the firm of Read and Graham.

Sergeant Gilbert Smith of Fort Sam Houston, Tex. was visiting Oswego friends the last week. Mr. Smith has been with the standing army for 20 years.

NaAuSay: Miss Jane Goudie has returned to Chicago to resume her studies in the University.

Yorkville: Thousands of county residents honored Kendall County's veterans during a special picnic and community fair in Yorkville on Sept. 25.

THE CHERRY SALE

It was necessary to sell but three parcels of the Cherry estate farms Monday to get enough revenue to pay off the indebtedness of about \$75,000. The old homestead brought in the neighborhood of \$360 an acre and two other parcels without buildings brought close to the \$300 mark. There are about 700 acres of land remaining. This land is really a land mark in Kendall county. It is southwest of Oswego near the Waish-kee-shaw reservation and the homestead is known for miles around as the Cherry place. it was made popular when the Hon. and Mrs. Charles T. Cherry were living there and made it such a hospitable place. After the death of Mrs. Cherry in 1906, the place has been allowed to run down some, but the Schlapp brothers, who bought the property, will soon put it in shape again.

The suit for \$50,000 brought by Andrew Anderson against T.T. Fletcher of Lisbon was decided by a jury Saturday in the Grundy County court, giving the plaintiff \$10,000 damages. The jury was out but a short time. The case started over the moving of some oats from a farm owned by Mr. Fletcher and rented by Anderson. Mr. Anderson persisted in moving them and Mr. Fletcher had him arrested. The case was brought before Police Magistrate R.A. Cotton in Yorkville last summer and was settled before going to trial. The suit for damages for false arrest followed. Last week, many of the local court officials were subpoenaed by the Morris court as witnesses.

That was a glorious scene on the court house lawn "homecoming" day. The gallant heroes in khaki, the white-haired heroes in blue, the charming women in white who served the feast, together with the natural beauty of the surroundings made a lovely and inspiring picture. The man who could look on that scene and not feel the thrill of love of country and pride in American citizenship is too "ornery" to live. He should be shot at sunrise.

Theodore Kuff of Oswego was held in \$200 peace bonds before Justice Sleezer Tuesday. He was unable to give the bond and is in jail. The charge was assault with intent to kill his wife.

Today marks the opening game for the world's championship in baseball. The Chicago White Sox and the Cincinnati Reds both have supporters in Yorkville and Kendall county who were sorry not to be able to get tickets for the pastime.

Oct. 8: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bower have moved into Oswego where they will make their future home.

William Burkhart has recently sold his interest in the Bell firm and will pursue another vocation.

Mr. Disern of Grand Ridge has been secured as manager of the Farmers Grain Company.

Fay Hinchman has resigned his position at the Boys Cash Grocery and accepted a position at Mooseheart.

Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Morsch have recently moved in the Mather house.

Neil Young was a recent visitor at the home of his folks. He has been employed in St. Paul.

Yorkville: There is much talk of a summer park east of Yorkville which will make this village one of the centers for summer visitors along the Fox. A lake with cottages, dancing pavilion, and other attractions are under consideration. There will be an association formed in the near future if the project takes, and by next summer the park will be ready for visitors.

Oct. 15: Reno the magician, first number of the Oswego lyceum course at Presbyterian Church, Oswego, tonight, Wednesday. Single admission 50 cents.

Norman Whitney and family recently moved to Morris where he will conduct a garage.

Mrs. Sara J. Hall has recently moved to the Vaughn home, which she has purchased.

Paul Dwyre has a position at Mooseheart.

Local fire fighters responded to the call Monday when a fire broke out in the attic at the home of Mrs. Mary Friebele. The blaze was extinguished before the men arrived.

Charles Obman has resigned from the Farmers Elevator having a position at Mooseheart. John Friedlein is filling the vacancy.

Oct. 22: Don't fail to vote Nov. 4.

Miss Gertrude Wormley, teacher at the Russell school, announces a box social and entertainment to be held at the Harold Russell home.

Leslie Morse has returned to his home for the winter after spending the past six months on a ranch in western Nebraska.

The Etzel family moved Monday to their new home at Ransom.

Lewis Jacobson and family have recently moved to Yorkville.

Yorkville: Caloric means the best one register furnace on the market. You can buy a cheaper furnace but you can't get a furnace with "Caloric Qualities" for less money. The furnace that is best by test. Wills Bros. Oswego, Illinois

The last thing you do before going to bed Sunday night should be to stop your clock for one hour, thus losing the hour in time that you gained the last of March. This change is due to the Daylight Saving law and is the last time you will have to reset your time pieces by this law. You can set your watches back an hour but it is best for the mechanical part of a clock to stop it for that length of time. The change of time takes effect all over the United States at 2 a.m. Sunday.

Oct. 29: Clay Cutter, who is attending St. John's Military Academy at Delafield, Wis., spent the week end with his folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Holland of Aurora are the parents of a second daughter. Mrs. Holland may be remembered as Ora Woolley.

Rodney Kennedy is supplying at the Voss barber shop.

Mr. Dysart, manager of the Oswego Farmers Elevator Company has recently moved here. They will occupy the Calvin Pearce home.

Rudolph Knapp is in Kansas City buying stock.

William Cliggitt recently purchased a farm near Romeo.

Yorkville: Frank Burton escaped from the Kendall County jail at Yorkville Saturday night about 7 o'clock. The escaped prisoner was caught at Montgomery last August on a charge of highway robbery and with his partner, W.J. Foster, was awaiting the action of the grand jury. Burton is 21 years of age, 5 feet 11-1/2 inches tall.

The local militia boys have a brand new equipment with which to start the winter. Company B, 6th Regiment, I.R.M., (formerly Co. K, 5th), met at the court house Tuesday evening and received new uniforms, complete from hat to shoes, cartridge belts and new Enfield model 1917 rifles. In the equipment are blankets pup tents, mess kits, and everything goes with a regulation outfit except overcoats and the way the weather feels this morning they should follow soon.

Regular winter drills will begin at once and the company will be in readiness for work. A number of the boys will be mustered out when their time is out in December, and efforts will be made to recruit young men to take their places.

1920 Maxwell--Have you seen it? If not, come and look. No car under \$1,250 compares with it. As yourself if these are not good: Hotchkiss Drive; Thermoid-Harvey double universal joint; Hot Spot manifold; Atwater-Kent ignition; Stewart vacuum feed; tank in rear; dimmer and headlights separate; axles 25 percent heavier; 2-inch crank shaft; Hyatt roller bearings; 52-inch rear springs. Scott Cotter, Telephone No. 3, Oswego.

November -- 1919

Nov. 5: The vote in Kendall County was surprisingly big. The one disappointment was that the women failed to turn out in any numbers. They have demanded the ballot and then refuse exercise their franchise. There only about 130 women to vote in the county.

There will be a patriotic program at the Cutter school on the car line north of Oswego Monday Nov. 10, beginning at 7 o'clock. Lunch will be served. Admission 15 cents; everybody welcome.

Charles Sorg is a surgical patient at the Aurora hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schilling have recently moved into their home on Madison street.

Miss Edna Walker has resigned her position at the Joe Sierp store and will soon leave for the south, where she will spend the winter.

Yorkville: The State of Illinois has caused to be placed 65,000 small fish in the Fox River from North Aurora to Yorkville last week. They were all fish sought by fishermen and consisted of catfish, bullheads, sunfish, crappies and pickerel. More are to follow. It seems a useless expenditure of money to place these fish in Fox River. The water is so filthy from the sewage and drainage of the upriver towns and cities that it makes the eating of these fish far from a pleasure. The law enforcing septic tanks for the cities should be enforced and the waters of the river cleared before it should be stocked with game fish. The law was direct in the order of the stopping of dumping sewage in the river but to date nothing has been done. One look at the river would turn the average person from desire to consume fish taken from its waters.

Nov. 12: Lou Schilling and family are moving to their home, recently occupied by George Farley.

Carpenters are employed by Todd Lumber Company repairing the elevator.

Let Rowswell cry your sale--phone Oswego 34-W.

The new pump and motor for the new city well has arrived and will be immediately installed.

F.E. Reinhardt has installed electric machinery in the W.J. Morse basement where he will repair shoes and harness.

Nov. 19: While driving home from Aurora in his automobile Saturday evening Henry Bower met with an accident. At an intersecting street he collided with another automobile thereby damaging his car to a considerable extent.

Fire completely destroyed the barn on the Fred Carpenter farm, formerly known as the John Wormley farm, Sunday evening. The explosion of an automobile radiator caused the blaze, which spread so rapidly the meager fire apparatus proved of no avail.

After an illness of several weeks, Mrs. Charles Roberts died at her home Monday, Nov. 17. Fannie Gregg Roberts was born Aug. 22, 1851 at Versailles, Ky. She came to Illinois in 1865, was married to Charles Roberts Sept. 14, 1871.

Nov. 26: Harold Graham has sold his interest in the grocery store to H.B. Read who now has John Ammons assisting.

L.R. Inman has been confined to his home for several days with an attack of rheumatism.

Frank Woolley has recently purchased a new automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. O.O. Hebert celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary Nov. 18.

There was a meeting of the representatives of the Cannon Ball Trail Association, eastern division, at Plano Friday. The representatives were from every township and town on the trail from Chicago to Princeton, only two failing to have a man on the job. George S. Faxon was chairman of the convention and introduced numerous speakers who told of the benefits of the route and the methods by which it could be handled as a part of the \$60 million bond issue and paved during 1920. Kendall county was represented by County Superintendent of Highways Russell, Harold Russell and Commissioner L.R. Inman of Oswego; Supervisor H.P. Barnes and Commissioner George Raymond of Bristol; Supervisor George Ohse, W.T. Boston, and H.R. Marshall of Yorkville; and many of the Plano business men.

The Kendall County Farm Bureau perfected a temporary organization last Wednesday and are preparing a drive for membership during December.

December -- 1919

Dec. 3: An enjoyable informal entertainment was given by school children, pupils of the Minkler school and Cutter school, Nov. 28, at the Nineteenth Century club rooms. Piano

numbers were given by Marjorie Morse and Slade Cutter Jr.; five pupils of Ethel Herren gave two patriotic songs; Eldon Ammons and Dorothy Herren sang "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles" and "Dear Old Daddy Long Legs;" Gladys Parkhurst gave e a reading, "Thanksgiving in 1492;" Mildred Parkhurst also gave a reading.

Relatives from Chicago were entertained Thanksgiving day at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Churchill.

Mr. and Mrs. L.R. Inman entertained at Thanksgiving dinner, Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Morse and family and members of the Haines family.

Ray Crider and bride of Morris, who were married Thanksgiving day, have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Armbruster.

William Lamb and family have recently moved to Oswego from Aurora.

Last week Thursday, while hunting rabbits, Milton Beck Jr. had the misfortune to accidentally shoot himself through the foot, the bullet grazing a bone.

The Parent Teachers club have voted a Victrola for the school. The children and the teachers are anxious for the instrument to aid with their music and story telling. Nowadays a school is not fully equipped without a Victrola. Everybody will help just a little that we may have one. A small machine will be purchased that can be taken from room to room.

Yorkville: If you have a relative in the army stationed in Siberia you are doubtless wondering in whom to place the blame for his instrument in that cold country. Secretary of War Baker, in his annual report, lays the blame on the administration at Washington. Baker said that during the summer of 1918 Czecho-Slovak armies operating in Siberia were threatened with destruction by hostile forces. He says it was of importance to the U.S. that these friendly forces be rendered assistance and the Russian people be aided. Then Mr. Baker said: "As Japan and the United States were the only powers in a position to act in Siberia in sufficient force the government of the united States proposed to the government of Japan that each of the two governments send a force of a few thousand men to Vladivostok and the Japanese government consented."

The Record office got under the wire with its paper supply yesterday when 100 reams were delivered. The stock cost 7-1/4 cents a pound in Chicago, 100 percent increase and better over two years ago, but it promises The Record will not lose an issue from shortage of paper this winter.

The chemical fire truck bought by the village of Bristol is here. Those who have not paid their subscription should do so at once, to A.P Hill, and save the trouble of a personal call.

The mercury took a skid last night and landed in the gutter 6 degrees below zero. Fortunately there was no wind and the cold was not felt so keenly as had the air been stirred. If it were not for the shortage of coal we could enjoy regular old-fashioned winter weather.

Dec. 10: Been Biesemier has secured a month's furlough which time he will spend in Oswego.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Fay Blackman, Dec. 7, a son.

Sgt. Frank. L. Wright of Fort Sill, Okla. is enjoying a furlough extending over the holidays.

Tag Day last Saturday netted \$44.50 proceeds to defray the expenses toward a Pathe Pathephone, installed by the Parent Teachers club of the Oswego school. [The Pathe Freres Phonograph Company began marketing their machines in the U.S. about 1915, and manufactured a phonograph said to have had sound superior to the Edison machines due to the Pathe sapphire-tipped needle.]

Rodney Kennedy, who has been employed at the Voss barber shop, recently resigned from his position.

A business meeting of the Ladies Aid was held Wednesday last at the home of Mrs. William Dwyre.

Miss Pansy Shoger is at the Aurora City hospital recovering from an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smith have recently moved to the house on the C.I. Smith place.

LeRoy Brown recently returned from a business trip in Manitoba, Canada.

Mrs. Jane Rose Shoger, aged 73, died Sunday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Walker in Oswego. She was born in Canada Jan. 7 1843 and had lived in Aurora and Oswego for the past 60 years. She was the widow of the late Andrew Shoger, and leaves the following children, Mrs. George Kesslinger of Oswego, Mrs. Frank Walker, Oswego; Mrs. Edwin Gates of Litchfield, Minn.; Frank and Roy Shoger of Aurora; Harley Shoger of Oswego; and George Shoger of Weyland, Mich. Interment in the Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: Petitions have been circulated and will be given to County Superintendent George Elliott soon for the establishment of a new community consolidated school in and about the Yorkville district. Under the new law provides the establishment of such a school after an election has authorized it, if such territory is compact and contiguous and bounded by school district lines. The Yorkville petition embraces the following districts:

Boomer, Rickard, Yorkville, Minkler, Fox, Pavilion, Kendall, Inscho, Needham, Brown, and Pletcher.

Next week will be a busy one for the farmers of Kendall County. They will put on their drive for membership to the Kendall County Farm Bureau. Every farmer will be approached and should join the organization. It is for mutual assistance among the men of the country in getting their rights.

Designers who arbitrarily fix the style in women's clothes have decreed that in the year H.C.L. 1920 shirts are to be three to four inches shorter. If the trend of the skirt continues upward until 1921--oh boy, turn off the lights!

TO POST OFFICE PATRONS

Because of the coal strike, we have had two trains a day cancelled and we find ourselves confronting a 33 percent reduction in our train service, which is to continue indefinitely. Even though the strike ended within the next few days the train curtailment I am advised would no doubt continue over a period of three or four weeks.

It follows, therefore, the period of Dec. 15 to 25, the days in which heretofore all of our Christmas mailings have been handled, finds us with a most serious decrease in train service.

Therefore, let me urge you to mail your Christmas parcels at once.

H.B. FASMER

Postmaster

Dec. 17: Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bower are the parents of a daughter, born Saturday, Dec. 13.

Harold Graham left Wednesday for St. Louis where he has accepted a position.

Gus Kloke has sold his interest in the Boys Cash Store to Leslie Morse, who with his brother, will conduct the business.

The Alvin Johnson family has moved to the Cutter cottage about one mile from town.

The funeral of the late Walter S. Hunt was held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the GAR hall [in Aurora], the Rev. E.W. Lounsbury officiating. Interment in the Hunt compartments at the Riverside mausoleum.

Walter S. Hunt died at his home, 364 Palace street, at 4 o'clock Wednesday morning. He was born in Smyrna, N.Y. Aug. 13, 1839 and had lived in Illinois for 75 years. For the past seven years he has been a resident of Aurora, coming here from Oswego. Previous to this, he had lived for 35 years in Livingston county.

Surviving him are one son, Walter S. Jr. of Louvern, Iowa; two daughters, Cecil L. Kiley of Emmington, Ill. and Elsie Rothrock of Aurora; two sisters, Mrs. Ella Wheeler and Miss Mary A. Hunt of Aurora; and two brothers, Bissell and Charles E. of Chicago.

NaAuSay: The subject for consolidated schools is being agitated. There was a meeting at the [AuSable] Presbyterian church last Tuesday night to discuss these plans. Then a second meeting, held at the town house, last Monday, at which Mr. Bullis of Rollo, was present and spoke, more interest was shown. The unanimous opinion of those present was that the thing needed in this community is a consolidated school, which would furnish the high standard of education of the larger towns and cities, thus eliminating the necessity of sending boys and girls away to a high school.

Yorkville: Under a new law, passed by the last legislature, the formation of a consolidated school district is made easy. The law is being taken advantage of throughout the state and its application should not be lost by a number of districts in Kendall county. Yorkville, Plattville, the Union school are three which have already started. The consolidated school offers many advantages to the pupil which cannot be obtained in other manner in a country school. The highest plane to which a rural school can rise is that of a "standard school." This offers no high school course and the pupil must eventually go to another place for his advanced schooling. With a consolidated school, these advantages are offered to every child in the district. Vocational training with agriculture and domestic science will be included in the curriculum. When you have an opportunity to vote on these propositions, don't fail to vote 'yes.' You are advancing the interest of the coming generations at no appreciable expense to yourself.

Yorkville has not felt the pangs of the coal shortage as have many towns. Most of the people had a small amount of fuel on hand, and luckily there was a wood supply at hand. John E. Reddock, fuel administrator started conservation Thursday by having the stores close, except from 12 till 6 p.m.

Ed Wollenweber shot a full-grown wolf in Ed Shepard's field a week ago Tuesday. Ed had followed the animal about a mile and killed him the first shot. The hide was sold to Hugh Harnley.

Kendall County Record Editor H.R. Marshall derided a proposal floated in an Aurora newspaper to merge Kane and Kendall counties. Marshall noted that local services were provided economically. "But anyway, who in Kendall County wants to assume Kane County's bonded indebtedness?" Marshall asked.

Rural mail carriers are having their troubles as usual this season. With the immense mails, the congestion of the service, and the icy roads, there lot is a hard one. The three carriers from Yorkville are driving horses and don't complete their trips till late in the evening.

FARMERS ORGANIZE BUREAU

Unless all signs fail, there will be 500 farmers in Yorkville Friday. The preliminary work in preparation for the membership campaign was completed last week.

Will discontinue movies temporarily

The Yorkville movies will be discontinued until further notice. The expense of heating the hall, coupled with the high price paid for the character films which are being handled make this necessary.

Dec. 24: W.L. Lockwood died at his home in Canton, Mo. Dec. 15 He was born in Oswego and spent most of his younger days here as a harness maker.

Stewart Palmer has returned from Fort Worth, Tex., to spend the holidays with his folks here.

The ice harvest has been completed and the thickness of the ice averaged 14 inches.

Glen Leigh and family have recently moved to their new house.

Invitations have been issued to Oswego friends announcing the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Bissell Hunt in Chicago.

A petition has actively been circulated by progressives for a consolidated school in our village. Help the move; it will benefit you.

A new Edison has been installed at the home of Miss Ella Gates.

The death of William Lockwood of Canton, Mo. was mentioned briefly in a neighboring paper. Mr. Lockwood is remembered by old Oswego settlers.

Yorkville: The farmers of Kendall county made a move in the right direction last week when they organized into a permanent farm bureau for mutual benefit. The spirit with which the organization is made is commendable. There is no radical element in the local association whereby the benefits of the organization would be lost in an effort to revolutionize. Better market facilities, the demand for a superior grade of seed, the improvement in farm finances, and best of all, a farm adviser are some of the leading features for consideration.

Never has Kendall County seen an organization start more favorably than did the Kendall County Farm Bureau at Yorkville Friday. At noon Friday, the organization numbered 961. The number will soon pass the thousand mark. The purpose of the bureau is to amalgamate the farmers in an association for their mutual benefit. It is not in the way of a labor union--it is not antagonistic to present day principles--it is for the good of the farmer. The organization's first permanent officers were I.V. Cryder, Lisbon, President; R.J. Churchill, Seward, vice-president; Alvin Christian NaAuSay, treasurer. The executive committee is F.M. Seely, NaAuSay; George Johnson, Fox; Helmer Hansen, Lisbon; Murray Baker, Seward; Charles Ricketts, Oswego; Richard Sauer, Little Rock; Joseph Vogen, Big Grove; G.D. Ament, Kendall. The group also passed a resolution stating their unanimous opinion that Kendall County was able to protect her own integrity and would have nothing to do with the proposed merger with Kane County. This was passed with a whoop that showed that the feeling was unanimous.

The bandits who were accused of robbing the Somonauk garage Sept. 17 were found guilty in the circuit court at DeKalb Friday. The jury, after being out but an hour, brought in a verdict of guilty with the penalties of 20 years each for Wheeler, Trainor and Krueger and 14 years for Toomey. Their capture was effected after a spectacular chase through Sandwich, Plano, and Kaneville.

Dec. 31: John Ammons and Harold Graham left Friday for St. Louis where they are to be connected with interests of the Gillespie Coal Mines.

Neal Young, who has been employed at Moline is visiting his folks here.

Yorkville: The Record made no editorial mention of the proposed amalgamation of Kendall and Kane counties because there was nothing to say. There is but little more this week, except to remark that the proposition is looked upon as a huge joke by the people of Kendall. We cannot find a man in the entire county who favors the move. It now begins to look as if Aurora politicians, aided and abetted by the Beacon-News, had thought it a good policy to get Kendall county into Kane in a quiet manner. The up-river people have been talking a new courthouse--why not have it at Aurora with the aid of Kendall votes and money? They have also talked a million and a half for road bonds--why not let Kendall supply the money and let Kane use the roads? The entire proposition is so absurd that all the subject draws when mentioned is a general laugh.

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January

Jan. 7: The Atherton farm auction on the premises, Saturday, Jan. 10.

Clay Cutter has returned to St. John's Military Academy where he will pursue his course.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dwyre spent a few days of last week among Chicago friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Woolley are the parents of a baby daughter born last week at the Aurora City hospital.

Ben Biesemier returned Monday to Fort Sheridan after a month's furlough at home.

The body of Charles Passage of Chicago was brought to Oswego for burial Sunday.

Russell Cutter of Wilmar, Minn., spent the New Year's with relatives here. He is taking a three-months course in the making of projections and the electrical part of the motion picture operation.

George Croushorn began the duties Monday of census enumerator in the Oswego and Bristol townships.

Cards are out announcing the wedding of Miss Elma Westphal of Wheatland and Myron Herren of Oswego. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Westphal before immediate relatives only Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 31. After a sojourn in Florida Mr. and Mrs. Herren will be at home to friends on the Grove farm.

Yorkville: A condition which is rapidly growing worse is the shortage of [rail] cars in which to haul grain to market...One grain man says that of 40 grain cars ordered since Dec. 5 he has had four cars. Where the trouble is cannot be told. Mr. Hines of the railroads says that everything is in excellent condition but this condition contradicts any such statement. There's a problem offered right here for the new Kendall County Farm Bureau and its larger associates. If the farmer wants to go to the bottom of the affair he will probably loosen up the grain cars, be able to ship his grain at a good price and taken an awful crack at the high cost of living all in one fell swoop.

Fifty thousand emigrants reached the United States last month and 100,000 are expected this month--and the government is now spending hundreds of thousands of dollars chasing out the undesirables who were permitted to enter months ago under our suicidal policy of making the best country on earth a haven for the worst specimens in the European discard.

Jan. 14: Theodore Clauser has returned from a business trip to St. Louis.

Mr. Tuley has recently sold his home to Mrs. Mitchell. They will move to Aurora in the near future.

The father of Mrs. Cather is now making his home among them.

A cablegram from Chefoo, China relayed from New York to Mrs. James R.E. Craighead of Oswego announces the death of her father, Rev. Dr. Hunter Corbett, who for the past 57 years has labored as a missionary in the Shantung Province.

There is a movement on foot for the formation of a post of the American Legion in Kendall County.

Jan. 21: Owing to four pneumonia cases, Miss Vera Mitchell is not teaching school.

Harry Rolf, who has been clerking at the Charles Schultz store, has resigned and will hereafter be connected with a grocery firm in Aurora.

Critical pneumonia cases are Alice Thompson, Louise Cooney Dorothy Mahood, and Helen Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lindemier have recently moved from Plattville to Oswego where they have purchased the Charles Shoger home.

Owing to the fuel shortages and scarcity of help, the Morlock [Cigar] Wrapper company has been moved back to Aurora.

Joe Richards, who is in the War Record department in Washington, is enjoying a 15 day furlough at home.

Messrs. Oliver Burkhart and Glenn Gabel left last week for South Carolina to attend a national trap shooters tournament.

The Schickler farm, recently purchased of Frank Herren, has again been sold to a Sandwich party.

Yorkville: The people of Yorkville and adjoining districts will have an opportunity Saturday of voting on the proposition of a consolidated community school in Yorkville. In accord with a new law passed by the last general assembly, this consolidation is easily made and is, practically, a duty which we owe to the coming generation. A consolidated school will increase the opportunity to provide a vehicle whereby the growing children will be given better facilities for instruction. A larger district permits a larger school, a more efficient corps of teachers, better building conditions, and a better curriculum.

The banquet to be given at the town hall Friday night has been postponed till Saturday night, Jan. 31. This change was made necessary from the fact that the hall could not be obtained. The banquet is for the purpose of getting the ex-service men together and to form a post of the American Legion.

Jan. 28: The Watts Cutter Jr. family is quarantined with the flu.

Fred Reinhardt has sold his shoe repairing business to Septa Peshia. Mr. Reingardt has accepted an engine in the Aurora yards of the CB&Q.

Thursday evening of last week the volunteer fire department answered a call to the Roy Bower residence. The roof caught fire from an overheated chimney. A chemical extinguisher subdued the flames. Slight damage was done.

J. P. Schickler, having sold the farm he recently purchased from Frank Herren to Mr. Jay from Sandwich, has purchased the Charles Foster farm, more familiarly known as the P. G. Hawley farm.

Fred Willis is extensively remodeling the residence recently purchased from Clarence Smith preparatory to occupying the same as soon as possible.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Oswego Farmers Grain Co. was held Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Knapp Hall.

Yorkville: The community consolidated school for Yorkville and contiguous districts was carried by a large vote at the election Saturday. There were 401 votes cast of which 313 were in favor and 87 against the consolidation.

The old water tank at the Burlington station at Yorkville has been torn down to make room for a new one. This old landmark has stood as long as many of us can remember--in the days of the paper mills and the White Metal works. It formerly had a big wind mill on it which gave way to a gas engine a few years ago. Now the tank has so badly decayed that its removal was necessary. It will be replaced by a similar one, moved from Camp Grant.

Amos D. Curran, one of the best known men in Kendall county, died at the hospital in Des Moines, Iowa Monday following a brief illness. He and Mrs. Curran had been spending the winter with their daughter when Mr. Curran was taken sick. He was removed to the hospital where he might receive better care and there he died. Mr. Curran had served the county in many ways, the duties of county superintendent of schools taking his patriotic duties from 1889 till 1914. As a member of the Yorkville Post, GAR, and a member of the 89th Regimental organization, Mr. Curran has been at the forefront of things patriotic and for historical education.

Amos Davis Curran was born in Williamstown, N.Y. Aug. 25, 1836. His early life was spent in gaining an education and in 1856 he came to Campton near St. Charles, where he taught school. He taught in the neighborhood till 1860 when he moved to Bristol and took the village school. In 1862 he enlisted in the "Railroad Regiment," the famous 89th, and served three years and two months, being in some of the hardest engagements in the war. On his return to Bristol he was made postmaster and served till 1869 when he moved to Chicago and engaged in commercial life, losing his all in the great fire in 1871. He returned to Bristol in 1876 and resumed teaching, and was elected to the office of county superintendent in 1889, succeeding the Hon. Chris C. Duffy. This office retained his efforts till 1914 when he retired to private life, paying special attention to his comradeship in the Civil War organizations.

Mr. Curran was married to Miss Henrietta Welch Edwards at Sheboygan, Wis. Nov. 29, 1866, who with the seven children, are left to mourn the death of this estimable husband and father. The children are Charles Atlee Curran of Aurora; Mrs. D.R. Sterling of Des Moines, Ia., Harry E. Curran of New York; Clarence Curran of West Chicago; Paul Curran of LaCrosse, Wis.; Mrs. O.A. McDowell of DeKalb; and John F. Curran of California.

February -- 1920

Feb. 4: Mrs. C.L. Burkhart attended the Follies in Chicago Wednesday.

William Sterling Battis gives his remarkable Dickens impersonations Feb. 13 in the Oswego Community Lecture Course.

William McDaniels died at the Aurora hospital last week from an attack of acute appendicitis, failing to recover from an operation. He was born in Aurora and moved to Oswego 15 years ago. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Alice McDaniels, and one sister, Mrs. Hattie Bright of Aurora.

John Schickler has recently purchased the Cass building, recently occupied by the Morlock Wrapper factory. John Bower has purchased the old buildings adjoining and will tear them down (the old rink building).

The dance, given Friday night by the East Oswego Farmers Club was well attended.

Monday evening seven carloads of cattle were shipped to Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Heffelfinger have recently moved in their home, which was purchased from William Williams.

Lewis Inman is ill with pneumonia. George Schuler and the Joe Foss family are all ill with the flu.

Miss Ellen Hebert and Claire Willis were united in marriage Sunday at the Presbyterian church, the Rev. Willis, father of the groom, officiating. The groom is associated in business with his brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis will make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hebert, grandparents of the bride, with whom she has lived for a number of years.

Yorkville: The local Kendall County organization of the American Legion, officially known as Kendall Post No. 490, received a decided impetus at the delightful banquet tendered the ex-service men at the Yorkville town hall Saturday night.

Feb. 11: William Sterling Battis gives his remarkable Dickens impersonations Feb. 13 in the Oswego community lecture course. Admission 50 cents.

Mr. Hiliker died suddenly at his home Monday noon. He had but recently moved to this community. His wife preceded him in death a year ago. Two small children are orphaned.

A.H. Dysart is attending the grain dealers' convention at Peoria.

Elmer Coble is completing the school term in the Walker district owing to the illness of Mrs. Raymond Campbell.

Yorkville: Anxiety over oil investments in Texas is given as the reason which caused Charles E. Perkins, 63 years old, of Seward township, Kendall county, to apply a match to his clothing after saturating it with gasoline Wednesday morning. He died Thursday morning at 1:30 o'clock from the effects of the burns.

It is alleged that several weeks ago he sent a representative to Texas to inquire into the nature of the investments which he had made and that the report brought back from that state was of an unfavorable nature.

THE CANNON BALL TRAIL

Little Rock boosters for the Cannon Ball trail called a meeting at the courthouse Saturday to discuss the route of the trail. It was the consensus of opinion that the trail come to Yorkville by way of Oswego over the present cement road. From Yorkville the route will go to Plano by way of the Ebrecht corner, north of Yorkville. By this means the present cement road and the balance of the route will be paid for out of the \$60 million bond issue and about 27 miles of road will be taken from county expense. The Cannon Ball Trail will then be paved from Chicago west. The original course from Aurora to Plano will be used but the paving will be done as indicated. Little Rock, Bristol, Kendall, and Oswego townships were represented at the meeting.

Feb. 18: Nate Knuth and family will leave soon for Aurora where they will make their home.

John Ammons has recently moved to the late residence of Mrs. Mary Friebele.

A nephew from Clear Lake, Ia., is caring for the interests of Mrs. McDaniels. She will accompany him upon his return home.

Oliver Hebert was born in Montreal Canada May 27, 1832. He came to Illinois in 1847 and on Nov. 18, 1852 was married to Miss Edith St. Dennis at Naperville. Ten children were born to this union, only three of whom are living, Joseph William, Dr. Alfred W., and Mrs. Gardner Reed, all of Evanston. There are five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. In November Mr. and Mrs. Hebert celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary. Mr. Hebert was identified with the wagon industry of Oswego for many years. He died Feb. 17 at 9:20 a.m.

Mrs. Mary Marshall Hopkins, the youngest of eight children of Isaac and Jane Marshall was born in Trumbull County, Ohio March 4, 1826. Had she lived till her next birthday she would have been 94 years of age. She was married to Elijah Hopkins Sept. 25, 1873 and has lived in this community ever since. She died on Friday morning, Feb. 13, and was buried in the afternoon of Feb. 15.

Feb. 25: Fay Hinchman who has recently recovered from a siege of pneumonia has accepted a position with the Western United Gas & Electric Company and is located at Downers Grove.

Peter Lantz is spending two weeks with relatives in Kansas.

Robert Herren, having recently sold all farm effects, will move to town.

Oscar Weise has resigned his position at the Oswego Farmers Grain Co., the vacancy being filled by a gentleman from southern Illinois.

About fifty friends and neighbors pleasantly surprised the Carrington family last Wednesday evening at their home. The event was a farewell party, as they will soon move to a farm near Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Foss are the parents of an 11-pound daughter born Friday, Feb. 20.

About 100 friends and relatives gave a combination farewell party Friday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Friebele and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ode of Oswego. Mr. and Mrs. Friebele intend moving on a farm below Yorkville March 1.

March -- 1920

March 3: Neal Young [brother of Dwight; son of Lou] was home from Moline for the weekend.

Robert Herren has moved to Oswego where he will make his future home.

Frank Huntoon has sold his Aurora business and will follow business elsewhere.

Fire which threatened for a time to destroy a large section of Oswego, at 9 o'clock Sunday morning, destroyed the Congregational church and badly burned the Charles Roberts home, now occupied by H.S. Richards. This house is located a few feet north of the church. The fire is believed to have started from a defective chimney, a fire having been started in the furnace to heat the church for Sunday services. The Rev. Peggs, the pastor, was standing at the window of his parsonage nearby and saw smoke coming through the roof. He went to the building and found the entire upper part in a blaze. Soon the flames shot through the roof and in 45 minutes the structure was leveled to the ground. The Aurora Fire Department was called but could but little. The south side of the Richards home was badly damaged, roof completely burned, the furniture was saved by being carried into the street. The piano and a few seats were the only things saved from the church. Mr. Roberts, owner of the house, was in West Chicago at the time. Twenty-six years ago, the Congregational church, which stood on the same site as this, burned to the ground. Much credit is due Oswego volunteer fire fighters, the flames being kept from the surrounding frame buildings by a bucket brigade.

Yorkville: The Hon. Christopher C. Duffy, former Kendall county man, died at his home in Ottawa Sunday from heart disease. For over 30 years Mr. Duffy has been clerk of the appellate court of the second district, Illinois. For several years he has been an invalid and his death came from heart trouble.

Mr. Duffy was born in Dublin, Ireland April 15, 1843. His parents died from cholera when he was 11 years of age and he came to America making his home in Chicago. In that city he sold papers and gathered a smattering of his education. In this capacity he

was associated with many men who afterward became famous in their lines. It was here, also, that he became acquainted with the Hon. John R. Marshall, who was a close friend through all these years. The young man then tried sailing, farming, and then taught the school at Oswego, where many well known people attended. At the outbreak of the Civil War, Mr. Duffy enlisted and served throughout the rebellion in the 105th Illinois Volunteers. In 1877 he was elected superintendent of schools of Kendall County, which position he ably filled until he was elected to the clerkship of the appellate court in 1889. His wife died during the winter and he leaves five children. One of these, Sherman, is the sporting editor of the Chicago journal.

March 10: Will those who owe me for gravel please call and settle? I need the money.
William Cliggitt.

Ben Biesemier has received his discharge from the army and has returned to his home.

The Clark livery barn [northeast corner of Main and Jackson] has again changed hands and is now managed by Harry Clark, who will conduct a sales place as well as do all kinds of trucking.

Guy Funk has a position at the Oswego Farmers Grain Company.

Yorkville: The Kendall County Farm Bureau has employed a farm advisor for Kendall county who will undertake his new duties about June 1. The new official is Earl Price, who is now engaged as county advisor of Saline county. He is a native of Indiana and a graduate of Purdue University. Mr. Price will have an office at the courthouse.

The board of supervisors for Kendall county held a special meeting at the courthouse Tuesday for the purpose of appointing a county superintendent of highways. John D. Russell of Oswego was again chosen for this important office and his salary raised from \$1,000 to \$1,400 a year. Mr. Russell has been an efficient superintendent throughout his tenure of office. All the supervisors were present except L.R. Inman of Oswego. He is still confined to the house with the effects of his severe attack of pneumonia.

March 17: Arthur Rowswell and family will leave next week for the state of Washington. Owing to heavy work last winter, the change will be most welcome. Mr. Rowswell has three brothers on the coast, not having seen them for 20 years. They will stay three or four months.

Leslie Falk was home from Camp Grant for the weekend.

Gus Clockey is now managing the Burns store on the west side.

Mrs. Charles Damon and family have recently moved to Bald Mound, where they have purchased a 90-acre farm.

Dr. Churchill has recently purchased a new automobile.

Word was received by Oswego friends last week of the death of two former Oswego girls, Mrs. Carrie Barrett Pink of Chicago and Mrs. Nettie Pogue Livermore of Chickosha, Okla. Both died March 9.

Claire Willis is obliged to walk with crutches owing to a heavy tank falling on his foot, breaking the bones in thee toes.

William Toby and family have recently moved to the McDaniels house.

Yorkville: The ice in Fox River went out Friday and all danger of floods now seem to have been overcome. By reason of the exceptional thickness of the ice and its resultant weight it was feared that serious trouble would result from jamming when the river became high enough to break up the covering. Aurora was especially in dread because of the cement bridges. So far as can be learned no serious damage was done along the river.

March 24: Paul Dwyre has discontinued his duties at Mooseheart and accepted a position at the C.W. Schultz store.

Messrs. Grant, Jay, and Guy Funk have purchased the pool room from Roy Smith and will take possession April 1st.

Frank Huntoon has accepted a position with a business college in Elgin.

Small pox has afflicted two homes, William Utley and R. Morsch being in quarantine.

William Toby has purchased the McDaniel residence and moved his family there. Mr. and Mrs. S. Peshia will occupy the Williams cottage vacated by Mr. Toby.

Yorkville: The many friends of L.R. Inman of Oswego were pleased to greet him Tuesday morning when he came to Yorkville for a meeting of the courthouse committee of the board of supervisors. It was eight weeks last Saturday that Mr. Inman was stricken with pneumonia and it was just a few days ago that he was able to get out of the house. He is convalescing slowly, the drains to his lungs being still in place. He expects to have these removed soon when his recovery will be more rapid. Mr. Inman has been a good officer for the town of Oswego, both as town clerk and supervisor and his recovery is gratifying.

There was a beautiful electrical display in the skies Monday night which called many from their homes to witness the lights. It is said they were reflections of the Aurora Borealis.

March 31: Myron Herren has recovered from what might have been a serious accident. Some days ago he purchased strychnine for rodents, carrying it in his pocket. Later he ate some candy which was in the same pocket. Medical attention was immediately summoned and his recovery was rapid.

Calvin Pearce has purchased a home in Pasadena, Calif.

Cass Figge left Wednesday for Twin Falls, Idaho, where he will enter business.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Peshia are moving to the Williams cottage, recently vacated by William Toby.

Yorkville: A terrible tornado spread over northern Illinois Sunday noon and left a trail of death and destruction in its wake. Kendall county was on the southern side of the storm and escaped serious injury. In Elgin there was much ruin and the deaths numbered seven. The roads were impassible and soldiers were in charge of the city. In Chicago and suburbs 28 were killed and hundreds were injured.

The tornado which swept the southeast corner of Kendall county Sunday resulted in the death of Mrs. Stegle, and her husband and seven children were injured. The storm entirely demolished the house in which Mrs. Stegle was lying sick with heart trouble. Her death came as a result of freight. The injured people, with six members of the Cronin family, were taken to the hospital at Joliet for treatment.

Mr. Engram had seven ribs torn loose from his back and Mrs. Engram and two children were found imbedded in the ruins of their house, which was blown to pieces.

County Clerk Edward Budd will supply ballots for the women of Kendall county to vote at the preferential primary April 13. This is in accordance with permission sent out by Attorney General E.J. Brundage Saturday. The women will be permitted to vote for their choice for president on that day but the vote will be in the nature of a straw ballot. The votes will be deposited in a separate box, counted separately, and kept apart from the regular ballots.

April -- 1920

April 7: Raymond Dwyre has completed his first year at Veterinary college and returned to his home for the summer.

Many have thought that it was not necessary to carry tornado insurance on their personal property. In the wreckage of the March 28 storm, the tornado loss on furniture, hay, grain and tools was as complete as it could have been by fire.

The Utley family has recently moved to Aurora.

Funeral services for the late Chris Herren, Oswego pioneer, who died on Saturday evening at 10:30 at his home, were held Tuesday April 6, from the home. Chris Herren was born in Muellerberg, Canton Bern, Switzerland, April 5, 1832. He came to America in November 1854, enlisted during the Civil War on Aug. 8, 1862, and served in Co. A, 127th IVI [Illinois Volunteer Infantry] until the close of the war. He returned to Oswego

and was married to Miss Mary A. Buell, who was born in Kent England, Sept. 1, 1848. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Mary Friebele, and two sons, Samuel and Christie Herren; also six grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Interment was in the Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: One of the worst storms which has visited his vicinity in years broke Saturday evening and continued without abating till late Sunday night. All day Saturday there was a cold penetrating wind. At about 8 o'clock that evening snow began to fall and the temperature started down. Sunday morning the mercury was down in the 20s and the wind blew stronger. There was no opportunity to observe Easter Sunday in the orthodox manner. The storm grew worse as the day grew older and the afternoon was a riot of wind and snow. Sunday night the snow stopped falling and the temperature fell to about 18 degrees and it was still cold Monday morning. The roads Sunday and Monday were almost impassable. The snow drifted as fast as it fell and drifts were high in the highways. Street car service with Aurora was spasmodic and irregular. The storm was general throughout the middle west. Springfield had a snowfall of 6.3 inches between 2:30 and 7 on Sunday. The reports are that the crops and fruit are not injured.

Cannon Ball Trail

The members of the Cannon Ball Trail Association met S.E. Brandt, state superintendent of highways and F.I. Bennett, director of public works at the LaSalle hotel, Chicago Monday. Their mission was to convince Messrs. Brandt and Bennett that the trail should be built as soon as possible. The consensus of opinion was that the trail should be branched off at Ebrecht's corner north of Yorkville, through Yorkville and to Aurora over the present hard road. This is known as Route 18.

April 14: Leslie Peshia has recently purchased the residence now occupied by the F. Rush family. He expects to move his family there soon.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fay Rust has been in a serious condition for several weeks and death relieved the little sufferer last week. Interment was in the Oswego cemetery.

Charles Mann, who has been in failing health for the last few months, died Monday evening, April 12. Mr. Mann was born in Canada coming to Illinois when about three years of age and with his people lived at Newark. After a short time they came to Oswego where he made his home. Interment was in the family lot at Oswego.

April 21: Lloyd Wormley has resigned his position at the C.W. Schultz store and has purchased from Fred Graham his business at the waiting station.

Ed Donnelly has purchased the cottage of the late Robert Hilliker He will remodel same and move there when completed.

James Gowran is clerking in the Charles Schultz store.

Moses Cherry is improving his residence with a new furnace.

The funeral services of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hotopp were held at their home Friday morning. This little one had never been well living to be about 13 months of age. Death relieved its sufferings after medical aid was powerless to affect a cure.

Hardy Shoger recently purchased a tractor.

Messrs. Albert Woolley, Paul George, and W.H. Dais were among those to ship stock Monday morning.

Roy Roalson entertained his sister from Sheridan over the weekend.

Yorkville: The weather of the past week has been discouraging to the farmer, who is greatly delayed in getting in his crops. The rain has left the fields in such shape that they are unfit to work by machinery and the cold air has delayed the growth of wheat and oats that are already in.

April 28: A number of people met at the J.C. Cherry home last Thursday evening for the organization of a club to be known as the Grove Road Farmers Club. J.V. Jessup was elected president; Robert Peterson vice-president; Robert Schlapp treasurer; Mrs. J.C. Cherry, secretary.

Clay Cutter was compelled to discontinue school duties for the present on account of illness.

Ben Biesemier and A.J. Hettrick have purchased the grocery and hardware store of H.B. Read [at 70 Main Street] and will conduct the business after May 1.

William Sutherland left last week for the north and northwest where he will spend the summer.

At the village election Tuesday a large vote was polled. Robert Johnston and Frank Herren, village trustees, and A.H. Churchill, town clerk, were reelected members of the board.

May -- 1920

May 5: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mundsinger are the parents of another son, born Sunday, May 2.

Theodore Lippold has recently purchased a new touring car.

Mr. Pagon and family from Missouri have purchased the C.W. Hubbard residence and will make it their future home.

A.H. Dysart has purchased the Calvin Pearce residence.

Sneak thieves forced entrance in the back door of the Biesemier and Hettrich store and stole coffee, bacon, cigars and canned fruit, the actual amount of which is hard to determine.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Irving are the parents of a daughter, born last week.

Yorkville: This issue of The Kendall County Record starts the 57th year of its publication. In 1864, the Hon. John R. Marshall, just out of the Union army, came to Yorkville and started this newspaper. Fifth years later, in 1914, he retired from activity, the editorship and publication of the paper passing to his son, who had been associated with him for five years and who is still active in the service.

George E. Ackerman, sheriff of Kendall County from 1894-1898, committed suicide by shooting himself at his home in Kaneville Saturday morning. He seated himself before a mirror in his bedroom and fired the shot from a revolver into his brain, death coming instantly. Mr. Ackerman had been in poor health for several years and it is thought that this fact prompted the suicide.

May 12: The young men who gave the dance Monday evening felt repaid for their efforts by the good-sized crowd in attendance and the exceptionally good time enjoyed by those present.

G.H. Voss was in Springfield on political business.

J.F. Foss and family have moved to the Mrs. Mary Schmidt residence on Main street.

A. Songer has moved his family from Cornell to the Andrew Shoger residence. Mr. Songer is employed at the Oswego Farmers Grain Company.

May 19: John Bower is recovering from a recent case of blood poisoning. A slight scratch proved very painful after infection set in.

Sylvester Clauser has recovered from a recent illness.

The little daughter, Lathelle, of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Collins, is ill with typhoid pneumonia.

Miss Carol Cherry is enjoying a ten day vacation from her duties at the Oswego State Bank.

W.J. Morse has sold his dry goods store to a Joseph Barron of Chicago who will continue the business.

The sophomore class of the Oswego high school entertained the high school students in honor of the graduating class at the home of George Van Volkenburg last Friday evening.

The many friends of Mrs. Violet Shoger Weishew were grieved to hear of her untimely death Wednesday, May 12 at her late home. Mrs. Weishew was born Feb. 22, 1895 and lived with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Shoger, attending the public school at Oswego. March 10, 1915 she was married to Dr. L.J. Weishew and to this union was born one son. While never in the best of health her cheerful disposition was never lacking. Hoping a change of climate might prove beneficial she spent some time in California but this was of no benefit. Six weeks ago she returned to her home and for the past three weeks all skill could help but little as at the end of that time she succumbed to the disease, tuberculosis. Her husband, Dr. L.J. Weishew, one son, Don Vernon, and uncle, Tom Gunning of Chicago, her foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Shoger of Oswego and a host of friends are left to mourn a young life so quickly spent.

May 26: The automobile belonging to Ray Woolley was somewhat damaged on Thursday. A truck and the Woolley machine were both backing at the same time, the truck causing the Woolley machine to be driven against the curbing in such a manner as to break in the side of the car.

A. Songer had the misfortune to injure a finger while at his duties at the Oswego Farmers Grain Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Klocke have moved to Aurora where they have purchased a home.

Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Dysart spent one day of last week at Joliet where Mr. Dysart attended a district meeting of managers of Farmers elevators.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Obman Jr. are the parents of a son, born last week.

The first regular meeting of the Grove Road Farmers Club was held last Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Parkhurst.

J.D. Russell has returned from Chicago where he purchased three army trucks for Kendall county road work.

Three weeks ago John G. Bower ran a sliver into his hand and supposedly extracted it. Such was not the true state of affairs and medical aid was summoned to find that blood poisoning had set in, His condition grew steadily worse and death came Monday, May 24. Mr. Bower was born near Oswego July 5, 1855 His early manhood was spent on a farm with his wife and two children. Some years ago he rented his farm and moved to Oswego where he purchased a home and for some time followed the carpenter trade. The last few years he spent as a shoe merchant. Mr. Bower is survived by his widow one son, Roy and one daughter, Mrs. Fred Willis of Oswego; his father, George Bower, five brothers, Henry, George, and Fred of Oswego, Leonard of Gardner, and Charles of Aurora, one sister, Mrs. A. Hafenrichter of Wheatland and three grandchildren.

Yorkville: The number of men in Chicago who are lining up in the employment agencies or work on farms strikes a note of warning of the prospective bread line in the cities next winter.

W.J. Morse, the veteran Oswego merchant, has sold his store and stock to J. Baron & Company of Chicago, who will continue to operate the store. At present they are holding an immense sale, which is advertised in this issue of The Record. The stock of the former owner will be sold at low prices. Mr. Morse has been in Oswego for 22 years and has a wide circle of friends in the county. It was an unfortunate error which occurred in an up-rive paper when it was stated that Mr. Morse was located in Yorkville. this was the cause of considerable confusion. Mr. Morse never operated a store in Yorkville, though he would be welcomed here, and there is a store building awaiting him.

June -- 1920

June 2: The death of Claire W. Willis Friday morning came as a shock to his many friends. A week ago Saturday he was taken ill and all medical assistance was of no avail as black erysipelas [acute infection of the skin; also another name for some types of gangrene] caused his death.

Claire W. Willis, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.V. Willis, was born Oct. 26, 1892 at Custer City, S.D. When 12 or 13 years of age he came to Oswego with his people and but for a few intervening years lived here the balance of his life. Always an ardent worker in the Presbyterian church of which he was a member, being musically inclined, his voice was one asset to his career. Answering the call of the U.S. he had enlisted and spent several months at Key West, Fla. Upon his return to civilian life, he again entered the plumbing shop with his brother, Fred Willis. Feb. 1, 1920 he was united in marriage to Ellen S. Hebert.

Funeral services were held from the Presbyterian church Sunday. Interment was in Oswego cemetery. Ex-soldiers acted as pall bearers. Military honors were conferred at the grave by members of the American Legion. Surviving the deceased are his wife, his father, J.V. Willis; one brother, Fred; and three sisters, Misses Callie and Jessie of Oswego and one sister in Missouri.

June 9: Charles Roberts has sold his household effects and rented his house to the H.S. Richards family.

Baron & Co., who purchased the dry goods business of W.J. Morse, have completed their 10 day sale, moved the balance of the stock, and discontinued business in Oswego.

Over 200 people were in attendance at the barn dance given by Fred Walker last Friday evening.

Having sold my business, all persons knowing themselves to be indebted to me please call and settle. Bills can be paid to Miss Helen Dwyre at the Boys Cash Store.
Respectfully, W.J. Morse.

Leslie Morse has disposed of his interest in the Boys Cash Store and will leave this week for the west, where he will spend some time.

Miss Helen Dwyre has accepted a position in the Boys Cash Store.

Lloyd Wormley has discontinued duties at the transfer station for the AE&C, and the building wrecked.

Yorkville: The burning of the British flag by a number of women pickets at Washington last week was a crime that should not go unpunished. In fact, the picketing of the White House and Capitol should not be permitted. Hundreds of misguided women who think that the United States can do something for Ireland make life miserable for Washington residents and officials in their plea for the freedom of the Irish. Hugh R. Marshall, editor

June 16: The reorganized Oswego ball team played their first game of the season Sunday, defeating an Aurora team, 7 to 0.

Mr. Weishew has purchased an interest in the [J.] Bell [ice cream] shop.

Commencement exercises of the Oswego schools were held in the Presbyterian church Wednesday evening. The graduates were Audrey Knuth, Agnes Lindley, Curtis Cooney, and Donald Cameron.

An enjoyable day was spent by the schoolmates of the old Stone Schoolhouse at the pleasant home of Carrie Young Roberts June 12.

Yorkville: If you are going traveling, be sure that you know by what time the city to which you are going is run. Chicago has moved her time ahead an hour so that at 12 noon in Yorkville it is 1 p.m. in Chicago. Elgin and Joliet have adopted the same time, while Aurora is working on regular Central time. The Burlington Railroad is running on regular sun time, disregarding the change in Chicago but the third rail line is following the Chicago time. If you can go to Chicago and back without becoming confused, you are a wonder. The reason for this change is that city people can't get up at 7 in the morning. They must fool themselves by turning their clocks ahead. Too bad that the entire country must suffer because of the whims of city folk.

The board of supervisors Monday decided to have the dome on the court house at Yorkville torn down as far as the brick foundation and a platform with a railing left at that height for sightseers. This move is the result of a necessity for repairs to the building. The dome weaves in the wind and loosens the roofing so that there are always bad leaks in the roof. To repair it would cost some \$300...The courthouse originally had a two-

story brick dome. This was destroyed when the court house burned in 1887. When the structure was rebuilt, a frame one-story dome was erected, which is now to be torn down.

June 23: The picnic given Saturday by the East Oswego Progressive Farmers' club at the N.L. Pearce residence was a success in every way.

Leslie Falk has returned to his duties at Camp Grant after a short visit with his people.

Sunday, Myrtle, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Friebele, was united in marriage to Lewis Winens at the Federated church at high noon. After a short wedding trip to points in Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. Winens will make their home with her folks as he is employed by the Burlington in Aurora.

June 30: Frank Heffelfinger is in the Aurora hospital where he is recovering from a recent operation.

The Community club held one of its popular dancing parties in the Knapp hall Saturday evening.

Yorkville: During the next few weeks the Kendall County Farm Bureau will take a livestock survey of the county. This is part of a plan, which is being carried out by the Illinois Agricultural Association and in the other middle western states by the several state Farm Bureau organizations. The object of the survey is to determine with exactness the amount of livestock that may be expected on the city markets at any time and is the first step toward the stabilizing of livestock prices.

Don't forget the roundup at Oswego Saturday afternoon, July 3. There will be horse races, mule races, bucking bronchos, and trick mule riding at the H.H. Clark race track beginning at 1 p.m.

July -- 1920

July 7: Mr. and Mrs. L.R. Inman entertained 65 neighbors and friends at a picnic and celebration at their home Monday evening.

Mrs. E. Haines is enjoying a visit from her sister from Chicago.

Rev. and Mrs. J.R.E. Craighead are entertaining relatives from Oklahoma and China.

One of the picturesque places is the "glen," which has been made so by the Robert Johnston family. This place with all its conveniences affording an ideal location for picnics. [The Glen was located between Five Corners, where the Johnston house was located, and Waubonsie Creek.]

Miss Esther Hill is enjoying a vacation from duties at the telephone exchange. She is spending a week with Chicago friends.

Yorkville: Yorkville is again in the middle of a Chautauqua week--one of the most successful in the history of the movement here. As a crowd-getter, it is certainly a wonder, the big tent holding from 700 to 1,000 each night Yorkville has given the people of the county a better grade of entertainment than has been offered by any of the towns around. This year, a six-day program has been given in place of five.

There are a number who are opposed to the Chautauqua. For what reason it is hard to say. One says, "it takes too much money out of town." Did this gentleman think of the fact that these people craved amusement and if it were not offered in Yorkville, they would go elsewhere for it?

George Dyer was found guilty by a jury in circuit court Wednesday night and sentenced to the penitentiary for one year. The case has attracted considerable interest in the county because of the unusual charge. Kendall county has been exceptionally clean during its history and the three charges against Rios, Dyer and Doolittle have been the cause of much comment. Rios was charged with a crime against Lucretia Mitchell, the 13 year-old Plano girl. He was convicted and sent to the penitentiary for eight years. Dyer was charged with the same crime and received the one-year term.

The intention of the court was to try the Doolittle case, in which Guy Doolittle is charged with incest against his cousin, Theodora Mitchell, at once. The jurors asked that they be dismissed, as they were so busy with their farm duties that it was inconvenient for them to serve. In answer to this plea, Judge Cliffe gave a continuance to Doolittle. Alvin Randall of Oswego, who is under indictment for rape and incest against his sister, was also to be tried at this time but was given a continuance for the same reason.

Note: Issues between July 7 and Aug. 25 are missing.

August -- 1920

Aug. 25: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schultz are enjoying a two weeks' vacation. Mr. R. Knapp is assisting at the store during their absence.

Miss Nellie Burkhart has returned from a vacation through Yellowstone Park and other places of interest in the west.

Edward Wormley of Rochelle is a visitor at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Wormley.

Miss Gertrude Wormley has returned from a visit with relatives in Wisconsin.

A number from here attended the fair at Kankakee last week.

Benjamin Biesemier and Miss Marvilla Van Volkenburg were quietly married at the Presbyterian manse Saturday evening. Upon their return they will make their home with the bride's people.

The Duffy School Reunion and Picnic will be held Tuesday, Aug. 31, upon the lawn of the home of Will Cliggitt.

Yorkville: Len Small admits he is the Thompson-Lundin candidate for the gubernatorial nomination. This organization of political gangsters is making its campaign for control of the state treasury on promises of tax reform and punishment for wealthy tax-dodgers. Mr. Small is one of the wealthiest men downstate, but his tax assessments are ridiculously small.

The Kankakee News, published in Mr. Small's hometown, is making things rather interesting for him.

Woman suffrage was won for the women of all the states of the Union when Tennessee, the 36th state, ratified the Federal Amendment Aug. 18. Approximately 27,000,000 women will be entitled to vote in the presidential election this fall.

This marks the end of the women's campaign for the ballot, which began obscurely in a little meeting in Seneca Falls, N.Y. in 1848, swept across this country, and extended the political freedom of women to nearly every other nation in the civilized world.

What It Means in Kendall County

The ratification of suffrage in the nation will add about 2,000 votes to the poll books. Heretofore, Kendall county has shown a voting strength of about 2,200 male voters, the elections drawing about 1,800. The granting of suffrage to women will about double the polling lists and County Clerk Budd thinks that the voting strength of the county will now run from 4,500 to 5000. This will make the county more important because of the possible plurality for a favored candidate and the county may no longer be "the orphan child of the circuit."

Threshing in Kendall county is about over and returns are gratifying to the farmers. The small grain turned out exceptionally well. Winter wheat ran from 25 to 30 bushels to the acre and was clean and hard. The spring wheat and the oats were some troubled with black rust. Oats brought a harvest of 45 to 50 bushels to the acre and were a good crop barring the little rush.

Corn promises a good crop. In some spots, the stalks were fired, but it was only in a few places. The rain of Friday noon did much to bolster up the crop and the prospects are good.

Company B, 6th Regiment, Illinois Reserve Militia is busy during these late summer days. Under the active command of Lt. Charles G. Howell, the company is recruited to over 50 men and more signing. It will not be long till the company will reach its quota. The terms of enlistment of the present company will expire Oct. 1. At that time, it is hoped they will all reenlist under the new system. Under the new arrangement, the members of the company will have taken both the state and national oath and can be used as federal troops when necessary. For this extra service, the members will be paid for

drill and further efforts will be made to entertain the guardsmen and to make their quarters more on the order of a club room.
In a few weeks the company will go to Camp Logan north of Waukegan for rifle practice.

September -- 1920

Sept. 1: A summer Christmas tree will be held on the lawn back of the Oswego Presbyterian Church Thursday, Sept. 2. A pageant called "Santa's Allies" will be played by the children at 2:30 p.m. and a picnic supper served at 5.

Miss Helen Dwyre has returned from her vacation and resumed duties at the Morse store.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Moran, a daughter, at the Aurora City hospital, Aug. 30.

All schools in the township will begin the year's work Tuesday, Sept. 7.

R.B. Foster of Aurora, a former ball player on the Oswego team was locked in the Oswego jail Sunday to save him from a crowd which clamored to get at him. As the mob threatened to get the prisoner, Sheriff Martin Hextell took him to Yorkville and locked him in the Kendall County Jail. Monday afternoon, State's Attorney Oliver Burkhart prepared to arraign the prisoner on a charge of assault and battery. Foster, the state's attorney said, appeared at the ball grounds in Oswego while the home team was playing with Lockport and sought out Benny Biesemier, manager of the Oswego club. He asked him to pay him for playing in a previous game. Biesemier said he didn't know of any money owed to Foster. Foster, it is charged, then set upon him. Biesemier is an ex-service man whose arm was shattered by a shell. One blow by Foster on the disabled arm of the ex-service man broke the arm, it is alleged. Foster was arrested; as he was being led away a mob formed and broke after him.

Yorkville: The women of the United States will be able to vote for every officer in the country at the fall elections. After 56 years of effort the women have at last been given suffrage...Owing to an Illinois law governing elections it will be necessary to have separate ballots for men and women at the fall election...This victory by the women have been due to the cooperation of the northern states and the Republican houses of these states. The solid south, the house of democracy, gave but little help in the great victory...The women will no more get their franchise in the south than does the Negro till they continue their fight into that territory. In the north, where there is the Republican attitude toward free thinking and free expression the women will be given full rights.

Sept. 8: Mr. and Mrs. L. Peshia are the parents of a son born at the City hospital Sept. 31.

Miss Alma Mundsinger has accepted a position in Aurora.

Mae Barrett has returned to her home in Chicago after a week's visit among friends.

Leslie Falk has returned to duties at Camp Grant after a short visit with his people.

Henry Friebele has recently accepted a position with the Richards-Wilcox Company in Aurora.

J.A. Shoger has purchased a cottage at Port Orange, Fla. With his family, he will leave soon to spend the winter here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Donnelly have moved to the flat above the C.W. Schultz store until their home is completed.

Dr. Newton Pearce of the Iowa State University was a recent visitor at the James Pearce home.

Yorkville: An official of the department of commerce and labor says a serious situation has arisen over the unprecedented influx of immigrants. Within the past week, nearly 17,000 aliens were admitted at the port of New York alone.

"Many are coming from typhus infected regions of Europe," said this official. "Further, their restriction can only be accomplished through quarantine until congress can be persuaded to pass a law that will enable us to restrict from the right end--that is, the European end."

A dispatch from Springfield says separate ballot boxes for the women and separate tally sheets have been ordered by Attorney General Brundage and Secretary of State Emmerson. This step is necessary because of the possibility of litigation over suffrage.

The best game in which the Orioles have figured this season was the one they won from Oswego Monday before a large and demonstrative crowd on the Oswego grounds. The final score was 8-7, the winning run being scored by Yorkville in the ninth inning. It was a hard-fought game and it was thought that the police reserves would be needed at times. One victim of moonshine became so obstreperous that Sheriff Hextell had to take him in hand.

During an argument over a fluke home run by Betz, which drove three runs in ahead of it, this man walked onto the field and proceeded to attempt murder on the person of William E. Heyden. There were a few blows struck before the crowd intervened, but the Oswego man showed the effects of the encounter as he sat alongside the sheriff.

Sept. 15: Through a vagary of the postal service, the Oswego letter has not been received. Miss White mailed the correspondence at 9:30 Tuesday morning. It has not been received at the time of going to press.

Yorkville: The annual Wheatland plowing match and fair will be held on the farm of Elmer Haag at Haag's crossing of the Aurora-Plainfield electric line, Thursday, Sept. 23. This is the 42nd annual match and the contests are known throughout the United States.

Sheriff Hextell arrested three men from Chicago Sunday for operating a chuck-a-luck game at Fox River Park. They had driven out from the city and were in the midst of their gambling when the sheriff nabbed them. They were fined \$25 and costs each before Magistrate Skinner Monday and the sheriff has some of their diamonds as security for the fines, to be paid the last of the week.

Through the efforts of Sheriff Hextell, the park has been remarkable free from gambling. This is only one of many instances when Hextell has brought gamblers from the park.

During the 35 years that we have handled coal in Yorkville, the situation has never seemed more serious. We are assured, however, that there will be coal in the near future. We are keeping in close touch with the wholesalers and the firms which whom we have traded for years say to us: "If we get coal, you shall have it."

JETER & BOSTON

The executive board for the collective buying plan of the Kendall County Farm Bureau held its first meeting at the courthouse last week. The board is composed of a representative of each farmers' elevator company which has entered the agreement and a representative of the bureau as follows: C.G. Ricketts, for the bureau; Harold Russell, Oswego Farmers Grain Co.; Henry Schobert, Yorkville Farmers Elevator Co.; H.W. Grimwood, Bristol Farmers Elevator Co.; L.V.O. Sleezer, Millington Grain & Supply Co.; Merwin Anderson, Newark Farmers Grain Co.; Henry A. Paulson, Farmers Cooperative Grain and Supply Co., Lisbon Center.

County Adviser Earl Price has perfected the plans of the agreement and the purchase of potatoes, coal, supplies, and other commodities are being arranged for this fall.

Sept. 22: The members of the Sunday school class of which Mrs. Harry Sprague, who was Miss Aileen Young, was a member surprised her at the home of her people last Friday evening.

Raymond Dwyre left for Indianapolis, Ind., where he will continue his [veterinary] studies.

Guy Funk has resigned his position with the Farmers Grain Co.

The remains of the late Mrs. James Jarvis of Riverside were brought here for burial Sunday.

The East Oswego Progressive Farmers' Club met last Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Ebinger.

L. Hull left last week for South Dakota, where he has land interests.

Mrs. Ellen Hebert Willis has returned to Evanston after a few days visit among relatives and friends.

Sunday, Sept. 19, was automobile day at the Presbyterian church. Forth-two automobiles and three buggies were counted before the building while services were in progress.

Yorkville: Kendall County Mutual Buying Agency is the name adopted by the executive board chosen from the farm bureau and the farmers' elevator companies under an agreement for the purchase of seeds and other farm commodities.

In the primary election, [Oliver] Burkhart was defeated for state's attorney by Richard O. Leitch by a margin of 114. Miss Lane, Smith and Lord had no opposition...The result of the fight for state's attorney was a tight one. The returns from the last precinct were necessary to tell the result. The general feeling is that Burkhart had the position long enough and that Leitch was entitled to consideration.

The Kendall County Farm Bureau has purchased the property of Mrs. Flora Weaver known as the Hinckley feed barn. This action was taken to provide in the future a satisfactory place where private and consignment livestock sales may be held. No definite arrangement has been made for handling the property. It is likely that during the coming winter it will be continued as a feed and hitch barn. This will be of considerable advantage to the farmers who drive to Yorkville in the winter time.

Sept. 29: No Oswego column

Yorkville: DANGEROUS IMMIGRANTS ARE COMING IN DROVES

New York Tribune: The bulk of our immigration for years past, and practically all of it at the present time, comes from the Southern European countries inhabited by the Latin races, which are impregnated today with more radicalism, more Bolshevism, and more anarchy than the rest of the world, excepting possibly Russia...Can any one pretend that our superficial examinations, our health tests and literacy tests will prevent hundreds of active Bolsheviks and anarchists coming in every day....Who wants these undesirables to come? Their own kind already here, many of whom are already 'citizens' of the United States want them to come. Certain large employers of labor, looking only for profits want them to come. Certain professional politicians, looking only for votes want them to come.

October -- 1920

Oct. 6: Miss Beulah Pearce, who is teaching at Glen Ellyn, spent the weekend at the home of her people.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Curry of Aurora are spending the week at their summer cottage.

Jim Hayes from Oklahoma is attending school at East Aurora and living at the home of his uncle, Rev. James E. Craighead.

Donald Rowswell and Natalie Olson of Montgomery were quietly married at the Presbyterian manse y Rev. J.E. Craighead last Saturday evening. After a short trip they will make their home with the bride's parents.

Leslie Woolley left Tuesday for Lincoln, Neb. where he will enter upon school duties at the state university, taking a course in agriculture.

Yorkville: Final papers were given to 11 Kendall county men in the circuit court Thursday entitling them to full rights as citizens of the United States. Judge Slusser was on the bench and made a stirring talk to the men, which was full of patriotism and advice. The recipients were: Walfrid Johnson, Sweden, Oswego; Rudolph Max Clem, Germany, Plano; Andrew Nelson, Germany, Minooka; Jona Emil Wallin, Sweden, Minooka; Hans Arnie Johnson, Norway, Fox; Eli Jertin Knutson, Norway, Yorkville; Ivor Olson, Denmark, Plano; Anton Anderson, Norway, Newark; and William Bretthauer, Germany, Yorkville.

Discharged Soldiers

Edward Benson, Norway, Newark; Sven Johannes Benson, Norway, Newark.

ORGANIZE A COUNTY TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETY

The Kendal County Tuberculosis Society was established following a public meeting including representatives from Red Cross chapters in the county at the Kendall County Courthouse in Yorkville. The initial executive committee formed included Mrs. Chris Hextell, Mrs. Katherine Murley, Mrs. F.H. Falk, Mrs. E.E. Manchester, Mrs. C.S. Williams, Mrs. Ella D. Hill, Mrs. E.B. Thomas, Mrs. T.T. Fletcher, and Mrs. Theo Falkenberg. "Throughout the community there are cases of the dread disease and everyone should feel the need of education to combat the plague and prevent the spread of the affliction," *The Record* reported.

Oct. 13: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gerry are the parents of a daughter born Friday.

William Sutherland has returned from a western trip and is now employed at the Bell [ice cream] shop.

Mr. C. Sorenson has accepted a position at Mooseheart.

Yorkville: President Wilson has directed that on Sunday, Nov. 14, the American flag be displayed at half-mast on all public buildings and naval and military posts "as a token of the nations participation in the memorial services held for the heroic American soldiers, sailors, marines an others who gave their lives to the country in the world war."

The lives of eight persons were saved Friday by the auto horn, which kept blowing until help came to the victims of a capsized machine. Mr. and Mrs. William Gold berg and Mr. and Mrs. A. Baskin of Streator and their children were crossing Morgan creek near where the Aurora electric runs on the highway. The machine skidded and rolled down a 20-foot embankment, landing with the wheels up. The horn was shorted in the fall and continued

to blow. None of the eight was able to get from under the car and there they lay. The horn was heard at the Kinney farm and help came at once. One of the children was slightly hurt and the rest escaped injury. But for the horn, the eight would have smothered before they were found.

Mrs. Belinda Wormley, widow of the late John Wormley, died of pneumonia at 4:15 Sunday morning at the Old Ladies Home in 421 South Fifth Street, Aurora. The deceased was born in Lebanon, N.H. Dec. 9, 1823, was married to Columbus Pinney in 1843, and came to Aurora in the same year. She has lived in Aurora and vicinity ever since. Three daughters and one son were born to her, the three daughters dying in infancy, the son, Frank Pinney of Duluth, surviving.

Her first husband, Columbus Pinney, died in 1868. She was married a second time, 17 years later, to John H. Wormley of Oswego township, who died in April 1892. Interment will be held in the West Aurora cemetery.

Oct. 20: Edgar Schmidt of Yorkville is now employed at the Oswego Farmers Elevator Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dwyre are moving to the adjoining cottage, Mr. Arbuckle recently having purchased that home and are moving in.

Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Shoger and grandson Don Weishew and Mrs. William Burkhardt and son of Aurora left Tuesday for Port Orange, Fla., where they will spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Peshia will move to the flat above the W.J. Morse store. Mr. Peshia has rented his home to Mr. and Mrs. G. Robinson.

Lewis Manuall is moving his family to Michigan where they will make their home. L. Mathews will occupy the Woolley farm.

Yorkville: The Farmers State Bank of Newark was burglarized last Thursday morning between the hours of 1 and 3:30 a.m. The explosion of the nitro glycerin which blew open the safety deposit vault was plainly heard by a number of citizens but, before they could reach the street, the robbers had made their escape. No effort was made to blow the main vault.

The *Chicago Tribune* of Monday has a story of the assault and injury received by Ethel Ackley while in the hands of automobile desperadoes in Chicago last week. Miss Ackley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Ackley of Fox township. She has been making her home at the Three Arts Club in Chicago for some time.

Miss Ackley, according to the newspaper story, was seized at the corner of Michigan and Jackson boulevards Thursday night by men who forced her into an automobile. There she was gagged and attacked, afterwards being thrown out onto the street at Thirty-fifth and Shields. She was found covered with bruises and suffering with a sprained ankle, her mind being in such condition that she was unable to tell of her experiences till Sunday.

Oct. 27: On Friday evening, Oct. 29, at the Oswego School Fair, both young and old will find many interesting features of entertainment. As you enter the front hall you will be aware of the fact that witches and ghosts are lurking through the building.

The Community club has held one of its popular dancing parties in the Knapp hall Saturday evening.

Yorkville: "America First" should be the slogan of every voter who enters the polls next Tuesday. There is no question but that the Republican party stands for a continuation of the national policies which have always marked the administrations of its presidents. Opposed to it are the Democrats, whose representative espouses internationalism, a surrender of things American to the European countries. Warren G. Harding of Ohio and his fellow candidates are for the United States against the world.

The creation of a Federal Department of Public Welfare to function in defense of maternity, childhood, and public health was proposed by Sen. Harding in a speech on social justice to 5,000 women who came to his front porch at Marion, Ohio from all points of the compass.

Two more Kane County women have become full fledged lawyers. Miss Mary D. Bailey of Batavia, who has seen 24 years of service in the recorder's office at the Geneva courthouse, has become a member of the Kane county Bar. Miss Edna Rowe of Aurora, stenographer for Rep. Fred B. Shearer, has also passed the bar test and is a lawyer. Both women studied under Edward D. Pray of Chicago at a night school held in Geneva.

The beautiful October weather which has obtained throughout the country came to an end Sunday. The north wind blew and the chill of autumn was in the air. The loss of the mild weather is a hard one and the approach of winter is looked forward to with dread. The coal situation is but little better although we are assured that there will be no suffering for want of fuel.

Farmers are delayed in getting into their husking by the rain and the fall plowing has more or less hindered by the dry weather. But all hailed the warmth of October and gloated over the coal merchant because no coal was needed.

The Kendall County Circuit Court convened Monday morning with Judge Mazzini Slusser on the bench.

Three indictments were voted by the grand jury, one against Fred Speiker for larceny. One was against Fred Stuppy for larceny in connection with the Newark bank robbery, and two against two other men in the same case.

Stuppy, under indictment, was arrested Sunday night in Joliet by Sheriff Hextell and Deputy Sheriff George Barkley. The sheriff had kept his case quite and was ready for the arrest before anyone knew about it. Stuppy was convicted as one of the robbers of the Millbrook bank some years ago and served a stretch in the penitentiary for it. It is thought that the rest of the gang will soon be under arrest.

November -- 1920

Nov. 3: Mrs. R. Read, formerly Miss Ruth Russell, was a recent visitor at the home of her people. Mr. and Mrs. Read expect to make their home in Milwaukee, moving there soon.

Clay Cutter has returned to school duties at Delafield, Wis., though somewhat disabled from injuries received in a football game.

Miss Sadie Georgi has accepted a position with the Miller, Bryant, Pearce Co. at Aurora.

The fair and social given at the school house Friday evening proved very successful to those who had so untiringly worked, \$80 being realized.

Yorkville: Two Ohioans fought it out for president, but Sen. Warren G. Harding, R-Ohio, easily out-pollled Gov. James M. Cox, the state's Democratic governor in balloting. Little Rock and Oswego polled the banner vote in the county. The former had 849 and Oswego polled 685. The women turned out well in Kendall County. They polled 1,300 of the 3,400 cast for Harding

Some of the loot from the Newark bank robbery has been found. Two bags were found in a coal car at Terre Haute, Ind.; two papers were picked up along the drainage canal in Indiana and some papers were found in Michigan. The representatives of the bank have gone to identify the findings.

Tuesday marked the first snow storm of the winter in Kendall county. The morning broke cloudy with the temperature about freezing. In the middle of the morning, snow began to fall freely but melted when it struck the ground. Monday was a rainy day, driving the farmers from their husking.

Nov 10: Come and hear Professor Henry Adrian tell of "The Wonders of Burbank" in the Presbyterian church Monday evening, Nov. 25. Second attraction of the Community Lyceum Course. Tickets \$1.50 and 75 cents. Single admission, 50 and 75 cents.

While about work on the Arthur Wormley farm, M.L. Wormley had a runaway which in his fall broke his leg below the knee. He is resting as comfortably as possible.

Miss Pansy Shoger was ill last week.

Miss Helen Dwyre has resumed duties at the W.J. Morse store after a short enforced vacation.

Yorkville: The people of Kendall county are grateful to the Chicago Telephone Company for the excellent service on election night. Bulletins were issued every 10 minutes and were comprehensive. Manager Nading and his entire crew were on the job and not a minute was wasted.

In the county there was no opposition to the Republican ticket and they took full benefit of the tremendous vote. Miss Lane has become the only duly elected woman circuit clerk in the state of Illinois.

The Hon. John R. Marshall cast his 15th consecutive vote for a Republican president. His first vote for the chief executive was for Lincoln in 1860 and his ballot on Nov. 2 was for Harding. He has never missed a presidential election.

It is a disappointment to the country people that "daylight savings" won in Chicago. The system is a great inconvenience for people who visit the city from outlying districts.

Nov. 17: All Oswego stores will be open Wednesday night and closed all day Thursday (Thanksgiving day).

F. Fuessell has purchased a home in Aurora and will move soon.

James and Hugh Goudie and J.V. Jessup received several carloads of cattle from Chicago Saturday.

Prepare yourselves for the Red Cross drive. The high school girls will canvass the town for renewal of subscriptions for new members. Drive open until Nov. 25.

Prof. Henry A. Adrain, the intimate friend of Luther Burbank, will furnish the second attraction of our community lyceum course in the Presbyterian church Monday evening, Nov. 15.

Yorkville: Plainfield had a bank robbery, Newark suffered from burglars, Somonauk had an attack on its bank, auto robbers and bandits work unhampered, mail trains are held up and criminals of the worst sort are abroad in the state. There is no organized method of apprehending them. The officials in the small towns are not competent to wrestle with the question of a robbery. A state constabulary would be able to throw out a cordon within a few minutes after a robbery and the criminals would be apprehended or killed." [The Illinois State Police was established in 1922]

Nov. 24: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cherry have announced the engagement of their daughter, Deborah Shepard Cherry, to Clarence H. Hall, son of Mrs. Mary L. Hall of Yorkville.

There was a large attendance at the Cutter school Friday night when the pupils gave an entertainment to get funds for a new Victrola. The pupils who took part were Sarah Parkhurst, Alice Parkhurst, Winston Wayne Heath Wayne, Everett Parkhurst, Watts Cutter, Gladys Parkhurst, Mildred Parkhurst, Margaret Friebele, Elsie Armbruster, Alice Klomhaus, Ruth Johnson, Dorothy Herren, and Helen Leigh.

Yorkville: We shall have next season the novel spectacle of baseball played by the two major leagues as usual but with a judge on the Federal bench acting as arbitrator, or, in fact, dictator in any disputes which may arise among the clubs. Judge Landis has accepted this position as baseball dictator only on condition that he may retain his seat upon the bench and his judicial salary, \$7,500, is to be deducted from the \$50,000 a year he was offered by the clubs.

December -- 1920

Dec. 1: Max, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Peterson, met with an accident while about his play last week. He fell in such a way as to fracture his collar bone.

Charles Boyle has purchased the residence recently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. F. Feusell from Mrs. Luella Hettrich. Mr. Feusell has moved to Aurora.

Miss Carol Cherry has returned to school duties at Northwestern University after spending the holiday at home.

Word has been received by Mrs. Ed Smith from Nickerson, Neb. of the death of John M. Jones, formerly of Tamarack, where his boyhood days were spent on his father's farm near the U.P. Church.

The basket ball boys will give a basket social and dance at Knapp's hall Friday evening, Dec. 3.

Dec. 8: A number of the citizens from Oswego interested in hard road construction met with officials at Chicago Monday.

Paul Dwyre had the misfortune to break both bones of his arm just above the wrist while cranking a car.

The Charles Boyle family have moved to their new home recently purchased from Mrs. Luella Hettrich.

A.H. Dysart attended a National Convention of Farmers Grain Dealers at the LaSalle hotel, Chicago, Thursday and Friday.

Yorkville: Kendall county farmers are getting into the ranks of rock phosphate users. An order for a carload has been filled in the county the last month. While Kendall county has not taken as large a supply as some other counties, farmers here are realizing that soil, as well as horses and cows, must be fed to earn money.

Oscar Shoger, Harold Russell, and W.C. Cutter of Oswego have recently received phosphates.

Data collected by the Illinois Agricultural Association shows that 45,412 brood mares in Illinois produced only 8,918 colts during the quarter ending July 1, 1920. Figures for Kendall county indicate a decided tendency to quit horse production.

DEMAND ROAD THROUGH OSWEGO AND YORKVILLE

There was a meeting of the engineers of the Illinois State Highway Department at Chicago Monday to hear arguments for and against the route they had laid out for Route No. 18. This route was by the diagram given out before the \$60,000,000 bond issue was authorized, to go from Aurora to Oswego to Yorkville, Plano, Sandwich, and so on to Princeton. The new route laid out by the engineers is to go by Oswego on the west side of the river north of Yorkville about a mile, south of Plano about the same distance. A howl of protest went up and these towns had representatives at the meeting to argue for the original route. Oswego was represented by Messrs. O.A. Burkhardt, G.H. Voss, and W.C. Cutter and Yorkville by W.R. Newton, C.S. Williams, and Jacob Armbruster. John D. Russell, county superintendent of highways, was also present. With Russell and Burkhardt as spokesmen and the assistance of the Aurora delegation it is thought that the original route will be accepted by the engineers, although nothing has been settled.

Route 18 as originally laid out comes from Aurora at Lincoln avenue to Oswego over the cement road that has been put in since the bond issue was passed; to Yorkville over the new road which also has some concrete laid. The intention of the engineers was to disregard this stretch entirely and lay a new road. Their project would come from Lake street in Aurora on the west side from Montgomery, build a viaduct over the Burlington at the Wormley crossing and continue on what is known as the north river road to the Gale corner north of Yorkville and Plano going into Sandwich.

Russell and Burkhardt made strong contentions in favor of the original route. They showed that the route was shorter via the East river road to Yorkville by some three miles. There are four miles of cement already on the old route and the right-of-way is all obtained. There are 10,000 people in Kendall county and 90 percent of them are in favor of the original route of No. 18.

These gentlemen also showed that the changing of the route would deprive the people of a hard road connection from Yorkville which was provided for in the law, and that the original plan of the law was to serve the people and not to give an airline road to Chicago packers and manufacturers. From the safety standpoint the south road is the best. There are no crossings of serious consequence between Aurora and Yorkville. There would be no necessity of building the viaduct over the Burlington and the route is much shorter. The keeping of the traffic from crossing the river at Aurora would be more feasible since the traffic would be kept from the congested streets of Aurora.

The decision is now up to the engineers and what it would be is problematical. It is a matter of some comment that the engineers are riding with too high a hand. The engineers are but hired employees of the voters.

Dec. 15: A box social will be given at the Walker school by the teacher and pupils Friday evening, Dec. 17. Ladies, please bring lunch for two. Conveyances will leave from Bell's store for those who have no other way to go. Gertrude Wormley, teacher.

Edward Inman celebrated his birthday anniversary Sunday by entertaining a number of his boy friends.

Mrs. Richard Schultz of Michigan City, Ind. Is visiting among Oswego relatives.

Mrs. Margaret Edwards leaves on Saturday for Pasadena, Calif. Where she will spend the winter with relatives.

A community meeting was held at the Presbyterian Church Tuesday evening in regard to the consolidation of schools.

Yorkville: The Record has been hammering on the immigration question for a number of years. We have told of the utter futility of permitting the indiscriminate rabble of Europe to enter the United States and have advocated a more thorough investigation of these peoples. The question has become one of alarming import in the nation. The time is past when the immigrants from Europe are the desirable foreigners who sought a home in the country and intended to make it their nation for which they would fight and work. The United States should not be made a haven for the castoffs of foreign countries. The criminal, bolshevist, and anarchist should be refused admission.

The engineers of the state highway department are about to build a cement thoroughfare from Chicago to Princeton, under the terms of the law which gave us the \$60 million bond issue. These engineers are evidently striving to build the road at exact variance from the terms of the law. Route 18, as laid out in the preliminary survey, and which was sanctioned by the voters, was to pass through Oswego, Yorkville and Plano. The engineers seek to build it without touching these points. They have not shown the slightest disposition to follow the spirit of the law, as it was understood by the people when they voted for the measure. As the general understanding obtains, the \$60 million bond issue was voted to bring about a better condition of roads between points throughout the state which would offer a connecting link for the use of farmers in marketing their produce and to reach their main centers over a better highway. From an external view, it looks as if the engineers of the road were catering to Chicago and Aurora factions. These cities have manufactories and packing firms which want a direct connection with the west over which they can compete with the railroads by a truck service. By adopting the original route of the road, known as No. 18, they can have this connection and, at the same time, the cities of Kendall county and the 10,000 people of the country will be given the use of their tax money in a cement road. The route from Aurora to Yorkville via the original route is shorter than the proposed one and there are already over four miles of cement. The use of this route would preclude the necessity of cutting through and building new roads on the north side--an expensive undertaking...Kendall County should stand as a unit and demand the original route--taking the matter to the highest authorities to gain their just demands.

Dec. 22: Word has been received from relatives of the death of Lizzie A. Davis at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E.D. Delmeter, San Leanders, Calif. on De. 3. She will be

remembered by former residents of our town and by schoolmates of the Old Stone School House as one of the pupils of H.H. Haff [Haaff].

A new chemical fire engine has been purchased by the authorities, demonstrations and trial runs being made Monday afternoon.

Reuben Parkhurst and family have moved to a farm near Eola.

L.G. Pearce, having sold his farming tools at a public sale, will move to their home in Aurora soon. Ralph Norris, having rented the farm for the ensuing year, moved Monday.

Leslie Woolley is home from college at Lincoln, Neb. to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Woolley.

Teachers and pupils of the Oswego school are enjoying a two weeks vacation.

A scholarship fund from which to meet the expenses of a girl in training each year from this vicinity is to be established in Oswego in memory of Virginia Kittler, the daughter of Doctor and Mrs. W.E. Kittler, formerly of this place. Miss Kittler was born in Oswego. Two years ago she met a tragic death due to an unprotected crossing on the Burlington tracks at Rochelle just a short time before she was to enter upon her training at Augustana hospital. This scholarship is being founded through the efforts of the "More Nurses in Training Movement," which has arisen out of the alarmingly small number of girls who are taking up training for professional nurses.

Yorkville: A community effort is being made in Oswego and vicinity in the interest of the starving millions in China, Armenia, and Southeastern Europe. Donations are being paid either in cash, grain, or flour. Mr. A.H. Dysart is chairman of the local executive committee and is being assisted by the pastors of the several churches and a corps of volunteer workers in the town and surrounding country.

Dec. 29: The stores will close all day Saturday, Jan. 1, 1921, but will be open Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. I.E. Haines and son Edward were Christmas guests at the home of Mrs. Haines.

The William Lamb family had a narrow escape from fire Friday evening when an overturned lamp caused a blaze. The fire department was called but the blaze was extinguished before any damage was done.

Relatives and friends were greatly shocked upon hearing of the tragic death of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Barnard of Gebo, Wyo. While no particulars have been learned to date, it is known that they met death in an accident Christmas evening while driving, their automobile being struck by a train.

John Wald Jr. and Miss Mildred Carrington were quietly married Dec. 23 by Rev. Mr. Quayle at the manse. After a short wedding trip, they will remain among relatives for a short time before moving to their new home near Plainfield, where they will reside on the Sid VanDyke farm.

Yorkville: The wedding of Miss Deborah Shepard Cherry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cherry of Oswego, to Clarence H. Hall, son of Mrs. Mary L. Hall of Yorkville, took place Friday afternoon at the bride's house.

The bride and groom will spend a two weeks' honeymoon in New Orleans and will reside at the home of the groom until spring. Both the bride and groom are graduates of the East Aurora high school. The groom has been attending the University of Wisconsin for two years and the bride has been studying at Grinnell College, Iowa for two years.

J. Stuart Blackton, a pioneer in the production of motion picture plays, says that the day of the "movie star" has passed--that "that sort of thing has been overdone." And in the overdoing the public has been "done." The Pickfords, the Chaplins, the Fairbankses and all their kind have proved they are wholly unworthy of the adulation the public has given them. Hasten the day when motion pictures and the actors who appear in them will be clean.

Did you ever stop to think that the ease with which pistols of all kinds can be bought has a great effect in the case of crime commission? It is said that many private citizens as well as criminals in Chicago carry automatics. And the carrying of that gun makes the man of criminal intent. He is not intentionally a murderer. But, if confronted by a holdup man or is angered by a friend, his first thought goes to the automatic and he is likely to shoot to kill. Had he no gun the crime would never have been committed. A revolver or automatic is a useless piece of hardware to any law-abiding citizen. Hugh R. Marshall, editor

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January

Jan. 5: H.B. Read who has recently suffered a nervous breakdown has been taken to the Rockford sanitarium for treatment.

A new organization has been formed to be known as the Oswego Athletic Association, the W.C. Evans store having been secured for their club rooms.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graham and family have moved to the farm they have rented in NaAuSay, Mr. and Mrs. John Ammons having moved to their home.

Mrs. J. Craighead entertained company from Chicago for the weekend.

Yorkville: Now is the time for everyone who is in a position to do so to do some work on the roads. There is a slackening of work on the farm and the time can be well spent on the highways. Kendall county is blessed with better roads than many counties in the state, but her highways are far from being good roads. While the frost is out of the ground, a thorough going over with scraper and road drag will dress the surface so that they will be passable till the spring rains. Amos Rose, the carrier on Route No. 3 from Yorkville, abandoned his automobile the first of the year and will use horses largely until spring.

Jan. 12: Mrs. H.B. Read has sufficiently recovered from her recent illness to be taken to the home of her son, Dr. C.F. Read.

The funeral services for the late Mrs. M.J. Pogue was held from the Presbyterian church Saturday. Interment at Oswego cemetery. After her marriage to M.J. Pogue they were residents of Oswego, she living here until six years ago. One son, Robert, and six grandchildren remain.

Yorkville: We have a new governor at Springfield--Len Small of Kankakee was inaugurated Monday noon. We, for now, are in sympathy with Governor Small. We believe he will make a good governor and that all the reports of his selling himself to the Chicago gang are not so black as they are painted.

A survey of the cost of labor in Kendall County for last year being made by the Farm Bureau indicates an average of about \$63 for single men and \$75 for married men per month.

Charles N. Bennett, who died at his home in Pavilion Tuesday, Jan. 4, had a military record of which any patriot would be proud. He enlisted from Leland Dec. 24 1862 and served for three years when he received his honorable discharge Dec. 24, 1865. He fought in 38 distinctive battles and was with General Grant at the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox. At the foot of his discharge papers are the words "Character good; a gallant soldier in the field." Mr. Bennett was a member of R.B. Hayes Post, GAR of Plano. The deceased was born at Elmira, Wis. Sept. 24, 1842 and moved to Leland with his parents at ten years of age. He was married to Louise Brown at Somonauk Sept. 24, 1867.

Jan. 19: The Parent-Teachers club will meet at the Oswego school house Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 25.

The first anniversary of the enforcement of the prohibition amendment was observed at the Federated church Sunday morning. An address was given by the pastor, the Rev. Thomas Quayle.

Mrs. J.P. Lantz was surprised at her home Monday in honor of her 71st birthday by a company of 20 friends. A delicious three-course dinner was brought by the guests. Mrs. Edward Pruder of Aurora won first honors in cake making; Mrs. Carlos Lantz of Wheatland second.

The East Oswego Progressive Farmers' Club will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Hem Thursday of this week.

The 95th birthday anniversary of Mr. George Bower was celebrated at the George M. Bower home Sunday with all children present.

Yorkville: Frank L. Bennett, recent director of the state division of highways, has issued a statement that the Route 18 to be built with the \$60 million bond issue from Chicago to Princeton, will not touch either Oswego or Yorkville, but go directly to Plano and west. Spurs will be run into Oswego and Yorkville for the people to get on the cement from these towns. This proposition is in direct violation of the plan, which was laid out and for which the people of Kendall county were in favor when they voted for the bond issue. It is at direct variance with the provisions of the bill, which legalized the bond issue, and it is not fair to the taxpayers whose money will be used to carry out the scheme.

Superintendent John D. Russell of Oswego is one of the men to see. He is one of the leaders in the fight for justice.

The route enters Kendall county at the Base Line road west of Montgomery and is routed along the road which comes past former Supervisor Wormley's crossing the Burlington at that dangerous grade crossing where a viaduct will have to be built which, it is said, will cost \$35,000. The route does not cross the bridge at Oswego but continues along the north river road past the Rickard school house and to the road of the old Gale Farm, when it takes the middle road to Plano. Many new pieces of road will need be built over this route and the engineers make no secret of the fact that it will be an expensive piece of business. There will be a cut through the Gale farm to join the river road to the middle road and much cutting and filling must be done. The road into Plano across the Little Rock creek and over or under the Burlington will also be an expensive piece of road. The original route as laid out by the state engineers comes from Aurora on the east side of the river and runs along the banks of the river to Oswego, then straight through to Yorkville. Crossing the river at Yorkville, it was to go north and then west into Plano. On this route there are already over four miles of concrete road; there is but one railroad crossing this side of Aurora, that at Yorkville where there is a flagman.

Jan. 26: The East Oswego Progressive Farmers' Club met last Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Hem.

The Henry Burkhart family motored to Kankakee Saturday to attend the wedding ceremony of their son, Sherman, to Miss Gladys Palmer at her home Saturday noon. The bridal couple left for a wedding trip to California. After their return they will live at Wolf's Crossing where Mr. Burkhart will have charge of the elevator there.

AN OSWEGO ORDINANCE

An Ordinance Providing for the Issue of \$10,000 Water Works improvement Bonds of the Village of Oswego, Kendall County, Illinois.

Whereas, it is in the opinion of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oswego in the County of Kendall and State of Illinois, necessary that the Water Works System be extended and enlarged; and

Whereas, the property known as Lot No. 4 in Block No. 11 in the Original Village of Oswego is suitable for the purposes required and has been offered to said Village for the sum of \$600 and the cost of drilling a well on said lot and installing pumps and electric motor all of sufficient size and capacity for supplying water required by said Village for all purposes will amount to the sum of \$3,000, and the cost of repairing and extending water mains and replacing and installing new hydrants will amount to the sum of \$3,400, and the cost of erecting a suitable building on the property above described for a pump house, hose house storeroom and office for said Water department will amount to \$3000 making a total amount for the extension and enlarging of said Water Works System of the sum of \$10,000;

Now therefore be it ordained:

Section 1. That there be borrowed on the credit of the Village of Oswego the sum of \$10,000.

Section 2. That such bonds be dated June 1, 1921 and be of the denomination of \$500 each, be numbered from 1 to 20, both numbers inclusive, mature in numerical order, \$1,000 on the first day of June 1922 and \$1,000 on the first day of June in each of the years 1922 to 1931...

Approved by me as President of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oswego this 10th day of January, 1921.

A.H. Churchill, Village Clerk

C.L. Burkhart, President

Yorkville: In consideration of Route 18, which the state engineers have so arbitrarily placed as to miss Oswego and Yorkville entirely and to abandon a route which was built with the sanction of the state and was to be eventually taken over as Route 18, the question arises as to whether or not the law is being lived up to by the state engineers... The section of the law that describes Route 18 is as follows: "Beginning in a public highway at the western limits of the city of Chicago and running along the highway in a southwesterly direction to Princeton, affording Chicago, Aurora, Oswego, Yorkville, Plano, Sandwich, Earlville, Mendota, Princeton and the intervening communities reasonable connection with each other."

In the first place, the laying of a road with a half mile spur into Oswego and a mile spur into Yorkville is not "reasonable connection." The cutting off of county seats is not, we believe, within the law... There are two stretches of cement [road] in Oswego and Kendall [townships] aggregating over four miles, which were built with this undertaking and under the direction of the highway department. The road on which these stretches were built shortened the distance from Yorkville to Aurora by about three miles. Yet the engineers want to put back the old distance and then add some for a spur... Either the Chicago manufacturers and packers are behind the "air-line" to Princeton or there is some other ulterior motive for the route as accepted.

In keeping with his promise, Judge Adam C. Cliffe was on the job Monday morning and stated in the clean up of the docket of the Kendall County circuit court. The first case to

be considered was Guy Doolittle who was placed on trial for the crime of incest committee against his cousin, Lucretia Mitchell of Plano. Following this trial Alvin Randall of Oswego will be arraigned for rape and incest.

February -- 1921

Feb. 2: Mr. and Mrs. John Wald Jr. left last week for their new home near Plainfield.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Oswego Farmers Grain Company was held Saturday in the Knapp hall. Charles Peavy of Chicago was the afternoon speaker. James Campbell and W.C. Cutter were reelected as directors; J.C. Schlapp retiring, that vacancy filled by electing Oscar Shoger as the new member of the board.

Friends are glad to learn that H.B. Read has sufficiently recovered to be taken to the home of his son, Dr. Read.

The ordinance passed by the Oswego Village Board concerning the new water works was modified to include this line: "That forthwith upon the passage of this ordinance and approval thereof by the voters of said Village..."

Feb. 9: No Oswego news column.

Feb. 16: Mrs. Ivan Fugate and children of Minnesota are visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Shoger.

The teachers who have been living with Miss Edith Troll have taken rooms with Mrs. Amanda Barnard for the balance of the school year.

Mrs. Moses Cherry died Friday morning at her home. Mrs. Amelia Cherry, wife of Moses Cherry, was formerly Miss Amelia Schell. She was born in Tonawanda, NY. Oct. 9, 1841 and was married to Mr. Cherry 54 years ago. They moved to this section immediately after their marriage and have resided here ever since. Surviving are her husband and four children, A.R., Charles T. and Miss Sadie Cherry of Oswego, Mrs. Kathryn Austin of Washington, D.C. and six grandchildren. Interment in NaAuSay cemetery.

Yorkville: A bus line running from Aurora to Sandwich passing through Oswego, Yorkville and Plano, was inaugurated Saturday morning. The service was beginning to attract interest but has failed to issue any advertising as to time or rates. As soon as this is done, the buses will get more passengers. The roads have been so bad the past few days that the regular running has been impossible.

Feb. 15 was a record-breaker when it came to weather. The sun shown warmly and the air was balmy--a regular spring day with the temperature more than 70 above.

Feb. 23: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Foss were given a farewell surprise by their neighbors. Mr. and Mrs. Foss will be missed by a large circle of friends who wish success to them in their new home near Wheaton.

Evangelist Chester Birch of Kansas City, Mo., will begin a series of revival meetings in the Presbyterian church of Oswego on Thursday evening, March 3, and continue the same for two weeks.

The initiation of 14 Boy Scout candidates will take place in the Scout hall on Friday evening, Feb. 25.

Two weeks ago there was no Oswego letter in *The Record*. The failure puzzled Miss White, the correspondent and the publisher as the letter had been mailed on time. The loss was explained last Friday when the missing correspondence arrived in Yorkville after a 10 days' travel through the mystifying channels of the post office department with no mark to show where it had been loitering.

The Oswego public school will give a moving picture show Tuesday, Feb. 22 at the Presbyterian church. Many of our patrons are aware of the fact that the school has purchased a new moving picture machine. The first payment has been made with the funds from the subscriptions for magazines and the donations from the Parent-Teacher club. A series of shows will be given and the proceeds from them will be applied on the last payment for the machine.

Orville Wormley Beebe, the fourth son of Alonzo and Elizabeth Wormley Beebe, was born Dec. 24, 1848 on the home farm in Oswego township. He was, as he said, a Christmas present to his family. He died Feb. 1, 1921 at his home on the north side of Yorkville.

From the age of 9 he was self-supporting. The Civil War started when he was 13 and fired with patriotism he enlisted three or four times, but because of his age and the fact that he had three older brothers in the service, his father opposed his going and his enlistment was canceled. Later, however, Orville told his father he had "hired out" and then enlisted Sept. 17, 1864 in the navy. He served on the USS Moose for two enlistment periods and was honorably discharged from USS Great Western and the naval service Aug. 22, 1865. The four Beebe brothers returned to civil life, each to build a home for himself in the land of the free.

Mr. Beebe and Miss Susan E. Smith of Plattville were married July 26, 1866 and started farming, nine years later purchasing a farm in Kendall township where they lived for 28 years. This home they sold to Mr. Clayton and purchased the John R. Marshall residence in Yorkville where they have lived for 18 years.

Mr. Beebe was a leader in affairs, which he considered right--and his judgment was nearly always correct. He was a politician at times and only when he considered the questions at issue such as he was needed in the fight. He was influential in organizing the Farmers State Bank of Yorkville in 1915 and was one of its directors to the time of his death.

March -- 1921

March 2: A.J. Hettrick and Martha Falk were quietly married Saturday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Falk.

W.D. Cutter has returned from Biloxi, Miss. where with his family they have been spending the winter.

Leslie Morse has accepted a position as book-keeper in Aurora.

Mrs. Ella Parker Woolley who for several years has resided in Chicago died at her home Thursday and the remains brought to Oswego for burial at the Oswego cemetery Saturday.

Yorkville: Several communities of Kendall county have profited by the example of the people of Kansas and are burning the weeds and grass along the roads of their district. This is a highly commendable act and should be followed generally. This makes the roadway a more pleasant part of the landscape and improves the highway but it does a more valuable duty. The weed seed and the eggs of many insect pests are destroyed at the same time.

March 9: Daniel Ferguson died at his home on Van Buren street Wednesday morning at the age of 66 years. The deceased is survived by his widow, Elizabeth, two brothers, Elmer of Dundee, Iowa and Frank of Dubuque, Iowa; two sisters, Mrs. Ella Thomas of Iowa and Mrs. Minerva Davis of Tampico. The remains were shipped to Morrison Saturday where services will be held and the remains buried.

Mrs. Prudence Johnson Thomas passed to her heavenly reward on Sunday, Feb. 27, at the age of 80 years, 8 months, and 22 days. She was born in Casleton, Vt. and came with her parents to Kendall county at four years of age and spent her life here and at Odell, this state. She was married to Mrs. Levi L. Thomas July 0, 1862.

March 16: Mrs. John Bell was taken to the Aurora City Hospital last week where she underwent an operation.

Mrs. Jake Thorsen and son Jack of Leland are guests at the Croushorn home.

H.M. Roos has opened a shoe repairing shop in the office of Clark's livery barn, Oswego and is prepared to do satisfactory work in his line.

Yorkville: Theodore Roosevelt's portrait, bearing his last message to the American people, is being distributed to the public schools of the country by the American Defense Society. The only condition which the society makes in giving the picture to the schools is that it be framed by general contribution of the pupils and hung with appropriate ceremonies.

Probably no other bill before the present state legislature is of more direct interest to Kendall county farmers than the "farm to market" road bill brought up this week. Kendall county, according to latest available figures, has 254 miles of dirt roads.

The bill provides for upkeep of a state road system comprising four classes of roads: State aid, county aid, bond issue, and federal aid roads. Uniform markings of all roads and patrol or gang maintenance are other features. The bill would not increase taxes unless the taxpayers themselves voted an increase by building new roads.

March 23: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smith are the parents of a daughter born at the Aurora hospital last week.

March 30: A special election will be held in Oswego March 31 to decide on the issuing of bonds to the amount of \$10,000 for extending and enlarging the waterworks system.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Armbruster are the parents of a daughter born last week. She has been named Mary Helene.

Miss Edna Walker, who has been keeping books for Charles Bookman, has resigned.

A number from here attended the funeral services of the late John M. Hemm last week.

The beautiful pageant, "The Striking of America's Hours," which was given in costume at the Federated church Sunday, March 20 was largely attended.

H. Runkle and family are occupying the flat above the Bell soda shop.

Yorkville: The Illinois Agricultural Association is strongly in favor of the bills now in the state legislature for the establishment of a state police system. Do not be misled by false propaganda. New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Michigan have tried the system and are heartily in accord with it.

April -- 1921

April 6: Gus Hotopp has a sale Saturday preparatory to moving to New York.

Miss Nellie Mitchell is now employed as book-keeper at the Oswego Farmers Grain Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hem are the parents of a daughter born last week.

L.K Rickard recently purchased a new touring car.

J.E. Craighead spent Monday at Bloomington where he attended a synods committee of home missions.

At the recent special election the \$20,000 bond issue was passed for the extension and improvement of the water works system.

April 13: A.H. Korte has recently purchased from H.B. Read the building now occupied by Biesemier and Hettrick.

George Bower died at the home of his son, George. M. Bower Jr. at Oswego Sunday morning aged 95 years. The deceased was an old resident of his vicinity and was born in Bavaria, Germany Jan. 18, 1826. At the age of 20 he came to Illinois and settled on a farm in Oswego township, which for many years was the family home. Aug. 29, 1852 he was married to Miss Katherine Krug and their home was blessed with nine children, three of which with their mother preceded him in death.

Yorkville: There was a petition before the board of supervisors Tuesday for the county to pay half the expense of right of way for Route 18 from the Fred Palmer corner north of Yorkville into Plano. There is a legal question as to whether the board has authority to vote money for such purpose and the matter was taken under advisement.

What this means is this: the state highway department is about to let some bridge contracts on Route 18. In order to get the start on the link between Yorkville and Plano, it will be necessary to get the right of way. Little Rock township has offered to pay half if the county will stand the other half. Superintendent Russell figures the cost, so far, will be between \$5,000 and \$6,000. There was much argument about the question. The consensus seemed that if it could be legally done, the start should be made at once. The work on this piece of road will not interfere in any way with the routing of the road from Aurora to Yorkville. It simply put a portion of the road between the two Kendall county cities, over which there is no argument, a course of building.

April 20: Miss Floi Johnston is the owner of a new coupe.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Herren found someone had helped themselves to various articles during their absence from home. Linens, dishes and silverware were stolen.

Leslie Morse has accepted a position in Aurora.

Yorkville: Will Need No Ice

S.J. Wittrup has installed a new iceless refrigerator in his restaurant and will be independent of the ice shortage this summer. The machine works from a brine system, the liquid being forced through the linings of the refrigerator. The temperature is regulated by a thermostat which starts the pump when the temperature falls below the required cold. Mr. Wittrup is enterprising and the village appreciates his efforts to give it a clean, tasty place to eat.

The case of the Smith bus line, operating out of Aurora, is up to the Public Utilities Commission to decide whether or not it shall have the privilege of using the highways for the operation of its buses between towns. It is our opinion that this sanction shouldn't be

given unless the bus company is made to pay sufficiently for the use of the highways to recompense for the wear and tear on the roads. It is likewise our opinion that the operation of large trucks on the highways should be attended with a large enough license fee to assist in the repairs that are made necessary when they grind out the surface of the highway.

This question is a serious one and will sooner or later have to be dealt with by the people. The railroads and interurbans operate on their own lines and do no damage to the country roads. The buses and trucks which seek to compete with the railroad companies wish to use the highways, which are paid for by the public, without expense to themselves. If these lines are permitted to run without license, much of the business which permits the railroads to run will be gradually taken away from them by the trucks and buses and they will be financially crippled. Then the country will be in a deplorable state. The roads will be worn out and there will be very poor rail service.

April 27: Mrs. Florence Friebele and children have moved to their new home, recently purchased from Miss Edith Troll.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Jacobson are the parents of a daughter born at the city hospital last week.

A.H. Korte is improving his store by a new plate glass front.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Young are living at the L.C. Young residence for the present time.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Biesmier was brought here for burial Thursday.

Frank Walker is adding a new porch to his residence.

The Oswego Progressive Farmers Club met Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hummel. Eighty were present. Karl D. Waldo, principal of the East Aurora High School, spoke on education.

Fred Bower is serving on the federal grand jury in Chicago.

Frank Herren has purchased a new touring car.

The death of Mrs. O. Peterson came as a surprise to her relatives and friends. About her duties as usual and in seeming good health, she was stricken April 20 and died immediately. Mrs. Peterson was born in Norway Feb. 22, 1851 in Lillehammer, and was married to O. Peterson September 1871, coming to his country in 1882. They located near Oswego where they resided until a few years ago, when they moved to the village. To this union eight children were born, three preceding their mother in death. The husband; four sons, Peter of Aurora, Cole of Woodstock, and Andrew and Robert of Oswego; and one daughter, Mrs. Martha Smith of Yorkville, survive. The funeral services were held from the Presbyterian church, interment in the Oswego cemetery.

May -- 1921

May 4: Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Cutter are the parents of a daughter born Saturday.

The Legion dance given in the Knap hall was a success socially and financially.

Lloyd Wormley, Stewart Palmer, and Russell Boyle left last week for Oklahoma.

Clarence Smith is ill at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Clauser entertained Chicago relatives on Sunday.

Yorkville: In a front page article headlined "Beginning of *The Record*," John Redman Marshall relates the story of how the Kendall County Record was established. The paper published its first issue in May 1864. More information on the paper is inside on Page 6, under the heading "Our Fifty-Seventh Birthday."

Because a certain percentage of the people of Aurora are employed in Chicago, and Chicago saw fit to adopt the daylight saving plan, is it any reason that Aurora should force this unwelcome custom onto the farmers who live near the city? Yorkville has taken no steps to change the time made by the Power Above when he set the sun as a chronometer for all who wish to work in accordance with nature's laws in the field and in the shop. There is no use arguing the matter--the farmer must work by sun time. There is no way of setting the clock so that it will remove the dew and dampness from the fields an hours earlier in the morning.

The merchants of Yorkville are satisfied to give the farmer all the time in the world to get to Yorkville and trade. The stores will not close at 5 o'clock central time.

Another result of the change in time will be the hours of amusement. To go to the "first show" under daylight saving, the farmers will have to get into town at 6 o'clock, central time. When he gets out of the theatre, if he goes to the last show, the stores will be closed and no trading can be done. In Yorkville, the shows start at 7 and 9 o'clock and the stores are open for your trading before and after the reels.

The interurban service between Yorkville and Aurora will cause much inconvenience to patrons. The first car out of Yorkville in the morning will be at 5 o'clock. The last car out of Aurora at night will leave at 10 o'clock, sun time. Your timetable, so well fixed in your mind, will be shattered. Instead of cars leaving this end of the line on the even hours, they will leave on the odd hours.

Every week sees a heavy toll taken in human life in the United States by criminals, mental defectives and drug addicts. Fundamentally, the reason lies in the ease with which firearms can be obtained by the classes which use them for illegal instead of protective purposes. The dangerous tendencies of those who hold human life cheap are made a menace to Washington and every other community because they can so easily obtain the means of dealing death.

The situation here and elsewhere has become so acute with life and property unsafe that Congress is ready to pay heed to a demand that only law abiding citizens be permitted to purchase firearms.

There must be something more than a law against carrying concealed firearms. There must be a regulation which will prevent the lawless and degenerate element of the country from getting weapons and putting in jeopardy the lives and property of law-abiding citizens.--Washington Post.

May 11: J.P. Schickler has rented the W.F. Evans store and opened a bowling alley.

The Eastern Star dance held in Knapp hall last Thursday evening was a social success.

May 18: A chimney fire at the W.J. Morse home Monday called the fire department. Luckily the blaze was extinguished before they had to use the chemicals. That same night, the department was called to the William Lamb residence to extinguish a blaze also caused by an overheated chimney.

Jay Funk and Helen Hopkins of Aurora were quietly married at Joliet on Saturday.

Yorkville: The government list of slackers has been received by Judge Clarence S. Williams, who was chairman of the draft board for the county. The list is a great compliment to the loyalty of the citizens of Kendall county. There were but five names on the list. The five men were Mexicans who were in the county at the time of the first registration and left before the first call. It is ventured that there will be few counties in the United States which will equal this record.

May 25: A piano recital by pupils of Miss Florence Valette will be given at the Presbyterian church Saturday evening, May 28.

The stores of Oswego will be closed all day Monday, Decoration Day.

F. Clausen and Miss Mary Dysart were taken as members of the Eastern Star Monday evening.

June -- 1921

June 1: Mrs. Septa Peshia, who has been critically ill, is a surgical patient at the Aurora City Hospital. She is slowly recovering. Her daughter, Mrs. William Elwood, is here from the West and will remain indefinitely.

Messrs. Oliver and C.L. Burkhart and Dr. Weishew left Monday for points in Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rowswell and son will leave Wednesday for Centralia, Ore., where they will remain throughout the summer. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rowswell will occupy their Oswego residence.

Mrs. Claire W. Willis and daughter have returned from Evanston. They will remain in Oswego permanently.

Yorkville: It was a pitiful sight Monday to note how thin the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic are getting and how soon it will be ere we will be no longer able to pay our respects to these heroes of bygone days in the flesh. Memorial Day should ever be a day for honoring these men of the past wars, beginning with the American Revolution and ending, we hope for all time, with the recent World War.

A survey of the number of female breeding animals on the farms of Kendall county has recently been completed by the Kendall County Farm Bureau aided by the Illinois Agricultural Association. There were 4,500 dairy cows and heifers in the county on Jan. 1, 1921, a decrease of 10 percent since Jan. 1, 1920. There were 1,600 beef cows and heifers, 18 percent less than last year. Six thousand sows and gilts were counted an increase of 2 percent since 1920. The 2,000 ewes in the county represented a 2 percent increase in the year. Of the beef cows, about 90 percent were found to be used for dairy purposes. Mares bred in 1921 were about twice the number of colts foaled in 1920, but were only 7 percent of the total number of horses and mules on Kendall county farms.

June 8: A picnic Friday will close the Oswego schools for the summer. A large crowd is expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Goheen of Sangli, India, and their four children have spent the past month at the manse where the little people have had a strenuous inning with the measles. The parents have rendered some excellent service to the missionary cause by addresses in several of the churches in this part of the country. Mr. Goheen represents the agricultural and industrial interests of the Sangli mission and his wife is especially interested in work among the Indian children of her adopted country. The family left, this week, for points in Indiana and after brief visits there, will pass on to Ohio for the remainder of their furlough.

The commencement address will be delivered Thursday, June 9, by W.A. Price of Des Moines. The graduates this year are Misses Winifred Walker and Margaret Davis.

During the month of June the Boy Scouts are seeking to pass their examinations for membership as second class scouts. Twenty-four boys have been enrolled as tenderfeet and the majority have purchased their uniforms.

Yorkville: More and more we are surprised at the increase in the use of profanity in the country. You can hardly pass a group of males, be they 6 or 60 years of age, without hearing the use of oaths or obscene language. It strikes a discordant note in the soul of the person who has a spark of respect or love for his Maker.

June 15: The 32nd meeting of the alumni association of the Oswego High School was held in the parlors of the Presbyterian church Friday evening, June 10.

June 22: Rudolph Knapp left Monday for his former home in Germany. He expects to be gone about two months.

Clay Cuter has a position with the gas company in aurora.

A consignment of oil is expected in Oswego this week and will be put on the village streets immediately.

Mrs. Robert Johnston and daughter Miss Floi entertained Friday at a unique party in the "Glen" in the rear of the Johnston home. Here the ground slopes sharply to the Waubonsie creek that empties into the Fox. This little valley, which 91 years ago, was the haunt of the Potawatomie tribe, has been made by the Johnstons, with labor and vision, into a charming playground and camp. There is a small cottage under the hill; there is a big stone fireplace; some rustic bridges; a spring of ice cold water; a water wheel; no end of eats and hammocks under the trees; and near by the Waubonsie flows.

The much anticipated day, the 22nd reunion of the schoolmates of the "Old Stone School House," arrived and by invitation the preceding year the boys and girls of former years were entertained at the home of Josie Samse Smith Saturday, June 11.

June 29: Oswego Chautauqua, to be held on the school grounds, July 8-11.

The Oswego ball team journeyed to Earlville Sunday where they were defeated 1-0.

Stores closed Monday all day, July 4th.

The barn dance at the Fred Walker home Friday proved a social success.

Yorkville: See the comical Joe Green and his colored ball club at Yorkville Thursday, June 30th at 2:30 p.m. Lots of fun, base ball and excitement. If you miss this game, you sure will be sorry.

There is much talk about dividing up the Aurora, Elgin and Chicago company into its original two companies. This will leave the AE&C in charge of the third rail system and give the trolley systems to the former Aurora, Elgin and Southern Traction Company. Just what benefit this will have on the service is a problem. The third rail outfit want to divorce the trolley lines because they are losing money. The trolley lines claim that business has fallen off so that it is impossible to meet expenses. Should the trolleys quit the country would be in bad shape for transportation facilities.

July -- 1921

July 6: Dr. W.T. Putt of Grand Island, Neb. is spending a few days in Oswego enroute to Lake Geneva, where he will spend two weeks.

Oswego will hold its first Chautauqua on the school grounds beginning at 8 o'clock Friday evening, July 8. It will continue each afternoon at 2:30 and 8 p.m. until Monday when it closes.

Yorkville: The Aurora papers are full of stories that real beer was being sold at Fox River Park during the American Legion celebration Sunday and that it was being done with the consent of Sheriff Hextell. The sheriff denies that any such permission was given. It is time the people of Kendall county woke up to the realization of the moral character of Fox River Park. The sheriff has done his best with what he has to work with to keep order in the place.

It is time for Kendall county officials to get some action and protect the morals of the county as well as the reputation of their legal representative, Sheriff Hextell.

July 13: Miss Floi Johnston is enjoying a vacation from her duties as night operator at the telephone exchange.

While Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rickard were attending the evening entertainment of the Chautauqua, thieves took advantage of the occasion by stealing their Ford limousine. At present there is no trace of the stolen car.

July 20: Albert Schmidt has resumed his duties at the Bell Soda Shop after being confined to his home suffering with an attack of appendicitis.

Mrs. Clara Minkler Finch of Chicago with a party of friends enjoyed a picnic at Oswego Sunday.

Yorkville: Secretary of the Treasury Mellon has suggested a means of raising revenue, which *The Record* has advocated for several years--charging a three cent rate of postage on First Class matter.

July 27: Miss Carrie Shoger has sold her home to Mr. Lohman. He is making extensive repairs and expects to occupy the place soon.

A movie, "A Progressive Farmer," was recently shown on the barn side at the Ralph Norris farm. Another will come soon to which everyone will be welcome.

August -- 1921

Aug. 3: Will Sutherland returned Monday from the northwest where he has been connected with a road show. Owing to the decided decrease in business the show was obliged to abandon the road and go into quarters at St. Paul, Minn.

Yorkville: Mayor Henry Roehik of St. Charles will carry out proceedings promised by the former mayor against the city of Elgin.

He has instructed Louis Rockwell, city attorney, to start suit against the city of Elgin for polluting the Fox river in violation of the state law.

According to Mayor Roehlk, the river pollution makes it unsafe for bathers and campers. Many campers have reported a rash due to swimming in the river.

The above from the Geneva Republican suggests a possible method for the smaller towns against their larger sisters. The state law requires septic tanks for sewage and unless a fight is made the cities will try and get out of this expensive job. But the river is so polluted something must be done and the above may be just the way.

Aug. 10: Last Wednesday evening saw more people in Oswego than have been there at anyone time in many years. The occasion was a concert given by the Mooseheart Band. There were in the neighborhood of 5,000 people in town.

Yorkville: James Joslyn, who shot and killed Chief of Police Reihm at West Chicago last spring, killed himself rather than to submit to arrest in Yorkville Friday night after a gun battle with Sheriff Martin N. Hextell.

The people of Kendall County have every reason to be proud of their sheriff, Martin N. Hextell. This officer has shown that he is in possession of that element that goes to make up a good police officer--practical bravery. There is nothing gaudy about the fearlessness of this man. But when duty calls and his services are needed, Mr. Hextell steps in without a pang of fear.

Last Friday night, Sheriff Hextell walked into a dangerous gun man and desperado, gave him shot for shot, and was ready for the final blow when the man committed suicide.

[The incident took place in downtown Yorkville; the man was suspected in the murder of a police officer at West Chicago, and was confronted by Hextell in what amounted to a gunfight.]

Aug. 17: Dwight Smith and wife of Wilton Junction, Ia. were recent visitors among relatives here.

Phil Clauser attended the Spanish War veterans reunion held in Rockford last Saturday.

The location better known as the Carrie Shoger residence on Main street has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Gates.

Aug. 31: The dance given by the football team Wednesday night netted \$46.

Town team football fans in Kendall County are looking to Oswego to have a squad which will ably represent Kendall county in this sport. Manager Donnelly, together with having signed up various stars from this territory says that he has secured a competent coach who will train the boys and point out to each player technical points which go to make each man know his place in the game in which teamwork is so important. Following is a list of the players and the positions which they are trying to obtain: Howard Mitchell, Harry Mitchell, Wilton Woolley, Cecil Shoger, Howard Wald, Albert Gates, Dewey

Boyle, Wilbur Woolley, West Chapman, George Van, Robert Cameron, Raymond Tremaine, Herbert Curtis, Carl White, Lloyd Wormley, Norval Tripp, and Shorty Smith.

September -- 1921

Sept. 7: Next Sunday afternoon a Memorial service will be held at the Oswego Prairie Church for Marvin Bower who served in the U.S. Navy for over two years. He last served on the U.S.S. Conestoga, which was lost in the Pacific on way to the Samoa Isle with all on board. [On 25 March 1921, the ocean-going tug U.S.S. Conestoga steamed out of Mare Island Navy Yard towing a barge load of coal sailing via Pearl Harbor planning to take up an assignment as station ship at Tutuila, American Samoa. Commanded by Lt. Ernest Larkin Jones, Conestoga was never seen again. Despite an extensive search, the only trace found of her was a lifeboat bearing the initial letter of her name.]

Sept. 14: The annual automobile day is to be observed in the Oswego Presbyterian church Sunday, Sept. 18, when all in the congregation who own automobiles are requested to bring their families and friends to the services in their cars. A message to all young people is to be delivered at the evening service on the subject, "How the young people can help the church."

Merrill Morse recently accepted a position at a clothing store in Aurora.

John Russell has returned from Wisconsin where he spent the past two weeks inspecting roads.

Yorkville: Kendall County is the first county in the United States to have all its farmers' elevators join the United Grain Growers, Inc., and has again proven itself the banner county in farm movements. The last elevator was signed up Monday afternoon and the canvass of farmers for membership has been started. All the elevators in Minooka neighborhood have joined and the list is swelling fast. Several private elevators are not on the list for the reason that they are not at present eligible for membership. It is said that they will be invited to membership in a short time when every grain dealer in Kendall county is expected to join the association.

Sept. 21: Dr. L.J. Weishew has returned from a week's hunting trip in Wisconsin.

Wednesday evening, soldiers from Camp Grant camped at Wolf's Crossing enroute to Battle Creek, Mich.

Raymond Dwyre left Tuesday for Indianapolis, Ind., to resume school.

Amanda H. Cherry, widow of the late Hamilton Cherry, died at 2 o'clock Sunday morning at her home in Oswego after a lingering illness. The deceased was 83 years of age, born Sept. 14, 1838. She came to Oswego 65 years ago, settling on a prairie, living in that vicinity ever since. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Ida Updike, Mrs.

Truman Thompson, and Mrs. A.K. Wheeler, all of NaAuSay; two sons, Charles of Oswego and Harold of Broadview, Mont.; also 15 grandchildren. The funeral was held from her late home. Interment was in NaAuSay cemetery.

Mrs. Rebecca Chattle was born April 23, 1839 at Oswego During the Civil War, she was married to W. Chattle and to this union one daughter was born, who died in infancy. Seven years ago, the husband passed away. She then came to Illinois to spend the remainder of her life. Three years ago she left this locality for Wilmington, where she died Sept. 17, 1921. Two brothers of the family, James and Calvin Pearce, survive her. Her parents were of Methodist faith, she being reared under same, also a member of the church. Interment was in the Pearce cemetery at Oswego.

Yorkville: The entire country was startled when the serious accusation of murder was brought against Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle, the great film star. A revulsion of feeling went out against home and the films in which he was a leading figure have been denied publicity.

Recent developments in the location of Route 18, State Aid Road, seem to fix the route on the north side of the river, with a spur into Yorkville from the Fred Palmer road. In this summer, the state will take over the two Yorkville bridges and concrete the spur, taking all expense of repairs to the bridges and building of new ones if necessary. The southern route is practically given up and would seem to many who are close to the matter that the people would do better to accept what seems to be a settled fact and a road which is promised in the near future than to put up a legal fight against it. Yorkville wants the concrete road to Aurora and Chicago as does the rest of the county. We can get it quicker by accepting the present route and letting the state lay the road at once.

Sept. 28: Clay Cutter left last week for Knox College where he will pursue a course in business administration.

Mrs. Wilton Woolley and baby have returned from the hospital to their home.

The sophomores and juniors of the Oswego high school entertained the freshmen at a wiener roast in Cutter's grove Friday evening. The large attendance made the event most successful.

A quiet ceremony was performed Friday evening united in marriage Mrs. Delia Fose Minor and Mark Rosenberry. After a brief stay at Wheaton, they will reside in Oswego.

Wilton Woolley received a shipment of feeders Monday averaging 900 pounds at 5 cents a pound.

Henry Schilling and Mrs. Herman were united in marriage at the home of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Kesslinger Saturday evening. After spending the week among friends near Plainfield, they will make their home at the residence of Mr. Schilling.

Yorkville: Aurora has a beautiful public play ground in Phillips Park and yet, from reports in the Aurora papers, it is but sparsely used by the public. There is hardly a prettier spot in the smaller cities of Illinois. It is a little difficult of access, but we think Phillips Park is insufficiently appreciated.

S.E. Brandt has resigned as superintendent of highways for the state. Mr. Brandt would have a warmer spot in the hear of Kendall county people had he continued the building of Route 18 as originally planned instead of letting the politicians talk him out of it. Mr. Brandt started out well, but was evidently talked out of the Aurora-Oswego-Yorkville-Plano route.

With the return of Aurora to standard time, the AE&C cars will leave Yorkville and Aurora at the hours formerly observed on the timetable. The cars leave Yorkville beginning at 5:50 a.m., the last one returning to Aurora At 11:45 P.M. Much dissatisfaction and trouble will be saved by the return of our neighbor up the river. The change in time was never popular with the country and the arbitrary methods of the "city of lights" were not popular. Chicago will continue on artificial time for another four weeks and will then return to the time that the Lord God of Hosts started when the earth was made to revolve and the only perpetual motion known to humans was set in motion--the solar citizen. Man cannot improve on nature. More often the improvement is in the men and the general effect is such that it looks as if nature had been benefited.

The purchase of the right-of-way for the spur from Route 18 into Yorkville has been obtained and there will be no reason for holding up the laying of the concrete. The contracts for the bridges on the route have been let and much of the grading will be done this fall. In the spring it is expected that the pouring of concrete will begin as soon as the weather permits.

As the route now lays it will leave Aurora over South Lake Street, coming past the sheep sheds at Montgomery and cutting off from there to the Phillips farm at the county line road. It will then follow the road known as the Wormley road, crossing the Burlington on a trestle and follow the north river road to the northwest of Yorkville. It will then cut off across the farm owned by Amos Fruland, known as the Gale farm, through the Palmer farms and connect with the middle road to Plano. The spurs will be built into Yorkville and Oswego, the state taking over the ownership and maintenance of the bridges, relieving the townships of this extra expense. When this is completed, the people along the route will have cement roads to Chicago.

October -- 1921

Oct. 5: Mrs. Wolcott, recently of Dundee, will remain some time at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W.J. Morse.

Miss Jessie Sutherland has resumed her duties in Aurora after a two week's vacation.

Yorkville: New Doctor For Yorkville

Dr. F.M. Groner has rented the offices over the Hill & Webster store and will soon start the practice of medicine in Yorkville and vicinity This gentleman is a graduate of the Chicago medical College and has been serving his time at one of the Chicago hospitals. He will complete his term as intern in December but expects to be here a few days of each week till he can come her permanently.

Oct. 12: Mrs. Josie Hall is critically ill at her home.

M.L. Worley has returned from the Aurora City hospital where he has been for treatment for his injured limb.

Mrs. Helen Haight left last week for California, where she will spend the winter.

Yorkville: From the looks of the football scores, the big Thanksgiving game between East and West Aurora should be easy for the former. West High seems unable to get a start under their new coach. Perhaps they will get started before the season is over.

It begins to look as if Governor Small would escape trial during his term of office. His attorneys will not agree with the state on a place for trial and there is continual delay. Wouldn't the governor have stood better in the eyes of the people if he had demanded an immediate trail and cleared himself of the charges against him?

B.R. Benelack, one of the veteran mail clerks on the Fox River branch of the Burlington, fell from his mail car as it was crossing the river just outside of Montgomery Saturday afternoon. He fell some 35 feet from the car into the river and was fortunately not badly enough hurt to prevent his getting to shore. He walked to Montgomery where he received first aid and then was taken to the St. Charles Hospital from where he reported his accident. The train crew was making a report at the time that Benelack called up and cleared the mystery. He was not seriously hurt beyond the facture of several ribs. The injured man has been running on this line for many years and is well know among the post office people.

A list and description of the county's state aid roads is given on page 2.

Oct. 19: Mrs. W.M. Mercer of Aurora will speak at the Parent-Teacher's club at Oswego Tuesday, Oct. 25, on welfare work at the school.

Word was received Monday by Jay Bell announcing the death of Mrs. William Wagner, who for many years has been a resident of Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Comley will soon move to the house vacated by the Tripp family who will move to the residence of Henry Schilling.

Prof. and Mrs. Rolf of Champaign are spending a few days in this vicinity.

Oct. 26: Ira Hafenrichter had the misfortune last week to break his leg above the ankle. He is resting comfortably.

Jay Bell has been ill and unable to attend business, is recovering.

Rev. James Glenn Ann Butler, who died at Oswego on the night of Oct. 19, 1921, was born in Framton, near the city of Quebec, Canada, March 20, 1837. At an early age he moved with his widowed mother to Albany, N.Y. At the age of 19 he was converted and united with the First Congregational church of that city, of which Dr. Ray Palmer was the pastor. For several years he was secretary of the YMCA in Albany, N.Y. In 1861 he entered Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., leaving in his sophomore year to enter the U.S. service in the Civil War, where he served for two years as captain of Company B, U.S.C. [United States Colored] Volunteers, being honorably discharged in August 1865. In May 1864 he was married to Margaret Graham of Philadelphia, who died in 1913. In 1867 he entered Auburn Theological Seminary and was graduated in 1870. In October of the same year he was ordained and installed as pastor of the Presbyterian church at Grand Tower, Ill, and served the Presbyterian church of Enfield, Ill from 1884-1887; the church of Cobden from 1887-1891, the church of Kings from 1891 to 1893, the church at Oswego from 1893-1894. Funeral services were conducted at the family home by the Ottawa Presbytery of which he was the senior member, assisted by the minister of Oswego and the members of the GAR on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 22. He is survived by his daughter, Miss Katherine Butler. Interment was made in the Oswego Cemetery.

Yorkville: A survey of the state of Illinois by the federal government of the people of the nation above the age of 10 years as regards educational qualifications shows that Kendall County leads the state in number who read and write intelligently. There is practically no illiteracy in Little Kendall. The figures reported in Washington show that less than four-tenths of one percent above 10 years can neither read nor write. We lead the university city of Evanston, the esthetic city of Elgin, and the scholarly city of Aurora.

The Illinois State Supreme Court affirmed the decision of Judge Adam C. Cliffe Monday when it declared that it was legal for a person to leave property by a will to unborn heirs--the contingent remainder, as the decision reads. The appeal was made on the famous Cherry will case. Clifford Cherry willed the use of his property to his wife and child during their lives. At their death the property was to go to the children of his daughter, who at the time of the drafting of the will, was but two years old. Peffers & Wing, attorneys for Mrs. Cherry, sought to have the clause in the will relating to the prospective children stricken from the will. Judge Cliffe refused to make the change and the attorneys appealed. The case is set for trial next Monday morning at the circuit court.

November -- 1921

Nov. 2: William Hotopp arrived in Oswego last Saturday. The family is still in New York but may also come later.

Clay Cutter spent the weekend at his home. He is attending college at Galesburg.

Robert Herren has returned from St. Paul, Minn., where he went in the interest of cattle buying.

The Rev. Mr. Ginnell, a former pastor of the Oswego church, was in town a short time recently on his way to attend the Congregational club at Yorkville.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W.O. Leigh was a merry scene Thursday evening when about 20 friends surprised them in honor of their departure this week for southern points.

Yorkville: Chicago has gone back to sane time for the winter. It is hoped of those who have business with Chicago houses that they will never resume the "daylight savings" time, which in reality, is "business lost" time as we have learned from experience.

Our friends from the southland in the United States Senate are making a terrible hullabaloo about President Harding's speech in Atlanta in which he asked for a square deal for the negro. Senators Watson and Harrison of Georgia and Mississippi, respectively, are loud in their denunciation. From every other point we hear nothing but praise for the stand of the president. He was hailed by Senator Underwood as the "greatest man in the nation."

Nov. 9: Rudolph Knapp returned last week from a three months' trip to Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lake of LaGrange called upon Oswego friends Sunday. Within the near future, they expect to locate in southern Ohio, being more centrally located for the business he is in.

Stewart Palmer has resigned his position at the Schultz store.

The Parent-Teacher club held its annual fair and Hallowe'en celebration Friday evening, Oct. 28. There was a very large attendance and \$150 was cleared to be used in the interests of the school.

Yorkville: The Aurora Elgin & Chicago electric line is trying hard to get rid of the Fox River lines under the claim that they are not paying. Perhaps this fact is true, but the roads have themselves in a mess to blame. The Aurora-Yorkville seems to be one of the main lines in contention. As it is, the service is split up in a bad way. There is no sure connection at Aurora with the Chicago cars, the fare is enormous--way out of reach of the average person, and the general condition of cars and roadbed make it desirable to choose some other route up the river if it can be found. The stock of the electric lines has been so badly watered through being sold and resold that it is impossible to make a dividend-paying affair of it. We are not surprised that the company finds its traffic falling off, not only in the interurban service but in Aurora and Elgin on the city lines. Let the Fox & Illinois Union Railway take over the Aurora-Yorkville branch of the third rail and the Aurora-DeKalb line. Then put on a through freight and passenger service from Morris to

DeKalb through Aurora. This would connect the eastern roads running into Morris with the western lines running through Aurora and DeKalb and cut out the expensive switching charges at Chicago and on the belt lines.

The Cherry will case, which has been in the Kendall county courts for the past five years, has been dismissed on motion of D.F. Peffers and Harvey Gunsul. There may be a new case started, but this action, taken last Wednesday, wipes the litigation from the docket. Neither Mrs. Ruth Cherry DeFrat, nor her daughter were present at the last hearing.

We don't know why Mr. Copley don't pay some attention to this gas service while he's at home. The grade of gas that's being served the Yorkville patrons of the gas company is the worst we ever saw. It fluctuates till you can't get a steady heat and the odor of the gas now being sent through the pipes is something awful. Little more attention to business, Mr. Gas Man, your patrons demand it.

Nov. 16: Stewart Palmer left last Friday for Arizona points.

Elmer Coble has returned to school duties at Racine, Wis. after spending a few days at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rowsell have recently moved to Montgomery.

Yorkville: The business men of Yorkville and farmers of the community to the number of 39 went to the Kelly Skinner farm Monday and helped the sons of the late Mr. Skinner to harvest the corn crop. Twenty-five loads, nearly 700 bushels, were cleaned up during the day and there are but a few acres left for the huskers.

Old King Winter dropped off his airship last Friday morning and is still with us. The dawn of Armistice Day was marked by bleak winds and snow flurries, which, before the day was over, became a regular snowfall. There has been snow on the ground ever since and the first stock has been replenished by frequent flurries almost daily.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Estate of Sarah J. Hall, deceased.

The undersigned, having been appointed executor of the last will and testament of Sarah J Hall, late of the county of Kendall and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Kendall county at the court house in Yorkville at the January term on the first Monday in January next, to-wit: January 2, 1922, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 14th day of November A.D. 1921

Oliver A. BURKHART,
Executor.

Nov. 23: Mrs. Ben Biesemier, Mrs. Paul Dwyre, and George Van Volkenburg motored to Michigan City to spend the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schultz.

While cranking a truck, John Foss had the misfortune to fracture his arm.

After serving 30 years as track foreman for the Burlington, Simon Ness has severed connections with the company.

Report states that Mr. Sorenson has recently sold his home to Mr. Manning of Aurora and purchased the Langhart residence.

Nov. 30: Mrs. John Hafenrichter of Aurora spent last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hafenrichter.

Mrs. Chris Herren left last week for Florida where she will spend the winter.

Ralph Burkhart and a friend from Aurora left Saturday for the Pacific coast. They are motoring through.

The class of 1919 held a Buster Brown and Mary Jane party at the home of Leslie Woolley Wednesday evening.

Merrill Morse has recently severed connections with an Aurora firm and has accepted a position with the Schwartz grocery store filling the vacancy of Bud Cameron.

December -- 1921

Dec. 7: Miss Ida Wood has returned to duties at the bank after an absence of three weeks owing to illness.

Dec. 14: Rudolph Knapp is installing machinery and will soon start a sausage factory. The location is where the Barker printing plant [the Oswego Herald] was originally installed.

Mrs. Oliver Hebert, 89, one of Oswego's oldest settlers, passed away at her home Monday morning. Mrs. Hebert has lived in Oswego since 1847 and was an ardent worker in the Presbyterian church. She is survived by two sons, Dr. Arthur Hebert and Joseph Hebert and one daughter, Mrs. Gardner Read, all of Evanston. Five grandchildren also survive. Interment in the Oswego cemetery.

Dec. 21: Albert Gates and Genevieve Rink were quietly married at the Presbyterian parsonage Wednesday.

Yorkville: It appears the officials of the Aurora Elgin & Chicago will leave no stone unturned to deprive the Fox River Valley of streetcar service. A most absurd statement in

a Saturday evening paper was to the effect that the Yorkville-Aurora line had cost \$22,000 more to run during the first nine months of the year than it had taken in. During the summer there was a general repairing of the roadbed, something that was absolutely necessary in order to save accidents and the company a bunch of damage money. In the 25 years of the road, this had not been done before. The financiers charged the entire amount of these repairs to this one year in order to discredit the finances of the branch. Let them get back to the first principles of business and they will be able to be self-supporting.

Dec. 28: While carrying a pail of water to fowls Saturday morning, John Bell has the misfortune to slip on snow-covered ice, falling to the pail sustaining two fracture ribs.

Mrs. Walcott left Friday for Chicago to live with her daughter until warmer weather.

Miss Belle Mitchell had tonsils removed Tuesday morning at the Aurora City Hospital.

Yorkville: Business is gradually improving. The worst part, according to all students of companies, is over, and 1922 promises to be a banner year.

1922

January

Jan. 4: Mrs. Henry Hafenrichter has recently purchased the I.H. Edwards residence.

Clay Cutter has returned to school duties at Knox after spending the holidays at his home.

Miss Della Lippold has accepted a position in Chicago and will soon leave here.

Simon Ness has been recently reinstated as section foreman on the Fox River branch of the CB&Q.

Raymond Dwyre has returned to Indianapolis, Ind. to resume his medical course.

NaAuSay: Timothy Howell is suffering with the shingles.

The Busy Bees will meet with Mrs. Frank Johnson Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 4. The afternoon will be spent with fancy work and lunch will be served.

Jan. 11: Scott, the funny man, in the Federated Church, Jan. 17. Admission 50 cents.

A little son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Young January 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayden recently sold their home to Mr. Cather and will soon leave for California where they will make their home in the future.

Charles Hunter has recently severed connections with the Todd Lumber Company and will move to Aurora. Mr. Henning of Plano will fill the vacancy.

Yorkville: The error of the last session of the Illinois state legislature in refusing a state constabulary is now more than ever evident. Had we a state police force, there would be much less crime in the country districts and felons from the cities would have a harder time in making their escape.

The actions of Eugene V. Debs, the labor leader, since he was paroled from the Atlanta Federal Prison have been such that, were we president, his leave would have been cancelled and Mr. Debs would again be languishing in the prison.

Jan. 18: Wayne Clark is now a student at East Aurora high school.

Mrs. Charles Hunter and family have moved to Aurora. Oswego will greatly miss the Hunters.

Thursday of last week while driving stock, Robert Peterson had the misfortune to sustain a broken shoulder by the falling of his mount.

Friday evening while returning from work in Aurora, Leslie Morse had the misfortune to collide with a Ford car as it was coming off the east end of the Montgomery bridge.

NaAuSay: The Victrola and records belonging to the Marysville school were stolen one night last week.

The gravel road was finished as far as the Winn school last week.

Specie Grove: Some person or persons are stealing Victrolas from the school houses.

Winter wheat and rye looks remarkable well for so much open weather, getting a good start in the fall will carry it along towards a good crop this year. The stand is good and a large acreage. A covering of snow now for six weeks would be very beneficial.

About 20 neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Gates took possession of their home Friday to meet once more with these good people before they move into their new home in Oswego. Their son Albert, who was recently married to Genevieve Rink, will occupy the homestead.

Yorkville: A general view of business conditions in the country point to a general revival and betterment of conditions. More men are being employed and the dissatisfaction in labor is lessening. The only question which is troubling the country is how the farmer is to weather the storm of March 1. If arrangements can be made so the man who bought his

farm at the high price can get by this year without relinquishing his rights, all will be well. As the conditions look in Kendall county, there will be no trouble over the matter. Men who sold farms will be lenient with those who bought and the two will work toward an equitable settlement. From the present indications, the hardest of the times are over and we are on the way for a general improvement.

Kendall county has been experiencing some real, old-fashioned winter weather. The boys and girls are enjoying skating and in many communities the annual ice crop is being harvested. The mercury has threatened zero for several mornings but has not yet reached it. With beautiful sunny days and moonlight nights, no one has worried about the temperature.

Jan. 25: Mrs. Mary Huntoon died Monday afternoon at the Aurora hospital.

Mrs. Ella Willis has leased the Albert Marshall home for a year, taking possession April 1. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall will go to Iowa for that time.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bennett last week, twins.

Junior, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wormley had an operation for removal of tonsils last week.

The fourth in a series of stag parties was held at the G.H. Voss home Tuesday evening.

For three months, John Schickler will conduct the business of Al Tabeau at Montgomery.

Mrs. Clint Burkhart entertained the Oswego school teachers at her home last Thursday evening.

An open meeting will be held at Knapp hall Tuesday evening, Jan. 31, where the public school situation in the town-ship will be discussed. An urgent request for a large attendance is made.

Specie Grove: We wish to make a correction of last week. We stated that Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gates would occupy his father's farm this year, but intended to say Mr. and Mrs. Albert Grate, who will move from NaAuSay this week and will work the D.R. [should be R.D.] Gates farm this year. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gates will occupy the William Rank farm. Easy to get the names mixed.

Frank Jericho shelled 46 loads of corn last Friday. Mr. Havens on the Mose Cherry place shelled out a 100-foot crib of corn. Large crops of excellent grain are being raised on the big slough since it was reclaimed. The elimination of the superabundance of lime in the soil by continual planting of grain crops is firming the soil and making it valuable for farm land.

Twice recently dogs have attacked the flock of sheep belonging to R.D. Gates, killing several and maiming others. It was necessary to kill these also. Stray dogs are expensive for the taxpayers.

Yorkville: Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned Road and Bridge Committee of Kendall County, Illinois, acting with the County Superintendent of Highways for supplying county with nine one-man, two-horse graders for patrol work, each grader to be supplied with one extra blade.

February -- 1922

Feb. 1: Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Gates are moving to their new home in Oswego.

William Cameron has accepted a position in a meat market in Aurora.

Theodore Clauser has recovered from the injury caused by the running of a rusty nail into his foot.

Monday afternoon while several men were loading stock for shipment to Chicago, Clarence Cherry had the misfortune to be kicked in the face by a steer. He was taken to the City hospital in Aurora.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Irving is ill of pneumonia.

The ice harvest is being reopened this winter by Messrs. Blackman and Lippold. The ice house being filled is the old stone barn on the Blackman farm.

Mary Catherine Rose, daughter of Isaac and Catherine Rose, was born in Buena Vista, Ind. Dec. 14, 1863. She was married to Mr. Hiram D. Huntoon in January 1883. Seven sons were born to this union, Alvin, Fred, Frank, Lee, Aaron, Gerald, and Howard. Also four daughters, Mrs. Earl Hibbard, Mrs. Robert Gates, Misses Ina and Bernice. Nine grandchildren are in the homes of her children. In her own immediate family circle, there are also two brothers and two sisters who survive, Amos Rose of Yorkville, John Rose of Enid, Okla., Mrs. Henry Seal of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. Emma Hall of Dill City, Okla.

For the past 20 years, the family has lived in Oswego. Mr. Huntoon died 14 years ago and Mrs. Huntoon's noble effort in her management of family affairs has won for her the respect of the entire community.

Her church relations have for years been with the Presbyterian church of Oswego. She passed to her reward on Monday afternoon, Jan. 23, 1922, and the funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. J.R.E. Craighead.

Specie Grove: A large amount of gravel is being put on the roads this winter, roads and weather being ideal for this work.

William Rink and family will soon be able to move into their new home, interior decorations being almost completed.

The new road from the Winn farm across the slough to the Grove road is gaining considerable in traffic as people learn of it. It has been a great help this winter to those who have had to move.

Yorkville: The *Chicago Tribune* has inaugurated a campaign against the sale of revolvers and automatics which serves the support of the entire country. The ease with which fire arms can be secured is a danger to be reckoned with.

Too bad! After they get the entrance arch to the grounds all labeled "The Northern Illinois Fair," the directors changed it to the Central States Fair Association. We might remind the directors of the story of the drunken man who "took in too much territory" and was thrashed.

Miss Martha Kollman, youngest daughter of Mrs. Ernst Kollman, and Mr. Otto L. Borneman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Borneman, were united in marriage at the Cross Lutheran church Sunday, Jan. 29, in the presence of about 200 relatives and friends. The bride was attired in a beautiful ivory gown of silver lace and georgette over satin and wore a bridal veil of silk chiffon caught up with lilies of the valley. She carried a shower bouquet of roses and lilies of the valley. The bride was attended by Misses Ethel Borneman and Helen Wollenweber, the groom by Oscar Kollmann and Arthur Thanepohn. To the strains of Lohengren's wedding march, played by Miss Emma Hage, the bridal party marched up the main aisle of the church and were met at the altar steps by the Rev. C.F. Fueiling, who pronounced the words that made them man and wife. The party left amid a shower of rice, old shoes, and good wishes. A 6:30 o'clock wedding dinner was served at the home of the bride's mother to about 25 close relatives and friends, being served by the Misses Mabel Borneman of Sugar Grove, Laura Kollmann, and Emma Hage. The home was prettily decorated with blue and white streamers and huge white wedding bells. The young couple were recipients of many beautiful and useful gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Borneman will be at home to their friends about March 1.

Feb. 8: James Gowran has accepted a position at the Oswego Farmers Elevator filling the vacancy of Albert Schmidt.

Saturday evening many friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Parkhurst, Mrs. Suhler, and George Suhler who soon move to their respective homes.

Fred Sutherland is a recent owner of a coupe.

Remodeling of the Schickler home is under way. The second story will be converted to apartments for rent.

Stanley Lambert is filling the vacancy at Dr. Weishew's owing to the resignation of Robert Palmer.

Yorkville: Of all the crazy notions in the world, Aurora is affected with one of them. Clocks in that city will be set back an hour on March 26 in accordance with a city ordinance in order to let a bunch of commuters get to their homes an hour earlier at night. This select bunch of hand-picked favorites sacrifice the goodwill of the farmers and residents of small towns around Aurora for their own selfish interests. We were amazed when the sensible people of Aurora permitted this ordinance; we are none the less now. The business men of Aurora felt a difference last summer; they may see an increase in the feeling this year.

Feb. 15: A baby daughter has arrived in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Davis.

Mrs. John Holland of St. Paul, Minn. is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Dysart are attending the Grain Buyers' Association at LaSalle.

Yorkville: "One dead bandit is better than any convict, paroled convict, or ex-convict," says a writer to the *Chicago Tribune*. He is right and if the police would shoot more accurately and with more determination we would have more of the former. The recklessness with which bandits wield guns and shoot innocent people is incentive for a general lynch law.

Feb. 22: A.C. Bennett is ill at his home with diphtheria.

Clarence Parkhurst and family are moving to Eola, where they will make their home, having purchased a farm near there.

E.B. Reed from Ohio recently purchased the Liberty garage from Clyde Lewis, has taken possession, has taken possession and will continue to operate same.

Auction sale of farm machinery, cattle and horses on John Hem farm, east of Oswego
Feb. 28.

About 7 o'clock last Tuesday morning, the fire department answered an alarm from the G.M. Croushorn residence. Fire had started in the attic from a defective chimney and a blaze had started before any one was aware of the fact. Theo. Clauser, who was going to work, noticed the flames, turned in the alarm, and the efficient work of the fire fighters saved the residence from complete destruction.

Emerson Ashley has gone to the state hospital at Elgin.

Ora Jennings and family will move soon to the flat above the Morse store.

NaAuSay: Fred Klomhaus and family moved to Plainfield last Thursday from the Moses Cherry farm and Richard Vinson moved onto the Cherry farm Monday, Robert Devereaux and Waldon Vinson assisting him.

March -- 1922

March 1: Mr. and Mrs. Ora Jennings have moved to the apartment above the Morse store. Friday evening of last week a company of friends enjoyed a party at their recent home on the Grove Road.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Gates celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary last Wednesday. About 50 members of the Gates and Austin families gathered at their Oswego home.

Miss Alma Mundsinger has accepted a clerical position in Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cooper have recently moved to the Mrs. Hafenrichter residence.

Mrs. Christina Suhler has purchased the Mrs. Mary Mullen home.

Yorkville: Ever since our friends in Gov. Small's highway department disregarded the plans made by their predecessors, Kendall county has suffered from the road question. With the assistance of private capital and the state engineers, the town of Kendall and the county bought the right of way from Yorkville along the river to The Elms and then up to the highway and built a stretch of cement road under state inspection. This road was laid according to state plans and on a highway designated by the state engineers as Route 18. At this time it was promised that the cement would be completed as soon as the route was completed. Then the new state officials, with Gov. Small at the head, changed the plan of their own volition. They disregarded completely the route as designated in the law providing for the issue of bonds of the building of state highways. They changed Route 18 from the south to the north side of the river and have left Oswego and Yorkville completely off the route except for a promised spur. We don't object to the new cement road being built over the route now laid out on the north side, but we do claim that an injustice has been done and should be remedied on the south side. It is our contention that, since the cement on the river was laid in good faith, at the instigation of state officials, the road should be completed to Oswego where it will connect with the other cement road than thus give a hard road from Yorkville to Aurora as originally planned.

Congressman Ira C. Copley of the 11th district is unable to get home for the campaign because of stress of work in congress, so he told the readers of his newspapers in a long story Sunday. If a check of his attendance at roll call was made, it would be found that the Hon. Mr. Copley was busier outside than inside congressional halls during his terms of office--and he is running on his record. Do you suppose there is any significance in the fact that Mr. Copley's only competitor for the nomination is Frank R. Reid, whose wife is a sister of Mrs. Albert M. Snook, who is president of the *Aurora Beacon-News* Publishing Company?

Now that iceless refrigeration has been simplified to the point where it is suitable for the home, it is safe to predict that it will not be long before it will be within the reach of even those of very modest pocketbooks, and all need of bothering with the iceman, with his pick and tongs will be gone.

Yorkville experienced her first robbery within the last few years early Monday morning when burglars blew the safe in the Moore meat market and escaped with less than \$15 in silver.

NaAuSay: Tuesday evening the NaAuSay basket-ball team played the Oswego team in the community house in Plainfield The team has new suits.

March 8: The annual canvass for the budget is to be begun at the Presbyterian Church
March 12. The evening address will be illustrated by a number of interesting lantern slides.

While attending a basket ball game at the East Aurora high school last Friday evening, Fred Sutherland had his new coupe stolen. The car, fortunately, was found the following day.

Mrs. Cameron has resumed her duties at the post office after an illness of several days.

Miss Doris Denney has resumed her duties in Aurora after her recent illness.

George Suhler has moved to the John Herren farm where Charles Light has lived for several years. Mr. Light has moved to his farm, formerly known as the Frank Herren farm.

A psychology class has been formed recently, and met last Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Cliggitt.

Mr. Wyllie has recently rented the Hebert house, which he will occupy, also conducting a paint shop in what was formerly a carriage and wagon shop.

Yorkville: Fishermen who derive real sport along the Fox River are greatly concerned over the wholesale dying of fish. Since the ice has been breaking up the river banks have become lined with dead fish. It seems that the fish become blind before dying and investigation shows them to possess an acid flavor, which would indicate that some of the factories of the up-river towns might be turning poisonous sewerage into the river. It is at least a matter that should be investigated by the state fish and game department.

Five indictments were found by the Kendall county grand jury Monday, four of them being for the men from Plano and Sandwich who are implicated in the alleged theft of automobiles.

Judge Cliffe sent Henry Rabe of Oswego to the Elgin asylum for treatment and Sheriff Hextell took the unfortunate man there at once.

March 15: Chris Herren has returned from Florida where he was called owing to the illness of his mother, Mrs. Herren, who returned with him.

The Croushorn family have moved back to their home, which, from the effects of the fire, has been repaired.

Late Saturday night the fire fighters responded to a call from the home of Mr. Nubby. Blaze was soon extinguished, which amounted to nothing more than burned bedding.

Frank Weiss and family of Aurora have moved to the Schickler apartment.

Mrs. Nellie Schwinoff has recently been secured to care for Mrs. Caroline Knapp. At the end of the school year, the Henry Shoger family expect to move to their former home in Kansas.

Yorkville: Judge Cliffe and States Attorney Leitch gave the automobile bandit industry of Kendall county a fell blow last week. Richard McInturf, William Quaddy, Henry Peters, and Herbert Mills were all arraigned before the judge and all dealt with according to law. McInturf plead guilty to stealing an automobile of a Bristol farmer and was sent to Joliet for a stretch of from 1-14 years. Peters was given a year in the county jail at Yorkville. Mills plead guilty and on account of his age and former good record, was released on a one-year probation period. Quaddy was tried twice for different thefts and was sentenced to serve two terms at Pontiac. These sentences do not run concurrently and if Quaddy serves them out he will spend 30 years in the bastilles of the state. A charge of stealing an automobile robe was postponed indefinitely.

The punishment of these men will have a good moral effect, as it will restrain any other questionable characters from practicing their profession in Kendall county.

NaAuSay: A number of new seats have been installed in the Union school to accommodate the five new pupils, making a total enrollment of 25.

The Grove Road Farmers Club met with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schlapp last Thursday evening. Between 50 and 60 were present, though many were absent due to sickness. Mr. Engel of Will county was the speaker, his topic being, "Better Times Ahead for the Farmer."

March 22: Don't forget the combination stock sale at Oswego on Saturday, March 25 at 1 o'clock.

An election on the school bond issue is to take place at the town hall on March 28. The matter is stirring up considerable interest, and the question seems to be growing.

The Oswego schools close next week for the annual spring vacation.

An eight-reel motion picture, "The Crisis," will be given by the school on Saturday night at the Presbyterian church.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. E. Marshall are greatly regretting their future departure. March 24 has been set for the sale of their furniture and they will leave before the first of April.

Guy Funk and Ida Ode, who were married March 6, have gone to housekeeping on a farm near Plainfield.

Harold Graham of Chicago, who has recently been transferred to Cincinnati, Ohio, by the Swift Packing Co., is at the home of his parents for a few days.

Tentative plans and estimates on constructing an addition to the present [Red Brick] high school building have been secured. A public meeting will be held in the high school room on Thursday, March 23, to discuss the same.

Yorkville: The hard road program of Gov. Small has turned out to be a fiasco in every sense of the word and Illinois will find that the \$60,000,000 bond issue will build many less miles of concrete highways than was planned.

Let us consider how the governor and his trained politicians have failed as regards Route 18, which was originally platted from Aurora to Oswego, Yorkville, Plano, Sandwich, etc. With the assistance of some of our friends in the northwest part of the county who selfishly wanted the route direct from Aurora past their place, Aurora politicians had the routing changed. The cement from Aurora to Oswego was laid and a portion from Oswego to Yorkville. The latter portion was done by county money on a right of way bought with private subscription. This will now be abandoned since the rerouted hard road will go on the north side of the river. Even the cement from Oswego to Oswego will be duplicated by a stretch of hard road running parallel to it on the other side of the river, an extra expense in these days when economy is needed.

Last fall, the state engineers permitted the Yorkville-Plano road known as the "middle road" to be torn up at the Blackberry Creek at the Palmer farms. A new iron bridge was erected and the highway rendered impassable. Promises were made that the new road would be laid early in the summer of 1922. Now the governor has been beset by political pressure and there is danger of the road being indefinitely delayed. In the meantime, all who live on that road are denied the use of the highway into Yorkville and are made to suffer from the vacillating program of the state. Kendall county was not a strong Small county, thank the Lord, and the only man who confesses to a pull with the state executive don't seem to be heavy enough to put over the Cannon Ball program.

Mrs. Lawrence Hafenrichter died suddenly at her home in Yorkville Wednesday evening following a stroke of heart trouble. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon under the auspices of the Eastern Star.

Miss Lottie Shibley, daughter of the late Alfred H. and Maria Shibley, was born in Oswego March 27, 1867. After the death of her mother she lived with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Faeling till her marriage to Lawrence Hafenrichter in February

1882. Since that time they have lived in Yorkville. Surviving relatives are the bereaved husband, the stepmother, three sisters, and two brothers.

An investigation of the terrible condition of Fox River has been made by men of Ottawa and vicinity. The investigation, under the direction of the state authorities, revealed that fact that the pollution came from the gas plant at Aurora. This plant had been idle and was cleaned recently, the easiest way to dispose of the refuse being to dump it into the river. We remember a law which was passed a few years ago which required a sewage disposal plant for all cities. Elgin, St. Charles, Geneva, Batavia, and Aurora still dump their sewage in the river regardless of the law, the consequences, or the feelings of their neighbors down the river.

The artists of Chicago are discussing the site of an art colony to be located somewhere along the Fox river where they will paint our beauty spots for winter exhibition. As the most beautiful scenery along Fox river is located in and around Yorkville, why is there any need of discussion?

March 29: While cranking his machine Sunday, Albert Woolley had the misfortune to break his arm at the wrist.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolf of Burlington, Ill. spend Sunday at the home of her folks, Mr. and Mrs. John Schickler.

While returning from church Sunday, Mrs. Harry Schlapp was the unfortunate victim of an accident, resulting in the breaking of the bone above the knee. The accident was caused by the collision of the auto driven by Howard Shoger and the horse drawn vehicle. Mrs. Schlapp was taken to the Aurora hospital.

Tuesday of last week the fire company responded to an alarm sent in from the home of Harry Mundsinger. The flames started in the basement, caused by the gasoline engine, but were extinguished before help came.

Yorkville: You've all heard the old statement of a man's having "more nerve than a brass monkey?" Well, that applies to Gov. Len Small better than any expression we've heard for a long time. A more direct offer of bribery to the voters of the state than this, made by Gov. Small in his campaign for votes for his candidates, cannot be imagined: "On the night of April 11, I shall be looking over the returns. If you have nominated men who will stand by your governor I will see that you get roads." Can you beat that for a piece of colossal nerve? We have seen political skullduggeries before, but we have never seen the equal of this case. Our advice is to learn with whom a candidate is tied up before you give them too much support.

NaAuSay: The school nurse visited the Union school Monday and found that none of the 36 pupils were under-weight. Perhaps the hot lunches helped to attain this excellent report. Miss Olson will give the other tests soon.

April -- 1922

April 5: Mrs. Ella Willis has recently moved to the Elvert Marshall home. Joseph Hebert, an uncle from Evanston, has been spending a few days with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvert Marshall are spending some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Winsor, prior to their leaving for a permanent abode in Marshalltown, Ia.

Miss Mary has been added to the home of Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Rowsell. The mother and daughter are at the city hospital in Aurora.

While busy at household duties on Sunday, Mrs. Lohman was the victim of severe burns, her dress catching fire from a kerosene stove. Medical aid was called.

The infant son born Mr. and Mrs. Enderson at the city hospital last Saturday lived but a few hours.

Lost -- Envelope containing Liberty bonds. Finder please return to Oswego State Bank.

Oswego Township Election
Assessor--J.M. Croushorn.
Road Commissioner--Elmer Dranir
Town Clerk--L.P. Voss
Justice of the Peace--Robert Peterson
Manager Community House--Robert Herren

NaAuSay: The members of the basket-ball team spent Monday evening at the town hall getting it in shape for election.

The teacher and pupils of the Union school want to thank the mothers who donated the excellent lunch last Friday, this being the last hot lunch of the season.

April 12: The Patterson family have recently moved to the Knapp house and the Songer family now occupy the Young house.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Leigh are the parents of another son born last week.

Saturday evening while returning from Aurora, Howard Wald met with an accident resulting in a compound fracture of the shoulder. When making the turn on South Lincoln Avenue, the speed was too great. The car turned over three times, completely demolishing it.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walker now drive a new car.

Yorkville: Sheriff Martin Hextell has been given an \$800 reward for the capture of James Joslyn, alias Witt, last fall when Witt killed himself rather than to submit to arrest.

“The cause of the next war, the flapper, struts up Fifth Avenue today and her sister out on Main Street apes her.” This was the opinion expressed today by the Rev. Dr. J Frank Norris, “Texas Tornado,” who has come to New York to save the city by a series of revival meetings. “The flapper will bring about this country’s downfall just as surely as Delilah caused Sampson’s. Every great war has been traced to the depravity of women, and they never were as bad as they are today. When a woman shows her knees, you can see the finish of her and that of the nation as well.”

April 19: The remains of Miss Ethel Richards were brought to Oswego for burial last Saturday. She had been ill for some time, having been confined to her bed for the past 10 weeks.

Oswego friends of Sadie McMurtrie received word last week of her death. For the past year she had been making her home with her daughter, Mrs. George Pope of Princeton, Ill. Burial was at Yorkville.

Yorkville: Further assurance that an art colony will be established in this vicinity during the coming summer is indicated by favorable expression from artists of various cities. It has been suggested that a portable house could be used as headquarters, making it possible for the camp to be moved at any time to obtain an entire change of scenery. According to the original plans, the vicinity of Yorkville along the Fox river would be a satisfactory site at least at the start. A number of artists painted pictures in this territory last summer and thought it an ideal place for a camp.

Wonder what the *Aurora Beacon-News* will do for fillers now that the Copley campaign is over and they cannot run free advertising for anyone else.

We are glad to note a strenuous campaign against the “daylight saving” law in Aurora. A more absurd idea of changing the laws of nature by the laws of man could not be imagined than to force people to bed an hour earlier in order to convenience a few commuters.

In honor of the life and services of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, the comrades of the GAR [Grand Army of the Republic] and the WRC [Women’s Relief Corps] will hold a joint patriotic camp fire in the Yorkville town hall on Thursday evening, April 27, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of that great man, to which the comrades of all our wars and the public are invited.

April 26: All those who take part in the pageant are asked to meet at the Federated church for rehearsal Saturday evening. Conveyances will be at the church at 5 o'clock Sunday evening to take all the participants to Yorkville where the pageant will be given in the town hall at 7:30.

A recent transfer of property in Oswego's business district has been made by Ed Smith, selling the building occupied by Robert Johnston to Gus Klomhaus.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hall of Yorkville are the parents of a daughter born at the hospital in Aurora Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Hall was formerly Deborah Cherry. The baby has been named Ruth Mary after her two grandmothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Leigh, who spent the winter in Florida, returned Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Gillof of Aurora accompanied them on the trip.

Yorkville: The daylight saving plan was defeated in all the cities in Kane county last week. The people of the cities have decided that if a person wants to get up an hour earlier in the morning and retire an hour earlier in the evening he can do so without making all the community change their clocks for his convenience.

May -- 1922

May 3: John Bell is serving on the grand jury in Chicago.

Harold Russell, who is agent for the Willis Lite Co., has opened a local office at the G.M. Croushorn store.

Charles Schultz has recently installed a modern refrigerating plant in his [grocery] store.

Biesemier & Hettrick have recently purchased a new [grocery store delivery] truck.

E.A. Smith has recently sold the building occupied by Robert Johnston to Gus Klomhaus.

The first baseball game of the season was played Sunday, the Bristol team defeating the Oswego boys, 7-4.

A new barn is being erected on the Frank Grishaw lot.

Yorkville: When you have occasion to visit Chicago don't fail to remember that our city friends have taken it upon themselves to improve upon Nature's time and are living an hour faster than we. But what matters it to the people of the Windy City if the whole country is inconvenienced so long as they can have their own way.

May 10: A new cash and carry store has recently been opened and operated by Gus Kloke of Aurora.

The Liberty garage has recently been sold by Mr. Reid to an Aurora party [Earl Zentmyer], who will conduct the same.

While in the barn doing chores Tuesday morning, Franklin Pearce was the victim of an accident, being kicked below the hip by a horse, causing a bad break. The little fellow is resting at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lake of LaGrange called on Oswego friends Monday.

Leroy Bower has recently sold his home and will move to Aurora.

Yorkville: Yorkville high school added another victory to their string when they defeated Oswego, 10 to 2 Tuesday afternoon. The game was called for seven innings.

NaAuSay: The first baseball practice of the season will be held in Wheeler's pasture Thursday evening.

May 17: The Oswego Alumni will be held June 3 at the Oswego Presbyterian church parlors.

Many high school pupils surprised Miss Marion Davis at her home last Thursday evening.

Floyd Vorheese and Seth Dyer have moved their families to the residence of Frank Grishaw on Washington St.

Mrs. Josie Smith has returned from California and is living at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Shoger.

Earl Zettingmeyer [Zentmyer] of Aurora is now conducting the Liberty Garage.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Figger have recently purchased the Mullen home. They will remodel same for their summer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Burke of Washington, D.C. have come to live with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shoger.

Miss Etta Roberts, youngest in the family of Chas. and Maria Roberts, was born April 19, 1859, died May 12. She is survived by four brothers. Preceding her in death were two brothers, John and George. Most of her life was spent in Oswego. For 16 years she lived in Aurora and ten years she was an invalid cared for by her niece, Marietta Roberts and her cousin, Charles Roberts. She was a member of the Methodist church. Burial Sunday, May 14 in the Oswego cemetery.

| Yorkville: In spite of all efforts which have been made in previous years and laws which have been passed by the legislature, the pollution of Fox River continues to make the waterway a menace to health. The Fox is a beautiful stream. The fishing in years gone past has been good and the boating in some places enjoyable. But now come the gas company, and other factories up the river, with their continued pollution of the waters in

direct defiance of the laws and orders of the state and authorities. Fish are dying by the tons and they are floating in the quiet spots filling the air with their stench and the water with possible contamination.

The large companies who are responsible for this condition know of the facts, have been requested to desist from their nefarious practices, but have calmly gone their way with the implied, if not expressed, injunction: "The public be damned." The Western United Gas and Electric Company of Aurora is not the least of these offenders and Batavia, Geneva, St. Charles, and Elgin all have violators of this crime against the public.

Concerted efforts by the citizens of the towns below Aurora should be made and legal action taken, if necessary, to stop this condition. Oswego, Yorkville, Sandwich, Plano, Millington and the rest of the towns should join their city councils and make a supreme effort to cleanse the waters of the river by preventing further pollution.

Irrespective of the arguments pro and con in the matter of daylight saving, there can be no question of the fact that it is conducive to immense confusion, annoyance, and in many instances to serious embarrassment, on the 50-50 or whatever plan of operation it is that now exists. If there is to be daylight saving of the kind that involves changing the clock one way or the other from normal at two seasons of the year, it ought to be national and not a matter of local inclination. It was bad enough when the whole population had to sit down with an arithmetic and get all fussed up trying to figure out whether the clock had to be set one hour back or one hour forward to make it "earlier" or "Later." it is simply maddening when the normal human being who journeys away from home has to meet the problem all over again every time he strikes a new town.

Chicago flappers have banded together to keep their employers from saying how they shall dress. They will succeed if employers are as easy to bully as mothers.

May 24: Raymond Dwyre has completed his third year at the Indianapolis Veterinarian College.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heriaud are the parents of a baby daughter born Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster of Aurora who have recently purchased the Roy Bower home and now occupy the same.

Dr. and Mrs. L.P. Voss spent the past few days in Riverside where they were called by the death of her sister, Mrs. Crate Jarvis, whose body was brought to Oswego for burial Tuesday.

Yorkville: Eugene S. Hummer of Aurora was killed and his wife seriously wounded at Fox River Park Sunday afternoon by stray shots from an automatic pistol. Mr. and Mrs. Hummer and their 11 year-old daughter Edith were spending the afternoon in the shade of the park and had gone to a bench by the river where they were seated enjoying the pleasant spring day. Suddenly a shot pierced the shoulder of Mrs. Hummer, and before he could do more than protest a second shot severed an artery near Mr. Hummer's heart. A

third shot spent itself in a tree nearby. Mr. Hummer died almost instantly, but his widow will survive the ordeal.

Theories innumerable have been advanced from murder to accident and the latter seems the most plausible. Mr. Bereman, who lives across from the park, heard three reports in quick succession and then saw a roadster type automobile pull away from the cars parked on the east side of the river near his home. The man in the car had evidently been shooting at turtles in the river in direct line with Mr. and Mrs. Hummer. His aim was not true and the steel-jacketed bullets evidently struck the water and ricocheted, causing the lamentable tragedy.

Sheriff Hextell is working hard on all the leads possible with the idea of locating the person responsible.

The village of Montgomery has scarified its roads and they promise to be much improved, being freed from the troublesome ruts which are prevalent in every village street. This is a good example for every village. The only suggestion we have to offer is that after the scarifying process, the street be oiled and then rolled. This would give a hard, smooth service impervious to automobile traffic.

“Babe” Ruth broke into big league company again Saturday and the New York Americans lost. Babe went hitless while the St. Louis Americans pounded out seven runs in the ninth inning. Reputation don’t make hits.

NaAuSay: Memorial services will be held at the church at 2 o’clock Sunday, May 28. All soldiers of the Civil War and of the late war are most cordially invited to be present and wear their uniforms. The veterans of Plattville are also asked to join NaAuSay in their services. The graves of soldiers will be decorated immediately after the services. Please bring flowers.

May 31: Mrs. Margaret Edwards spent a few days of last week at the Barrett home in Chicago.

Mrs. Arthur Compley has resigned her position as traveling sales lady for the Steele store and will remain at home for the summer.

A quiet wedding was solemnized on Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Downley when Miss Madeline, a sister, was united in marriage to Clarence Talmadge of Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge will make their home in Aurora.

The death of Orson S. Pearce came suddenly Monday afternoon following a stroke of apoplexy of the morning. The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon from the late home in southern Kendall, interment will be in the Pearce family cemetery at Oswego.

June -- 1922

June 7: The Oriental Concert Co. of Naperville will give an entertainment at the Oswego Prairie Church next Tuesday evening, June 18.

Mrs. James Gowran and Miss Mary Dysart left yesterday for DeKalb where they will attend a summer school.

Fred Mundsinger left last week for Germany where he will visit relatives. He expects to be gone two months.

Much to the surprise of friends here on May 29 Jack Burson of Oswego and Gladys Coats of Aurora were married at Crown Point, Ind.

Charles W. Sorg died Sunday night at his home on the Lincoln Highway in the Harvey School District of Kendall County, aged 53 years. He had been in failing health for almost a year. He was born Oct. 23, 1868 in the home where he died having lived there all his life. After he was taken ill, almost a year ago, he went to a health resort in the southwest where he remained for several months. Mr. Sorg had always been one of the leading factors in the movement for good roads. He is survived by his wife and two sons, Alvis and Carlton; one brother, J.H. Sorg of Claim Street; two sisters, Mrs. Frank Eberly of Aurora and Mrs. Minnie Shoger of Oswego. The funeral was held Tuesday from the Federated Church at Oswego. Burial was in the Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: While on the subject of roads we wish again to remark about an improvement which we think would help wonderfully in driving on cement roads. Would the contractor on a hard road be required to lay a black strip about three inches wide down the exact center of the cement highway, the drivers would have less trouble in keeping from a collision. With nearly every machine having a left-hand drive, it is hard for a motorist to see the edge of the cement and watch the approaching car as well. With this black guide line, a driver could easily keep in his place. We are for better roads all the time and offer the above for what it is worth. Hugh R. Marshall.

The Ku Klux Klan initiated 2,000 candidates near Plainfield Saturday night. It is said some 25,000 members from Chicago and adjoining cities were present. The KKK is making a big stir in politics.

Two prisoners escaped from the Kendall county jail at Yorkville Sunday afternoon and are still at large. The fugitives are Roy Henderson and Harry Gabrielson, both sent over from Plano for chicken stealing and confined to await the action of the grand jury. Henry Peters of Sandwich, serving out a year sentence and another prisoner refused to take advantage of the opportunity and are still in confinement.

With Orson S. Pearce passes another of those substantial respected citizens who have made Kendall county what it is and who have kept the standard of the community on the high plane which they have achieved through their efforts. Mr. Pearce was a quiet unassuming gentleman. He made friends and held them being widely known in Oswego and Kendall townships where he spent practically all his life. As a farmer, he was one of

the best and relinquished the active management to his son, Gerald, only when ill health broke in on an active life.

Orson S. Pearce was born in Oswego July 19, 1848 and died at his home in Kendall township, "Maplewood Farm," May 29, 1922. His marriage to Miss Fannie A. Severance was solemnized on March 27, 1879, and the widow with their son, Gerald H. Pearce, survive with the one granddaughter, Elnora. Mr. Pearce also leaves four sisters to mourn his death, Mrs. C.I. Smith and Mrs. L.P Voss of Oswego, and Mrs. Emma Van Doozer and Mrs. Edward Rang of Aurora. The funeral was held last Wednesday afternoon from the home with interment in the Pearce family cemetery at Oswego.

June 14: Col. R.B. Murphy has returned to Washington, D.C. after spending a week with Oswego friends.

Pete Sutherland has left John Bell's store, his place being taken by Will Sutherland.

Kenyon Palmer will return to summer school at Flagstaff, Ariz. after a two weeks' visit with relatives here.

Hear ye! Hear ye! All pupils of Mr. Newman, June 24, 1922, the old school bell will summon you again. Bring your family, dishes, sandwiches, and baskets. Ice cream and coffee will be furnished. Mary C. Cutter, secretary.

The Chautauqua will be opened on the school grounds on Sunday.

June 21: No Oswego column

June 28: Max Cutter has accepted a position in the laboratory of the Robinson Paint Works at Aurora.

The second annual reunion of the Newman Picnickers was held on the school grounds Saturday last.

NaAuSay: Martha Seely Jessup, daughter of Henry Seely Jessup and Elizabeth Townsend Seely Jessup, was born Jan. 23, 1857 in the old log house which was standing until recently on the Specie Grove Farm where William Campbell now resides. She died June 19, 1922 in the Iowa Congregational hospital at Des Moines, Ia.

Martha Jessup was a teacher for 25 years, at first in Oswego and vicinity, afterwards in the public school on Menominee and La Crosse, Wis. Since 1911 she has been living with her brother-in-law, Albert W. Merrill in St. Louis and Des Moines.

She united with the Au Sable Presbyterian church in 1870. At the time of her death she was a member of Central Presbyterian church, Des Moines, Ia.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, at the time her death belonging to one of the chapters in Des Moines.

She is survived by her brother, Samuel T. Jessup of South Bend, Ind., and also by her niece and nephews, Frances Elizabeth Morris and Edwin Jessup Merrill, who whom she has been as a mother for the past 11 years.

The funeral of Miss Martha Jessup was held Wednesday afternoon at the J.V. Jessup home. Miss Jessup was a former resident of NaAuSay and died suddenly at her home in des Moines, Ia. Interment was in NaAuSay cemetery.

Yorkville: Those Chicago White Sox are certainly playing great ball, but pride goes before a fall and we hope they don't let their heads get too large.

July -- 1922

July 5: Mr. and Mrs. Otto Zieche are the parents of a baby daughter born last Friday.

Miss Elizabeth Dwyre, who has been caring for Grandma Young for the past year, has left and expects to go to Spring Valley soon.

W.A. Perkins and family of Milwaukee, Wis., are spending the summer in Oswego. They will reside with Mrs. Hattie Hall.

July 12: A response to the fire alarm on the afternoon of the Fourth called fighters to the home of I.C. Wagner. A firecracker had been tossed to the roof of the house where it lodged and caught afire the shingles. Immediate work saved the home, no damage resulting except a few burned shingles.

The Robert Henley family has recently moved to the big stone house on the Gus Shoger farm on the state road [Mitchell house on Route 25].

A.B. Smith, an old time resident of this village called upon friends here last week.

Mrs. Robert Johnston and Miss Floi have returned from a motor trip through the Northern states. They have been gone two weeks.

Yorkville: To replace fish poisoned by the gas works at Aurora and which died by the thousands this spring, the Fox River Valley Fish and Game Club of Sandwich has been active in securing fry to restock the river and thus far have been quite successful. A few weeks ago, several thousand smallmouth bass were put in the river at Millhurst. This week, L.M. Long, secretary of the club, has received from the United States fish hatcheries acceptance of his request for fry and stating that a goodly number of catfish and big-mouthed bass would be sent to Sandwich to be placed in the Fox River.

All signs except those placed by the Illinois State Highway Department are to be removed from state bond issue roads, according to announcement made by the state highway department. These roads are now being marked with signs which are the shape of the map of Illinois. As a result of the order of the state highway department to tear down signs on the right-of-way, some farmers are renting their property to the advertisers who erected billboards. Automobile clubs are uniting their efforts to have signs eliminated, which obstruct the view of traffic from cross roads.

Estate of Patrick Tigue, deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Patrick Tigue, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Kendall County at the courthouse in Yorkville at the September term on the first Monday in September, to wit: Sept. 4, 1922, at which all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. Dated this 30th day of June, A.D. 1922. Thomas McCauley, Administrator.

The case of the people vs. Corcoran was settled Saturday morning when he plead guilty being fined \$100 and costs, or all in all \$137.45. Corcoran was brought up for trial for selling beer at Fox River Park during the Aurora Legion Fourth of July celebration. The evidence was brought to Yorkville in a truck.

Here is some late news and some news that nearly everyone in this community will appreciate. It comes direct to us from County Commissioner of Highways J.D. Russell of Oswego.

Mr. Russell has been notified by the state to make arrangements for obtaining the right of way from Plano to Sandwich and also in Bristol township on the north side of the river. Work will be started on the cement work this fall and it will not be long now before the people of Yorkville and vicinity will be able to go to Aurora on cement the entire distance.

July 19: Friends of Miss Margaret Davis were surprised to hear of her recent marriage to Jeffery Rogerson. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride. The bride is one of Oswego's fine young ladies and will be greatly missed. The groom, until recently, was employed by H.E. Hanson. Mr. and Mrs. Rogerson expect to make their home in Chicago.

Yorkville: Four Aurora youths, ranging from 8 to 14 years of age, were taken from a freight train Friday evening and held here until their folks could be found. One of the boys' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burkhart, were notified and they started at once in their auto for Somonauk where a hearty reception was given them by the youths.

The boys were all of good parents and have fine homes but they took a notion that they would like to see the country so without money or any more clothes than were necessary to cover them on a hot day they obtained the consent of a driver for an Aurora ice cream company to accompany him on his trip. They rode with him to Mendota. Then for some reason they decided to return by train. None of them having any money, they boarded a freight train for Aurora.

Mr. Kidd, telegraph operator here, received word from the train dispatcher that four boys were seen hanging onto a freight train and fearing that they might fall off he ordered the train stopped and asked Mr. Kidd to notify the village authorities. Marshall Poplin was present when the train stopped and he took charge of the boys, who offered no resistance. The boys were taken to Mayor Hupp, who gave them a supper and on hearing that one of the boys' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burkhart, had an auto, he obtained their telephone

number and notified them. The parents had been searching the country for the boys, who had not been seen since morning and it was then 9:30 pm. Mr. Burkhardt said he dreaded answering the phone, fearing that something had happened, but was jubilant to learn they all were safe.

They all live in the same neighborhood at Aurora. They had received nothing to eat since morning and were hungry and tired. It was a lesson they will not soon forget -- *Somonauk Reveille*.

The Aurora, Plainfield and Joliet railroad has been refused the use of the streets of Plainfield because of the failure to live up to the paving portion of their franchise. This seems to be a hard time for street car companies but the service they give, if we can compare it with the Yorkville-Aurora service, is sufficient to provoke most anything. In Yorkville, the street car company is running without a franchise and use the public as it pleases.

July 26: Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Haines are the parents of a son born July 20.

A miscellaneous shower given by the Sunday school class of Mrs. Fred Willis at the home of Marie Songer, in honor Margaret Davis, who was recently married to Jeffrey Rogerson of Chicago was enjoyed by all present. Mr. and Mrs. Rogerson will make their home in Chicago where he is employed by the Yellow Taxi Company.

Seth Dyer, a nephew of the late Edward Dyer of Aurora, died Sunday afternoon, aged 44 years, at the home of Floyd Vorhees, Oswego. The deceased leaves a wife who is now at Kansas City. On July 17 he underwent a critical operation from which he never recovered. The funeral services were held from the Vorhees home in Oswego Tuesday, interment in the North Lake Street cemetery in Aurora.

Yorkville: "Would the Herren massacre have been a different story if Illinois had a state police force?" asks the *Chicago Evening Post*. We firmly believe it would and that a state police force would do much more toward maintaining law and order in the rural and suburban districts of the commonwealth. Automobilists would be more careful in their driving and general conditions, to our idea, would be improved. The establishment of such a force would not be as expensive as its opponents would have you believe.

Kendall County Board Resolution

Resolved that the County Board of Supervisors of Kendall County, convened in special meeting at the courthouse Yorkville, this twenty-third day of June 1922, hereby pledges and guarantees the State of Illinois, Division of Highways, Department of Public Works and Buildings, the sum of \$20,000 toward the building of a viaduct where said Lincoln Highway is crossed by the Joliet & Plainfield Electric RR and the Elgin Joliet & Eastern RR in Section 2, Township 37, Range 8E for the construction of a state road along the old Lincoln Highway through Kendall County.

Town of Oswego Resolution

The Highway Commissioner of Oswego, in special meeting at the court house in Yorkville, Illinois, this 23rd day of June 1922, hereby pledges and guarantees the County of Kendall, State of Illinois, the sum of \$7,000 toward the building of a viaduct where said Lincoln Highway is crossed by the Joliet & Plainfield Electric R.R. and the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern R.R. in Section 2, Township 37, Range 8 East for the construction of a state road along the old Lincoln Highway through Kendall as designated on map attached. This sum to apply on the \$20,000 pledged by the County to the State.

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Commissioner of Highways

Town of Oswego

August -- 1922

Aug. 2: Mrs. Dwight Young of Iowa is spending some time here. She was called to care for her mother, who was ill.

Mrs. Jeff Rogerson left Saturday to join her husband in Chicago where they will make their home.

The Boy Scouts of Oswego plan for an outing at Starved Rock next week, leaving here Monday at 7 a.m. returning Wednesday evening.

The Chautauqua association is being projected by the citizens of Oswego. Arrangements are being made to have a first class course here next Summer.

The summer Christmas tree picnic held at Smith's Dam was a great success. A program was given and many gifts for the little people of China and India were given.

Margaret Phillips, daughter of W.J. and Margaret Phillips, was born in Sullivan County, N.Y. Oct. 10, 1833 and would therefore be 89 years old next October. She came west to Oswego when she was not over 5 years of age where she practically spent her whole life. She was married in early life to John A. Young with whom she lived 45 years, he departing from this life about 25 years ago. She first joined the Baptist church when quite young. After the Baptist Church was closed she joined the Congregational Church in whose communion he has remained. She had eight children, of whom six survive: Mrs. Carrie Roberts, Mrs. Helen Smith, Leicester Young, Richard A. Young, Jay E. Young, and Lou C. Young. The two youngest daughters, Evangeline and an infant, died many years ago. Mrs. Young has been a sufferer for 29 years in consequence of a severe accident from which she never fully recovered.

| Yorkville: That Plano and Yorkville will be connected by a cement road before snow flies is now practically promised by the state engineers. The stretch of cement to be laid is from the corner ordinarily known as the Thompson farm just east of Plano to the east line of the Fred Palmer farm north of Yorkville. Then the spur into Yorkville will be completed. This will be the first real concrete laid on Route 18 as revised from Aurora

west. It is through that the connection from the Palmer farm to Aurora will be made next summer. After all that has been said and done the people of the county as a body favor the completion of the Yorkville --Oswego route on the south side. The powers that be have overruled this sentiment and it is doubtless true that the stretch of hard road just east of Yorkville will be all that is ever laid on that route--the expense of laying being practically a total loss.

The Sandwich Manufacturing Company is running but three days a week by reason of the coal shortage. This trouble is fast spreading over the country and the necessity for a settlement of the strikes is more urgent every day.

Aug. 9: There will be the letting of contracts for the transportation of pupils on three routes in the consolidated school district of Oswego. For information, see the secretary of the school board.

Mrs. L.R. Inman, Secretary.

Mrs. Mary Young has returned from an extended visit with a son at Pipestone, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schwanz have recently made the purchase of a new touring car.

Last Sunday, Messrs. Charles Lindemier and Comley and wives motored to the surrounding towns, including Lockport, Plainfield, Plattville, Yorkville, and a stop at the controlling works at Lockport.

Yorkville: We make this statement without fear of contradiction--Kendall County roads are the barest of marks as to the destination to which roads will take a driver of any in Northern Illinois. This statement is not made with any pride. Routes should be clearly marked so that a person seeking a town can find it without going to farm houses and seeking directions. Wisconsin, Michigan and Indiana are well marked. One can select a route to a certain place and follow that route without even a hesitancy.

NaAuSay: Little Ruth Jessup was severely bruised Saturday afternoon when the team on the horsepower became frightened and ran over her, dragging her some distance on the gravel driveway. No bones were broken and she is recovering rapidly.

Aug. 16: Miss Florence Minick returned last week from Iowa points where she visited relatives.

Fred Mundsinger returned last week from Germany where he visited the home of his childhood. He was gone about 10 weeks.

Miss Alma Mundsinger is enjoying a vacation, which is being spent with a company of young ladies where she is employed. They are located in a cottage north of Aurora.

Yorkville: We wonder if you were as much surprised as we were when the Hon. Ira C. Copley of Aurora, the president of the Western United Gas & Electric Company in a

public statement acknowledged that the Fox River was being polluted by the refuse which he was permitting his company to dump into the stream. The announcement of the gas company will bring joy to the lovers of fishing and swimming and Mr. Copley will be acclaimed a champion, even though it took him a long time to get his harness on.

But this company is not the only one which is a menace. All the way up the river there are cities, the refuse and sewage from which are being dumped indiscriminately into the Fox and adding filth to the once pretty river. The farther north you go along the stream the more beautiful it is and the purer the water is.

The rivers and waterways of this great nation are a part of its wonderful wealth and beauty. To permit them to be used as open sewers is but to endanger life and invite pestilence. It is not too late for an organized effort to be made which will enforce the care of the poisons from cities being dumped into a stream in their original dangerous condition.

Aug. 23: The body of Charles Gray was brought to Oswego last week for burial. He passed away at the Old Soldier's home and was brought by Harry Warner.

Oswego nearly overflowed into Fox River Wednesday evening when the Masonic Band of Aurora gave a concert on Main Street. Early in the evening the choice parking space along the street was filled and before the concert was over the thoroughfares of the village were crowded.

Max Cutter is sending two weeks camping at Oak Ridge with a party of Aurora lads.

Glen Leigh and family left Monday morning for Wisconsin lakes where they will spend a week fishing.

| Yorkville: Geo. N. Lamb, district road engineer of Elgin, was in Plano Friday. He came to clear up several matters and to look over the situation.

The north Yorkville hill has been somewhat of a problem to get it down to the regulation percent grade and they may raise the north end of the bridge 5 feet and with the cutting off of the brow of the hill will practically bring it to the required grade. In all probability brick will be used for paving the hill.

The next step that Kendall County people should be interested in is the pavement from Bristol to Oswego and on to Aurora and from Plano to Sandwich for 1923 construction. Mr. Lamb informed us that the prospects were good that all of the Cannon Ball Trail from Aurora to Chicago would be covered with concrete by the end of 1922. The construction means a lot of activity along the route named above for the next two years. It will require a great deal of labor and these laborers will spend a large part of their salary in Kendall County and then in the end we will have a fine 18 foot concrete road and for the next 100 years the county will have one of the National main trunk lines.

NaAuSay: The Owens [threshing] ring finished threshing Saturday and celebrated with a picnic dinner. Jay Owens furnished the ice cream.

Aug. 30: Prof. Newton Pearce, who has been visiting at the home of his folks here, left this week for Ann Arbor, Mich., then through the east before returning to his home in Iowa.

Messrs. Craighead and Kesselring left Monday with a company of Boy Scouts for Starved Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. Esterbrooks, who have been spending the summer at the Haskell home, have returned to their home in Benton Harbor, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith are now making their home at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Herren. The health of Mr. Smith is not the best.

Yorkville: Mrs. A.D. Curran was laid to rest in Oak Grove Cemetery at Bristol last Saturday following funeral services. Mrs. Curran was stricken with partial paralysis on Monday Aug. 21, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O.A. McDowell in DeKalb and never regained consciousness, dying on Thursday, Aug. 22, 1922.

Nearly 80 years ago, Nov. 9, 1842, Henrietta W. Edwards was born in Kalamazoo, Mich., from which place she moved to Sheboygan, Wis. where she spent her girlhood days. During the period just prior to the Great Rebellion, she became acquainted with Amos D. Curran with whom she carried on a correspondence while he was absent in the service of his country and whom she afterward married on Thanksgiving day, 1869.

Soon after their marriage she and her companion took up life's responsibilities in Bristol, where for half a century she experienced many of its joys as well as its sorrows.

September -- 1922

Sept. 6: The annual Duffy picnic was held on Thursday last at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Cliggitt.

Mrs. Jennie Wormley, Miss Gertrude and brother left last week for Gennitt, Idaho, where Miss Gertrude will teach school for the coming year.

Charles Smith, born in Specie Grove December 1859, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Herren, in Oswego, Sept. 4, 1922. The deceased has always made his home in Kendall County the past 46 years in Oswego. He was united in marriage to Carrie Pearce Potter March 18, 1875, to which union was born one son, Ira Vernon, who died at the age of 3 years. He is survived by his widow and step-daughter, at whose home the funeral was held Wednesday.

Mrs. Christina Suhler, 57 years, Thursday night took her life by hanging herself from a rafter in the basement of her home two miles northwest of Oswego. A verdict of suicide while temporarily insane was returned by the coroner's jury today.

Mrs. Suhler had been subject to periods of melancholy and it is thought that during one of these stages of mental depression she suddenly decided to end her life. The woman has been making her home with her son, George.

Mrs. Suhler was born in Germany. She was the widow of John Suhler, who died about 15 years ago. Besides her son and daughter, she is survived by a sister, Mrs. Charles Reider of Texas. The funeral was privet Saturday. Interment was in the Oswego cemetery.

Sept. 13: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnston are parents of a son born Thursday last.

Miss Mabel Biesemier has accepted a position as substitute teacher in schools at Madison, Wisconsin.

Paul Dwyre is enjoying a vacation from duties at Schultz's store.

A reunion of school scholars of the Walker school will be held in the school house Saturday, Sept. 30. The teacher of that time was Miss E.M. Benthien.

Word from St. Paul has recently been received of the death of Mrs. Charles Fullen, who is the sister of Mrs. H.G. Smith.

The pupils leaving for college within the next few days are Marion Palmer, Blackburn College at Carlinville; Frances Churchill, who pursues a literary course at Knox at Galesburg; Clay Cutter at Beloit, Wisconsin; Howard Shoger at Champaign; Hamilton Quayle at Northwestern College at Naperville; and Jack Cherry, who will return to Ames College in Iowa.

The Suwannee River Jubilee quartette (colored) will open the Oswego Community Lyceum course in the Presbyterian Church Sept. 18.

| Yorkville: The fall and winter schedule of interurban cars on the Fox River division of the Aurora, Elgin & Chicago railroad will go into effect Sunday, Sept. 10. No changes except on the Aurora, Yorkville line have been made. Several cars have been taken off on that line, but the rearrangement of the schedule is such that little inconvenience will be felt by the downriver patrons.

Sept. 15: Handwritten note, probably by Jenny Hubbard Wormley, in collections of the Little White School Museum: "Alice Gray found dead in her yard in the morning of Sept. 15, 1922."

Sept. 20: Many Boy Scouts from here attended the fair held last week at Lisle doing Scout Duty. During that time, A.J. Smith, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Smith, had the misfortune to meet with an accident resulting in the loss of a portion of one of the fingers.

Yorkville: Some people may not know it, but there are five new cottages on the north bank of the Fox River in Yorkville, on land that formerly was the property of John Foran,

but now the property of Mr. Gawne of Oak Park One may not notice these cottages from the south bank of the river as they are hidden a little by some mighty fine trees, which adds to the beauty of the place and also helps to keep the campers cool in the extreme heat of the summer.

Mr. Runner, a Chautauqua man, is the owner of one cottage. Mr. Weber of Aurora owns one and Mrs. Gawne has erected three of the summer residences. With the four cottages that were already there, these new additions made an attractive looking "row."

A short distance up the river is the Quinsey-Reddock cottage and across the river on the south bank are four new cottages that Mr. Donovan has erected this past summer, or in other words at Maple Shade.

Sept. 27: Word has been recently received by Mrs. George White of the death of Dr. W.T. Putt of Grand Island, Neb. He had been in ill health for the past two years, being confined to his bed for the past month. Burial was at his late home Thursday last.

Miss Nellie Burkhardt has accepted a position as bookkeeper at the Staudt drug store in Aurora.

Robert Johnston has recently moved his place of business to the old post office building [the stone building at the northwest corner of Main and Jackson]. His vacancy will be occupied by August Klomhaus, who purchased the site and will conduct a retail place for farm implements, machinery and automobiles, etc.

OSWEGO 'KEEP TO THE RIGHT' SIGN NETS THIRTY-FIVE VICTIMS

A number of Aurora motorists were victims of Oswego's new traffic regulations when they cut corners by failing to observe the "keep to the right" sign recently erected in the main street of the town.

Henry Pierce, town marshal, fastened the clutches of the law upon more than 35, five of whom were from Aurora according to rumor. The net was spread and the crestfallen autoists were taken before Robert Peterson, justice of the peace.

Names could not be supplied by Marshal Pierce and the justice was out of the village today. But local autoists are smarting under the sting of traffic regulations.

From now on traffic rules in Oswego are going to be rigidly enforced was the statement of Mayor C.L. Burkhardt.

"Keep to the right in Oswego means just that," he said.

Yorkville: In Probate Court

Estate of Claire W. Willis, deceased. Ellen H. Willis, administratrix. Inventory approved. Petition to sell real estate filed.

Estate of Anthony C. McCauley, deceased. In re probate of Will. Testimony of subscribing witnesses heard. Probate denied. Proof of death, petition for letters of administration, bond, oath of office and relinquishment filed. Thomas McCauley appointed administrator. Bond approved and letters ordered issued. Appointment of appraisers dispensed with. Proof of heirship taken, approved and ordered entered of record.

Estate of Patrick Tigue, deceased. Proof of death, petition for letters of administration Thomas McCauley appointed administrator. proof of heirship approved.
County Collector vs. Oswego Farmers Grain Co. Delinquent tax. Objections of Oswego Farmers Grain Co. sustained and judgment denied.

October -- 1922

Oct. 4: Last Saturday night about 1 o'clock fire broke out in the barn on the farm recently occupied by Harry Collins. With the exception of the house, all out buildings were destroyed. The grain belonging to Mr. Collins, which as yet was unmoved, was destroyed and not insured. This farm is known as the Wilcox farm and is owned by August Keihl.

Walton Perkins spent the last four days in the interest of the Waldham Oil Company in and around Oswego.

Miss Esther Hill has resigned her position at the office of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company.

Friday last, a quiet wedding was solemnized at the Presbyterian parsonage uniting in marriage Miss Margaret Clark and Leslie Morse. Mr. and Mrs. Morse will spend the winter in the Figge cottage later moving to Aurora where Mr. Morse is employed in the interest of the Sinclair Oil Company.

Plano: GRAND THEATRE

The Grand Theatre of Plano will show "Fools Paradise" Sunday, Oct. 8. Two shows, 7:30 and 9:20. This is a very high class picture.

Oct. 11: There will be a meeting of the Kendall County Law and Order League Saturday, Oct. 14, at the Yorkville Federated Church.

The Oswego Parent Teachers Club will hold a Hallowe'en fair at the school house Friday evening, Oct. 27.

Last Friday while working with the corn shredder, Ed Friebele had the misfortune to get one hand caught badly injuring same.

Peter Jacobson has recently sold his garage to Messrs. Nelson and Morris Friebele, who will conduct same. Mr. Jacobson will leave later for Florida, where he will go into the garage business.

The recent death of Mrs. Margaret Rabe occurred Oct. 4, 1922. She was born in Germany March 26, 1846 coming to this country in 1881. With her three sons, she settled in Oswego in 1890. She is survived by three sons, George who resides in Maywood; James of Racine, Wis.; and Henry of this village. Interment in the Oswego cemetery.

Thursday evening of last week the sophomores entertained the freshmen at a wiener roast in the Cutter Grove.

The exhibit of art held last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Cliggitt was most successful. Many out of town guests were present as well as many home folks. This event will be held yearly and at the same home, which is so well situated for the occasion. Many pictures were sold during the exhibit.

Yorkville: Sheriff Hextell and two "dry" agents arrested J. Busby Friday night on the charge of selling and manufacturing beer and liquor. The evidence required the capacity of two truckloads and was one of the largest plants picked up in the country districts for a long time.

The two agents who have been working on the case found that Busby had been manufacturing and selling the contraband stuff all summer and that his plant was complete. When Sheriff Hextell served the search warrant he and his assistants found 24 different varieties of "booze," ranging from "home brew" to cherry cordial.

The story as told is that Mr. and Mrs. Busby bought a farm just west of the Five Mile Bridge and moved there in the spring. He has been an engineer on the Northwestern Railroad and had taken a furlough while he prepared for the retirement on pension which was due next year. The farm was to offer a livelihood for the pair in later years. But the engineer was a fast worker and started to make the price of the farm at once. He said his investment was \$3 in advertising--three signs which directed the tourist to "Busby's Camp." The camp was on the south side of the river at the Millhurst dam and had been admirably equipped for a carouse.

Oct. 18: The Kendall County Farmer's Institute will be held in Oswego Dec. 5.

Cecil Shoger recently arrived in Oswego from his home in Kansas.

Oct. 25: Max Cutter with Aurora friends spent the weekend at Beloit, Wis. They attended the football game in Rockford Saturday.

The football game Sunday between Streator and Oswego resulted in favor of Streator, 19-0.

The marriage of Miss Alto Ruth Ketchpaw and Howard Herren took place at the homes of the bride in Elkhorn, Wis. Wednesday, Oct. 18. The bride and groom left later upon a motor trip to Madison, Wis., and upon their return will make their home in Oswego. The bride is well known in this city having been employed for two years in the office of the Richards-Wilcox Manufacturing Company. The last year she was employed in Elkhorn. The groom holds a position in the office of the Aurora Nursery Company. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Herren of Oswego.

The remains of Emerson Ashley were brought to Oswego Saturday where the services were held. Burial was at Bristol Station. For the past year he was a patient at the state hospital in Elgin where he received treatment.

Sarah A. Everett was born July 31, 1843 on the farm now owned by Chris Herren. She was married in the spring of 1872 to George R. Schamp and spent the most of her life in this vicinity. One daughter, Edith, now deceased, was born of the union. Mr. Schamp died 19 years ago. She was of the number who rode on the first passenger train which passed over the Fox River Division of the CB&Q R.R. Death came on Tuesday, Oct. 17, 1922. Interment was in the Oswego Cemetery.

Mrs. Amanda Carpenter, wife of Peter Cooney and daughter of David W. Carpenter, was born at Oswego Jan. 16, 1836 and died Oct. 19, 1922 aged 86 years. To this union were born seven children: Elnora K. Butler, Aurora; Alsora West, Oswego; Cyrus of Montgomery; Sidney of Oswego; two died in infancy; and Mary Louise W. Kruger died in 1912 in Albuquerque, N.M. The deceased leaves two brothers, Noale Carpenter of Sioux City, Iowa. Her sister, Mary Brace of Lemars, Ia., passed away last March.

November -- 1922

Nov. 1: Miss Vera Cutter has returned to her school duties after an absence of several days owing to illness.

A new piano has recently been placed in the home of Andrew Peterson.

Theodore Clauser has recently accepted a position at the Willis Shop.

Yorkville: MOTORMAN IS NEAR DEATH

John Dejarld, one of the oldest employees of the AE&C Railroad, lies near death at an Aurora hospital, the result of injuries received in a car smash Monday morning. The eight o'clock car out of Yorkville and a special school car out of Aurora at 8:20 a.m. collided on the straight track between Fox River Park and Oswego near the John Wormley farm. That no one was killed instantly was a fortunate thing. Both cars were well filled and but few were injured sufficiently to make a report of their injuries. John Dejarld, the motorman of the school special, was probably fatally injured, having both feet taken off above the ankle and suffering internal injuries. The rest of the crews, Plain, Hoag, and Roberts, were fortunate in slight injuries.

The school special was under orders to stop at the park switch to meet the regular and in some unexplainable way they ran by and were on their way to Oswego. Each motorman saw the other car approaching but the slippery condition of the rails made their stopping impossible. The floor of the regular car was a little higher than that of the other car and rode up over the lower one, acting as a blade to a knife. The cars were both badly smashed.

Campaign ad: SHALL THE SALOON COME BACK?
WILL THEY KILL WOMAN SUFFRAGE?

The wets are trying to bring back the old saloon!

They want to get control of Congress and the Legislature.

They intend to nullify the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Amendments.

On Nov. 7 there is an advisory vote on Light Wines and Beer. This vote means nothing. It cannot wipe out the Eighteenth Amendment nor amend the Volstead Laws....We are urging church people and all believers in temperance and good government to ignore the vote.

The only way to elect two dry men is to vote for two dry candidates!

Mark your ballots for both candidates, Fred R. Shearer, Independent, and Ralph H. Hoar, Republican nominee.

Nov. 8: HARD ROAD FROM PLANO TO YORKVILLE

The contract has been let for the laying of the cement on the road from Plano to Yorkville known as Route 18, and it is probable that the laying of the surface will be started at once. The cement will start at the farm known as the Thompson farm just east of Plano near where the Burlington is crossed by "the middle road." It will extend to the road that runs to Bristol from Yorkville or a little farther east on the river road to Aurora. The spur from this road to the north end of the Yorkville bridges will also be put down. It is said that new bridges across the river at Yorkville will be built before the spur is continued into the county seat.

This building will be a great benefit to the county as well as to those from Aurora and Chicago who wish to drive through to points west. They can take the new hard road out Ogden avenue through Naperville and meet the cement from Aurora to Oswego by taking the cut-off east of Naperville. Then over the south river road from Oswego will they will get a little more cement just east of Yorkville and concrete from Yorkville to Plano. Not only will those shorten the distance from Chicago out but will dodge the traffic over Roosevelt Road through Geneva. [Modern U.S. Route 34]

Nov. 15: Received too late for last week: Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Rogerson of Chicago spent the weekend with friends and relatives here. Mrs. Rogerson may be better known as Margaret Davis.

Robert Ammons and family recently moved to Aurora, where they purchased a home. It is with regret we lose the Ammons family.

Messrs. Ed Smith and Robert Herren spent last week in St. Paul buying stock. Nine carloads were shipped here.

Yorkville: A more muddled up election could not be imagined. Democrats were elected where Republicans ruled before the vice versa. While, on the face of it, the Democrats won throughout the United States, the result looks much as if the spirit of the people was to "turn the rascals out." Anyone in office was defeated, it mattered not what his politics, and there were more Republicans than there were Democrats, hence the result.

Nov. 22: Wednesday of last week the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Falk was badly damaged by fire. It was caused from an explosion of gases in the furnace after being

banked for the night. Quick work on the part of the fire department and volunteer fire fighters saved the house although it was badly damaged.

Yorkville: There is a persistent rumor that the AE&C intend to discontinue the running of cars farther than Montgomery during the winter months. If this is done it will be in keeping with the policy of the company to disregard the rights of the people on this end of the line. There are many who work in Montgomery and Aurora who live in Oswego and Yorkville. It is not right that these people should be deprived of their means of transportation without better notice.

Nov. 29: There will be a baking contest held for girls under 18 during the Farmers' Institute, which is to be held Dec. 3. Every girl in this vicinity should enter this contest and bring honor to her home town.

The funeral of the late Sam Herren was held last Friday at the home of C.C. Herren, a brother, where the deceased has made his home for some time past. He was born in the year 1880 in NaAuSay, where he lived for many years with his folks. He was united in marriage to Minnie Friebele and of this union two children survive him. Burial was in the NaAuSay cemetery.

Ernest Biesemier has accepted employment at a creamery in Sandwich.

NaAuSay: The side curtains were stolen from Forrest Claassen's auto while it was standing in his corn crib. Mr. Claassen would be glad to have he returned to save trouble as it is known who the parties were who took them.

December -- 1922

Dec. 6: OSWEGO BOY SCOUT NEWS

We had a fine meeting Friday night and a fine attendance--there were 27 scouts present out of a total of 35 members. Scout Ralph Blackman was elected Troop Treasurer and Scout Ralph Kesselring was elected Troop Librarian. Mr. Wyllie, our Scoutmaster, started a library for us with 15 books and a set of Merit Badge pamphlets.

Out of 27 Scouts present there were 24 who received 100% for personal appearance and behavior and five who received their monthly 100% buttons.

Visitors are always welcome at our regular meetings every Friday evening, 7-9 p.m.
Charles Churchill, Scribe

Yorkville: DuPage County has passed a bond issue of over \$1 million for the improvement of roads in that bailiwick. Seems awful, don't it? Cement roads will be built connecting all the principle towns and the county will be a network of cement highway. But doesn't this immense bond issue threaten the property of the county? Don't it make the taxes approach the confiscatory stage? All this should be considered. The coming generations have some rights.

Dec. 13: Saturday evening of last week a wild duck dinner was served to the heavy weight football team of East Aurora High School at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Cutter, Max Cutter as host. After a six course dinner was served the guests retired to cards, dancing and a smoker. At a late hour the guests departed voting the "Fighting Fool" as able a host as a right end player.

CONSTITUTION LOSES IN STATE

Kendall County Votes for New Measure About Three to One

Cold Weather Causes Small Vote

The new constitution was overwhelmingly defeated in Illinois yesterday. Cook county was almost unanimous in opposition to the measure, voting 17-1 against. The efforts of the city press, religious opposition, and the vote of labor were largely responsible for the immense vote in opposition.

Dec. 20: Harold Graham, whose headquarters are in Chicago, was home for the weekend. He travels through Kentucky, Tennessee, Pennsylvania and western New York.

Norman Nelson has sold his interest in the Oswego garage to his partner Morris Friebele. He and Ray Schinoff left at once for Detroit, Michigan, where they will work.

A school club of the Walker school was organized last week by the parents of the district. The officers elected were president, Mrs. Scott Morse; secretary Mary Dysart; treasurer, Lilly Schlapp.

On Dec. 21, six boys, Scouts Edward Inman, Paul Kesselring, Ralph Blackman, Charles Churchill, Ralph Kesselring, and Kendall Wylie, went before the Court of Honor for their First Class. All of the scouts passed.

Dec. 27: No Oswego news

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January

Jan. 3: Mr. and Mrs. J.G. Gould of Sheridan, N.Y., are visiting for a month at the home of her sister, Mrs. Josie Smith.

Mrs. Jeff Rogerson of Chicago has returned after spending a few days with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. E.T. Davis.

Clay Cutter has returned to Beloit college after enjoying a three weeks' vacation.

Thursday evening, George Schuler was the victim of a bad accident. Coming in from the Naperville road at a rapid speed he turned the Fred Bower corner and went completely

over. Neighbors in the vicinity raised the mass of wreckage and pulled him out uninjured. He has since purchased a sedan.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Cooney have recently received word that they have sold their chicken ranch at Monrovia and will soon move back to Pasadena, Calif.

Boy Scout News

The Oswego troops 1 and 2 held their regular meeting on Dec. 29. There were 24 boys present. We held a short business meeting in which several boys were dropped from their patrol for lack of attendance. We then had a short drill after which two ladies that were visiting our scoutmaster furnished popcorn balls and apples. Our scoutmaster furnished grand opera for us.

The Black Bear patrol again had 100 percent patrol in inspection.

Scout Edward Inman was made Senior patrol Leader.

Charles Churchill, Scribe

Jan. 10: Dr. L.J. Weishew has returned from a business trip to Iowa.

Recent word states that Stewart Palmer has enlisted in the navy.

Owing to the physical condition of Mrs. Croushorn, Mr. V. Mather has recently changed his residence to the William Dwyre home.

Mumps seem to be the prevailing style among the little folks of the town. Within the past few days many have contracted the illness quite thinning the ranks at school.

Carl White is a diphtheria patient.

Yorkville: The *Chicago Tribune* and the *Herald-Examiner* are putting on drives to stop the indiscriminate sale of firearms and skeleton keys. These are commendable acts and should receive the support of every citizen. There is too much lawlessness made possible by these sales.

Kendall County is to be congratulated on the small number of "bootleggers" and "blind pigs" within its boundaries. In fact, if there are any and they are known to the authorities, their illegal life is short. Mayor Green and his officials have driven a large number of this class of law-breakers out of that city. There are evidently more there, but the police are using every effort to clean up the town. This housecleaning has driven these undesirables to places in the country about Aurora where Sheriff Orr and his forces are working. You ask what this has to do with Kendall county? Simply this. During the regime of former Sheriff Hextell, the illegal sale of liquor was frowned upon in Kendall county. Mr. Hextell swore out many warrants against the lawbreakers and many convictions were obtained. Little Kendall became a marked place for moonshiners to avoid. Since Sheriff Barkley has been in power, he has followed the lead of his successful predecessor and illicit liquor has a short life in the county. The worst time for this particular kind of law-breaking is in the summer months when many of the former Aurora bootleggers take up

their station along the cement highways and peddle their nefarious stuff to those who have the right password. Sheriff Hextell was ever alert to these places and they were soon run out of the county if not made to pay a fine for their actions. Aurora, which was so widely advertised as “90 percent wet” by the *Chicago Tribune*, has been taken in hand by the mayor and chief of police. The court records of the city show that there has been a general cleaning up and that they are still on the job for which they are to be congratulated. If they want the job done right, they should call for Hextell and Barkley--they are real workers.

Jan. 17: Oliver Burkhart and Fred Falk have returned from a business trip to Michigan.

The recent death of Mrs. Julia Inman, who had been ill but a few days, came as a shock to her many friends. Mrs. Inman was born in New York State on Nov. 5, 1844, coming west in 1870. In 1883 she married George Inman, who preceded her in death many years ago. Mrs. Inman was a continuous resident of this vicinity and has a host of friends. She passed away Jan. 13, 1923. Interment in the Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: If the death rate of automobilists killed by the Aurora, Elgin and Chicago [interurban line] continues to worry the law department as it has in the past few weeks, the \$300,000 which was to have been spent for a rehabilitation of the road will be paid to relatives of victims instead of to families of victims of the cars.

“Yorkville-Morris Electric Line May Be Junked,” says a headline in the Aurora Star. Then goes a long story of the failure of the passenger service to pay its own way. We have every reason to hope that the Morris line will continue to run. A 22 mile line with five elevators cannot be a losing venture.

Jan. 24: Harold Graham, whose headquarters are at Springfield, spent the weekend with his folks here.

Mrs. Arthur Wormley and son are under quarantine for diphtheria.

Gus Voss has recently purchased the residence of the late Mrs. George Inman.

Clarita Walker is one of the many ill with mumps.

Yorkville: Home-Grown Ice

Jens Todnem has started to harvest his crop of Yorkville home-grown ice for the summer season from the pond above the dam. The ice is clear and about 10 inches thick. This promises to be a good supply of the chilling article for Yorkville at a less price than has been paid for the manufactured article, which had to be brought from Aurora. Mr. Todnem has built a new ice house just west of where the old houses stood.

Bonus Blanks

Application blanks for the Illinois Soldiers' Compensation have been received by Edward Budd, county clerk, and may be had by any of the ex-service men by calling for them or applying by mail.

Jan. 31: Last call for Kellogg's Chester White bred sow sale, Feb. 7.

Mrs. Read and son have returned to their home in Milwaukee after a visit at the home of her folks, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Russell.

Mrs. T.R. Quayle has returned from Boston where she was called by the illness and death of her daughter.

Herman Shoger was home from Champaign for a few days last week.

Scott Cutter attended the State Convention of the Motor Club in Chicago on Friday. He was one of the six selected delegates from Aurora.

Jay Bell has recently purchased a coupe.

Yorkville: To have some thoughtless person force open the door of your car when you have the curtains nicely fastened and tear off the buttons is one of our "pet peeves." Is it yours?

Suggestions have been made that a cow and a pig be placed in the zoo at a St. Louis park because many of the children have never seen such an animal. We might suggest that a horse be added to the collection--it is rapidly disappearing from city streets.

There has been an effort on the part of Sheriff Barkley and States Attorney Leitch to clean the moonshine business out of Kendall county. This is a commendable aim and we hope that this growing evil may be stamped out ere it gets too strong a hold on the young people. The poisonous product of makeshift stills is creeping into the life of the high schools of the country and is making addicts of our young folks, boys and girls included. The illicit liquor business should be stopped and we hope the county officers are able to accomplish their purpose.

February -- 1923

Feb. 7: Watts Cutter left last Saturday on a business trip to Missouri where he has interest in real estate.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Rogerson of Chicago spent Sunday with friends here. Mr. Rogerson is taking leave of absence and they will spend a month in Minneapolis, Minn. with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. William Toby.

Children in the William Quantock home are ill with scarlet fever.

The trained nurses who have been ill with scarlet fever contracted while caring for the children of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Shoger have returned to their homes in Chicago.

G.A. Wyllie has organized a troop of Girl Scouts in Oswego with a membership of 28. The troop is showing a great deal of interest and developing into real Scouts, Scouts which we will all be proud of. Mrs. Blanche M. Wyllie is captain.

February 8 marks the 13th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America and Feb. 26 the second anniversary of the Oswego troop.

This troop was organized by Rev. J.R.E. Craighead in 1921. In the first year and a half we enrolled 25 scouts all passing their Tenderfoot tests and some passed as Second Class Scouts. We had numerous hikes and a trip to Starved Rock in that time. They were under the direction of Mr. Craighead until he turned them over to Mr. G.A. Wyllie as acting scout Master in August 1922. My Wyllie was commissioned in October 1922. Since that time 11 new Tenderfoot Scouts have been admitted to the troop, ten have passed the First Class test, ten the Second Class, and five have been awarded merit Badges. There are a number of Scouts that are ready to do the First Class test.

Mr. Wyllie has been putting a good deal of time in with the Boy Scouts, which we certainly appreciate. It was through his efforts that we secured the 12 acre camp site. The interest in the Boy Scouts is increasing in Oswego. Mr. Wyllie has secured experts to assist the boys in laying out the grounds of the camp site in surveying, mapping, and landscape gardening and forestry, with no charge to the troop.

Yorkville: Trotsky, the Russian commissioner of war, says a new European war will break out in May. Wonder if we'll have to "make the world safe for democracy" again.

Feb. 14: Miss Marna Price of the Base Line road was surprised by many young folks from here Friday evening in honor of her 18th birthday. The evening was spent playing progressive Bunco followed by refreshments.

The marriage of Harold Graham and Miss Marjorie Washburn of Lisbon took place last Saturday at the home of Rev. C.J. Bready in Aurora. Mr. and Mrs. Graham left for Springfield, from which place Mr. Graham travels.

Mrs. Ralph Norris is a victim of the mumps.

Miss Carrie Shoger has recently purchased the new Kohlhammer cottage and took possession last week.

The Oswego Girl Scout troop held their regular meeting Feb. 7. There were 20 girls present.

Yorkville: There have been a number of radio sets installed in the homes of our community this winter. Some of them, most of them in fact, are of home production and work about the same as those made by the radio companies. This week, radios have been

added to the homes of M.N. Hextell, Miss Rae Harris, and E.W. Smith. The homes of W.T. Boston, R.F. Hoadley, H.R. Marshall, Sleezer, Regan, Riemenschneider, Arundale, N.B. Harris. Geo. Ohse, Burks, and Zeiter have sets over which pleasant programs are heard.

A special meeting of the Kendall county board of supervisors will be called at an early date to act in the matter of buying two miles of right-of-way for the Lincoln highway between Plainfield and Aurora. If Kendall county purchases this right-of-way the Lincoln highway stretch between Plainfield and Aurora will be paved this year, Gov. Small told the Kendall county board at a meeting it had with him last week at Springfield. The governor also promised that the Cannon Ball trail [modern U.S. Route 34 and Ill. Route 31] between Sandwich and Aurora would be paved this year, thus providing a paved road all the way from Sandwich to Chicago. The new right-of-way in Kendall county for the Lincoln highway is necessitated by a relocating of the route to shorten the distance between Plainfield and Aurora.

Feb. 21: Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Parkhurst are pleased to hear of the arrival of twin boys at their home near Aurora.

Gus Klomhaus and family have recently moved to their new home purchased from Mrs. Minnie Shoger.

Another son has been added to the Cather family, born last Saturday.

The high school pupils enjoyed a sleigh ride party last Friday evening, the objective being the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Shoger.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Herren are now occupying the residence of Mrs. Ellen Willis, who has recently gone to Chicago to make her home with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hebert.

Prof. Newton Pearce was here from Iowa to spend the weekend with his folks, incidentally his father's 86th birthday.

Extension doubling the capacity is being added to the stock yards.

Surveying is being done of the Wormley road for a concrete highway. A new bridge and viaduct will be constructed in the town.

Friends of Sam Roberts were greatly surprised to hear of his recent death, the particulars of which are not learned. He was buried at his home in Indiana.

Scoutmaster Wyllie has leased about 12 acres of uncultivated land from the Burlington railroad for a training camp for his troop of scouts and plans to build a headquarters building with patrol cabins distributed through the 12 acres and all work will be done by the scouts under the supervision of experts in their line. The scouts will also be planting of shrubs and trees so that they will better understand nature. This planting will be done

under the supervision of C.E. Godshalk, landscape architect and superintendent of the Morton Arboretum near Naperville and Scoutmaster Wyllie. The trees and shrubbery is furnished by the Naperville nurseries, E. VanOven owner.

Yorkville: The use of drugs and the increase in the number of addicts are matters which are causing much comment and agitation in medical circles. We hope that success will attend the efforts of leaders in Chicago's organization against the use of drugs in their latest declaration of war.

We note that there is a movement on foot to establish a bus line between Aurora and Chicago. The route is said to be over the Naperville-Ogden avenue cement going east and over Roosevelt Road through Geneva on the west trip. We hope the people of the country around here will not support his move--there is too much congestion on these roads at present with pleasure cars, business cars, and immense trucks. And there is another reason why motor buses and trucks should be frowned upon. There is but little income from these vehicles in the way of taxes--a state tax of not more than \$25 and a small personal property tax. The railroads, which these buses and trucks will eventually put out of business, pay large taxes.

The Perkins brothers and Lester Jones have been busy unloading nine carloads of cement, which is to be used on the cannon Ball Trail as soon as the weather permits the contractors to begin work. The cement is stored in the Hinckley feed barn.

Feb. 28: The Dennis Lyceum bureau will present the Waldorf Quartette in the Presbyterian church Thursday, March 8. Admission 50 cents.

George Fosk has recently moved the family above the Zentmyer garage.

Wednesday of last week the marriage of Miss Emily Lindemier and John Ode was solemnized at the Yorkville count house in the presence of Mrs. Lindemier, the bride's mother, and Charles Lindemier, a brother of Fred Lindemier. Mr. and Mrs. Ode will make their home on the farm of George Rish near Plainfield.

A radio has recently been installed in the home of Charles Schultz.

The Girl Scouts of Oswego held their regular meeting on Feb. 22 at the scout headquarters, Mrs. B. Wyllie taking charge of the meeting.

Yorkville: John D. Russell, county superintendent of highways, and his able township commissioners, have declared war on heavy trucks on dirt roads. The use of trucks and vehicles the weight of which including bed, is over 6,000 pounds will be forbidden on these highways. The truck drivers are up in arms against the commissioners and are threatening to fight. It is high time that truck drivers learned that there are some other people who have driving rights.

A Klan was organized in Sandwich last week when 75 of our neighboring townsmen allied themselves with the much criticized organization. The *Sandwich Free Press* prints the following creed of the Ku Klux Klan:

The tenets of the Christian religion.

White supremacy.

Protection of our pure womanhood.

Just laws and liberty.

Closer relationship of pure Americanism.

The upholding of the Constitution of these United States.

The sovereignty of our State Rights.

The separation of church and state.

Freedom of speech and press.

Closer relationship between capital and American labor.

Preventing the cause of mob violence and lynchings.

Preventing unwarranted strikes by foreign labor agitators.

Prevention of fires and destruction of property by lawless elements.

The limitation of foreign immigration.

The much needed local reforms.

Law and order.

The Aurora-DeKalb electric line is no more and the Yorkville-Aurora and Yorkville Morris passenger lines are complaining of a falling off in business. We wonder if the management of these roads ever thought they were partially to blame themselves. A ride from here to Aurora is now far from pleasant in the poorly groomed cars and over a rough road, making 12 miles in about 50 minutes and then enabling the passenger to get a car every three hours from 7 a.m. to evening. In other words, if you have business in Aurora requiring a short time, it takes you five hours to do it.

March -- 1923

March 7: Nona and Rachel Woolley are recovering from mumps.

Merrill Morse drives a new Ford coupe.

Andrew Olson is moving the family to the farm of Royce Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Randall have recently moved to the residence of Mrs. Albert Schmidt, same being vacated by Mr. Gillow, who moved to Yorkville.

Mrs. Charles E. Wilson, born in Fulton county, N.Y., Feb. 4, 1844, moved here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Smith, to Kendall county in the early '50s and resided in Oswego a number of years. She married Charles Wilson of Kendall county and was the mother of nine children, three sons and six daughters. Four daughters survive her, Alixe Sanson, Mattie E. Bowker, May Robinson, and Grace D. Peterson. Three sisters and one brother survive her, Mrs. Charles LaDew of Montgomery, Mrs. R.S. Alderman of

Chicago, Mrs. Bert Still of Poplar Grove, and William Smith of California. The deceased will be remembered by the old settlers of this county as being one of the active members of the young set representing the children of the early pioneers who so generously contributed to future prosperity of Kendall county. The parents of this lovable charter are laid at rest in Oswego cemetery and interment of the deceased was in the Union Burying Ground of NaAuSay aside her husband, who died ten years ago and five children who she follows.

The village board having very kindly granted the use of the rooms above the old town hall to the Oswego branch of the Red Cross, the first meeting was held there on Friday, March 2, 1923. The room, which is bright and comfortable, has been thoroughly cleaned and beautifully decorated. It is equipped with electric lights, plenty of chairs, two stoves, china closet, a fine long work table, two sewing machines, rugs, and many other useful articles.

Lewis R. Inman has been appointed postmaster at Oswego. He will take the position as soon as his bond has been forwarded to Washington and approved.

On account of the sickness of the postmaster, Charles Barker, Mr. Inman has been assisting Mrs. Barker in conducting the post office for several weeks. He will be on the job when his commission arrives.

Mr. Inman was selected as the result of a competitive examination held in Aurora some months ago.

The retiring postmaster, Charles Barker, formerly head of the Barker Printing Company of Aurora, has been postmaster at Oswego for eight years.

March 14: Oswego scout troops 1 and 2 held their weekly meeting Friday, March 9.

Pearl Simpson Richards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Scott Simpson, was born June 15, 1890 near Wyoming, Iowa. At the age of five years, she moved to Chicago where she received the first part of her education in its public schools. Being exceedingly fond of music, she went to Ohio and entered Oberlin college in the musical department. In 1909 with her parents she moved to Oswego. From her home here she was married in 1914 to Morton L. Richards. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, three brothers, Earl, Theodore, and Richard. She died March 9 after a brief illness of pneumonia at the age of 32 years. Her many friends of this community, where she was laid to rest, mourn her departure.

Yorkville: The \$1,000 fund guaranteed by the good roads committee of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce to assist Kendall county in the purchase of right-of-way necessary to complete the Aurora-Plainfield section of the Lincoln highway, has been completed. It will be turned over to the Kendall county supervisors. The money was all donated in Aurora.

Gov. Small promised members of the Kendall county board of supervisors that if the right-of-way for the Aurora-Plainfield section was purchased, the road would be placed upon the 1923 building program, and that the Cannon Ball Trail between Plano and Aurora would also be built this year.

Montgomery: Sheep yards at Montgomery are crowded. The season is now on in full swing and hundreds of sheep are passing through the yards every day. Last night, 65 carloads came in from the mountain country of Colorado and from Wyoming. There are also sheep there from Iowa, Nebraska, and other western states. There is a full force of 12 shearers on the floor at Montgomery clipping wool, which is said to be exceptionally good this season. These wool clippers come from all over the country. Their trade is a skilled one and they draw large wages during the season.

March 21: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mitchell are moving back to Oswego and will locate in the Henry Rabe house.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dwyre have recently moved to the house vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barker. Mrs. Weiss of Joliet, mother of Mrs. Dwyre, has moved into the second story of the residence.

Lester Peshia is ill of the mumps, also members of the Oscar Weiss household.

A quiet wedding was solemnized on Thursday evening of last week at the Presbyterian church when Miss Marie Pierce was married to Albert Shiffer, both of Oswego. The bride is a prominent young lady and a general favorite among her friends. She graduated from the Oswego school and from West Aurora high school, later attending summer school in DeKalb. For two years she successfully taught in the Wilcox school, then accepting a position with Miller, Bryant, Pierce in Aurora. The groom is a prosperous farmer east of Oswego, where the happy couple will make their home after April 1.

Miss Marjorie Friebele, the oldest daughter of Mrs. Florence Friebele, was married Thursday, March 15, to Mr. Earl Zentmyer of Aurora. They will make their home with the bride's mother, as Mr. Zentmyer conducts the Liberty Garage of Oswego.

Miss Lulu Jericho and Mrs. Robert Marvin of NaAuSay were married on Wednesday, March 14, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jericho. The immediate relatives only were present. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin are living on the Mill road west of Oswego.

Yorkville: We note in the Aurora papers that the AE&C is about to revamp its Yorkville timetable and to put on lighter and speedier cars. We will welcome a change in the time of running and the speedier cars but don't you think the company is taking a chance of putting on lighter cars? They will be unable to keep a hold on the ground and the air service of street cars is dangerous.

March 28: Mrs. Howard Herren is assisting at duties in the office of the telephone company.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mitchell have moved from Aurora and are occupying the Rabe house.

Ernest Hoch is recovering from an attack of measles.

Yorkville: UNCOVER BIG BOOZE JOINTS

Sheriff Barkley and his assistants uncovered one of the biggest stills ever found in this part of the country in one place and a large supply of beer and whisky in another in raids made on Sunday night and Monday morning. Sunday night the sheriff and posse visited Plano where they searched the sample room of Stanley VanKirk and the sandwich room of his brother, Charles VanKirk, better known as "Bumps." From these two raids, they garnered 80 cases of beer said to have been made in a Joliet brewery, and 14 quarts of supposed "real" whisky. Sheriff Barkley was assisted by former Sheriff Hextell and State Agents Jack Lecker and Pasnik. They had been working about Plano for two weeks. The two VanKirks were brought to Yorkville, where they were arraigned before Judge Larson on Tuesday pled guilty to the charges and were fined. Charles VanKirk paid \$500; Stanly VanKirk, \$300, and "Pidge" Robbins, who was arrested with them, stood a \$100 levy.

The big haul was made on the farm of John P. Schickler, known as the Paul Hawley farm, north of Oswego on the west side of the river. Here, on Monday morning, the officers found a modern still working at full tilt turning out alcohol. The still was of 23 gallon capacity a day, connected to a pump operated by electricity for cooling and assisted by a special gas arrangement. Schickler is a former Oswego saloon keeper, going into the farming business when Oswego went dry. In his new business he bought a medical preparation of alcohol rub by the case and distilled the poisonous ingredients out, leaving the pure grain alcohol. This was housed in tins of a gallon each. When the raid was made the officials found 39 gallon cans and three 10-gallon cans of alcohol, 60 cases of the rubbing alcohol, and 75 pints of whisky. The plant, in the basement of the home, was one of the most modern the law enforcers had seen and it was bubbling merrily away at 6 o'clock in the morning, turning out its intoxicating product. Schickler was brought to Yorkville where he gave bond on the sum of \$5,000 being released till Tuesday morning when he asked a continuance until Monday morning at 9:30 before Police Magistrate Frank R. Skinner.

Officers of the Plan and Plant Another Tree association of Kane county organized last week met at the Chamber of Commerce this afternoon.

The beautification of the Fox River trail between Algonquin and the southern line of the county was decided upon for the principal program for this year and the general plan of the association is to get every man, woman, and child in the county to plan to plant a tree or shrub during the spring planting season.

The plans for beautification of the Fox River trail will be carried out through the school children. It is planned to finance the project through social and civic organizations. --
Beacon News

April -- 1923

April 4: Baby Betty, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Watts Cutter is a patient at the Presbyterian hospital in Chicago where an operation was performed on Monday

afternoon. The child had been complaining for some time being taken violently ill last Friday. Unable to determine the peculiar conditions existing, she was hurried to Aurora where X-Ray located a screw from an air gun being located in the lower part of the right lung. The obstacle was removed with a magnet. At present, her condition is hopeful.

Herren Beats Rowswell

There was a large vote polled at the town election in Oswego Tuesday. There was a fight on for the office of supervisor, the office which was left by L.R. Inman when he took the post office. Robert Herren was the nominee of the Republican caucus and Arthur E. Rowswell ran as independent. The result of the vote was as follows: Herren, 228; Rowswell, 185.

John P. Schickler and Clarence Schickler of Oswego were arraigned before Police Magistrate Frank R. Skinner on Monday morning and bound over to the Kendall county grand jury under bonds of \$5,000 each. There are several counts against each of the defendants including the sale, possession, transporting for illegal sale and illegal manufacture of intoxicating liquor and the illegal possession of a still. This is one of the biggest "booze" cases that has come up in this part of the country and is being watched with interest. The tales of the extent of the operations are fabulous--the amount of alcohol which is said to have been turned out at this place being beyond belief.

Yorkville: The work of Sheriff Barkley and his deputies in the cleaning up of several of the illicit liquor places of the county is to be commended. They went after the job in a systematic manner and accomplished the results they sought. Kendall county can afford to be clean and should be. But the efforts of the law enforcement officers should not lag--it is said that two of these places grown where one is closed as in the case of the blades of grass.

Dr. Weishew has just received word today from Mr. Noble Brandon Judah, Corps Area Civilian Aide to the Secretary of War for the Sixth Corps Area, that a Citizens' Military Training Camp for young men from Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan will be held at Camp Custer, Mich., from Aug. 1 to Sept. 1, 1923

This is the third year that the Citizens' Military Training Camps have been in operation and from the enthusiastic reception and support they have been given by everyone they bid fair to become one of our national institutions.

Dr. Weishew says that everyone connected with the Citizens' Military Training Camps recognizes and realizes that the responsibility for successfully accomplishing the object of these camps is a very great one, but it has been cheerfully assumed by the War Department.

April 11: Baby Betty Cutter has been brought home from the Chicago hospital where she has been for the past week. Her case is favorably progressing.

At 11 o'clock Saturday night fire fighters responded to the alarm which called them to the home of Henry Heffelfinger. The scare was a chimney burning out.

It costs more per capita to meet the running expenses of rural schools of Illinois than in the cities and incorporated villages, according to figures compiled by public school officials in the state. Five pupils in a country school cost not less than \$1,000 per year or \$200 for each pupil while in cities and large units the cost is about \$40 each. Figures compiled show that 165 school districts of Illinois have fewer than five pupils attending school, while in 1,581 there is an average daily attendance of fewer than 9 pupils. -- Harvard Herald.

Yorkville: The street car service between Yorkville and Aurora will return to its regular schedule on Sunday, April 29. There will be hourly service in the morning until eight o'clock from then on there will be a car every two hours until the late afternoon, when there will again be hourly service.

April 18: Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Runkle have returned to Oswego after an absence of many months.

Charles Schultz now delivers groceries in a new REO speed-wagon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Russell have returned from Milwaukee where they were called by the serious illness of their daughter, Mrs. Reid, who is having a run of scarlet fever. At the present writing, she is slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Morse have recently moved to Aurora where they will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Songer spent Tuesday in Streator where they went in the interest of a lodge.

Helen Dranir is ill with diphtheria.

April 25: Gustav Klomhaus is ill with measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Mitchell are residing in Plano, he driving to Oswego each day to attend school duties.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gowran now drive a Maxwell sedan.

Messrs. Cutter and Henning were in Chicago Tuesday to drive out a Maxwell club coupe recently purchased by the latter.

Miss Ella Gates has recently purchased a Ford sedan. A new garage is being erected on their lot.

Harry Clark has recently purchased the residence now occupied by the B. Biesemier family.

The Thistle Troop of Girl Scouts of Oswego held their regular meeting April 19 at the school hall.

Mrs. Margaret Teller Kramer died at Laurel Springs, N.J. April 11 and was buried at Laurel Springs, N.J. on April 13, 1922. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, H.F. Kramer, a prominent business man in Philadelphia; a daughter, Mrs. Korlyn Draud, Laurel Springs, N.J.; a sister, Mrs. Lucy Bruton, Denver, Colo.; a brother, Charles B. Teller, Fort Worth, Tex. The old school mates of Duffy school will remember Maggie Teller, the Teller family being old residents of Oswego.

The following officers were elected at the village election last Tuesday: President of the board, C.L. Burkhart; aldermen W.C. Shortman, Charles Schultz, W.J. Morse; police magistrate, G.M. Croushorn.

Yorkville: The electric flashlight, useful hand lamp of very country in the known world today, is 20 years old this year. In the score of years of its existence it has figured in some of the most historical and moving events of the world, from the Martinique disaster to the historic flight of the dirigible NC-4 across the Atlantic.

May -- 1923

May 2: John Wormley Beebe was buried in Los Angeles, Calif. April 26 by the side of his wife, who passed away four years ago. He was born in New York Dec. 20, 1842. He came to Oswego when a small boy and remained there until the Civil War. He enlisted in the 36th Illinois Volunteers for three years, then reenlisted and served until the close of the war. He served on the police force in Chicago for eight years. He has lived in Los Angeles for 35 years. Mr. Beebe leaves three brothers, Oramous, Jerome, and Legrand; two sons, Warren and Frank; and one sister, Jeannette Large.

Yorkville: Prosperity is here and will continue for a good while if business men and financiers keep their heads, production is not curtailed, and prices are not advanced unfairly, Frank A. Vanderlip, formerly of Oswego and now leading New York financier, states.

May 9: Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Rogerson spent the weekend in Oswego.

Mr. and Mrs. August Esch of Chicago were recent visitors at the home Mrs. Ed Haines.

Mr. Lowman has recently purchased a small tract of land from Charles Johnston, located at the west end of the river bridge. He is perfecting plans for the erecting of a residence and an oil station.

Clarence Tallmadge has recently purchased the Mrs. George Inman home, where they have recently moved.

The Blackstone Parlor has again opened its doors for the summer trade.

John Herren has recently started construction of several new homes in the new edition.

Theodore Clauser has resigned from the Willis plumbing establishment and has accepted a position with Kline and Fauth of Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Obman Sr. have recently purchased a Ford touring car.

On April 26, the regular Girl Scout meeting was held. A four mile hike was taken out on the Oswego-Plainfield road. This was our drilling for the evening as on the road we went through all our commands.

Yorkville: Trompeter & Son, who have the contract for laying the cement road from Yorkville to Plano, are busily engaged in preparing to pour grout. They are completing the grading and have their water supply ready on a moment's notice. This end of the road will be started at the Rob Roy Creek (the old Conover Farm) and end at the river road east of VanCleve's. The spur into the village [of Bristol] will stop at the top of the hill at present.

The Chicago Heights Coal Company of Chicago Heights was the lowest bidder for paving sections 15 and 16, Route 22, Lincoln Highway, commencing at Plainfield and running west to Aurora, a distance of 5.19 miles, when the bids were opened at Springfield April 13.

Its bid was \$222,000. The same company was the lowest bidder for paving section 12, Route 18, Cannon Ball Trail, running from Aurora to Yorkville, a distance of 8.12 miles. Its bid on this piece of work was \$161,169.

Trompeter & Sons, who have the contract for the paving from Plano to Yorkville, which is to be completed by Aug. 1, are on the ground and have already the grading completed across the Mina Whitfield farm toward Yorkville, and Mr. Trompeter informs us he will easily have the pavement laid and ready for use by Aug. 1. The east end, we understand, from Yorkville to Aurora, is to be completed by Nov. 1, 1923. John D. Russell, county superintendent of highways of Kendall county, has the right-of-way deeds in his possession for the one and one-fourth miles of right-of-way between the Fritsch place and Sandwich. This will be secured this week Monday.

May 16: Fred Falk has been entertaining his father, who spent a few days of last week with him. He resides in Northern Minnesota.

Arthur Rowswell expects to leave soon for Centralia, Wash., where they will make their future home. Mrs. Rowswell and children will spend the summer here, leaving in the fall.

Dr. Weishew has made plans to leave Oswego within six weeks to establish himself at LaMars, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pierce are the parents of an 11-pound boy born last week at the Aurora hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Smith have a baby son added to their family.

Bert Richards has accepted a position with Love Bros. at Aurora.

The Misses Elenora Burkhart and Verla Falk, who are attending Normal at DeKalb, spent the weekend at their respective homes.

Saturday afternoon, May 5, a quiet wedding ceremony was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Watts Cutter when their only daughter, Miss Mary, was united in marriage to Mr. Daniel Bickford of Joliet. The absence of the bride will be greatly felt in this community as she for many past years has held a prominent social position. Her travels have greatly increased her ability, which has made her a very successful as an educational instructor in schools and has given her the assurance of friends that cling through life. As a member of the DAR organization, her activities will be felt in her new surroundings. Mr. Bickford is a prominent resident of Joliet, where he is actively engaged as a contracting interior decorator.

Mrs. Anna Turpin died at the home of her adopted son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Turpin, May 12, 1923, after an illness of over a year's duration.

She was born in Sweden March 21, 1847, coming to this country when a young girl. In 187 she was married to John Turpin of NaAuSay. They had two children, John and Lizzie, both dying in 1870.

Mrs. Turpin was a member of the Eastern Star and Presbyterian church of Oswego. Owing to illness in the home, funeral services were held at the Oswego cemetery.

NaAuSay: The ball teams will meet in Wheeler's pasture for the first practice of the season.

Yorkville: John DeJarld, former motorman for the Fox River lines, who lost both feet as the result of a collision down the river Oct. 31, 1922, has been given the highest award possible under the Workman's Compensation law. He will receive \$3,750, payable at the rate of \$14 a week for 267 weeks. If he is living at the end of that time, he will receive a pension of \$25 for the remainder of his life. The commission decided that \$320 is now due him.

Mr. DeJarld met with the accident between Montgomery and Oswego. It was brought about by a head-end collision near a curve in the track. It was claimed by the company that DeJarld had neglected to obey orders and for that reason the company was not liable for the accident. The commission, however, decided against the company.

The platform of the car on which DeJarld was motorman was several inches lower than the platform of the car that ran into his car. The platform of the second car slid over the platform of the first and in doing so mangled Mr. DeJarld's feet so badly they had to be amputated.

The court action was brought against Oscar Nelson, receiver for the road. -- Aurora Star.

The snowstorm Tuesday did \$100,000 damage to the fruit of Northern Illinois according to an estimate made this morning by Jim Yung. The early cherries, pears, and plums, he says, have been badly damaged.

Old-timers said that a storm of this sort was not uncommon in May and that in former years storms had come later than this date and had so much more damage to fruit than this storm is supposed to have done. -- Aurora Star

May 23: The contractors for the new concrete road on the west side of the river have arrived and will start work at once.

A party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Carlson, Helen Dwyre, Myrtle Shoger, and Mr. Regan of Yorkville spent Sunday at Starved Rock.

Dr. L.J. Weishew was called to LaMars Friday for operations which he performed. He intends to leave soon for that city, where he will be permanently employed as Hospital Surgeon.

The funeral of Mrs. Nancy Dugan was held last Thursday from the Federated church. Mrs. Dugan was born at St. Johnsville, N.Y. in the year 1845, coming to Illinois in 1848. In the year of 1870 she was married to Charles Lake; of this union two children were born. Mr. Lake and the son, Archie, preceded her in death some years past, leaving one son, Warner, a sister, Mrs. Cutter of Arlington, Mass., and a brother, Oscar to mourn her death. Interment was in the Oswego cemetery.

Aurora: Charles Leitz of the firm of Wade, Lietz & Grometer, died Sunday afternoon from complications following an attack of double pneumonia. It is doubtful a more popular merchant lived in Aurora.

May 30: Mrs. Paul Dwyre is assisting at the telephone office.

Dr. Raymond Dwyre has completed the course and graduated from the veterinary College at Indianapolis, Ind. He will take the Illinois State Board examination in June, after which he will locate.

Miss Verla Falk has accepted the position as instructor in the Oswego Public School for the fifth and sixth grades.

The Annual Alumni Banquet will be held at the Presbyterian church in Oswego Monday night, June 11.

Yorkville: Max Goldfein of Peoria was brought into Yorkville a week ago for driving a truckload of alcohol through Bristol township. Sheriff Barkley and Deputy Devereaux accomplished the arrest. Goldfein had a fast truck loaded with high-proof alcohol and was bound from Peoria to some point east, Presumably Chicago. He was arraigned before

Magistrate Skinner and held under \$11,000 cash bonds. In this case, John Engelglau was also arrested as the owner of the truck and is out on \$500 bond, awaiting trial.

NaAuSay: Thursday evening the eighth grade commencement exercises will be held at the church instead of Monday evening.

Cecilia E. Lucas, colored, formerly of Oswego, died yesterday morning at the home of her father, Edmund H. Lucas, two miles north of Lily Lake after a lingering illness. The deceased was 23 years of age and was born in NaAuSay township March 20, 1900. She lived near Lily Lake for the last three years. She is survived by her father and one sister, Mrs. Edmund Douglas of Aurora; and seven brothers, Charles, Edmund Jr., and Theodore of Lily Lake; Jerry, Robert, and Alfred of Chicago; and James of DeKalb. The funeral will be held Sunday from the home of her sister, Mrs. Edward Douglas in Aurora from St. John's AME church. Burial will be in NaAuSay cemetery. Services will be in charge of the Colored chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of Aurora. -- *Aurora Beacon*.

June -- 1923

June 6: Clay Cutter has returned from college at Beloit, Wis.

Mrs. Dan Bickford left Sunday for Joliet where she will make her home.

Yorkville: The manner in which Trompeter & Son are laying the cement on the new route of the Cannon Ball Trail demonstrates their ability as contractors in that game. Speed seems to be the principal feature and the system is next to perfect. Pouring of grout is being done from the Rob Roy Creek east. Water has been piped from the Blackberry and a steady pressure is maintained by a gasoline engine and pump. This keeps the mixer of the concrete busy. Grading is being completed on the east end of the present route, just east of the Bristol Station road and it is expected that the work will go through without interruption.

The weather is perfect for the work and all the speed possible is being made. It is expected that by all the cement will be laid from Oswego to Sandwich, with the spur laid to the top of the hill in Yorkville. Then one can cross the river at Oswego and have a concrete road from Sandwich to Chicago.

A number of area residents were among the graduates from the Northern Illinois State Teachers college at DeKalb this year, at the 24th annual commencement, which took place Tuesday.

There were among the graduates a number of students from this vicinity, among them Eleanor Burkhart of Oswego; Gladys Cain of Yorkville; Verla Falk of Oswego; Gwendolyn Gable, Plainfield; Evelyn L. King, Plainfield; Thelma McMicken, Plainfield.

An enthusiastic meeting at Plattville Saturday night resulted in the signing up of 30 men for the new Illinois National Guard company which is being organized in that town. It will take 30 more signers to insure the company, which will then become part of the 129th

I.N.G., commanded by Col. Meyers. In organizing this company, it will become the province of the state to supply a large drill hall and barracks for the company. This building will belong to the boys of the company and will be heated, lighted, and janitored every day of the year. This will offer the people of the neighborhood a community house at no cost.

The Lincoln Highway across the state of Illinois--166 miles--will be all paved before the winter of 1923. Illinois will not be the first state to complete its Lincoln Highway paving, but it will be the second. Pennsylvania has completed the pavement and has a much longer mileage. In five years more, it can reasonably be expected the paving will stretch from coast to coast. Already, \$47,000,000 have been put into paving on this road. --

Plainfield Enterprise

June 13: The Walker school picnic, which was to have been held June 15, has been postponed to June 30.

Mrs. Fred Kohlhammer expects to sail July 1 to visit her sisters in Germany.

Next Sunday, memorial services will be held for the late Mrs. John Turpin. All are invited to attend.

Miss Catherine Condon graduated on Wednesday from the West Aurora high school.

A beautiful trellis has been erected at the porch end of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Quayle. A Japanese vine trails over it.

Oswego Public Schools closed with a big picnic on the school grounds last Friday.

Harry Clark has added a new REO truck to his business.

Miss Julia Schmidt and Herbert Mitchell were quietly married last week. Miss Schmidt has been employed for many years at the S.S. Sencenbaugh store in Aurora, and Mr. Mitchell is now employed at the Conkey gravel pit. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell will make their home in Oswego.

Last Thursday at noon, a quiet wedding ceremony was performed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Burkhart when their daughter, Miss Nellie, was married to Mr. Keine of Chicago.

Ground is being broken for the erection of a home at the west end of the bridge. Mr. Lowman will build a bungalow and also erect a filling station.

The 24th reunion of former school mates of the Old Stone Schoolhouse was held at the very pretty home of West and Carrie Young Roberts on Saturday, June 9, 1923.

Yorkville: Among the many beautiful spots in this great state of Illinois that should be conserved is Maramech Hill, because of its natural scenery and historical events. It is the desire of the people in the surrounding country to add to these acres making them extend to the beautiful Fox River, this ground to be added to the state park system. At a meeting of the 12th Congressional District Republican Editor's Association, held on Maramech Hill last June, a movement was launched to make a state park of the Maramech Hill acres. State Representatives from dozens of counties pledged to back the movement to make Maramech Hill and the surrounding country for about 65 acres a state park.

The rural mail carriers of Kendall county met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Rose in Yorkville Wednesday evening, organized under the auspices of the State and National Letter Carriers' Associations and became members of these organizations.

Max Goldfein, the Peoria man who was arrested for transporting alcohol through Kendall county a few weeks ago was heavily fined Saturday afternoon and committed to the county jail for 60 days. This man was arrested by Sheriff Barkley and Deputy Devereaux while driving a truck on which was loaded nearly 100 gallons of grain alcohol. It was from Peoria and the destination is supposed to have been Chicago. Unable to give the big bail demanded, Goldfein was kept in safety till his trial was held before Police Magistrate Saturday. The fine was fixed at \$500, the costs at nearly \$300, and free board in the jail for 60 days.

North Western college at Naperville may change its name. The matter was brought up at a meeting of the board of trustees and a committee appointed to consider the change. Because of Northwestern university at Evanston, and the resultant confusion through the similarity of names, as well as for other reasons which the board had in mind, the change was considered.

Three names have been suggested: North Central college; Midwestern college; and Naperville college.

June 20: Mrs. Minerva Kimble and daughter, Mrs. H.C. Harvey, left a few days ago for their home in Mitchell, S.D., after spending a few weeks with Mrs. Kimble's sister, Mrs. Sarah Gabel, at Oswego. They were on their way from Florida, where they spent the winter and are traveling via automobile.

We wish to thank the Memorial Committee and the Parent Teachers club for the generous sum of \$10 donated to our Troop. Oswego Girl Scout Troop.

W.A. Perkins and family arrived here last week to make Oswego their home.

Miss Vera Mitchell has returned to her duties at the Aurora Hospital after enjoying a vacation at her home.

The Boy Scouts of Yorkville and Oswego left Tuesday morning at daylight in trucks for points along the Mississippi River.

Max Cutter and Robert Herren left today for Yellowstone Park, the trip is being made by auto and camping as they go. Colorado will be visited on the return trip. They expect to be gone a month.

The late epidemic of appendicitis, which has been so prevalent in this community for the past few months, has a victim in the person of Newton Woolley, who was rushed to the Aurora City Hospital last Monday where he was operated upon. The operation was performed by giving a local anesthetic only. At the present writing, the patient is resting comfortably.

Do not forget the date and be to the Benthien Picnic held at the Walker school house July 30, 1923. This event has been postponed from July 15. Bring all necessities for a picnic; come early and make the day worthwhile.

NaAuSay: Emmett McCauley drove to Chicago last Saturday with the graduating class of the Plainfield school, of which he is a member. Parks were visited and a play enjoyed in the afternoon.

Yorkville: The lives of the interurban railroads seem to be limited by the speed with which trucks are put in competition with them. The DeKalb line was killed by automobile and truck opposition. The Fox & Illinois Union Railroad is in financial straits because of lack of patronage. The Aurora & Elgin line will soon be in trouble because of the new truck line between these two cities. The elevator companies which are built along these lines will be made valueless because of the removal of the power to move their grain if the present use of trucks increases and the small railroads will be worth nothing to stockholders. It is all very well for the casual user of an interurban road to see them go, but the abandonment of these same roads will be money out of the pockets of the ordinary citizen. Do you know what it will cost you personally to let these trucks monopolize the freight business of the country? It will mean that you will have to assume the taxes of the railroads yourself without a chance of getting any benefit from the payment. You will continue to build roads for the trucks to run over and wear out; you will lose the benefit of the occasional use you make of the interurban; you will have rates jumped by the trucks as soon as the railroads are put out of use; you will be uncomfortable while driving on the public highway because of the arbitrary and selfish manner of the truck driver; your pleasure driving will be done away with because the roads, which you built for your use, will be filled with traffic which will drive you in desperation to stay at home and lose the benefit of your machine. The annual tax income to the county will be greatly lessened from public utilities when the truck gets the right-of-way unless some move is made and made soon to raise the license or tax on these carriers of freight and express. The highways are maintained by taxes. The truck is the parasite which uses up your taxes without giving anything in return, and they are far from pleasant about the way in which they do it. You people who live in a place fed by an interurban do not, at present perhaps, realize the benefit--"you never miss the water till the well runs dry," says the old adage. Take away your street car line, remove the service offered you, stop the taxes which are helping you pay the public expense, and put it on

your shoulders and you will learn that the railroads are, in truth, the backbone of the country.

Notice

To Patrons of Fox and Illinois Union Railway Company:

The Fox and Illinois Union Railway company hereby gives notice to the public that it has filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission, a petition for permission to cease operation as a public utility and to dismantle its plant and property.

You are further notified that a hearing on said petition has been set by the Illinois Commerce Commission for June 27th, A.D. 1923 at the hour of 10 o'clock of the afternoon at the office of the Illinois Commerce Commission in the City Hall Square Building, Chicago.

Fox & Illinois Union Ry. Co.

By A.R. Evans, President.

Legal proceedings are under way whereby the Fox & Illinois Union Railroad--the Yorkville-Morris line--will be disposed of by the present owner, A.R. Evans of Aurora. This line, according to reports, has been losing money during the past few years and Mr. Evans claims that the further operation cannot be made profitable. On this line are five elevators which sprung up when the builder of the road, Sen. Evans, put over the project. If the road is junked, the elevators will be worth no more than scrap value. There is a movement starting whereby the farmers will organize a railroad company of their own and take over the line. The price asked by Mr. Evans is a regular bargain--\$125,000. The road is said to have cost about \$450,000 when built. rumor has it that the road can be made to pay if passenger traffic is stopped and it is used for freight alone. G.H. Arundale has the organization of the new company in hand and will doubtless succeed in saving the road.

The two troops of Boy Scouts, Oswego and Yorkville, are enjoying an outing which makes all the older fellows and those not members envious. They left Tuesday morning for the Mississippi River in trucks and will spend a week seeing the sights and camping along the river. The outfit, composing 31 Boy Scouts, is in charge of Scout Master G.A. Wyllie and the Rev. Mr. Kesselring, both of Oswego. They are fully equipped with tents and camping utensils and make an inspiring sight when they set up tents for the night, 15 in a row. Besides the camping, they will see many interesting sights. It is the aim of Mr. Wyllie to take his young protégés through the Rock Island Arsenal, the Moline Harvester works, the Bettendorf Wheel Co. plant, and many other places of interest along the line. The Boy Scouts gathered in the Oswego school yard Monday morning and spent the day organizing and preparing for the trip ahead. Tents were set up and the Scouts prepared their own dinner. Two trucks and a touring car with trailer will care for the troops and their camping equipment.

Illinois already has a running start toward breaking her own world's record for hard road construction mileage within a single year, and 1923 already looms as a red letter period.

According to an official announcement, there was completed in Illinois since the resumption about the middle of April 103.62 miles of hard paving and 11.33 miles of gravel roads, a total of 114.95 miles.

In 1922, when the world's record was broken by the completion of 722 miles of road, there was built up to May 24 only 51.98 miles, as compared with this year's record over the same period of 114.95.

Ninety-one miles of the total completed this year lie directly on the state system, the remainder being county roads constructed under state supervision.

At present there are employed 7,000 men, 1,650 teams, and 87 [concrete] mixers in addition to the vast volume of other necessary equipment.

June 27: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tallmadge are the parents of a son born Tuesday.

John Mulnix of Fairfield, Ia. is visiting the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Russell. He returned to attend the Duffy schoolmates' annual reunion.

Lester J. Young, the son of John and Margaret Young, was born at Courtland, Ill. on Dec. 9, 1858 and he was therefore at the time of his death 65 years of age. His life occupation was that of a draftsman and he was a distinguished member of his profession. As a young man he was called to Ithaca, N.Y. to be an instructor in mechanical drawing in the university and there with his father and mother he lived for many years. He was devoted to his parents and after the accident that permanently injured his mother, he came back with her to Oswego and remained her devoted attendant whilst she lived. The early religious training he received in the Sunday school of the Congregational church and remained all his life under the influence of his mother, who was a devoted Christian. Whilst an unusually able man, he was shy of disposition and was never aggressive in society.

The ice cream parlors in town are certainly doing a rushing business this hot weather.

Carl Young and family of Chicago spent Sunday here.

About 20 carloads of stock have been shipped from her during the past week.

Mr. Songer of the Farmers elevator is enjoying a week's vacation. Carl White is filling his place.

The Boy Scouts came home Monday from their trip to the Mississippi river, coming home by the way of Joliet, where they were shown, the prison.

Several carloads of young stock were shipped from St. Paul last week to be pastured here.

The 13th annual meeting and outing of the Duffy Picnic association was held June 21 at the most beautiful spot in the beautiful Fox river valley, home of Mr. and Mrs. William Cliggitt of Oswego.

Yorkville: The state highway commission has built a few miles of road in each district where the governor (save the name) has seen fit to honor a few politicians for their work that they may show their clientele how strong they are with the administration. It means that such strips as from the north side of Yorkville to Plano can be completed. It leaves till next year the continuation of the road from Aurora to Yorkville and from Plano to Sandwich. It overlooks the completion of the spur from Route 18 into Yorkville. it leaves the stretch of Route 18 from Oswego to Yorkville on the south side incomplete. it means that everyone who has a "stand in" with the administration can get a few feet of concrete without trouble. It means that the logical system of starting at a given point and building through to the objective point is now in the category of the present administration--votes in 1924 is the only objective that Len Small and his followers can see.

At the present time there is a road being laid between Yorkville and Plano. Culverts are being put in between Oswego and Yorkville. Grading is being done between Aurora and the Base Line Road. The road west of Plano is in doubt. The only state-aid road between Aurora and the west that is assured for this year is from Yorkville to Plano--the spur into Yorkville being called off by the state administration.

The present favorite of Gov. Small in Kendall county will not be able to hold the fort much longer as deputy state fire inspector because he has garnered a post office under the federal patronage. This will mean that the present prospects of a cement road through Kendall will be lost unless other pressure can be brought to bear. But we believe with all confidence that Kendall county will do better without a Len Small following than if Gov. Small would buy the vote of the county by a promised road--at thing which he has not yet fulfilled.

"Half the Road is Yours" is the slogan of the Elgin-Aurora bus line. We never met a truck or a bus driver who believed it, however--they seem to think "All the Road is Mine."

We wish to thank our many contemporaries for their implied compliment to the excellence of *The Record* as a newspaper. Article after article are being lifted bodily from our columns without even a gleam of information that the matter is thus filched. It was the custom of days gone by for publishers to give credit for borrowed matter, but "them days is gone forever."

The last week has been an extremely hard one on everything living because of the excessive heat. It would be hard to tell what the highest temperature was, but suffice it to say that the 100 degree mark on the thermometer was overworked.

July -- 1923

July 4: Mrs. Paul Dwyer is helping out at the telephone office while some of the operators are enjoying their vacations.

The Cash and Carry store has changed hands again, we understand. A bakery will be soon in connection with the store.

The trolley line was broken near the farm last week, delaying the cars for several hours.

Mr. Lambert of St. Paul is shipping down a lot of steers to sell to the farmers.

Eugene Morrey is employed at the Charles Schultz meat market.

Repairs, which have been very much needed, are being made at the depot.

NaAuSay: The married men will play ball against the single men in the Wheeler pasture Wednesday morning.

The young men who are joining the state militia will take their examinations Monday evening at Plattville.

Yorkville: The people should not be blinded to the menace of multiple ownership of newspapers or what might be called chain store journalism.

July 11: Mrs. David Mathews had the misfortune to fall from a cherry tree Monday last, breaking her hip.

A serious accident happened to a foreman working on the state road Monday morning. The course of construction made it necessary for the motor vehicles to drive upon the street car track. The eight o'clock car northbound was unable to stop where upon the man was injured to the extent of a compound limb fracture, broken shoulder, and minor injuries. He was removed to the Aurora hospital.

The residence of W.O. Leigh is being improved by the addition of a sleeping porch.

Harry Sprague and daughter Shirley of Aurora, Dwight Young and son John of Oswego were visitors on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Young.

Yorkville: Now is the time to have your farm lighting plant batteries overhauled and put in first class working condition. We make a specialty of this work, cleaning and pressing plates and reinsulating. Your batteries will last longer and give better service if this is done. Millington Battery Service Station, Millington.

July 18: Miss Jessie Sutherland is enjoying a two weeks' vacation from duties as a bookkeeper at the Wade, Lietz & Grometer store.

Leslie Falk has returned to New York after spending two weeks vacation with his folks here.

The Cash and Carry store, which until very recently has been conducted by Leo Haggerty of Aurora, has been discontinued and in the near future a home baker will be conducted in its stead.

Yorkville: Yorkville has been suggested as the site for a new Illinois state fish hatchery. The proposed site is on the west side of Fox river at the spot where Blackberry Creek enters into the river. There is a three story building, formerly used as a mill on the 21 acres of land.

July 25: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hettrick are parents of another son.

Mrs. Paul Dwyre has discontinued duties as operator at the telephone office.

The Misses Gladys Weber, Emma Hafenrichter, Alma Knapp and a friend from Aurora. Florence Riley, have returned from a week's camping at Plainfield. Miss Martha Greshaw acted as chaperone.

Friends of Miland Wright were quite surprised when the announcement of his marriage to Miss Audrey Flagg of Plainfield was made public. Mr. and Mrs. Wright will reside on the farm now occupied by the Wright family.

Ray Light had his Ford coupe badly smashed Saturday night on the state road when returning from Aurora.

Several Oswego boys have received their Bonus money.

The bank and post office buildings are greatly improved by new awnings.

Ray Mitchell has returned from several months' stay with a construction company in New Mexico.

A number of auto drivers were arrested Sunday for not obeying the traffic laws.

NaAuSay: The 75th anniversary of the Aux Sable Grove church will be celebrated this fall.

Yorkville: The auto races at the Central States Fair Grounds Sunday must be considered a failure--no one was killed.

The death of Rear Admiral Charles D. Sigabee, USN, recalls the blowing up of his ship, the Maine, in Havana harbor 25 years ago. This officer, then captain in command, showed remarkable bravery and judgment in the excitement which followed.

Sandwich, in a referendum vote, instructed the city council to repeal the ordinance preventing Sunday movies in that municipality. The working men who are employed by the Burlington at the Aurora shops are said to be responsible for the vote. but it strikes us that Sunday is being made too much of a day of pleasure. Even cutting out the religious argument, which is a great one, the mere "day of rest" should appeal to the people. We are living too fast and should make up our minds to stay home once in a while and recuperate.

The possibility of the purchase of the Blackberry Mills and surrounding property to be used as a fish hatchery by the state is again being exploited. The location of this mill is ideal. The Blackberry Creek, a spring fed stream, reaches its large dam at this point and affords a pond of unusual proportions. The water is usually clear and pure. The mill is in itself a good place for the hatchery with its three floors and easy access to the water through the mill race.

Mr. Rufujis Gilfen of Chicago and Miss Gaudelia Gama of Yorkville, both Mexicans, were married by Police Magistrate Frank R. Skinner Monday night. The wedding was celebrated at the camp of the section men east of Yorkville where the groom is employed. Though the efforts of an interpreter imported from Aurora, Judge Skinner finally managed to satisfy himself that the twain were duly wed and so declared them.

A company of Illinois State Militia was sworn in at Plattville Wednesday night and were immediately inducted into the United States service by taking the Hay oath. The company was inspected by Capt. Sameson of the U.S. Army, stationed at Camp Grant, who accepted the roster. Col. Meyers of Pontiac, commanding officer of the 129th Illinois state Militia, then accepted the company as a part of his regiment. The officers chosen were D.C. Mewhirter, Yorkville, captain; First Lieutenant Thompson of Seward; Second Lieutenant C.G. Howell of Plattville.

Capt. Mewhirter and Lt. Thompson are overseas men. The former was a lieutenant in "Pershing's Own," and, after the armistice marched with the regiment which was said to be the finest which was put out by the United States--all six-footers and wonderfully trained. Lt. Thompson was a sergeant whose efforts as a drill master were given special mention. Lt. Howell is in a place by himself. He is a product of the original Home Guard Company where he learned the tactics and militarism as taught. He is a most patriotic man and has spent time inestimable in his efforts to reorganize a county company. His failure to land a higher commission may be due to the fact that the new law requires a man with federal experience to qualify.

August -- 1923

Aug. 1: Max Cutter and Robert Herren have returned from a 5,000 mile auto trip through the west. Impressive trips were Pike's Peak, which was made at midnight enabling them to view the early sunrise; the Frontier Days held at Cheyenne, Wyo., incidentally the first day two cowboys were killed; and the trip through Yellowstone Park. The trip was made with a Maxwell coupe, the return from Cheyenne was made in three and one-half days.

The Jennings family is quarantined with scarlet fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Lungren have recently sold their home to Mr. John Pierce and have purchased five acres from the J.N. Wayne farm, where they will run a chicken farm.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pierce are ill with whooping cough.

A quiet ceremony at the residence of Rev. Moser in Aurora united in marriage Miss Jessie Sutherland and James Bell of Oswego, the event taking place last Friday evening. Mr. Bell for many years past has been a successful Oswego business man. The bride for many years past was a bookkeeper at the firm of Wade, Lietz & Grometer of Aurora. After a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Bell returned to their home in Oswego.

Charles Schultz has recently accepted a business partner, Robert Peterson. Hereafter the firm will be known as Schultz & Peterson.

The remains of the former Mrs. John Wormley were buried at Oswego Tuesday afternoon. After a brief illness of but three days, she passed away the result of the rupturing of the appendix.

Dr. Voss has recently started the erection of a new house on the location known as the Chester Helm lot.

Yorkville: As strong argument for the establishment of a state constabulary, we cite the difficulty of posses in capturing the escaped prisoners for Chester prison. With a perfect working state police system, the alarm would have been out in a few minutes after the escape and undoubtedly many of the criminals would have been captured soon after they gained temporary freedom.

The road from Yorkville to Bristol, which has been closed for several weeks during the construction of the cement spur, has been opened for business. The old Bristol road and the park will be opened today. This will relieve a congestion which has held the northern folks from trading with Yorkville. The cement from the Rob Roy Creek at the Mina Bell farm to the VanCleve farm on the east is also ready for traffic. The work from Plano east is fast making headway. Trompeter & Son expect to complete the cement from Plano to the Bell farm within two weeks. Then, with a reasonable allowance for setting, the road will be open from Plano to Yorkville.

The right-of-way from Sandwich to Plano is reported as completed, the purchase being effected the last of the week. The contract for this concrete will be let soon, it is reported, Trompeter being the favored bidder. If this is the case, the cement laying will probably be done during the last fall.

From Aurora west, the cement is laid as far as the Base Line Road on Lake street. Grading is being completed as fast as possible and reports are that the cement to Oswego will follow at once. Grading is also being carried on from Oswego west, already the plowing being carried as far as the creek west of Oswego. The culverts are practically completed. The contractors on this part of the road have a force of negro graders camped about midway between Oswego and the end of the concrete and a camp of white cement workers on the flat at Oswego. They are using a narrow gauge railway to transport their material.

Charles Read of Oswego is in the county jail at Yorkville under bonds of \$3,000 awaiting the October term of the grand jury under charges of operating a still, two charges of burglary and larceny, and one charge of larceny. Minnie Read, his wife, who was released on her own recognizance, is held to the grand jury on charge of concealing stolen property and as an accessory to stolen property and as an accessory to the charges against her husband. These people were bound over Monday morning by Magistrate Skinner after they had waived examination.

Monday of last week, the store of Biesemier & Hettrick of Oswego was entered and a large amount of stock taken. The burglar had made a selection of articles he wanted and loaded them in his auto, parked in the alley. To cover up a possible scent for blood hounds, he has sprinkled pepper liberally around the places where he had touched the stock and fixtures, in his foot tracks, and in the wheel track of the automobile. At a former time when Read was under suspicion, he was told that the next time the authorities would get hounds after him. This statement and the use of pepper pointed toward Read and Detective Jesks, who worked on the case, obtained a search warrant. He and Sheriff Barkley and Deputy Devereaux made a call at the Read home Wednesday and found things that were really surprising. In addition to a large amount of groceries, electrical supplies, furniture, a phonograph and a number of sacks of sugar, they discovered 60 gallons of corn mash ready to go into the still for manufacture into "white mule." Read and his wife were brought to Yorkville and held by Magistrate Skinner in bonds which were too heavy for their friends and they boarded at the jail.

This case bears some strange marks of burglary. One of the men who worked on the case says that the photograph and records are the ones taken from the Marysville school; electrical fans have been identified as being from places about Oswego; rugs, robes, furniture, and other items of household use were found which were identified by persons who lost them. And there are many items which have not been claimed. Read has been in trouble before, but has been cleared because of lack of evidence. The authorities claim they can settle the matter this time to the satisfaction of the law abiding people.

Aug. 8: A front page article noted the death of President Warren G. Harding, with a personal eulogy by John Redman Marshall, *The Record's* founder.

The people of the community are invited to a Memorial Service for the President at Yorkville Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Owing to an infected hand, James Gowran is unable to attend work at the elevator.

The collision of Fords owned by Messrs. Newkirk and Johnson last Sunday evening on the Grove Road resulted in injury to Mr. Newkirk to the extent of several stitches taken.

Yorkville: The people of the United States are still laboring under the terrible blow which has struck when the beloved president, Warren Gamaliel Harding was taken from them last week.

Every confidence is now placed in the new president, Calvin Coolidge of Massachusetts, who has assumed office as chief executive.

To read the statements of professional whiners as to the condition is to make one believe that the American farmer is on the direct road to the poorhouse.

Yorkville: Bids will be received for transporting pupils from the Minkler school district to the Yorkville Consolidated Schools.

H.W. GRIMWOOD, Chairman of
Transportation Committee.

Aug. 15: Lt. W. Witherspoon of the U.S. Navy made an excellent address at the Presbyterian church last Sabbath on "The Power that Makes for Peace."

Rev. James Craighead, who has been taking a course this summer in the Chicago University, will be back the last of this month.

Miss Nellie Weber has accepted a position in Chicago as an apprentice in millinery.

The L.R. Inman family are enjoying a new auto.

Clarence Edwards of Kansas spent last week at the Herren home. He is the son of the late Wesley Edwards, a former Oswego resident, who left here about 40 years ago.

NaAuSay: George Schell died Friday afternoon at the home of his son, George, on the Jericho road. Mr. Schell was born in Germany in 1845. Until a few years ago, he was actively engaged in farming. The funeral was held at the home Sunday. The burial was in the Oswego cemetery. Mr. Schell was an old time resident of NaAuSay and the only brother of Mrs. Louis Georgi.

Yorkville: A national highway which crosses Kane county may be named Harding highway out of respect to the dead president's memory and the success of his administration.

This is the suggestion of James Lino, secretary of the Aurora Automobile Club.

"Kane county," he said, "has among its highways Lincoln highway, Grant highway, and Roosevelt road, all honoring former presidents. Why not change the name of the Cannon Ball Trail to Harding Highway?"

The Cannon Ball Trail passes from Chicago through Aurora to Los Angeles. One good reason why this road should be called Harding highway, it is point out, is because Harding was nominated to the presidency in Chicago and died in California.--*Geneva Republican*

Aug. 22: Fred Kohlhammer met with a bad accident Thursday at the new house being built for Dr. Voss. A plank broke on which he was wheeling cement and let him fall to the bottom of the basement with the load of cement on top of him. A deep gash was cut in his eye.

Dr. A.H. Churchill served on the Medical Staff at the Central States Fair grounds Tuesday and Thursday. Child examinations were conducted.

Yorkville: We note that Herbert Hoover is to resign from the cabinet to prepare a campaign for the presidential nomination. Mr. Hoover is too much of an internationalist for our American spirit.

Aug. 29: Mr. and Mrs. F.D. Pembleton of Arlington, N.J. announce the engagement of their daughter, Elsa Gertrude, to Mr. Leslie A. Falk of Oswego. No date has been set for the wedding.

The Oswego fire company responded to a call last week when the barn on the John Kinney farm was destroyed by fire. A nearby haystack was also destroyed, Prompt action on the part of the fire fighters saved a granary filled with grain. It was thought the fire was caused by spontaneous combustion.

Max Cutter is spending the second week in Camp Grant with the 129th machine gun company of Aurora. He was appointed company runner.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bickford of Joliet have recently moved to the home of her folks, Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Cutter, where they will make their future home. Mr. and Mrs. Cutter will leave early for Florida where owing to the health of Mrs. Cutter they will make their home.

Carl and Leonard Bohn and William Heffelfinger are spending their vacation at the Dells in Wisconsin.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graham has recently been sold to Mr. H. Barron, who at one time lived on the west side Aurora road.

Ira Hafenrichter, the only child of Mary and Henry Hafenrichter, was born in the year 1885 on their farm four miles east of Oswego. The greater part of his life was spent on the farm until 13 years ago when they moved to their present home in Oswego. In early childhood his health was impaired to the extent which compelled him to live a most quiet life. For the past few months he suffered a decline which claimed the life on Aug. 27. A few days before his death he made future arrangements and expressed one desire--to live until his 38th birthday. This peculiar incident, his last request, was granted, he passing away on the anniversary of his birth, Aug. 27. Interment in the Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: We had a murder in Kendall county last week. The killing was the result of a revolver, or automatic, in the hands of a man who was not authorized to carry a "shooting iron."

Cephus Prather, colored, shot and killed John Williams, colored, Wednesday afternoon at the negro camp on the north side of the river between Yorkville and Oswego. The shooting is said to be the culmination of several quarrels the two men had mixed in with Prather's wife the cause of the trouble. The woman in the case is said to have left

immediately and has not been seen since. Prather was captured about two hours after the shooting by Chief of Police Michaels of Aurora on the highway near Montgomery. Saturday morning, Prather was arraigned before Magistrate Skinner and refused to make a statement. The evidence offered was sufficient, however, to warrant the magistrate in holding him without bail to the grand jury which will convene Oct. 22.

This murder brings up a peculiar condition. Should a jury see fit to condemn Prather to the gallows this will make the first hanging in the history of Kendall county. There have been several murders in the county but the punishment has never been death.

September -- 1923

Sept. 5: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Light have moved to Aurora where they will make their future home.

Miss Eleanor Burkhart left Monday for Brookfield, where she will teach school this year.

Dick Young of Elgin spent a few days at the home of his daughters, Mmes. Miller and Peshia.

Professor N.W. Pearce of Iowa City, Ia., is spending time at the home of his father, James Pearce.

Max Cutter returned from Camp Grant last Friday where he spent two weeks with the National Guards.

Robinson B. Murphy of Washington, D.C. is spending the week at the home of Mrs. Lavina White. He is attending the reunion of soldiers of the Civil War.

Friends of Miss Rowswell and Mr. Fred Sutherland were greatly surprised to hear of their recent marriage taking place last Saturday at Joliet. Monday morning they left for their future home in Centralia, Wash., where Fred will be employed in a wholesale grocery house which is operated by Mr. Rowswell.

Yorkville: We have no solution for the anthracite coal problem and we are not trying to tell anyone their business, but we will join in a paean of honor to the man who can bring the operators and miners together in a peaceful settlement which will be permanent. Even Teddy and his "big stick" made only a temporary adjustment of the difficulty.

The summer people are breaking up camp and going home so the children will be ready to start school. We miss them from the streets, but their places are taken by the pupils going to and fro to school. We often wonder where they all disappear to after school is dismissed in June and are glad to welcome them back in the fall.

Notice: The Yorkville cider mill will be open Saturday, Sept. 8, and will run on Saturdays of each week until further notice. William Biertz. Phone 54-R.

NaAuSay: The ball game played in Wheeler's pasture on Labor Day was won by the married men.

Mrs. Hazel Howell and Clyde and Miss Mae Howell are spending some time in the northern part of the state. Clyde is one of the numerous hay fever victims.

Sept. 12: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gary of Climax, Mich. are visiting at the home of her folks, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Ebinger.

Arthur Rowswell left Saturday for Centralia, Wash. Mrs. Rowswell and children expect to leave soon and will make their home in that country.

R.B. Murphy left last Friday for his home in Washington, D.C., after spending a few days with Oswego friends.

The local chapter of the Red Cross last week filled 11 kits for soldier lads. The remaining number of 13 was filled by the county of Kendall.

An offering for the Japan sufferers will be taken at the Presbyterian church net Sunday.

The Blackhawk orchestra, Troop 11, B.S.A. of Aurora, will give a concert at the Oswego First Presbyterian church Sunday evening, Sept. 16, 1923.

Harry Clark has recently moved into their home on Main street.

Rev. Mr. Craighead and wife of the Presbyterian church of Oswego were invited to spend the day (Sept. 5) at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Price. They had just returned from their summer vacation. On their return in the evening they were greatly surprised to find the church parlors illuminated and about 200 members of his flock patiently awaiting their return. An arch had been erected and decorated with green foliage and pink roses with the number "25" prominently placed over the center in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Craighead have worked together for many years in missionary work in China.

Yorkville: The weather maker was exceedingly harsh with the fairs of last week. Sandwich and Mazon both suffered by the rains and storms.

Sept. 19: The Oswego Community Lyceum course presents an attractive series of entertainments this season. G.E. Weaver, cartoonist, Sept. 28; John Kilham, Indian impersonator, Nov. 13; Marimba Singers, Dec. 18; and the Royal Male Quartet in February.

The Huntoon home was sold last week to Earl Hibbard, the consideration being \$4,450.

The John Langhart residence has recently been sold to Charles Barker Sr. of Aurora.

Yorkville: The terrible catastrophe in Japan will go down in history as the greatest loss of life and property from earthquake for all time. Human brains cannot grasp the awful results of the tremor which overtook the Japanese continent and caused such devastation. Almost before the rumblings of the earthquake had died away, succor was on the way from the nearest naval station in China. American warships were on hand to help the injured and to distribute the needed provisions to the starving survivors. The American Red Cross was superb in its ability to mitigate the suffering through its ready relief.

At the east door of the county building on Tuesday afternoon, the Fox River street car line from Carpentersville to Yorkville, and including the Elgin and Aurora city lines, was sold by judge Jessie M. Holden of Chicago, special master in chancery. Three Cleveland banks, holders of the bonds, bid in the property at \$1,700,000, and were the only bidders. The total indebtedness of the road is \$2,500,000. There were several Cleveland and Chicago men present, as well as ex-Congressman Ira C. Copley of Aurora.--*Geneva Republican*.

Those who have failed to realize that the Lincoln Highway is carrying an immense traffic across Illinois should consider the figures resulting from a careful traffic check taken at the Chicago North Western R.R. crossing on the Lincoln Way near DeKalb. For a period of 36 hours recently, two men stationed at this crossing with mechanical counters checked the passing motor cars. The total during this time was 13,907 automobiles across the tracks. Estimating four persons to the car, this is a total of 55,628 and is an excellent argument for the elimination of the grade crossing at this point.--*Geneva Republican*.

Sept. 26: Mrs. Claude Lewis of Aurora has moved into the Cutter house near Oswego.

Harry Clark has recently purchased the business of the garage recently conducted by Earl Zentmyer. Mr. and Mrs. Zentmyer are making their home in Aurora but still continue the business here.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graham have recently purchased the residence now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harris.

Recent word has been received by Mr. Hull to the effect that the Calvin Pearce family will soon return to Oswego to reside temporarily. In the spring, Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Cooney expect to come here.

Mrs. Fred Kohlhammer has returned from Germany, where she has been spending the greater part of the summer visiting relatives.

Mrs. Milton Pogue, who has been very ill for many months past at her home in Chicago, died Sunday evening. She was an old time resident and well known among Oswego folks as she was born in this vicinity and spent the early years of her life here. She leaves her

husband, Milton Pogue; one daughter, Hattie, and a son, LeRoy. Burial was in the Oswego cemetery Wednesday.

October -- 1923

Oct. 3: George Herren and family are moving to their recently purchased home on Madison street. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graham have vacated same and have purchased the Charles Davis home on Main street.

The condition of Chester Tour, who was badly injured last Friday from falling from the fire escape at the school house, is somewhat improved. Although pneumonia has developed, he is hoped to recover.

Miss Frances Churchill is receiving honorable mention from the fact that she has been awarded a scholarship at Knox College.

Yorkville: Got your reservations of the Cub-Sox post-season games? They will start soon and will probably be exciting as there is considerable rivalry between the teams.

Scientists tell of the discovery of eggs of the dinosaur 10,000,000 years old. We had supposed all eggs of that age had been exhausted by the Chicago restaurants.

Judge Joseph B. David of Chicago recently said "the enforcement of prohibition in this state is an absolute joke." And we add, aided and abetted by certain judges who supply the means of escape through habeas corpus, mandamus, supersedeas, and other writs.

One of the greatest needs in Yorkville today is more houses. Many a person has come to the village, been favorably impressed with the conditions, and been forced to go away because of a lack of a home.

The road builders on Route 18, or the Cannon Ball Trail, are still actively engaged, trying to beat the cold weather with their cement laying. West of Yorkville, the road is completed and open for traffic from Yorkville to Plano. Cement is being poured in the city of Plano to connect with the highway from Plano to Sandwich. The grading is all completed on the stretch between the latter two towns and about two miles of the concrete poured. Mr. Trompeter promises an early completion and then he will go to Sandwich, where he has a contract to pave 17 blocks.

To the east, the concrete is laid from Aurora to the Oswego bridge, though traffic is not permitted. The laying of cement has been started at Yorkville, the gang working toward Oswego. It is said that it will take at least six weeks or more to complete this work. If the cold weather comes in that time, the public will be deprived of the river road for the winter--a loss to the automobile driver as that has been one of the best thoroughfares between Oswego and Yorkville when the roads are bad. The problems has puzzled many a citizen is why the wise highway engineers permitted the road to be built from Oswego to Aurora, thereby giving our neighbor two hard roads to Aurora, instead of laying from

Yorkville to Oswego, thereby giving concrete roads from Sandwich to Aurora. Now there is a break from Yorkville to Oswego, which will be noticeable when the gravel cuts out.

Development of Illinois' rapidly growing system of state parks is the aim of the department of public works and buildings in planning for improvements to cost about \$65,000 authorized by the last legislature.

The most ambitious undertaking will be at Starved Rock State Park near Utica, which the state plans to make the model tourist camping ground for the country. Here a shelter house will be built for all the comforts of home. It will have shower baths with hot and cold water, the hot water to be a departure from the conditions at most camping grounds. The shelter house will also have tubs for washing clothes and sanitary toilets. One hundred lunch tables and 200 benches will be supplied.

There are already at the grounds plenty of camp stoves and parking space for at least 1,000 automobiles, a garage is near at hand and the bluff road running from the garage to the camping ground is to be paved. Artesian wells 700 feet deep afford an unlimited supply of cold drinking water.

Owners of the Aurora, Plainfield & Joliet Electric Ry. are still seeking a buyer, but thus far a purchaser has not been found. The sale of property was decided upon when it was found that the road could not earn enough money to pay the interest on \$225,000 worth of company bonds due next month.

The Fox River and Illinois Union railway between Yorkville and Morris is to be junked, steps having been taken in this direction by the owner, A.R. Evans of Aurora. Farmers along the line, however, filed a protest against the dismantling of the road with the Illinois Commerce Commission in Chicago. Attorney G.H. Hays of Morris, acting for the objectors, explained to the commission that grain elevators and other businesses along the line would be worthless without this transportation service. Mr. Evans contends that he has been paying \$10000 a year to keep the line running and cannot be compelled to maintain an enterprise that is now paying. The Fox River etc., railroad has a mileage somewhat longer than its name. it was built from Yorkville to Morris in 1913 at a cost of \$400,000. Recently, the receivers, who seemed to have grown tired of paying for the privilege of receiving it. sold it to Mr. Evans, who attempted to tear it up.--*Sycamore Tribune*.

Oct. 10: Livestock Sale, Saturday, Oct. 13, at 1 p.m. at Harry Clark's livery barn in Oswego.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Pearce and Miss Bernice arrived in Oswego last Sunday morning where they have taken up residence in the vacated house of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Herren.

The A.W. Barker family and the Charles Barker family have again taken up residence in Oswego, purchasing the home of John Langhart.

The A.E. Rowsell home has recently been sold to Aurora parties.

A new steam heating plant is being installed at the Presbyterian church.

NaAuSay: Next Thursday, Oct. 18, will be a red letter day in the history of the church. The 75th anniversary of the founding of the church will be celebrated with an all-day meeting and a program beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The men of the neighborhood will meet at the church Wednesday and Friday of this week and paint the church.

Mildred Vickery and Florence Schlapp were home from DeKalb over the weekend.

Yorkville: Sheriff William E. Orr of Kane county died suddenly Thursday night following an operation. "Go Get 'Em Bill," as he was locally known, has made one of the best sheriffs the big county up river has had for a long time. His untiring efforts and fearlessness made him a valuable officer and he will be missed by the lawabiding element.

\$25 REWARD OFFERED

I will pay \$25 reward to any person furnishing proof of (Dr.) E.W. Ruble practicing medicine in this state since Saturday, Oct. 6, 1923.

Dr. L.J. WEISHEW, Oswego, Ill.

Chicago is only 28 percent "American" in the strictest sense of the word. The statistics collected by the Chicago association of commerce show that 72 percent of the population, or 1,947,376 persons, are of foreign birth of parentage. The federal census classes all persons born in this country as Americans, but the association of commerce made a finer distinction. Less than 25 percent of the white population of Chicago are "Americans" as classed by the association of commerce.--Harvard Herald.

Oct. 17: The John Foss family has recently moved above the Clark Garage.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Zentmyer are the parents of a daughter, born last week at the Aurora City Hospital. Mrs. Zentmyer, before her marriage, was Marjorie Friebele.

Miss Nellie Armstrong spent the weekend with friends here. She has recently sold the old Armstrong home to Aurora parties for the consideration of \$3,000.

Chester Tour, who has been in the Aurora Hospital for two weeks, was brought home Saturday evening. He is rapidly recovering from his accident.

The Rowswell home has recently been sold to Aurora parties who took possession Monday. Mrs. Rowswell and children will leave next week to make their future home in Centralia, Wash.

Miss Barbara Richards was the victim of an accident Monday when her pony cart was run into by an automobile and greatly damaged.

The remains of Oscar Fox were brought to Oswego last Saturday for burial, he passing away at the Geneva hospital. He was born in St. Johnsville, N.Y. in the year of 1843, coming to this part of the country at an early age where he spent all his life. He was one of a family of eight children, but one, Mrs. Percy Cutter of Arlington, Mass., surviving him.

Yorkville: The Kendall County Produce Company of Yorkville has made a stride in the right direction and will be thanked by the farmers for the modern methods which are being followed. Manager Hardekopf and his directors have built the business of the cold storage plant until it is one of the largest of its kind in the district. Now they have arranged for further development by adopting the one-price system, paying Chicago prices on poultry, veal, and eggs at the plant, whether or not the produce is brought in by a buyer or a producer.

NaAuSay: A large number of NaAuSay men attended the KKK meeting in Seward Friday evening.

Oct. 24: Dr. L.J. Weishew left Tuesday morning for a trip through the west, visiting points on the Pacific coast.

Florence Minick has recovered sufficiently from pneumonia that she is again able to be out.

The fire department was called to the Robert Herren home last Thursday to extinguish flames that started on the roof from chimney sparks.

Roy Roalson and Dr. R. Dwyre motored to Indianapolis Sunday, returning on Monday.

Yorkville: We will have an opportunity to judge our own effectiveness in Kendall county in the administration of the dry laws during this term of court. There are several cases which involve this measure. Aurora lawyers are doing their best to minimize the penalties for liquor violations. The Kendall county people are strongly in favor of strict enforcement. It is now up to the courts to tell us whether we are to be supported by the courts or not.

Oct. 31: Minkler Simons is here on a visit. He is the oldest son of John Simons and left this vicinity many years ago. He was at one time reported as dead, but he seems very much alive.

The new gravel pit has closed for the winter. Most of the employees have returned to their homes in Green Bay, Wis.

The Blackstone restaurant has recently changed hands and is now under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Renslow of Montgomery.

A Girl and Boy Scout party was held at the Wiley hall Tuesday evening.

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November -- 1923

Nov. 7: John Kilham, American Indian impersonator, is the next attraction on the lyceum course. Federated church, Tuesday, Nov. 13.

Armistice Day will be observed next Sunday at the Presbyterian church.

Leslie Woolley, Glen Armbruster, Norval Tripp, and Kenneth Ricketts motored to Champaign for the weekend and to attend the football game.

Reginald Burkhart and Robert Herren who are attending college at Madison, Wis., spent the weekend with their folks.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Bickford and Watts Cutter left Wednesday for Florida where they will spend the winter.

Carl Young and family of Chicago spent Sunday with relatives here. Marjorie Morse has been among the ill for the past week. Mrs. R.K. Knapp has moved to Aurora, her house being now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Dilly.

Nov. 14: Mrs. H.G. Smith left last week for Barrington, where she will stay a short time and then go on to New York, where she will spend the winter with a sister there.

Roy Roalson is the proud possessor of a saxophone.

Mr. Robert Peterson and family have moved to town and are occupying the home of his father.

The hard road company has discontinued work until spring.

Oscar Weiss had the misfortune to saw off one of his fingers last week.

Yorkville: The cement road on the Cannon Ball Trail was completed to Sandwich last Saturday morning by Trompeter & Son. It will not be long until we can make the trip from Yorkville to the crossroad two miles east of Sandwich on hard road. It will be about Dec. 8 before the entire stretch will be opened for traffic. In contrast to the good work of Trompeter & Son, the contractors of the road east of Yorkville are still incomplete. There is nearly two miles of cement to finish between Yorkville and Oswego. Beside this, the spur into Oswego has not been touched and there is a long stretch where the road crosses

the Burlington main line which is not cemented--waiting for the promised viaduct over the crossing.

Three young men of Aurora are out on \$2,000 bonds as a result of another "road house robbery" committed last week, the hearing being held a week ago today. It is charged by Ed Peterson of Lisbon that he was robbed and beaten by Pete Jungels, Philip Pulfer, and Alexander Smith following a session at "Hunky" Mary's road house near Montgomery. The amount of the theft is in the neighborhood of \$125.

Four fellows who asked a ride of LeRoy McKernan of Bristol Saturday night held him up for \$17 and his fliver. McKernan works on the Douglas Kennedy farm and was going to Aurora when he was asked for a ride by four young men who said their machine had gone wrong. He took them in only to suffer being relieved of \$17 and his machine. The robbers were afterwards arrested and proved to be Tracy Ammons of Morris and his brother, LeRoy, having moved from Millington last week; Floyd Luther of Millington; and Charles Yager of Sandwich. The former, Tracy Ammons, confessed and the four are held in Kane county under \$5,000 bonds.

Nov. 21: No Oswego news column.

Nov. 28: (Too late for last week): Mrs. Jay Bell entertained 40 girl clerks from the store of Wade, Leitz & Grometer at her home Thursday evening.

William Heffelfinger has returned from St. Paul where he spent the week.

Chris Sorenson has recently moved to Plano where he will make his future home. His home has been sold to Charles Herren.

Oswego news: Miss Elsie Weishew, who has been spending the summer at the home of her brother, Dr. Weishew, has returned to her home in the east.

Robert Henley has recently purchased the Lambert home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowman are moving to their new home, which has recently been erected.

Miss Nellie Weber, who has been employed in the Gage Millinery House in Chicago, has completed the season and will work the winter in Aurora.

Yorkville: The Kendall County Circuit Court has adjourned till Monday, Dec. 10. Cephus Prather, indicted for murder, threw himself on the mercy of the court and plead guilty to the charge. It was he who shot and killed one of the members of the colored camp of roadmakers by the name of Williams during the summer. After the plea evidence was entered to satisfy Judge Slusser as to the extent of the sentence to be given. Late yesterday afternoon, Prather was ordered to the state penitentiary at Joliet under a term of 16 years.

December -- 1923

Dec. 5: Lester Weber and family of Aurora have moved in the house vacated by Mrs. Charles Boyle.

A brother from Africa is visiting at the home of A.H. Dysart.

Scott Cutter and Herman Young are spending a few days hunting wild ducks at Beardstown.

Calvin Pearce, one of Kendall County's oldest settlers, died Friday morning at his home in Oswego, age 79 years. Mr. Pearce was born on the Pearce homestead at Oswego, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Pearce, who came here from Ohio in 1833. The home is still in possession of his family. He was a member of Co. A, 127th Illinois Volunteers and served three years in the Civil War. He became a member of Raven Lodge No. 303 in 1872. In the year of 1884 he joined the Aurora Post No. 20, GAR and was a faithful member of that organization. Three years ago, Mr. Pearce and family moved to Pasadena, Calif. and there he became a member of John Godfrey Post. Mr. Pearce was married to Miss Lucy A. Perry Oct. 26, 1870 at Amboy. To this union, two children were born, Mrs. A.E. Cooney and Bernice A. Pearce. In 1920, Mr. and Mrs. Pearce and Bernice and Mrs. Cooney moved to Pasadena where new homes were established. Mr. Pearce became ill last February and desiring to see old friends and relatives returned to Oswego Oct. 7 last. During the last few weeks he failed rapidly. He is survived by his wife and two daughters; two brothers, James T. Pearce of Oswego and Daniel of Lake Charles, La. The funeral was held Monday afternoon from the Federated church of Oswego. Burial was in the Pearce cemetery.

Martha Lavina Smith was born at Smyrna, Chenango county, N.Y. on Jan. 22, 1841, and therefore was about 83 years of age. She was the daughter of Lawrence and Martha Briggs. Her father and mother came to the West in 1846 via the Great lakes to Chicago where as they often remarked afterwards, it was little more than a swamp and without any houses at all more than where they built their home commonly called the Briggs house. She was married to W.H. Smith about the year 1857 and after residing in Oswego they moved farther west to Iowa, Minnesota, and Dakota. Twenty-five years ago she returned to Oswego where she has remained since. Her husband died in 1905 and now rests in the Oswego cemetery. She had nine children, three boys and four girls who still survive her. She has enjoyed the care during the last three years of her life of her brother, George Oscar Briggs who has softened the last few miles of her pilgrimage. Interment in the Oswego cemetery.

Dec. 12: Raymond Schwinnoff, who has been in the U.S. Navy for the past year is home on a two weeks' visit. He is located on the Atlantic coast.

The Oswego soda shop has installed a new electric popcorn machine.

Many Oswego lads have received their bonus checks.

Yorkville: The question of birth control is insistent in Chicago. There is one serious objection to its adoption--it would be practiced by those whose financial condition merits a large family and unsought by the illiterate and ignorant class where it should be practiced. But unscrupulous practitioners will help the wealthy while they laugh at those who are answering the impulses of natural instinct.

Dec. 19: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Herren left on Wednesday for Florida where they will spend the winter.

Miss Grace Pearce has been substituting in the Oswego school owing to the absence of Miss Sitzinger, who was called home by the death of her father.

Dec. 26: Mrs. Abe Cherry is critically ill at home with pneumonia. A trained nurse from Chicago is in attendance.

Yorkville: If the weather that has obtained of the past few weeks continues, the people of the country will realize the necessity of conserving roads, and the extreme necessity of charging trucks more for their use of the public highways. Do you realize that the heavy, unwieldy road-killing trucks are doing much to kill the interurban railroads which furnish much of the tax money for maintenance of thoroughfares? The trucks tear down the roads as fast as they are built, pay no tax (except personal and automobile license) and make your own connection with town expensive by forcing you to pay the upkeep of the roads.

But 12 members of the Yorkville Post GAR are left to see the entrance of 1924. A few of the surviving "Boys in Blue" met at the courthouse Saturday and held their annual election, electing A.M. Sweetland as commander; Barney H. Phillips, senior vice commander; L.F. Hubbell, junior vice commander; Michael Donohue, surgeon; B.F. Herrington, adjutant and quartermaster; J.R. Marshall, chaplain; Wallace McCloud, officer of the day; Henry Chappell, officer of the guard and delegate to the department encampment at Champaign, L.F. Hubbell alternate.

1924

January

Jan. 2: Mrs. Ruth Russell Read and son of Milwaukee are visitors at the J.D. Russell home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Scofield of Yorkville made a call on the John Herren home in Oswego Sunday and found the veteran farmer and supervisor, Myron L. Wormley, much improved in health. Mr. Wormley was badly injured last fall when he was thrown from a stone-boat and suffered a fracture of the skull. He was brought to the home of his

daughter, Mrs. Herren, Dec. 24, from the Aurora Hospital. He is now able to get about in a wheeled chair and to greet his many friends.

Yorkville: Just a reminder: That the Summit bank robbery might have been frustrated if there had been an efficient state police in operation.

Jan. 9: A regular meeting of the Wigwam club was held last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Charles Cherry.

The body of Mr. Dan Pearce, who died recently was brought here for burial January 1. Recently he spent several weeks among relatives here for the first time in thirty years. Upon his return to his home in Alabama, he was soon stricken with a stroke and died within a week. Burial was in the Pearce cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Graham have returned to their home in Morris after spending a few days at the home of his folks here

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Miller are grieved to learn of the death of the little one who lived but one hour. The baby girl born Dec. 30, weighed ten pounds but medical aid failed to save her. Interment was at the Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: We are offering a reward for the man who promised us a mild winter because the rest of the nuts were thin-skinned last fall, or for some other fool reason. When last seen, he was making for Florida where to avoid the chill breezes of the north.

Jan. 16: The Aurora, Elgin and Fox River Company entertained the "city dads" of the cities through which their cars pass, together with several of the stockholders and business men Sunday afternoon with a street car ride and luncheon. The event was on the occasion of placing in operation seven new interurban cars of the finest model, really wonderful productions. The Yorkville, Oswego, and Montgomery people were picked up shortly after 1 o'clock and taken to Aurora where their car fell in line with those from other towns.

The cars are wonders--large and roomy and supplied with conveniences. The seats are upholstered in leather and are wider than those on the old cars. Heat is supplied with electricity and the new ventilation system is good. Too bad the company didn't buy one more car and consign it to the Aurora-Yorkville line.

Yorkville: To Movie Fans

Yorkville is offering you a superior quality of motion pictures--as good, if not better, than the ones offered by nearby towns. You are invited to visit the Yorkville Theatre on the nights of Jan. 19 and 20 when "Silent Vow," a Northwest picture with William Duncan as the star and "Divorce Coupons," with an all-star cast will be shown. The prices are right, the roads are good and the pictures are excellent.

Jan. 23: Mrs. Richard Schultz of Michigan City is visiting her sister Mrs. Ben Biesemier.

The funeral of James Titsworth Pearce was held Saturday. James Titsworth Pearce was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Pearce and was born at the Pearce homestead on Feb. 18, 1837. He was married to Miss Mary C. Gannon Feb. 28, 1873. To this union were born eight children, Dr. J. Newton Pearce of Iowa City, Ia.; Mrs. Herbert Sawyer of Pasadena, Calif.; Mrs. J.W. Holland of St. Paul, Minn.; Lyman G. Pearce and Mrs. J.R. Croushorn of Aurora; and Grace, Cara, and Beulah of Oswego.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearce moved to LaMars, Ia. in 1877 where he became an extensive landowner. They returned to Illinois and settled in Oswego in 1885, where he bought the farm of his older brother, John Pearce, on which he lived for several years.

Mrs. Pearce passed away June 28, 1906 and in 1917 Mr. Pearce and his daughters removed to their present home. Mr. Pearce belongs to that race of pioneers now rapidly passing away. His father and mother were actual pioneers. He was born in pioneer time, belonging with his brothers to the group of the first white children born in Kendall county.

It is a peculiar coincidence that the three Pearce brothers, all of them advanced in years, aged 80, 87, and 90, with ten years between the oldest and youngest age should leave this earthly scene within six weeks of each other.

Mr. Pearce became a member of Raven lodge No. 303 AF&AM March 31, 1869. He became a member of Lorraine chapter, no. 70, OES in 1888, and of Aurora Commandery, KT [Knights Templar], No. 22, in the early '70s.

(Too late for last week)

The eldest Tallmadge baby is recovering from serious burns caused from falling backwards into a pan of scalding water.

Earl Hibbard and family have moved into their recently purchased home, the Huntoon residence.

Jan. 30: Herbert Norris is ill at his home with scarlet fever.

W.J. Morse is taking a few days absence from the store owing to illness. Merrill Morse is conducting the business during the absence.

The Royal Male Quartet and Hand Bell Ringers will give an entertainment in the Presbyterian church Monday evening, Feb. 4. This is the last attraction of the community lyceum course.

Yorkville: Gov. Len Small and a retinue of political adherents were in Yorkville Monday and inspected the location proposed as a site for one of the Illinois Fish Hatcheries. The old Blackberry mill, dam, and adjoining property were visited and gave the inspection party a favorable impression.

The report was current among the members of the Izaak Walton League who were present at the meeting and the members of the governor's party that there would be absolutely no hitch in the location of the hatchery here. That W.J. Stratton, chief game and fish warden, is already preparing the papers for the purchase was also reported.

The hatchery site includes several acres of land at a point where the Blackberry creek opens into the Fox river a short distance below Yorkville. Authorities on game fish and fish hatcheries say it is an ideal location.

The creek is fed by springs and has an abundance of clear cold water, one of the most important attributes for a hatchery. One of the larger bass ponds which are planned, will have a capacity of 500,000 black bass each year. The entire hatchery will have a capacity of more than 1,000,000 black bass a year in addition to other kinds of fish.

The hatchery will be one of three for which appropriations have been made by the state.

A free tractor school was being offered by C.W. Nelson at the Charles Garage in Newark. "A tractor will be at hand permitting detailed explanation on ignition, valves, carburetor, governor, cooling, transmission, bearings, lubrication, etc."

February -- 1924

Feb. 6: The Charles Herren family have moved to their home recently purchased from Mr. Chris Sorensen.

Mrs. Jeff Rogerson of Chicago was a guest of a few days of last week at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E.T. Davis.

Newton Woolley and Howard Shoger have returned to Champaign College after a few days' stay with their folks here.

Word has been received from Mrs. Schultz that Richard has broken down in health and left last Saturday for California points.

Yorkville: *The Record* reported on the death of President Woodrow Wilson on Feb. 3. "While *The Record* has not been in sympathy with the political views, we could not but honor the sincerity and strength of the former president."

Feb. 13: Oswego has again contracted with the Dennis Lyceum bureau of Wabash, Indiana, for a course of four numbers for next year: Seymour, the magician; Joseph Crowell, entertainer; the Waite Sisters; and the Ambassador Quartet.

Miss Della Lippold has accepted a position with a millinery house in Duluth, Minn.

Miss Sara Pearce has accepted a position with the Chicago Telephone Company in Aurora.

Mrs. Mary Josephine Richards, the daughter of Cornelius and Mary McCormach, was born in Chicago Oct. 28, 1845. She was married to Theron C. Richards Oct. 26, 1862. For many years she made her home in Oswego. Her husband died a number of years ago and she moved to Aurora to make her home 25 years ago. She had sons and daughters, 11 in number, eight of whom survive her. They are: Harley Richards, Mrs. Martha Voss,

Bernard Richards, Mrs. Sadie Weir, Jay Richards, Mayme Richards, Grace Richards, and Theron Richards. She has been a member for 57 years of the Congregational church of Oswego. She never forgot the three who have already gone home. She was ill for over a year before she died, but not one impatient word or complaint passed her lips. A devoted mother made devoted children.

Yorkville: A real winter, such as has not been seen for years, settled down on the country the first of last week. Sleet, snow, and wind started on Monday with a lowering of temperature and more snow on Tuesday. The snowfall let up a little on Wednesday but flakes continued to fly on Thursday when the temperature got down to about ten above zero.

Traffic of all kinds was hindered. Railroad trains were blocked and delayed. Telegraph wires were blown down and train orders and news were stopped. Telephone and power companies suffered from the same trouble and the radio came into its own. Much of the news transmitted was by radio and in several instances the reports from snowed-in trains were made in this manner.

The interurban from Morris kept up its service although the cars were delayed and had difficulty. The Aurora line threw up the sponge Monday night and didn't get a car through till Thursday morning.

Feb. 20: Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Shoger are the parents of a daughter born at the Aurora City Hospital.

The John Friebele family moved this week to their new location near Naperville.

Sunday evening while at dinner the C.L. Burkhart family were badly frightened by what could have been a disastrous fire when the alcohol from a percolator caught fire. Damage was done the table linen and table. The fire department was called but the flames were extinguished before it arrived.

Miss Mabel Biesemier is teaching school in the Marysville school.

Miss Alice Young and Mrs. Homer Vickery were united in marriage last Friday at the Episcopal church in Aurora. Mr. and Mrs. Vickery will for a time make their home with her mother, Mrs. Sherman Young.

The Jane Hinchman residence has recently been purchased by George Croushorn.

Mrs. Jane Hinchman, aged 77 years, died Saturday morning at the home of her son, Lawrence Hinchman, on the Fitchhome farms.

She was born in NaAuSay township, Kendall county, Feb. 22, 1847. She resided in Oswego nearly all her life until five months ago when she moved to her son's home at the Fitchhome farms. She was married to Joseph Hinchman April 25, 1867.

Of the 10 children, six survive. They are five sons, Mattie of Cardwell, Mo., Eugene of Hinsdale, Hubert of Oak Park, Fran and Lawrence of Aurora, and one daughter, Mrs. Florence Friebele of Oswego.

Yorkville: We drove over the new cement road from Plano to Sandwich recently and noted that the right-of-way purchased by Kendall and DeKalb counties out of the county and township direct taxes was largely devoted to the benefit of truck liens and tourists. In the five miles between the two towns, there is not a farm on which the farmer can drive directly onto the road. The road passes the rear of the farms and not a farmer can make use of the cement without driving at least a mile over rough and bad roads to get to the hard roads. Yet the trucks, who pay no taxes for the road, hum merrily over the concrete and take business from the railroads, which are paying taxes to buy a right-of-way for their most dangerous competition.

It is seldom we have to apologize for a Kendall county product, but we feel called upon to offer our regret that Frank A. Vanderlip was so ill-advised as to make such an address as he did at Ossining, N.Y., last week. It is bad enough to malign the character of a man, using only Dame Rumor as an authority for statements, but to attempt to blacken the name of a dead President under like circumstances is reprehensible. Mr. Vanderlip admitted before the senate committee that his statements casting aspersion upon Mr. Harding were not founded on facts that he could develop. His wild charges were the result of current talk, as he explained.

Feb. 27: The Earl Gregory family have moved to Aurora.

The Ralph Norris family are out of quarantine. Their son, Herbert, had scarlet fever.

Yorkville: The Sulfur Springs health resort and hotel near Wedron, which operated under a trustee following suites of creditors a year ago, has been closed. The property, including a large hotel and golf course, represents an investment estimated at \$350,000. Sulfur Lick Springs was developed as a health resort and it was the belief of many that given time it would develop into one of the most popular resorts in the country.

March -- 1924

March 5: Farm Bureau seed corn meeting at Wilbur Woolley's 10 o'clock Monday,
March 10.

The relatives of Robert Herren Jr., who is attending the University of Wisconsin, received word this morning that he is in quarantine, being ill of scarlet fever.

Many of the friends and relatives from this vicinity of Miss Alicia Parker attended her funeral in Aurora Sunday.

March 12: The body of Mrs. Mary Mullen was brought here for burial Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Herren have received word that their son, Robert who is attending the University of Wisconsin, is ill of scarlet fever.

Yorkville: The highway commissioners were just a little too late in ordering trucks off the highways. The damage was done before the heavy traffic was stopped. The buses with their top-heavy load were permitted to cut into the road surface.

March 19: Among the most serious losses the village of Oswego has sustained in recent years is the departure from this earth of Miss Martha White. Miss White was possessed of an unusual number of accomplishments. She was one of the most gifted of the young women of the county. She possessed sweet and powerful soprano voice, was an accomplished musician, equally at home at the piano or pipe organ. She was exceedingly well read and kept up with the times. She was a capable business woman and her powers of conversation were of the highest order. It was to be expected therefore that the capacity of the Presbyterian church was taxed to its utmost when the last rites were paid to all that was earthly of well known friend on Sunday afternoon.

Rev. James Craighead and Thomas R. Quayle conducted the services at the church and at the Oswego cemetery. [Martha White was the Oswego correspondent for the Kendall County Record. No more Oswego news appeared in *The Record* until April 9.]

Yorkville: William Bretthauer of Yorkville has been placed on the Small payroll as a patrolman for the cement road through the county. He celebrated his appointment by spending a day in Oswego where he placed Small and Carlstrom pictures wherever he could find a place (and there were not many) and by working the pledge cards. Glen D. Palmer, also a member of the governor's staff, spent a day or two in Springfield with the rest of the payrollers of the state explaining his pledge card campaign. We venture that the state treasury paid expenses of both trips.

E.L. Matlock represented the Kendall County Farm Bureau at a meeting attended by presidents or other representatives of 88 Illinois farm bureaus in Chicago last week, called by the Illinois Agricultural Association to consider farmer relief legislation now up in Congress. The result was that the farm bureau men unanimously endorsed and approved the McNary-Haugen bill for the relief of agriculture and demanded that Illinois members of Congress earnestly and actively support this measure.

March 26: Yorkville: The Kendall County Chapter of the Izaak Walton League was organized at Yorkville Monday evening with a membership of 34 members to start.

Plattville: It is with pleasure that we announce the formal opening of the Plattville Community Hall on Wednesday evening, March 26, at 7:30.

The building will be open for inspection as far as possible and the gymnasium floor, which is 40x70 feet, will be arranged to seat to capacity. The building is electrically lighted, furnace heated, and is supplied with running water. The National Guard organization is to be present in uniform and during the evening a program will be given to which all of the patrons and friends are invited.

April -- 1924

April 2: Yorkville: Exercise your right of franchise next Tuesday by going to the polls and voting at the primary election.

In Kendall county there is a fight on the Republican ballot. The Democratic, Socialist, and Farmer-Labor parties are so weak as to be negligible in this county. Here, a nomination means an election. So, in order to have a majority rule, we ask that you face the elements and express yourself.

April 9: Our New Correspondent

The loss of Miss White as correspondent was a keen one to *The Record* as was her death to the community which she represented. She and her sister, Miss Florence, had served the county paper well and faithfully for a number of years. In order to offer out usual service to the people of Oswego and community, we have convinced Miss Edna Walker that she would be an excellent correspondent and she has agreed to give the work a trial. Anything you can do to assist her in her work will be appreciated by both Miss Walker and by *The Record*. Give her your items, advertising and job orders. Don't wait for her to al as she must have her letter in this office Monday afternoon, but telephone Oswego 31-J.

Yorkville: Returns from the state at large at the time of our going to press are such as to give no definite result in the gubernatorial fight. Early figures gave Small a lead in Chicago but the reports from down state are such as to leave the results in doubt.

It is talked that the Aurora-Yorkville electric road will ask to be permitted to abandon the street cars and give service with buses. This would be all right if the bus service were satisfactory. We would suggest that if the electric line is permitted to abandon its rails, it be made to lay a cement road on its right-of-way that it can be used by the public. Then the buses can get the benefit of the shortest route from Yorkville to Aurora and the public can enjoy the same blessing

It is too bad that the electric line has had so much trouble in keeping going. Their patronage is seriously affected by the absolute abandonment of any desire to give the people of this end of the line any service

There is some talk of putting a one-man car on between Oswego and Yorkville which would run hourly and meet the regular from Oswego to Aurora. But the penurious habit of the electric management have made it more agreeable for them to let the service die for want of a little pep than an attempt to revive the neglected car line.

We have been asked by one of our subscribers as to our idea of the Tea Pot Dome scandal. Tritely, we think the whole affair is a "tempest in a tea pot." We can find no evidence of anything wrong so far.

April 16: The interior of the Prairie Church has just been newly decorated. Special services were held Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bickford spent Thursday and Friday in Joliet.

Roy Roalson spent last Friday at Sheridan.

The completing of the Cannon Ball Trail between Oswego and Yorkville on the west side of the river has been started.

April 23: James Morrison wishes to thank the friends for their support at the recent village election.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Rogerson of Chicago are helping in taking care of Mr. Ezekiel Davis [Margaret Rogerson's step-father].

Yorkville: Auto drivers who are much on the roads would appreciate the placing of the black center line on cement roads. This mark comes the closest in being an accident preventative than any other one of the many suggested corrections. These black center marks might well be built into the roads when they are installed, or at the latest, placed when opened for traffic and replaced as soon as they become obliterated.

Plattville has a signal honor in the military world of being the smallest town in the country with a national guard command. And it has a further honor of having this organization pass a creditable inspection and receive the compliments of the United States inspection officer.

The company is well officered by Capt. D.C. Mewhirter and Lt. [Salmer] Thompson, both overseas men, and Lt. [Charles G.] Howell, who makes up in enthusiasm and pep what he is lacking in overseas experience.

April 30: G.H. Voss attended the funeral of E.H. Pederson at Sheridan Friday. Mr. Pederson was a former colleague of Mr. Voss in the U.S. Marshall's office.

Mrs. Josie Smith has returned from New York State where she spent the winter with her sister, Mrs. Helen Gould.

The children in the Frank Collins family have been ill with scarlet fever.

Ralph Burkhart injured his eye while working in a garage in Aurora.

Mayor C.L. Burkhart, Village Trustee Laurens Hull, the road committee of the Kendall county board of supervisors with County Highway Commissioner J.D. Russell went to Springfield Thursday evening. They met with the state highway engineers in an effort to extend the concrete road across the Waubonsie creek to the school house and this stretch of concrete road is assured by the state highway department.

Mrs. Minnie Burkhart Shoger was born near Oswego Dec. 6, 1851 and died at her home in Oswego Tuesday, April 29, 1924 after a long illness. The funeral was held from the Federated church Friday afternoon. She is survived by her husband and six children, Clarence, Leonard, Mrs. Charles Turpin, Mrs. George Hafenrichter, Mrs. Myron Haag,

and Oscar Shoger, besides a number of grandchildren and several sisters and bothers. Burial was in Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: County Superintendent of Highways John D. Russell gave us some information recently, which we wish to pass on to our readers. The first matter of import is that the bridges between Bristol and Yorkville will not be built this year. The reason given by the state is that there are insufficient funds. The spur from Route 18 beginning at the Palmer corner to Yorkville is included in the original "60-million-dollar bond issue." This issue has not been exhausted. Before the primary we have every promise that these bridges would be built this year and the rest of the spur completed. If Governor Small wishes to make votes in Kendall county he must use judgment and the building of these bridges would help him politically.

The hiatus in the route between the Rickard place and Oswego is underway and will be opened for traffic about the second week of June. Had the gentlemen who are interested in the Cannon Ball Trail used a little judgment instead of speed we would have had cement from Chicago to Sandwich during the winter. But rather than run the cement from Sandwich through to Oswego, cross the river and then to Aurora, these highway experts left a hole in the cement of about 2-1/2 miles, which caused traffic more grief during the winter months than any one agent.

It is said that the elevation over the Burlington tracks at the Wormley crossing north of Oswego will be completed this summer. This will be a good time to build the viaduct since the east side of the river from Oswego to Aurora is still in good condition.

The condition of the streets in Bristol and Yorkville will do more to keep out the much-sought tourist trade than any condition existing in the county. The merchants should take a lively interest in the condition and cooperate with the aldermen in bringing about an improvement.

May -- 1924

May 7: The East Oswego Farmers club met with Mr. and Mrs. George Wicks last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Fred Falk is very ill at her home with pneumonia. A trained nurse is in attendance.

Mothers Day will be observed in the Federated church next Sunday, May 11.

Dr. and Mrs. L.P Voss have moved into their new home.

Yorkville: "We Celebrate Our Birthday," a front-page headline said as the Kendall County record observed its 61st birthday. "This Issue of *The Record* Marks the First Number of Our Sixty-First Year--Paper Founded in 1864 by John R. Marshall, Continues Under Management of His Son." The first issue of the paper appeared May 7, 1864.

There is a statewide movement for the adoption of uniform automobile ordinances in the towns and villages. An organization for the furtherance of the idea is now functioning

and sending out a model ordinance which it desires to have adopted in all well-governed cities and smaller places. The ordinance has to do with speeding, parking, open mufflers, and all the finer points of the auto requirements. It is uniform in all places where motor drivers must know the law and will, therefore, prevent ignorance of ordinances to cause a chauffeur to get into trouble.

May 14: Louise Kennedy passed away at the Aurora hospital Saturday morning, May 10. Mrs. Kennedy suffered from a fall about a month ago which indirectly resulted in her death. Mrs. Kennedy was 92 years old and has lived in and around Oswego the greater part of her life. Funeral was held from her late home Monday afternoon.

Work on the Cannon Ball cement road was delayed by rain last week. With good weather, this part of the road will be completed in ten days.

Soundings have been made by the engineers and plans are being made for the new bridge across the Waubonsie Creek at Kohlhammer's.

Dr. L.P. Voss moved into his new home on Main street Monday. He has a very pretty home.

Oliver Leigh shipped a carload of cattle Monday.

Beginning Monday, May 26, 1924, Gus Voss will close his barber shop at the following hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights at 8 o'clock; Tuesday and Thursday nights at 6 o'clock; Saturday nights at 9:30 o'clock.

The Oswego Police force was active Sunday. A number of automobilists were called on the carpet for failing to turn at the posts. The fine was \$5 and was assessed by magistrate James Morrison.

A lady to do marcelling [styling the hair with deep regular waves, using a curling iron], shampooing, and facial treatments will be at the Gus Voss barber shop every Wednesday and Friday beginning May 21. The growing demand for this class makes it a necessity. More days may be added if business justifies it.

NaAuSay: There will be a ball game Saturday afternoon in Wheeler's pasture between the Seward and NaAuSay teams. Come early to practice Thursday night, boys, the grounds also need attention.

May 21: Mr. and Mrs. L.R. Inman visited the C.A. Davis family in Amboy.

NaAuSay: Stereopticon pictures of Mexico will be shown at the church Sunday evening. There will be a better idea of the mission fields there. Different pictures will be shown throughout the summer.

The ball game between the Seward and NaAuSay teams, postponed from last Saturday, will be held Thursday afternoon on the Wheeler field at 2:30. Most of the planting will be finished. Make it a celebration.

Graduation exercises for the eighth grade pupils of the township will be held at the church Thursday evening. Rev. Wilson of Plano will be the speaker.

May 28: Memorial Day services at Oswego will be held in the Federated church May 30.

The last section of the Cannon Ball concrete road was completed Friday. In twenty-one days it will be opened for traffic. Grading will begin at once on a road from the [Red Brick] school house to the end of the concrete road on the east side of the river. When this road is finished Oswego will be sitting on top of the world in so far as good roads can make it.

The homes of L.F. Burkhart Louis Georgi, Charles Cherry, and L.R. Inman are each receiving a new coat of paint.

G.H. Voss attended a judicial meeting of the Supreme Court at Rockford last Saturday.

Lester Fechner is spending his vacation at the home of John Herren.

June -- 1924

June 4: Mr. and Mrs. J.V. Jessup will speak at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening, June 8. They will give a report of the meeting of the General Assembly held at Grand Rapids, Mich. Everyone is invited.

Yorkville: "The Franks case," as it is called, is on everyone's tongue and the horror of this new Chicago crime is of such revolting nature that the general public can but thin deeply of the causes of such criminal tendencies in the minds of supposedly normal young men.

Parents, do you not realize that a more careful supervision of the habits and hours of Loeb and Leopold would have saved this terrible rime? It is not meet that young men should be permitted to haunt the places of vice and to have unlimited means at their disposal. These liberties lead to a lack of respect for restrictions and law.

Members of the Ku Klux Klan from Aurora, Elgin, and Joliet staged a big picnic and demonstration at the big woods east of town [Yorkville] Friday. It was a perfect day for the outing and several thousand visitors took advantage of the day to visit Yorkville, the beauty spot of the Fox, and take part in the events of the organization. During the day there was a steady influx of cars and people, basket dinner, viewing the scenery along the river, and attending the ball game. In the evening, the Yorkville band gave a concert for the visitors which was much enjoyed and the members of the Klan expressed their appreciation.

As darkness fell a large fiery cross was displayed on a prominent hill south of the ball park and several speeches were made by Klan enthusiasts. The weird light of the cross, reflecting on the strange costumes of the members of the order made an impression on the visitors never to be forgotten and the words delivered from the speakers' stand left an indelible impression.

Later in the evening the members of the Klan exemplified the work of initiation on some 30 novitiates, showing the visible work of the degrees to the large concourse in attendance. It was wonderfully effective and interesting.

The crowds who visited Yorkville during the picnic were an asset to the good name of the Ku Klux Klan. They were pleasant people to meet and the conduct of the picnic was such that made friends.

June 11: Mr. and Mrs. George Wormley were given a very happy surprise a week ago Monday after the Memorial Day services at the church. The Waubonsia male quartet went to the home of Comrade George Wormley and sang the selections they had sung at the memorial services. Mr. and Mrs. Wormley greatly appreciated the kindness and thoughtfulness of the quartet and thank the boys most gladly. Mr. Wormley has been unable to get about for a long time and such attention means much to anyone as ill as he has been.

The Oswego Alumni will be held Friday, June 13, in the parlors of the Oswego Prairie Church.

The funeral of Mrs. Fred Falk was held last Friday afternoon from the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Falk had been sick for many weeks. Her passing will be a loss to the community, especially in the local Red Cross where she was a faithful worker.

Yorkville: One officer in uniform patrolling the cement roads will do more to keep careless automobilists from overstepping the law than a dozen who lay in wait to catch a poor unfortunate who inadvertently "steps in it" a little too hard.

Did you ever notice some drivers trying to turn in the middle of the block? They back and go ahead, burn up gas and lose their temper when they might use the legal and sensible method of driving to the corner and turn around naturally.

The organization of a chapter of the Izaak Walton League in Kendall county is a good thing.

Professor E.B. Berry of the General Electric Company's laboratory at Lynn, Mass., after ten years has produced a solid rod of clear, fused quartz that conducts light, even around a corner, with practically no loss, and suggests the possibility of great advancement in the use of ultra-violet rays.

June 18: Mrs. Etta Harris Coffin and Miss Lettie Woolley were out from Chicago to attend the "Old Schoolmates" picnic, which was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Roberts.

The regular Red Cross meeting will be held next Friday at the Red Cross rooms.

The Benthien reunion of the Walker school district will hold its annual picnic at the Walker school Saturday, June 21.

The Wylie family have moved to Downers Grove.

Mrs. Margaret Davis Rogerson is visiting at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. E. Davis.

Stewart Palmer is home for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Palmer.

Kenyon Palmer from Tucson, Ariz. is visiting his parents.

Kendall County and the community of Oswego in particular have sustained a great loss in the passing of Mrs. Fred H. Falk, who died at her home on the early morning of June 4, 1924. Her zealous service in the Red Cross work during the World War, her activities continued more recently as the chairman of the organization in Kendall county; her benevolent interest in the less fortunate persons over a wide area, and her kindly ministrations in her home and immediate community endeared her to a wide circle of friends and acquaintances as was attested by the large company of those present at her funeral services in the Oswego Presbyterian church and her interment in the NaAuSay cemetery on the afternoon of Friday, June 6.

Ida Austin Falk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orin Austin, was born at the Austin homestead in NaAuSay on June 7, 1871. She was one of seven children in this family, untouched by death until her summons came on the fourth of June. She was married Nov. 10, 1895 to Mr. Fred H. Falk, and to this union three children were born: Leslie A. Falk, now in the employ of the Westinghouse Electric Company and residing in Newark, N.J.; Mrs. Martha Hettrick and Miss Varla Falk of Oswego. For the past 16 years, the family has resided in Oswego. Mrs. Falk connected with the Presbyterian church of AuSable Grove many years ago and later transferred her membership to Oswego.

June 25: School picnics seem to be the prevailing fashion these days. On the 14th the "Old Schoolmates" of the Old Stone School House held their annual picnic. On the 21st the Benthien reunion of the Walker school held their annual picnic at the Walker School and on Thursday, June 26 the Duffy reunion will be held at the William Cliggitt home; and on June 28, the Newman reunion will be held on the school grounds.

Don't forget the Newman picnic on school grounds Saturday, June 28. Bring your lunches. Ice cream and cold drinks will be on the grounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Esch of Chicago spent a few days with Mrs. Ed Haines.

The 14th annual Duffy School picnic will be held on the spacious grounds of the William Cliggitt home at Oswego June 26, 1924.

Yorkville: Here's a news item in a daily paper which we print for your edification: "John Small, master in chancery in the Kankakee county circuit court, will preside over the hearings at which depositions will be taken in the state treasury interest suit against his brother, Gov. Len Small, it was announced Wednesday." You don't see any possible chance for collusion or undue influence, do you?

Edwin C. Lane of Arkansas City, Kan. published a long letter in *The Record* recounting the paper's past and Yorkville history during his days as a young employee.

In a report on new technology, *The Record* ran a story titled "Pictures Sent By Wire Are Success," with the subhead reading "Fifteen Photos Wired from Cleveland to New York--Average Speed Less than Five Minutes a Picture."

"Telephoning photographs, that is, transmitting pictures electrically over long distance telephone lines, is no longer merely a theoretical possibility. It has actually been accomplished and the apparatus that makes this possible works so simply, economically, rapidly, and surely that its commercial success is considered assured. "

July -- 1924

July 2: Gus Voss and Roy Roalson were in Chicago last week taking lessons in the shingle bob and other styles of hair cutting for ladies.

We are informed that work will begin this week on the Waubonsie bridge. Oswego will appreciate this improvement.

The army worm is working in the northeast part of Oswego Township.

The beauty parlor connected with the Voss barber shop is fast nearing completion.

The steeple on the [Red Brick] school house has been taken down.

July 9: A neighborhood gathering and picnic were held at the L.R. Inman home July 4.

Misses Clareta Walker and Greta Ricketts and Kenneth Ricketts and Norval Tripp spend July 4 at Starved Rock.

Yorkville: A black-bordered box on the front page of *The Record* announced the death of President Calvin Coolidge's younger son, Calvin Coolidge Jr.

Thirty-five hours and fourteen minutes from San Francisco to Yorkville was the time made by a letter received at the Yorkville post office Wednesday evening. "This letter," said Postmaster Will Ohse, "came by the east bound transcontinental airplane mail service. It left San Francisco postmarked 5 a.m. July 1. It arrived in Yorkville at 4:14 p.m. July 2. The shortest time we have known before is about 72 hours for the same service.

July 16: The funeral of Miss Mabel Cherry was held from her home Monday afternoon. Miss Cherry had been an invalid for many years. She was stricken with pneumonia last Tuesday and passed away at her home Saturday morning. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Cherry and one brother, Clarence Cherry. Burial was in Riverside cemetery.

Work has begun on the road across the Waubonsia Creek and the old bridge has been moved to make way for the foundation of the new bridge.

Yorkville: Through the efforts of John E. Reddock and his committee, Yorkville is now marked on the cement road so that tourists can tell where the turn to the county seat comes on Route 18 [modern U.S. Route 34]. The signs, the idea of Mrs. Nading, are effective and should help the traveler in finding the village. Further, "welcome" and Thank You" signs have been placed, the main approaches to Yorkville being marked in this manner. This is the first time that Yorkville has been considered in road marking and it is a wonderful help. But the markers should be carried further into the country that those seeking this spot would know directions and distances. Other places do it, why not Yorkville?

Mrs. Orville W. Beebe passed away at her home in Yorkville on Monday evening, July 14, 1924 at 7:30 o'clock, after an illness of a week. Susan Esther Smith, daughter of Phineas and Eliza Smith, was born April 3, 1840 at Whiting, Vt. She was the surviving member of a family of eight children. She came to Illinois with her family at the age of 15, living in Kendall county the remainder of her life.

She was united in marriage to O.W. Beebe on July 26, 1869 and they made their home on a farm near Plattville until they moved to Yorkville 20 years ago. Mr. Beebe passed away three years ago and since that time, Mrs. Beebe has been tenderly cared for by her niece, Mrs. Louis C. Young.

The funeral service will be held at the Beebe home at 2:30 on Wednesday.

July 24: The Federated church is receiving a new coat of paint.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hoch are building a new home. The foundation for a five room bungalow has been completed.

The old bridge across the Waubonsie has been moved across the creek at the Pearce cemetery.

The Specie Grove Band, an organization here many years ago with A.J. Parkhurst as leader, held a reunion in Cutter's Grove last Thursday afternoon.

Tom Collins shipped a carload of cattle to Chicago last week.

Yorkville: A movement is rapidly gaining headway for the passage of a law which will provide for the purification of the water of Fox river by stopping the emptying of all

kinds of sewage and garbage into the river. This movement is fathered by the Fox Valley Federation, an organization made up of over a hundred societies of Kane, Kendall, McHenry and LaSalle counties. The membership of the Federation is made up of delegates chosen by the different societies which are interested in the cleansing of the river and which are anxious to make the river fit for bathing and fishing as well as to protect the citizens along the river from sickness caused by pollution. The immediate business of the Federation is to father a law which will provide for a Fox River Sanitary District, give it police power which will compel the property owners and cities to cease turning sewers and like pollution into the river. it is a great prospect and should have the undivided attention of all who live in the Valley of the Fox from McHenry to Ottawa.

July 30: G.H. Voss attended the races at Ottawa one day last week.

Charles Schultz is adding some improvements to his new home, which he recently bought from L.P. Voss.

The funeral of the late Wallace Davis was held from his home Saturday morning. The body was taken to Naperville for burial.

Word has been received here of the death of Carl White, which resulted from drowning at Steubenville, Ohio. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur White, have gone to bring the body home.

Yorkville: As a step toward living down the charge that we are "a Nation of sixth graders," many states have passed laws requiring children to remain in school until they have finished the eighth grade or until they have reached the age of 16.

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Already the city of Elgin is working on a new sewage disposal plant. It is well known that this stoppage of pollution will enhance the value of property along the river and its tributaries.

August -- 1924

Aug. 6: The funeral of Carl White was held from his home Sunday afternoon. Burial in Oswego cemetery.

The Birthday Club will hold a picnic in Watts Cutter's Woods Thursday, Aug. 7.

The Burkhart family had a reunion at the home of Zeke Pearce Sunday afternoon and evening.

Yorkville: Through an order from the Illinois Commerce Commission, the interurban line from the [Fox River] park south of Montgomery to Yorkville will be discontinued as soon as buses are provided to take care of the traffic. This permission comes after a long battle with the commission and a period of wretched service by the street car company at this end of the line. The poor service was doubtless the cause of the lost traffic to the company and was a vehicle through which the losses were developed and shown. One cannot be blamed for seeking other transportation when they got no better than was allotted to Yorkville in recent years. But the street car company must make money in spite of passenger convenience. The road has been in existence for nearly 25 years and for a long time was a pleasant means of getting into and out of town. Of recent years, since the ascendancy of the automobile, traffic has fallen off. The late Upshaw Hoard and the Hon. Henry Evans were instrumental in the laying out and building of the road. The bus service will be started as soon as the vehicles can be procured. Mr. Egolf of the street car company says they will be ordered at once.

The farmers of Kendall and Grundy counties have found it necessary to engage in railroading in order to secure transportation for their grain and other products to market. A number of years ago, H.H. Evans of Aurora built an electric railroad from Yorkville to Morris to be used as a sort of connecting link between the Rock Island and Burlington railroads. It cost him something like a half million of dollars. At first the road did a fair amount of business but after the advent of auto trucks and hard roads the enterprise lost patronage and failed to earn any profits, not ever enough to meet accruing interest. The present owner, a son of the original owner, then sought to obtain from the commerce commission permission to abandon service on the line and sell the material for junk, as had been done in the case of the Aurora and DeKalb electric road. It was then the farmers along the route between Morris and Yorkville found they might be without facilities for marketing their grain, and the result was that recently they were authorized to purchase and operate the road themselves. This has been agreed to and a few days ago a contract for the sale of the road to them for \$89,000 was executed. The DeKalb-Aurora road originally cost a million dollars, but when sold at auction brought less than one-tenth of that sum.

In this age evolution seems to be the mainspring of existence. That which today is a matter of profit and pleasure tomorrow may be relegated to the scrap pile. What betides the gasoline driven truck is beyond conjecture, but it is safe to assume that perfection in transportation is far from being attained. Within the memory of men still living the ox, horse and mule teams have been displaced first by the canal, then the railroads, and now by the gasoline trucks and means of moving freight. It is only reasonable to suppose that the future has in store some other developments for the solution of transportation problems which may be as radical as the transition from the ox team to the gasoline truck.--Ottawa Free Trader-Journal

Aug. 13: Many friends and their families from Kendall county attended the barbecue which was held at the Central States Fair grounds last Thursday evening. This was given by the fair association for the farmers. A speech was made by a farm expert urging the farmers to organize more and advertise more.

Continued rains have caused the oats to start sprouting in the shocks, which is rather discouraging to the farmers.

Aug. 20: At a meeting of the Red Cross Friday, ten kits were packed and shipped to our soldiers in Hawaii.

School will open Monday, August 25.

Fay E. Blackman was an interested visitor this week at Radio Station WLS, Chicago, located in the tower of the Sears-Roebuck plant.

Yorkville: At a meeting of the farmers interested in the future of the Fox & Illinois Union railroad held at Morris Monday evening an organization was perfected to take over the road and continue operations Sept. 1.

Aug. 27: Gus Voss attended the barbers' picnic at Central States Fair grounds Sunday.

There would be a vast improvement in the appearance of the town if the weeds were cut on some of the vacant lots.

From *The Prairie Farmer* of August 9, 1924:

Rural Town Has National Guard Company.

It's drill night at Plattville in Kendall county, Illinois.

Company E of the 129th Infantry, Illinois National Guard is doing its stuff in the new armory and community building that the boys built themselves. All in Plattville--a town of some 50 people 18 miles from nowhere, according to one of the natives, the smallest town in the United States to support a National Guard company. The 60 men in the company all live on farms with the exception of the local minister, two merchants, one school teacher, and one plasterer. Lieutenant Charles Howell, who farms a quarter-section near Plattville is in charge of the company. He is an aggressive and leading spirit in the company and community.

September -- 1924

Sept. 3: The basement of the Federated Church has been improved by a plaster board and sheet-rock ceiling.

Wayne Denney is the possessor of a new sedan.

Miss Winifred Walker will represent the county at the School of Domestic Science at the Springfield State Fair two weeks. She leaves for the capital next Friday.

Miss Verla Falk, who graduated from the DeKalb normal, left Monday evening to teach in a school at Maywood.

Sept. 10: Display your flag on Defense Day. [National Defense Day was organized by The War Department for Sept. 12, 1924 to test how well and how fast the nation's resources could be mobilized to prevent an attack. The observance was supported by almost seventeen million Americans, including the U.S. Army, the Marine Corps, the National Guard, the Organized Reserves, and civilian volunteers. However, the day was protested by a variety of politicians as well as political, civic, and church groups throughout the U.S. from isolationist Republican and Democratic governors to left wing labor leaders to the Society of Friends.]

Yorkville: Farmers Buy the Road

The Fox & Illinois Union Railroad has ceased to be the property of Arthur E. Evans of Aurora and is now owned and operated by the public-spirited men of the community adjacent. The deal was consummated Thursday, the money was paid, and the organization of farmers and business men now has charge of the Morris-Yorkville electric line.

Sept. 17: The first number of the lyceum course will be given Sept. 30 at the Presbyterian Church. The Ambassador Quartette will give the entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Esch of Chicago are visiting at Mrs. Haines'.

Sept. 24: Mrs. Margaret Edwards has had her buildings painted.

Yorkville: Plano has instituted a new system for country cities--they have two 'stop streets' on the state highway. In other words if you are traveling through our neighboring city to points west or east, you must make two full stops on the highway. We are curious as to how this will work out with the transcontinental, or trans-state automobilist. Perhaps it will stick and perhaps it will stir up a row. We are not finding fault, but we view with curiosity the possibilities for come litigation.

October -- 1924

Oct. 1: Benjamin F. Hoag, better known as Frank Hoag, one of the oldest conductors in the service of the Aurora, Elgin & Fox River Electric company died at his home in Aurora after a week's illness. Mr. Hoag had been employed as a conductor for the AE&FR for the last 28 years. For many years he was conductor on the upriver line and for the last 17 years was engaged in the same capacity on the Yorkville branch.

Oct. 8: Fred Walker received a carload of cattle this week from St. Paul.

The sum of \$40.50 was raised at the food sale on Saturday. This goes to help purchase a piano for the primary school.

Oct. 15: Frank Harris purchased the tenant house near the Smith ice house and has moved it onto one of his lots in the new addition.

Frank Herren has been remodeling his house.

Oct. 22: William Cliggitt was born at Oswego, Illinois Nov. 4, 1856. His boyhood days were spent upon his parents' farm about three miles southwest of the village. As a small boy he attended "the little red school house on the corner" and later completed his schooling in the old stone school house in Oswego. He married Miss Alice Rees in 1892. The first three years of their married life were spent upon a farm. Mr. Cliggitt then entered the grain business at Oswego, which he continued for 25 years. Owing to ill health he was obliged to retire from his work. He is survived by his widow, Alice, one daughter, Miss Fern Cliggitt, two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Boomer and Miss Kate Cliggitt.

Fred Willis of Oswego was advertising the Monarch Portable, Model "B" radio. A Beautiful Efficient Long Range Six Tube Radio Receiving Set. "Brings the World to You Wherever You Are." Ready for instant use wherever you are. Prices, with earphones included, were \$220 in cash or \$225 cash on delivery.

Oct. 29: Dr. and Mrs. Weishew and Don spent the weekend at Madison, Wis.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bloomer have moved into the Young house.

The funeral of Mrs. Caroline Woolley of Aurora was held at the Presbyterian church last Tuesday afternoon. She leaves two young sons to mourn her loss. Her husband preceded her seven years ago.

The Oswego Parent-Teacher association will hold its annual Halloween fair Thursday, Oct. 30, at the school house.

November -- 1924

Nov. 5: Misses Grace and Sarah Pearce have taken apartments in Aurora for the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, who have been living in a part of the Schickler house across the river, have moved into their new home next to Mr. Frank Harris in the Park addition.

One of the best community affairs ever held in Oswego was the school fair and entertainment given at the school Thursday evening.

Yorkville: Observed Record editor H.R. Marshall: "In the Saturday's issue of the *Chicago Tribune* there was an editorial headed: 'This gives us a pain.' We are happy to say that the number of pains which are inflicted on the reading public by this same egotistical sheet, *The Tribune*, are not any worse than painful. Were the influence of *The Tribune* more effective, the pain might be more potent. We hope that, during the next two years, the World's Greatest Newspaper (sic) will learn, like many smaller publications, that vituperation and slander will not always win."

Nov. 12: Mrs. Lou Young has returned to Yorkville after spending several days with her daughter, Mrs. Oscar Shoger.

Franklyn W. Clark, 76 years of age, died at the Soldier's Home at Danville on Nov. 4, 1924. He is survived by five children, three sons, Henry, Winfield, and Harry; two daughters, Lillie and Mary; also one sister, Mrs. Mary Sherman of Los Angeles. Burial in the Pearce cemetery at Oswego Nov. 6. Mr. Clark enlisted in Company D Fourth Illinois Cavalry at the age of 15 years, serving until the end of the war.

Nov. 19: The second number of the Lyceum course, "The Delaware Duo," will be at the Federated church, Thursday evening, Nov. 20.

There will be no school next week because of teachers' institute and also Thanksgiving vacation.

Everett Jericho, employed as truck driver for the W.A. Ohlaver Ice Cream Company Aurora was apparently killed by electrocution at the firm's plant Nov. 11.

Everett Smith Jericho was born at Bristol, Ill. Feb. 8 1901 and died Nov. 11, 1924 at Aurora. He leaves behind his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jericho; one sister, Mrs. Robert Marvin; four brothers, Glenn, Ralph, Frank, and Richard. The funeral services were held for the convenience of the Aurora friends first at the Downs-Jones funeral home in Aurora then the remains were taken to the Federated church at Oswego. The deceased was a member of the Young People's class of that church and the attendance that filled the building showed the esteem in which he and his family were held. Members of the National Guard and two of the officers conducted the body to the grave. After the interment, his comrades fired the military salute.

Nov. 26: A.H. Korte had the misfortune to fall from a ladder Saturday morning, the ladder also falling onto Mr. Korte and injuring him very seriously.

Mr. Frank Heffelfinger, son of Katherine and John Heffelfinger, was born in Northampton county Pa., on Nov. 28, 1856 and died at his home in Oswego Nov. 19, 1924 after a lingering illness at the age of 67 years, 11 months, and 19 days. The deceased was a member of Zion church, Allen township, Northampton county, Pa., also a member of the Modern woodmen Flowing Well Camp No. 1252. He came to Illinois in 1878. He married Jane Lindemier March 5, 1883. They lived in NaAuSay and Lisbon until four years ago when h was forced to leave the farm on account of ill health, when he

moved to his late home in Oswego. He leaves to mourn his loss his widow, three children, Mrs. Alice Wood of Ogema, Wis. Henry of Aurora, and William of Aurora; two grandchildren, Ida and Burdette Wood of Oswego; besides a host to relatives and friends.

December -- 1924

Dec. 3: No wonder there was such a mixture of weather last week. All the broadcasting stations were sending out messages in everything from English to Czechoslovakia and trying to hear the same things from Europe. Now we can quiet down and listen to "How do you do, WLS, how do you do" and the other worn out attempts at snappy stuff from our own nearby stations.

Dec. 10: The concrete road on the east side of the river will be open for traffic Wednesday, Dec. 10. This is a great improvement for Oswego. The bridge across the Waubesa creek is a beautiful piece of concrete work. Oswego is proud of this improvement and gives praise to the county and village who worked so faithfully for this beautiful bridge and highway.

Yorkville: Unless the State of Illinois makes some changes on the turn at the Webster Street Crossing of the Burlington at Montgomery there will be more accidents. It is futile to suppose that auto drivers will use the depot crossing of the Burlington at Montgomery when there is such obstruction as permitted by the State Highway Commission at the cement road. You, a driver, are approaching the cement road at the Webster street drive, will find a turn which is dangerous. You cannot look to right or left, get a clearer view of the road from the other angle, and drive safely on the route. If you go farther down the Montgomery highway and cross to the Base Line Crossing, you have an unobstructed vision of the railroad, the state road, and the country.

The time table for the new bus line which will be operated by the Aurora, Elgin & Fox River Electric Company is out and the cars on the rails will be discontinued the last of December. The time table will give better satisfaction than the one under which the cars worked. A bad feature of the service will be that the new buses will not come across the river, having no franchise in Yorkville. It would seem logical for the Yorkville village board to let them in--nothing can be accomplished by keeping them out and provisions can be had in the franchise which will make the document inoperative if the company fails to live up to promises. The cars are of the latest type and are brand new, easy riding, and fast.

Dec. 17: The owners of radios in the village of Oswego are finding it hard to tune in on their favorite stations. The reason is said to be a 'leak' in the electric light wires.

There has been a varied style of weather during the last week. Everything from a spring-like day to a real, old-fashioned snow storm has visited us. Christmas trade has been brisk at most stores and promises to be a big asset to the year's business.

The new bus service from Aurora to Yorkville promises a better schedule for the patrons than the present car line.

Dec. 24: Mr. and Mrs. Watts Cutter have gone to Biloxi, Miss. to spend the winter.

No school was held this week because of so many cases of scarlet fever.

Clay Cutter is home from Madison University and Max Cuter from Purdue University for the holidays.

Yorkville: All power to the men who are fathering the bill through Congress which prohibits the mailing of "one-hand guns." It is a move in the right direction and may, eventually, result in the closely restricted sale of these dangerous weapons. The newspapers of the country are cluttered with stories of murders the result of illegal possession and use of "gats." The automatic and revolver have raised a new condition in criminology which can only be counteracted by the suppression of the dangerous weapons which is as readily used and often more apt to be as an offensive rather than a defensive arm.

Dec. 31: The Aurora Elgin and Fox River Electric Company have been forced to change the time of beginning their bus service by the fact that they are unable to secure the buses before the middle of January. The electric service will be continued until the bus service is stated, which will be Feb. 1. After the bus service is inaugurated the electric line south of Fox River Park will be junked. Each bus will have a seating capacity of 25, will be orange color and be equipped with the latest devices for safety and comfort.

Do not forget to feed our feathered friends while every thing is buried under the snow and ice. They are helpless and will starve unless grain is put out for them.

1924 Deaths

January

Jan. 23: James Titsworth Pearce

February

Feb. 13: Mary Josephine (McCormick) Richards (wife of Theron Richards)

Feb. 20: Mrs. Joseph (Jane) Hinchman

March 12: Mrs. Mary Mullen

March 19: Miss Martha white

April 30: Minnie Burkhart Shoger

May 14: Louise Kennedy

June 11: Mrs. Fred Falk

July 16: Miss Mabel Cherry

July 30: Wallace Davis

Carl White

Marriages

Feb. 20: Bessie Mitchell and William Hayes
Alice Young and Homer Vickery

1925

January

Jan. 7: The friends of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Knechtel were saddened when they learned of the death of their little daughter, Julianne, who passed away Wednesday morning, Dec. 31. The little girl was not quite three years old.

The high school will show at the Federated church on Friday evening, Jan. 15, the motion picture, "Nanook of the North."

Leslie Falk spent several days with his people.

Yorkville: Get your smoked glasses ready for the eclipse of the sun Jan. 24. Astronomers say we will be able to get a good view from this district, almost a total darkening of Old Sol being seen.

Regular winter weather has prevailed for the past few weeks and roads are fine for sleighing. Farmers who were late with their corn are having a bad time with the ice and snow. The extent of the ice and sleet of Christmas week has just begun to be realized.

Jan. 14: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Fred [Clara] Walker and family were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Smith at Sunday dinner and to hear their new radio.

Monday witnessed another quiet, steady snowfall, which covered the ice and made the going exceptionally dangerous.

Jan. 21: There are many Oswego readers of the Kendall County Record whose subscriptions have expired. Will you kindly renew your subscription through Miss Edna Walker.

Roy Roalson, who works in the Voss Barber Shop, is enjoying a few weeks' vacation.

C.L. Burkhart and family attended the ski meet at Cary Sunday.

T.C. Carlson is in Chicago on the Federal petit jury.

| Yorkville: We can all draw a sigh of relief--Winifred Westover Hart admitted that her husband, "Bill" Hart of the movies, did not beat her up and drag her around by the hair.

But it was worth nearly a half-page in the daily newspapers. [Hart was a childhood resident of Oswego]

Jan. 28: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hoch spent Sunday in Woodstock with Mr. Hoch's parents.

The next regular meeting of the Oswego branch of the Red Cross society will be held Friday, Jan 30, with the usual picnic dinner at noon.

Yorkville: So far as Yorkville was concerned, the eclipse was a total loss--the sky was so overcast as to make a view of the much advertised event impossible.

The bus service of the Aurora, Elgin and Fox River Electric company will begin on Sunday, Feb. 1. On weekdays, there will be a bus every hour in the morning and evening and every two hours during the middle of the day. There will be a bus every hour Saturday afternoon. Sunday--every two hours. The buses will stop at the Hotel Nading to take on passengers. The fare to Aurora will be 40 cents, with a book of 54 rides for \$12.95.

February -- 1925

Feb. 4: Bus service was inaugurated by the AE&FR lines Sunday. It promises to be more satisfactory than the cars as soon as the new system has been worked out. The buses are big and comfortable; they are faster than the cars and make trips more often. Colonel Copley and Manager Egolf of the company came down to Yorkville Friday evening and took a number of citizens to Aurora for dinner. This was the trial trip and gave satisfaction.

From the indications, M. Groundhog was unable to see his shadow from sunlight Monday morning. But perhaps the blinding lights of some of our "all-night squad" of automobilists made such a shadow that he was frightened back for another snooze.

The soldiers in Company H, 15th U.S. Army Infantry Regiment stationed in Tientsin, China wrote a letter of thanks to members of the Oswego Red Cross for the Christmas packages they sent. "My home is in Illinois also, so receiving a Christmas bag from you is like receiving something from the folks at home, and it sure make a fellow feel good to know that he isn't forgotten, especially here in China where we were not expecting anything."

Feb. 11: The friends of Mrs. "Doc" Woolley will be sorry to learn of her death, which occurred Sunday morning, Feb. 8, at her home in Aurora.

The Jay Bell family are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby daughter. Miss Laura Johnson is caring for Mrs. Bell.

| There will be moving pictures shown for the school children at the Federated Church Friday evening, Feb. 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Henning attended the lumbermen's convention in Chicago Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

Yorkville: We have been asked to publish weekly letters from WLS, Chicago, regarding their radio activities. We have not done this partially for lack of space and partially because we feel that advertising Sears, Roebuck & Company should be paid for as much as any other publicity.

Mrs. Sarah D Woolley, 67, wife of L.W Woolley, died Sunday morning at her home, 399 Lafayette street, Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Woolley celebrated their gold wedding anniversary Jan. 14 last. They were married at Hinckley in 1875 and resided on a farm 1-1/2 miles east of Oswego until seven years ago when they moved to Aurora. Mrs. Woolley was 67 years of age on the day of her wedding anniversary.

The deceased was born Jan. 14, 1858 near Geneva and had resided near Hinckley, Oswego, and Aurora all her life.

She is survived by her husband, Lewis; two sons Wilbur and Wilton, both of Oswego; and five daughters, Mrs. Anna Creasey of Los Angeles, Mr. Elizabeth Forrester of Chicago, Mrs. Beatrice Price of Montgomery, Mrs. Ora Holland of Minneapolis, and Mrs. Vivian Habernicht of St. Louis. Fourteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren also survive. One son, Lewis, preceded her in death seven years ago. Funeral services will be held at the home. Burial will be in Oswego cemetery.

Feb. 18: Next Friday evening, Feb. 20, a musical program will be given in the Federated church for the benefit of the first and second grade piano fund.

Mrs. H.B. Read is ill at her home and has a trained nurse in attendance.

The friends of "Bobby" Herren and Miss Della Lippold were very much surprised to learn they had been married since last July and they have now gone to Texas on their wedding trip.

Hazel Lyons, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lyons passed away at her home Feb. 6. She leaves besides her parents, one sister and four brothers.

Feb. 25: Edward Ketchum, who had been ill for some time, passed away at his home last Monday evening, Feb. 16

Mr. Ketchum was born in Chester, Grange county, New York, May 25, 1834. He lived in Illinois a greater part of his life. Mr. Ketchum was very active up to the time he was taken ill. He leaves to mourn him his wife and one brother, Elnathan Ketchum of NaAuSay, and several nieces and nephews. Burial was in the Oswego cemetery.

The Ray Woolley family are moving to a farm over near Sugar Grove.

The Farm Bureau gave a moving picture entertainment in the Federated Church Saturday evening. It was largely attended. Talks were also given by Farm Adviser Earl Price and by Robert L. Matlock, county farm bureau president.

We record with regret the death of Robert Ezekiel Davis, who passed from time to eternity at the Aurora City Hospital Monday, Feb. 16, where he had been recently taken for treatment. Mr. Davis was a kindly man with an unusually high standard of honor. One whose life was ennobled by his honest dealings with his fellow man. His life will remain to those who enjoyed his friendship as an example worth emulating. Born June 3, 1854 in Oswego, Ill., his life was spent in Oswego except for three years in Missouri. He was one of a family of ten children, four of whom still survive: Mrs. H.H. Lyon and Mrs. M.L. Roseberry, both of Oswego; Edward Davis of Base Line road; and Mrs. Emily Hagerman of Champaign. He was the father of three children, all of whom are now living: Miss Florence Davis of Eureka, Calif., Mrs. Helen Tobey of Minneapolis, Minn., and Bert Davis of Oswego. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Hannah Davis, his three children, ten grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. The funeral services were held in the Presbyterian church of Oswego Feb. 19, 1925, Rev. J.R. Craighead officiating. The burial was in the Oswego cemetery.

A link with the older generation of Oswego and vicinity has been severed by the death of Mr. Ketchum, who for 70 years has lived in the town of Oswego and vicinity. During the course of his long life, he made many friends. He was a great lover of horses and affectionate in his care of them. Even at the advanced age of 90 years, he took great pleasure in driving out. He united with the NaAuSay Presbyterian church many years ago, but failing health had prevented him the later years of his life from attending services. He was always a staunch advocate of temperance. The funeral was held on Wednesday, Feb. 18, in the Presbyterian church at Oswego, Rev. J.R. Craighead officiating. The Masons held their burial ritual in the church and cemetery. Mr. Ketchum was initiated into the order Sept. 2, 1871 and became a Master Mason Dec. 2, 1871. Edward Young Ketchum was the oldest son of Zopher and Nancy Satterly Ketchum. He was born May 25, 1834 near Greenwood Lake, Orange county, New York. His father died when he was ten years of age. Ten years later, Mr. Ketchum came to Illinois. Mr. Ketchum's brothers and sisters who grew to maturity were Mrs. Juliana Seely, Elnathan Ketchum, and Zopher Ketchum. Elnathan is the only surviving member of the family. Mr. Ketchum was twice married. His first wife was Millicent Seely, daughter of Dr. Seely of NaAuSay. She died shortly after their marriage. June 21, 1877 he married Mrs. Amanda Pogue Weeks. His life came peacefully to its end Monday evening, Feb. 16, 1925.

March -- 1925

March 4: Merrill Cherry is the possessor of a new sedan.

Glen Leigh shipped a carload of extra fat steers to Chicago last Wednesday.

Raymond Campbell and family have moved into the Carrie Shoger house, which was recently vacated, by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Walker and family.

Little Alice Cooper is ill of scarlet fever.

March 11: A play entitled "Friday Afternoon at a Village School" will be given in the Federated church Thursday, March 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pierce are the parents of a little daughter born Tuesday, March 2.

Mr. Wildermuth, teacher in the Walker district, took 17 of his pupils to Aurora one day last week to see the photoplay, "Abraham Lincoln."

The funeral of John Thurber, who passed away at his home in Superior, Wis., was held from the home of John Cherry Sunday afternoon. Burial in the NaAuSay cemetery.

There are a number of cases of scarlet fever in town, and a number of them are among older people.

March 18: Mrs. L.R. Inman entertained the Wigwam club at her home last Thursday afternoon.

Yorkville: We note a real effort on the part of our state legislators to pass a law against gun toting. There is no more important piece of legislation needed.

Fire took one of the landmarks of the [Yorkville] community last week and the old Hopkins homestead will be missed by all who know Yorkville. The big house, standing on the top of the Bristol hill, was a familiar place to tourists and visitors. It was built by the late Dr. Robert Hopkins in the '50s and was set in the center of a large yard, alone and imposing. These old buildings are fast disappearing and the links with older days are being broken. Yet the old places were well built and comfortable--evidence of the days of honest labor and good material.

That responsible tax payers all over the state are regarding with considerable favor the bill introduced in the legislature last week by Sen. Cuthbertson of Bunker Hill is the opinion of President E.L. Matlock of the Kendall County Farm Bureau.

This bill would definitely wipe the county highway tax for State Aid Roads off the tax books of Kendall county, the present approximate amount actually levied being \$25,000. Kendall county would, however, be reimbursed by means of a two-cent tax per gallon on gasoline on public highways. This tax would be collected at its point of highest concentration.

Doing away with the county highway tax would amount to a savings of approximately \$10 per each \$4,000 of valuation or from \$15 to \$20 on each farm of 160 acres.

Frank C. Beane, eldest son of Walter C. and Sarah Beane, passed away at Madison, Wis. March 4, 1925. He was born in Kendall County on Feb. 14, 1858. Mr. Beane was married Dec. 16, 1885 to Miss Emma J. Kennedy at her home in Bristol. He spent the greater portion of his life at Fox, Illinois, where he engaged in farming and later managed the elevator and store for a number of years. In 1912 Mr. Beane moved with his family to Madison, Wis., where he resided the last 13 years.

He is survived by his wife, and four daughters, Miss Ruth E. of Madison, Wis., Mrs. Lizzie Thurrow of Bristol, Mrs. Alice Nelson of Dodgeville, Wis., Mrs. Ellen Brunelle of Fayette, Mo.; also two sisters, Miss Emma Beane of Long Beach, Calif. and Mrs. Lizzie Crimmin of Plano; and one brother, Fred J. Beane of Aurora.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at Madison, Wis. and later from the William Crimmin home at Plano on Saturday afternoon, March 7, 1925. Pall bearers were Walley Beane, Will Crimmin, Merrill Crimmin, Glen Beane, Harvey Beane, and Kenneth Beane, with interment at Oak Grove cemetery, Bristol. Mr. Beane was a charter member of the Yorkville I.O.O.F lodge, and also of the UCT of Madison, Wis.

March 25: A number of relatives, friends, and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hafenrichter last Monday, March 16, to help them celebrate their golden wedding.

The East Oswego Farmers Club was entertained last Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hafenrichter. The following officers were elected: President, Milton Hemm; vice-president, Mrs. Irwin Wolf; secretary, Mrs. Sherman Burkhart; treasurer, Mrs. L.F. Shoger; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Albert Woolley.

A mass meeting was held Sunday evening at the Federated church for the purpose of raising money to help the cyclone victims in the southern part of the state. A fund of \$475.50 was raised that evening, and pledges were received, which are yet to be collected.

Yorkville: Completing the terrible cycle of deaths by storm, fire, and pestilence, Illinois was visited last week by one of the most heart-rending catastrophes of a decade. The territory of southern central Illinois--a line drawn almost east and west from Indiana to Missouri through Murphysboro--suffered a loss of nearly a thousand dead, five thousand injured, and 15,000 homeless.

April -- 1925

April 1: Issue missing.

April 8: Friday afternoon at the [Red Brick] school house the Woman's Relief Corps of Aurora presented each room with a beautiful silk flag.

School election will be held Saturday afternoon, April 11, from 2 to 4 o'clock at the town hall. The following are the candidates: Robert Peterson, president and Mr. Kesselring and Tom Collins for directors.

A sight which is not very beautiful for our town people to look upon or for people driving into our town is the old cement mixer which was left standing at the end of the cement road near the school house. It would be well for the village to see that the mixer is moved to some proper place for it.

The Arbuckle family are moving to Batavia where Mr. Arbuckle is now employed.

Fire destroyed the farm house occupied by Mr. Been Lippy early Monday morning. The family saved only the clothes they were wearing at the time.

The Presbyterian church is being renovated preparatory to the meeting of Ottawa Presbytery on Wednesday and Thursday, April 15 and 16.

Lewis Loucks Rickard, the third child in the family of four of Lewis and Caty Rickard, was born in Bristol township, Feb. 1, 1853. He grew to manhood on the farm of his parents and on Dec. 24, 1878 was married to Miss Anne White. To this union was born one daughter, Mrs. Charles Cherry and in the family line one granddaughter, Evelyn, now Mrs. Clifford Heap. Mr. Rickard lived in Kendall county all his life and eight years ago removed from his farm to Oswego, where his home has been the synonym of hospitality and good cheer. At the conclusion of a brief illness, he passed from life near 2 o'clock Monday, March 30. He looked on the brighter side and for the better things.

Yorkville: The Illinois legislature has passed a bill and it was signed by the governor making it a law, appropriating six millions of dollars from the state treasury to be devoted to maintenance and repairs on state highways. Too bad we can't have some of it applied on the bridges at Yorkville and the Burlington crossing this side of Montgomery.

April 15: A fine spirit of brotherly love and neighborly sympathy was shown to the Been Lippy family who lost their home by fire last Monday morning when the neighbors and friends collected \$200 in money to help the family get a new start.

The high school will show motion pictures at the Federated church Thursday evening, April 16. The subjects are patriotic, historical, and entertaining. The admission will be five and ten cents.

April 22: An item of interest to Oswego folks is taken from a Rochelle paper. In an elimination contest in music appreciation to determine which of the young people in the grade and high school in Rochelle should be the representative at a national music contest to be held in Orchestra hall, Chicago, on April 25, Edward Wormley of the high school won first place with a perfect score. This young man, Edward Wormley, or Buster, as perhaps he is better known in Oswego, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Wormley of

Rochelle and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. George Wormley of Oswego. His mother was formerly Miss Edith Edwards of Oswego.

Prof. Newton Pearce of Iowa City, Iowa made a brief visit here with his sister last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gray are here from Polo to spend the summer while Mr. Gray is engaged in road construction work.

April 29: Mrs. Will Denney spent several days at Rock Island last week as a delegate from the Oswego Parent-Teacher association to the state Parent-Teacher convention.

Mrs. L.P. Voss entertained the Wigwam Club at her home last Thursday afternoon.

The Community club of the Walker district was held Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Pierce. Mrs. Leo Huntoon gave several readings and Mr. Craighead gave a talk on "Farming in Other lands."

Mary Barbara Lippold, nee Kehl, was born Nov. 21, 1836 in Bavaria, Germany and passed away at Oswego on April 22, 1925 at the age of 88 years and five months. Mrs. Lippold came to America in 1868 and shortly after her coming she came to Illinois and to this vicinity. She was married to Ludwig Lippold April 15, 1871, with whom she lived for nearly 40 years and since the death of her husband she has lived with her son, Theodore. From the time of her coming to Oswego until her death, she was a faithful member of the Evangelical church. She leaves three sons, one daughter, four stepdaughters, and one stepson and seen grandchildren.

Yorkville: Chicago adopted the "daylight-saving" plan again Sunday. With the usual selfishness of the city people, the comfort and convenience of country patrons of the big city have been overlooked. And yet Chicago asks the "down-state" crowd to help them run things to suit Chicago. If we had our way, Cook county would be made a state by itself where they could deal with their criminals, their problems of finance which they now ask the other part of the state to meet, their street problems, and their policing intricacies. We of the country have rights, even though we are declared to be of uncertain brain capacity for thinking so.

Advertisement: Oswego Concrete Company: Cement Blocks, foundations, sidewalks, driveways, cellar floors. Let us figure a Cement Block Garage or Milk House for you. Telephone Oswego 41-J. Morrison & Donnelly.

May -- 1925

May 6: Miss Hattie Pogue and Roy Pogue were out from Chicago over the weekend to visit their father, who is staying with Mrs. Amanda Ketchum.

A barn on the farm of Mr. Cryder who lives southeast of Oswego was completely destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon.

Yorkville: The fish hatchery at Yorkville was stocked Friday evening with a carload of fish, which promises a wonderful time for the youngsters next spring. The carload of prospective parents were sliver and striped bass and bluegills, full grown and ready for spawning. It is the purpose of the state, advises Glen Palmer, who has charge of the hatchery, to release this school of fish, together with their progeny, this fall. This will, by next spring, offer excellent fishing in the river for the boy who loves to go out with a can of worms and take home a string of fish. It will also tend to increase the smaller supply of fish of the rock bass size. The fish unloaded Friday night range from six to ten inches in length.

This fall will see the stocking of the new hatchery with bass fry and fingerlings. The dikes will be raised and the depth of the water increased for the protection from freezing.

May 13: A number of our young folks attended the Junior "prom" at East High Saturday evening.

Yorkville: Farm work has progressed rapidly in spite of the chill in the air. Crops are being planted and, when the wind gets around in the south, the noise of the growth of oats, wheat, and corn will drown out the sound of the noisiest motor.

The tax on gasoline is still stirring up the state and will come to a vote during the week. As a matter of fact, we can see no more equitable manner of taxing the highway users.

May 20: The next regular meeting of the Oswego Red Cross will be held at the Red Cross room on Friday, May 22, with the usual dinner at noon.

Yorkville: In a recent issue of a magazine the question was asked: "What will become of the small town?" The answer is plain. Unless there is a coordinated plan with which to keep the business of the town attractive for the customers who come from the surrounding country there will be destruction. People like to trade in a village where the stocks are new, fresh, and up-to-date; they enjoy riding in streets which are smooth and passable, lined with pretty lawns and trees.

Interest in the radio has waned considerably during the last few months because of the inferior programs offered.

May 27: The stores will be closed all day Saturday (Memorial Day) but will keep open Friday evening.

The Walker School closed with a picnic Friday. Six of the pupils took the seventh and eighth grade examinations at Yorkville the week before and five of them passed the examination.

Decoration Day services will be held in the Presbyterian Church Saturday Morning, May 30.

Snow fell briskly for a few moments Sunday forenoon, the aftermath of the cold snap. There was a heavy frost during the night and Monday morning showed effects on garden vegetation.

June -- 1925

June 3: You are hereby notified that it is time to cut Canada thistles in order to get them before they go to seed. Fred McCloud, Canada Thistle Commissioner, Town of Lisbon.

June 10: School closed Thursday with appropriate exercises by those graduating from the eighth grade and the field day exercises and picnic were enjoyed by many on Friday.

Yorkville: The "Toonerville Line of Kendall County" that lost \$10,000 a year under private ownership is blossoming into a full-fledged, respectable expense-paying, if not profit-making railroad since a group of 300 farmers in Kendall and Grundy county salvaged it from the junk pile.

The Fox and Illinois Union Railway, an interurban that runs between Yorkville and Morris, was bought last fall by a group of farmers and landowners living and owning land adjoining the right-of-way. They paid a total of \$97,000 for the 20 miles of track, three motor cars including one express, two passenger and three freight cars. According to the former owners, the original cost of the equipment was \$459,054.

"We bought and we're operating it. That's about all there is to it," tersely commented I.V. Cryder, secretary of the company and a leading Kendall County farmer. "We can't get along without it. We bought it for service. Our farmers at Lisbon would have had to haul grain 8-1/2 miles farther then they are now hauling it, if the road had been junked. I know we couldn't haul as cheaply by truck. And we get the same service on freight shipments here as we would in Morris."

The road was built in 1913 by the late Sen. H.H. Evans. Last year it handled 1.4 million bushels of grain, mostly from the five elevators located at Church Road, Saratoga, Central, Lisbon, and Kentland.

Get out the old bowl, brother, if you live in Chicago--haircuts are now 75 cents. But you can go to John Reddock Gus Voss, Julius Way and the rest of the [Kendall] county operators and get a better job and half the expense.

June 17: Mrs. Josie Smith and Mrs. Ed Smith were hostesses to the "Old School Mates" at their annual picnic Saturday, June 13. There were 23 present.

Wayne Denny and Miss Marie Rasmussen were married last Wednesday, June 10, at Yorkville and are now enjoying a trip through Wisconsin. They will occupy the Leslie Tremain home for a while after their return.

June 24: The East Oswego Rural Progressive Club with Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hem last Thursday.

Kendall County Red Cross Chapter received an order from headquarters for 50 girls' dresses and as Oswego branch is the only active working branch in the county, the garments were made by Oswego branch and on Friday last, 54 dresses were packed and sent to Puerto Rico.

The wedding of Robert A. Gates, son of Mrs. Anna Gates of Oswego and Miss Lucy Hubbard Rowe of Oak Park, took place Sunday, June 14, at Shore Crest Hotel, Chicago. Mr. Gates is a graduate of Northwestern university and for some length of time has been connected with the Western Electric Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dranir are moving into their new home and the house vacated by the Dranir family will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Walper and family.

Yorkville: With a steam engine and derrick in operation on the site of the proposed waterway lock and dam at Starved Rock, the first signs of activity in connection with the project were manifest.

The apparatus was erected on the north bank of the river on the property to which the state acquired title last week through condemnation proceedings.

It is understood the derrick is to be used in the operation of a drill, with which to make depth soundings, preliminary to the letting of a contract for the dam and locks.

Well, what are you going to do about it? The Fourth of July, National Defense Day, is approaching and we've heard nothing about any preparations to care for the militia.

July -- 1925

July 1: Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Shoger have a little son born last Saturday.

Miss Alice Woolley has accepted a position in the First National Bank at Aurora.

Yorkville: About ever so often we find it necessary to call attention of public officials to the necessity of publishing the financial report of the funds over which they have control. The law is very strict but is not being enforced as it should. Village treasurers, school treasurers, and officials who handle funds are asked to take notice of this law. It is nothing more than right that the taxpayers shall be kept informed as to your handling of their funds.

Fox River was little better than a creek for the week or ten days prior to the great rain of the last week. The water dwindled until there was not enough to cover the river bed and fish were forced to seek refuge in pockets of water. The stench was marked. The low water also showed the terrible condition of the river bed and the danger of contamination by its continuation.

While we are on this question of the river condition, it is timely that your attention is called to the new sanitary bill which was passed by the last legislature. It provides for a Fox Valley Sanitary District and its establishment rests on a referendum vote to be taken this fall. It is our opinion that the district should be established and as soon as possible. This district is filling up so rapidly that the sanitation should be planned for at this time when it can be done at a less expense and under more favorable circumstances than after the country is more thickly populated.

July 8: Excavation has begun for the new house which is to be built for Roy Roalson in the Park addition.

July 15: Mr. and Mrs. Smith have moved into their new home, which has just been completed.

Fred Figge passed away at his home Sunday after a lingering illness. The funeral was from the house Tuesday afternoon.

A barn belonging to Bert McCauley was struck by lightning Saturday night.

Yorkville: The failure of Dean, Onativia & Co., Chicago brokerage house, last week practically killed the Grain Marketing Company, the farmers' cooperative marketing organization. This is a hard blow to the efforts of the farming organizations of the country in so far as it places them back where they started.

July 22: The farmers are being hard pressed in the harvest. Following the hay making came the wheat and oats, all ripening together. But the crop in Kendall county is exceeding expectations and the rural workers will be paid for their extra work. Corn also promises a banner crop if conditions continue as favorable as at present.

Yorkville: The state teachers' examination was held at the courthouse by Superintendent of Schools George Elliott on Thursday and Friday of last week. A large number of young ladies were seen on the business streets at noon, showing that the attendance was good and that the usual number of new teachers will be ready for work next fall.

July 29: The Oswego Branch Red Cross held a picnic at the home of Mrs. J.W. Roberts on Friday, July 24. Plans were made at this meeting to fill ten Christmas bags to be sent away the same as was done last year.

Yorkville: There is no reason why Fox river should be allowed to remain in its filthy and polluted condition. The rights of the individual on its banks are as important as the big factory which is permitted to ruin the water for both human and fish life. Let the people of the Fox river valley profit by the unfortunate experience of Chicago and prepare for the sure necessity of sewage disposal plants before it is too late.

Damage to a considerable amount was caused Monday afternoon when two cars of a train of eight broke loose on the Morris line and ran down the hill, smashing another car at the junction with the Burlington. The regular run of the Fox & Illinois Union had started with the express car and a train of eight empties for the stations on the way. When they reached the Brown School crossing, Superintendent Miller and "Cappie" Mayes missed two of the fleet. in the meantime, the two empties had started back to Yorkville, down the long hill, gaining speed at every revolution of the wheels. Passing the yards of the railroad at high speed, the cars barely missed automobiles on the roadway and crashed into another car standing at the switch. Fortunately having been thrown from the track by a derailler before the bump. As it was, three cars were untracked, but with no damage except to track and rolling stock. The wrecker was called by the Burlington from Aurora and two of the cars were returned to service after being replaced on the track, and the third one was taken back to the Aurora shops for repairs.

The cause of the runaway was evidently the lack of brakes on the cars. The long hill from Yorkville south offers a wonderful chance for such an accident and the road from Yorkville to Oswego make a dangerous crossing when cars run wild. As it was, two automobiles were close to destruction when the cars shot past at a rate of speed which made the highway anything but safe.

August -- 1925

Aug. 5: There will be no church service in the Federated church during the month of August as the interior is being redecorated.

The Oswego bridge has been repaired with a fine new flooring and was opened to traffic Saturday noon after having been closed for three weeks.

Hugh R. Marshall: During a recent auto trip through the corn belt of Illinois--the Cannon Ball as far west as Abingdon--we were struck by the evidences of large corn yield for this year and the general prosperity of the country. [The Cannon Ball Trail was today's U.S. Route 34]

Aug. 12: The next regular meeting of the Oswego branch Red Cross will be held next Friday, Aug. 14. The work will be the making of kits which will be sent away for Christmas for the boys.

The Oswego community orchestra went to Yorkville Wednesday evening where they gave a concert in the Federated church.

Last Thursday evening closed the five weeks' session of daily vacation Bible school at the Presbyterian church with a program and presentation of certificates to the pupils, and on Wednesday, their picnic will be held at Phillips Park.

Earl Herren and Miss Bernice Huntoon were married Thursday evening at the home of Rev. and Mrs. T.R. Quayle. They left afterward for a three-days' stay at Lake Geneva.

Yorkville: The inadvertent publication of the obituary of a prominent Aurora man in the Beacon-News last week caused much consternation, but the newspaper offered to publish a birth notice to counteract the harm done and everyone was satisfied. Wish we could all be "born again" as easily.

The military company representing Kendall county--the company which comes from the smallest county in the state having a military recognition--the company which is a follow-up of the original Home Guard Company organized under the war law--and the company which maintains the little county in the war records--will go to Camp Grant Saturday, Aug. 15. This company has a peculiar and, at the same time, a meritorious record. When the old Home Guard Company, with headquarters at Yorkville, was mustered out, this new company was sworn in. It is made up mostly of young men of the Platteville neighborhood and officiated by the men who have made good records in the tests of the state. Capt. David C. Mewhirter, of exceptional war record is in command; Salmer Thompson, first lieutenant; Charles G. Howell, second Lieutenant. The boys will leave Yorkville Saturday morning for intensive training--come see them off. They are well trained and deserve your support.

"The Fresh Air Kids," as they are termed by the countrified public, have all gone to their city homes after spending two weeks in and about Yorkville. Near 25 of these children from various ages took advantage of the hospitable homes of the community and had a fine vacation for the time allotted to them. Time was too limited for the youngsters to become acclimated and about the time they got the idea that milk is an agreeable item of diet and that fresh vegetables are healthful, even though they are pulled from the ground and not taken from a mess of dying greens on a Chicago counter, they were sent home. Mrs. James Scofield, who had charge of the visit of these young folks, wishes to thank the people who had kindly given their homes. The experiment started a few years ago and has proven worthy of continuance.

Charlotte Ann Minnig was born in Erie County, Pa., May 2, 1849, and departed this life at her home in this city on last Thursday, July 30, 1925 at 5 a.m. at the age of 76 years, two months, and 28 days. Funeral services Sunday at the Evangelical church conducted by Rev. J.A. Giese.

She was married to Christopher Steafbold Jan. 22, 1874. They lived happily together sharing in life's changing experiences for over half a century, having been permitted to celebrate their golden wedding a year ago last January. After their marriage, they lived in the vicinity of Oswego for a number of years. In 1905 they moved to Indiana, where they resided for eight years and then returned to Illinois. After a year's stay in Naperville, they came to Plainfield where they made their home for the last 12 years.

She leaves her husband; her children, Mrs. Margaret Leppert of Wheatland, Alvin J. Steafbold of Aurora, Charles H. Steafbold of Big Rock, Ray Steafbold of Wheatland, and Mrs. Minnie Smith of Plainfield. A daughter aged six years and a son, Harvey, aged 45 years, preceded her in death. She leaves nine grandchildren and one great-grandson; also her very aged mother in Wheatland who last October celebrated the 100th anniversary of her birth. There are also surviving her brother, Jacob Minnig of Galva and her sisters,

Mrs. Susan Slick of Naperville, Mrs. Rose Renninger of Downers Grove, and Amanda Grostaphon of Star City, Ind. --*Plainfield Enterprise*.

Aug. 19: Laverne Shoger, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Shoger, was one of three pupils taking the eighth grade examinations to be awarded a scholarship to a four year course in any state school.

Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Shoger celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday Aug. 16.

Yorkville: "Yellow Kid" Weil was pardoned from the Joliet penitentiary. Since his pardoning, he has been mixed in many questionable transactions, not the least of which was the robbery of the Northwestern National Bank of Milwaukee. Query: Do paroles and pardons pay?

Local people between Somonauk and Mendota are starting a movement for the pavement of Route 18 through that section. The condition is bad at present as a slight rain makes the route slippery and dangerous. If paving is not completed soon, there should be a liberal use of gravel.

It is another of those old stories but, we believe, the only way in which action will be brought is through keeping everlastingly at it. The daily papers are filled with shooting reports and stories of men being arrested who have concealed weapons. Why not make the law concerning these infractions effective? And this criticism does not cover Chicago alone--we know of several cases downstate.

NO LONGER A WASTE PRODUCT

The rapidity with which road builders of this country have taken to asphaltic materials is shown by the asphalt production for the last year. Native asphalt and bitumens totaled 570,000 short tons; domestic petroleum asphalt reached 1,158,000 tons; and imported petroleum, mostly from Mexico, yielded 1,920,000 tons, the whole product being worth \$40,005,000. While much asphalt is used for roofing and for other purposes, its ideal adaptability for elastic, clean, durable roads has been of its greater uses.

Asphaltic highways are elastic enough so that they do not wreck themselves by their own contraction and expansion in cold or hot weather. A settlement of their base is automatically compensated for by the yielding asphalt and their dark color is easy on millions of eyes which the glare of white highways injures. Thus has a waste product of a few years ago become an invaluable road building material.

Aug. 26: All the Sunday schools in the county are asked to remember the big county picnic to be held at Hellgren's Park, Plano, on Labor Day, Sept. 7; good music and speakers in the forenoon and each Sunday school in the county is expected to furnish two musical numbers for the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Cooney have returned to their home in Pasadena, Calif. After a two months' visit here. They returned by way of New Orleans.

Mrs. Richard Schultz and son La Verne of Michigan City, Ind., are visitors at the Von Volkenberg home.

Yorkville: Yorkville took the third game from the Montgomery Pirates Sunday by a score of 10 to 2.

The humble flivver of the highways is to have a counterpart of the air, if the plans of Henry Ford are carried out. A recent dispatch from Detroit, the base of authority for all Ford enterprises, states that the purchase of the Stout airplane means that a fleet of commercial airplanes is to be manufactured and put into series for carrying the freight of the company into every state of the union.

It is possible, and even probable that the Ford airplanes will work in conjunction with the postal authorities and will be awarded contracts for carrying mail, but the matter of primary importance at the outset will be for freighting for the Ford construction companies.

September -- 1925

Sept. 2: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Henning and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Biesemier have gone on a trip to Waubesa Lake and the Dells, Wisconsin.

The Walker school community club met with Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Collins last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Woolley are motoring to Niagara Falls and Canada.

Yorkville: Kendall County should again be proud of her manhood. At the encampment recently completed at Camp Grant, the 129th Infantry won the "Division Tug O' War" cup, in the face of 9,300 men and regiments in proportion. But to the glory of Kendall county, four members of the winning team of 12 were from Company E: Francis Blackman, William Heffelfinger, Albert Murley, and Fred Nelson. The Plattville boys are well proud of their fellows.

We are told that Chicago "suffers from a murder a day." It strikes us that if they would take these murderers and hang them instead of temporizing by bail, insanity pleas, supersedeases, paroles, pardons, unscrupulous attorneys, and in many cases just plain lying, Chicago might rid herself of some of her undesirables.

Sept. 9: The regular meeting of the local Red Cross will be held next Friday, Sept. 11.

The Parent-Teacher association held a reception at the school Friday afternoon. On account of the extreme heat there was a small attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dwyre spent the weekend over in Michigan City.

The body of Mrs. Mary Edwards Andrews of Unionville, Ia. was brought here Monday for burial in the Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: There will be an open air meeting of the Ku Klux Klan Monday, Sept. 14, 1925, two miles west of Sandwich on Somonauk street and three miles north; and five miles south of Hinckley. A national speaker will be present to speak on timely topics. Entertainment will start at 8 o'clock p.m. Refreshments on the ground. Admission 10 cents to everybody over 16 years of age. Parking free. Come and bring your friends.

The 24th annual reunion and picnic of the GAR of Kane and surrounding counties is being held today at the courthouse at Geneva. Rev. W.H. Ake is one of the speakers, as is James Hatch of Plano.

The Aurora Garfields won the third of a three game series with Orville Monday afternoon.

Sept. 16: Among our young folks who have gone back to college are Frances Churchill returned to Knox college at Galesburg, Miss Rachael Woolley to James Milliken at Decatur, and Miss Ruth Kesselring has gone to state normal at Normal, Illinois.

Lewis Figge has gone to Twin Falls, Idaho to visit his son, Cass Figge and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Johnson have recently purchased the August Kiehl farm and will move onto it next spring.

Owing to the rainy weather Sunday, Sept. 18, the annual count of automobiles at the Presbyterian church was not as large as usual, only 49 being present.

Yorkville: While the showers of the last few days have been pleasant and refreshing, they came too late to assist greatly in the fall crops. The satisfaction to the farmer lies in the fact that fall pasture is now assured. Stockers and hogs will find plenty to eat while waiting their place on the Chicago market. Corn looks good in spite of the drought and fall feed looks promising.

Sept. 23: Rodney K. Kennedy of Yorkville is working at the barbershop during the absence of G.H. Voss, who is taking a course of instruction in Chicago in the latest styles of ladies' hair.

Gordon Wormley had the misfortune to hurt his knee very badly while playing football and will not be able to get out for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hawley of Washington, D.C. were visiting last week at the home of Mrs. M. Hubbard and Mrs. Jennie Wormley. Mr. Hawley will be remembered by many as "Johnnie Hawley."

Mr. and Mrs. S. Divitt and family are moving to Kenosha, where they expect to make their home.

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Raymond Dwyre and Miss Marie Smith of Wheaton were married in the Methodist church at Geneva last Monday, Sept. 14. They took a short trip to Wisconsin, returning last Friday.

Mrs. Myron Wormley Sr. passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Herren, last Monday evening, Sept. 14. The funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon from the Presbyterian church. She leaves, besides her husband, a daughter, Mrs. John Herren; one son, Arthur; three grandsons; and three great-grandchildren.

Miss Juliet Minard, 85, passed away at her residence in Oswego Friday morning. She was born in New York state Nov. 27, 1840, but had resided in Illinois practically all her life. The deceased is survived by our sisters, Mrs. J.H. Clark, Chicago; Mrs. Viroqua Terry, Aurora; Mrs. Hannah Davis, Oswego; and Mrs. Carson Hill, also of Oswego; and two brothers, Eugene Minard, Aurora, and Henry Minard, Pittsburgh, Kan. The funeral was held from the late residence on Main street, Oswego, Sunday afternoon.

Yorkville: Yorkville and the vicinity had a touch of real excitement Friday night and Saturday while Sheriff George Barkley, Deputy L.K. Devereaux, Supervisor George Ohse, and Police Magistrate F.R. Skinner and a posse of citizens combed the country for Henry H. Trevo, who had escaped from the jail Friday evening. The capture was effected at the James Stewart farm near Plainfield Saturday evening, and Trevo is again in the jail. Tearing a nameplate which had been welded in the jail cage by the builders from its place, Trevo used a chair rung for a lever. From the iron he fashioned two tools with which to cut out the mortar between the brick. Friday afternoon he broke his looking glass and while loose in the "bull-pen," attacked the frame of the northwest window. He cut into the pine with his glass sufficiently to permit his tearing the frame away in the lower left-hand corner. Then he started on the brick and just before closing time, 8:30 in the evening, Trevo crept through a hole about seven inches wide and 18 inches long to freedom.

His course was marked across town to the eat and to the home of Irving Arnold on the old VanEmon farm. Here Trevo had been employed when originally arrested about a month ago and here was the one thing he longed to take with him--a beautiful young dog of police and Russian wolf breed. Trevo slept in one of the buildings on the farm Friday night and about 9 o'clock Saturday morning was able to call his dog. The two then started east through the fields and succeeded in evading his pursuers all day he arrived at the Stewart farm about suppertime and asked for a job. Mr. Arnold's name was given as a reference, and unknown to Trevo, Mr. Stewart telephoned to Yorkville and was told by the sheriff to hire the man. This was done and the officials started after their man. When first seen, Trevo tried to run away, but was halted by Barkley, who brought him back to the jail.

Trevo is held on a larceny charge, being accused of stealing valuables at the Arnold home. The jewelry and money were recovered at the time he was arrested. A serious record confronts the young man from Wisconsin, where he has already spent five of his 23 years in the reformatory and considerable time in jails. He was shot last year escaping jail at Moline and has been kept busy dodging officers of the law. At present, there are three sheriffs of nearby states who wish to extradite him.

This is the first prisoner that has broken from jail since Sheriff Barkley has been in office, more than three years. There were three boys who broke out and were recaptured and three men, two at one time and one at another, during other administrations.

Sept. 30: Mr. Moses Cherry was 84 years old Friday, Sept. 25.

G.H. Voss spent two days last week at the state fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Paige Miller have moved to Aurora.

Yorkville: H.R. Marshall: The state is refusing the right of the American Legion to hold a carnival on the Lincoln Highway, which passes through the main street of our neighboring town. Plainfield people are a little peeved. The travelers who drive through Plainfield on the famous Lincoln Highway will thank the state officials for withholding the carnival rights. These drivers are going somewhere, not expecting to stop at Joliet, Plainfield or Aurora. With a carnival on the main street of Plainfield, the highway ceases to be. It becomes a place for delay and vexation, perhaps demanding a detour to get around the pleasure seekers. When your state highway runs down your main street, you must expect some discomforts.

Chicago has returned for a few months to "sun time," and will be in gear with the rest of the people with whom it has business dealings--or until the Chicago citizens find they cannot arise at six in the morning unless the clock says seven. it is a great way of fooling one's self.

Interest in the Chicago City Series--Cubs vs. Sox--is not so keen. Both teams have denied themselves any consideration in the big league stuff because of poor playing, poor results, and poor pitching. it seems exceedingly strange that a city of the size of Chicago with two big professional league teams, together with the money of Charles Weeghman and Charles Comiskey, couldn't put over a baseball team to finish at least in the first division in their leagues. [On August 16, 1921, Weeghman sponsored the first state-wide rally of the Ku Klux Klan on his property in Lake Zurich. The rally may have drawn more than 12,000 people and saw the initiation of more than 2,000 new Klan members. By 1923, Weeghman had been forced to sell his lunch counter chain and his interest in the Cubs. Charles Wrigley bought Weeghman's interest in the Cubs and was majority owner by 1925.]

At the Kendall County Board meeting, an application from A.B. Hallock of Aurora to operate and maintain the dance hall at Knollwood in Kendall County, Oswego Township, part Lot 6 on the southwest quarter of section 26, was approved.

Ham Cowdrey has moved his automobile parking grounds farther south on Island avenue, Aurora, and is ready to care for your cars, coats, and blankets at a nominal fee. Mr. Cowdrey was forced from the old stand by the building of the new Elk building. He leased the big lot west of the Aurora Public Library. Drive down Island avenue to the library building and take a jog to the west. Service is excellent and your property is safe in his charge.

October -- 1925

Oct. 7: The Oswego branch of the Red Cross will hold a meeting at the rooms Friday.

Oct. 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Foster are the parents of another daughter, born on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Richards of Washington, D.C., are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Richards.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Herren are the proud parents of a son born at the city hospital Oct. 6.

The Frank Harris home is quarantined. Billie has the whooping cough.

Yorkville: The best results a country newspaper man gets from the many requests for free publicity is the money paid him by the "rags, old iron" man when he sells the bales of old paper.

Oct. 14: Miss Etta Kiehl has somewhat improved her house and had it repainted.

Merrill Cherry is now employed at the Lyon Metallic Manufacturing Company at Montgomery.

The law enforcement picture, "When Slight Meets Night," shown at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening was certainly appreciated by a large audience.

Yorkville: The Yorkville Community Theatre is again offering exceptional pictures for the patrons. When you come to town on Saturday evening and want to get shaved and talk a little baseball, let the wife and youngsters go to the town hall and see real pictures under a conservative management. They will appreciate the pictures and enjoy the time better than sitting around the stores waiting.

Oct. 21: Help our branch of the Red Cross to make a success of their rummage sale Friday, Oct. 23 at the rooms.

There will be a pie social and food sale at the Keck school on the Baseline road Friday evening, Oct. 23. Catherine Condon, teacher.

There will be a big mass meeting at the Oswego Federated Church at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon when W.S. Flemming, superintendent of the Illinois Civil League, will have charge of the meeting. Mr. Flemming is an ardent speaker, and will discuss law enforcement and include a talk concerning some of the laws passed by the last legislature.

Yorkville: There could not be a worse thing happen to the city of Chicago in a newspaper sense than to permit William Randolph Hearst to obtain the ownership of the Chicago Daily News. A more disastrous thing could not be conceived than that of having the principal papers in the hands of the *Examiner* and the *Tribune*.

Who is the fastest corn husker in Kendall county? The Farm Bureau wants to send him to the state corn husking contest to be held in Montgomery county in early November. A county husking contest to select the individual worthy of that honor will be held Saturday afternoon, Oct. 31, at the Joseph Smith farm, occupied by Clarence Clayton. This farm is in Kendall township, exactly two miles south of the center of the county.

Mrs. Joseph Sierp was buried at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Aurora, Tuesday morning. Her death was the aftermath of an operation for appendicitis and was cause for much sorrow among a large circle of friends. Mrs. Sierp and her husband are well known in Kendall county, the citizens of which have been in close business relation with them for a number of years. Those who visited the store when Mrs. Sierp was an active member of the force delighted in meeting her and enjoying her pleasant personality. Sympathy goes out to "Joe," a former Oswego boy and now one of Aurora's big business men.

Emil Zilly of Aurora is in the Kendall county jail awaiting the action of the October grand jury on a charge of rape. Police Magistrate Frank R. Skinner made the commitment and held Zilly under bonds of \$5,000. This is a case with the evidence describes as follows: a little girl, 12 years of age, and a niece of the defendant, was attacked by him during the early spring. She was alone in the house with him while her adopted parents were away.

Fred W. Speiker is another waiter for justice. The charge against him is the manufacture and possession of intoxicating liquor. Speiker has a gasoline station just outside of Yorkville on Route 18. He was arrested recently and in lieu of bail is also a visitor at the county jail.

Henry Trevo, the man who escaped from jail, is awaiting the action of the grand jury. He is ready to take his medicine, it is said.

Oct. 28: The Red Cross cafeteria lunch and rummage sale was a decided success. About \$75 was realized.

The Bronk school, in which Miss Gertie Wormley is teacher, will have a social and dance Friday evening, Oct. 30.

Newton Woolley and Howard Shoger attended the game at Champaign on Saturday.

The death of William Cooney a former resident of Oswego, occurred Oct. 12 in Sterling, Colo. With his father, William H. Cooney, he went to Colorado from Illinois in 1887 and settled on a homestead near Flemming, where he had resided constantly for the past 16 years. Death was due to appendicitis. A sister, Mrs. J.R. James of Omaha, Neb., formerly Mabel Cooney, was with his during his last illness. Another sister, Mrs. G.S. Boynton of Lincoln Neb., was unable to go on account of ill health. Burial was in the LeRoy, Colorado cemetery.

The Oswego junior high school football team beat Yorkville 24-0. The junior high was then beat during an intraschool game against the high school team, 14-7.

The Oswego school has been equipped with a new gas stove. This is a gift from the Parent-Teacher club and is greatly appreciated. The stove will be placed in the vacant basement room, which will be used as a hot lunch room during the winter.

The following students from the high school are honor students for the month of October, having received an average of 90 or above in their studies: Albert Ode, Gordon Wormley, Carl Hafenrichter, Lillian Stevens, Glenn Johannsen, Marion Henley, Ruth Woolley, Ruth Shoger, and Baldwin, and Edwin Pierce.

Yorkville: A field of four racing corn huskers will make the start next Saturday afternoon, Oct. 31, when the first Kendall County Corn Husking Contest will be put on. Kendall County men entered to date for Saturday's event are Clarence Vogen, Kendall township; Jonis Peterson, Big Grove township; Clarence Mathre, Fox township; and Roy Benson, Big Grove township.

November -- 1925

Nov. 4: The school fair being postponed, an apron sale was held in the village hall by the parent-teacher club Saturday afternoon.

Although the price of cattle is high, several farmers have purchased a carload apiece for winter feeding.

On account of the diphtheria epidemic, churches and schools have been closed until further notice.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bickford left last week for Florida where they will spend the winter. They drove through. Mrs. Bickford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Watts Cutter Sr. will go later.

The Civic Improvement League, which was to have held a meeting at the club room on Tuesday, Nov. 10, has postponed it indefinitely.

Yorkville: One of the biggest features in crime today is the ease with which firearms can be obtained and the immunity granted those who carry them from legal interference.

August Wollenweber Jr. won the county farm husking contest Saturday by a close margin over M. Erickson. Clarence Vogen was third.

Workmen started the excavation at the Wormley crossing of the Burlington and Route 18 last week. This means that the viaduct across this dangerous intersection will be rushed to completion.

Last Wednesday morning marked the arrival of winter when snow covered the ground and the wind whistled drearily about the buildings.

Nov. 11: The Grove Road Farmers' club meeting has been postponed indefinitely.

Fred Falk and Herbert VanVolkenberg are on the Federal jury in Chicago.

Nov. 18: The Red Cross membership drive will be held this week Please be courteous to the workers and help in a good cause.

The Presbyterian bazaar is to be held on Nov. 20, beginning at 1 p.m. A chicken pie supper will be held from five to seven and an entertainment will be given by the young folks in the evening entitled "That's Our Bill."

The Shoger family are out of quarantine for diphtheria.

Nov. 25: The high school treated the teachers of all the rooms and the pupils of the seventh and eighth grades to a chicken dinner Friday noon.

We are sorry to learn of the death of the little son, born Sunday, to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Huntoon.

Wilbur Campbell, six-year-old son of Kenneth Campbell, had his arm badly injured in the gearing of a husker wagon.

Yorkville: Names in the last edition of the booze-runners war are: Granata, Amatuna, Zine, Mascarelli, Vinci, Goldstein, Genna, Manatti, and so on. What more argument do you want for a strict immigration law and a real American organization to further the rights of real Americans? Booze and beer, unlawfulness and crimes, Italians, Sicilians, and other dangerous foreign elements--why should we have to put up with all this trouble?

Corn husking is making fair progress in Illinois, considering the unfavorable weather, with the promise of excellent yield of good corn.

December -- 1925

Dec. 2: Dr. and Mrs. L.P. Voss spent Thanksgiving day at Riverside with the Crate Jarvis family.

We are sorry to hear of so many new cases of diphtheria, and hope there will not be another epidemic.

The wedding of Miss Nellie Weber and Glenn Armbruster occurred Wednesday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Weber. The young people left shortly after on a wedding trip. Upon their return, they will live with the bride's parents until spring.

Alfred Hebert of Evanston was found dead at his home Friday evening. The body was brought to Oswego Monday for burial.

In the presence of the immediate relatives and a few intimate friends, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G.C. Ricketts of Oswego, their daughter, Miss Greta Mae and Mr. Norval M. Tripp were married on Thanksgiving evening. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J.R.E. Craighead and the ring service was used. Both young people were graduates in the same class from East High school of Aurora in 1923 and Mr. Tripp has since that time been employed in the office of the Richards-Wilcox Manufacturing Company and Mrs. Tripp has been employed as a bookkeeper in the Staudt & Neuman Company drug store. The young couple will be at home to their friends at 370 Marion avenue [Aurora] after the first of December.

Dec. 9: The Oswego Branch, Kendall County Chapter, American Red Cross, has held its regular meetings every four weeks during the year 1925.

NaAuSay: Arthur Hemm caught his hand in the roller of his corn husker Saturday. One finger was torn off and his badly cut.

Dec. 16: The Geneva Republican asks: "Why should a banana peddler's wagon, a five-ton garbage truck or a gold plated limousine be allowed to block a street car track and delay hundreds of thousands of persons? If a crazy man walked on the track and blocked traffic, a policeman would remove him--why shouldn't a sane driver receive the same treatment?"

The rise and fall of "Red" Grange in professional football circles has been pathetic. There is no question but that Grange is in the forefront of football players--probably one of the best in the history of the game. But as soon as he got into the hands of unscrupulous managers, "Money, money, money" was the word.

Christmas and New Year's greetings sent as post cards, whether written or printed, require 2 cents postage each.

Stanley Mauer, 33, of Aurora is being held in the county jail at Yorkville for investigation in connection with a number of chicken thefts which have occurred in

Kendall county within the last few weeks. He was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Frank Wellman this morning when he returned with a companion to recover chickens which he is believed to have hidden in the woods west of Yorkville. His companion escaped. Several bags of chickens believed to have been stolen last night were found secreted in the woods near the Phillip Henker farm west of Yorkville. Sheriff George Barkley was notified. While making other investigations in the vicinity he left Deputy Sheriff Frank Wellman to guard the loot, believing that the thieves would return. Mauer denies that he is implicated in the thefts.

Dec. 23: December 21, Monday, was the shortest day. It was dark and dank--snow falling enough to make the roads slippery and hard traveling.

Bristol Station: Bristol Station would have suffered far greater in loss by fire Friday night, had it not been for the strenuous efforts of the Oswego and Bristol volunteers. These small fire companies, equipped with a chemical equipment and representing nearly every small town in the community, represent a great saving in property in their districts. Bristol, of course, is nearer to us than the others, and we can but speak of the volunteer service of these firemen. Friday night, Oswego was second on the scene and proved equally efficient.

Dec. 30: Remember Farm Bureau Meeting, January 26.

The local school has filled several stockings and sent them to the soldiers at the Elgin hospital.

Among those who served Christmas dinner were the families of Leslie Tremain, Scott Cutter, Royce Smith, Herman Armbruster, William Denney, Moses Cherry, John Cherry, John Russell, and Joseph Wayne.

Roy Rolston [Roalson] of Oswego and Miss Margery Beaver of Aurora were married by Judge A.G. Larson at his home in Millbrook on Dec. 19. Mr. and Mrs. Rolston [sic] have begun housekeeping in the new bungalow recently built by the groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bloomer are the parents of a son. Mrs. Bloomer was formerly Gladys Barnard.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl McCredie, who are living on the H.C. Russell farm.

Yorkville: With all the cold and all the chill, all the snow and all the ice, all the discomfort and all the suffering, we still wish to offer the patrons of *The Record* all the best there is for 1926. The past year has but placed a bulwark against trouble for the coming year. The coming 12 months should, and doubtless will be, the biggest in our history. Don't fail to take advantage of your possibilities--they are many.

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January

Jan. 6: Mrs. Henry Hafenrichter is one of the ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Morse entertained on New Year's day Mr. and Mrs. L.R. Inman and son Edward, Mr. and Mrs. Dysart, Mrs. Haines, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Morse of DeKalb.

Mr. Paydon has been one of the ill the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Korte entertained at dinner on New Year's day Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. William Denney.

The body of Mr. Frank Fuller was brought here last week from St. Paul for burial.

Jan. 13: Mr. Simeon Ness died suddenly near Montgomery last Thursday, Mr. Ness had worked for many years for the CB&Q railroad and has recently been pensioned.

Jan. 20: The mother of A.R. Kroh, who had been visiting him recently, died at his home on Jan. 16. The remains were shipped to her home in Iowa.

Mr. White of St. Charles was here on Saturday and accompanied J.D. Russell to Yorkville in the interest of the bridge question.

Rodney Brandon of Mooseheart addressed a large audience on the subject of the sanitation of the river on Thursday evening. A committee for civic betterment was appointed, which will report at the meeting at Geneva on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Craighead attended last week the missionary meeting at Sandwich.

Yorkville: Oswego expects to have a candidate for sheriff in the coming primaries in the person of C.T. Carlson of that town. Last Thursday evening saw a mass meeting of supporters at the village hall. Enthusiasm ran high and these citizens then formed in line and marched to the home of Mr. Carlson where they demanded that he announce his candidacy. Oswego has no representative among the county officers although it is the largest voting precinct.

Jan. 27: A pleasant gathering was held at the home of Robert Herren Saturday evening. Miss Martha Gresham, Mr. Herren's housekeeper, served the company a delicious duck dinner. About 12 guests were present.

A meeting of the Oswego State Bank was held on Jan. 12 and the following officers elected: President, J.V. Jessup; vice president, L.F. Burkhart; directors, Hardy Shoger,

Frank Austin, Hugh Goudie, Clarence Cherry, Albert Woolley, John Russell, John Herren, Oliver Hem.

The East Oswego Rural Progressive Club had an all day meeting Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Shoger.

The hot lunch room [at the Red Brick School] is popular with the students and parents. We have a full equipment of pots, pans, and dishes, with plenty of good things to eat.

The Oswego
High School

There is a question asked by our Oswego patrons as to whether the credits received in our high school are accepted by the Aurora schools. I am submitting a letter from Mr. Bardwell regarding that matter and also two letters from the state department relative to our standing. I trust these letter will explain to your satisfaction the grade of work we are attempting and the rating of our school.

Respectfully submitted
PRIN. ROBERT A MANLEY

Mr. R.A. Manley

My Dear Mr. Manley,

It seems to me that the course which you have outlined for the two years work is excellently planned and we shall be glad to give credit for the work done.

C.M. Bardwell

Mr. Robert A. Manley

Oswego, Illinois

Dear Mr. Manley,

I was very much pleased to have an opportunity to visit your high school recently and wish to report to you the result of my inspection.

Building. The building meets the needs of your school as now organized very well.

Should you decide to add the third year to your course of study, it will be necessary to provide a suitable recitation room.

Sanitation. Fair. Care should be taken to provide an abundance of fresh air in the rooms at all times.

Library and Maps. Approved.

Laboratory. No laboratory courses are offered at present. Before any laboratory course is offered all needed laboratory equipment should be added.

Preparation and Certification of Teacher. Approved. I hope he will continue his preparation in school.

Course of Study. I shall be glad to hear from you relative to your course of study in case you decide to add another year.

Instruction, organization, and Administration. Approved. I am pleased to inform you that your school will be continued on the list of recognized high schools.

Yours sincerely,
ROY L. Moore
Supervisor of High Schools

Mr. Robt. A. Manley

Oswego, Illinois

Dear Mr. Manley:

I am in receipt of your annual report and wish to thank you for the same. It has been carefully checked and stands approved. In accordance with our previous correspondence, the recognition of your high school stands approved.

Yours sincerely,
ROY L. Moore
Supervisor of High Schools

Yorkville: The Illinois Supreme Court has recently ruled that women are not qualified to serve on juries. This relieves the officials of much embarrassment, such as has been caused in other states by a "mixed jury."

February -- 1926

Feb. 3: Fire was discovered about noon Wednesday on the roof of the Oliver Hem home. Though it had quite a start, the prompt response of the volunteer fire company and the assistance of the neighbors soon had the flames under control.

The Oswego Farmers Grain Company held a business meeting at the town hall Saturday afternoon. Milton Hem and Hough Goudie were reelected directors. The following are the officers: President, Charles Ricketts; vice president, Harold Russell; secretary and treasurer, Milton Hem; directors, James Campbell, Watts Cutter, Oscar Shoger, Hugh Goudie. Charles Hunter is manager for the coming year.

Joseph Darfler has sold his farm to an Aurora party who will plat it for acre property. Mr. Darfler's farm was formerly the George and John Wormley farms.

Robert and Ruth Schmidt have returned to school after a two weeks' quarantine.

Feb. 10: The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Manning is recovering from pneumonia.

The community orchestra gave a concert at the Presbyterian Church on Wednesday of last week. This orchestra is made up of young people of this community and they all did credibly.

Feb. 17: Howard Shoger celebrated his 21st birthday on Feb. 14 by entertaining at dinner a number of young men friends, Lester and Newton Woolley, Jack Cherry, Reginald Burkhart, Glen Armbruster, Allen Campbell, Howard Bromley.

Feb. 24: Thirty ladies braved the severe snowstorm Thursday afternoon and attended the regular meeting of the Nineteenth Century Club in the club rooms.

George N. Lamb, district engineer of St. Charles called here Saturday and with J.D. Russell went on to Leland to attend a road meeting in the afternoon. Mr. Russell is attending the engineering school course at Urbana this week.

The new chairs and tables ordered for the Oswego School lunch room have arrived.

Some of the trees in the school yard are being cut down to make room for other trees which have been planted.

Mrs. Margaret Woolley has sold her home to a Chicago party and she will go to Aurora to reside.

March -- 1926

March 3: George Wormley, one of the few Union soldiers left in Oswego, is seriously ill at his home on Main Street.

The body of Mrs. Ezekiel Pearce was brought here Saturday morning and buried in the Oswego Cemetery by the side of her first husband, Mr. Stafford. Mrs. Pearce died in Florida where she had been living with a daughter. She was born in Oswego and spent her early life here.

March 10: Mr. Miller of Plano is repairing the Evans building preparatory to starting a restaurant and ice-cream parlor.

The grading for the overhead at the Wormley crossing has been let to a contractor from Benton, Illinois.

March 17: No Oswego column.

Yorkville: There was a great falling off of income taxes filed this year. The administration had so cut the expenses of government that many concessions were made the taxpayer. Never has the United States seen such a saving in cost of government and never such a drastic cut in internal revenue.

Illinois will have the first primary for the nomination of federal officers this year, and for that reason is being eyed by the entire nation.

YORKVILLE FISH AND GAME FARM WILL BE BIGGEST IN THE STATE

Yorkville and Bristol are to have the first of the game and fish farms which have been planned by the state commission. Last summer saw the completion of the fish hatchery on the Blackberry at the old mill site. This year the deal is closed whereby the state takes over a 55-acre plat to be used as a game farm and it will be stocked immediately. With the fish hatchery, which is already stocking the river with desirable fish, there will be a

growing colony of ducks, geese, partridge, and quail of the most desirable breeds. The object of the farm is to eventually rehabilitate the state with game fowl and to so protect them as to make hunting a matter for pleasure and not for market.

Through the personal efforts of Glen D. Palmer, the state turned its eyes to the Blackberry dam where the fish hatchery was established. From the hatchery last year, the first year, a million fingerlings including rock, striped, and silver bass; large and small mouth black bass; blue gills; sun bass; pickerel; and bull heads. In addition to this, about 1,000 adult fish were turned into the river.

The success of this hatchery brought the state men to Yorkville and Mr. Palmer was given a start on the game farm proposition. He now has on his own farm a large number of birds. Included in this number, through the efforts of Palmer Stratton, and the other state men, there are now on the Palmer farm 20 geese, Canadian and Egyptian; 50 Mexican quail, blue scaled and Bob White; 300 pheasants, English Ring Neck and Mongolian; 150 ducks, Mallard, Pin Tail, and Call; and 200 Hungarian partridge, recently imported from Austro-Hungary.

This park of interesting game, the hatchery with its pretty surroundings, the new bridges which are expected to go in this year, and the cement roads will make Yorkville an attractive place for visitors.

March 24: No Oswego news worth reporting.

Yorkville: The Yorkville bridges, to be built as a part of Route 18 of the \$60 million bond issue, have been delayed and it seemed impossible to locate the cause. The state highway department finally advised Superintendent Russell that the certified copy of the permit had not been received. Getting impatient at the delay, the editor of *The Record* wrote Senator McKinley's office in Washington asking for help. Wednesday came a telegram: "Am sending copy of law passed February eight. William B. McKinley." This was taken up with Mr. Russell who advised further action and the editor sent this night letter: "Reference telegram today regarding Yorkville bridges passed February 8. Please see that certified copy is sent Frank T. Sheets, State Superintendent Highways, Springfield. Advise your action." Thursday afternoon came the telegram in reply: "Secretary of State will mail certified copy of bill to Sheets. McKinley." And Friday morning came the copy of the bill, "An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the State of Illinois to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Fox River in the county of Kendall, State of Illinois."

Now the job is directly up to the Illinois people, thanks to the immediate action of Senator McKinley.

With all due respect to the highway commissioners and their helpers--we have never seen any worse road conditions than exist this spring.

It cost the county of Kendall about \$300 a week ago Monday to have a session of the circuit court, impanel a jury in a case, discharge the present petit jury temporarily, settle the case out of court and adjourn till some time in April. What's the use of a circuit court in Kendall county anyway? It seems to be but a club for attorneys to use through which to settle cases outside.

“Just to tell you that the real estate ‘bubble’ has sure enough busted in Florida and the realtors are worried pink. This is true all over the state and double so in Miami. Tell anyone to keep off for it’s all over but the funeral and I am sure glad I am not in it.” This is what Monty Tillitson writes from Florida and we have a great deal of respect for his financial acumen.

April -- 1926

April 7: The Oswego Parent-Teacher club will hold its monthly meeting April 2 in the high school room.

Why We Are For C.T.
Carlson For Sheriff

Because he is honest.

Because he will enforce the laws.

Because he is not a self-appointed candidate; his friends knowing his sterling qualifications, urged him to become a candidate.

Because Oswego is not now represented in the court house by an elective officer.

Because Oswego pays a larger tax than any township in the county.

Because Oswego casts a larger Republican vote than any precinct in Kendall county.

Because Carlson is not the candidate of any individual bloc or machine.

He is Oswego township’s candidate and we respectfully ask you men and women to vote for on Tuesday, April 13, 1926.

The Oswego Carlson
For Sheriff Committee

[Carlson won the April primary and was elected Kendall County Sheriff in November.]

Yorkville: In another column we have an article written by Mr. Eugene L. Matlock, president of the Kendall County Farm Bureau. Read it. It may enlighten you to the fact that Mr. Matlock is neither a follower of President Coolidge, nor an admirer of Senator McKinley. Furthermore, he shows no reason why he is supporting anyone else, whose name he does not mention. Mr. Matlock evidently believes that all the world should support the farmer, whether he works at it or not.

Political ad: The Man Who Deserves Your Vote
As Republican Candidate
For State Treasurer
is
William J. Stratton
Of Ingleside Lake County

April 14: Funeral services of George Wormley were held Wednesday afternoon of last week at the Federated Church. There was a large gathering to pay their last respects to the man who had lived so long in this community and who was held in such high esteem.

Burial in the Oswego Cemetery. Mr. Wormley is survived by his wife and one son, M.J. Wormley of Rochelle.

The funeral services of the late Ezekiel Perce were held last week Thursday at the Presbyterian Church. Burial in the Pearce Cemetery.

Henry B. Read died Friday, April 9, after many years of ill health. Burial in west Aurora Cemetery. Mr. Read is survived by his wife and one son, Charles Read, who is a physician in Chicago.

Yorkville: Challenger Frank L. Smith won the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate over incumbent Republican Sen. William J. McKinley in the April primary election.

RAILWAY COMPANY CHANGES HANDS

Negotiations have been completed whereby control of the Chicago, Aurora and Elgin Railroad Company has passed from Thomas Conway Jr. of Philadelphia and associates to Samuel Insull and associates, according to official announcement made by the railroad last Thursday.

Prior to the purchase of control, the Chicago, Aurora and Elgin Corporation, which also was the owner of the Chicago Suburban Power and Light Company, sold the assets of that company to the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois. The latter company will proceed at once to place its very large electric light and power facilities at the disposal of residents of Fox Valley communities. It also entered into a contract with the railroad company to provide all of its power and will make improvements calculated to largely develop the speed and reliability of the company's train service.

Effective at once, the Public Service Company will give the communities the lower rates for service charged in other cities and towns served by it. The new rate for residential and commercial customers will be 10 cents per kilowatt hour for its initial consumption and 8 cents for the excess consumption, and in addition will provide renewals of 60 watt lamps without charge. This contrasts with the present rate of 12 cents per kilowatt hour, with no lamp renewals.

April 21: George D. Wormley was born Oct. 21, 1844 at Oswego, Illinois and died on March 29, 1926, bringing his age past 81 years. He was a member of one of the pioneer families of this community and as such was subject to the hardships and limitations of the pioneer life...At the age of 18 (in 1862) he answered the call for volunteers and enlisted in Company L. 1st Illinois Light Artillery in which he served until the end of the war. So he served in the most critical and trying time of the war...After being mustered out he took up his regular work at home again and energetically applied himself to the more common tasks of life. On Dec. 25, 1872, he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Richards. For over 53 years this couple has shared the joys, sorrows, and hardships of life. Two sons were born to their, one of which preceded the father in death in 1891...Though not a nominal church member he always held a friendly attitude toward the church, the Methodist in his earlier life and the Congregational and Federated churches in later years.

Yorkville: "Turrie" Carlson of Oswego will be the next sheriff. He comes from a good town and with good recommendations. Yorkville will welcome him as a resident.

April 28: The Gaylord [School] Community club held its regular meeting at the home of Kenneth Campbell April 16. This meeting had been postponed from April 9 because of bad roads and weather.

Yorkville: Fourteen dollars a day of eight hours and five days a week--in other words, 40 hours for \$70, \$1.75 an hour--is the latest demands of the plasterers in Chicago. Is it any wonder that rents are so high and that buildings cost so much to erect? Better look at the plaster boards which are common on the market and can be put on by a carpenter--they are cheaper and do the work.

"The Little Red Wagon" has been fought out in Yorkville and the citizens have authorized the purchase of effective fire equipment for the village. Now let everybody take an interest and let Yorkville have a modern fire fighting apparatus which is efficient.

| Plano has begun active work on the new school building. When will the people of the district including Yorkville and Bristol see the light? A number of short-sighted mercenary people who have no children of their own or whose progeny are beyond the school age are holding back the younger generation from the birthright of education guaranteed them by the United States.

May -- 1926

May 5: Gabriel S. Roe died at his home north of Oswego on the cement road early Saturday morning following a long siege of illness. His wife is also suffering the result of her long vigil. Mr. Roe has been an active man in Kendall county since 1871 when he came here from Orange county, N.Y. He interested himself in dairying and lived much of his earlier days on his farm southeast of Yorkville, now occupied by Hans Johnson. He later moved to Yorkville and then to Oswego, building his comfortable bungalow on the cement road [modern Ill. Route 31] near where the street cars turned off the highway. At one time he assisted in the operation of the creamery in the stone building at the west end of the Oswego bridge.

Mr. Roe was born at Oxford Depot Orange county, N.Y., Aug. 28, 1845 and came to Illinois in 1871. His marriage to Miss Louise C. Dean was solemnized Oct. 12, 1876. He is survived by his widow and two daughters, Mrs. Hannah Wilson of Minnesota and Mrs. Abbie VanEmon of Aurora. Interment in Elmwood Cemetery.

Yorkville: Most of the Kendall County farmers finished with their oat seeding last week but still are far behind with their spring work. The chill of the spring has made the ground so cold that it should lay a while after plowing to get warm enough to act quickly in the germination of the seed.

The Record Hits Its Sixty-Second Birthday

The first issue of the Kendall County Record was published at Yorkville May 6, 1864 by the Hon. John R. Marshall. Since that date the publication has been continuous not missing an issue in the 62 years of its existence.

May 12: Oswego has voted a \$27,000 bond issue to enlarge the school building in that district. Plano has already started to build the new high school building.

Mrs. Louise Roe died at her home on Route 18 just north of Oswego Wednesday, May 5, and was buried Saturday as week after her husband had died.

Mrs. Roe, born Miss Louise Dean, was born in Orion Henry county, Illinois Oct. 1, 1856 and spent part of her young womanhood in Kendall county where she met her husband to whom she was married Oct. 12, 1876. Three children were born to this couple Tom, who died when he was 13; Mrs. Hannah Wilson of Worthington, Minn.; and Mr. Abbie VanEmon of Aurora.

Yorkville: County [Highway] Superintendent John D. Russell says there has been considerable agitation in the county as to whether the highway officials have authority to place an embargo upon trucks and other vehicles having a gross weight of 5,000 pounds or over during the season of the year when the frost is leaving the ground An opinion obtained by Mr. Leitch from Attorney General Carlstrom seems to settle the matter: "In my opinion this provision may be invoked by highway officials during the time 'when the frost is leaving the ground' only. After the frost is out the act does not apply."

The effort made by several of the taxpayers of the Minkler school district to withdraw from the [Yorkville] Consolidated school district No. 17 was beaten at the polls. It would take 75 percent of the entire vote to permit withdrawal.

It is evident that the taxpayers have discovered that they can get lower taxes and better schools by remaining in the district.

May 19: The Gaylord Community club held its regular meeting at the Gengler home Friday evening, May 7. Mr. Manley, principal of Oswego school, gave a fine talk on Mother's Day. These meetings are always a scene of farm discussions and the ladies exchange ideas and discuss their various problems.

Mose Cherry is very ill at his home in Oswego.

Glenn Smith entertained a jazz band from E.A.H.S. [East Aurora High School] at their weekly practice Thursday evening.

Leonard Seidelman's are driving a new sedan.

May 26: The Memorial services will be held on Monday at 1:30 at the church and are in charge of the high school.

Miss Katherine Condon will teach the Cutter School next year after three successful years in a school on the Base Line Road. Miss Rose Condon has secured the Wilcox School.

Allen Campbell has a new coupe.

Rev. Feucht, the new minister from the Prairie Church, preached at the Federated Church Sunday evening.

Moses Cherry, 84, well known Kendall County farmer and veteran of the Civil War, died yesterday at his home in Oswego. He was born at Buffalo, New York, Sept. 26, 1841. Following his discharge from the Union Army, however, he settled near Oswego and has since made his home in this vicinity. Mr. Cherry served in Company C, 132nd Regiment, Illinois volunteers entering the service at Chicago in May 1864. He was discharged from the same camp the following October. He leaves four children Abraham and Charles and Miss Sadie Cherry of Oswego and Mrs. Kate Austin of Washington D.C. Burial will be in the NaAuSay Cemetery.

June -- 1926

June 2: No Oswego news column.

Yorkville: The scandal at the Central States Fair Grounds [in Aurora] in connection with the running races is not unexpected. So far as we can learn, this whole outfit of running races is in the hands of Chicago gamblers who are endeavoring to overcome the difficulties of race track betting in Illinois by patronizing a "speak-easy" county.

June 9: Schoolmates of the Old Stone School House will hold their reunion Saturday, June 12, with Mrs. Vina Hall White.

Watts Cutter is building a new corn crib.

Robert Gates and family will move this week into the Marshall house vacated by Howard Herren. W.J. Morse's will move into their new home purchased from Dr. Clark. Peter Jacobson will move into the Morse house.

Louis Georgi is driving a new sedan.

Dr. Weishew has laid out the grounds for a new home on the banks of the Waubonsie creek, east of town.

Yorkville: We made a social call on Sheriff Barkley Thursday morning and were shown about the close quarters at the county jail by this genial arm of the law. It did not take long for the sheriff to convince us that the 14 men under confinement were terribly crowded; also that if the present course were continued it would be necessary to enlarge the steel work of the county jail.

June 16: The field day to close the Oswego school had to be called off on account of the new outbreak of scarlet fever. There were no services Sunday at either church for the same reason as it was Children's day and it was thought best not to have an assembly of the little folks.

Mrs. Vina White, assisted by Ms. J.N. Wayne very hospitably entertained "Old Schoolmates" Saturday, June 12.

Gus Voss, our genial barber, has been under the weather and missed one day at his shop.

Kenyon Palmer, a law school graduate from Tucson, Ariz., is in Oswego for several weeks at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Palmer.

Miss Frances Churchill is home from Knox college to spend her vacation. She will teach mathematics and Latin at Lewistown the coming school year. Rachael Woolley is home from James Milliken college at Decatur; Max Cutter is home and Sidney Woolley from DeKalb is staying with his uncle, Wilbur Woolley.

James Campbell says there are 300 acres under water in his part of the county. The farmers surely got more rain than they asked for at once.

Yorkville: The spillway or dam which was built to retain the water in the fish hatchery at Yorkville washed out Wednesday afternoon and is a total loss. The rush of water carried many of the larger fish and nearly all of the small ones into the river.

Glen D. Palmer, the state representative in charge of the hatchery, says that work will be started at once to build a larger and better protection. The trouble seems to have been that the foundations were not set deep enough to protect from the backwash of the creek after it went over the dam.

The contract for the Yorkville bridges is still in the process of acceptance.

June 23: The YWCA vacation camp, situated in Oswego on land purchased from Mr. Watts, opened June 21.

Grange Brothers Circus passed Oswego on Route 18 Saturday morning enroute from Sandwich to Belvedere. Early risers were surprised to see elephants and camels grazing along the roadside or blocking traffic.

Six Oswego young folks graduated at E.A.H.S. [East Aurora High School] Thursday, June 17: Ralph Kesselring, Compton Pearce, Charles Churchill, Evelyn Shoger, Marie Songer, and Claretta Walker. Three others were former Oswego boys: Ralph Blackman, Lloyd Bower, and Paul Brungart. Ralph Blackman was made a member of the National Honor Society and Ralph Kesselring is an honor student.

Miss Ruth Denney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Fowler Denney of Oswego and Frank Pilasch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pilasch of Aurora were united in marriage Saturday afternoon.

June 30: The Oswego Needle-Workers 4-H Club members under the able direction of Miss Rachael Woolley met in the basement of the Oswego [Red Brick] school last Wednesday.

George Woolley Sr. is driving a new blue coupe.

Mr. Norem, an ex-soldier living in the Park Addition, is very slightly improved from his recently serious illness.

Miss E.M. Benthien's pupils of the Walker school held their annual picnic and reunion June 23. Twenty-five were present.

Yorkville: Following a telephone request by the publisher of *The Record*, the following telegram was received Saturday: "Contract for Yorkville bridges awarded Chernus Construction Company, Sioux City Division of Highways.

As soon as the telegram was received it was given to the superintendent of the Chautauqua, Mr. Stout, who read it for the information of the public.

The Record wastes no time in making an effort to keep the public informed as to the new of the neighborhood. Telegraph and telephone, letters, and automobile are serving you readers of the county seat paper.

July -- 1926

July 7: Friends have received the announcement of the marriage of Mrs. Laura Sodt to James M. Turner. Mr. and Mrs. Turner will make their home at Hammond, Indiana.

Miss Gertrude Wormley and Henry Heffelfinger both well known young people of Oswego, were married July 3 in Lake Bluff. After a short drip to the dells, Mr. and Mrs. Heffelfinger will return to make their home in Oswego. The bride has been a successful teacher for several years. The groom is employed at the Patterson garage in Aurora.

Miss Marie Songer and Theodore Clauser, both of Oswego, were united in marriage Saturday evening, July 3, by Rev. J.R.E. Craighead at his residence. They were attended by Cebejle Songer and Henry Weber. The bride made a pretty picture in her blue gown. She has a charming personality and the ability make friends wherever she goes. She is a graduate of the East Aurora High School of the Class of 1926. The groom is a well liked Oswego boy noted for being a steady and efficient worker. Mr. and Mrs. Clauser will make their home in Aurora.

July 14: George Panikis and family have moved from Montgomery to one of the Armstrong cottages. Mrs. Panikis is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Olson.

One of the largest land deals of recent date was made between Oswego and Aurora when Frank Pearce's two fine farms were sold consisting of 435 acres; that known as the Squires Farm to Ewald Besch and the one beside it to George Suhler. They sold for \$225 and \$205 [per acre] respectively. John Herren transacted the business.

July 21: Carl Bohn and Allen Baham are taking up an auto trip to Wisconsin for their vacation. E.A. Manley substitutes for them at the Schultz Grocery.

July 28: Lester Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson, fell last week from a haymow and broke an arm.

Miss Janet Brown, the teacher of the Gaylord School, was given a birthday surprise party last week.

Mrs. Wayne Denney gave a family dinner recently in honor of her husband's birthday.

The Kendall County unit of the Pure Milk Association was organized at a meeting at Plano Friday evening, July 23. The membership at the present is considerably over 100.

Yorkville: Paved roads used to be our chief concern in a good roads program. It is estimated that this year we will have in excess of 500,000 miles of hard-surfaced roads in the United States.

The problems we now face are not only "paved" roads, but "wider" roads. Wider roads are necessary for two reasons: To enable traffic to speed up and to prevent accidents. Many states have already started to remedy this situation, and on the Pacific coast 2-foot shoulders are being built on each side of the road and a few inches higher than the old surface. These shoulders are made of either asphaltic concrete or cement and the space between them is resurfaced with asphaltic concrete.

By this method narrow pavements are satisfactorily widened and thickened at a minimum of expense. From now on, road widening will be as important as road paving.

August -- 1926

Aug. 4: Kenneth and Francis Campbell, Herman and Russell Armbruster saw the White Sox play ball in Chicago last Saturday.

Building operations started Monday on the Oswego school. A large addition will be added to the front of it.

Dr. Churchill has purchased Ray Parkhurst's tenant house and has moved it to his lot beside the residence of Earl Hibbard.

Mr. Frank of Aurora is building a new home in the Park addition.

Children and grandchildren of the late Andrew Shoger held their second reunion on Sunday, Aug. 1, at the home of Frank Shoger south of Aurora. Relatives numbering 41 were in attendance from Geneva, Sugar Grove, Aurora, Yorkville, and Oswego.

Myron Wormley and grandson Myron have gone east on a four weeks trip. They plan to stop at Niagara Falls.

Yorkville: Ludicrous, isn't it? Mrs. McPherson who deals so largely in souls at the tabernacle in Los Angeles made her start with this method: "I haven't a place in which to lay my little brown head." Then she collected \$7,200 for her home. Now, after all the scandal and talk, she tells her audience, "I am a poor little woman persecuted by demons." That's what gets the money--can you beat it?

Work on the new bridges at Yorkville is progressing as rapidly as the weather will permit, the rain having delayed matters somewhat. A foot bridge, financed by business men, assist people in crossing on foot while the detour bridge for vehicle traffic is under way. This bridge will extend from the streets on which the Farmers Elevator stands to the west side of the Blackberry creek.

Aug. 11: Mr. and Mrs. Tregillus of Park Ridge and Charles Fuller of Winnipeg, Canada visited their aunts, Mrs. Josie Smith and Mrs. Helen Gould.

Howard Shoger and Marjorie Morse took Marion Morse to Rockford Sunday.

Harold Russell and Myron Herren are driving new sedans.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Tripp and Mr. and Mrs. Norval Tripp have been on a vacation motor tour to Wisconsin points.

Ted Ebinger's orchestra enjoyed a picnic at Crystal Lake one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Knechtal, spending their vacation at Busby's camp near Plano, have on different evenings entertained the Presbyterian church and the cast of the play, "The Lost Empire."

Yorkville: Some enterprising contractor could find an advantageous location in Yorkville where houses are scarce and seekers for homes are many. It don't take a \$10,00 residence to attract people here--what is wanted is a number of modest homes with a fair yard space.

A woman has finally succeeded in swimming the English Channel, a feat which has been attempted for many years. Not only did Gertrude Ederle, a New York girl, swim the dangerous passage, but she broke all previous records for time.

Upon complaint of Perry Fuller and Wellington Betz, three men from Cicero were arrested Sunday for seining fish in the Blackberry creek.

Aug. 18: Walter Manning and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Rogerson were recent visitors at Kankakee.

A gasoline stove exploded at the Ray Parkhurst home Thursday. The fire truck was called but the fire had been put out with a fire extinguisher before the truck arrived.

LaVerne Shoger, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Shoger, is the proud possessor of a new violin. Much interest in music is shown by the young people of Oswego.

A pretty home wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride when Florence, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schlapp of NaAuSay and Robert, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Ebinger, Oswego, were married Aug. 11. The bride and groom visited points in Wisconsin and Iowa and in a few weeks will go to Effingham, where Mr. Ebinger will teach in the school.

Yorkville: We hold no brief for prize fighters but we believe a colored man who can make his way by brute force is as good a specimen of the human as the white one who poses as a motion picture star. Harry Wills is as good a fighter as Jack Dempsey--perhaps better. Were it not so, the Hon. Mr. Dempsey would have contested the heavyweight championship of the world instead of waiting for Tunney, who happens to be a white "set-up" for the white champion.

Aug. 25: Mrs. Sarah Gabel has been spending some time with her friend, Mrs. Charles A. Towne of Park Ridge. Mrs. Towne came to Oswego with Mrs. Gabel and spent the past week with her.

Charles H. Kiehl passed at his home Sunday morning after an illness of six weeks. He was born in Oswego where he has resided all of his life. He is survived by a sister, Miss Etta Kiehl of Oswego and a brother, August Kiehl of Plainfield. Mr. Kiehl comes from an old and respected German family.

John Herren went to Kansas City last week and bought four loads of steers for different Oswego farmers.

Yorkville: The vote for or against the Fox Valley Conservancy District will be taken early in September. You have read the petition as printed in *The Record* of last week. Don't let your parsimony and fear cause you to vote against the measure.

September -- 1926

Sept. 1: Mary Light and Ethel Heriaud were visiting Ruth Woolley a part of last week.

Most of the small threshing rings have finished threshing. The larger rings will soon be done. The grain on the average does not yield or weigh as good as usual in this county.

The Oswego schools will open Tuesday, Sept. 7. The faculty of the coming school year is as follows: High school--R.A. Manley, superintendent and history; Irvin Reichman, Mathematics, science, athletics; Edna Birk, music, Latin English; first grade, Alpha Warburg; second grade, Mary Floyd Hogan; third and fourth, Mildred Livsey; fifth and sixth, Jessie Chambers; junior high school, Mildred Wells Warburg. The work on the addition to the school building is making rapid progress and will greatly add to the facilities of the school when finished.

Yorkville. We all regret the death of Rudolph Valentino and feel that the screen has lost a great actor.

Sept. 8: The pageant, "the Lost Empire," was very successfully put on at Earlville Aug. 21 by the Oswego young folks and netted the Oswego Christian Endeavor Society a neat sum.

Irene Ebinger Hafenrichter and husband will make their home in Kansas during the school year where Mr. Hafenrichter has a position in a college.

Miss Helen Dwyre has returned to her duties at the telephone office from her vacation.

Leslie Peshia, the accommodating mail man on Route 2, has gone for a month's vacation to California.

Sept. 15: Mrs. Margaret Wells Warberg, teacher in the Oswego schools, and her two orphaned sisters will occupy three rooms in the Frank Walker home during the school year.

The Wheatland Plowing match will be held Saturday Sept. 18, on the Reuben Hafenrichter farm.

Thursday night, Maybelle Stevens was crossing the street near her home at the corner of Main and Jackson when she was hit by a car; the driver being a Montgomery man. It is thought that she was dragged about 30 feet. As the car neared a stop she was run over by one of the wheels. She was rushed to the Aurora Hospital where it was found that no bones were broken but a serious condition was present.

The rural schools in Oswego township opened last week with the exception of the Willow Hill School. where the new building is not completed. Miss Emily Delter of that district will be the teacher as soon as the school house is ready for occupancy. Miss Lois Miller to be teacher at the Walker school; Rose Condon, the Wilcox School; Catherine Condon the Cutter School; Mrs. Lester Houck, the Wormley School; Miss Turney of Plainfield the Squires School and Jane Goudie the Russell School.

Sept. 22: The East Oswego Rural Progressive Farmers' club held its first fall meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Woolley Sept. 17.

Mike LaBay, who with his wife and little girls has lived on the farm owned by Frank Collins of Plainfield, has bought the Charles Gaylord farm and will move there next March.

Yorkville: Why should we long oppose a state police force? Robberies, murders, assaults and automobile violations continue to increase. The perpetrators get away because there is no organized force with which to chase them. Other states have found the state police a valuable acquisition to their legal forces--why should Illinois try it?

Sept. 29: Mr. and Mrs. G.H. Voss were disappointed in their motor trip to South Dakota, which had to be foregone because of the severe storms and washouts. They will go by train this week.

Among those moving in Oswego are, Mr. and Mrs. Ode from the Hebert house to the Armstrong house and Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Rice from the Kohlhammer house to the Hebert house; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Denney to the Kohlhammer house from the Friebele house; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Palmer have rented Mrs. English's house and Mrs. English will make her home with Dr. and Mrs. Churchill this winter. Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Dwyre will move into the Churchill house on Madison street in the south end of town.

Will Palmer was struck by an auto Friday morning when he was on his way to work in Aurora. He rested for several days and still cannot walk on the injured foot.

Yorkville: "Daylight Savings" is over in Chicago--we hope it never returns. There will be a vote in November asking for the popular opinion in Chicago. Nothing we can think of has done so much to demoralize the feeling which should exist between Chicago and the downstate as this asinine rearrangement of the laws of time.

October -- 1926

Oct. 6: Harry Carrington had an accident with his coupe. The radius rod broke, the car overturned on the Plainfield Road. No one was seriously injured but the car was considerably damaged.

Oct. 13: Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Rogerson have moved into the little house formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Manning, who have moved into the place they bought of his father. Mr. and Mrs. Abner Manning will spend the winter in California and build a residence on the lot they bought on Park avenue last spring.

Layton Lippold is building a new house in the John Herren addition on the west side of the river.

Mr. and Mrs. Norval Tripp from Aurora were guests at dinner Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Tripp.

The residents of Kendall County have enjoyed several days of fine sunshiny weather the past week. That's news.

Yorkville: We might, by the way, mention that the Chicago White Sox defeated the Chicago Cubs for the city championship. That "grand old man of baseball," Charles A. Comiskey, has another feather in his cap.

Oct. 20: The Gorton School will hold a box social and program on Thursday evening, Oct. 28.

Lee Gillow, who was seriously injured when his car collided with a threshing machine near the Wayne farm is recovering.

Theron Richards died at the home of his sister, Mrs. G.H. Voss in Oswego Monday, Oct. 11, 1926. He was born Jan. 19, 1865.

The enrollment in the Oswego grades to date is as follows: Primary, 26; second, 26; third and fourth, 44; fifth and sixth, 42, seventh and eighth, 37; high school, freshmen, 22, sophomores, 18, juniors, 6. Total in high school, 46; there is a total enrollment in all grades and high school of 221.

Work on the new [Red Brick School] addition is progressing rapidly and interior work on the gym will be started this week.

The OHS football squad was defeated by Genoa at Genoa Friday. The score was 12-0.

Oct. 27: The operetta, play and chicken supper given by the Oswego school last Friday was a great success.

R. H. Underhill has broken ground for a residence on the south end of Washington Street.

Fritz Lindemier is building an addition to the little cottage formerly occupied by Mark Roseberry on Washington Street.

Yorkville: It is not without regret that we see the old South Water Street of Chicago changed to "Wacker Drive." "South Water Boulevard" would seem to us as a better name for the new and great improvement. In future days when someone asks you from whence came the name "Wacker Drive," you will have to say from the old brewery on the north side and the money and name from the fact that Mr. Wacker had money enough to place his name in commemoration of the event.

November -- 1926

Nov. 3: Charles Cherry, genial mailman of Route 2, is recovering from an illness of a few days.

A.H. Dysart spent the weekend with his family in Oswego.

Mrs. Nellie Wolcott, 76, of Oswego died Thursday while on a visit to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Stienbarger of Youngstown, Ohio.

She was born in Massachusetts, the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Alexander Sweet. She married 59 years ago. She belonged to the Baptist church and was past president of the Women's Relief Corps at Dundee.

She leaves four children, Clarence Wolcott of Chicago, Mrs. William Morse of Oswego, Mrs. Lynn Olmstead of San Jose, Calif., and Mrs. Stienbarger of Youngstown, Ohio. She also leaves nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

NaAuSay: The men went with axes and saws to the wood lot west of the church Monday morning to cut wood to provide the church with fuel.

Yorkville: There is a beautiful little red wagon in Yorkville. It has all the power and speed necessary to take it to a place in a hurry. It has all the necessary equipment with which to fight fire, large or small. It is equipped with a chemical section which will handle the small fire in quick time. It has a booster pump which will raise water from any receptacle or stream and put it many yards to a fire. It has every facility for handling the fires of the village or neighborhood with expediency. Such is the new fire truck which was delivered to Yorkville last Friday night. Yorkville is well equipped for fighting fire. It has good equipment, a loyal set of firemen and officials and a real desire to help. This combination should make a difference in the fire insurance rate.

The latest census reports give Kendall county a good record as to the percentage of divorces. In 1924 there were 74 marriages and 9 divorces; in 1925 there were 85 marriages and 11 divorces. Seems that the people of this county take matrimony more seriously than those of the cities and motion picture sections.

Nov. 10: News was received recently of the death of Mrs. Mary Clark Sherman of Los Angeles. Kendall county was her birthplace and girlhood home. Just a few weeks ago she visited her niece and nephew, Mrs. John D. Russell and Dr. Clark of Oswego.

William and Eileen Anderson went to Chicago Sunday to hear Sousa's band.

Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Manning of Oswego were married Nov. 6, 1876 at Fairbury and on Nov. 6, 1926 they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

The play, "Fun in a Chinese Laundry," given by the ladies of the Nineteenth Century club will be presented in Aurora Nov. 9 and in NaAuSay Nov. 12.

There is a case of scarlet fever in the Harold Van Etten family.

John Pierce died Nov. 8 at 5:20 p.m. at his home in Oswego. Mr. Pierce was 72 years of age. He was born in Ireland and had made his home in Oswego for 50 years. He was a good man and a faithful worker. The funeral will be held on Nov. 11 from the home and from St. Mary's church in Aurora. Mr. Pierce is survived by his wife, one brother, seven children, and 28 grandchildren.

Yorkville: A photo of Yorkville's first fire truck is printed, with a list of the members of the fire company.

Earl Price, farm advisor for Kendall county, has filed his resignation with the Kendall County Farm Bureau to take effect Dec. 3. After seven years of faithful service in his present capacity, Mr. Price has decided to undertake private business where he figures there will be a larger field. He has installed a large incubator plant, one of 47,000-egg capacity in his barn in Yorkville and will endeavor to care for the hatching needs of all the poultry raisers in the community.

Nov. 17: The election day dinner, rummage and bakery sale held by the local Red Cross netted \$70.

Herman Friebele had the misfortune on Nov. 8 to break a leg near the ankle. The horse on which he was riding slipped on the pavement and fell on him.

The members of the Grove Road Farmers club were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Goudie on Nov. 11. In honor of Armistice Day, the club sang the "Star Spangled Banner."

Among those who attended the Shriners meet at Rockford today are Messrs. Rollin Wheeler, Frank Herren, Charles Schultz, Dr. L.P Voss.

Yorkville: We are told that Mrs. Amy McPherson will film her kidnapping story. We wonder whether it will be the actual story or the one she told.

Nov. 24: The East Oswego Farmers' club met with Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Burkhart on Nov. 18. There was music by the brass quartet from the Aurora college.

The Walker school community club met with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Woolley Saturday evening, Nov. 20.

We are sorry that we missed the item of the marriage of Miss Edna Hagen to Forrest Hayden of Yorkville, which occurred Nov. 10. Mrs. Hayden is a granddaughter of Mrs. Clement Morrison and spent her girlhood days in Oswego.

Yorkville: We sometimes wonder if it is not an error on the part of the big newspaper publisher to permit all of their "stuff" to be signed. This gives the writer a chance to be literary and verbose. In the older days the story was the point--now the story sinks into insignificance in order for the writer's personality to ride high, despite the actual facts.

All farmers and stockmen in Kendall County will be interested to learn that it is now a quarantine area in the state's program for the eradication of tuberculosis in cattle. Cattle cannot be brought into the county, except in compliance with certain conditions under penalty of a fine not to exceed \$1,000.

All feeder cattle in this county must be branded on the jaw with an "F," and must be kept in quarantine, segregated from all buildings and enclosures wherein other cattle are kept.

December -- 1926

Dec. 1: The Boosters Boys class of the Federated Sunday school gave a good program Sunday evening, assisted by an orchestra of five young men from Naperville.

Mrs. Henry Bower slipped fell, and dislocated her pelvic joint when going out to feed her chickens last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank and little daughter have moved into their new bungalow on Park avenue.

Junior [Myron] Wormley spent his Thanksgiving vacation week with his grandparents at Evanston.

Yorkville: There have been many theories advanced as to the results which will follow Henry Ford's five day week. Mr. Ford is credited with saying that a five-day week will give people more time for leisure and buying, and that this in turn will make a greater demand for manufactured goods.

This does not explain how a man with simply more time to spend money is going to be able to spend more money with his wages cut from six to five days. The Ford plan does not contemplate six days' wages for five days' time, without increased production.

NaAuSay: A representative of the Anti-Saloon League will bring his annual message on the second Sunday in December to the AuSable Church.

One of the most prominent families of Oswego in the olden days was that of the Cowdreys--prominent socially and as business people. With the death of Frank Cowdrey at Valparaiso on Thursday, Nov. 18, 1926, there is but one of the large family left--Charlie Cowdrey, better known as "Silver King" among the people of the Fox Valley, a name gained from a cigar he sold which bore his picture and that name. He is at present in poor health at his home in Chicago. One by one the Cowdreys drifted from the homestead until all were gone but George, his death having been chronicled several years ago at his home in Oswego village.

To return to the subject of this article, Frank Cowdrey went to Chicago in 1871, having been attracted by the great fire. He joined his brother John in that city and likewise joined him as an employee of the Pennsylvania railroad, where he remained for over 50 years. After a year spent in Chicago firing an old "wood burner," Mr. Cowdrey was transferred

to Valparaiso, where he served his life as engineer, he being the first to pull the throttle of the Pennsylvania crack flyer from Valparaiso to Chicago. He has spent an active life and his death from pneumonia is to be regretted by all who know him.

Of the original family there were ten children: Hamilton, Will, Thomas, George, John, Frank, Charlie, Mrs. Chase, Mrs. Roe, and Mrs. Ives. All of these have gone but Charles. In the immediate neighborhood are but three members of the family, children of George Cowdrey--Hamilton, Myron "Chub," and Mrs. Al Arneson, all of Aurora.

Dec. 8: Fred Falk received the news of a little grandson, Bruce Pemberton Falk, born Nov. 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Falk of Omaha, Neb.

Courtney Hem had the misfortune last week to fall from a triple-box wagon when one wheel came off. He sprained and loosened the ligaments of his wrists. He is slowly regaining the use of his hands.

It was with deep regret that Oswego friends received the news of the death of Mrs. Kate Hopkins Marshall, Dec. 4, at Fairfield, Ia. Funeral at Oswego Presbyterian church Dec. 7.

Miss Elizabeth Girardet left Oswego Monday, Dec. 6, for Tucson, Ariz., where she will become the bride of Kenyon Palmer, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Palmer of Oswego.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Huntoon and family motored to Glen Ellyn Dec. 4. They have bought a beautiful new house and expect to make their home there as it is more centrally located for Mrs. Huntoon's office work on the CA&E Traction Co.

Dec. 15: Unique invitations are out for a stag party to be given Thursday evening, Dec. 16, by W.D. Cutter and D. Bickford.

The Farmers' Institute was quite a success in Oswego. The addresses were both profitable and enjoyable and the music and readings were fine.

Mrs. Lillie Pearce and family moved the first of this week to their new home recently purchased from Leo Huntoon.

Dec. 22: Mrs. A.J. Hettrick and baby daughter, Virginia, returned from the hospital in Aurora, Dec. 16.

Dr. and Mrs. Weishew have moved into their beautiful new home on the Waubensee Creek.

The marriage of Miss Helene Jessup Cherry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cherry of Oswego, to Allan C. Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell of Yorkville, took place Saturday evening at the home of the bride's parents.

Mrs. Campbell, who is a graduate of the Class of '22 of the East High school of Aurora, attended Iowa State university, where she was a member of the Alpha Gamma Delta

sorority. Mr. Campbell is a graduate of the Class of '24 of the West High school. He is connected with the Great Northern Casualty Insurance company.

Yorkville: There is promise of better service between Yorkville and Aurora on the bus lines. The Aurora Elgin & Fox River Company has given but a careless service to these patrons. This company has turned over the service to the Cannon Ball Bus Lines and the change will be for the benefit of the public in general. The electric people had failed to give the service necessary for the public and had lost patronage.

Following is the schedule of visiting days and hours at the Kendall county jail:

Tuesday, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Thursday, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Saturday, from 2 to 5 p.m.

C.T. CARLSON, Sheriff of Kendall County

Dec. 29: Yorkville: In another column will be found a tentative time table to be tried by the Cannon Ball Coach Line when they take over the bus service between Aurora and Yorkville early in January. The table should be studied by those who have occasion to use the bus service anywhere between Aurora and Somonauk. This change of buses has every indication of being a good move for bus passengers in this territory. While the line was operated by the Aurora Elgin & Fox Valley Company, it was but a side issue, claimed to be a losing venture, and buses run because the franchise demanded. The Cannon Ball company expects to get through from Aurora to Mendota next summer and will over a service for the building up of traffic. New buses are being provided and prompt service promised.

Plano: Capt. Harold G. Foster of the United States Air Service was killed Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1926 when the machine in which he and his fellow officer were flying collided with another at Chanute Field, Rantoul, Ill. Capt. Foster was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Foster of Plano and had been in the service since early in 1917.

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January

Jan. 5: The college students departed for their respective colleges the first of the week.

The Clarion quartet of Harvey will give an entertainment at the Presbyterian church on Friday, Jan. 14. The proceeds are to be used to send the Christian Endeavor delegates to the Dixon conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Rogerson are the parents of a son, born Dec. 30.

Miss Marjorie Morse delightfully entertained 16 girls on Dec. 30. The dining room was beautifully decorated. Place cards announced the engagement of Marjorie Morse to Howard Shoger.

L.M. Woolley, known to old Oswego friends as "Doc" Woolley, is confined to his home in Aurora by an infected foot.

Yorkville: Sheriff L.L. Urich of Kane county is to be complimented on the effort he is making to close the road houses of Kane county. The eradication of slot machines, punch boards, and illicit liquor will work a real achievement for Kane county. The county has been looked upon as the loosest county in the state outside of Cook for a number of years. It has been the "playground" of for Chicago with plenty of road houses and lots of freedom.

M.H. Watson, Kendall County Farm Adviser, has moved to Yorkville and taken up his duties in the local office, vice Earl Price resigned. Mr. Watson is a young man with a small family and is occupying one of the flats over the Moore store in Yorkville.

Leonard H. Shoger, 79, died at his home at Oswego noon Sunday after a brief illness. He had been confined to his bed only since Thursday, death being due to heart disease. He was born in Wurttemberg, Germany Oct. 21, 1847. At about the age of eight he came to this country with his parents and settled west of Oswego township where he remained until he was married, settling then on a farm two miles east of Oswego where he remained until he retired 14 years ago and moved into Oswego. He is survived by six children, Clarence of Naperville; Leonard, Mrs. Carrie Turpin, Mrs. Minnie Hafenrichter, Mrs. Alvina Haag, and Oscar of Oswego; 16 grandchildren and two brothers, J.A. Shoger of Oswego and Henry Shoger of Princeton, Kan. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at the Federated church. Interment will be in Oswego cemetery.

Jan. 12: Eaton Smith, an old resident of Oswego, died Jan. 8, 1927. He was born in New York state in 1846, but lived around Yorkville and Oswego nearly all of his life. He is survived by his wife, Mary Dano Smith. The funeral was held Jan. 8 at the Presbyterian church. Burial in the Oswego cemetery.

Miss Elizabeth Wells has returned to Coe college, Iowa, after spending the holidays with her aunt Mrs. Kroh and her grandmother, Mrs. Wells.

Mrs. Scott Cutter, Mrs. Dan Bickford, Mrs. A.H. Churchill, and Mrs. Watts Cutter attended the DAR meeting in Aurora Jan. 8.

A number of friends surprised Mrs. Lillian Pearce at her new home Monday. It was a housewarming and a very enjoyable affair.

A fine community spirit is being developed in the Oswego neighborhood, which is centering upon the new building soon to be opened for classroom work and assembly

purposes. A large company gathered for the meeting under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher club on last Friday evening and after business matters had been considered, the assembly was addressed by the Regional Director Mrs. Jessie Fisher of Streator.

Yorkville: It was bad enough to have to find the unseemly and disgraceful story of the new Loeb-Leopold trial on the first page of the *Chicago Tribune*. But when they send a sob-sister to write the details of the unseemly testimony, we are of the opinion that the WGN is overstepping the bounds of decency.

The Illinois Commerce Commission has granted the Aurora, Elgin & Fox River Electric line the right to operate buses from Aurora to Elgin. They will use both sides of the river where there have been concrete roads built out of the public moneys. It is much cheaper to run buses on roads where the upkeep is paid by the taxpayer than it is to maintain a roadbed for [street] car service. And simultaneously, there is a cutting off of the taxes of the street car company because they will have no right-of-way to be assessed. It would seem more equitable for the people at large were there a charge placed either on the franchise or on the buses of sufficient amount to assist largely in road maintenance. And by the same token, this might apply against the trucks, which are so fast robbing the railroads of their short hauls.

Jan. 19: Word was received in Oswego that Mrs. Lizzie Hopkins Winsor of Aurora fell Saturday and broke her hip. She is in the Aurora City hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dwyre have bought a lot from the Boessenecker estate, which is located opposite the Federated church. They will build a bungalow on the lot ext summer.

Mrs. Cyrus Wheeler of Hope, S.D. arrived in Oswego Jan. 15 to spend several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Margaret Woolley.

The house on the place known as the Gregg place, now occupied by August Klomhaus, caught fire Tuesday morning, Jan. 11, from clothes laying against a stove pipe running through an upper room. The fire was soon extinguished. The floor was partially burned and the house damaged by smoke.

Owing to the extreme cold and the roads being blocked by the heavy fall of snow, several church meetings and social affairs were postponed last week.

The Fred Lindemier sale will be held Jan. 20. It was postponed last week on account of the snow storm.

The marriage of Miss Marjorie L. Morse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Morse of Oswego, to Howard G. Shoger, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.F. Shoger of Oswego, took place Saturday evening Jan. 15 at the Presbyterian parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Shoger will make their home in Oswego in the Marsolf house.

Yorkville: It is customary for a local paper to mention anything unusual about the weather. Accordingly, *The Record* will take a chance and tell you that it was cold last Friday and Saturday, the mercury hovering between 10 and 25 below zero. This fall in temperature followed a snow storm, which tied up traffic of all kinds and kept the roads closed for automobiles till Monday.

Snow started to fall last Wednesday and by Thursday night there was fro 8 to 10 inches on the ground. The cold weather made this snow of a sandy nature and when shoveled off the road, it immediately sifted back.

Monday showed a marked rise in temperature, up in the 40s, and the roads were broken.

Jan. 26: The East Oswego Progressive Farmers Club was entertained Jan. 20 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Ebinger. The program consisted of solos, duets, and readings.

Fred Falk has bought the house of Mrs. Johansen on Main street.

Randolph Tendall had the misfortune to break both bones in one leg Monday. He was taken to the hospital in Aurora for an X-ray examination Tuesday. The Tendall family are moving to the Henry Tendall farm at Helmar and were taking their goods on a bob sleigh when the accident occurred.

Many were the sleighride parties of the past week. Saturday evening, two bob loads of young people went to the home of Elsie Ruth Armbruster carrying refreshments with them and had a jolly time.

Yorkville: The boys of the fire department have dug into their pockets and bought a siren for a fire alarm. This need was made manifest when the members of the volunteer crew showed that the bell was not adequate as an alarm.

February -- 1927

Feb. 2: Hardy Shoger has been using crutches, crippled by the kick of a steer.

The new barber, Mr. Donovan, and wife are living in Mrs. Ness's house.

Miss Rachel Woolley, who is a senior in college at Decatur, has been a patient in the hospital, ill of intestinal flue.

George Bower is driving a new coach.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lindemier and family have moved into town and are living in their home on Washington street.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Shoger spent last Wednesday in Chicago and invested in a new radio.

The marriage of Miss Gretchen Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Collins of Oswego, to Elmer Drake, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Drake of Aurora, took place Jan. 5, 1927 at the parsonage of the First Presbyterian church. Mr. and Mrs. Drake will make their home on Blackhawk street, Aurora.

Miss Carrie B. Shoger died suddenly of heart trouble Jan. 26, 1927 at her home at Wolf's Crossing. Miss Shoger was 60 years of age. She formerly resided in Oswego. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Fred Mundsinger of Oswego and one brother, Michael of Aurora. The funeral was held Jan. 28 from the federated church in Oswego. Burial was in Oswego cemetery.

Feb. 9: The Busy Bee club of young folks from around the Gaylord school held their annual banquet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Woolley Saturday evening, Feb. 5. Fried chicken was served with all that goes with it. During the short program there was music by Mrs. Marshall Updike and readings by Lois Walker.

The country roads were very rough for several days.

Mrs. Earl Zentmyer has returned to her home from the hospital.

Lester Johnson, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson, fell at the Gaylord school and broke his left arm. Lester considers himself unlucky as he broke the same arm last summer.

Mrs. Ruth Strossman, aged 85, passed quietly away at 12:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, 1927. Ruth Bartlett, who had spent her entire life in this community, was the daughter of Aaron and Phoebe Failing Bartlett, who were early settlers of Oswego. In this village, she was born April 15, 1841. In 1858 she was married to W.H. Marion, who made the supreme sacrifice in the Civil War.

In 1867 she was united in marriage with E.C. Strossman, who died Sept. 19, 1926. Since that time, Mrs. Strossman had been in failing health.

The deceased leaves to mourn her loss a daughter, Mrs. Ida Marion Strossman; one son, W.H. Marion; and two grandchildren, Marion R. Strossman of Aurora and Dr. Norman E. Marion of Big Rock.

Funeral services were held from the Borngrebe chapel, Aurora Saturday.

Yorkville: The late January thaw was followed by a February flood. Roads are impassable; the rivers and streams are overflowing with water and there is a promise of a general break-up of the ice along the Fox. The normally placid river is now a raging torrent. Perhaps Nature takes this method of cleaning out the old cans, bottles, and other refuse which have been deposited by campers and picnickers, cottagers and careless home people, the chemical impurities let into the stream by unscrupulous manufacturers and the general gathering of unsightly and unseemly matter on the banks. The snows and the rains have proved a real flush tank.

Feb. 16: Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Ebinger are moving this week to Aurora.

The Harvey threshing ring surprised Mr. and Mrs. John Harvey one evening last week, the occasion being their 10th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Leigh entertained the Rotary club at a 7 o'clock dinner Friday, Feb. 11.

Miss Margaret Irene Pearce of Oswego and Elmer R. Eyre of Aurora were married Feb. 12 at the Presbyterian manse. Mr. and Mrs. Eyre took a short wedding trip and will visit relatives until their new home on the Lincoln highway near the Willow Hill school is finished.

Yorkville: "Bill" Hart and his wife were finally divorced--they had been married five years before the separation was granted. This is quite a record for moviedom. [William S. Hart starred in westerns in Hollywood. He lived in Oswego when a child, where his father was a miller at the Parker Mills.]

A great advance in the safety of the public was made last week when President Coolidge signed a law barring the shipment of "one-hand" guns from the mails. This will, we hope, prohibit the sale of pistols by mail order houses and at the same time prevent the acquisition of dangerous guns by irresponsible people.

Feb. 23: Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Tendall and family moved last Saturday from the Herren farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lombard from the Base Line Road are moving into the Jack Cherry tenant house.

The teacher of the Walker school, Mrs. Elmer Hubbe of Aurora, gave her pupils a Valentine party Wednesday, Feb. 16.

Oliver O. Hemm, 69, one of the oldest and best known farmers in Kendall county passed away at his home south of Oswego Saturday night. He was born in Oswego township Oct. 21, 1858, and had lived practically his entire life in that locality.

He is survived by his widow, Sarah; three daughters, Mrs. Estella Pierce, Jerome, Idaho; Mrs. Bernice Schwanz, Aurora; and Mrs. Edna Smith, Aurora; two sons, Courtney and Milton Hem, both of Aurora Township; one brother, Michael Hemm, Aurora; and two sisters, Mrs. Christina Key and Mrs. Margaret Schmahl, Aurora.

Funeral services were held Feb. 22 at the Prairie church.

Mrs. Mary Maude Elizabeth Mahoney, 32, of Joliet, wife of Dennis Mahoney, died Saturday noon at St. Joseph's hospital in Joliet of typhoid and malaria fever. She resided until recently at Oswego and has a host of friends and relatives in Aurora. She was born at Oswego in 1893.

Mrs. Mahoney is survived by her husband, Dennis Mahoney; and by six children, Elvera, Howard, Delores, Donald, Rosemary, and Celia. She is also survived by two sisters, Mrs.

Ray Webster of Aurora and Mrs. Joseph Plaskas of Oswego and four brothers, John Pierce of Aurora, L.U. and Harry Pierce of Oswego, and Frank Pierce, Hubbard, Ohio; and by her mother, Mrs. Mary B. Pierce of Oswego.
Burial was in Spring Lake cemetery.

March -- 1927

March 2: Miss Emily Schlapp began work on March 1 at her new position as head nurse on the second floor of the city hospital [in Aurora]. Miss Schlapp recently purchased a new coupe.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Denney entertained 18 guests Feb. 22.

Among the many who are moving are the Will Neiman family from the John Haag farm on the Plainfield road to their home in Aurora; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Havens and family to the Haag farm; Mike Lebay and family from Frank Collins' farm to the Charles Gaylord farm, which he recently purchased; Roy Jenkins and family to the Collins farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett and little son, who have been living in the Kohlhammer bungalow on Madison street, have moved to Rockford. Dr. and Mrs. Charles Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Morse and little daughter will occupy the bungalow vacated by the Bartlett family.

A full obituary of Oliver Orson Hem is published.

March 9: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Light and family have moved onto the John Herren farm on Route 18 vacated by Mr. and Mrs. George Suhler, who have moved into their home purchased from the Frank Pearce farms.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gourley of Pontiac have moved into the Marsolf house. Mr. Gourley will farm the place known as the old Irving farm, and intends to build a house there this summer. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shoger, who have occupied the Marsolf house for several months, will move into the Leonard Shoger house this week.

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Jean Palmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Palmer of Oswego, to Leslie Shepard Woolley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Woolley of Oswego, took place Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents. Following the ceremony a luncheon was served. Later, Mr. and Mrs. Woolley left on a short wedding trip. Upon their return they will reside on a farm near Oswego.

March 16: Mrs. Jeneson, Oswego's oldest resident, fell last week and injured her left arm.

Kenneth Ricketts is driving a new coupe.

It was with deep regret that Oswego friends heard of the illness of Mr. Walter Foster of Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Woolley have moved onto the Darfler farm on Route 18.

About 12 neighbors took their lunch and spent the day with Mrs. Mike Pierce on March 10. The gathering was in the form of a farewell, as Mr. and Mrs. Pierce will soon make their home with their daughter, Mrs. Albert Shiffer, east of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Palmer and son will occupy the lower floor of the Pierce home.

KANE AND KENDALL COUNTY

BANKERS ORGANIZE GUARD

The Bankers Federation of these two counties is completing the Town Guard organization so that every community will be adequately protected. The meeting held Friday evening, Feb. 25, at St. Charles was attended by representatives from the banks in Kane and Kendall counties. Chairman Weiland, of the Protective committee, reported that practically all member banks were enrolled for service under the Town Guard plan. This provides for deputizing trained men in every community who will be provided with high power rifles and sawed-off shotguns, ready to respond instantly in case of need. For the two counties, about 75 men are provided.

Not content with these precautionary measures along, the Bankers Federation has further decided to offer a reward of \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any robbers operating within the two counties.

March 23: Mr. and Mrs. Amos Parkhurst and Ralph Smith returned to Oswego March 20 after spending the winter in Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Parkhurst will make their home at the old Smith homestead during the summer months.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Clauser and baby daughter of Aurora spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Songer.

March 30: The foundation is being made for a new home for Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Manning on the corner of Jefferson street and Park avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Layton Lippold and Ford will soon move to their new bungalow on Route 18. They have sold their home on Main street to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Herren.

The little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Gast are recovering from the mumps. This family recently moved from Indiana to the Lewis place.

April -- 1927

April 6: Wilton and Wilbur Woolley and Harley Shoger are installing farm electric light plants.

John Herren is laying water mains in his Riverview addition.

Thieves relieved Herman Schultz of one of his hogs recently, butchering it on the premises and carrying it away with them.

Robert N. Herren has accepted a position with the Northern Illinois Lumber company.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Shoger are driving a new sedan.

April 13: *The Record's* correspondent, Mrs. Fred [Clara] Walker, would be pleased if the residents of Oswego Township would telephone to her their news items.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Burkhart and family from Hawkeye, Iowa are moving in to the G.S. Roe bungalow on Route 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Smith and son Glenn entertained three young musicians Friday evening, visiting members of the band contest which was held at the East Aurora high school.

Mr. and Mrs. G.H. Baron spent part of last week at their farm at Millbrook.

Miss Belle McLaren continues critically ill at the city hospital in Aurora.

Yorkville: Nicolai Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti have been found guilty of murder and robbery in Massachusetts. Their sentence of death has been sustained by the higher courts. Now Bolshevistic societies, certain labor unions, and many professional sentimentalists are striving to have these dangerous criminals pardoned. If there were more confidence in the courts and less fault-finding over a severe penalty, crime would soon be lessened.

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell of Yorkville, to Elnathan Wheeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Wheeler of NaAuSay took place Saturday evening, April 9 at the home of the bride's parents.

Mrs. Wheeler, who is a graduate of the Yorkville high school, teaches school near Plainfield and will complete the school term. Mr. Wheeler conducts a Humm oil station in Aurora. They will make their home at 464 Fox street.

April 20: Will Quantock and daughter were in Chicago last week. Mr. Quantock sold a shipment of cattle and hogs to a Chicago firm.

Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Ebinger are driving a new sedan.

Word has been received from Centralia, Wash. of the serious auto accident which happened to Arthur Rowswell. The car in which the Rowswell family was riding was struck by a large car. Mr. Rowswell was seriously injured.

Truman Johnson, who has such beautiful flowers all summer on his lot and the adjacent vacant lots, has some good mixed color gladiola bulbs for sale at thirty for one dollar. He already has made his plans for the little park back of the school house, which for many years he has made a beauty spot that has attracted flower lovers.

Yorkville: Death Takes Hon. John Redman Marshall. Founder of the Kendall County Record succumbs after a useful life of over ninety years. Funeral Thursday afternoon. Interment at Elmwood. Was only surviving charter member of local Masonic lodge and one of the last Civil War veterans.

April 27: Mr. Herren wishes it stated that it was Robert Herren Jr. who was elected alderman in Oswego at the late election.

The Oswego Red Cross asks contributions from everyone for the flood sufferers. The country is being canvassed by school districts.

Mr. and Mrs. G.H. Voss motored to DeKalb Sunday to view the damage done by the recent cyclone.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Leigh are driving a new sedan.

Mrs. James Campbell and son Francis and Mrs. Allen Campbell went to Chicago Saturday and attended an operetta at Austin high school.

August Keihl of Plainfield is building a corn crib for Walter Gilmore.

May -- 1927

May 4: Mrs. Robert Elliott, who lives along Route 18, recently returned from Oklahoma where she was called by the illness of her parents.

Oswego friends are glad to know that Mrs. Winsor of Aurora is able to return to her home after several months in the city hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Figge have moved into Mrs. Pauline Figge's house on Washington street. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mitchell will occupy the rooms in the Croushorn house. Mr. and Mrs. Heffelfinger moved from the Figge house into a home of their own in the new addition.

After caring for Mrs. L.P. Voss for several weeks, Miss Grace Pearce has returned to her home in Aurora. Miss Lizzie Pearce will take her place. Mrs. Voss is steadily improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hull and daughter of Austin, Ill. are moving into the cottage on Route 18, which they bought of Charlie Johnson. Mr. Hull's mother is staying with him for several weeks.

The Red Cross received and sent on a draft of \$311 for the flood sufferers, collected in Oswego township, with two school districts not yet finishing their canvass. The Grove Road Farmers' club contributed \$20.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Barron are in Springfield in the interests of the superintendent of schools. Mr. and Mrs. George Barron are caring for the children.

Yorkville: There is an article on another page sponsored by the Illinois Agricultural Association, which favors the 2-cent per gallon gasoline tax. There are so many arguments on both sides of this question that our advice is to "make haste slowly" when you make up your mind. If the gas tax will get the money out of the trucks and buses that it should and will repair roads, it has a strong element in its favor. If it means the building of a big political machine and the taxes are now lowered, there is an argument against it. We are not, at present, making any decided stand but are laying by our ammunition. It is suggested that you do some thinking yourself before you jump into the battle.

A long-sought step in the method of stopping the sale of mail-order firearms has been accomplished. Under the new law, the mailing of "one-hand guns" will be prohibited after May 10.

Arthur W. Cramer, 38, widely known druggist with stores at Plano and Joliet, was fined \$4,500 and sentenced to three months imprisonment in the federal court in Chicago Tuesday on nine counts of indictments charging conspiracy to violate the prohibition law and for alleged operation of a still, says the *Aurora Beacon*. He was arrested in connection with a raid on a big distillery near Braidwood south of Joliet early in March. Equipment valued at \$65,000 was sized in the raid. This is the second time that Cramer has been arrested on liquor charges, having been fined \$500 and costs in 1921 in the circuit court at Yorkville for selling intoxicating liquor. His store in Joliet is located in the Elks building, and is one of the finest in that city.

May 11: Hardy Shoger took his Sunday school class to the Billy Sunday meeting last Friday evening.

NaAuSay: Mrs. Minerva Todd, wife of the late Albert Todd, who years ago owned and lived on a farm in NaAuSay, died Wednesday morning at the home of her daughter in Denver, Colo. Mrs. Todd was 94 years old. The body was accompanied here by her granddaughter, Miss Lulu Mook. The burial services were held at the NaAuSay cemetery Saturday morning. She was laid to rest beside her husband. Mrs. Todd is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Frank Mook of Denver, Colo.; one granddaughter, Miss Lulu Mook; and a nephew, Roland Campbell of Aurora. She was also a relative of the Wheeler families of NaAuSay.

Yorkville: A delegation of Kendall county people drove to Springfield last week to call on the Governor in the interest of the building of Route 47 from Morris to Yorkville. In

going to the state capital under the road conditions it was necessary for Yorkville people to go many miles out of their way to make the driving at all comfortable. A few months from now, there will be a necessary building of a few blocks of cement to connect the new bridge with the spur of Route 18. Work has already been started on the portion of Route 47 which will connect Dwight and Morris. That leaves a small spot, which, if built between Morris and Yorkville, will complete the connection from Route 4 at Dwight with Route 18 at Yorkville, with the Route 7 at Morris intervening. There is no more logical time to make this connection than when they are building on both ends of the route. You who have traveled through Grundy county and a portion of Livingston realize that there can never be a real road there till it is built with cement. There is also the certainty that the relief of congestion through Joliet, Aurora, and the Chicago-ward cities cannot be relieved till this connection is completed. It is not Kendall county alone to be benefited by the Route 47 connection; it is the entire farming belt which extends from Champaign county to the Wisconsin line. Twenty-one state highways are intersected by Route 47, and we are for it.

May 18: The wind and rain storms did considerable damage in Oswego township on May 9. Every farm lost fruit or shade trees. Many roofs were damaged or blown completely away. It was a memorable day with four separate storms and black skies.

Miss Mae Barrett from Oak Park spent several days recently with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Woolley and other Oswego friends.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Gates returned to Oswego May 14 after a winter spent in California.

Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Richards of Oswego announce the marriage of their daughter, Barbara, to C. Neff Lehman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lehman of Aurora, which took place Saturday May 7 at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. T.R. Quayle of Lake Bluff. Mr. and Mrs. Lehman are enjoying a motor trip to Wisconsin and upon their return will reside in Oswego.

Rachael Amy Woolley, daughter of Allen G. Woolley of Oswego, is a member of the senior class of James Milliken University, which will be graduated at commencement exercises in Decatur, June 7. Miss Woolley will receive a degree of bachelor of science from the Household Arts department.

THE FIRST PAPER IN KENDALL COUNTY

Among the papers of the late Hon. John R. Marshall was found this letter which tells of early historical facts as to newspapers in Kendall. Mr. Humphrey was doubtless the first publisher and gives these facts:

Vandalia, Ill., Nov. 10, 1903

Mr. J.R. Marshall,

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter received last week, will say:

I started the first paper published in Kendall County in 1852--in the late spring. Sold out to father of A. Sellers in the fall of 1854, and continued with the office until summer of 1855 when I purchased the office and published a paper until sometime in the winter of 1855 and 1856 when I sold to William P. Boyd who continued the paper under adage of Niblo, who you probably knew. Boyd changed the paper from an independent to a Democratic sheet.

In the spring of 1856, the Republicans desiring an organ, called a meeting of the leading men of the county, decided to establish a paper, and requested me to take charge of it. Subscriptions were made for the paper, for advertising and job work, for which money was advanced for about two-thirds of the cost of material, which was purchased at once and "the *Kendall County Free Press*" was out soon after for the campaign of 1856.

Was pleased to receive a copy of your paper, which was also quite a treat to my wife. We recognized the names of many old friends and acquaintances in Kendall county, but it is quite probable they were names of others than those, mostly, that we knew.

The brief of paper published in your county. Fix up to suit yourself.

With best wishes for your success, I am

Yours respectfully,

H.S. HUMPHREY

May 25: Oswego was well represented at "Oswego Night" at the Billy Sunday meeting held in the tabernacle in Aurora May 19.

Carrie E. Smith, wife of the late Charles I. Smith, died May 20, 1927 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Herren at Oswego. She was born Jan. 30, 1854 in Oswego, where she had resided all her life. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Frank Herren; one grandson, Howard Herren of Elkhorn, Wis.; one great grandson, Stanley Herren. Also two sisters, Mrs. L.P. Voss of Oswego and Mrs. Emma Van Doozer of Aurora. Burial was in Pearce cemetery.

June -- 1927

June 1: The Bronk School of which Mrs. Gertrude Wormley Heffelfinger is teacher, closed Tuesday.

The Walker School closed May 25.

The Russell School will close Friday, June 3.

The Gaylord School closed last Saturday with a picnic at the home of the teacher, Miss Nettie Brown of Plainfield.

June 8: The schoolmates of the old stone schoolhouse of sixth years ago or more will hold their annual picnic with Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Roberts June 11.

The women's restroom and gift shop in the Croushorn store opened June 4. The room was very neat and pretty. Anyone with articles to sell are invited to bring them to the room, which is open every afternoon and Saturday evening.

Dedication exercises of Community High School, Oswego Illinois will be held at eight o'clock Friday evening. Robert Peterson, president of the board of education, presiding. Program: Invocation, Rev. James R.E. Craighead; music, high school orchestra; address of welcome, Robert Peterson; delivery of building, C.J. Smith, general contractor; acceptance of building, Mrs. L.R. Inman, secretary; remarks, Franklin G. Ellwood, architect; Community singing, "America;" address, Hon. Adam C. Cliffe; music, high school; benediction, Rev. J.H. Feucht.

June 15: Mr. and Mrs. Scott Cutter went to Purdue University to be present at the graduation of their son, Max, June 14.

The Squires school closed with a picnic at Phillips park Tuesday. The teacher, Miss Bessie Tierney of Plainfield, will return in September.

The Oswego school closes Friday, June 17, with a field day program.

The mothers of the pupils of the second grade in the Oswego school entertained the teacher, Miss Hogan, and the pupils. Miss Hogan was presented with an overnight bag.

Mrs. Leslie Woolley and Miss Marion Palmer entertained a number of friends at a shower Thursday at the home of the former in honor of Miss Winifred Walker, whose marriage to Newton Woolley will take place soon.

A beautiful Christian life was called to the Great Beyond Monday when Mrs. Anna Bower passed away. She had been sick for 18 months. She was known to all as Mother Bower. Her spirit left its body and it was laid away in the Riverside cemetery Wednesday afternoon. Anna Marie Hettrick was born on a farm three miles east of Oswego Aug. 8, 1857. She was married to John G. Bower on Jan. 24, 1880. Mr. Bower passed away seven years ago on May 24. To this union were born three children. One died in infancy. The two surviving are LeRoy Bower of Aurora and Mrs. Lettie Willis, with whom Mrs. Bower had always made her home. There are four grandchildren, Lloyd, Dorothy and Phyllis Bower, and Helen Willis. Mrs. Bower had four brothers, George Hettrick Oswego; John Hettrick, Lincoln, Neb.; Otto Hettrick, Grand Island, Neb., and Leonard Hettrick, deceased.

The 28th annual gathering of some of the schoolmates who attended school taught by different teachers at the old Stone schoolhouse preceding and at the time of the Civil War and a few of the daughters, met at the home of J.W. and Carrie Young Roberts.

Yorkville: Young America is glorified in Col. Lindberg and matronly America can "point with pride" at the wonderful mother. The most admirable fact about the wonderful flying feat of "Slim" is that he and his mother are still representative of America's greatest

power--the common people. Mrs. Lindberg and her son have "kept their feet on the ground" in spite of the fact that their glory was made many miles in the air.

June 22: Gus Klomhaus took his bus load of school children from the Woolley Road district on a picnic at Mooseheart on Monday, June 20.

Mrs. Norval Tripp entertained at her home in Parker Avenue Thursday evening in honor of the approaching marriage of Miss Winifred Walker to Newton Woolley, which will take place this month.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Jeneson, one of the oldest residents of Oswego, died on Sunday afternoon, June 19, 1927, at 4 o'clock at St. Joseph's Hospital, aged 95 years and eight months, following several months of suffering after a fall in which she fractured her hip. Mrs. Jeneson leaves two daughters, Mrs. H.L. Creamer, Chicago, and Mrs. Walter Fowler Denney of Oswego, one brother, Robert Jolly of Oswego, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the late home at Oswego, burial being in Oswego cemetery.

June 29: The club formerly known as the Walker School Community club, but which has changed its name to Maple Leaf club, met with Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Pearce last Friday evening.

The Newman picnic association met at the Oswego school grounds Saturday, June 24. Although there was not a large attendance, it was an especially enjoyable occasion. The program was given in the new gym by the children of the members of the association.

The pupils of the Walker school of 30 years ago held their Benthien picnic on Tuesday, June 21. There were seven of the former pupils present and they and their families and guests made up a most enjoyable party. An affectionate letter from Miss E.M. Benthien of Mount Shasta, Calif. was read.

Miss Winifred Walker, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Walker, was united in marriage on Tuesday evening, June 28, at the Walker home to Newton A. Woolley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Woolley. About 40 were present to witness the ceremony. The bride and groom left on a motor trip. On their return, they will make their home with the groom's parents until their new home is completed.

Mrs. Nellie Smith Horton, a former resident of Oswego, died Tuesday, June 21, at the St. Joseph's hospital in Aurora after a lingering illness. Mrs. Horton was the daughter of the late Henry Smith, at one time station agent here. Mrs. Horton is survived by her stepmother, Mrs. Josie Smith and one sister, Mrs. Lou Young of Oswego. The funeral was held Friday from the Healy chapel in Aurora. Burial in Mt. Hope cemetery, Chicago.

Yorkville: Now we have the gasoline tax, with all its necessary expenses. The support of our own people has been behind the movement, the majority seeming to rule. Now there is no reason why Route 47 should not be placed first on the map and the connection

between Yorkville and Morris, to meet the one now being built between Dwight and Morris, finished at once. There is no better connection between state roads than Route 47. The completion of the route from Seymour, west of Champaign, to the Wisconsin state line through the Route 47 plan will connect 21 state roads. We of Kendall county, Kane county, Grundy county and the contiguous territory ask that this road be built as soon as possible. Let us, for once at least, forget the political situation and build for the benefit of the people at large.

July -- 1927

July 6: Mr. and Mrs. Amos Parkhurst, who are spending the summer on the Horace Smith old homestead, held a family reunion on the Fourth of July.

Funeral services and burial of J. Bissell Hunt of Chicago were held at the Oswego cemetery Saturday noon, July 2. Mr. Hunt was a merchant in Oswego years ago. He and his family were well and favorably known in this community.

The rest room and gift shop in the Croushorn building will continue under the management of Miss Harriett Walker.

Yorkville: Illinois stands second in the nation in the manufacture of wooden packing boxes; in the manufacture of brooms; in the general construction and repair of cars in electric railroad shops; construction and manufacture of cars in steam railroad repair shops; in the manufacture of rag rugs and rag carpets; and in the manufacture of cleaning and polishing preparations.

July 13: Glenda Hafenrichter, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Hafenrichter is ill of scarlet fever. This little girl was seriously ill all last summer, but had recovered her health.

The Busy Bee club met with Mrs. John McMicken Jr. July 6. The ladies sewed carpet rags for the Red Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Manning moved into their new residence on Park avenue Monday. Mr. Kohlhammer and son built this house, beginning in March. They are now building one for Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dwyre opposite the Federated church.

A.R. Kroh passed away Sunday morning at his residence on Main street. The funeral services will be held Wednesday.

Jess Turner, working for Wilton Woolley, had a runaway with a hayshredder last week. As a result, he has a badly mangled left arm with some of the small bones broken.

July 20: The funeral services for Mrs. Laura Shepherd Thurber of West Superior, Wis., were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Cherry July 13. Mrs. Thurber died July 9 and

services were held at West Superior July 11. Most beautiful flowers were sent with the remains to Oswego. Burial was in the NaAuSay cemetery. Mrs. Thurber is survived by three sisters and a brothers, Mrs. John Cherry of Oswego; Mrs. Ruth Harkinson and Miss Edith Shepherd of Aurora; and Elmer Shepherd of Sugar Grove. NaAuSay was Mrs. Thurber's girlhood home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Paydon and family of Plainfield visited his parents in Oswego Sunday.

The death of A.R. Kroh, nationally known agricultural leader who died on Sunday at his home in Oswego, was due largely to over-exertion in the interest of an educational campaign he was waging throughout the northwest agricultural districts, friends believe. Going from city to city daily, addressing large gatherings of farmers, and spreading a gospel which he believed would help to lift the burden of the farmers, he failed to heed the danger signals which resulted in his death.

Mr. Kroh moved to Oswego about three years ago, purchasing the home of the late William Cliggitt, which its acres of beautiful grounds. Continuously planning to give up a portion of his public work and renew his strength in the quiet village, death found him still as busily engaged as ever. His fatal illness struck its first blow just after he had delivered a more than usual strenuous address.

Mr. Kroh had been in the public eye for the last 10 years, first in the educational department of the Goodyear Rubber company, later with the General Motors company and National Automobile dealers' association, and finally in the agricultural educational campaign work. His late work was sponsored by F.E. Murphy, owner of the *Minneapolis Tribune*, in an effort to improve agricultural conditions throughout the "northwest empire," the Dakotas, Minnesota, and Montana

He became interested in agricultural problems a number of years ago. Continuous study and research made him one of the most thoroughly equipped men in this field in the country. This, coupled with his remarkable gift of oratory, resulted in his being selected by the *Minneapolis Tribune* to lead the educational battle in behalf of the agricultural interests of the northwest territory.

Yorkville: We would thoroughly enjoy an opportunity to drive to Leland and Earlville, then on to Mendota to call on friends This pleasant trip is spoiled by the action of several prominent citizens who continue to enjoin the state from completing Route 18 from Somonauk to Mendota.

For all the bad weather of the earlier season, crops in Kendall county look better than those in adjoining territories. We still contend that the Fox River Valley, as it extends through Kendall county, is the garden spot of the world.

July 27: The Oswego branch of the Red Cross picnicked last Friday at Phillips park.

Myron Junior Wormley will leave the end of this week for Springfield and from there will go to Evanston to visit his grandparents.

Miss Ella Smith, who spent so many years in her home at the corner of Jefferson and Madison streets, is ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. Milton Orr west of Yorkville. She has been confined to her bed for 13 months.

Yorkville: Aimie McPherson found a leak in the finances of her tabernacle at Los Angeles. She cancelled her engagement at a nearby city and left at once for her home to find out who was getting the money during her absence. Mrs. McPherson is our idea of a person who commercializes religion.

In the Monday morning papers we see with a great deal of satisfaction that Charley Birger, the south state gunman, has been found guilty and condemned to death. We glory in the nerve of the jury, which found this evidently just verdict.

The motorman on the street car which ran into a herd of elephants at Aurora recently was guilty of speeding and negligence is the verdict of the coroner's jury. It has evidently become the thing among those in charge of public conveyances to "Open her wide and let her travel" regardless of the possible results. The one mentioned above caused the death of two men, the injury of others, and the killing of an elephant, and all because he was in a hurry to get his "circus crowd" home that he might get off sooner.

August -- 1927

Aug. 3: Miss Marjorie Woolley and Robert Pierce are victims of the mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Smith announce the birth of a daughter at the Aurora city hospital on Saturday, July 27. The baby has been given the name of Marilyn Elda.

Adaline L. Pearce died at the home of her brother, Charles G. Pearce, on the Plainfield road near Joliet Saturday morning. Funeral services were held from the home Monday morning and were private. Burial in Pearce cemetery, Oswego.

Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Richards of Aurora observed their 62nd wedding anniversary July 25. Despite the fact that Mr. Richards is 87 and his wife 83, they are both active in mind and body.

Mr. Richards was born in New York, coming west as a young man, he opened a hardware store in Oswego and conducted the business there for many years. Their marriage took place in Oswego July 25, 1865. For the last 42 years they have made their home in Aurora. There are three children, Charles H. Richards of Aurora, George Harold Richards of Aurora, and Robert E. Richards of Oswego.

Mrs. Leonard Burkhart died at her home in Oswego Thursday, July 28, from burns received when a tub of gasoline exploded Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Burkhart, with her husband, were cleaning a lamp shade in a tub of gasoline in the basement of their home when the liquid exploded, probably through friction. The aged woman was enveloped in flames and the clothing was practically burned from her body.

Mr. Burkhart was in less direct contact with the explosion but his clothing also caught fire. Without thought for his own safety, he wrapped his wife in a heavy quilt, fought his way with her to the first floor of the house and extinguished the flames. Both were badly burned.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the residence. On account of the condition of Mr. Burkhart, who was also burned in the explosion, the services were private.

Mrs. Burkhart was born Dec. 11, 1861 in Oswego and has lived in and around her birthplace all her life. She is survived by her husband, Leonard F. Burkhart; four sons, Oliver A., Clinton L. and Ralph M., all of Aurora, and Walter J. Burkhart of Detroit; three daughters, Mrs. Laura Hahnenstein of Aurora, Mrs. Nellie Keine of Maplewood, N.J., and Mrs. Elinor Papenhausen of Western Springs; and six grandchildren. Interment was in Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: The advice of those who know is that when you see chicken thieves in your premises, call the authorities at once and wait till they get there before you shoot or make any other demonstration. It is easier to catch thieves when they believe they are safe from suspicion than it is to get them after they have left the scene of their robbery.

We are in favor of the system used in some other states--that of licensing every driver of an automobile and forcing the issue when conditions warrant. As it is at present in Illinois, anyone can drive a car. There is no restriction made except when a boy or girl is under age. Fifteen years is the limit when a youngster is supposed to be permitted to drive alone. No attention is paid to this. Let's force the driving of cars into the hands of the efficient and cut out the hilarious, carefree, imbecile at the wheel.

Aug. 10: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Peterson are the parents of a baby boy, born Aug. 2 at the St. Joseph hospital in Aurora. He has been named Raymond Duane.

The people of the community are rejoicing over the quiet, steady rain fall of Sunday afternoon and evening. Threshing has begun in all the different threshing rings.

Mrs. Rilla Fullen Tregillus, widely known Chicago soprano and radio artist, will give an entertainment at the Oswego Federated church Friday evening of this week. This talented lady is visiting her aunt, Mrs. H.G. Smith in Oswego and it is this fact that makes it possible for the local people to hear her rendition of the popular grand opera.

Mr. L.F. Burkhart is showing a marked improvement from the results of the accident of two weeks ago.

Yorkville: The most marvelous air feat since Lindberg's flight was the effort of Clarence Chamberlain. He "took off" from a runway of 118 feet on the [passenger liner] Leviathan and carried mail to shore. This accomplishment means much toward the shortening of time of mail between Europe and the United States.

“I do not choose to run for President in 1928” threw a bomb shell into the ranks of the politicians. President Coolidge made this statement, we believe, in all sincerity and in all honesty.

The manufacture of Model T Ford cars has been discontinued. You will buy no more Model T Ford cars when all are sold that are in the territory and that will not be long. You know without doubt that the Model T. Ford car is and has been one of the best automobiles built and sold. For 20 years it has stood the test. For 20 years it led in sales. It has blazed the way for automobile power.

A used Model T will always be valuable. They will always represent honest dollars. We have just a few on hand at remarkable low prices--Coupes, Sedans, Truck, and Tractors, used. Better come in and buy one of these. They are bargains.
FRED L. WRIGHT, Yorkville.

Aug. 17: Mr. and Mrs. John Clayton have moved into their new home, formerly occupied by R.A. Manley. Mr. Clayton is the principal of the Oswego school.

Many Oswego people are exhibiting at the Central States fair this week [in Aurora] and many more are attending.

Yorkville: We hope that when the Yorkville Board of Trustees makes up its budget for 1928 it will include a sufficient amount for oiling the streets.

Two supposed rum-runners were “given a ride” in Chicago last week. Their names were Russo and Spicuzza. Compare them with Sacco and Vanzetti. See why we have too many foreign undesirables?

The 18th annual convention of the Stavanger Lag and the second annual convention of the Sloopers will be held at the Sandwich fair grounds of Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Aug. 26-28, 1927.

The descendants of the passengers of the Sloop Restauration, which was the first passenger ship to sail from Norway to America left Stavanger, Norway on July 4, 1825 with 52 passengers and landed 53 (a child was born enroute) passengers at New York on Oct. 9, having been 97 days on the ocean, the same ocean that Lindbergh lately crossed in about 30 hours.

The new school law restricts the choice of a high school pupil in the non-high school territory. Pupils must attend a recognized high school in their own township, if there be one, except as it be proved that it is more convenient to attend some other recognized high school.

This change will result in the payment of less of the non-high school funds to schools outside of Kendall county.

Aug. 24: Mrs. Helle fell at her home one day last week. She was bruised and shaken but not seriously injured.

Rev. and Mrs. J.R.E. Craighead and their nephew, Jack Goheen, left Monday morning on an auto trip to Oklahoma, where they will visit relatives and members of two former pastorates. On their return trip, they will come through southern Illinois and visit at Anna, their former place of residence before coming to Oswego.

While oiling machinery at the Chicago Gravel Pit, Theo Lippold got caught in a belt when the machinery started early Friday morning. He was badly bruised although no bones were broken. He is still at the city hospital and is getting along as well as can be expected.

Mary R. Johnson, daughter of Andrew and Ellen Johnson, was born in Chicago Dec. 9, 1872. She was married to Charles E. Olson June 8, 1889. To this union eight children were born, two of whom, Ellen and Stanley, are now dead. The children living in Aurora and Oswego are Harry A., Dora J. Poncus, Clifford A., Natalie M. Rowsell, Evelyn V., and Fern B. Mrs. Olson was deeply and practically religious. Coming to Oswego less than five years ago, she had to a remarkable degree won a place in the love and confidence of the community. The funeral services were conducted in the Presbyterian church on Sunday, Aug. 21.

Pupils of the Oswego High School are asked to register at the school house on Saturday, August 27, from one to four o'clock. Only high school pupils are required to register. School will open Monday, Aug. 29.

Yorkville: Have you a boy or girl to send to high school this year? If so, you can do no better than to start them in the Yorkville place of education. The new building will be completed early in the season and a start in the right place will assure a completion of school work which cannot but be satisfactory.

Aug. 31: Announcements have been received of the marriage of Max Cutter to Miss Virginia Stanton of Chicago, which occurred on June 18. Mr. and Mrs. Cutter are making their home in Chicago, where Mr. Cutter is employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schlapp and Marion called Sunday at the Harry Schlapp home previous to leaving on a two weeks motor trip to New York.

September -- 1927

Sept. 7: Mr. and Mrs. Herman Armbruster will entertain the Grove Road Farmers club on Thursday evening, September 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Rink, who were married September 1 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell in NaAuSay returned the first of the week from a trip to Wisconsin. They will live on the farm home on the Naperville road.

Mrs. Cassie Collins Gowran, wife of James Gowran of Oswego, died Saturday morning, Aug. 27, at Mercyville sanitarium after a short illness. Besides her husband, she leaves two children, Kenneth and Agnes Gowran; also three brothers, Frank, Gilbert, and Thomas Collins; and two sisters, Mrs. Alice Chaplin and Miss Ia Collins of Oswego. The funeral was held from the late home in Oswego Monday. Burial in Oswego cemetery.

Sept. 14: Rev. and Mrs. J.R.E. Craighead and their nephew, Jack Goheen, returned last Friday from a 2500-mile motor trip. They went as far west as Wichita, Kansas, returning through Cairo, Illinois.

Miss Rachel Woolley accepted a position as teacher of home economics at Asheville, N.C., and left last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burkhart have purchased a new home in Aurora.

John Herren was buying hogs in Wisconsin the first of the week.

Fire on a farm owned by John Burkhart on the base line road destroyed the barn, crib, granary, with their contents including 300 loads of barley, 20 of oats, and four good horses.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Henning and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dwyre have returned from a most enjoyable motor trip of 1,200 miles to Canada, returning to the United States by way of the new peace bridge at Buffalo.

Sept. 21: A severe electrical and wind storm visited the surrounding territory Saturday evening, September 17; rain falling for several hours, cooling the atmosphere after two weeks of torrid weather unknown in September. Many fires were reported from lightning. Telephone lines were out of order, making it impossible to get much news.

The Oswego schools are proud of their football team for this year. The next game will be played Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock with the Waterman high school eleven at the Oswego grounds. The season opened Sept. 16 against Plano, with Oswego winning 19-0. They went on to beat Waterman, 6-0.

Yorkville: Kendall county farmers are to be congratulated on the fact that milk from this territory is the cleanest that reaches the Chicago market.

Sept. 28: Frank Johnson was quite seriously cut on one arm and one leg last Saturday morning while attending to some blasting at the gravel pit. The other men with him were more seriously injured than he.

Dr. Smith from Africa gave a talk to the pupils in the Oswego school Wednesday afternoon in the gymnasium about the people he encounters in his work.

The boys of the Oswego high school met and formed an athletic association Thursday noon. Roswell Howard was elected president and Elmer Vickery secretary and treasurer.

October -- 1927

Oct. 3: James Morrison was critically ill last week. Mr. Morrison is one of Oswego's oldest residents.

About 60 friends and neighbors surprised Mr. Myron Wormley Tuesday evening, Sept. 29, the occasion being his 84th birthday. Mr. Wormley is one of Oswego's retired farmers, but he still spends many days working on the old homestead on Route 18. [Now Ill. Route 31]

Oct. 12: One of the Oswego first and second graders having grade averages of 90 or higher was Forrest Wooley. Eighth graders who were excelling included Ford Lippold, Leonard Hafenrichter, Jewel Patton, Grace Rance, and Harland Collins.

The girls of the Oswego high school met Wednesday and organized a girls' athletic association. A program consisting of points for health and sport will be carried on throughout the year.

The public is invited to come and buy their lunch at the school building Friday, Oct. 14. A cafeteria luncheon will be served. The proceeds will go to the Boys' and Girls' Athletic associations.

Oct. 19: A Halloween program and box social will be held at the Walker school Saturday evening. Oct. 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shoger moved last week into the cottage on Polk street recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dranir.

The Oswego High school eleven took its fourth straight victory Friday afternoon when they took a 12-0 victory from the visiting Plano gridmen.

Those guessing the score of the Plano-Oswego game were more successful this time than last week when they guessed the Yorkville-Oswego score. Out of 250 attempting to guess the score, six were successful. They were Warren Norris, Arlene Pierce, LaThelle Collins, Ford Lippold, Nellie Tobey, and Harvey Lippy. These pupils will be given tickets to the next game here Oct. 28, Oswego vs. Hinckley.

Yorkville: It is a good thing that John T. McCutcheon had his "Injun Summer" mummified. Otherwise, the *Chicago Tribune* would not be able to repeat it yearly for the past 15 years. We say enough is enough and suggest that the *Tribune* send all its subscribers a copy of this excellent drawing that it may be laid away for future generations. Buy why force it on the readers every year?

Oct. 26: Mrs. Scott Cutter has been in the Mayo Brothers hospital at Rochester, Minn. this past week.

Mrs. Florence A. Friebele widow of the late Charles Friebele of Oswego died Saturday at the Aurora hospital. Mrs. Friebele suffered a heart attack at the corner of Main street and Broadway Friday morning. She was born May 24, 1878 in Oswego. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Marjorie Zentmyer and Alma Friebele of Oswego; two sons, Joseph of Aurora and Carl of Oswego; four brothers, Lawrence and Frank Hinchman of Aurora, Eugene of Wadsworth and Hubert of Oak Park; and one sister, Mrs. Martha Spain of Caldwell, Mo.

The funeral was held from the Oswego Presbyterian church Tuesday. Burial in Oswego cemetery.

The Oswego gridmen took their fifth straight victory from a strong Waterman 11, 7-6, at Waterman Friday.

Two boys, Norman Whitney and Herbert Wood, have entered the Oswego school recently. Norman Whitney is in the eighth grade while Herbert Wood, entering from Aurora, is in the sixth grade.

Mrs. Margaret Croushorn, wife of George M. Croushorn, died at her home in Oswego Monday, Oct. 24, 1927, following a lingering illness. Mrs. Croushorn was born at Hillsboro, Ohio April 5, 1853, coming to Oswego with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ervin, in 1855. She was married to George M. Croushorn Feb. 10, 1880. Five children were born to this union, Mrs. A.E. Rowswell of Centralia, Wash., Mrs. Ralph Norris of Oswego, J.R. Croushorn, Aurora, Mrs. J.B. Thorsen, Leland, and Howard, who preceded her in infancy.

The funeral services will be held from the home Thursday. Burial in the Oswego cemetery.

November -- 1927

Nov. 2: George Croushorn has moved to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ralph Norris and has rented his house.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Campbell are moving this week to the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cherry in Oswego, where they will remain during the winter.

Mrs. Kenneth Campbell and little son, Dean Kenneth, came home from the hospital in Aurora last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dwyre and her mother, Mrs. Lindemier, are now occupying their new bungalow opposite the Federated church. This is a neat little home and greatly improved

the looks of this corner, which has been vacant for many years. The old home of the Dwyre family has been sold to Sam Lindemier and is rented.

Last Thursday the Oswego high school girls met and organized a glee club. The president is Lillian Bohn and secretary and treasurer is Margaret Simons. Out of the three presidents nominated Helen Willis was elected.

There was no game between Hinckley and Oswego last Friday on account of the former team being quarantined at the time.

Yorkville: The bids for connecting the two Yorkville bridges and connecting the stub end of Route 18 with the village at the Burlington tracks were opened last week and the contract was assigned to a Springfield firm. The stipulation in the contract is that the job must be completed by Dec. 31, 1927.

Nov. 9: The many committees for the Presbyterian annual bazaar to be held Nov. 18 are working for one of the largest bazaars ever held in the church.

The box social of the Cutter school has been postponed until Saturday evening, Nov. 12. It will be held at the rooms of the Nineteenth Century club.

Scott Cutter and R.H. Underhill went to Rochester, Minn. Thursday to be with Mrs. Cutter who underwent surgery at the Mayo hospital on Friday. Mrs. Underhill has been with her mother, Mrs. Cutter, at the hospital.

Fred and Lennie Seidelman, Ralph Smith, and Bob Thompson accompanied Mr. Klomhaus to Janesville, Wis. on Nov. 2 and drove home four new cars for the Klomhaus garage.

Mrs. Mary E. Young was called to Minnesota recently by the illness and death of the wife of her son, Louie Young. Mr. Young was an Oswego boy, graduating from the Oswego school. Three children are left motherless.

Mr. Palmer, scoutmaster from Aurora, met with the committee at the Oswego high school Monday evening and organized a Boys' and Girls' Scout Troops, No. 31, of the Aurora district. Mrs. John Clayton is captain of the Girls' troop and Mr. Clayton is scoutmaster of the boys. Mrs. Frank Howard is guide of the Roy Rangers. These organizations are sponsored by the Oswego Parent-Teacher association.

The Oswego High school football team will play their last game with Yorkville here next Friday, Nov. 11, at 2 p.m.

The Oswego High school eleven took a 7-0 victory from the invading Genoa warriors Friday afternoon. Clauser made the lone touchdown early in the first period, while Skeen kicked goal for the extra point.

Yorkville: Let's shut up every store in Yorkville Friday afternoon and go to Oswego to encourage the high school boys in their football game. There is no better method of spending your time than in supporting the local schools.

Winter arrived the last of the week with all its chill wind and the discomfort which attends a sudden change in temperature. Ice formed on open water Friday night and there was a slight fall of snow Saturday morning. Guess we can take the screens off the windows now.

Nov. 16: At the regular meeting of the local chapter of Red Cross, two large boxes of clothing were packed for the Mississippi flood sufferers. Thirty Christmas bags were made ready to send south for the United States service men.

Omer Nelson Griffith passed away on Friday afternoon, Nov. 11, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Leon Knight after a brief illness. Mr. Griffith lived for four years on the Moses Cherry farm but recently moved to Oswego.

The Boy Scouts will hold a meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. The boys are: Roswell Howard, Merrill Wolf, Donald Gengler, Allan Schlapp, Melvin Parkhurst, Ray Colwell, William Lamb, Frederic Howard, John Collins, Franklin Pearce, and Stanley Peterson.

About ten girls met last Friday to organize a Girl Scout troop. They are Bernice Cather, chairman; Ruth Feucht, treasurer; Ramona Feucht, Fern Olson, Helen Willis, Joyce Lindley, Marjorie Gourley, Helen Dranir; Dorothy Hibbard, secretary; and Darlene Peshia.

The Oswego High school gridmen playing before the largest crowd of the season, passed and battered their way to a 14-0 victory over Yorkville on the home field Friday, winding up a season of seven games in which they were undefeated.

Yorkville: Think of it--the Aurora postmaster has already received his first letter to Santa Claus.

While William J. Burns of national detective fame made a reputation as a catcher of criminals, he seems to be having trouble in keeping himself out of serious trouble in the Teapot Dome case. He seems to be a better hound than a hare.

The Yorkville high school has a student body of about 70 boys and 30 girls, an outstanding bunch of young folks who are seeking the best in educational lines.

The Oswego High school football team abandoned the idea of Armistice Day at noon on Friday and proceeded to wallop the Yorkville boys by a score of 14-0.

Nov. 23: John O. Pahaly accompanied the farm adviser and other members of the Farm Bureau to Urbana Thursday, returning on Friday. The trip was made in the interest of the Farm Bureau.

Ralph Smith had an accident last week in which he was fortunate to escape serious injury. He fell 16 feet down a hay chute in the steer barn and sustained only severe bruises around one hip. He was unable to work for several days.

Mrs. John Clayton has accepted the position as teacher in the Cherry school. Miss Clara Jessup, who has been teaching this school, resigned and will keep house for her brother, Theodore Jessup, in Chicago. Mr. Jessups' wife recently died from the effects of being struck by an auto.

Harley S. Richards, well known citizen of Oswego, died at his home Sunday, Nov. 20. Mr. Richards was born in Oswego on Feb. 7, 1865 and had resided there all of his life. He leaves to mourn his loss his widow and four sons, Joseph S. of Washington, D.C., Adelbert C. of Detroit, Robert H. of Arlington Heights, and Raymond R. of Chicago; also four sisters, Mayme and Grace Richards of Aurora, Mrs. Samuel Weir, Tacoma, Wash., and Mrs. G.H. Voss of Oswego, and two brothers, M.J. Richards of Aurora and B.W. of Chicago, also one grandson, Robert H. of Arlington Heights.

Yorkville: The crown of Bristol hill is fast disappearing before the attacks of a large stem shovel which started Monday morning. The dirt taken from the cut is being used to fill in the approaches and the bridge is a scene of activity. The Springfield firm which was awarded the contract for the work sublet the grading to H.E. Enboser & Son of Aurora and this outfit is losing no time. It is estimated that the fill will be made within ten days, then the job will wait till spring for the cement.

Nov. 30: Bob Jolly is one of the sick.

Postmaster Inman and Mrs. Inman entertained Mrs. Haines, Miss Livsey, the Clark, Morse, and Dysart families on Thursday.

A large delegation of Oswego people attended the football game in Aurora on Thanksgiving Day.

One of the finest things ever sponsored by the Oswego Parent-Teacher association was the Business Men's banquet in honor of the football boys. There were about 150 present to do justice to the edibles set before them.

Emma Friebele Ode, wife of Charles Ode, died at her home in Oswego on Nov. 22, 1927. Mrs. Ode was born in Oswego on Oct. 18, 1876. She was married to Charles Ode Nov. 2, 1897. She was the mother of five children, Mrs. Mae Risch, Plainfield; Arthur, Carl, Edna, and Genevieve. Besides her immediate family, she is survived by her father, John Friebele; a sister, Mrs. Will Ode; two brothers, Albert and Edward Friebele. The funeral services were held from the Oswego Federated church Friday.

Yorkville: Fred L. Wright, local Ford dealer, announces the new Ford, the car which has aroused so much curiosity among the auto public.

The new machine is an entire change from Model T. It has a four cylinder, L type motor able to make from 55 to 60 miles per hour with ease on a gasoline consumption of from 20 to 30 miles per gallon, according to driving conditions. There is an original type of mechanical four-wheel brakes, centrifugal water pump, long radiator, and airplane type fan.

There are six models of the new car, phaeton, roadster, sport coupe, coupe, tudor sedan, and fordor sedan. Prices will be about the same as for the previous Model T.

December -- 1927

Dec. 7: Little Barbara Gast, three years old, who was ill of infantile paralysis, is recovering but has little use of her arm. The family will be out of quarantine this week.

Mr. Clayton and Mr. Riechman of the high school faculty took the high school boys to the International Live Stock show Dec. 1. They made the trip in a chartered bus and visited Lincoln Park and the Field Museum.

The boys in high school will open their basket ball season this year with two games at Plainfield Friday evening, Dec. 9.

Yorkville: We urge all parents who have not done so to have their children, especially those in school, and themselves vaccinated for smallpox. While the situation is not serious at present, the recent death in Sandwich reminds us that while most cases are of the mild form, a fatal case can develop from a case so mild as not to have been recognized as smallpox.

Traffic has started over the new bridge at Yorkville and unless something unforeseen happens, will be continuous. While the work on the crown of the hill is being completed, the machines will be detoured on River street (north side) until the hill from there to Main street is finished.

Dec. 14: There will be a municipal Christmas tree located at the bank corner and lighted during Christmas week beginning Dec. 21. It is sponsored by the Nineteenth Century club, the town board, and the business houses of Oswego. Christmas carols will be sung each evening.

Melvin Parkhurst broke his right arm just above the wrist while cranking his car Saturday.

The zero weather of last Thursday, Dec. 8, put numerous cars out of commission and prevented some of the students from attending school in Aurora.

Mrs. Nathan Johnson (colored) died Sunday, Dec. 11, 1927. This young mother leaves two small children and her husband to mourn her loss. She was a young girl of sweet personality and held the respect and liking of the entire community. The Johnson home is in the eastern part of Oswego township. The burial will be in Kentucky. Mrs. Johnson's father and mother were here to care for her during her illness.

Mrs. Scott Cutter returned to her home Dec. 6 after spending several weeks at Rochester, Minn. for medical care.

Mrs. Amanda Pogue Ketchum was born near Hillsboro, Ohio on Feb. 14, 1844 and passed away at her home in Oswego Dec. 7, 1927. She was one of eight children and with her parents located on a farm near Oswego in 1853. With the exception of a few years residence in Aurora, she has been a resident of Oswego ever since. She is survived by two half brothers, John N. Pogue and Joseph H Pogue of Omak, Wash., and several nieces and nephews. Her husband, Edward Ketchum, died in 1925. The funeral service was held Dec. 9 from the Presbyterian church. Burial was in the Oswego cemetery beside her husband and little daughter.

Yorkville: Five acres or more of land for elementary schools and 10 acres or more for high schools, Junior or senior, have been acquired by several large cities in California, Georgia, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas and Wisconsin.

Oscar Peterson of Big Grove was fined \$150 and costs, about \$176 in all, before County Judge Larson Monday afternoon. The defendant was arrested by Sheriff Carlson and Deputy Sheriff Devereaux Sunday morning after a quantity of liquor had been found at his home. The case was the outcome of the George Allen trial and in the circuit court when he was acquitted of the charge of stealing a watch from Dr. Connaway. The evidence given in the criminal court as to the source of a certain liquor supply was sufficient to warrant the arrest of Peterson.

Dec. 21: Come and enjoy the municipal Christmas tree on the bank corner. it will be lighted Wednesday evening, Dec. 21, and each night after during the holiday week. A community sing Saturday evening and a different program of singing each evening next week.

The East Oswego Rural Progressive Farmers club held a day meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Norris Thursday, Dec. 15.

Dec. 19 the students of the high school were given an Otis intelligence test. More of these will be given this year to ascertain the intelligence rate of the pupils.

There was a large crowd out to see the basket ball game last Friday. The boys showed much improvement but Kaneville won the games, the scores being first team, 25-18; second team, 13-12.

Yorkville: Al Capone, alias Scar Face Al Browne, Chicago's deluxe bootlegger and gangster, was captured by the Joliet police Friday. We would suggest that Joliet has an institution in which this gentleman might well be kept.

It is reported that Col. Ira C. Copley of Aurora has purchased the Illinois State Journal at Springfield, to take possession Jan. 1. This will give the former congressman control of four of the leading dailies of the state outside of Cook county and make him a man to be considered in politics.

The Kendall County Road Boosters' Association was organized Wednesday evening, and a big drive started to further the interests of the county to get Route 47 built from the Wisconsin line to Morris in 1928. Hon. Frank McCarthy of Elgin met with about a hundred citizens and outlined the plans of procedures.

Dec. 28: The funeral of the late Mrs. H.B. Reed will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Christmas entertainments were given at a number of the schools, many happy children taking part and giving very creditable programs.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Cutter expected their son, Ma, and his young wife from Chicago to spend Christmas with them and their children here, but received the sad news of the death of Mrs. Max Cutter's father, which had occurred suddenly during the night before Christmas.

Yorkville: The new school building will be dedicated during the coming month. It is a wonderful place for Yorkville and was put over by concerted effort.

We take issue with a state authority who says that there are but five counties in the state which never imposed the death penalty. Kendall county has had some murders, some which in the eyes of the people should have had the death penalty, but no man has ever suffered death as an expiation of his crime in this county. Kendall county has always been a law abiding member of the state family in spite of the fact that it is now being contaminated by an influx of undesirables who are keeping us in hot water. There is no county in the state which is more subservient to the laws of the state than Kendall.

There were only two thirds as many letters sent through the U.S. Mail during 1926 as there were communications over telephone wires, states Bancroft Gherardi, vice president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

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January -- 1928

Jan. 4: Mrs. Florence Kellogg Read died of heart trouble at her home on Main street Dec. 26, 1927. Had she lived until March, she would have been 80 years old with a residence

in Oswego of about 50 years. Mrs. Read is survived by one son, Charles F. Read of Chicago; and two grandsons, Eaton Van Wert and John Barber Read. Dr. and Mrs. Charles Read were with her during her brief illness and did all that a loving son and daughter could. Mrs. Read had a wide circle of friends in Oswego, Aurora, and Chicago and was a beloved member of the Nineteenth Century Club. The funeral was held from the home Dec. 28. Burial was in West Aurora cemetery by the side of her husband H.B. Read, who died about two years ago.

William Anderson has gone to the state university at Madison, Wis. to take a ten weeks' agricultural course.

Jimmie Ott of the United States Navy spent a part of the holidays with his aunt, Mrs. Roy Weber and family.

Mr. and Mrs. L.R. Inman entertained at a watch night party Saturday evening.

The surprise party that was to have been at the Allen Woolley home New Year's eve was called off at the last minute because of the blocked roads and severe weather.

Yorkville: TO THE VOTERS OF Kendall COUNTY

The Department of Public Works and Buildings will hold a public hearing at the East high school, Aurora, auditorium, at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 1928 in connection with Route 47 from Morris to the Wisconsin line.

Gov. Small has accepted an invitation to be present with the engineers on this occasion. The women of the community are invited.

Make it a point to attend this meeting--Route 47 will not be built without our demanding it--Kendall County needs the road--Let's go and tell the governor and his agents that we demand it.

KENDALL COUNTY GOOD ROAD BOOSTERS' ASSOCIATION

Surveying for the location of Route 47 from Dwight to Gibson City began the first of the week, according to advice received by the chairman of the Livingston county board of supervisors from State District Engineer Fleming of Ottawa. The surveyors started their work at Dwight and will continue their operations over the entire route south, likely working through Route 10 to Champaign.

Route No. 47 starts at Route 10 between Seymour and Champaign and runs north through Gibson City, Sibley Strawn, Forrest, Sauemin, Emington, Dwight, Morris, and on northward to the Wisconsin state line. It is one of the important north and south highways under the hundred million dollar bond issue and will take care of much of the traffic that now has to go through the congested Chicago area. -- Eastern Illinois Register, Paxton, Ill.

Jan. 11: Mrs. Kroh has moved to Aurora and her mother, Mrs. Wells, has gone South for the winter.

Mrs. Reiger has gone to NaAuSay to care for the Carl Schobert family while Mrs. Schobert is in the hospital.

James W. Morrison, 82 years old, was found dead at his home in Oswego on Saturday morning, Jan. 7. Mr. Morrison was born in Glasgow, Scotland but has been a resident of Oswego for over 50 years, serving for many years on the town board in the capacity of city marshal, constable, and police magistrate. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Andrew Olson; one son, Clement Morrison; one granddaughter, Mrs. Anna Olson Kruger. The funeral was from the house Sunday afternoon, Jan. 8. Burial was in the Oswego cemetery beside his wife, who passed away 13 years ago.

Ben Bieseimeier is suffering a great deal of pain in his arm that was injured in the World War.

The death of Mrs. Groner of Yorkville was sad news for the local people. Dr. and Mrs. Groner were well known in Oswego and much sympathy is felt.

Frank Clauser, a junior in our high school, has been forced to discontinue school and has gone to Arizona for his health. He is on both the basket ball and football teams. His classmates hope will be able to return soon.

Carol Jane and Durwin Shoger from Aurora have enrolled in the fifth and sixth grades of this school.

In basket ball at Oswego high school last Friday, Plainfield beat Oswego's first team 45-10 but the second team won 13-11.

Yorkville: After the big road meeting at Aurora Saturday afternoon, the people of McHenry, Kane, Kendall, and Grundy counties felt satisfied that Route 47 from Morris to the Wisconsin line would be completed in 1928.

From every indication work will be started on this big arterial highway early in the spring. It was an immense crowd. Kendall county alone offered some 500 a force which is driving Route 47 to the recognition of the state officials.

Jan. 18: Ralph Smith is attending a short course tractor and gas engine school at the University of Illinois this week.

Oswego relatives received a telephone message of the death, Jan. 13, of Mrs. George Shoger of Wayland, Mich. Mrs. Shoger was a sister of Charles Weber and years ago was a Kendall county teacher and lived with her mother in Yorkville. Mr. Shoger is one of the sons in the Andrew Shoger family. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weber, Mrs. Roy Weber, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walker went to Michigan to attend the funeral Jan. 16.

Yorkville: The next and important question is do, and when do we get Route 47?

Mrs. Fred Dolder, the newly appointed sheriff of DeKalb county, has followed a policy which will place her in the first ranks as an efficient official. Her appointment was made by the supervisors of our neighboring county after the death of her husband, Fred Dolder. Mrs. Dolder is the only woman sheriff in Illinois. She has chosen former Sheriff Crawford as her chief deputy. Her start in the business has been productive of good results.

Jan. 25: The boys who motored to Arizona, Earl Zentmyer, Lloyd Wormley, Sylvester and Frank Clauser, write that they like the climate and are doing well and would be glad to receive letters from their friends addressed to Superior, Ariz.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Cutter and baby from Boston, Mass. have moved to Oswego into a house in the south end of town.

A little son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cather Jan. 19.

Scott and Allen Cutter attended a good roads meeting at Zion City Jan. 21.

The marriage of Miss Edna Louise Friebele, daughter of Edward Friebele of Oswego, to John J. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown of Oswego, took place Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown will make their home in Oswego.

Yorkville: Col. Copley of Aurora, owner of the *Aurora Beacon News*, the *Joliet Herald*, the *Elgin Courier*, the *Illinois State Journal*, and interested in other papers of the state, is evidently prospecting an emulation of William Randolph Hearst. The colonel and former congressman has purchased the *San Diego Union* and the *San Diego Evening Tribune*.

February -- 1928

Feb. 1: The Gaylord School Community club met with Mr. and Mrs. Mike LeBay on Friday evening, Jan. 27. There was a good attendance in spite of the unusually cold evening.

Yorkville: Not long since, the Illinois Bell Telephone Company abandoned a first class central equipment at Kenosha for an automatic switchboard. Of course, this is fine for Kenosha. Why couldn't the company install the old outfit in Yorkville so we would have the "flash system" instead of continuing the old, antiquated "wind her up" system? It's an awful nuisance to have to turn the crank every time you use a phone.

Feb. 8: Prof. and Mrs. John Clayton entertained at dinner after the basket ball game Thursday evening, Feb. 2; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Herren, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rowswell, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heffelfinger, Edward Inman, Miss Mildred Livsey, and Ervin Reickman.

The Oswego A.C. basketball team won their ninth straight game of the season Thursday, Feb. 2 by defeating the Marshall Hotel team by a score of 62-30. Oswego will play Plano at Oswego Tuesday evening, Feb. 14.

Myron Wormley Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wormley, is quarantined with scarlet fever but is not seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bazon have a baby boy born at the City hospital Feb. 3. This is the third child in the family. There are two little girls older. They live on the George Bower farm.

The Grove Road Farmers club held a very enjoyable meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Goudie in NaAuSay Friday, Feb. 3.

Feb. 15: Guy Funk wrecked a Ford sedan on the Lincoln Highway in an accident on Feb. 12 near Plainfield when his car was crowded off the pavement and turned over. Mr. Funk was not seriously injured.

Mrs. Susan Hafenrichter is slowly improving and able to sit in a wheeled chair.

Virgil C. Finnell, noted anti-tobacco lecturer, gave an illustrated lecture at the school Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Shoger are driving a 1928 Chevrolet sedan following the wrecking of their old car in the recent accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Wirth and family from Kendall township have moved onto the Boessenecker farm.

The marriage of Helen Marjorie, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Matlock of Yorkville, to John F. Cherry took place Friday evening, Feb. 10 at the pleasant country home of the bride's parents.

Helen is a graduate of Yorkville High School and attended Knox college at Galesburg for three years where she took a musical course.

Jack is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cherry of Oswego. He was graduated from East High School, Aurora, in 1920, and attended Iowa State college for two years taking an agricultural course. Mr. and Mrs. Cherry are taking a motor trip to New Orleans and will be at home after March first on the farm of the groom's parents.

Yorkville: After several years of faithful endeavor the village fathers have had the Burlington railroad interested sufficiently to put up a crossing light at the Bridge street and the tracks. The new danger light is under construction and will be in the middle of the street, plainly visible to drivers and a wonderful relief to locomotive engineers.

Feb. 22: Daniel Hem, 73, pioneer Oswego farmer, was found dead at his home 3-1/3 miles east of Oswego by Elmer Jeske, a tenant. He had apparently been dead for four or

five days. At an inquest conducted by Dr. A.E. Lord, Kendall county coroner, at the Healy & Healy chapel in Aurora, a verdict of death as a result of a heart attack was returned.

Hem was a bachelor and for the last 25 years lived alone at his farm home. He was last seen alive a week ago Thursday Chores which he was accustomed to do each Saturday were found completed when he was found, indicated he was alive a week ago. Death came as he was sitting in a living room chair.

Mr. Hem was born on the same farm where he died and lived all his life in Kendall county. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Maggie Oehler, living near Minneapolis or St. Paul. A brother, Solomon, died a year ago. Funeral services were held Feb. 21 at the Oswego Presbyterian Church.

Feb. 29: Scout Master Clayton with 14 Boy Scouts went to West High School, Aurora, Monday evening to pass the second class Scout test at the court of honor. They were accompanied by Dr. Churchill and Frank Howard.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norval Tripp of Aurora died Feb. 20. Mrs. Tripp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ricketts passed away Monday evening.

An open lodge meeting of the Boy Rangers was held Saturday evening, Feb. 25.

At the funeral of the late Daniel Hem Feb. 21, Rev. Craighead read the following tribute:-
“Daniel Hem, son of Christian and Margaret Barbara Hem, was born on the homestead where he spent his natural life Dec. 26, 1854. Of the immediate family but one member, a sister, Mrs. Margaret Oehler, survives him. Throughout his entire life he has been frugal, honest, God-fearing, and industrious...”

Charles Roberts was born near Oswego on May 2, 1848 and died Feb. 22, 1928 at his home in Oswego. Within a few months he would have reached the ripe old age of four score years. Of late, Mr. Roberts was quite a sufferer, however he continually looked with faith and hope into the future.

He has lived all of his life near and in Oswego. In September 1869 he was married to Fanny Gregg. But his devoted life companion preceded him in death eight years ago. He leaves an only brother J.W. Roberts and three nieces and two nephews and many other relatives and friends to mourn his departure. Mr. Roberts had belonged to the Masonic Lodge for 59 years and was a past master.

Yorkville: We don't know who caused the trouble about the location of the railroad crossing signal recently placed in Yorkville--the complaint which will cause its removal to the side of the street. We would, however, appreciate a statement from the complainant setting forth is reasons for the objection. The public generally accepts the signal as a necessary and real improvement over past conditions. The street is widen enough for all traffic and will be even after Route 47 is laid. The present location is a “safety first” improvement.

Supervisors I.V. Cryder, John Whitfield, George Ohse, and Alvin Christian and John D. Russell, county superintendent of highways were in Springfield on business last week. They brought back the welcome news that Route 47 would be built this year without fail. The surveying party is expected to be at work in this vicinity next week. It is also through that the railroad crossing signal will be left in its present position.

March -- 1928

March 7: Dr. Cryer of El Paso, Ill., after attending a convention in Aurora, spent the evening March 1 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cherry, in their new home with Mr. and Mrs. John Cherry. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Campbell have returned to Aurora to make their home.

At the band boys' solo contest held at East High March 2, Glen Smith won a gold medal in the trombone section.

There was no school in the Cutter school Monday on account of illness.

The Arthur Wormley family has been released from quarantine and Myron Jr. has resumed his school duties in Aurora.

Among the farmers who have moved during the past week are Mr. and Mrs. Icler and family from near Fox who moved onto the Simons farm east of the Walker school, this farm being vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Collins and family, who moved to the brick home on Mrs. Scott Cutter's farm. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Olson moved from Mrs. Cutter's farm to the Wilcox farm and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kruger moved into Oswego.

Arnold Bower, 16 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bower, celebrated his fourth birthday Feb. 29 with a party of 20 young folks who had a very enjoyable time with progressive games. A boy who has a birthday only once in four years deserved an extra celebration.

The Oswego Presbyterian Church celebrated its 75th anniversary with a pageant, "Then and Now," on March 2. The pageant was written by James R.E. Craighead, the church pastor, and dramatized by members of the church and Sunday school. Oswego is proud of the author, who has also put out a booklet, a "Souvenir History of the Oswego Presbyterian Church," for this 75th anniversary.

The funeral services of Mrs. Greta M. Tripp of Aurora were held at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.G. Ricketts Feb. 29, 1928. The services were conducted by Rev. Wakefield of Aurora and Rev. Craighead of Oswego. The burial was in Riverside cemetery with the infant daughter who had died a week before. Mrs. Tripp is survived by her husband, Norval Tripp; her parents, one brother, Kenneth Ricketts; and two sisters, Dorothy and Laura Helene Ricketts; and many other relatives.

Greta Mae Ricketts, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ricketts of Oswego was born in Aurora May 26, 1904. Moving with her parents to Iowa in infancy, her earlier years were spent in that state. Returning later with them to this locality, her life was lived among us in its quiet beauty.

She early united with the Congregational church of Oswego and after the burning of the building transferred to the Presbyterian church, from which she was recently granted certificate to unite with the First Methodist Church of Aurora. She was graduated from east High School, Aurora, with the class of 1923, and on Nov. 26, 1925 she was married to Mr. Norval Tripp and lived happily in Aurora until the time of her release in the hospital Feb. 27, 1928.

Yorkville: Tuesday morning when Frank Migawa of Leland and Harry Farris of Aurora were driving west of Plano on Route 18, their truck was not exactly stable in its directioning and the Cannon Ball bus was forced off the right-of-way. Deputy Sheriff Barkley and Al Whitfield went out to get the drivers and they were brought to Yorkville. Judge Larson, after viewing the four bottles of moonshine in the truck, thought that \$125 and costs would fit the Migawa case and 20 days in jail might do Farris some good. The suspiciously acting gentlemen are settling the case as ordered by the court.

March 14: The anniversary services were held at the Presbyterian church every evening last week according to the program announced and were splendid meetings, largely attended.

The Busy Been club met with Mrs. Ray Woolley March 7. At the annual election, Mrs. Jennie McMicken was elected president; Mrs. Genevieve Updike vice president; Mrs. Janet McMicken secretary and treasurer.

Word was received from Long Beach, Calif. of the death of Mrs. Cass Gaylord on Feb. 28, 1928. Burial at Redlands. Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord and family moved from Oswego to California 42 years ago, but are well remembered by relatives and friends in this vicinity.

Mrs. Leslie Woolley and baby daughter Barbara Jane returned from the City hospital March 11.

Wormley School Notes

On Feb. 1, the following children of the Wormley school accompanied by their teacher, Mrs. Jones, attended the movie "Ben Hur:" Evelyn Friebele, Harold Robison, Dolores Christoffel, Bonita Burkhart, Walter Hastings, and Doris Hastings. All enjoyed the picture and came back with new enthusiasm to study history.

On Thursday Feb. 2, a new platform was added to the front of the school building. Thanks to Mr. Heriaud and Mr. Ricketts who did the work.

The pupils of the Russell school are happy to report that they had during the month of February the most number of pupils with perfect attendance of any time this year. Jean Russell, Lester Ahrens, Harold and August Seidelman were neither absent nor tardy all month.

Yorkville: Spring is surely here--box scores of baseball games are beginning to appear in the papers.

We sat in the office a day or two ago and listened to two farmers talk. They didn't know they were being overheard. They didn't realize what they said. Their language was fit only for the dives of an underworld. Profanity and obscenity rolled out of mouths of two young men--less than 30 years of age--with a volubility that would put the toughest mate on an old time whaler to shame.

March 21: Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Morse are moving to Chicago Heights this week.

The West Wheatland Woman's club will repeat the play, "The Absent Minded Bridegroom" at Oswego Friday evening, March 23. This play was presented at the United Presbyterian ["Scotch"] church Friday evening. The proceeds are to be divided 50-50 between the club and new [Oswego High School] gym where it will be given. This is a three act comedy with the cast as follows: Kathleen O'Connor, Sylvia Holzhueter; Tessie Connors, Jean Stewart; Nora Shea, Thelma Burkhart; Jimmy Rooney, Russell Rink; Patrick Rooney, James Anderson; Timothy Shea, Albert Shiffer; Daphney Rooney, Helen Rink; Fred Grady, Stanley Burkhart; Slade, Alex Harvey Jr.; Yennie and Yaney, Jenny Mae and Elizabeth Anderson; Yonnie, Robert Ferguson Jr.

Mark L. Roseberry, 78, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fred Lindemier at Oswego Saturday night. He was born at Detroit, Mich. March 15, 1850, and had been a resident of Oswego for 20 years, being superintendent of the Oswego cemetery practically all of that time.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Dan Randall, Aurora; Mrs. Fred Lindemier, Oswego; and Mrs. May Farbo, Chicago; and three sons, Joe Foss, Oswego; William Foss, Oswego; and John Foss, Aurora.

Mrs. Orson Pearce, 67, died at the home of her son, Gerald H. Pearce, south of Yorkville, with whom she has been making her home.

Mrs. Pearce is survived by one son, Gerald Pearce; two sisters, Mrs. Ella Smith of Sterling and Mrs. Esther Walker of St. Cloud, Fla.; and one brother, P.D. Severance of Waiverly, Kan.

Funeral services were from the late home Sunday. Burial in Pearce cemetery near Oswego.

March 28: John Clayton, accompanied by two of his high school boys, Merrill Wolf and Carl Hafenrichter, made a business trip to Urbana last weekend. Herbert Norris also accompanied them.

Communion will be observed at the Presbyterian church Sunday, April 7. Quite a large number will be received into the church.

The beautiful spring days of last week took a chill and “flu” into a small blizzard on Monday, March 26.

Many are ill of the grip.

James T. Collins, son of John and Seynith Bond Collins, was born on the Collins homestead near Oswego April 19, 1851 and died at Aurora on March 20, 1928 at the age of 76 years, 11 months, and one day. On March 17, 1877 he was happily married to Roselle Bennett and five children were born to their union Two of these died in infancy or early childhood and one daughter, Anna, later the wife of Harry Warner of Joliet, died at the age of 27. The surviving children are Mrs. Marshall Young of South Elgin and Harry Collins who lives on a farm adjacent to the old homestead. Besides Mrs. Collins, there are also four living grandchildren. Mr. Collins was a man who took pleasure in the little affairs of life and displayed a keen interest in the outdoor life of the farm on which he lived.

April -- 1928

April 4: Lloyd Wormley came home from Arizona last week. His grandmother, Mrs. Mahala Hubbard, has been quite ill.

William Irving, 13 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Irving, died at his home Monday, March 26. Funeral services were held March 28 from the Croushorn undertaking parlors, burial in Cowdrey cemetery. About 45 of his schoolmates attended the services accompanied by their teacher, Miss Chambers, and Principal John Clayton. Four of the schoolboys were pallbearers.

Robert Eugene Leigh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Leigh, was born at the City hospital March 29.

Publication of a history of religion in Oswego by the Rev. James R.E. Craighead, as presented Sunday, March 4, 1928, took up a full page, with photos.

The several clubs and societies which work for the public good in Oswego township have formed a federation which shows much progression in the spirit of the people. The following groups and organizations have federated the name to be the Oswego Community Public Forum: The Presbyterian, Federated, and Prairie churches; the XIX Century Club; the Parent-Teachers' Association; the Oswego branch, American Red Cross; Grove Road Farmers' Club; Maple Leaf Farmers' Club; East Oswego Rural Farmers' Club; Oswego School Board; and the Oswego Village Board.

The idea of this organization is summed up in the preamble of the constitution: “That by mutual cooperation prestige might be gained whereby educational advantages could be secured for the citizenry of our community in civic, social, and educational lines, which would be impossible for any single organization.”

April 11: Earl Zentmyer and Sylvester and Frank Clauser came home from Superior, Ariz., last week. They made the trip by motor in six days and are feeling fine after a winter in a warm climate.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bickford are living in Joliet for a time, where he has work.

After a week of warm rains, the weather turned cooler Saturday with snow, like a small blizzard, with Easter alternating sunshine and snow squalls accompanied by a cold wind.

A baby boy, Fred Hayes Claassen, came to make his home with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Claassen on Thursday, April 5, 1928.

Edward Obmann Sr., pioneer resident of Oswego died yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's hospital, aged 74 years.

Mr. Obmann was born at Rockton Lake, N.Y. in 1854 and came to Oswego with his parents in 1856 having been a resident of Kendall county for 72 years. He leaves a wife and two daughters, Mrs. Norman Whitney of Aurora and Mrs. Frank Grassley of Chicago; three sons, Edward and Charles Obmann of Oswego and Harry Obmann of Aurora; also 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Mr. and Mrs. Obmann celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last August.

Funeral services were conducted on April 5 from the Oswego Federated church. Burial will be in the Oswego cemetery.

THE LANDSLIDE OF THE CENTURY

Emmerson Carries Every County in State and Every Precinct in Kendall County
Entire Anti-Small Ticket Sweeps Country Like Avalanche--State is Conceded by Nearly 400,000--Mewhirter and Groner Winners in Local Battle

Never in the memory of the old timer has such a storm of indignation against a political power been expressed as it was at the polls Tuesday. The "Good Roads" argument went for naught when it came to saving the Small machine and Louis L. Emmerson will take the field against Floyd Thompson, the Democrat, at the fall election. In spite of all efforts of the state organization, the people of the state voted for Emmerson and his ticket to a county. Can you believe that this could happen?

April 18: In the Northern Illinois district band contest held at East High School, Aurora, April 13 and 14, East High won first place in Section A. Slade Cutter won first place in flute solos and Glen Smith won second place in trombone solos.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Palmer have a new little boy at the Aurora hospital, born Saturday, April 14. The grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Davis are caring for little Donald, the other child.

Dr. and Mrs. Dwyre moved Monday, April 16, to the home of his parents, temporarily, until they can find a convenient location. The telephone number is 27-W.

Yorkville: There is a report, which seems authentic, that the letting of a contract for about eight miles of Route 47 will be had by May 1 and this stretch built during the summer. This mileage covers from Yorkville to what is known as Warburton corners where it will connect with Route 69, the Joliet-Troy Grove highway. This Route 69 is a pet of Sen. Dick Barr of Joliet and he is a close friend of Gov. Small. This makes the possibility of the highway more probable.

We sat at our desk Saturday morning attempting to lure some thoughts for this column. The snow was falling dismally outside and the wind reminded one of late fall. It is hard to think delightful thoughts under such conditions.

April 25: Mrs. Carrie Roberts of Chautauqua, N.Y. spent a few days last week with Miss Helen Gold and Mrs. Josie Smith.

There is no school in the Walker school this week on account of the illness of their teacher, Mrs. Fern Tesdall of Newark.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dranir and daughter Helen moved into their new home on Washington street last week.

Mrs. Mary Sevilla Minich died Thursday morning at her home in Oswego after a year's illness. She is survived by her husband, Dan; a daughter, Olive; and a son, John, all of Oswego; and a sister, Mrs. Ollie Macey of Rochelle.

Mrs. Minich was born at Red Oak, Ia. She has made her home at Oswego for the last 26 years. She was a member of the Oswego Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Minich was a devoted mother who suffered in the prolonged illness and death of her daughter, Florence, a few years ago.

Funeral services were held Sunday at the late home in Oswego and at the Oswego Presbyterian church. Burial in Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: A decided advance in the stopping of gangsters was made when Charles Birger was hung at Benton, Ill. Thursday. This man had been the fear of law abiding citizens for a number of years, was known as a murderer and dangerous man withal. His crime for which he gave his life was the hired murder of Mayor Adams of West city.

Thomas Richardson, the Aurora police officer who was killed by a boy bandit, was buried with all the honors of the department Saturday.

The body of Fred A. Ferrier was found in the Obman blacksmith shop in Oswego Monday morning. Death had come to him between Saturday night and Monday morning and claimed him as a victim of acute alcoholism. The victim has been known in Kendall county for many years. At one time he ran a restaurant in Yorkville; at another he was a blacksmith in Millington and Newark; at another he was in Plano in a garage. Recently he has worked for Ed Obman and had a bed in the shop building by the side of which he was found.

May -- 1928

May 2: Although Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Hafenrichter live in Wheatland township, they are well known in Oswego and friends rejoice in the news of a baby boy born to them at the Aurora hospital Thursday, April 26.

At the state band contest held at Urbana April 27-28, Slade Cutter won first place in the flute solo section and Glen Smith honorable mention in the trombone section.

Yorkville: The state department of game conservancy of the state of Illinois has rented 50 acres of land on the Douglas Kennedy farm 1-1/2 miles north of Yorkville where 15,000 pheasants will be raised and later be distributed among the various state game preserved.

It has been announced that a determined demand will be made this year for a five-day working week. This means the sacrifice of older men, less keenly alert men, victims of past industrial accidents, everybody who could not stand the swifter pace. It means a few hours more leisure for the swift, though they pay at a greater nerve sacrifice and an earlier breaking point; but it means fewer jobs, with the slower worker a jobless derelict on every labor market.

Under the change in the state law substituting the death chair in Illinois for hanging, the first legal execution under the new law will take place at the Southern Illinois Penitentiary, Menard, on May 11. On that date, Joseph Bella, convicted in Vermillion county for the murder of Julia Flaherty, will be executed under the stay granted from April 13. Death chairs in Illinois are located at the two penitentiaries and the Cook county jail.

May 9: Oswego held a musical festival at the school gym Tuesday evening, May 8.

Miss Laura Johnston attended a meeting of the Second District of Illinois Nurses association at Joliet May 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnson have moved from the Schickler house on Route 18 to their home in Oswego.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffith and the Wood children from Main street have moved to Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bickford, who are living in Joliet for some weeks, spent the weekend at home in Oswego.

An auto burned up on Route 18 about two miles below Oswego Sunday evening. The fire was thought to have started from a short circuit. Traffic was held up in both directions for some time.

Lois Walker, Glen Smith, Robert Pearce, and Slade Cutter attended the Fox River Valley music festival at St. Charles May 4, being members of the East High orchestra or band.

The OAM Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Condon. The occasion was the family night and over 50 people were present. The program consisted of solos by Mrs. Marshall Updike and Donald Hartman; readings by Elsie Ruth Armbruster; piano solos, Walter Burkel. A short play, "The Whole Truth," was given by the club members with the following cast: Miss Ross, Rose Condon; Barclay, Clifford Woolley; Phyliso, Mrs. Howard Gengler; Mr. Brookes, Donald Gengler; Mrs. Hathaway, Mrs. Mae Otto; Mrs. Montmain, Ellen Woolley; Mr. Montmain, Howard Gengler; Lord Harding, Thomas Condon; Alphonse, Charles Woolley. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gengler on June 2.

The Oswego High School will present the play, "Mummy and the Mumps," on Friday evening, May 11. This will be a high-class three-act play. The cast of characters, who are working hard under the direction of Prof. John Clayton, is as follows: Dorothy Hibbard, Fern Olsen, Helen Willis, Ruth Schmidt, Bernice Cather, Elmer Vickery, Gordon Wormley, Walter Vickery, Carl Hafenrichter, and Alexander Harvey.

The largest court of honor of the Boy Scouts was held in the Aurora West High gym April 30. There were 202 up for different awards. Oswego troop No. 31, although organized but four months ago, won the Kiwanis club trophy for the second time in succession. Oswego also was a troop of 100 percent having its Scoutmaster, assistant Scoutmaster, four committeemen, and all the 31 members eligible up for awards. Scouts earning awards included Paul Shoger, Manley Gates, Ralph Jennings, Everett Parkhurst, Donald Lippold, Merrill Wolf, Franklin Pearce, Earl Henley, Stanley Peterson, Clifford Songer, John Minick, Willard Brown, Allen Schlapp, John Collins, Harlan Peshia, William Lamb, Edwin Tuer, Ford Lippold, Melvin Parkhurst, Frederic Howard, Richard Hunt, and Roswell Howard.

Yorkville: The Chicago Airways Corporation has leased 31 acres of land from the Glen Palmer farm and will begin at once to put it in shape for a flying field and a school for fliers. This important news came when the lease was signed Monday afternoon. The field would be partly taken up with steel hangers, which are knocked down ready to ship. There will be sufficient machine shop to care for all the repair work and at least two machines will be on the field all the time. This means wonders for Yorkville and vicinity. The field is located at the Y at the junction point of Routes 18 and 47 about a mile north of Yorkville. It is an ideal spot for the business.

Yorkville should welcome this new business. With the airdrome, the game farms, the fish hatchery, the beautiful river, the new bridges and the cement highway connections, together with a pleasant little village with all the improvements, we should draw largely from the summer visitors and the permanent residents.

Aurora is attempting an improvement which will greatly benefit the business part of the city. At the recent election, a bond issue was voted to replace the old North Avenue and the New York Street bridges with new structures. While the New York Street bridge is

under construction, it is hoped that Island avenue will be extended on beyond Main street and over the river north to New York street, where it will connect with the new bridge. This will relive much of the congestion on Broadway and make a shortcut for motorists.

May 16: Friday evening, May 18, the North Central College Glee Club will present a program at the school gym under the auspices of the "O" Club of the Oswego High School.

Mrs. Elmer Drake and baby son Emmet Elmer, of Aurora, are spending several days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Collins.

The Boy Scouts will go on an overnight hike next Saturday night.

Yorkville: Saturday afternoon and Sunday were marked by flights of airplanes from the new Yorkville airport located a mile north of the river. Every test was made to make sure that the location was fit and every indication is in favor of the site. The company is known as the Chicago Airways Corporation. The classes in aeronautics will be started about June 1 with a restricted class of about 20 pupils.

The first plane for the company is expected the last of this week. It will be used for short passenger service or pleasure flights starting Sunday, May 20. The plane used in the test was a Waco, Model 20 equipped with a Siemens-Halske motor. It is the same type as will be used for the local airdrome except that Curtis motors will be used for training purposes.

The trusses for the hangers are already on the job and the laying out of these buildings together with the office building and the sinking of cement abutments have already been started with the idea of getting at least one of the offices ready by Sunday.

May 23: There was another serious accident on Route 18 at the corner by the Mill Road Sunday evening. Cars belonging to Chicago and Aurora parties collided, demolishing the cars and seriously injuring one man, who was taken to a hospital.

Mrs. and Mrs. Fred Van Deventer are proud parents of a son born at the St. Joseph hospital, Aurora, last week. The young man's name is Frederick A. Van Deventer.

Mrs. Carrie Georgi, nee Weller, was born in NaAuSay township June 14 and passed to her eternal reward at St. Charles hospital, Aurora on the 18th of May 1928.

Mrs. Georgi was taken to the hospital ten days before her death where she submitted to an operation. The operation had evidently been a success but the shock was too great for her to overcome.

She was married to Louis Georgi Oct. 14, 1884. Three children were born to them: Estelle, Sadie, and Louis. She was a faithful member of the NaAuSay Presbyterian church. In recent years she associated herself with the Federated church of Oswego.

Troop No. 653, Boy Scouts of America, held a second court of honor in the office of Mr. Clayton, Oswego high school, May 22.

Madison Monroe Ormsby was born in Maple Park Sept. 24, 1842, and died in Chicago May 14, 1928. The early years of his life were spent in Maple Park where in 1866 he was united in marriage with Helen Frances Hardy, who passed to her reward in February 1887. He is survived by two daughters, Myrtle Allinson of Muskegon, Mich. and Frances Dranir of Oswego; three sisters, Jessie Bowdish and Eva Ormsby of California and Ida Kendall of Plano; and by six grandchildren.

Yorkville: Did you see the airplanes flying over Yorkville during the past few days? What more do you need to convince you that we are becoming the center of a flying field. After the lease had been signed making the airport a certainty in Kendall county, Aurora tried to capture the birds in vain. The Chicago Airway Corporation is in Yorkville to stay.

The road workers completed the work of laying cement on the spur of Route 18 from the north side to the Burlington tracks Monday night. In about three weeks, the county seat will be connected with the through route to the north and Yorkville will again be on the map. It is expected that the block from the railroad to the bridge will be paved in the near future.

May 30: John Ammons was operated on May 21 for relief from injuries received several weeks ago at the gravel pit.

George Croushorn left Oswego on May 22 to visit his daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rowswell, at Centralia, Wash. J.B. Thorsen of Leland will attend to his business while he is away.

The teacher, Miss Jane Goudie, and some of the parents in the Russell school district took the scholars to Chicago on a sightseeing trip Tuesday, May 29.

Word was received from Miss Rachael Woolley teaching at Asheville, N.C., that she is on a short vacation trip to Ocala, Fla. visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Parkhurst. Miss Woolley will return to Asheville for the summer school.

Slade Cutter, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Watts C. Cutter, won first place in the flute section in the National School

Band contest held at Joliet Saturday, May 26. He was accompanied on the piano by Miss Blanche Chester of Aurora. Slade won a silver medal at the district contest, a gold medal at the state contest held at Urbana, and a gold medal at Joliet besides a gold medal from WLS (Sears Roebuck radio station, over which the contest was broadcast). Oswego is proud of her young musicians.

Eighth grade graduation exercises will be held at the Oswego High School auditorium Monday evening, June 4.

Yorkville: H.B. Bushnell, chairman of the good roads committee of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, has received word from the state highway department that nine and one-

third miles of paving in Route 47, from Yorkville south to Helmar, have been advertised for bids. The contract will be let June 13.

The section of the road to be paved is a part of one of the important north and south state routes and was secured through the efforts of the good roads committee of the Chamber of Commerce at the conference held in Aurora Jan. 9.

Mr. Bushnell states that other sections of this route, which runs from the Wisconsin state line through Elburn, Sugar Grove, Yorkville, and south through Morris, will probably be constructed during the present season.

June -- 1928

June 6: The Old School Mates picnic will be held June 9 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wayne.

Frank Herren has accepted a clerical position at the S.S. Sencenbaugh store in Aurora.

Yorkville: We note that compulsory insurance is contrary to the constitution. Let that be as it may. The trouble with the auto conditions today is that anyone can buy with little money a poor old wreck which is likely to get into trouble. There is no safeguard in this contingency. We would suggest that there be a closer check placed on the buyers of second hand cars, particularly of the \$10 and \$15 type that the purchaser must be a responsible person and not one who will run the tires off the machine, knock a few big machines of the road, injure several people, and then abandon the outfit alongside the road.

June 13: Gus Kломhaus took his school bus load of about 20 young folks to Dellwood Park, Joliet Thursday, June 7 and treated them to ice cream and candy after their picnic lunch.

Please notice that the date of the Benthien picnic to be held at the Walker school is changed to Saturday, June 23.

Anyone is invited to exhibit and everyone is invited to attend the flower show at the high school auditorium at Yorkville on Friday, June 15.

Yorkville: There is a proposition on to pave some of the streets in Yorkville. That is a sign of the times--progression. But before we go further it might be well to have the whole matter laid on the table. Let's know how much it will cost; where the streets to be paved are located; what the street level will be. On Bridge street, there is a serious question. Ever since we can remember, the street has been graveled with river gravel. The height of the street has gone up since it has all been going on and nothing coming off. The level of the building line for places erected in the early days has been disregarded. No line has been set by the authorities and now, we understand, the state has set the grade for Route 47 so high that the entire business district will be inundated by the drainage of the road. To us, it would seem more feasible to cut down the street height to a proper

level such as set by the village engineer recently and thereby save not only the buildings but make it possible for the street to be used for parking. Let us make haste slowly and with an open slate.

The people of Yorkville and the county have a great opportunity to become a part of the great air world of the day. We have an airport under way which will mark this section throughout the country. Already visiting planes drop in to see the businesslike spot already perfected by the Chicago Airways Corporation. When we of the village wake up to the possibilities of this airport, we will have something. Let us all get together in an effort to boost this new venture.

The editor of *The Record*, like many others, will try anything once. In view of this fact, you will not be surprised to learn that he took an initial air flight Sunday at the Yorkville airport. Like all the others who have tried the trip, he is sold on aviation.

June 20: Rev. Craighead was the officiating minister at the wedding of Katherine Haskell and Cecil Piggett at the bride's home in Aurora June 18.

| It rained and ~~ohhe~~, how thankful everyone was. This spring may be remembered as "the spring without rains."

Members of the Glen Leigh family are taking serum treatment at Yorkville every day on account of having had a dog with rabies.

Francis Churchill is taking a summer course at the University of Iowa.

Esther Kohlhammer, Ila Dieter, Robert Pearce, Slade Cutter, and Charles Woolley were graduates from East High School, Aurora, last week, and attended the numerous commence activities. Mildred Parkhurst and Tom Condon graduated from West High. Miss Parkhurst is on the honor roll.

The Walker School closed with a picnic June 13. The teacher, Miss Fern Tesdall of Newark, will teach in the Plattville school next fall. Mrs. Lois Hubbe of Aurora will teach the Walker school.

Yorkville: James G. Blaine was defeated in 1884 by the slogan, "Rum, Romanism, and Rebellion." Wonder if this will have any bearing on the present campaign.

It is said that the contract for Route 47 out of Yorkville to Warburton's Corners has been let and it now rests with local people to provide the right-of-way for the contractor to start work at once. Now, let's not be parsimonious when it comes to doing our share. Kendall county needs the road, as does Yorkville. It will take a little public spirit to accomplish that which we all want to see. Do not see but your own side of the question--look at the problem from the side of "the greatest good to the greatest number."

June 27: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Herren came from Elkhorn, Wis. to the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Herren. Little Stanley, who has been visiting her two weeks with his grandparents, has had an attack of tonsillitis.

The Neuman picnic will be held on Wednesday, June 27, at the school house in Oswego.

Watch for the announcement of a circus to be put on by the members of the Presbyterian Christian Endeavor in the near future This will be a unique affair for the benefit of the Dixon fund.

Twelve former school mates of 38 years ago with their families, numbering about 40, met Saturday, June 23, at the Walker school. This is the annual affair known as the Benthien Picnic in honor of Miss E.M. Benthien of Bellingham, Wash, who taught school for several years in this district.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Seidelman of Oswego with to announce the marriage of their son, Leonard Jr. to Miss Anna Gast, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anna Gast. Mr. and Mrs. Seidelman will make their home with her folks in Chicago. [The bride's parents' name is probably in error, but no correction followed.]

Yorkville: NOTICE:

Owing to the prevailing epidemic of whooping cough, the Mothers' club children's picnic, which was to have been held this week, has been indefinitely postponed.

MRS. L.K. GILPATRICK

Chairman

July -- 1928

July 4: Dan Cherry has accepted a position at Ottawa.

Mrs. and Mrs. Allen Campbell announce the birth of a little daughter, Patricia Ann, on Saturday, June 30.

George Woolley Sr., Albert Woolley, and George Jr. were in to the Chicago stockyards with a fine bunch of fat cattle June 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Max cutter from Chicago spent Thursday, June 28, with Mr. and Mrs. Scott Cutter.

On June 23 at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Craighead occurred the marriage of Miss Blanche Milligan and Andrew Brockett of Carbondale. Miss Milligan was principal of Oswego school several years ago and has many friends here. They will live in Chicago during the summer.

Yorkville: Pretty near time there was an ordinance passed for the paving of Bridge street when the new route goes through. And it is nearly time the right-of-way question through the village was settled. It is understood that the contractor will build from Warburton's corners to six miles north, beginning soon. The right-of-way has been gained that far. Unless Yorkville gets in line of battle and settles something soon, we will be stranded on an undesirable island from Yorkville to the four corners.

We are in hearty accord with the Bankers' Association of Illinois. Its Town Guards of Illinois is a real organization, worthy of the problems it will have to face. But this is a private concern, backed by private capital and used for private protection. Why not unite this with the present inefficient motorcycle cops and have a genuine state constabulary? Other big states have tried it and found it efficient. Let's have a real state police.

The Chautauqua season is with you and in Yorkville opened with a successful first day program on Monday. It was a wonderful program for an opening day--music excellent, Dr. Jones in a class by himself. Yorkville is fortunate in having this service.

July 11: Dr. Weishew's new office on Main street is progressing rapidly. It will be a fine looking building finished in rough stone. The spacious rooms in the interior are furnished with the latest equipment. [The building houses a number of offices including Shoppe Design, at the corner of Main and Van Buren.]

OSWEGO BANK SUSPENDS BUSINESS

There was a distinct shock in financial circles Monday morning when it was learned that the Oswego State Bank has closed its doors under orders from State Auditor Oscar Nelson. While the conditions are such as to force the suspension of business, there is reason to believe that the depositors will be paid in full and the bank resume business. The closing of the bank was attended with much alarm among the depositors and stockholders. It was unexpected. [A statement published by J.V. Jessup, bank president, and C.L. Burkhart, cashier, said the on-going problems with the farming industry were primarily to blame for the bank's problems. The officers reported the banks' loans and assets are in excess of its deposits and should be adequate to pay off the depositors.]

Yorkville: The closing of the Oswego State Bank is a catastrophe, even though it opens again. But the mere fact that it was unfortunate should not affect the patrons of other banks. Because one place of business has gone wrong temporarily is no reason why the rest of the county's financial institutions are in any way affected. Oswego is to be condoned because like many other cities and villages, it looked upon its bank as sound. It probably will be able to weather the storm and again raise its head in financial circles. Time has been when Yorkville, Plano, and Oswego have had trying financial difficulties. They have always risen from the ashes of financial flames with honor and credit. Don't lose your confidence in the banks of this country because one has been temporarily embarrassed.

July 18: Gustave Klomhaus and Evelyn Raucher were married at 9 o'clock Thursday evening. Gus is associated with his father and twin brother in the Chevrolet agency on Main Street.

Oswego people will be carried back to the "good old days" Wednesday evening when four young couples will drive through town on a buggy ride on their way to a steak fry on the raging Fox.

Kendall county ministers and their wives picnicked at the "Five Mile" bridge on Monday, July 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Henning and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dwyre visited the Boy Scout Camp at Buchanan, Michigan, on Sunday. Some of the Oswego Scouts are in camp there.

Measles and an epidemic cough are afflicting the children in the Fred Claassen home.

Yorkville: Yorkville will have motion pictures of the better class and the late releases on Wednesday and Saturday nights from now on. Mrs. Graves of Aurora has completed her contracts and has taken over the town hall for the purpose.

Mrs. Mary Kellogg, widow of the late George Kellogg, died at her home in NaAuSay township Monday evening, July 16, 1928. Mrs. Kellogg was born in Wyoming county, N.Y. Dec. 23, 1834 and had come to Illinois when a young woman, having lived in her home for the past 63 years. She leaves to mourn a daughter, Mrs. Belle Kellogg of Aurora; a stepson, Alvin Kellogg of the home farm; a granddaughter, Mrs. T.N. Stinson of Fort Dodge, Ia.; a great grandson, Clark Mottinger of Aurora. The funeral will be held from the Kellogg home in NaAuSay this Wednesday afternoon. Interment will be in the NaAuSay cemetery.

July 25: Mr. Hadlock died Saturday, July 21, and was taken to Plano for burial. This family, who live near the Collins school, have had hard luck this year. There have been several cases of scarlet fever in the home and other serious troubles, and now the death of the father.

It is no news that it rained last week, but it would be well to record that on July 18, 19, 20, and 21 one shower followed another, in some of which great quantities of water fell, some accompanied by wind. The wheat and barley ripened so fast that when the sun shown and the fields dried off Sunday morning, many harvesters were seen cutting grain.

Stewart Johnson, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson, has the measles.

Scott Cutter, in company with Mrs. Cutter's uncle, Howard Spangler of Joliet, returned Sunday morning from a motor trip to Ashland, Wis. Mrs. A.H. Underhill assisted in the drug store during her father's absence.

The Oswego State Bank reopened its doors Tuesday morning after a two-weeks' period of reorganization. George D. Ament of Yorkville will replace Clinton L. Burkhart as cashier, the change following the resignation of Mr. Burkhart when the bank was on the verge of reopening last Saturday.

While closing the Oswego bank was a serious loss to the stockholders, it is thought that the depositors will be paid in full. The owners of stock in the bank were assessed voluntarily for 50 percent of the value of their holdings.

Yorkville: Work was started on Route 47 at Warburton's corners yesterday. The grading gang has its machinery unloaded and expects the horses and mules today when its work will be started. It is expected that four and a half miles of concrete will be laid this summer from Warburton's corners to the Brown school. The grading and bridge work to the village limits of Yorkville will be completed this fall.

C.J. Behler of Oregon, Ill. has the subcontract for the culverts and bridge work. The Duncan Construction Company of LaSalle has unloaded the grading tools at Kentland and have established the camp. It is thought that four weeks will complete the work for them to do while the cement men will start as soon as practicable after the graders. The prospect is bright for the work to be carried to completion without any breaks, as both contracting companies have experienced and efficient help under foremen who understand their business.

What a horrible manner in which to make away with one's self was that chosen by Loewenstein, the Belgian financier. It must have been the action of a disordered mind that prompted him to leap from an airplane into the English Channel. Worry over financial matters, superimposed by the worst gambling game of them all, stocks and bonds, led him to this condition.

August -- 1928

Aug. 1: The summer Christmas tree, sponsored by the Presbyterian Missionary Society and the Church Bible School, will be held Aug. 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wayne, who are spending the summer in their cottage at lake Delevan, were home recently for a few days.

On Aug. 12 between one and two o'clock, Glen Smith and Slade Cutter will broadcast from Station WORD. They will play trombone and flute solos and will be accompanied on the piano by Miss Blanche Chester of Aurora.

The people of the community sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Evans in the death of their little son, Dick, aged two and one-half years, with cholera infantum last week. Little Betty O'Connell, in the same neighborhood, is ill with the same disease.

Yorkville: Work is well under its construction period on Route 47 from Warburton's corners north. Culverts are going in, grading is progressing, and the right of way is cleared to the village limits. It looks like cement laying will be started soon.

Aug. 8: Many sorrowing Oswego friends attended the funeral of Mrs. Caroline Jessup at Plano Aug. 1. The Past Matrons' club attended in a body.

The George Collins estate has recently been purchased by W.H. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burkhart and daughter, Mrs. Nora Hecht, from Hawkeye, Ia., who were here to attend the funeral of Mrs. Margaret Burkhart Bower, are visiting among relatives for a week.

Emma Irving, the 8 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Irving (colored) of Oswego, died at the Aurora hospital Aug. 2. She leaves her parents, two sisters, Rachel and Margaret, and five brothers, Glen, Fate, Oliver, Paul, and Robert Irving. Funeral services were held Aug. 4 from the Croushorn funeral parlors. A colored pastor from Aurora officiated. Burial was in the Cowdrey cemetery.

Mrs. Margaret Bower passed away at her home in Oswego July 31. She was born in Oswego Nov. 1, 1856 and had resided there all her life. She is the widow of the late Henry Bower. Mrs. Bower leaves one son, Wesley, of Oswego; four brothers, Fred Burkhart of Hawkeye, Ia., Leonard and John of Oswego, and Henry of Aurora; two sisters, Mrs. Christiana Hem of Aurora and Mrs. Joseph Ebinger of Oswego; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. The funeral was held Aug. 3 from the Federated church in Oswego. Burial in Riverside cemetery.

Yorkville: Gasoline went up in price again last week. Mr. Rockefeller must be about to make another donation of a new dime.

In spite of the constant cry of "hard times," there seems to be no diminution of the patrons of the automobile industry, the picture houses, and amusements in general.

On Aug. 10, there is to be an election within certain territory along the Fox River to determine whether this territory shall be organized as the Fox River Conservancy District under a state law passed in 1925 providing for the organization of Conservancy Districts along rivers and lakes in Illinois.

The organization of this District has been requested by the petition of about 1,300 citizens, and the organization of this district merits the careful study and consideration of all voters in the district.

It has been said that the State now has the power to do all the Conservancy District can do. This is not true. The State can only act in an advisory capacity and by quarantine where an epidemic is imminent. If the river is going to be transformed from an open sewer, the stench from which is obnoxious at times, and a menace to the health of the

public, to a sweet, wholesome river of pure water, it requires more than advice and suggestions. It requires positive action by an organization which has the power to act.

Aug. 15: Many families from the Prairie church attended camp meeting at Naperville Sunday.

Oswego 4-H Club boys are well represented with livestock exhibited at the Central States Fair this week.

Yorkville: The Fox River Conservancy District was signally defeated Friday when the poll of the vote showed 1,935 against and 1,367 for the district. In Kendall County, the vote was 602 against to 48 for the district. At the Millbrook polling place, the vote was 103-0 against the proposal. It narrowly passed in Kane County, 955 to 949 and in Lake County, 152-17, but was soundly defeated in McHenry County, 212-367.

Maj. Lee J. Mason, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Mason of Yorkville, was instantly killed Saturday afternoon, Aug. 11, when the airplane in which he was giving instruction crashed.

The accident was in a cedar swamp near New Brunswick, N.J., the victims being Maj. Mason, veteran army pilot, and two companions, one an aviation pupil.

Major Mason was formerly chief of the Diaz air service in Nicaragua. In 1927 Mason with William Brooks, another American pilot, went to Nicaragua and took part in several battles against the Liberals ~~an~~and their activities resulted in a protest to Washington.

The funeral services will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Mason, Yorkville, Aug. 27. Interment will be at the Plattville cemetery.

Aug. 22: Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Schilling and family have returned from an auto trip to northern Wisconsin where they visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner have leased the Henry Bower home. Miss Lizzie Pearce is again living in her own home where the Warners have been staying.

Oswego was well attended at the fair. The 4-H boys that exhibited stock are to be complimented on their prize winners.

Aug. 29: In the presence of about 50 friends from Aurora and neighbors from the immediate vicinity, Mr. Henry H. Lyon and Mrs. Julia Smith were married by Rev. James R.E. Craighead at the Lyon homestead south of Oswego Aug. 6, 1928. Mrs. Smith came to assume charge of household matters in the Lyon home last March and the present relation has worked out quite naturally and happily. Mr. Lyon is one of the substantial farmers of the locality. The wedding ceremony took place under the beautiful trees surrounding the home.

Oswego Consolidated High School will open with an accredited four year course on Tuesday, Sept. 4. This is the first year that Oswego pupils and those bordering non-high school territory have had the opportunity of gaining the full high school course in

Oswego. The rapid rise of the school has been due to the consistent efforts of the administration, the board of education, and a very loyal community spirit. A large attendance is expected during the present year. An increase of 100 percent was experienced last year and with the added work, a large increase can again be expected. The instructors have all been secured and are a well-qualified group. All have bachelors degrees and the majority have been attending summer school during the past three months.

Prospects for athletics are very bright indeed for the coming year. Coach Reickman has been studying the game of football under the tutorage of Knute Rockne this summer. All men from last year's undefeated squad will return and practice will begin immediately. Some of the larger schools, including Batavia and Naperville, are on the schedule this fall and some hard games are anticipated.

The Oswego Grade School will also open Sept. 4. An unusually well-qualified group of teachers have been secured.

The faculty for both high school and grades follows: John L. Clayton, superintendent and science; Ervin Reickman, history, athletics; Marvin Marquardt, mathematics, assistant athletics; Doris Whitehouse, foreign languages, English; Mrs. A. Dewey, music; Genevieve Thompson, seventh and eighth grades; Jennie Clayton, fifth and sixth grades; Ila Harrison, third and fourth grades; Isabel Rubel, first and second grades.

Yorkville: We have hesitated in giving our views of the right of way for Route 47 through Yorkville in hopes that the authorities would clear up the trouble and assure the state authorities that Yorkville would do its share in completing the road. But to our disappointment, nothing seems to have been accomplished and Route 47 seems to have become a dead issue. Now, folks, this should not be. Unless something is done and done promptly, Yorkville will lose the aid of the state in this great connecting link between the north and south.

At a special meeting of the Kendall county board of supervisors Monday morning, these gentlemen voted a sum not to exceed \$2,000 to be used toward the providing a of a right of way through Yorkville for Route 47.

Work has already been started from Elburn south; several pieces of road have been recently let in Livingston and Ford counties. Action is what is necessary or Yorkville will be in the "slough of despond" while the rest of the country rides on hard roads.

We are informed by E.E. Hughes, supervisor of Blackberry township, that work on the new highway is progressing.

Five and one-half miles of grading has been done in a short time and with favorable weather will be finished in this section in about 10 days. -- Elburn Herald.

September -- 1928

Sept. 5: James Campbell and Farm Adviser Watson are on a trip to North Dakota. They plan to go as far north as Winnipeg, Canada. The purpose of the trip was to buy hogs and cattle.

Yorkville: The Yorkville Village Board voted unanimously last night to bond the village not to exceed \$6,000 for money with which to buy the right of way for Route 47 through Yorkville. The board will work on the ordinance immediately and also on one to furnish funds to assess the property holders on Bridge street that it may be paved to the curb while the route is being laid. This heartening news to those who have been worried in fear that the route might be lost through unnecessary delay.

Sept. 12: The farm known as the Bartlett farm, the first place out of town on Grove Road, has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Collins. Mr. and Mrs. Collins have lived 22 years in their present home on the George Collins estate and have a fine family of girls and boys, and when they move it will be greatly missed in their old neighborhood.

Among those who attended the funeral of Mrs. Fannie Gregg Diggins at Elgin Sept. 6 were Mrs. Amanda Barnard, Mrs. Jane Vaughn, Miss Etta Roberts, Mrs. Robert Johnston and Miss Floi, Mrs. Gilbert Collins, and Mr. Fred Wormley. Mrs. Diggins spent her girlhood days near Oswego, later teaching in this vicinity and leaves many friends.

James Campbell, Russell Rink, and Ralph Smith spent two days in Wisconsin last week buying good cows.

Herbert Norris will enter the University of Illinois; Ralph Blackman and George Woolley will return to Park College at Parkville, Mo.

Dr. and Mrs. Weishew are spending this week on a northern trip. Dr. Weishew has been occupying his new office on Main street for some little time. This little building is a fine addition to Oswego.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Rogerson have a baby girl born Saturday, Sept. 8. This is the third child in the family. They have a little girl and boy older.

Yorkville: Mr. Duncan, the contractor for Route 47, has started pouring cement on the route and expects to rush things through to the Brown school. He has added more crews to the grading force with additional machinery and the dirt is flying. The boarding tent was set up in the Willard Thurber pasture the last of the week. As soon as the right of way through Yorkville is acquired, Mr. Duncan promises to start at the railroad tracks and complete Bridge street at once, then work south as rapidly as possible. The village board and County Superintendent Russell are bending every effort to get the way clear and expect to have this accomplished this week.

Sept. 19: A large number of Oswego people attended the Wheatland plowing match Saturday, Sept. 15, some bringing home premiums on exhibits.

The eighth grade class of 1925 in the Oswego school with their teacher, Mrs. Warburg, held a reunion and wiener roast in Norris' woods last Friday evening.

Members of the Oswego Presbyterian Missionary society will make and sell friedcakes all day Saturday, Sept. 22. Orders taken and for sale at Biesemeier & Hettrick's, Schultz's, and Willis'.

There will be a chicken pie supper and an entertainment at the Oswego Presbyterian church Friday night, Sept. 28.

Yorkville: The new lighting system of the new bridge was put in operation for the first time Saturday evening. It is a wonderful addition to this already wonderful improvement. The posts are sufficiently high to keep the glare of the shaded lamps from the eyes of the automobile driver and yet give sufficient light for pleasant passage for pedestrians. Now when Route 47 is completed, we will have a picturesque place to show these lovers of pretty scenery both by night and day.

Misses Margaret and Mary Hovey of Glen Ellyn are spending their vacation at Maple Shade resort near Yorkville on the Fox River. They have rented the cottage and will be there during the entire month of September.

Sept. 26: A number of Oswego people attended the Big Rock plowing match Saturday, Sept. 22.

The first heavy frost and ice of the season in this locality was on Sunday night, Sept. 23.

Oswego won the first football game Sept. 21 in the game at Plano. A good beginning following their success of last year.

We have this week to record the birth of three babies in whom Oswego people will be interested. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Truitt, named Robert Avery, on Sept. 16. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cherry, Sept. 17. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon Palmer, Delta Jeanne, Sept. 14. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer live in Arizona but Mrs. Palmer is in Los Angeles at the present time.

Mr. A.J. Shoger was born in Württemberg, Germany April 16, 1849 and passed away in Oswego on Sept. 21, 1928. He reached the ripe age of 79 years, 5 months, and 5 days. Mr. Shoger had been failing in health for about a year. He gradually weakened until a few days ago who was taken to the Mercyville sanitarium where he passed away. He came to this country with his parents when he was about six years of age. His parents located in the vicinity of Oswego where he spent practically all his life. In 1875 he was married to Miss Augusta Figge. A little over three years ago they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The total length of their married life reached a little over 53 years.

As a young man he united with the Evangelical church.

Mr. Shoger leaves his sorrowing wife, Augusta. One daughter, Mrs. Violet Weishew, preceded him in death a number of years ago. He leaves also two daughters, Mrs. Daisy Burkhart of Aurora and Mrs. Pansy Walper of Oswego, and many other relatives and friends.

Yorkville: In response to a telegram to the state highway department the following from Frank T. Sheets, state superintendent of highways responded as follows: "All highway right of way must be furnished without cost to state. If Yorkville right of way is not furnished we will be forced to end our improvement outside village."

This telegram seems to quiet the varied rumors that the state will furnish the route through Yorkville if the citizens do not buy it.

The change from summer to fall came quickly the last of the week and several heavy frosts have visited the county.

The Duncan people are advancing fast with the road work on Route 47. The grading is this side of the Brown school and the cement poured to the Fred Christian farm. Indications are that the concrete will reach Kentland by the last of the week. Yorkville can't afford to even hesitate in furnishing the right of way through the village. A delay will probably cost the road.

Col. Charles Lindbergh stopped at the Yorkville airport last Wednesday afternoon for gas. He stayed at the port about an hour and was not definitely identified till Mr. Matthis of the Airways corporation phoned Aurora for a check on the plan number. Lindbergh was on his way to the east after attending the airplane contests at Los Angeles. He was pleased with the local airport and praised the terrain for landing and taking off.

October -- 1928

Oct. 3: Dr. Raymond Dwyre, who is testing cattle for the state, was home from Jacksonville for the weekend.

The chicken pie supper and entertainment, which was given at the Oswego Presbyterian church Friday evening was grand success, both financially and socially. Joseph Plaskas, of the Oswego Floral Company, donated the flower arrangements for the tables.

Miss Mary A Hunt, 81, authoress and a resident of this vicinity all her life, died at 2 o'clock on the morning of Sept. 26 at her home in Aurora. Miss Hunt fell and broke her hip July 6 last and since that time had been confined to her bed.

She was born in Oswego June 30, 1847. She was very well known in this vicinity. Miss Hunt became popular through her writing, being the authoress of a number of books.

She is survived by one brother, Charles E Hunt of Chicago and one sister, Ella H.

Wheeler of Aurora. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services were held Sept. 28 from the Healy chapel, Aurora. Burial was in the Oswego cemetery.

Oswego High School battled to a 0-0 tie at Oswego last Saturday afternoon. Oswego outplayed Batavia throughout the contest, making 12 first downs to two for Batavia. On two different occasions, Oswego had the ball within one foot of the Batavia goal line but

could not put it over. It was one of the cleanest and most strenuously fought struggles ever seen on the Oswego field.

Oct. 10: Saturday evening, Oct. 6, at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. J.R.E. Craighead, occurred the marriage of Richard Songer of Oswego and Olie Hansen of Plano. The young couple will occupy Mrs. Jane Vaughn's residence after Oct. 23. Richard, a promising young man, is employed in Aurora.

Mrs. Margaret Woolley of Main Street has sold her residence to Mr. and Mrs. Olson of Aurora. Mr. Olson is in the roofing business. Possession will be given Nov. 10. Mrs. Woolley has lived in this immediate neighborhood in Oswego for 25 years.

The marriage of Miss Minnie Seidelman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Seidelman of Oswego, to Carleton Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Reynolds of Aurora, took place Saturday afternoon at St. Paul's Lutheran church. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds will make their home with the bridegroom's parents.

Yorkville: There was no question as to whether or not Yorkville wanted Route 47 when the votes were counted Thursday night. After a week of hectic campaigning the village decided by a vote of 235 to 14 that the \$6,000 bond issue was best for the population. Money is now available for the purchase of land now needed for the highway. Condemnation proceedings have been instituted against the only two property owners whose refusals of an amicable settlement have made this necessary. Work is progressing so fast on the route that the workmen will be on the backs of the local people before they can get the rights of way settled. Cementer is laid from Warburton's corners to Kentland and is past the Zeiter corners on its way from the Brown school house to Kentland. Grading crews have completed their work practically to the corporation lien and are already tearing into the 80-foot street which will carry the new road.

The Yorkville High School football team was defeated by Oswego last Friday.

Oct. 17: Eight young farmers, William Anderson, Thomas Condon, Clifford and Charles Woolley, Earl Schlapp, Francis Campbell, Ralph and Glen Smith, were guests of the International and McCormick Manufacturing Companies in Chicago Friday, Oct. 12. They were taken through these manufacturing plants and entertained at lunch at one of their own cafes.

The strong Oswego High School football team ran rough shod over the Waterman High School team last Friday on the latter's field. Although the game was slowed up due to a very muddy field, the Oswego boys were successful in piling up a 60-0 score.

Yorkville: *The Record* is pleased to include with this issue an excellent picture of Herbert Hoover suitable for hanging in your home. It is a picture which bears out all the pleasing things we hear of the candidate--a business head combined with a touch of human nature and little of the sordid.

“The Observer” is the name of a tabloid newspaper recently put in circulation in Aurora.

Oct. 24: Max Cutter of Chicago called on his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Cutter, Sunday on his way home from attending the Wisconsin-Purdue game at Purdue, Ind. Saturday. Max is a graduate of Purdue University.

Mr. and Mrs. Panikis have a baby son. Mrs. Clifford Olson has been caring for her little nieces while the mother was in the hospital.

Mrs. Margaret Woolley is moving this week to Aurora. She will live in a flat beside her sister, Mrs. Alice Cliggitt on Galena Boulevard. Oswego friends deeply regret her leaving this locality.

Mr. John Burkhart, who has been in a serious condition for several weeks, died Monday afternoon. The funeral will be held Thursday, Oct. 25.

The Oswego and Naperville high schools will have representatives to battle for football honors on the Oswego field Friday afternoon, Oct. 26.

Justin M. Townsend, 40, Canton representative of the Ohio National Life Insurance Company and president of the Canton University Club, died Oct. 2 at Mt. Carmel hospital, Columbus, from injuries sustained earlier in the day when the automobile which he was driving crashed into a bus.

Mr. Townsend was a son of Rev. R.C. Townsend, who was the pastor of the Oswego Presbyterian church in 1904-1905 and was an Oswego school boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Palmer of Oswego will observe their golden wedding anniversary today at their home in the form of an informal reception for relatives and friends both this afternoon and evening. [Detailed story followed]

Oswego High School added another victory to their already long list Friday by defeating Plano High School by a score of 13-6.

Oct. 31: Oscar Strom, on Route 18, who is a glass worker, left last week for Texas where he will follow his profession during the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pillasch, who recently moved to Anderson, Ind., were weekend visitors at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Denney. Mrs. Pillasch will remain for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Denney will move into the Jolly house, vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Pillasch. [The Jolly house is located across Jackson Street from the Little White School Museum at the corner of Jackson and Jay streets.]

John Burkhart died at his home in Oswego Oct. 22. The funeral was held at the Presbyterian church Oct. 25.

John Burkhart, son of Leonard and Margaret Burkhart, was born Dec. 5, 1861 in Oswego where he grew to maturity and engaged in farming. On March 6, 1882 he married Miss Mary Long, with whom he lived in happy relations, first in the family residence on the Chicago Road and later in the village of Oswego until the time of her decease on Jan. 13, 1916. To this union, six children were born: Mrs. Mabel Wolf of Climax, Mich., Mrs. William Pearce and Mrs. Edna Wolf of Oswego, Mrs. Edith Huntoon of Glen Ellyn, Mrs. Olive Campbell of Oswego, and Mr. Reginald Burkhart of West Chicago. In 1907 Mr. Burkhart and his family moved from the nearby farm to Oswego where he has lived continuously during the past 21 years.

On Feb. 6, 1917 he married Mrs. Minnie Leigh and their home has been the center of pleasant and frequent relations of children and grandchildren. Besides the family mentioned above, he is survived by three brothers, Fred G. of Hawkeye Ia., Leonard of Oswego, and Henry G. of Aurora; and two sisters, Mrs. Christina Hem of Aurora and Mrs. Julia Ebinger of Oswego. Two other sisters, Mrs. Minnie Shoger and Mrs. Margaret Bower, have already preceded him into the Beyond.

Rev. J.R.E. Craighead has accepted a call to the Presbyterian church at Creston, Ia. and he asks that his pastorate at the Oswego Presbyterian church may terminate Dec. 2.

Oswego High School added another victory to their credit last Friday by defeating Naperville High School 7-0.

The car in which John Anderson carries about six East Aurora high pupils to and from school daily was stolen on Monday afternoon. It was in its usual position when school was over but when the young folks went to get in, the machine was gone. It was later discovered in Sandwich, where a shortage of gas had caused the thief to stop. While he was looking for another machine, he was apprehended by the police and arrested.

November -- 1928

Nov. 7: Front page headline: NATIONAL REPUBLICAN VICTORY
HOOVER-CURTIS

Latest Reports from the County Give Illinois to Republicans!
Oswego Township voted for Hoover over Al Smith of New York 672-183.

Miss Ruth Schobert and J.D. Gallagher of Aurora were married Nov. 2. They went south on an auto trip and will live in Aurora on their return. Miss Schobert is a graduate nurse and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schobert of Park avenue Oswego, retired farmers from NaAuSay.

Professor John Clayton and Robert Herren Jr. motored to Evanston Saturday and saw the Minnesota-Northwestern game.

Mr. and Mrs. Olson and family are now located in their new home recently purchased from Mrs. Margaret Woolley.

Oswego High School fought their way to a 16-0 victory over the strong Genoa High School team last Friday. It was the seventh victory for the Oswego boys and only the second defeat for the Genoa team. Oswego will again attempt to keep their slate clean for the season when they play Waterman at Oswego next Friday, Nov. 9. This will be the last home game of the season for the Oswego team.

Nov. 14: Mr. and Mrs. James Curry of Aurora moved into their new home, Turtle Rock, last week. This house is rebuilt from the old stone barn, at least 97 years old, on what formerly was the John Seely farm by the Oswego bridge. The house is quaint and different from ordinary houses, although equipped with all modern conveniences. The view from the large windows is lovely from all directions up and down the river and along Route 18. The grounds are landscaped and are beautiful during the flower season. Mrs. Curry served the first of a series of luncheons in the tea room last Saturday afternoon for Mrs. Staudt and Miss Freeman of Aurora, and on Nov. 12, a small group lunched there.

Harry Schlapp and Wilbur Woolley met with a serious accident on the evening of Nov. 5 when returning from a trip downstate. On the Lincoln Highway near Plainfield, an intoxicated or crazy driver on the wrong side of the pavement collided with Woolley's car, damaging it badly and necessitating a doctor's care for Mr. Schlapp and Mr. Woolley, who sustained severe gashes and bruises.

Mrs. Weeks and daughter and son have moved from Mrs. Daisy Young's residence to Aurora.

The Second Annual Football Banquet at the school auditorium Nov. 20. A limited number of tickets are on sale. Sen. Kessinger will speak.

The hunting season is opening; great care should be taken by hunters that they may not endanger human life or that of stock in yards or pastures. Bessie Walker, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walker, had an experience last Saturday afternoon that she does not care to have repeated. While walking through the orchard getting the cows home for the night, a shot was fired so close that it made her ears ring. In great fright she dodged behind a tree and two more shots, directly in front of her were fired in rapid succession from an adjoining field.

The Oswego High School football team ran wild over the Waterman High School team on Oswego's field last Friday. When the contest had ended and the score added, it was found to be 60-0. This was the eighth consecutive victory for the Oswego team this year and the 17th in two years. Oswego High School's team has now scored 160 points to their opponents' 12. The season will close with Yorkville at Yorkville next Friday.

The members of the Oswego High School football team, Superintendent Clayton, Coach Reickman, and Assistant Coach Marquardt received a real treat last Friday evening when they were entertained by Gordon Wormley at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heffelfinger. Those present were Warren Norris, Edwin Pierce, Alexander Harvey Jr., John Minich, Merrill Wolf, Arnold Bower, Carl Hafenrichter, Roswell Howard, Orville Skeen, Frank Clauser, Franklin Pearce, Ray Mitchell, E.A. Reickman, Marvin Marquardt, and John L. Clayton.

“Out here in Oswego, a little town of 600, we have 74 in high school, of whom 41 are boys. Of these, 35 are out for the football team which hasn’t lost a game in two years, playing against schools of 400 and 500 enrollment.”

The above was in the “Wake of the News,” *Chicago Tribune*, Friday.

Nov. 21: Herbert Norris has been having serious sinus trouble and has been home from the University of Illinois for a week, but hopes soon to be able to return to his studies.

Miss Laura Johnston, R.N., who has been on a case at the Aurora hospital for several weeks, has returned to the home of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Woolley.

We are glad the stars fall only once in a lifetime if that was what caused the copious rainfall of Nov. 16-17, and the snowstorm of Nov. 19.

William Anderson is taking an agricultural short course at the University of Wisconsin.

Ten young people, under the able direction of Miss Doris Whitehouse, will present a three-act comedy, “one Minute of Twelve,” Friday, Nov. 23, at 8 p.m. at the Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Mahala Hubbard was born July 16, 1854 at Toten Creek, Wis., and passed away on Friday afternoon, Nov. 16, 1928 in her home at Oswego. She reached the age of 74 years. Oct. 7, 1872 she was married to Charles E. Hubbard. Shortly after their marriage they came to Oswego, where they made their home continuously for 56 years. Her husband preceded her in death Sept. 28, 1914. Two children were born to them, Eva, who died in infancy, and Jennie, now Mrs. Wormley of Oswego. Mrs. Hubbard was well known over a large section of the community as a practical nurse. Early in February of this year she was taken ill with a paralytic stroke from which she partially recovered. However, during the last week of her life she was totally confined to her bed. She leaves her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Wormley; her granddaughter, Mrs. Gertrude Heffelfinger; and two grandsons, Lloyd and Gordon Wormley.

Funeral services were held from the home with J.G. Feucht, pastor of the Oswego Federated church officiating.

Yorkville: The county seat football team of Kendall county met the strong Oswego team on the home field and won a moral victory Friday, Nov. 16, even though the official score was 6-6.

Nov. 28: An auto load of Shriners from Oswego traveled over the "hot sands" to Rockford Tuesday evening, Nov. 27, to attend a ceremonial at Tabala Temple

Mr. and Mrs. G.H. Voss are enjoying a large bouquet of immense chrysanthemums sent to Mr. Voss in appreciation of his work during the recent campaign.

Miss Doris Whitehouse entertained her mother from Normal, Ill. at the W.J. Morse home over the weekend. Mrs. Whitehouse came to attend the bazaar play directed by Miss Whitehouse.

Miss Doris Whitehouse entertained Mrs. Armbruster and the cast of the play, "One Minute of Twelve," at Seaton's ice cream parlor after the dress rehearsal last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Heap are rejoicing over the birth of a son, Lewis Edward, on Saturday, Nov. 24. Mother and child are doing well at the City hospital, Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schultz have taken a tiny baby girl for adoption. She has been given the name of Charlene May.

Mrs. Mahala Hubbard, born July 18, 1854 at Toten Creek, Wis., passed away at her home in Oswego Nov. 16, 1928, aged 74 years. Married to Charles E Hubbard Oct. 7, 1872, she had made Oswego her home all these years except three years when the family lived in Nebraska in the '80s. She was a devoted wife and mother, one of the great sorrows of her life being the death of her little daughter, Eva. Mr. Hubbard, postmaster of Oswego for a number of years, died Sept. 28, 1914. Mrs. Hubbard was one time a loyal member of the Woman's Relief Corps, but after the death of her husband gradually lost interest and withdrew from her membership. She devoted many years in her later life to practical nursing. She made many friends in the surrounding community, having cared for the sick at Aurora, Kaneville, Sugar Grove Big Rock, Plattville, Yorkville and Oswego. The funeral services were held at her late home Nov. 18, Rev. J.G. Feucht, pastor of the Oswego Federated church officiating.

Mrs. Hubbard is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Wormley; three grandchildren, Mrs. Gertrude Heffelfinger, Lloyd and Gordon Wormley; and an older sister in South Dakota and a brother in Iowa; and a cousin in Belvidere.

Oswego will again be represented by a good, fast, clean town basket ball team during the coming season. Practically all of the players are back from last year's squad, which won 16 of 18 games, losing those two by one and two point margins. The team this year will be composed of all former high school and college stars and will be known as the "Oswego Pirates." All right, Oswego--you've got a good basket ball team. Come out and boost it!

The second annual high school football banquet held in the Oswego High school auditorium last Tuesday evening, Nov. 20, was a huge success.

Superintendent Clayton gave a talk on "Playing the Game," after which he presented the following players with the major "O": Captain Merrill Wolf, Bernard Brown, Warren Norris, Carl Hafenrichter, Gordon Wormley, Frank Clauser, John Minich, Edwin Pierce, Captain Elect Arnold Bower, Captain Elect Orville Skeen, Donald Gengler, Ray Mitchell, Alexander Harvey, and Roswell Howard. Maxwell Collins was presented with the manager letter. Twenty-one minor letters were given to the members of the second team squad.

December -- 1928

Dec. 5: More than 200 attended the farewell reception given Rev. and Mrs. J.R.E. Craighead Friday evening, Nov. 30, at the Presbyterian church.

Large congregations attended the Presbyterian church both morning and evening Dec. 2, and with sad hearts and deep regret bade Rev. and Mrs. Craighead farewell. He and Mrs. Craighead started by auto Monday forenoon, Dec. 3, for their new pastorate at Creston, Ia.

Mrs. Clifford Heap and her little son, Lewis Edward, came home from the Aurora hospital Sunday. She will stay two weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cherry.

Mrs. Margaret Edwards has gone out in the country to spend her winter months with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Woolley. Mr. and Mrs. Seaton and family occupy her house in town.

Oswego's postmaster, L.R. Inman, is in the hospital.

Kendall county schools opened Monday morning after a week's vacation. Only three weeks until the Christmas vacation.

Yorkville: There is great argument before the people today in favor of making the election of the president by popular vote and thereby abolish the electoral college. This sentiment is evidently being foisted on the public through the instrumentality of those who have not given the matter a through study.

The special election held Monday for the voting of funds wherewith to buy rights of way for the state highways was carried by a big majority. Kendall township authorized the officials to raise the money necessary by a vote of 56-3, with seven spoiled ballots, all of which were intended to be in favor. The people are waking up to the fact that Yorkville and Kendall county must keep pace with the rest of the country and make improvements. Conservatism is all right in places but as the old saying goes, in many cases it is "penny wise and pound foolish."

Dec. 12: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith quietly celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary at their home Saturday evening, Dec. 8, with their children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Roy Hettrich shopped in Chicago one day last week while Mr. Hettrich and son Laird attended the Live Stock Exposition.

L.R. Inman is getting along nicely at the Aurora hospital, showing much improvement. Mrs. Jennie Wormley is assisting at the post office.

Yorkville. D.C. Mewhirter, the new states attorney of Kendall county, had his first case in his new capacity Saturday. Morton Lawson and Frank Busey, both of Plano, were apprehended Friday night at the dance given in Plattville by Sheriff Carlson and his deputy, L.K. Devereaux. They were charged with illegal possession of intoxicants.

Dec. 19: Mrs. Atlee Hafenrichter is home from Baldwin, Kansas, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Ebinger.

The Walker school closed Dec. 13 on account of so much sickness in the neighborhood.

Miss Marian Morse is back at her duties in the Morse store after a week of illness.

Howard Shoger was out of the Schultz store the first of the week with the flu.

Dec. 26: Charles Churchill worked at the Chicago post office recently but was home Christmas.

The pageant and music telling the Christmas story given at the Presbyterian church last Sunday evening was very good and enjoyed by a large audience.

Oswego has a beautiful community Christmas tree at the corner of Main and Washington streets and many outdoor Christmas trees at the homes.

L.R. Inman has so far recovered as to be able to go to the post office again. Mrs. Jennie Wormley, who is working there, was ill last week and Mrs. W.J. Morse assisted in her place. One of the largest mails ever known has passed through the post office this year.

The Irving Haines family was in an auto accident last Saturday afternoon in Aurora and the members of the family were quite severely scratched and bruised.

Mrs. Agnes Hopkins Risk died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Winsor in Aurora Dec. 17, and was taken to Fairfield, Ia., her home city, for burial. Mrs. Risk was an Oswego lady and spent her girlhood days on a farm east of Oswego. [She was the daughter of Elijah Hopkins]

1929

January

Jan. 2: Julia M. Russell, born May 29, 1855 in Oswego died Dec. 27, 1929 at her home on Clarendon Avenue, Chicago. She was a teacher in the Oswego public schools and was very well and favorably known in this vicinity. In 1898 she moved to Chicago, devoting her later years with a gracious to her relatives. The funeral was held from the home of her brother, John D Russell, Saturday, Dec. 29, burial in the Oswego cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bickford spend Christmas day with Mrs. Ida Strossman and daughter, Miss Marion, of Aurora.

Mrs. John Cherry, Miss Sadie Cherry, Clarence Cherry and sons, Jack, Dan, and Robert, and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Campbell attended the funeral of Miss Edith Shepard at Sugar Grove on Sunday. Miss Shepard was buried in the family lot in the NaAuSay cemetery.

Mrs. Jannett Hallock, whose death occurred Dec. 23, was buried by the side of her husband in the Oswego cemetery Dec. 26. Mrs. Hallock had made her home with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Will Leigh, for 24 years.

Jan. 9: Claretta Walker and Jean Stewart returned to Iowa State College in Jan 1. William Anderson returned to Madison, Wis., and George Woolley to Parkville, Mo. on Jan. 2. Russell Armbruster returned to college at Kirksville, Mo. Jan. 6. His parents entertained the following young people at dinner Saturday evening in his honor: Miss Doris Whitehouse, Dorothy Herren, Evelyn Shoger, Dan Cherry, Francis Campbell, Robert Marshall of Yorkville.

Jan. 16: Allen Cutter at his home at the "Y" oil station near Yorkville recently entertained a party of men from Oswego and Yorkville.

Kenneth Ricketts attended the ski meet at Cary last Sunday.

Dr. Lewis P. Voss died suddenly at home in Oswego Tuesday evening, Jan. 10, 1929. He was born in Oswego Oct. 1, 1863, where he had always resided. He was married to Olive Pearce Dec. 8, 1885. One daughter, Helen Voss Cherry, preceded him in death 18 years ago. He is survived by his widow, one brother, G.H. Voss of Oswego and one sister, Irene Weir Rempfer of Parkston, D.C.

Dr. Voss was a member of the Oswego Presbyterian church and was prominent in Masonic circles, having been district deputy and master, Past master of Raven Lodge No. 303, of which he was secretary for many years.

Dr. Voss, for many years active in Masonic and Eastern Star orders, a barber before he became a dentist, had an opportunity to become acquainted with a large number of people and to those he was a friend.

Mr. Henry Schilling was born Dec. 10, 1849 in Hanover, Germany and died at his home in Oswego Jan. 9, 1929. He reached the age of 79 years and 30 days.

He was united in marriage to Miss Sophie Dannebring in Hanover, Germany. A few years later they came to this country, arriving in Chicago. After a brief residence there, they moved to Oswego where he made his home continuously for 45 years. There were born to them eight children, three sons and five daughters. One daughter, Mrs. F.M. Groner, preceded her father in death about one year ago. Just one decade ago, the wife and mother of the home passed to her eternal reward. Several years later, Mr. Schilling was married to Mrs. Minnie Bohn, who survives him.

For more than 40 years he has been a member of the Evangelical church of Oswego. For several terms he was a church trustee and a number of years he was also church treasurer. He is survived by his widow; three sons, Herman and Lewis of Oswego and William of Aurora; and four daughters Mrs. Edward Schubert of Chicago, Mrs. Ferdinand Nebel of Chili, Wis., Miss Lillian Schilling and Mrs. Ralph Poucher of Aurora; 17 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Oswego Federated church.

Mr. Schilling will be missed by neighbors and acquaintances, as for many years he has been a familiar figure about town. No one knew as well as he how to prune grape vines and trim trees. He was handy with tools and there wasn't much that he couldn't do of the little odd things about a place to make life worth living.

Jan. 23: Mr. and Mrs. Allen Campbell and baby daughter have moved from Aurora to the Leonard Shoger house. Mr. Campbell will drive a Kendall Farmers Oil Company truck.

The Aurora milk companies agreed to pay the farmers \$2.85 per cwt. for milk and the trucks gathered up the milk as usual Monday morning. The milk didn't go Sunday and the farmer families ate bread and milk for Sunday supper.

The Oswego high school basket ball team beat Yorkville by two points, 14-16, in a hard fought game last Saturday evening. "During the game, the ball hit one of our boys and bounded into Oswego's goal, scoring two points for them and a number of times Oswego tried shots from two-thirds the distance of the floor from their basket and luckily made them," *The Record's* Yorkville correspondent reported.

A case of supposed kidnapping has been reported in Oswego when a strange man coaxed little eight-year-old Juanita Barger to get into an auto with him, by the promise of a dime, and then would not let her get out of the car until rescued by some who saw the performance. Parents cannot be too careful about cautioning children about going with strangers.

Jan. 30: Eighteen Oswego Boy Scouts attended Scout meeting in Aurora Monday evening, and won the Kiwanis Trophy for the ninth time.

Scarcely in the memory of the oldest inhabitant has such a month of January been known, the ground covered with snow and ice, the roads treacherous with their icy condition, one cold spell following another until a zero temperature became a common occurrence. The

weather moderating slightly several times followed by rain and sleet, making a bad situation worse.

Lizzie Updike, from Canada, who is spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Harley Shoger and family, has recently returned from a visit with relatives in Aurora.

Oswego basket ball teams lost two games at Waterman Friday evening, Jan. 25, but they put up a good fight against good teams. Oswego will play Mooseheart at Oswego Friday evening, Feb. 1.

The Oswego Pirates played an Aurora team Thursday evening, Jan. 24, and won by one point, the score being 28-29.

Sealed bids will be received for the construction of a local improvement consisting of a connected system of vitrified clay tile sewers, together with manholes and other necessary appurtenances thereto and a sewage disposal plant in the Village of Oswego, Illinois, as provided by Ordinance Number 3 of said Village until the 11th day of February, A.D. 1929 at the hour of 8:00 o'clock p.m., Central Standard Time at the Village hall in the Village of Oswego, Illinois.

The Board of Local Improvements reserves the right to reject any and all bids as authorized by law.

Dated at Oswego, Illinois, this 26th day of January, A.D. 1929.

H.G. YOUNG, President.

ROBERT N. HERREN, Secretary.

W.W. HENNING, Member.

HOWARD MITCHELL, Member

A.H. DYSART, Member

Of the Board of Local Improvements of the Village of Oswego, Illinois.

Yorkville: With the milk war about over in Chicago, we would be glad to have the dairymen get more for the product of their farms. Kendall county has never been considered a dairy county. Since the advance of milk prices there has been a tendency to increase the product here. Formerly we had grain farmers, stock farmers and a few dairymen. Now we find many of the agriculturists raising stock for breeders, fattening hogs and steers for the market, raising grain, the surplus of which goes to the market, and having a few cows for dairy purposes. In this manner there is a better opportunity for the rotation of crops and natural fertilizer is kept on the farm for use in the grain raising.

February -- 1929

Feb. 6: National boy Scout Week is to be observed Fe. 8 to Feb. 14. Our Oswego Troop No. 31 has been chosen to put on the exhibit during this time at the Aurora Chamber of Commerce building, 65 Stolp Avenue.

The Oswego high school basket ball teams lost both games to Mooseheart on Friday night, Feb. 1, but they were good, clean games and lots of sport.

Mrs. Lois Miller Hubbe of Aurora returned to her school duties at the Walker school Monday morning, Feb. 4, having been in quarantine at her home during the month of January. Pascal Barger of Oswego was the substitute teacher during her absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Shoger and family will move from the farm to the Henry Schilling residence in town. Mrs. Schilling has gone to live with her daughter, Mrs. Scheuring in Bristol Township.

Edward Inman and Robert Herren Jr. attended the auto show in Chicago on Feb. 2.

Mrs. Irene Billings, 88, died Jan. 27 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C.H. Cutter at North Aurora. Mrs. Billings had been ill for about a week with pneumonia. She was born Dec. 9, 1840 near Ft. Wayne, Ind., and had made her home here with Mrs. Cutter since 1893.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Cutter, wife of Dr. C.H. Cutter; four grandchildren; and six great grandchildren. One nephew, Eugene B. Jewell, of Warrenville, also survives.

The funeral was held Jan. 29 from the Daleiden funeral chapel. Burial was in the Oswego cemetery.

Notes from the Wormley School

The following pupils have had a perfect attendance record for the first semester of the school year, 1928-1929: Bonita Burkhardt, Raymond Heriaud, Betty Darfler, Doris Burkhardt, Billy Darfler.

The following pupils have been put on the "Honor Roll" for the second quarter: Betty Darfler, 91; Bonita Burkhardt, 90; Evelyn Friebele, 89; Gilbert Phillips, 88; Doris Burkhardt, 87; Duane Burkhardt, 85.

Feb. 13: The three Oswego basket ball teams playing at Big Rock last Saturday evening scored 14 to 18 in favor of the second high school team, 24 to 18 in favor of Big Rock by the first team, and 54 to 20 in favor of the town team.

Dan Cherry attended a convention of ceramic engineers at Chicago Feb. 8, bringing home with him Wade Willey, a college friend from Ames, Ia. They were entertained by Marvin Matlock of Yorkville at dinner Saturday evening.

A meeting sponsored by the Oswego Community Public Forum will be held Thursday evening, February 28, in the school gymnasium. Topic, "Advancement in Education," will be discussed. Everyone interested in education of our young people is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson motored to Madison, Wis. last week to attend Farmers' Week at the state university. Their son, William, who has been taking a 12-weeks agricultural course, accompanied them home.

L.R. Inman returned last Friday from the hospital where he has been under a doctor's care, but he has not regained his health as yet.

Dr. Raymond Dwyre was home for the weekend. He is engaged in TB inspection of cattle with headquarters at Barrington during the month of February.

Mr. and Mrs. Manning, who live in the new brown bungalow near the depot, have recently purchased the farm known as the George Cowdrey farm.

Feb. 20: Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Lantz celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary on Saturday, February 16, with a reception at their home in Oswego. They were married in Wheatland township February 16, 1869, and have resided in Oswego for many years. Mr. Lantz is 82 and Mrs. Lantz is 79. Both are in good health. With them, in addition to their many friends were their five children, Isaac L. [Lafayette] Lantz, Wheatland; Mrs. Ida Book, Joliet; Mrs. Mabel Holzhueter, Tamarack; C.A. [Carlos Alvarez] Lantz, Wheatland; and James Lantz, Oswego.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Price celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday, Feb. 17.

A family from Naperville will occupy the Mrs. Anna Gates farm, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Lippold having moved to their own little farm, formerly known as the Gregg place.

L.R. Inman continues seriously ill, suffering a great deal. A trained nurse is caring for him at his home.

Oswego Boy Scout Troop 31 at the Junior Division of the Aurora Council rally Saturday, February 9, won with more than thirty troops competing. Frederick Howard won first prize with his airplane models.

George Michael Hem, 84, died Monday morning, Feb. 22, at the home of his sister, Mrs. Christine Key, Aurora.

Mr. Hem was born Feb. 12, 1845 on a farm in Oswego Prairie. He was the son of John and Margaret Hem, pioneer settlers in Oswego township. George Michael Hem, during his early life, was engaged in farming, retiring later and moving to Aurora where he had resided ever since.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Schmahl and Mrs. Christina Kay, both of Aurora. He leaves a number of nephews and nieces.

The funeral was held on Feb. 13 from the Healy chapel. Burial was in Spring Lake cemetery, Aurora.

Miss Ellen Smith, formerly of Oswego, passed away at the home of her brother-in-law, Milton Orr, one-half southwest of Yorkville Saturday morning, Feb. 16.

Funeral services were held at the late home Feb. 18. Burial was in Oswego cemetery.

Funeral services for George Oscar Briggs were held Monday afternoon Feb. 18, from the home of his niece, Mrs. Nellie Smith, at Oswego. Burial was in the Oswego cemetery. Mr. Briggs, who died Feb 15, was 82 years old. He was a veteran of the Civil War and one of the oldest residents of Oswego He is survived by a son, Lawrence Briggs of Aurora; a daughter, Mrs. Thomas Holland of New York; and a grandson, Henry Briggs of Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Cutter returned last week from a vacation tour of the south. They stopped over at Jackson, Shreveport, Vicksburg, Biloxi, Gulfport, and three days in New Orleans. At Vicksburg they visited the National Park and at the Illinois memorial, which is the largest in the park, they saw the names of the Oswego boys in the 127th Regiment in the Civil War. Going east through Mobile, they visited cities in Florida, returning home through Jacksonville and St. Augustine, having traveled 4,200 miles, 1,400 of that by bus, stopping at 22 cities.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Local Improvements of the Village of Oswego, Illinois, at a meeting held on the 11th day of February, A.D. 1929, did award the contract for the construction of a connected system of sanitary sewers and sewage disposal plant in the Village of Oswego, Illinois, as contemplated by the ordinance Number 3 of the village of Oswego, Illinois, to Kuehn Brothers on their proposal. The contract calls for 18,250 lineal feet of 8-inch sewer; 3,084 lineal feet of 10-inch sewer, 1,572 lineal feet of 12-inch sewer, 636 lineal feet of 15-inch sewer, and 2,623 lineal feet of 18-inch sewer plus excavation for the sewer lines, a sludge drying bed, a brick building, and excavation for the two-story sewage settling and sludge digestion tank, at a total bid amount of \$53,481.45.

Mrs. Margaret Shepard Edwards, the widow of the late Thomas C. Edwards, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Albert Woolley at Oswego early Sunday morning, Feb. 17, 1929.

Mrs. Edwards will be remembered as a woman of an especially bright and sunny disposition, which she maintained to the last. She had been failing in health and strength for the last few years and this winter made her home with her daughter, Stella. Gradually, she grew weaker and while not confined to her bed, fell asleep Saturday night to awaken on the other shore.

Mrs. Edwards was born in Kendall township on March 8, 1846, the daughter of David C. and Susannah Le Sturgeon Shepard, early pioneers of Kendall county. As a young woman, she taught school in NaAuSay township, coming to Oswego in 1875, she conducted a millinery store until 1898 On July 3, 1890, she was united in marriage with Thomas C. Edwards, who died Dec. 23, 1911.

On coming to Oswego in 1875, Mrs. Edwards united with the Oswego Presbyterian church and has been an active and faithful member ever since.

Mrs. Edwards leaves to mourn her loss a brother, Charles F. Shepard of Yorkville; a sister, Mrs. Johnston of Pasadena, Calif.; a daughter, Mrs. Albert Woolley of Oswego; besides three grandsons and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral, conducted by her former pastor, Rev. James R.E. Craighead of Creston, Ia., was held at the Oswego Presbyterian church Feb. 19, and she was laid to rest in the Oswego cemetery. A resident of Oswego over 50 years, she will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her best.

Feb. 27: The Busy Bees with their families enjoyed their annual banquet at the home of Miss Belle McLaren on Saturday evening.

Miss Pitstick, teacher in the Wilcox school, gave a little school party last Friday afternoon for Orrin and Lloyd Collins, youngest sons of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Collins, who are moving this week to the farm recently purchased on the Grove Road. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Harms, who were married Feb. 22, are moving onto the farm vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Collins. Mrs. Harms came to the United States from Germany during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kuhn vacating the new Collins home, are renting the old Loucks farm, owned by Fred Walker, on the Oswego-Plainfield road.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson and children from Crystal Lake moved last week onto the Frank Collins farm, vacated by Roy Jenkins, who moved to the grove.

Postmaster L.R. Inman is critically ill at his home in Oswego, suffering such excruciating pain that he is kept under opiates most of the time.

The Rangers gave their second entertainment Saturday evening, Feb. 23, and cleared about \$12. The Oswego Rangers are a "peppy" group of 25 boys who all took part in the Ranger ceremonies. Those in the cast of the little play, "The Orphans," were Lawrence Henley, Charles Obman, and Robert Jay. Ernest Songer, Delbert Gates, Robert Cherry, Billy Pearce; sachem of the Rangers, Harvey Lippy, and Robert Brown. The Rangers are agents for salt water taffy and any one who wishes to buy a box apply to the Rangers. They are a worthy little company, who among other good deeds, are giving of their funds to endow an Indian bed.

Yorkville: The Burlington is replacing the signal light that was removed last fall after much argument. This light and stop signal is on Bridge street in the center of Route 18, conspicuous and easily understood. The warning was placed by the Burlington last fall after a serious effort on the part of the citizens of Yorkville to protect motorists at this crossing. It was removed because of a preemptory order from the state. Now it is all fought out and the railroad is redoing what it already did. There is not a better way in which to guard the crossing at Yorkville than this light and bell equipment. The fact that it is in the center of the street is more of a benefit than a menace. People will not be able to drive so fast through the main street and the traffic will be slowed up for those who wish to back out from the curb.

March -- 1929

March 6: Among the guests from Oswego and vicinity who attended the City-Farm luncheon given by the Aurora Kiwanis club Wednesday, Feb. 27, were Frank Woolley, Tom Collins, Jack Cherry, Royce and Ralph Smith, Ed Rink, James Stewart, and Hugh and James Goudie.

James Campbell is on the grand jury in Chicago this week.

The town was very quiet Monday morning, most folks sitting around their radios listening to the Hoover Inaugural.

Mrs. William P. Beher of Montgomery received a telegram announcing the death Tuesday, Feb. 26, of her brother-in-law, Leonard Reiger of Santa Clara, Calif., formerly of Oswego. Mr. Reiger is survived by three daughters, Mrs. N.E. Miller, Mrs. W.E. Wells, and Mrs. Hughes, all of California; and son Harrison Rieger of Minnesota; and one brother, Charles Reiger of Texas. Mr. Reiger came from a good old German family who were among the pioneer farmers of Oswego township.

The Oswego high school basketball teams are entered in the tournament at West High, Aurora, this week.

Miss Harrison, teacher of the third and fourth grades in Oswego, was recently called to Mendota by the death of her grandmother. Mrs. Raymond Campbell substituted as teacher for several days.

Publication is hereby given that the County Court of Kendall County, Illinois has rendered judgment for a special assessment upon the property benefited by the following improvement: The construction and installation of a connected system of Sanitary Sewers and a sewage disposal plant in the Village of Oswego, including the acquisition of certain private property for the purposes of said improvement, as provided by Ordinance No. 3 of said Village, as will more fully appear from the certified copy of that judgment on file in my office. All persons interested are hereby notified to call and pay the amount assessed at the office of the Collector of Special Assessments of the Village of Oswego within 30 days from the date hereof. Said assessment is levied to be paid in 10 installments. The amount of the first installment is \$8,153.76. The amount of the second and succeeding installments is \$6,777.50 each.

Dated this 27th day of February, A.D. 1929.

DAISY G. CHURCHILL,
Collector of Special Assessments
for the Village of Oswego,

Yorkville: Now we suppose some of you people are satisfied. Two important business houses have been driven out of town by the lack of cooperation by the citizens. Our baker has been forced to leave because no one would patronize him. The incessant demand for Chicago bakery goods has driven the local trade away and now we have no local bakery. Then the motion picture man has been forced to close because local business went to Aurora, Plano, Joliet, and Sandwich. When can our citizens realize that, in order to

prosper and have a real village, they must help? These outside people do not pay any taxes, they do not subscribe to your churches, schools, and philanthropic organizations. They come in, give you as little as they can for your money and don't give a tinker's dam whether you make a go of it or not.

In spite of the fact that the recent thaw has taken much of the ice and snow from the surface there is much frost in the ground and the ice on the river is thick. Sam Moreau, who lives up the river, says that there is from two to three feet of ice in the channel, and that it has not been honeycombed sufficiently to make its going out safe. Fear is expressed that with the high water in the river, the dam will go out with the freshet.

March 13: Word was received of the death of Mrs. Elbert Marshall of Canton, Ohio on Sunday, March 10, following a slight operation. Mr. Marshall formerly lived in Oswego, and his wife, Kate Hopkins Marshall, died about two years ago. He was brought to the Oswego cemetery for burial.

Rev. John C. Klein of the Norwood Presbyterian church near Alexis has accepted the call as pastor to the Oswego Presbyterian church.

Louis R. Inman, 61, postmaster at Oswego for the past six years and well-known in Aurora, died at his home last Sunday night following a lingering illness. Mr. Inman had been confined to his home practically all winter.

Mr. Inman was born at Three Oaks, Mich., located in Oswego as a small child, and spent his entire life there. An energetic and public-spirited citizen, he held numerous public offices from time to time and for a number of years was town clerk and supervisor. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen of American and of the Masonic order, Raven lodge No. 303 of Oswego.

Mr. Inman is survived by his widow and one son, E.L. Inman of Oswego; and one sister, Miss Eve Inman of Plainfield.

Funeral services will be Wednesday from the First Presbyterian church of Oswego. The Masonic lodge will be in charge. Burial will be in Oswego cemetery.

March 20: The milk station in the Oswego district has become as bad as the March roads. Some of the farmers wish they had never seen a cow and the hogs and chickens on some of the farms are getting the "surplus milk."

The condition of the roads permitting, Mr. and Mrs. John Herren will entertain the members of the CHV club Wednesday evening.

Ralph Smith was the guest of a dairy inspector at Milwaukee, Wis., several days last week and enjoyed several trips to large dairy farms.

Yorkville: From the Geneva Republican; Republican readers will remember that the November grand jury passed a resolution asking that the sheriff's office [of Kane County] be given a new and large kitchen equipment, and at least two machine guns for use by the deputy sheriffs.

The stove was purchased and installed several weeks ago, and on Wednesday of this week, the sheriff received two modern machine guns. He states that the ammunition for these guns must be purchased from the government, which keeps a record of the size and number of all such firearms and the amount of ammunition purchased.

We trust that neither the sheriff nor his deputies will find occasion to use these instruments of slaughter other than for target practice.

The Duncan graders have started work on Route 47. The promise is that the entire connection on the state highway will be completed by June 15. Work will be fast progressing under the state contract and our village board has not turned a hand toward the paving of Bridge street. Who can wonder why a business man gets a little peeved.

March 27: Mr. and Mrs. Watts Cutter returned March 23rd from Biloxi, Miss., where they have spent the winter.

Yorkville: Here's a chance for you to do some real cooperating. Roy Scofield, an employee of *The Record* for 11 years, has left to enlarge his field of conquest. A more capable man was never had on any paper, but the prospects were not large enough to hold a man of his ability. For this reason, *The Record* is breaking in some new men on the Linotype, making your assistance timely and acceptable. Please send in your copy at the earliest possible moment. Do not wait until you have a large amount and then unload on us Tuesday. If you have a social event on Wednesday or Thursday, do not save it till Tuesday to send it to the office. If you know of a funeral in your neighborhood, get the facts to us as soon as possible.

April -- 1929

April 3: Mrs. Elizabeth Updyke, who has been spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Harley Shoger and family and other relatives in Illinois, returned to her home at Ridgeview, Saskatchewan, Canada, Saturday evening. Mrs. Updyke's departure for home was hurried by the illness of a daughter in Canada.

Mrs. Josie Smith has returned to her home in Oswego after spending the winter months with her sister at a nephew's in Ohio.

Herbert Norris from the University of Illinois and Russell Armbruster from college at Kirksville, Mo., were home for the spring vacation.

The Nineteenth Century Club library has been moved from the club rooms, to the Rank building. A number of years ago this building was donated by Lawrence Rank, a former postmaster and public-spirited citizen for town purposes with a library suggested. The new quarters will be ideal for the use to which it is being put.

April 10: Robert Herren had his car stolen Sunday, April 7. Mr. and Mrs. Herren, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Denney, were driving through some of the towns

near Chicago, and leaving the car for a short time, returned to find it gone. As of this writing, nothing has been heard from it.

The Walker school reopened April 8, having been closed two and one half weeks on account of scarlet fever and mumps in the district.

Herman Young, mayor of Oswego, was knocked down by a truck driven rapidly through the streets Wednesday evening, April 3. He suffered bruises and scalp wounds, but was able to walk to a doctor's office for assistance.

April 17: The installation services of the new pastor of the Presbyterian church will be held Thursday evening, April 25. Rev. W.B. Townsend of Mendota will preach the sermon and Rev. John F. Bonks of Elgin will give the charge to the pastor, Rev. John E. Klein.

Robert Herren's automobile, stolen April 7, was recovered April 11 near Chicago, stripped of good tires, tools, and blankets.

Charles Lindemier has been on jury service in Chicago the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Blackman received a long distance from their son, Ralph, Friday, April 12, at Park College, Parkville, Mos., notifying them that he had been voted in as editor of the "Narvae," the college annual for the coming year. Ralph is one of the news editors on the college paper this year and is interested in literary work and journalism. He graduated from East aurora high in 1926 and is a sophomore in Park College.

A fire Sunday night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hull near the Oswego bridge burned a henhouse and brooder with 280 2-weeks old chicks. The Oswego fire department responded promptly and saved the adjoining buildings. The sparks flew to the Curry residence [Turtle Rock] and there was considerable excitement for time. The fire was seen by a man from Sandwich across the bridge and he awoke the owners of the burning building.

Yorkville: It was with a great deal of regret that we learned of the burning of the old landmark in Pavilion last week. The house in which Miss Edmonds lived was one of the oldest in the community, but never showed its age because of the excellent care it had received. In the olden days, the stage route from Chicago to Ottawa passed this place when "Grandpa" Ives had it as a store and post office. It was connected with the thriving village of Pavilion, with church, academy, business places, and a happy and contented community.

April 24: The fifth and sixth grades, assisted by the third and fourth, will give the operetta "Cinderella" at the school auditorium Friday evening, April 26.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown have moved into the Robert Herren house. Mr. Herren has the upstairs rooms.

Mr. Knight is in quarantine with a light case of smallpox contracted on a recent business trip to St. Louis.

A number of Oswego people attended the East High class play in Aurora Friday evening, April 19. Leda Burkhart had a leading part and did some very good acting. Leon Haag and Charles Anderson were also members of the cast.

Frank Clauser, operated on for appendicitis at an Aurora hospital last week, is doing nicely and hopes to be home soon.

The Harry Schlapp family was released from quarantine for scarlet fever April 17.

May -- 1929

May 1: Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Dwyre have moved into the upstairs apartment of the Croushorn house.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Campbell have a new Chevrolet sedan.

Miss Marian Palmer returned to her home in Oswego Friday after spending six months at the home of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon Palmer at Phoenix, Ariz. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Palmer and son and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Woolley and Barbara were guests Friday evening at the Will Palmer home to visit with their sister.

Roswell Howard of Oswego Boy Scout Troop 31 was recently selected as one of the Boy Scouts to be given a trip next summer to the World Jamboree, to be held in England. The choosing of an Oswego scout marks the climax of a very rapid progress made by Oswego Troop 31. This troop was organized fifteen months ago by John L. Clayton who has been acting as Scoutmaster since that time. Since its organization the troop has been awarded the Aurora Kiwanis Trophy eleven different times for highest proficiency in scouting at the Aurora Court of Honor.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Woolley had the misfortune to lose by fire a new brooder house and stove and all but eight of the 250 baby chicks April 23. Mr. Woolley was burned about the face and hands endeavoring to extinguish the fire. It was a total loss.

Thieves stole 400 high priced baby chicks from Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hendrickson on Route 18 recently. They left 35 for the owners. The only articles you are sure of nowadays are the clothes on your back.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graham purchased the Keihl residence and will soon move into it for their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bohn are located in the apartment over Schultz's hardware store. Congratulations to the newly-weds.

Mrs. Nellie Morris Gregg, 78, died at Illinois Park Elgin, Tuesday, April 23 after an extended illness. Mrs. Gregg was born in Williamsville, Ill. Feb. 7, 1856. She was married 57 years ago to A.T. Gregg. She and her husband have resided for many years in Elgin.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Gregg leaves two daughters, Mrs. Lyle Ziegler of Elgin and Mrs. Edward Schaub of Aurora. Three sisters, three brothers, and five grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held from the Morris chapel, Elgin. Burial was in Riverside cemetery, Aurora [actually, Montgomery].

Mr. and Mrs. Gregg lived for years on a fruit farm on the west side of the river and they and their four daughters were very well known in Oswego.

May 8: Work has begun on the Oswego sewer system. A large group of men are at work laying and covering the sewer pipe. Work is progressing nicely.

A man was found dead in the Jack Edwards shack near the Chicago gravel pit Wednesday night, May 1. It was supposed he came from Aurora to "sober up," but failed to revive from too much moonshine.

Emma Inman has been appointed postmistress following the death of postmaster L.R. Inman.

Ernie McGinn, James Willis, Frank Cosentino, and George Knauf from the Western United Gas and Electric Company from Aurora demonstrated the home pressure method of resuscitation for drowning, electrocution and illuminating and auto gas asphyxiation showing and telling these of the pulmotor [A respiratory apparatus for pumping oxygen or air into and out of the lungs (as of an asphyxiated person)]. Mr. McGinn said that for any of these accidents, Oswego could call Aurora 5800 (the Gas office) day or night and the pulmotor would be in attendance in a very few minutes.

Mr. and Mrs. O.L. Knight are released from quarantine for small pox and Mrs. Knight will return to her duties at the telephone office.

Yorkville: It will be but a short time till Route 47 will be opened from the Warburton corners on the south to Route 18 on the north. An added amount of trucks and pleasure cars will follow this opening. Soon after that, there will be a connection made with Route 69 into Joliet and the traffic will be heavier. Bridge street in Yorkville will be as busy as a bee and preparations should be made for its care. First and foremost, there should be an ordinance covering the parking and handling of automobiles on the busy thoroughfare. Backing out in the middle of the street for a turn and driving into the curb from the left should be stopped. Speeding through the village should be carefully watched.

May 15: Fred Hausler of the Oswego high school is in the St. Charles hospital, Aurora, where he underwent an operation for a ruptured appendix.

John L. Clayton, principal of Oswego school, attended a county superintendent of schools meeting at DeKalb May 10-11, accompanied by his wife and baby. They visited Mrs. Clayton's parents at Polo on Sunday.

The senior class of the Oswego High school will present the three-act play, "Second Childhood," at the high school auditorium next Friday evening, May 17. The cast of the play includes the following seniors: Fern Olson, Ruth Shoger, Irene Schlapp, Ramona Feucht, Bernard Brown, John Minick, Warren Norris, Gordon Wormley, and Donald Gengler.

May 22: The farm residence of Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Russell caught fire from a defective chimney Friday, May 17, but was discovered by Mr. Russell from the dense smoke and as the shingles were damp from the recent storm, no damage was done except two large holes in the roof. The fire department was called, but a bucket brigade had extinguished the flames before it arrived.

Glen Parkhurst Smith, who won second place in the trombone solos in the district band and solo contest and first place in the state contest, left Monday evening, May 20, in company with three carloads of Aurora and Joliet boys to participate in the national contest at Denver, Colo. May 23.

Mrs. Barbara Constantine, 92 years and 4 months, widow of Jacob Constantine, passed away early Sunday morning, May 19, 1929 at her home southeast of Oswego. She was born in Wisdorf, Germany and came to this country with her parents in 1846. She was married in 1858 to Jacob Constantine and they went to Dwight where they lived on a farm for 15 years, then they came back to Oswego, buying the Judson farm where she has lived about 55 years. Mr. Constantine passed away Dec. 21, 1921. Three children were born to them, the oldest daughter, Mrs. Fred Haag, passed away in 1886. She leaves two children, a daughter, Mrs. Sarah Hem and a son, John Constantine, with whom she has made her home. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Anna Boessenecker and Mrs. Almira Faust of Aurora, and two brothers, Henry Hafenrichter of Oswego and Lawrence Hafenrichter of Yorkville. She was a member of the Prairie Evangelical Church for many years. According to her wish, a private service was held in the home Tuesday, May 21. Burial was in the family lot in the Oswego Prairie Cemetery.

May 29: The high school commencement will be held at the Presbyterian church on Thursday, June 6, at 8 p.m. Dr. J.C. Brown, president of the Illinois State Teachers' College at DeKalb will deliver the address.

Glen Parkhurst Smith returned Monday from attending the national band and solo contest at Denver, Colo. last week. He was given second place, losing first place in the trombone soloists by one half a point to Homer Phillips of Aurora.

A number of Oswego friends attended the funeral of John Gray at the Scotch Presbyterian church Wednesday, May 22.

John Clayton and Marvin Marquardt accompanied 25 Boy Scouts on an overnight hike to Dad's Camp near Millbrook May 25.

Miss Rachael Woolley returned from Asheville, N.C. May 25, where she has been teaching the past two years.

The caterers at Turtle Rock are very busy this spring. They serve lunch or dinner nearly every day.

Seventh grade examinations for nine rural schools will be held at the Oswego school gymnasium on Friday evening, May 31, at 8 o'clock.

Myron L. Wormley was born in Corning, Stuben county, N.Y., Sept. 29, 1843. he died in Oswego Monday afternoon, May 27, 1929 at the age of nearly 86 years. When six years of age, he came with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wormley, to the farm home where he lived for 64 years. He married Mary Ashley Dec. 28, 1873, when the present farm house was built. She was from Creco, Ia. This worthy couple began a life of toil with pleasure in their work building up one of the finest farms in Kendall county. Sixteen years ago they moved to a home on Main street, Oswego and since the death of Mrs. Wormley Sept. 14, 1926, Mr. Wormley has made his home with his daughter and her husband.

He leaves for mourn his death his daughter, Mrs. Nellie Herren; his son, Arthur; three grandsons, Myron and Robert Herren and Myron L. Wormley Jr.; four great grandchildren, Marjorie and Maxine Herren and Betty May and John Layton Herren; one brother, Louis Wormley of Aurora.

for many years Mr. Wormley was county supervisor from Oswego, always public spirited with the best interest of all at heart.

The funeral will be held from the house Wednesday afternoon and from the Presbyterian church. Burial will be in the family lot at the Oswego cemetery.

June -- 1929

June 5: "Death takes Hugh Rice Marshall," the headline in the Kendall County Record read. "Editor of Kendall County Record dies at his home in Yorkville Saturday evening." Prior to his death on June 1, Marshall had been the editor and publisher of *The Record* for 22 years, succeeding his father, John R. Marshall, who established the paper in May 1864.

The Oswego correspondent sincerely regrets the death of the editor of the Kendall County Record June 1, and extends sympathy to those who are left to carry on.

The rural schools are closing, many with picnics at Phillips Park. The Oswego schools their field day Friday, June 7.

Albert Woolley was in to the stockyards in Chicago May 29, where he received top prices for his fat cattle.

Pupils from eight rural schools held promotion from seventh grade and graduation from eighth grade exercises at the Oswego high school gymnasium Friday evening, May 31. Those from the eighth grade were Mildred Besch, with a grade of 88, the highest in the county; Regina Labay, who completed the seventh and eighth grades in one year with a grade of 80; Francis Cryder; LeRoy Erickson; Ruth Cryder; Rosemary Wynne; Elva Cryder; and Frances Meyer.

Rev. J.G. Feucht gave an excellent baccalaureate address to the fifteen members of the Oswego High School graduating class Sunday evening at the Presbyterian Church. Graduation was held June 6. Valedictorian was Ruth Shoger and salutatorian was Carl Hafenrichter. Other class members included Bernard Brown, Frank Clauser, T. Maxwell Collins, Donald Gengler, John Minich, Warren Norris, Fern Olson, Melvin Parkhurst, E. Henry Pierce, Irene Schlapp, LaVerne Shoger, Merrill Wolf, and Gordon Wormley. Carl Hafenrichter was neither absent nor tardy during his four years of high school.

June 12: Gus Kломhaus took his school bus to Phillips Park June 10. This is an annual load of school children on a picnic event, and an enjoyable one, too.

The Walker school closed last week with a picnic on the school grounds.

The music pupils of Miss Vallette gave a piano recital at the Federated church last Tuesday evening.

The annual Kendall County Flower show will be held in the Oswego school gymnasium June 19.

A brooder house and about 150 five weeks old chickens were burned at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ahrens Saturday evening, June 8. It was supposed the kerosene burner exploded.

The old crib, shed, and chicken house on the former Victor Mather farm by the old stone quarry burned Sunday night. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Mr. and Mrs. A.N. Barron and daughters are moving to a bungalow on the Barron homestead near Plattville this week. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Graham will occupy the Mary Friebele house vacated by the Barrons.

Mrs. Augusta Shoger will remodel her house on Washington street and occupy it with her brother, Dan Figge. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Walper and family will occupy the home

vacated by Mrs. Shoger and Mr. and Mrs. Jake Friebele will occupy the house vacated by the Walpers.

The high school commencement exercises were held in the school auditorium Thursday evening, June 6. Salutatorian was Carl Hafenrichter. Valedictorian was Ruth Shoger. Class members included Bernard J. Brown, Frank. W. Clauser, T. Maxwell Collins, Donald Roy Gengler, Carl G. Hafenrichter, John D. Minich, Warren J. Norris, Fern B. Olson, Melvin C. Parkhurst, E. Henry Pierce, Irene Evenly Schlapp, LaVerne H. Shoger, Ruth Marion Shoger, Merrill I. Wolf, Gordon C Wormley. Carl Hafenrichter had been neither absent nor tardy during his four years of high school.

June 19: The corps of the Oswego teachers were returned except E.A. Rieckman, who resigned to accept a position at DeKalb.

The old house on the Vic Mather farm burned last Sunday night. All the other buildings except one small one burned June 9. These buildings were not supposed to have been occupied for some time.

Slade Cutter leaves June 23 for a two weeks concert tour with the Blackhawk orchestra.

The pupils and their parents from the Cutter school enjoyed a picnic at the home of the teacher, Miss Catherine Condon, Saturday, June 15.

The marriage of Miss Fern Cliggitt, daughter of Mrs. Alice Cliggitt of Galena Boulevard, Aurora, and Lester J. Galvin, Aurora attorney, took place in Aurora Saturday evening, June 8, 1929. The bride has been associated with the offices of Sears & Solfisburg for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Galvin will leave July 1 for a motor trip through the Ozark mountains, and will be at home after July 15 at the home of the bridegroom in South LaSalle street, Aurora.

Mrs. Galvin spent her girlhood days in Oswego, moving several years ago to Aurora.

Yorkville: John W. Cherry was born in Erie county, N.Y. March 19, 1849. He passed away Monday evening, June 10, 1929 at the age of 80 years, 2 months, and 22 days. He was the son of Moses and Sarah Cherry, pioneer settlers of Kendall county. He was one of 11 children, having six sisters and four brothers, all of whom preceded him in death except one sister, Mrs. Eliza Clow of Plainfield.

His early life was spent on the old Cherry homestead in NaAuSay. In 1872 he was united in marriage with Deborah S. Shepard. Two children were born to them, Mabel, who passed away five years ago; and Clarence, with whom Mr. Cherry resided. After his marriage, he settled on a farm in NaAuSay adjoining the homestead. He farmed there until 1897 when he retired and moved to Oswego where he has since resided.

In 1898 he was appointed Revenue Collector for the First District of Illinois. He served in this capacity until May 1901, when he resigned to accept a position as State Special Agent for the Farm Department of the Home Insurance Company of New York. He was still active in this work at the time of his death.

He was a member of Raven lodge No. 303, AF & AM. He was also a member of the Oswego Federated church, serving as treasurer for a number of years.

Here are left to mourn his loss his widow, Deborah Cherry; his son, Clarence; six grandchildren, Mrs. Clarence Hall of Yorkville, Mrs. Clifford Cryer of El Paso, Ill., John F. Cherry, Mrs. Allan Campbell, Robert S. Cherry of Oswego, and Dan J. Cherry of Dundee. There are also five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the home June 13, the Rev. Quayle of lake Bluff officiating. Burial in Riverside cemetery, Montgomery.

A short history of the Bristol fire brigade.

The Grande Theatre in Plano was advertising the film "Pitfalls of Passion: The Stop Sign of Danger," which was to be shown Monday and Tuesday, July 1 and 2. The Monday night performance was for men only; the Monday matinee and both Tuesday performances were for women only. "Sex truths revealed," the ad proclaimed. "The beauty and sorrow of love and passion. Is sex knowledge a sin? Should innocence be masked by ignorance? None under 16 admitted."

June 26: Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Wayne left June 22 to spend the summer at their cottage at Delavan Lake, Wis.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon Palmer and little daughter Delta Jean, of Phoenix, Ariz., visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Palmer last week. Kenyon has gone east where he will attend a six weeks course of Harvard University. Mrs. Palmer and baby will visit with relatives in Oswego and Aurora during his absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hoch have taken a tiny baby boy for adoption.

Oswegoans graduating from East Aurora High School included Leota and Clark Anderson, Arlene Collins, Helen Duysart, Leon Haag, Ethel Heriaud, Mary Light, Ruth and Allen Woolley, along with Olive Besch, Leda Burkhart, Doris Pahaly, Lois Walker, and Helen Wheeler.

The oldest child of Mrs. Fed Ven Deventer, a big boy of 14 years, died recently at Mooseheart.

Nine former pupils of the Walker school of from 35 and 40 years ago when Miss E.M. Benthien was teacher, met at an annual reunion at the Walker school on June 22 with members of their families.

Mary Hafenrichter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Book, was born in Wheatland township in 1851 and passed to her eternal reward on the 12th of June 1929, in Oswego. Today, June 15, she would have celebrated her 78th birthday. For several years she was confined to her home. She was always able to care for herself until four months ago. During these four months she was practically helpless. She was permitted to enter into her rest Wednesday night at 10 o'clock.

On March 15, 1875 she was married to Henry Nicholas Hafenrichter. It was just a little over four years ago that they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The largest portion of their life was spent on their farm in Oswego township. About 16 years ago they left the farm removing to this home in Oswego. There was born to them one son, Ira, who preceded his mother in death some years ago.

While a young woman she united with the Evangelical church in Wheatland. She leaves her husband, Henry Hafenrichter, her aged brother, Peter Book of Plainfield; her sister, Mrs. Rebecca Jouvena of Wheatland; and many other relatives. The funeral was held from the home.

Henry N. Hafenrichter died suddenly Friday afternoon at his home in Oswego. He was born on a farm east of Oswego Nov. 23, 1846, leaving his farm 18 years ago, moving to Oswego. His wife preceded him in death a few days, she having passed away June 12. He leaves two sisters, Mrs. Anna Boessenecker and Almina Faust of Aurora, and one brother, Lawrence of Yorkville.

Funeral services were held Sunday from his home. Burial was at the Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville; The Duncan Construction company finished up their contract in Yorkville Thursday by extending the concrete from the CB&Q R.R. tracks to Warburton's Corners. At the present moment we cannot tell how the new road drives, but we can say that it looks very good.

There is a short unpaved section in the road that extends from VanEmmon street to Washington street. This section will remain unpaved until the earth has settled in a ravine that was filled in early this spring.

The contract for laying the apron on Bridge street was let to the McCarthy Construction company of Aurora, and J. Mapel of Fairbury. These contractors will soon be on the job making these improvements.

July -- 1929

July 3: Roswell Howard goes to Camp Wilderness, Wis., July 5 for a week before the Scouts go to England July 15.

A near cyclone last Sunday afternoon uprooted large trees on the Plainfield road near the L.F. Figge residence. The road was blocked, telephones were put out of commission but no damage done to buildings.

Yorkville: The bill to prohibit the manufacture and sale of machine guns which recently made its progress through the state assembly seem to be just the beginning of another attempt to deprive law-abiding citizens of firearms. This bill if passed will probably be followed by another to prohibit the sale of revolvers and finally those who like to hunt or try their skill at the rifle range or at the traps will have to take up checkers for entertainment.

July 10: Several members of the Clare Parkhurst family are ill of measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry and family are moving into a part of the Charles Johnson residence near the bridge. Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Shoger and family are locating in the apartment in the Lottie Williams residence vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Henry.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Blackman and son Kenneth have moved to Morris where Mr. Blackman has established a good trucking business.

July 17: Many from Oswego viewed the wreck on the main line near Bristol last Sunday.

Thirty LaSalle County Home Bureau women touring Fox River valley in a special bus had tea at Turtle Rock on Thursday afternoon.

The Aurora and Oswego Boy Scouts who will attend the World Jamboree will be the guests of the Aurora Kiwanis Club on July 17, after which they will leave for Montreal on their way to Scotland. Roswell Howard goes from Oswego.

Yorkville: We are very glad to see that the State has started a survey of the Fox river the purpose of which is to see what can be done about making the river what it was before the people saw fit to use it as a sewer. We sincerely hope that the Fox will be cleaned up as it will offer a lot more to the citizens of this and other communities. Several years ago some of the folks in town owned boats and canoes so they could enjoy the river, but soon it became so offensive that there was no pleasure in being about it. Now we must drive for miles to get near a river or lake to benefit from the same thing we might have at home.

The townspeople had the rare privilege of driving their cars on our main street Friday. It seemed like old times to be able to drive through town again, but this may be short-lived for the tools of the McCarthy Improvement Co. have arrived and they will soon start to concrete the apron on the two sides of the road. We do not know whether or not the street will be closed again.

July 24: Neighbors cut hay for A.R. Cherry and put it in the barn for him. Mr. Cherry is still weak from his hospital experience. He has been suffering from a serious infection in his left hand.

Mrs. Mary A. Hafenrichter, age 76, wife of John H. Hafenrichter, died at her home in Aurora Wednesday July 17 after several months' illness. Mr. and Mrs. Hafenrichter were former residents of Oswego, living on a farm in the Collins school district most of their married lives until they moved to Aurora about 17 years ago. Mrs. Hafenrichter is survived by her husband and three sons and two daughters, four children having died a number of years ago. One of the sons, George Hafenrichter, and a granddaughter, Mrs. Alley Troyer, are residents of Oswego. The funeral services were held from the home July 19 with burial in the Spring Lake cemetery.

Merrill Morse and Howard Shoger enjoyed an airplane ride from the Aurora air port Sunday.

The new sewer system progresses slowly, many difficulties being encountered. A part of Oswego seems to be resting on a rock foundation.

July 31: The Oswego State Bank is installing a vault ventilator.

The Voss dentist office is being remodeled and will soon be occupied by Dr. Sheldon Bell of Joliet.

Norval Tripp recently returned from a week's fishing and sight-seeing vacation at the lakes in Minnesota.

By the first of August about all the grain in this vicinity will be cut and shocked.

There are free moving pictures given by the business men of Oswego every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Denney are enjoying a week's vacation with a motor trip.

August -- 1929

Aug. 7: Agnes Gowran and Lathelle Collins spent last week with their aunt, Mrs. Mae Owens.

Mrs. Minnie B. Schilling, widow of the late Henry Schilling, died at the home of her son in Bristol Friday, Aug. 2. She was born in Germany Dec. 11, 1848 and had resided in this vicinity for many years. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Lena Scheuring and two sons, August Bohn and Henry of Bristol. Eleven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and several step children also survive. Funeral from the Healy Chapel in Aurora; burial in the Oswego cemetery

Yorkville: The Graf Zeppelin has concluded its third successful crossing of the Atlantic and is proving to the world that its success is nothing extraordinary.

Many now buy a truck for, say, \$3,000 and compete with a railroad. They can because they have no right-of-way to maintain, no land to pay taxes on, their taxes being only the state tax and state gasoline tax. They profit by using the roads that passenger vehicles have practically paid for. Of course, one or two trucks wouldn't hurt the railroads much, but there are so many going into this lucrative field that the railroads must worry. You see trucks getting larger each day. Six wheeled ones are quite common while a milk company in Chicago has a fleet of huge affairs with a trailer that looks like a tank car.

Aug. 14: A large number from here attended the Central States Fair in Aurora.

Have any of you noticed how beautiful the new sewage disposal plant is that Aurora erected just this side of Montgomery? Viewed from either road this building is really as pretty a piece of work as any building we have seen.

Aug. 21: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ricketts have sold a few acres of land between the paved road and the river to two Chicago parties.

Most of the threshing in this vicinity will be finished this week. The average yield is not as good as other years.

Harry Hanson, aged 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hanson of Main Street, died suddenly Saturday evening, Aug. 17, after several months illness. He was a student at Dartmouth College, coming home early in the spring.

The Oswego school will open Tuesday Sept 3. Students must register for the high school Saturday, Aug. 31, from 1 until 4 o'clock.

Aug. 28: Mr. and Mrs. James Curry [owners of Turtle Rock] spent several days recently on a fishing trip in Wisconsin.

Superintendent J.L. Clayton announces that the Oswego public schools will open Sept. 3, the day after Labor Day. High school pupils are asked to report for registrations at the high school building between the hours of one to four Saturday, Aug. 31. Tuition for pupils living outside the district is \$30 a year, payable semi-annually in advance.

September -- 1929

Sept. 4: The town and rural schools opened Sept. 3

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Morse have moved into their new home on Chicago road beside the Robert Johnston residence. Mrs. Weeks and daughter and son will occupy the Kohlhammer house thus vacated.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bromley have purchased and are now occupying the cottage owned by George Franks on Park avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Franks have moved across the street into a new house that Mr. Franks just finished building.

G.H. Voss accompanied Gov. Emmerson several days last week on the deep waterways excursion through central Illinois.

BUNCO ARTIST SELLS VICTIM A STREET CAR

New York Swindlers Have Nothing on Brethren of Rio de Janeiro

Bunco artists in New York may sell the city hall and the Brooklyn bridge, but down here in this capital it's the street car business which furnishes the traditional best example of the "army game."

Sept. 11: A correction concerning last week's items is that Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bromley of Bristol did not purchase the residence on Park avenue. The deal was not completed.

Clyde E Johnson, 33, of Oswego committed suicide by cutting his throat and wrists Sept. 2 with a broken bottle in the cellar of a neighbor, William Bauman. According to testimony at the coroner's inquest, Johnson had been having marital difficulties and as the result chose to end his life. Johnson was born April 16, 1896 in Rockford. He had been employed as foreman in a lumber yard in Oswego. He was a former service man well liked. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Catherine Johnson and a sister, Mrs. William Keunne of Rockford.

Yorkville: The anti-firearms agitators are at it again. Pennsylvania was the scene of the latest attempt to disarm law abiding American citizens of their right to bear arms. The proposed law was beaten by a very small margin in that state showing us that we must be very careful or we will be threatened by similar legislation.

Sept. 18: The Russell school will give a program and box social at the Nineteenth Century club rooms in Oswego, Thursday night, Sept. 26. The public is invited.

Stock reducing sale now going on at W.J. Morse's, Oswego.

Clement and Leda Burkhart are attending college at "Illinois" this year.

Mary Light, Doris Pahaly and Helen Dysart are attending the Normal school at Bloomington.

The first football team of Oswego High School will play the Plainfield team Friday, Sept. 20, at Oswego. The second team will play West Aurora High School Reserves at Oswego and the game will start promptly at 3 o'clock.

Merrill Wolf left Sunday for the Coyne Electrical Institute of Chicago where he will attend school.

Yorkville: The gap in the paving between Somonauk and Meriden is no more. Route 18 is now completely paved. The Carson Construction Company of Chicago poured the last foot of concrete completely closing the gap in pavement that has existed for several years. The job was completed Monday evening at 6:30 after a record run of 1,250 feet for the day.

Inside of three weeks, Earlville will be enjoying the unprecedented advantage of having a hard surfaced highway for east-west travel with the connection with Route 23 for north-south outlet.

The completion of the pavement placing Earlville on the concrete is not only a cause of satisfaction locally, but is appreciated throughout this section of the state and by travelers in general.

The grading gang which is following along "Shinning up" as the work is called, is as near behind the mixer as they can, since the pavement has to set a certain period before any work or travel can be done. The indications are that the grading will be completed before the end of next month.

Sept. 25: Leslie Peshia, the genial mailman on Route 2, has been enjoying a two weeks vacation. Mrs. Peshia is the able substitute.

The roof on the residence known as Turtle Rock caught fire from sparks from the furnace chimney on Sept. 20 and a large hole was burned in it. The Oswego Fire Department was called and put out the blaze. No other damage was done.

Phil Schickler left Sept. 18, to attend the St. John's Military Academy at Delafield, Wis.

The first killing frost of the season fell Sept. 18. The farmers in all the different communities have almost finished filling silos. Rain is needed before much fall plowing can be done. It is a good year for clover seed and there is some clover hulling to do. Some fine seed corn has been picked.

Yorkville: LAST LINK IN
CANNON BALL TRAIL
FINISHED SEPT. 9
Will Celebrate the Event at Plano
September 26

It is something like 20 years ago that a few enthusiastic and energetic citizens of Quincy, Illinois conceived the idea that a marked Trail over an important route leading through rich, well-populated communities and important cities and villages to Chicago would be a good business proposition and on that basis, they started out from Quincy to Galesburg and on north and east direct to Chicago. Their object was to raise funds sufficient to paint on poles their adopted marker.

Since that time and up to six or eight years ago, the trail has been remarked three times and reorganized and strengthened with thousands of paid members. The strength of this organization made it possible to secure one of the first places as to adoption in the sixty million dollar bond issue roads, and then later its early building, also having it adopted as one of the Federal highways.

The members of this organization were, in every community, a powerful factor in securing right-of-way and its activities only ceased when the state took over the roads and built the great system we now enjoy.

This great Cannon Ball Trail system was practically completed in 1925, except 20 miles between Somonauk and Mendota. This was due to differences of opinion as to where it should be built. This difference, so far as the state was concerned, was settled and on Monday evening, Sep. 9, the last cement connecting this great system was an accomplished fact.

Therefore, this notable event will be celebrated under the auspices of the Cannon Ball Trail Association of Plano Thursday afternoon, Sept. 26, at 2 o'clock.

Congressman John T. Buckbee will give the opening address, followed by Lieutenant Governor Fred E. Sterling of Rockford, Senator Harold C. Kessinger of Aurora, and other prominent men.

The opening ceremony will consist of a link of beautifully costumed young ladies standing across the highway. When the official word is given, these young ladies will part, letting the world pass through for all time to come. With this ceremony, salutes will be fired and music furnished by the Paw Paw band.

The people for miles around, up and down the Cannon Ball Trail and the surrounding country, will be the guests of the Association's officers and the citizens of Plano. The latter are very busy arranging a continuous program of interest commencing at 4 p.m. and up to midnight. Band concert, ball game, trap shooting at the Plano Gun club, golfing at Cedardell course, Indian war dance, races and sports for prizes of all kinds, and in the evening a street dance. They hope to make it a continuous festival of fun.

The "Key of the City" will be handed you as you enter Plano. Come and enjoy yourself. Honor the occasion which opens one of Illinois' greatest Federal and cross country highways.

Every business activity of the city will close, including the public schools and factories, from 2 to 4 p.m. [This is modern U.S. Route 34]

October -- 1929

Oct. 2: The Russell School, with Margaret Murley teacher, cleared \$50 at their box social Sept. 26.

The Oswego football team put up a good game Sept. 28, with DeKalb on the home field. The score was 7-6 in favor of Oswego. This is the second game in the third year Oswego has not been defeated.

There was a grand rain in this community Saturday night Sept. 28. The first good soaking rainfall since Aug. 2.

Many from this community attended the Big Rock plowing match Sept. 28.

Yorkville: Over 3,000 people flocked to Plano last Thursday to witness the ceremonies attendant to the opening of Route 18. This state route is now completely cemented all the way from Chicago to the Mississippi river, making the dream of the Cannon Ball Trail a reality.

Oct. 9: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wormley returned from their eastern motor trip having visited Washington, D.C., New York, Montreal, Detroit, and Niagara Falls, and many other interesting places.

Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Figge received word of another little son in the home of their son, Cass, and wife at Twin Falls, Idaho.

Oct. 16: Roswell Howard gave an excellent report of his trip to England to the World Boy Scout Jamboree last August at the Presbyterian Sunday School Oct. 13.

Mr. and Mrs. John Clayton entertained the teachers of the Oswego school a bridge party Thursday evening, Oct. 9.

Yorkville: LINCOLN HIGHWAY CEMETERY

Has Secured the Services of M.J. Buckley of Chicago

Mr. Buckley has made notable success in cemetery activities. His advice and counsel has been sought by many of the leading cemeteries in the east as well as western states. He has recently resigned salsemanagership of Memorial Park Cemetery, Evanston, Ill.

On Dec. 15, 1927, Mr. Buckley made the largest retail sale of its kind ever made in a cemetery, when he sold an entire three-acre section at Memorial Park Cemetery, Evanston, to the Mizpah Congregation, Rogers Park, for a total consideration of \$224,000. This plot of ground has been dedicated exclusively to the use of members and friends of the faith.

In April of this year, Mr. Buckley was called to Reading, Pa., to give testimony in a civil suit between Laurel Dale Cemetery and the Reading Railroad Company. After qualifying as an expert, he was highly complimented by Mr. Owen Roberts, Philadelphia attorney. Mr. Roberts is the attorney appointed by former President Coolidge to represent the Federal government in recovering the oil lands.

Mr. Buckley states that from a standpoint of natural beauty, Kendall County has within its borders what is designed to be one of the most beautiful landscaped park and garden places of interment to be found on this continent.

Lincoln Highway Cemetery, of which Mr. Buckley is sales director, contains 94 acres on Joliet Road, just south of Phillips Park. It is highly restricted as to the character of monuments and mausoleums, only bronze and granite materials are being permitted. Perpetual care is provided, the American National Bank of Aurora is trustee of the perpetual care fund.

Mr. Buckley is living in Oswego at the home of Mrs. Emma Wormley.

Advertisement: FACTS

ABOUT LINCOLN HIGHWAY CEMETERY

Located on the permanent Highway Route 22, Kendall County's newest park and lawn cemetery.

LINCOLN HIGHWAY CEMETERY was established January 1929. A charter was obtained from the state of Illinois in the same month. Active developments were started in May.

LINCOLN HIGHWAY CEMETERY is within 2 miles of the city limits of Aurora and is easily and quickly accessible to Chicago and suburban towns, yet it is removed from the encroachments of a rapidly growing city.

The founders had the wise forethought and prudent management to provide for future requirements in the inception and creation of a perpetual care fund to prevent the cemetery becoming a financial burden upon posterity..

LINCOLN HIGHWAY CEMETERY has earned the reputation of providing the best in cemetery location, environment, service, and perpetual care.

By next year, LINCOLN HIGHWAY CEMETERY will have a Ladies' Flower Association, the membership of which will be composed of one or more women from the majority of families represented in the cemetery. The association will afford substantial cooperation and encouragement to the management. Flower day will be celebrated in June each year and will be sponsored by this association. It will be LINCOLN HIGHWAY CEMETERY'S annual memorial to those who sleep within its bounds.

A flood light 90 feet high will illuminate the cemetery at night. LINCOLN HIGHWAY CEMETERY will have its own privately owned and operated water system, furnishing an abundant volume of pure, clean water under high pressure from its own artesian well and reservoir to all parts of the cemetery. Hydrants will be so located as to be readily accessible for watering flowers for any grave.

The purchase of a lot in LINCOLN HIGHWAY CEMETERY is the very best investment in real property. It is an assurance against loss if held for ultimate use or a source of profit if bought and sold.

Investigate and you will learn that cemetery values in and near large centers of population have increased ten-fold during the past 20 years and cemetery properties are tax-free.

While it is the intention of the management as far as possible to call on every resident of Kendall County and explain more in detail the outstanding features of LINCOLN HIGHWAY CEMETERY, we would in all sincerity invite you to visit this cemetery and sense the beauty of its appeal to the fitness of your final needs and invest under conditions with your means and add immeasurably to your present peace of mind and your sense of security.

For information, Telephone Oswego 121 or address
LINCOLN HIGHWAY CEMETERY CO., INC.
Aurora, Illinois
Box 111

Oct. 23: There will be a box social at the Union School Friday evening of this week, following a program given by the pupils Everybody is invited. Mrs. Gertie Heffelfinger, teacher.

Every Sunday morning we hurry our work through so we won't miss a single note of the fine program over the radio, transmitted by a well-known Chicago broadcasting station. This entire program is made possible by the use of phonograph records and electrical reproduction. This means of giving a program enables the station to include in their broadcast all forms of music bringing to your loudspeaker a great many artists it would be impossible for you to hear otherwise.

Rev. J.R.E Craighead writes from Creston, Iowa that he has finished his book "Blackhawk," and that the manuscript is in the hands of the critics. It will probably be published next spring.

The annual Hallowe'en Fair will be held at the Oswego High School gym Friday, Oct. 25.

Oswego lost in the football game with Naperville Saturday, the first game lost in nearly three years.

Fire destroyed the buildings, except the house and crib, on a farm owned by Will Findlay near the Will County line Oct. 18. The house was unoccupied; Mr. Paydon living near worked the farm. Insurance was carried by the Wheatland-Oswego Mutual Insurance Company. The fire was thought to have started from burning weeds in a ditch near by.

Oct. 30: Mr. and Mrs. Tregillus and family and Mrs. Josie Smith motored to Starved Rock Oct. 27.

Mr. Gus Voss received word last week that Gov. L.L. Emmerson had appointed him as an investigator on the State Board of Paroles and Pardons.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Collins have purchased a farm ear Yorkville, known as the Armbruster farm, and will occupy it next spring. The farm they are leaving on the Plainfield road, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Scott Cutter, is for rent.

Yorkville: MILLBROOK BANK LOOTED TUESDAY MORNING

Several modern Jesse James' broke into the building housing the Farmers State Bank of Millbrook, completely demolished it and got away with some eight or nine hundred dollars. These men were quite brazen about their "job," patrolling the streets during the robbery and departing without any show of fear or alarm. Although they were inept enough to use ten shots of "nitro" to break open the vault, they had the foresight enough to cut all the telephone wires about Millbrook.

November -- 1929

Nov. 6: Oswego lost in the football game Oct. 31, the score being 13-12. The least said the soonest mended about the game with Yorkville.

Robert Johnston, who suffered a paralytic stroke on Oct. 28, has shown very slight improvement during the past week.

There were many Hallowe'en pranks played in Oswego and the surrounding community, some were funny and were items of expense and annoyance to the owners.

Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Dwyre are moving their household effects to Dixon, Ill. The following is quoted from the Dixon News: "Dr. R.R. Dwyre of Oswego was hired by the

committee to conduct the bovine tuberculosis eradication work in Lee county for the ensuing year.”

Yorkville: The residents of Millbrook experienced the sensation of being forced into submission last Tuesday morning when their bank was looted. A similar circumstance may be enacted in any of our towns at any time. The affair at Millbrook should demonstrate how powerless we are against an organized band of criminals. We do not know how they were armed, but suppose they had machine guns? If some gentleman in Millbrook had been so foolhardy as to attempt to stop these marauders, he would have had his home shot to pieces.

Nov. 13: The annual Red Cross membership drive in the Oswego area was on.

Bob Jolly has been in ill health recently and is confined to his bed much of the time.

Cyril Tregillus has returned from a 3,000 motorcycle trip to Mexico. He was gone on a two weeks' vacation.

Your correspondent wishes to correct a mistake in one of last week's items: The Oswego public library is open on Wednesday from 2-5 p.m. and from 7-9. Anyone may secure a library card and take out a book on payment of two cents a book.

Robert Johnston died Monday evening, Nov. 11, at his home after a two weeks illness. The funeral will be held Thursday from Healy's Chapel in Aurora. Burial in Riverview cemetery.

Yorkville: Greed claimed several more victims in the latest Wall Street crash, among them was a young lady who had gained fame as a concert pianist as well as a fortune estimated at over a million dollars invested in sound securities. At her own or someone else's advice she traded the sound securities for stock on the exchange buying on the margin. In this gamble she lost as many others attracted by the huge fortunes made on the "Street." Of course she is to be pitied, but she should have foreseen that her venture might bring her face to face with misfortune.

For the rest of us, the stock market should be steered clear of unless we have the guiding hand of a well-known and reliable stock and bond house.

Reading of financial crashes, did you ever think what a crash the failure of our modern easy payment plans would bring? Many have taken advantage of these methods of payment depending on their income to see them through.

Nov. 20: Merchants free parking at Ham Cowdrey's parking cars, Aurora.

Robert H. Johnson died at Oswego Nov. 11, 1929. He had been stricken with paralysis on Oct. 28. He was born Jan. 6, 1856 south of Yorkville on the farm taken up from the government by his parents, Peter M. and Susan Johnston, who came in the early days of

the settlement of Kendall county. His father was one of the 'forty-niners' who went to California during the gold rush and was fortunate to return to the far cared for during his absence of five years by his wife and older children. "Bob," as everybody called him, spent his early years at farming, and all but two of his 74 years in Kendall county. In 1890 he went to Indian territory and spent two years, then returned to Oswego to farm until 1907, when he built a home in the village of Oswego and established a farm implement business which continued until October 1908 when he retired. Well known from his long residence in this community and a friend to all who knew him, Mr. Johnston will be remembered as one of the upstanding business men of Oswego. One of his forms of recreation was to hunt and many are the times he parked his car in a farmer's yard while he tramped miles with his gun in search of game. He was married to Minnie Montgomery Aug. 30, 1883. Besides his wife, he leaves one daughter, Floi; a sister, Mrs. James Palmer of Oklahoma City; two brothers, Peter E. of Pasadena, Calif. and John L. of Williams, Minn.; and several nieces and nephews. The funeral was held at the Healy chapel in Aurora and burial was at Riverside [cemetery in Montgomery].

Nov. 27: Glenn Smith attended the All State orchestra at Urbana last week, having the honor to secure and hold the first chair in the trombone section.

Kenneth Wilson, athletic director at Northwestern University, was the speaker at the annual Oswego High School Football Banquet. The hall was decorated with the school colors and orange and black made a beautiful setting for the festive occasion. Major letters were awarded to Arnold Bower (team captain), Orville Skeen, Alexander Harvey Raymond Mitchell, William Tregillus, Allen Schlapp, Walter Vickery, Elmer Vickery, John Hausler, William Lamb, Robert Schmidt, Paul Shoger, Franklin Pierce, Roy Jennings, and manager Fred Hausler.

Yorkville: While enjoying your Thanksgiving dinner tomorrow don't let any past happening or future happening mar the event. Remember, you are living in the greatest age, times are improving, and He who watches over us doesn't cause any sorrow without definite plan.

December -- 1929

Dec. 4: The large modern country home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parkhurst burned to the ground Friday afternoon. The fire, supposed to have started on the roof from a spark from the chimney, was well underway before it was discovered, the attic door being red hot when the family rushed upstairs. The bedding and some clothing was saved from upstairs and most of the furniture and dishes from downstairs, even saving some of the black walnut doors from the rooms and china closet. Most of the fruit and provisions were taken out of the cellar. The gas from the Frigidaire plant drove the workers from the pantry so nothing was saved from there. The Yorkville and Oswego fire companies responded to the call for help as did the Bristol truck, but the fire had too much of a start

in the strong wind to make it possible to extinguish it. The family will live in the garage until they build.

Victor Mather returned recently after spending several months at his old home in Vermont.

Notice: Publication is hereby given that the County Court of Kendall County has rendered judgment for a special assessment upon property benefited by the following improvement, namely the construction of a connected system of sanitary sewers and appurtenances thereto in the streets of the Village of Oswego, together with a sewage purification plant on certain right-of-way acquired for such purposes.

Dec. 11: George Bernard Shaw said: "The importance of the public library can hardly be exaggerated." The Oswego library is open to the public Wednesday afternoons 2-5 and Wednesday evenings 7-9. A very small fee is charged for each book.

A number of men assisted Ray Parkhurst in clearing away the debris from the recent fire and in fitting a large garage for occupancy or a home for the family.

At the Presbyterian church Sunday evening, Dec. 15, four reels of interesting motion pictures will be shown depicting life at the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Russell were guests at the Sherman hotel in Chicago Tuesday noon, Dec. 10, at a luncheon given in honor of Franklin D. Roosevelt, governor of New York.

Dec. 18: Carl Ode purchased the new residence recently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Layton Lippold on Douglas Street and Edward Friebele bought the place adjoining. Mr. and Mrs. Lippold have moved into their little brown bungalow on Madison Street.

Hans Nelson, one of the men at work clearing the drainage ditch south of town, had the misfortune to be struck with a large log, breaking both bones in one leg. He was taken to an Aurora hospital. His home is in Chicago.

About 9 o'clock Sunday evening two young men drove up to the Wilson Filling station at the Oswego bridge and Route 18, ordered five gallons of gasoline and inquired of Mr. Wilson, the proprietor, if he sold cigarettes. At his affirmative answer, they trooped in the station apparently to make a purchase. As soon as Mr. Wilson got behind the counter they drew guns and ordered him to "stick 'em up." He obliged as anyone would do under similar circumstances and was marshaled into a small closet where he was relieved of all valuables. These men departed as abruptly as they came, ordering Mr. Wilson to remain in confinement for ten minutes.

Sheriff C.T. Carlson immediately notified the surrounding towns and with his deputy, L.K. Devereaux, attempted to locate these daring fellows, to no avail.

Yorkville: One day last week we heard quite a burst of hosts fired and after examination, finding ourselves alive and well, made inquiry as to source of the fusillade. It finally

turned out that the sheriff was being introduced to a gangster's toy, a machine gun. We presume that the Board of Supervisors ordered the demonstration and we hope that they furnish the sheriff with this means of defense.

Dec. 25: The pageant and special music at the Federated church and the candle light processional and cantata at the Presbyterian church presented Sunday evening, Dec. 22, were exceptionally good and enjoyed by a large audience.

The pupils of the Wormley school, with the teacher, Mary Judd Kennedy of Yorkville, presented a very pleasing Christmas program Friday, Dec. 20.

The Christmas entertainment at the Gaylord school where Miss Janet Brown has taught for 11 years was given Saturday afternoon.

The Walker school, with Mrs. Merrill Coselman teacher, had their Christmas tree and program Dec. 24.

The Oswego young folks who are attending college who are home for the holidays are: Russell Armbruster from Kirksville; Claretta Walker, Allen Woolley and Dan Cherry from Iowa State College; Leda and Clement Burkhart and Herbert Norris from the University of Illinois; Doris Pahaly, Mary Light, and Helen Dysart from Normal; Sylvia Tregillus from Presbyterian college at Marysville, Tenn.; Philip Schickler from St. John's Military Academy at Delafield, Wis.; Merrill Wolf from Coyne Electrical School in Chicago; Slade Cutter from Elmhurst College at Elmhurst.

NaAuSay: The mailman has only been able to come through as far as the church since last Tuesday. Most of the roads have been opened up since the storm, but tons of snow have been shoveled and long detours are necessary in places.

Yorkville: With this issue of *The Record*, we leave 1929 with its joys and sorrows to start 1930 with a new understanding of the things that are before us.

1929 Death notices:

Jan. 16: Henry Schilling,

Ida Clarabell Funk

Jan. 23, Tom Gannon

Mrs. Guy (Olive Edwards) LaSuer

Jan. 30: Martha Clark Hulls, Jan. 30

Feb. 6: Irene Billings

Feb. 20: George Michael Hem

Ellen Smith

George Oscar Briggs

John Kellogg (brother of George Washington Kellogg)

March 6: Leonard Reiger

March 13: Elbert Marshall (husband of Kate Hopkins Marshall)

Lewis R. Inman

April 24: William Perkins
May 1: Nellie Morris Gregg
 Mrs. Charles Severance
May 22: Mrs. Barbara Hafenrichter Constantine
May 29: John Gray
June 6: Will Haag
June 12: John Cherry
June 19: John Cherry full obit
July 24: Mrs. John H. (Mary A.) Hafenrichter
Aug. 7: Mrs. Minnie B. Schilling d. 2 Aug.
Aug. 28: Mrs. Emma Curtis Gowran, Aug. 27
Oct. 23: Fred Miller
 Mary A. (Stuckey) Manning
Nov. 13: Robert Johnston

1929 Marriages:

Jan. 9: Jennie Loucks and Frank Pearce
Jan. 16: Kathryn Pearce and Arthur F. Vaghy
June 19: Fern Cliggitt and Lester J. Galvin
July 17: Alice Cliggitt and H.D. Hallett
Sept. 20: Catherine Condon and Herman Scheuring
Oct. 23: Nona Sara Woolley and Thomas A. Ferguson.