

News items from the Kendall County Record (1950) and the *Oswego Ledger* (1950-1969).

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January

Jan. 5: Born to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Lippy, a daughter, Cynthia Ann, on Thursday, Dec. 29. Mr. and Mrs. Lippy are building a new home on Garfield avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Schilling are parents of a son born Friday, Dec. 30, at the Copley Memorial hospital.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. George M. Valentine at the Copley Memorial hospital Dec. 30.

Eight year old Jim Wormley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Wormley, who underwent an emergency appendectomy Dec. 25, came to his home four days later and was able to return to school Jan. 3 when the "think factory" reopened after the all too brief holiday vacation.

Russell Rink underwent an operation at St. Luke's hospital in Chicago Dec. 28, when a thin slice of bone was removed from the hip bone and wired between two vertebrae. He suffered intensely for four days but by Jan. 2 had begun to improve.

Mrs. Rink has been going to Chicago every day. Roger does the chores and necessary work about the farm. Janice attends school, though she'd much prefer to visit her dad.

The annual reunion of the Leonard Shoger descendants, the brothers and sisters and their families, met with Mrs. Emma Shoger Jan. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fosgett and three children took his father William Fosgett to his home in Midlands, Mich. Dec. 30 and stayed over for New Years.

Jan. 12: Miss Shirlee Strothman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Strothman of Aurora became the bride of John Gengler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gengler of Oswego Saturday Jan. 7, at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. and Mrs. John Erickson.

Roy Hettrich left Jan. 5 for his annual vacation in Hawaii flying on the United Airlines with only one stop, and that in California.

Yorkville: I wish to announce that I will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for the office of Kendall County Treasurer in the primaries to be held April 11, 1950.

Your support at the polls will be much appreciated.

THEODORE E. GERRY

Oswego, Illinois

Jan. 19: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shoger and Dr. and Mrs. Russell P. Armbruster entertained Sunday at the Shoger home for their mother, Mrs. Emma Shoger, who was observing her 75th birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Johnson have another son, born Sunday, Jan. 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gengler, who started on a trip to California right after Christmas, returned Jan. 13. They visited friends in Shreveport, La., went west through Texas. The Genglers left Los Angeles on Jan. 9, drove through Las Vegas, N.M.; went sight-seeing at Boulder Dam and the Grand Canyon and then took Route 66 east, arriving home Jan. 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hoch went to Woodstock Jan. 14, to see his mother, who had suffered a stroke. We are sorry to report that she passed away Monday.

A lovely post holiday wedding took place Sunday evening, Jan. 15, at the Oswego Presbyterian church. The pastor, the Rev. Alan Darling, officiated at the double ring ceremony uniting Miss Joanne Delphine Woolley, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur M. Woolley, to Robert Dean Walper, son of the Arthur Walpers.

The bride graduated from Oswego Community high school with the class of '49 and is employed at Shuler's drug store. Mr. Walper graduated from the Oswego schools in 1944 and served for two and a half years in the U.S. Navy and at present is employed by the CB&Q railroad in Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Walper left on a wedding trip to Hot Springs, Ark and upon their return will reside with the bride's parents.

Jan. 26: Mrs. Ida B. Williams of Chicago, who spent the greater part of her life in the Oswego-Aurora vicinity, died Jan. 17. She was born Jan. 1, 1869 and is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Furr of Chicago; two sisters; and four brothers. Services were conducted by the Order of the Eastern Star in Chicago Jan. 18 and at the Healy chapel, Aurora, Jan. 20. Interment was in the Lincoln Highway cemetery.

Mrs. John Hoch, 77, died Jan. 16, at the Woodstock hospital from the results of a stroke suffered three days before.

Mrs. Hoch is survived by five sons and four daughters, and 21 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Grace Lutheran church, Jan. 19, with interment in the Woodstock cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hoch, who formerly lived on the Oswego-Plainfield road, moved to Woodstock 33 years ago. Mr. Hoch died in 1932.

Ernest Hoch of Tyler street, Oswego, one of the five sons, his wife, and several Oswego friends attended the funeral services.

February -- 1950

Feb. 2: "The White Sisters," as they are affectionately called by the townspeople, the Misses Jane and Agnes White, have resigned from active service in the Oswego library. The library for many years a project of the nineteenth Century Club, will continue with a twosome of the club's board members caring for the library each Wednesday. The misses White were Chicago businesswomen before they moved to Oswego. They took charge of the Oswego library and catalogued all the books arranging them for the convenience of the patrons.

David Campbell, high school senior who was so seriously injured north of Morris in an auto-truck accident last week, Jan. 29, was taken by the McKeown ambulance from the Morris hospital to the Copley hospital in Aurora. He received injuries to both hips, a brain concussion, many cuts and bruises.

Jackie Challis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Challis of Route 31, was seriously injured Jan. 26 when he got off the school bus in front of his home and was struck by an auto driven by a woman from Sandwich.

Many Oswego children have been having throat and ear infections recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gast have gone to Florida to spend February. Their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dadwell, are staying on the farm during their absence.

Ralph Smith and Michael Eich, accompanied by a Purina feeds salesman, left Jan. 29 to go to the Purina experimental farm at St. Louis as guests of the company.

The Oswego Mothers' club has completed its second season of free movies for children. The project was started in cooperation with the Oswego Recreation council. The programs were well received by the children with about 150 average attendance. Merchants of Oswego financed the project and the Presbyterian church donated the use of the church annex and the use of its equipment.

Feb. 9: Stanley Herren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Herren, graduated from Oswego High School in 1943, served as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division in the European Theatre, was honorably discharged and then attended the Northern Illinois College of Optometry and served on year as intern at the Northern Illinois Public Eye Clinic and graduated as Dr. Stanley Herren, optometrist. Dr. Herren now announces opening an office for the practice of optometry and visual training.

On Feb. 16, the Kendall County Home bureau has its annual play day to which the entire county is invited to enjoy a program of human interest stories, monologues, and character delineations by Miss Means.

Winston Cather, youngest of the five Cather boys, is now a papa--a daughter was born Jan. 31, and has been named Lana Mureen. They live in Aurora.

Don Cherry, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cherry, has enlisted for four years in the army air corps.

Millbrook: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Thurrow and Mr. and Mrs. George M. Hollenback had the pleasure of having the granddaughter of Chief Shabbona visit their homes Friday evening. The group of visitors included Mrs. Sue Dupuis, Chief Shabbona's granddaughter and her own granddaughter, Beverly Joe, both of Falls City, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Norris and two children of St. Charles; and Gertrude McDonald of Aurora. The callers came to see the "Painting the Picture" of Chief Shabbona, which is in the Hollenback home.

Feb. 16: Charles Schillinger, aged 85, died Feb. 8 at the home of his nephew, Robert Schillinger on Main street.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Lena Westphal of Aurora; by one brother in Germany; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the McKeown funeral home Feb. 10 with interment in the Lincoln Highway cemetery.

Barbara Woolley is home from the Western Illinois teachers' college at Macomb. The college is closed because of the coal shortage.

Mrs. Richard Young held a recital for her piano pupils and one organ pupil, Joan Foster, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McMicken had friends and neighbors at their home Wednesday evening as a farewell for Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lumbard, who are moving to a home they are building in Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. William Husband and sons went to Chicago Sunday to call on his mother, who is ill.

Mrs. Glen Leigh entertained a few neighbor ladies Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. Addie Jay. Mrs. Jay and son Robert are moving to the farm east of Oswego where Mr. and Mrs. Mike Eich have been living.

Come to the barn dance and box social in the OHS gym Saturday night of this week. There will be prizes, the boxes will be auctioned, lunch will be served, and there'll be fun for old and young.

Feb. 23: Oswego and the residents of the vicinity are all agog over the forthcoming big amateur contest, which is being sponsored by the Oswego Lions club with \$225 being given in prizes.

On Saturday morning, Feb. 18, Mary Evelyn Schuebeke of Aurora and Frederick Van Deventer of Oswego were married at St. Mary's church in Plano.

The happy couple are south on a trip and on returning will live in an apartment on New York street, Aurora. Mrs. Van Deventer, a graduate of East Aurora high school, is employed by the Bell Telephone company. Frederick is a graduate of the Oswego high school and is employed by the Chicago Sand and Gravel company.

Nellie Mitchell, 46, passed away Feb. 18 at the Copley Memorial hospital in Aurora after many months of suffering. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Martha Mitchell, with whom she made her home; her sister, Vera of Oswego; and Mrs. Bessie Hayes of Harvey; two brothers, Ray of South Milwaukee and Harry of Oswego. She was preceded in death by her father, Howard Mitchell and a brother, Albin.

Funeral services were held from the McKeown funeral home Feb. 20. Interment was in the Oswego cemetery.

Nellie Mitchell was a dear, sweet girl, beloved by her many friends in the church and Eastern Star and in the places of business where she had been employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Parkhurst moved last week into their new home just completed located across the driveway from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parkhurst south of town. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Parkhurst and two little daughters Gloria and Pamela are living in the apartment over the store building on the corner of Main and Washington streets recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Parkhurst.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Denney have a daughter, born Feb. 15 at the Copley Memorial Hospital. The little miss has been named Dawn Annette. There is an older child in the family, 2-1/2 year-old Richard Wayne.

A Dave Campbell benefit basketball game will be played Friday night, Feb. 24, at the Oswego high school gym between the Yorkville grades and the Oswego grades at 7 p.m.

Dave was injured in a head-on truck-car collision about a month ago and remains confined in the Copley hospital.

March -- 1950

March 2: Items following were meant for last week but the telephone service went out before they were telephoned to the *Kendall County Record*; Mrs. Hammond of Wolf's Crossing who was recently left a widow, has taken her three children and gone to Paris, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Alex Harvey Sr. celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Feb. 16.

The fire department keeps in practice--three fires in less than a week

A roof fire at the Oscar Rohr home on Madison street burned two holes in the roof.

A much more serious fire was at the Donald R. Clark commercial feed barn near the Pierce Cemetery. The inside of the barn was gutted, several tons of chicken feed were ruined, and 40 laying hens were killed. The Clark Hatchery is in another building and was not harmed.

On Sunday morning, Feb. 26, the fire department was called to Mr. Mead's tool shop back of the Orr service station and garage. The fire started from a stove and the shop was damaged but not lost.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Shuler of the Drug store Shuler's that is, returned Saturday evening, Feb. 25, from a delightful trip of two weeks in the south.

Tell the "Rural Woman" if she would empty her kerosene lamps and wash the wicks when she put them back in the cupboard the next time she had occasion to use them they wouldn't be "smelly and smoky." -- Voice of Experience.

A large crowd of friends and neighbors met for a farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Ted Youngman Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Youngman, who have lived on the Will Condon farm for 34 years, will soon move to a home on Franklin street in Aurora.

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March 9: Mr. and Ms. Clarence Johnson of Main Street had as their guests at a Sunday night supper Mr. and Mrs. Lewie Matile of Joliet.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Lippy and the little ones, David and Cynthia Ann, moved Saturday into their new home on Garfield avenue. The house has been built during the winter and the interior is finished with some outside work yet to be done.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hafenrichter have purchased the new residence on Park avenue from Harold Schobert which he is just finishing building. Mr. and Mrs. Hafenrichter and Leonard will move in as soon as the house is completed, a beautiful home for retired farmers.

Because of uncertainties of the heating situation and the possibilities that it would not be settled the big Lions Club Amateur Show has been limited to one night only. According to the plan announced this week, the program will be presented in the Oswego High School gym Saturday evening, March 18, at 6 p.m.

March 16: Mr. and Mrs. Warren Norris and sons David and Mark returned from a southwestern trip March 10. They left Feb. 22, taking Mrs. Norris' mother to her home in Murdock, Neb., then going on to Albuquerque, N.M., to visit Mr. Norris' brother in law and sister, the Rev. and Mrs. Willis Plapp and their two children, Lynn and Gregory. Mrs. Plapp, the former Margaret Norris, is very well known in this vicinity.

Roy Hettrich left Oswego Jan. 5 for Honolulu, Hawaii, and returned March 9. He made the trip by air both ways, with the United Airlines, returning in a double-decker, which made the trip of Honolulu to San Francisco in eight and one-half hours.

Mrs. J. Stanley Drew and baby son, Todd Scott, returned home March 15, from the Copley Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walper of Oswego were united in marriage Jan. 15, 1950 at the Presbyterian church in Oswego by the Rev. Alan Darling. Mrs. Walper was Miss Joann Woolley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur M. Woolley, and Mr. Walper is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Walper.

March 23: The Oswego Parent-Teacher association met March 14 with Leona Connery of Aurora as guest speaker. She gave an interesting talk on "Homes in Other Countries" where she has traveled.

Officers elected for 1950-51 were: President, Mrs. Bert Salmons; vice-president, Mrs. Harold Jump; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Richard Jericho; recording secretary, Mrs. Russell Rink; and treasurer, Mrs. Carl Ekstrom.

There are now 299 members in the Oswego parent-teacher group.

A large number of Oswegoans attended the International exhibits and program presented by the Kendall County Home bureau at the Yorkville school gym last Friday and Saturday.

Dwight Foster is out of quarantine and has gone back to his school duties in the first grade.

Chuckie Perrin, who has been suffering with rheumatic fever for some time, is now a patient in the Copley hospital, where he may obtain added treatment.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Tooley of Madison street, a ten-pound, two-ounce girl, at the Copley Memorial hospital in Aurora, March 19.

March 31: Reeve Thompson of the music department of the Oswego school, with ten pupils as entries in Class D, attended a district solo contest at Harvey Saturday, March 25. First places were won by five girls; Flute, Elaine Fosgett; clarinet, Eleanor Fosgett; piano, Reta Zimmerman; trombone, Joann Foster; baritone, Ann Shuler. Five placed second: Piano, Arthur Baumgartner; vocal, Joan Wheeler and Pat Corrick; in sextet freshman singing; and in senior girls' sextet.

The annual business meeting of the Oswego Cemetery Association will be held at the Town Hall Saturday evening, April 1.

The friends of Mrs. Jerry Tate are pleased to hear that she has had more of her writing accepted and published and paid for, too. One of her latest is a poem published in the March issue of Good Housekeeping Magazine. Mrs. Tate, the older daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Young, writes under the nom de plume Narcissa Young. With her later prose writings she uses her name, Velma Tate.

The firemen's banquet was given in the Masonic dining room March 28. Mr. Weber of Aurora showed pictures of a western trip.

April -- 1950

April 6: A fire on the Chris Herren farm April 1 burned a room on the end of the club house and damaged the club house. Herbert Albert, an employee of the Barber-Greene company in Aurora who made his home in this large room, lost almost all of his possessions, including clothing and money.

The Oswego Fire department did some quick work to save other buildings.

The Busy Bee club met with Mrs. Howard Gengler April 5.

Our gravel roads are not worth mentioning, full of holes and soft where autos get stuck and have to be pulled out with tractors.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hafenrichter and son Leonard are moving into the new home on the corner of Park avenue and Jay Street.

Dr. and Mrs. M.R. Saxon and three children returned Saturday from a three-week vacation in Florida.

April 13: On Saturday evening, April 8, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ricketts and family attended the wedding of his sister, Helene Rehm, and Richard Yurs at the Lutheran church in St. Charles. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles ricketts, on Illinois avenue, Aurora. The newlyweds are on a trip in the Smoky Mountains and on returning will live in the bride's home in St. Charles.

Mrs. Yurs soldier husband, Warren Rehm, died two years ago. She had a two year-old son.

Jessie Walper and Clifford Schillinger, both of Oswego, ware married April 2 by the Rev. James Bunch at the Federated church parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Schillinger have a small apartment in the home of the father, Robert Schillinger, on Main street. Clifford is employed in the Burlington shops and Jessie has been at Barber-Greene in Aurora since her graduation in 1948.

What weather for an Easter in April! —something of which to tell your grandchildren in years to come. Wind and rain for 24 hours, every tree and shrub covered with a quarter-inch of ice, gravel roads very bad, highways and sidewalks in town not so bad. More like Christmas than Easter.

Audrey Weidert, 5 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Weidert, enjoyed a birthday party Saturday afternoon, April 8, with a number of friends and guests.

After winning an "A" rating in the district music contest at Lockport, the Oswego Junior High a capella choir under the direction of Reeve Thompson, advanced to the sectional contest at the Washington School in Peru. There on Thursday, March 30, they won another "A" rating. This gives them the privilege of going to Springfield April 21 to compete in the state contest. The members of the a capella chorus are David Rogerson, Sandra Nutt, Elnathan Claassen, Geri Jump, Sharon Ross, Janet Vinson, Wilma Penn, Janice Friebele, Delores Zentmyer, James Plocher, Ronald Akerlow, Mike Kontos, Dean Shoger, Gene McDowell, Connie Smith, David Gengler, Arlo Bower, Donald Smith, Barbara Shultz, Leah Baker, Delores Cordas, Beverly Kanning, Pat Cordas, and Louise Norris.

April 20: The senior class of the Oswego high school is presenting the play, "Here Comes Charlie," a three-act comedy in the school gym Friday and Saturday, April 21-22.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nutt of Washington Street, have broken ground on Tyler street for a new residence to be built this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Sergerson and daughters have moved to the farm formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. George Hafenrichter. The Hafenrichters are now located in their new home on the corner of Park and Jefferson.

The WCTU met April 17 in the choir room in the Presbyterian church.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cherry have a son born April 10 at the Copley hospital. The little fellow has been given the name Robert Scott. There are two little daughters in the family, Susan and Carol.

April 27: Reeve Thompson and several of the parents of the grade school chorus of 24 members motored to Ipava April 21 to compete with eight other grade schools and received a grade of 91-92, and a banner representing a "B" rating.

The Oswego Fire Department was called last week to the farm formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ted Youngman where a fire supposedly started by the children of the family living there started in a pile of baled hay. The department was also called to NaAuSay last week.

May -- 1950

May 4: The religious film, "Prejudice," was shown by the Youth Fellowship at the Presbyterian Church Sunday evening showing lessons in tolerance to those who attended.

May 11: The nineteen seniors of the Oswego High School, accompanied by their class advisor, William Warren and his wife, and Superintendent and Mrs. T. Loyd Traugher, spent the weekend on a Chicago tour.

Forty members of the Oswego school chorus participated in the Fox Valley Music Festival at Elgin May 8.

Wilbur Peshia, an insurance adjuster (and he needs it) is in the Copley Memorial Hospital with a fractured leg suffered in an auto accident May 8, when the auto he was driving on a highway near Kaneville was wrecked by a car driven off a side road.

May 18: On Friday, May 12, the juniors of the Oswego High School entertained the seniors, faculty and the board members at a dinner dance in the school gym. The theme of the evening was "Ye Olde South." A delicious ham dinner was prepared by the junior mothers, with the sophomore boys dressed as colored waiters, serving the meal in typical southern style. Dinner music was furnished by Roger Voughtman's orchestra.

On May 21, the high school Baccalaureate service will be held at the Federated church with the Rev. Alan darling delivering the sermon.

On Sunday May 28, the memorial chimes will be dedicated to the Presbyterian church. The Rev. Raymond V. Kearns, former pastor, will be the guest minister for the service.

May 28: The high school commencement exercises will be held on Friday evening, May 26, at the school gym. There are 20 in the graduating class. Members of the class are Thomas Edwin Alex, Oswego; Ruth Elaine Baker, Plainfield; Ruth Lorraine Baker, Oswego; Norma Jean Book, Aurora; Dorothy Elizabeth Calvert, Oswego; David Allan Campbell, Oswego; Donald Nelson Conklin, Oswego; Roger Lee Eichelberger, Oswego; Clemet Rowland Eyer, Aurora; Lloyd Thomas Faul, Oswego; Gene Herren, Oswego; Richard Charles Heiman, Oswego; Richard Eugene Hutchings, Oswego; Brona Lu Ode, Oswego; Donald Ernest Plocher, Aurora; Thomas George Traughber, Oswego; Lu Ann Walper, Oswego; Joanne Elizabeth Wheeler, Yorkville; Nan Cecilia Weishew, Oswego; and Reta Marie Zimmerman, Aurora.

Eighth grade graduation exercises were held May 25 in the high school gym. Class members included Ronald Akerlow, Jean Alex, Leah Baker, Cherril Barger, William Betzviser, Elnathan Claassen, Gerald Cowger, Barbara Davis, Janice Friebele, Catherine Gowran, Patricia Jackson, Mary Jericho, Billy Lewis, Deloris Marvin, Gene McDowell, Robert Nelson, Sandra Nutt, Wilma Penn, James Plocher, Danny Rebhorn, David Rogerson, Ronald Rohr, Ronald Schlapp, Dean Shoger, Constance Smith, Patricia Smith, Ralph Smith, William Strukel, Jerome Traughber, Russell Turner, Regina Van Deventer, Mary Belle Van Etten, and Paul Weimer.

#### Yorkville: Public Notice

The schoolhouse building and all appurtenances thereto (including other structures on the school house lot) commonly known as the Squires School located on the following described property: A part of the northwest quarter of Section 10, Township 37 North, Range 8 East of the Third Principal Meridian;

The schoolhouse building and all appurtenances thereto (including other structures on the schoolhouse lot) commonly known as the Russell School located on the following described property: A fraction of the northeast quarter of Section 32, Township 37, Range 8 East of the Third Principal Meridian.

The schoolhouse building and all other appurtenances thereto (including other structures on the schoolhouse lot) commonly known as the Harvey School on premises located in the southwest quarter of Section 12, Township 37, Range 8 East of the Third Principal Meridian.

The schoolhouse building and all appurtenances thereto (including other structures on the schoolhouse lot) commonly known as the Grove School on premises located in the southeast quarter of Section 5, Township 36, Range 8 East of the Third Principal Meridian.

The schoolhouse building and all appurtenances thereto (including other structures on the schoolhouse lot) commonly known as the Cutter School located on a part of Section 24, Township 37 North, Range 8 East of the Third Principal Meridian, commencing at the southeast corner of land formerly in the possession of one Isaac Foote lying north of the Ottawa and Oswego road and on a corner of a road leading from said Ottawa and Oswego road to Fox River.

June -- 1950

June 1: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Wagner of Aurora announce the engagement of their daughter, Clara Mae, to William Dean Paydon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Paydon, of Plainfield.

The memorial chimes at the Presbyterian Church given in memory of Ms. Beth Darling and Mrs. Stella Shephard Woolley were dedicated at the morning service Sunday, May 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Lantz and family of Aurora visited at the Harvey Eichelberger home Sunday afternoon.

Marshall Tate, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Tate, received injuries Saturday, which could have been very serious. Mrs. Tate and three sons were in Aurora and while the mother went into the crowded post office, she left the boys on the cement steps outside. An iron lamppost fell, striking Marshall a glancing blow on the head. He was taken to a clinic for x-ray and treatment, and although there was profuse bleeding from a scalp wound, no serious injury was indicated.

June 8: The marriage of Miss Anna Schumann, daughter of Mrs. Frieda Schumann of Loup City, Neb., to the Rev. Alan B Darling, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Oswego, took place Thursday, June 1, at the Schumann home.

The Rev. Mr. Darling is the son of Mrs. Forrest Wanless of Mabel, Minn.

After a reception, the couple left for a trip in the Colorado mountains. They will be at home at the manse on Madison street, Oswego, after June 11.

The people of this area are exceedingly thankful for the generous rainfall last week.

An accident which might have been much more serious occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Eichelberger June 1. Mr. Eichelberger is having a new silo erected on his farm on the Plainfield road, and the scaffolding gave way and a workman, George Scamn of Morris, who is employed by the Midwest Silo company, fell 30 feet. He was taken to a hospital where it was found that besides severe bruises only one wrist and a collarbone were fractured. He is doing well at his home in Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ebinger attended the 25th reunion of his North Central college graduating class Saturday.

Warren and Phyllis Ebinger came home Monday for the summer vacation from North Central college.

NaAuSay: The Grove schoolhouse was sold Saturday to a man from Bristol Station. The price was \$190. The land at this school did not go with the building, but reverted back to the Charles Clark farm. The sale of the Grove School evoked a flood of memories to former students and if you will look on page 6, column 1, you will find under the heading, "In Memoriam," a few nostalgic thoughts by a former student.

Plattville: Miss Ruth Fletcher of Evanston is spending a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T.A. Fletcher.

Miss Fletcher will graduate June 12 from Northwestern university in Evanston. She will receive the degree of bachelor of science and education.

Yorkville: Word has been received from Springfield by the Yorkville Lions club that a decision has been reached to erect 4-way stop signs at the intersections of Routes 47 and 71.

Specially-trained gas men from the Western United Gas and Electric company will begin making calls at all homes and stores in Yorkville next week preparatory to the introduction of natural gas.

The conversion from the present mixed gas to straight natural gas is dictated by large increases in the use large building development in recent years, which have combined to tax the present facilities to capacity, it was said.

The gas service men will visit all customers' premises to adjust the burners on gas stoves, water heaters, furnaces, and other gas appliances preparatory to turning the new natural gas into the local distribution system.

“In Memoriam”

Yes, neighbor--it came to pass.

On June 3rd, at 1:30 p.m. the auctioneer's gavel called for bids--and very soon it was “sold to the highest bidder.” Yes--sold was the old landmark of 100 years--Grove School, District 41, sold for \$190. But that which was sold was the material part of the school. Never can the spiritual and educational side be sold--those are memories--sweet memories and sad memories to all who passed through that educational door.

We pause a moment to look back over the years and to meditate on the influence of the old Grove school. From its portals went such men and women as State Rep. Charles Cherry; veterinarian Charles Clark; Alfred Klomhaus, M.D.; school leader Ralph Schlapp, president of the Oswego Grade school board; church and civic leader Mrs. Deborah Cherry Hall; and many others you will remember.

As your thoughts drift back through time, you will recall the day Hugh Goudie Sr. ducked a chunk of coal hurled by Abbie Lucas' daughter. The coal, well, it took out the window and Goudie and Alvie Cooney followed hastily behind it. What happened next seems hard to remember. In later years there was the recess when Helen Cherry, now Mrs. Allen Campbell, tore around the corner and met head-on with Glenn Schlapp. Result: one chipped tooth on Glenn and a slightly sore head on Helen. After winter study hours came the cold rides in the big bob-sled behind old Belle and Daisy. The runners squeaked in the deep snow and sundogs shimmered over the trees as Dad drove us home. Schlapps, Goudies, Garbes, all rode along; or it may have been a Walsh or Denman, according to the year.

There was that warm fall day when Jack Cherry hurled an apple core directly in the path of the speeding car of Robert Stewart Sr. The apple core smeared up the windshield and the driver stopped. For a few moments the excitement was a bit tense.

Another day George Denman's team ran away with a load of furniture and Mr. Denman was injured.

Through all its history this school saw race tolerance in a way no other Kendall county school experienced. For much of that time, colored folks attended: Lucases, Simmons, Tom Sims, Queen Victoria Northcross, and others.

You will recall names of teachers: Clara Jessup, Pearl Manor (Mrs. James Goudie Sr.) among them. There was Ed Faxon, who taught in the days when men grown and who out of school hours courted Ida Cherry, a former Grove school pupil. Today the influence of Grove school reaches beyond its district to the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Faxon, the present Republican candidate for County Judge, Robert Sears.

Yes, it's all history now, the old landmark will soon be one forever, but the old hill you used to coast on remains and the memory of the girl you held hands with is still there.

Yes, it is progress on the march. After a hundred years we feel that the building has served its purpose.

We bow our heads in memory and raise our eyes to the future of education with renewed hope. We of District 41 mourn the passing of the county school. Its memory will come back many times to us as we pass the site of the old building and gaze out over the green-tinted valley of cultivated land which it overlooked.

Farewell, old Grove. You served us well. May we, in turn, keep your good deeds alive.

CLERK OF THE NOW-

PAST DISTRICT 41

June 15: Huntwood, the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Hunt, midway between Oswego and Yorkville on Route 34, will be the setting Wednesday June 21 for the annual picnic of the Kendall County Women's Republican club.

Edward Everett Dirksen, Republican candidate for U.S. Senator, will be the speaker for the occasion.

Men are especially invited to be present to hear this gifted speaker.

NaAuSay: Emmett McCauley donated the black walnut lumber and Henry Wheeler donated the work and a beautiful lectern has been constructed for the junior room at the AuSable church.

Yorkville: Nearly 500 boys and girls of the Aurora area, including Kendall county, the latter represented by schools at Newark, Oswego, and Millbrook, were rewarded for their services as school patrol members at the annual school patrol picnic, which was held at Mooseheart Saturday, June 3.

June 22: On Wednesday evening, June 14, at the home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. John Jessup, William Dean Paydon and Miss Clara May Wagner were united in marriage. Master Ted Paydon and his sister, Dianne, nephew and niece of the bridegroom, acted as ring-bearer and flower girl.

Merrill Cherry won a gold medal at the Decatur Rifle Shoot on June 18 in the 50 yard, and sights competition.

Oswego voters were being asked to approve a \$30,000 bond issue for the purpose of improving village streets during a July 18 referendum.

Oswego Scoutmaster Ford Lippold and two Boy Scouts, Gene McDowell and David Rogerson, were ready to leave for Camp Blackhawk in Buchanan, Mich. on June 23. From there, they planned to travel to the International Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pa, where 47,000 scouts from around the world were expected to attend.

The watercolor painting of the famed Hebert Shop, one of 50 paintings comprising the "Our Landmarks" collection of the Western United Gas and Electric Company, was presented by the utility company to the Oswego Community High School at the regular board meeting, it was announced this week by Superintendent. T. Loyd Traugher. The entire collection of famous historical landmark pictures painted three years ago by John Dukes McKee, well-known Chicago artist, is being given away to local schools, libraries and other groups for permanent display. The Hebert Shop, like all the other northern Illinois landmarks, now preserved in watercolors by McKee, was originally featured as a pen and ink sketch in the utility's monthly service bulletin. Now the structure is being used as a residence. Oliver Hebert, of Quebec, went to Oswego where in 1852 he founded his home with shop attached at the rear. Its stone walls had to be thick enough to make window seats in every room. A wagon and carriage maker, Mr. Hebert also invented the Hebert road cart, a two-wheeler, which was used for racing. The picture will be hung permanently in a place of honor in the new Community high school building. [Editor's note: The painting now hangs in the Little White School Museum.]

June 29: The season for free movies for the children will begin July 1, in the [Presbyterian Church] annex.

The Fox Valley Amateur Radio league met from 4 p.m. June 24 until 4 p.m. June 25 on the Ernest Pfund grounds, operating steadily for 24 hours. This is part of a national meeting with contests to determine what district can contact the most stations.

Eugene Evans of Oswego received a message from Boise City trying to reach a family in Maywood. Mr. Evans took the message and phoned to Maywood.

The men of the league were located in tents with a refreshment stand on the ground and the affair attracted much attention.

The Oswego 4-H boys' softball team won their first game of inter-cub competition this summer by beating the Little Rock Future Farmers, 22-11.

Oswego players were David King, David Nelson, Charles Ricketts, Glenn Leifheit, Jim Plocher, Robert Nelson, Stuart Woolley, and John Bazan.

Yorkville: The Hi-Lite 30 Drive-In Theatre at U.S. Route 30 and Montgomery Road between Montgomery and Aurora was showing "The Fighting Kentuckian" starring John Wayne, plus a bonus five select cartoons on Friday and Saturday nights. On Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday the feature was "The Kid from Texas," a Super Technicolor western starring Audie Murphy.

The Trustees of Schools of Township No. 37, Range No. 7 [Bristol Township] will sell at public sale on the respective premises the following described property:

1. The school building and all other structures on the school house lot, which said school building is commonly known as the Gorton School;
2. The school house site known as the Gorton School site;

3. The school building and all other structures on the school house lot, which said school building is commonly known as the Raymond School;
4. The school house site known as the Raymond School site.

July -- 1950

July 6: The marriage of Miss Barbara Jane Woolley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Woolley of Oswego to Delbert L. Woodford of Adair, Ill. took place Friday evening at the First Presbyterian Church in Oswego. Miss Phyllis Ebinger was the organist. Christine Wheeler of NaAuSay, the flower girl, wore a white organza gown styled like that of the candle lighter Margaret Darling. A reception for 200 guests was held immediately following the ceremony in the church annex.

Everett McKinley Dirksen, Republican nominee for the U.S. Senate from Illinois, spoke at the annual Kendall County Women's Republican Club picnic on Wednesday, July 21, on the estate of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hunt, Huntwood. Referring to the national conditions at present, Mr. Dirksen said: "We know we are headed toward socialism or communism, we know we stand for freedom, liberty, and justice for all and we know in order to preserve our American way of life the same spirit which prevailed in Lincoln should prevail in us."

Mrs. L.J. Weishew has been staying at her cottage in Rhinelander, Wis.

Jim Hoch is vacationing in Rhinelander, Wis.

NaAuSay: The families along the Grove road have had 15 days' notice to take down their fences so that work may be begun anytime on the new black-top road.

July 13: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leigh have returned from their wedding trip and are housekeeping in the Leigh cottage on Route 31.

On Saturday evening, July 8, Mrs. Mary Bickford and Mrs. Oliver Burkhart attended the seventh reunion in 46 years of their East High graduating class.

Orzo T. Mills, airman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Foss of Oswego, recently reported for duty with Fleet Aircraft Service Squadron 106 at the naval operating base in Argentia, Newfoundland.

Mills, who entered the naval service June 7, 1949, received his recruit training at the naval training center at Great lakes.

Before entering the navy, he attended the Oswego high school.

Stanley Peterson, Al Shuler and Ronald Smith are on a fishing trip in Canada this week.

Yorkville: One of the most unusual homes in the country has been designed by Bruce Goff Read of the architectural school at the University of Oklahoma and is being erected at the corner of Edgelawn Drive and Southlawn Place Aurora by Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Ford. The house, circular in shape is practically one large room. Its unusual foundation is built of anthracite coal set in white

mortar and huge pieces of raw green glass are used to add color. The roof and sides are covered with green cypress siding, which conceals the steel rib structure of the framework. Between the roof and the walls, plate glass will be installed horizontally and above the glass will be a row of fluorescent lights, which will glow through the glass. The cement floor will be painted black and throw rugs will be used. Radiant heating is being installed, and natural lighting will be furnished through skylights. Ventilators are installed higher in the building. Mrs. Ford, proudly claimed by Aurora, is a world famous artist known as Ruth VanSickle Ford.

July 20: James Drake, 28, of Oswego was instantly killed Saturday night in a collision with a Burlington Trailways bus at the corner of New York and Union streets in Aurora.

Oscar Rohr, of Madison Street, suffered a stroke last week. He is the Oswego night police. A veteran of World War I, he expects to go to the veterans' hospital at Dwight for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Finley Paydon of Annapolis, Md., are with his home folks for a few weeks this summer. Finley is a teacher at the Annapolis Naval Academy.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Morse had a sale of farm equipment and household goods July 15 and are leaving soon for an extended vacation trip before they settle in a new location.

Al Shuler, Stanley Peterson, and Ronnie Smith returned from their week's fishing trip at Kenora, Canada Sunday night. They had a good time and good luck fishing.

There are many cases of summer colds in and about Oswego.

Mrs. William Husband had as her guest at the Oswego home bureau unit picnic July 11 her friend, Mrs. Leonard Sherman and two children of Hinsdale, who had driven out to spend the day with her.

July 27: Gregg Gabel, 4, of Yorkville spent last week with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Burkhart.

The engagement of Miss Marilyn Gabrielson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Gabrielson of Aurora, to Robert Constantine, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Constantine of Oswego, has been announced. The wedding date is Aug. 19.

Oswego Cub Scout Pack 31 and their families enjoyed a most delicious pot luck supper and wiener roast at Camp Ka-De-Ka, Friday evening, July 21.

Mrs. Hazel Avery Hart, 61, died at her home in Oswego July 17 following a lingering illness. Surviving are her husband, William C. Hart; a sister, Mrs. Gene Blum of California; an uncle, Cyrus Avery of Aurora; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at the McKeown funeral home July 20, with interment in the Wheaton cemetery.

Mrs. Hart was a member of the Oswego Presbyterian church.

The H.B. Tates of El Paso were calling on Oswego friends Saturday.

Yorkville: The Rural Woman [Katherine "Kit" Naden] in her weekly "Ordinary Things" column observed: "A sower went forth to sow" last spring and this week he's reaping a harvest. The seed fell on good ground for look at the fields with their growth of yellow grain. In this mechanized age, the whole process of harvesting is done by machinery. But who wouldn't enjoy one of those larruping 'thrashing' dinners of ye older time?"

August -- 1950

Aug. 3: The Rural Woman may have her "larruping thrashing dinners," but as for this correspondent, after nearly 50 years of threshing, she is glad the farmers have combines. And did she forget that we used to have threshing suppers, too, for several days--maybe a week if it rained--and for about 20 men? Something about which the modern farmer's wife knows nothing of--the long, hot days of preparation. But it was fun, too, if one had good health.

Kenneth Bohn underwent an appendectomy July 28 and came home the first of the week to recuperate.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Cather of Oswego have a son, born July 27, their second child. The seven pound five ounce boy has been given the name Kevin Bruce.

Dr. and Mrs. M.R. Saxon have a daughter, born July 28, named Sally Helen. There are three older children, the twins, Kathie and Karla, and the little son, Bobby.

Aug. 10: Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cather are the parents of a son, born in an Aurora hospital Aug. 6.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Loyd Traughber on Main Street Sunday a group of 51 gathered for a reunion and picnic dinner. Included were two board members and their wives and the teachers and their families who taught at Lee Center when Mr. Traughber was superintendent there between the years 1947 and 1948.

Kenneth Bohn, who was home recuperating from a recent appendectomy, was taken seriously ill last week and is again in St. Joseph's Hospital attended by two physicians.

Arthur W. Ode, 51, of Oswego died suddenly at his home Aug. 4. He was born in Plano Aug. 20, 1898. Funeral services were held at the McKeown funeral home with interment in the Oswego cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Myrtle; a daughter, Ramona; his father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ode of Oswego; three sisters, Mrs. May Risch of Plainfield, Mrs. Edna Ransford of Aurora, and Mrs. Genevieve Porter of Graybull, Wyo.; and a brother, Carl, of Oswego. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Mrs. Esther S. Cutter, formerly of Oswego, now of Los Angeles, Calif., announces the marriage of her daughter, Louise, to Lt. Richard M. Woodard of the United States Marine corps in the naval air station chapel in San Diego, Calif. The marriage took place July 28.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the home of the bride's brother, Commander Slade Cutter of the navy, who is stationed in San Diego as commander of submarine division 32. The girls who were detasseling corn on the Wheeler farm finished two strenuous weeks of work on Aug. 8. Commander Cutter gave his sister in marriage and Fred Cutter, another brother of the bride, served Lt. Woodard as best man.

The newlyweds first met in San Francisco in 1947 where the bride has been serving at the reservation desk in the office of the United Air Lines for the past three years.

Lt. Woodard plans to leave with his unit for Korea in the near future and during his absence Mrs. Woodard will transfer to the Los Angeles office of the air lines company and reside with her mother.

Mrs. Harold Tregillus of Largo, Fla., is a guest at the home of her son, Billy Tregillus and wife.

Ford Lippold gave an excellent account of the Boy Scout Jamboree held at Valley Forge at the morning service at the Federated Church Aug. 6. He, David Rogerson and Gene McDowell of Oswego attended the Jamboree.

#### Yorkville: ORDINARY THINGS

By The Rural Woman

Dear, dear, what a panning Sister Walker gave us for that innocent remark f ours on thrashing dinners. We, too, in the dim past have helped prepare dinners and suppers for thrashers. Yea, even breakfasts for the engineer, separator man and mebe the water boy. And we've gone through rainy days when the pantry was full of food and the pork roast spoil and the pies got soft, etc., etc.

Be that as it may, we enjoy a tilt with our Presbyterian friend who never leaves a sting in her quips but ends on a gracious note. However, she is NOT to read the last of this paragraph for fear of rise in temperature. Sh, sh, we have just heard that a neighborhood in the northeast corner of the county sill serves these larruping threshing dinners. It came straight from an elder in a meeting house whose initials are Allen McMicken.

Aug. 17: Elaine and Eileen Matile, Eleanor Fosgett and Sylvia Ebinger from La Menu Modelle 4-H Club; Catherine Gowran of the merry Maids Club, and Ada Mighell of the Modern Miss 4-H Club went to the State Fair at Springfield Aug. 10. Eileen Matile rated with one of the three top demonstrations of yeast breads.

Kenneth Bohn's condition remains about the same this morning, slightly improved from ten days ago.

Notice the change of date of the Vermont Cousins picnic and reunion. It is to be held at the Cross Lutheran school south of Yorkville on Sept. 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Cherry, Ashley and Kathie attended a rifle match at Wheaton Aug. 13. Merrill won a first place medal in the expert class at 50 meters.

The Earl Zentmyer family returned from a two week vacation in their cottage at Gordon, Wis. Aug. 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Young are the parents of a son, David Charles, born at the Copley Memorial Hospital Aug. 14. He weighed eight pounds five ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Woolley are enjoying a WLS tour to the west coast.

Aug. 24: At a candlelight service Saturday evening, Aug. 19, in Immanuel Lutheran church, Aurora, Miss Marilyn Gabriel son, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Gabrielson, Aurora, became the bride of John Robert Constantine, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Constantine of Oswego. Following a trip through the west, the couple will reside in Oswego where Mr. Constantine farms.

The bride was graduated from east Aurora high school and has been employed in the office of the Lyon Metal Products company. The bridegroom is a graduate of the Oswego high school.

The First Presbyterian church of Oswego was the scene of a beautiful wedding Saturday afternoon when Miss Carol H. Klein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Val M. Klein of North Aurora was united in marriage to William W. Sleezer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Sleezer of Oswego. After a wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Sleezer will reside in Aurora.

The bride is a graduate of East Aurora high school and is employed by the Illinois Bell Telephone company. The bridegroom is a carpenter and at present is working in Oswego.

Kenneth Bohn continues to improve at the St. Joseph hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Loyd Traugher and family have moved into the residence on Washington Street owned by the school district, which has been remodeled and redecorated from the home economics house. Their new telephone number is 4-4401.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tregillus have a daughter, born Aug. 19 at the Copley Memorial hospital. Mrs. Harold Tregillus of Largo, Fla., is here caring for her three grandchildren while the mother is in the hospital.

August weather has made a record--an unusual one for August with the thermometer going down in the 40s for several mornings. And did you see the beautiful display of northern lights Saturday night?

Quite some excitement in this vicinity last week when the two convicts escaped from Stateville.

Culver Cherry surprised his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Cherry, by coming home to spend Sunday. Culver has graduated from the airplane and engine school at Sheppard field, Wichita Falls, Tex., and has been transferred to Chanute field, Rantoul, where he will be under instruction for the net 8 to 12 weeks. Coming from a 105 degree Texas temperature to chilly Illinois was quite an experience, but hot or cold, Illinois looks good to him.

Edward and Melvin Lantz of Aurora are visiting their cousins at the Harvey Eichelberger home this week.

Yorkville: The fall institute for rural school teachers will be held at the Yorkville High school Aug. 29. The morning session will be addressed by Lowell Kuntz, instructor in music at Illinois State Normal university, who will speak on methods and materials used in teaching music. The afternoon session will be under the direction of Miss Mary Arnold, assistant professor and supervising teacher in the third grade, Metcalf school, Normal, Ill. Miss Arnold will speak on "The Teaching of Geography."

NaAuSay: Bill McCauley came home from the Illinois State fair with his three steers, which he had exhibited. In the 4-H junior middleweight class, he placed fourth, fifth, and sixth; in the open pen of three, he placed second; and in the open individual class, fourth and fifth.

Aug. 31: The Oswego Community High School and the Oswego Consolidated Grade School will open for the fall term on Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning. Oswego High School pupils will report in the gymnasium of the old school for registration and books. Locker assignments in the new high school will be given. Progress of installation of toilet facilities and floor tile will determine when the new building can be occupied. At present, the contractor and architect promise enough rooms for the skeleton program. The board feels that should four more days be needed for completion of installations, that classes should be postponed until Monday, Sept. 11.

The grade school will open Tuesday, Sept. 5, and classes will start regularly Wednesday. Grades 2 and 3 will occupy the little [White] school. Grades 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 will occupy the present grade school building. When all of the classrooms in the new high school building are completed, the seventh and eighth grades will move there. This should not take more than two weeks. There will be two sections of each grade except the third and fifth grades. Assignments to these sections will be made so that heterogeneous grouping will result. There will be no grouping based upon mental achievements, pupil choice or teacher preference.

The buses will start their routes in much the same way as they ended last spring. Adjustments will be made to accommodate pupils within the policy of the boards. They will run clockwise from Oswego.

Rural attendance centers operating this year will be McCauley School, Marysville School, and Willow Hill School. The first three grades will occupy the McCauley and Willow Hill schools; grades four, five, and six will be taught at the Marysville School.

#### High School Faculty

The high school faculty for the ensuing year is as follows: T. Loyd Traugher, superintendent; Donald R. Clark, principal and biological sciences; Earl Anderson, physical science and mathematics; William Warren, social sciences and coach; David Wise, vocational agriculture and shop; Reeve Thompson, music; Barbara Laun, English and Spanish; Elizabeth Sanders, commerce; Charlotte Gueither, vocational home economics and girls' physical education.

#### Grade Faculty

##### Junior High

Lowell Polley, boys' physical education, science, geography, health, assistant principal; Mrs. Helen Nesemeier, language arts; Mrs. Norma Jean Schultz, mathematics, history, girls' physical education.

### Intermediate School

Charles Schultz, building principal, sixth grade, physical education; Mrs. Leone Bartholomew, sixth grade; Mrs. Ruth Gerry, fifth grade; Mrs. Ruth Worland, fourth grade; Mrs. Maxine Staley, fourth grade.

### Primary School

Mrs. Minnie McCoy, third grade; Mrs. Evelyn Woolley, second grade; Mrs. Gertrude Heffelfinger, second grade; Mrs. Thelma Davis, first grade; Mrs. Cleta Schuster, Willow Hill, grades one, two, three; Miss Mildred Vickery, Marysville, grades four, five, six; Mrs. Grace B. Jones, McCauley, grades one, two, three.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lippincott and family are moving into their new home on Park Avenue. W.W. Crimmin & Son were the contractors.

The Oswego Park District published their appropriation ordinance for the new fiscal year. The district expected to spend a total of \$2,500 for the year, including \$1,200 for supervision of park district programs.

Yorkville: It is announced that the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad will take two of the daily passenger trains off its Fox River branch run effective Tuesday, Sept. 5. The Fox River branch is the line which connects Streator and Aurora and serves the villages of Montgomery, Oswego, Yorkville, Fox, Millbrook, and Millington in Kendall county.

Effective Sept. 5, the only morning train will be from Aurora to Streator and this train will arrive in Yorkville at 8:03 a.m. daylight saving time. The only afternoon passenger train will be from Streator to Aurora and this train will arrive in Yorkville at 6:05 p.m., DST.

Taking off of these two trains has been the subject of much controversy for a long period of time, the Burlington officials contending that the company lost large amounts of money by continuing the trains with few passengers taking advantage of the service. The trains were removed from the schedule in accordance with permission granted by the Illinois Commerce commission.

### September -- 1950

Sept. 7: With only the immediate members of the two families present, the marriage of Patricia Ann Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan C. Campbell of Oswego, to Howard Lee Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Walker of Princeton, took place at the home of the bride's parents Saturday afternoon.

Following a brief honeymoon trip, the couple will reside in Springfield

The bride is a graduate of the Oswego Community high school and the University of Illinois, where she was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

The bridegroom is a graduate of the Princeton high school and attended the University of Wisconsin, Rutgers university, and graduated from the University of Illinois where he was affiliated with the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He is employed by Pillsbury mills in Springfield as a food chemist.

John McVicker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl McVicker of Oswego and Betsy Rose Woodall of Aurora, daughter of Wilson E. Woodall were married Saturday, Sept. 2 at the home of the bride in Oswego.

Following a wedding trip they will reside for the present with the bridegroom's parents. He is employed by the Aurora Ready-mix company and the bride is with Miller-Bryant-Pierce company.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Price returned last week from an enjoyable trip of a month to the west coast. Traveling on the Empire Builder, in less than two days they were in Seattle. On the way west they saw Glacier park. They came home on the California Zephyr via Denver.

Members of the Oswego boys' 4-H club accompanied J. George Smith and Farm Adviser William J. Randles to Urbana Friday where they judged livestock and poultry.

Ted, 7 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Paydon underwent a major operation for the removal of a tumor from back of his nose at the St. Joseph Hospital at Joliet last week. At last report he was getting along nicely.

Yorkville: Arthur L. Puklin, Edward Puklin, Jerome Nelson, and John S. Page announce the formation of a partnership for the general practice of law under the firm name of Puklin, Puklin, Nelson & Page, with offices in the Keystone building, 30 Island avenue, Aurora, and the Professional building at 164 Division street, in Elgin.

Jerome Nelson is a young Kendall county attorney with residence in Oswego.

The United States Civil Service commission announces an examination for filling the position of Postmaster at Oswego, Illinois.

The written examination will be given at Yorkville. The date for the examination will appear on the admission cards mailed to applicants.

Sept. 14: Charles A. Davis and Mamie Rice were married in Oswego Sept. 25, 1890. They will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house on Sept. 24 at their home in Amboy.

They lived in Aurora for seven years when Mr. Davis was employed by the CB&Q R.R. and for four years was a member of the hardware firm on River street known as Dunsheath, Renner & Davis. At that time he was a member of the Aurora Zouaves.

In the fall of '96 they went to Decatur where Mr. Davis was employed by the Wabash railroad as a conductor with a run between Decatur and Chicago.

In the spring of 1902 he went to the Illinois Central as a conductor running between Freeport and Clinton until he retired in 1948.

They lived in Aurora for seven years; Decatur five years; Freeport two years, then went to Amboy and have resided there for the 46 years since.

Asa Foster has moved from his former home on Garfield Avenue to live with his nephew Fred Van Deventer and wife on Madison Street. The Milton Penn family moved into the home formerly occupied by the Fosters.

Yorkville: The Vermont cousins' reunion was held at the Cross Lutheran school near Yorkville Sunday with 55 relatives there to enjoy the fellowship of the picnic dinner.

In the afternoon, Dr. Paul Johnson of Oak Park gave a talk on "The Rugged Live," an interesting history of the lives of the ancestors in Vermont and on the way across the country to their new home in Illinois.

The Kendall County Selective Service board has received a call for 25 men to be forwarded to Chicago for pre-induction physical examinations on Sept. 18.

Seward: Friday, Sept. 15, is to be a date of cleaning up the Seward township picnic grounds, more familiarly known as House's grove. The work will begin in the morning and continue until the pretty section is all cleared off and cleaned up.

Sept. 21: The 1950-1951 program theme of the Oswego Parent-Teacher association, "Looking Forward to a Better Community," was introduced at the association's first meeting held Sept. 12 in the old high school gym.

John Baumgartner took his two sons, Art and Johnny, and ten men from the Anchor brush shop at Montgomery, of which he is owner and manager, on a boat trip Sunday. They left Belmont harbor in Chicago traveling on Mr. Baumgartner's boat, the "Valerie," on the Great Waterway to the Three Rivers harbor. It took all day to make the trip.

O dear! The Rural Woman has another problem, and this time it is neither people nor pickles nor pigs, but the making of a furnace fire.

Dar lady, don't you know you must have some cobs with your paper to start a fire. Don't you raise corn in NaAuSay? We would gladly give you some nice, clean cobs, with no tax attached.

Mrs. Ralph Schmidt of Port Angeles, Wash, who came to attend the funeral of her father, Harry Schlapp, stayed over the weekend with her mother and sister, Ethel.

Emmett McCauley has resigned his position as acting postmaster at Oswego and Jim Bartholomew has taken over the position.

Ted Paydon, who has been a patient at the Silver Cross hospital, Joliet, for several weeks is still there taking x-ray treatments ever second day.

Yorkville: Apparently a number of people are still unaware that it is against the law to pass a school bus when it is loading or discharging passengers, whether the bus is going the same direction as you are, or the opposite direction.

Harry W. Schlapp of Oswego, 78 years of age, died Sept. 10, 1950 at his home. He was born June 28, 1872 in Wheatland Township.

He is survived by his wife, Lillie; five daughters, Mrs. Emily Jaki of Aurora, Ethel at home, Mrs. Irene Schmitt of Port Angeles, Wash., Mrs. Esther McCarty of Aurora, and Mrs. Edith Arnold of Pontiac, Mich.; two sons, Earl of Oswego and Allen of Aurora; two brothers, Peter and Julius

Schlapp of NaAuSay; two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Snyder of Minooka and Mrs. Emma Cooney of NaAuSay; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

The funeral was held at the Oswego Presbyterian church Sept. 13.

A new way of recognizing scholastic achievement among students at Illinois State Normal university has been announced by Dr. Arthur H. Larsen, dean of the university.

A list of students with grades no lower than "B" will be published each semester hereafter. Known as "The Dean's List," it will emphasize the fact that there are students with good scholastic averages other than those honored at a commencement and at the annual Honors Day convocation.

Sept. 28: Miss Ellen Mighell, who is teaching sixth grade in a Crown Point, Indiana school was home over the weekend.

Mrs. Don Pinnow and baby daughter, Charla Luett, came home from the hospital Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Traugher gave a farewell party for their son, Tom, after the game last Friday evening. They took Tom to Peoria Saturday where he is enrolled in Bradley University.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Woolley motored to Ames, Ia., Sept. 25, taking their daughter Cleora to Iowa State college.

NaAuSay: Mr. and Mrs. Dean Schlapp and family have moved to Urbana where Dean has entered the University of Illinois department of veterinary medicine.

October -- 1950

Oct. 5: Eight autos carrying the Oswego football squad and the cheerleaders motored to Urbana Sept. 30 and enjoyed seeing Illinois win over Iowa.

Stanley Drew and a shopmate, Ray Barnes of the Anchor Brush company, are spending ten days vacation fishing in the lakes in the north woods

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Zentmyer and son John returned from Colorado Saturday where they had been for several weeks for the benefit of John's health.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Douglas, who recently moved here from Maryland to the residence on Main street formerly occupied by the Charles Lippincotts, spent the weekend with relatives in Detroit.

Mrs. Homer Adkins and infant daughter Teresa Ellen returned from the St. Joseph Hospital Thursday.

Eight year-old Ted Paydon continues as a patient in the Silver Cross Hospital in Joliet taking treatments for a serious malady a tumor in his head.

Oct. 12: On Sunday evening, Oct. 8, at the Federated Church in Oswego, Miss Nan Weishew, daughter of Mrs. Lewis J. Weishew of Edgebrook, Oswego and Richard A. Warren Jr. son of Mr. and Ms. Richard A. Warren of Oswego were united in Marriage.

Stanley Drew and Ray Barnes returned Oct. 7 from a fishing rip in Canadian lakes where they caught 7 and 8 pound trout and one 24 pound specimen.

The third annual homecoming game will be played Friday evening, Oct. 13 at 7:30 with Orland Park. The public is invited to the homecoming dance Saturday, Oct. 14 in the old high school gym.

The Piper Players will present two plays at the Oswego gym Oct. 19.

Yorkville: The tuberculosis tax law, which will be voted on Nov. 7, provides free care and treatment for any Kendall county resident suffering from tuberculosis. The voters of the county will decide if this law is to be continued in Kendall county.

Since the law has been in existence in Kendall county for the past 14 years, it will not affect our present taxes.

At the present time, there are 12 people from Kendall county receiving care and treatment in tuberculosis sanatoria in Aurora. Without this law, these people would not have been able to receive this hospitalization. Ninety-six percent of all TB patients cannot afford to pay for their own treatment.

William Eyre, 83, prominent farmer and carpenter of NaAuSay township died in his home Oct. 2. He was born Sept. 2, 1867 in Manhattan, Ill. Later, the family came to NaAuSay township and made their permanent residence there.

He was united in marriage on April 30, 1912 to Mabel Lourine Slater. He is survived by his widow, Mabel of NaAuSay; three daughters, Mrs. John (Ellen) Vickery of Minooka, Mrs. Earl (Alice) Robinson of Oswego, and Mrs. Fred (Frances) Weiss of Yorkville; and five grandchildren as well as several nieces and nephews.

He was a member of the NaAuSay church.

The funeral was held at the Healy chapel Oct. 4. Interment was in the NaAuSay cemetery.

Oct. 19: Arrangements have been made by the Nineteenth Century Club of Oswego for the presentation of the home talent stage show, "Uncle Ezry's Hayloft Jamboree." It will be given Nov. 1 and 2 in the grade school gymnasium.

The show will be cast entirely of home talent and is open to everyone from Oswego and the surrounding area.

A professional director will arrive a week before the production and will hold tryouts for talent two evenings at Oswego. Those selected to take part will receive special training in microphone technique from the director. She will also select and train the speaking characters.

Tickets will be 75 cents for adults; 35 cents for children.

Ted Paydon, who has been a patient in the Silver Cross hospital at Joliet was taken to a Chicago hospital last week where he underwent further surgery Friday. Ted came through his surgery successfully, but results aren't known as yet.

Mrs. George Valentine and little Chris of the Plainfield road are moving to a home in Geneva.

Oswego won 13-7 over Orland Park at the homecoming game Friday. A fine crowd gathered at the lighted field for the big game.

On Saturday evening, Nancy Cherry, who had been chosen as queen, and Charles Ricketts as king by the student body, were crowned at the homecoming dance. Mrs. Stella Clauser Smith, who was an Oswego high school graduate in 1932, received the orchid and Kenneth Ricketts, 1918, was presented with a boutonniere.

#### Yorkville: Adopt Resolution

The following resolution, presented by Lottie Holman O'Neil at a mass meeting held in DuPage county, was presented to the Kendall County Woman's Republican club at its meeting Oct. 18, and was unanimously endorsed:

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the American people that American troops in conflict in Korea were accompanied by the flag of the so-called United Nations instead of the flag of the United States of American, and

WHEREAS, it is an established fact that efforts are being made to weaken the present form of government of this American Republic by those in sympathy with foreign countries and ideologies,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That it be the sense of this meeting of patriotic Americans and defenders of our form of government that every effort should be turned toward the strengthening of our principle of free government and to that end that wherever our military forces are located they shall be accompanied by the American flag and that no other flag shall take precedence over such flag, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That only the American flag shall be displayed or flown on the site of any public institution of learning within the boundaries of the United States of America and that the flag of the United Nations shall be excluded from such premises, inasmuch as it represents the communistic nation of Russia.

Oct. 26: Mr. and Mrs. John Duy of Aurora have purchased the Herren property on Park avenue recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. John L. Herren when they moved to Peoria.

Andrew Carr has been a hospital patient suffering fro pneumonia. Mr. and Mrs. Carr have train reservations to go to Arizona and expect to leave soon to spend the winter there.

Kay Eichelberger, a grade school pupil, is recovering from pneumonia at her home on the Plainfield road.

A beautiful wedding ceremony was solemnized at the Oswego Presbyterian Church Saturday afternoon, Oct. 21, when Miss Dorothy Calvert became the bride of Don Conklin.

Mrs. Lou Young and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Shoger attended the wedding in Aurora Saturday, Oct. 21, of Mrs. Young's daughter, Mrs. Aileen Sprague of Aurora with Clayton A. Clark of the west coast.

All committees are hard at work on final preparations for the annual Hallowe'en fair sponsored by the Oswego Parent-Teacher association. The fair will be held in the grammar school gym Saturday, Oct. 28, with dinner being served from 5-7 p.m.

November -- 1950

Nov. 2: A number of Oswegoans enjoyed the homecoming game at Urbana and the perfect October weather Saturday. Among those attending were Mr. and Mrs. J. George Smith, who stayed overnight and Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. Florence Hall.

Pfc. Colver Cherry was home from Rantoul over the weekend.

A cross with neon lights about four feet high has been placed on the tower of the Prairie church. As soon as the electricity has been connected, it will be dedicated. The cross was given by Mr. and Mrs. George D. Smith.

The Halloween Fair at the Oswego school Oct. 28 was a "howling success." There were a record number of suppers sold. The Halloween Parade Friday afternoon of the grade scholars dressed in costume was lots of fun both for the pupils and the spectators.

Ted Paydon has returned home after a long confinement in hospitals and is able to get about. He still reports for x-ray treatments at intervals.

NaAuSay: The Marysville-McCauley PTA met Thursday night at the McCauley schoolhouse, with a large crowd in attendance.

Nov. 9: Mrs. Atlee Hafenrichter of Portland, Ore. who came to attend the wedding of her niece, Miss Elaine Smith to Paul Crane, is visiting the Ebinger relatives this week.

Mr. Hafenrichter, who has a position in the soil conservation department of the northwestern states, is on a speaking tour and will come here soon for a visit

Little Jerry Parkhurst suffered a fracture of his left wrist last week. He was in a wagon throwing out corn, lost his balance, and fell to the ground.

Phyllis and Warren Ebinger, seniors in North Central college, are listed in the college Who's Who for their outstanding scholastic activities.

Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Criss have moved to Sugar Grove.

On Nov. 2, a large crowd went to the Oswego field to see the last game of the football season here. Oswego won over Earlville, 16-9.

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Nov. 16: Seven motorists were arraigned in Judge Alex F. Crossman's [Crosman] court during the past week, four of them for speeding.

Oswego Community High School is now offering driver education and a training course, which meets the requirements of the state department of public instruction.

Zentmyer Motor Sales has agreed to supply a '51 Ford equipped with dual controls, appropriately lettered and properly licensed for the course. The car will be available by Dec. 1, 1950.

The Chicago Motor Club furnishes the AAA basic dual controls, free membership in the Chicago Motor Club, textbooks, tests, certificates, training kits, films, and other educational material for use in the course.

The school board provides adequate insurance coverage, the instructor, users of the car, and offers an organized program of instruction and keeps records of the progress made by the pupils. Mr. Clark is the instructor for the course.

The offering from the Oswego Union Thanksgiving Service, held at the Federated Church [Church of the Good Shepherd] on Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 7:30 p.m. was to go for Korean Relief, the *Ledger* reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carr, our genial department store proprietors, left Thursday to spend the winter months in Phoenix. Mr. Carr, a World War I veteran, needs to get away from the cold northern winter. John Carr is carrying on at the store on Main Street.

O.A. Shoger, organization director of the Kendall County Farm bureau, Mrs. Harold Bower, Mrs. Melvin Parkhurst, and Mrs. Newton Woolley were among those attending the IAA convention in Chicago this week.

Mrs. B.T. Malmberg and baby daughter Patricia Joann came home from the hospital Nov. 9.

Miss Elaine E. Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Smith of Aurora, was married Sunday Nov. 5, at the Oswego Prairie Evangelical United Brethren church to Paul E. Crane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy L. Crane of Bonsall, Calif.

The couple flew to California Monday, Nov. 6, to spend several days with Mr. Crane's parents. They then went to Kingston, Jamaica.

Mr. and Mrs. Crane will make their home at Lake Ronkonkoma, New York. Mr. Crane is employed at the International airport in New York with Lockheed Aircraft service and Mrs. Crane has been a TWA air hostess for the past seven years.

Nov. 23: One hundred and seventy young people of the Westminster Fellowship of the Ottawa presbytery met at the Oswego Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon, Nov. 19, for the fall rally.

Allan Campbell and Howard Shoger were among those who went to the University of Illinois Saturday for Dad's day.

The Section VII FFA fall crop show was held at Seneca Saturday, Nov . 18. Eleven boys, accompanied by their adviser, Mr. Wise, entered projects from the Oswego chapter., and all received prizes in the competition with other schools. There was one entry of alfalfa hay, two entries of eggs, three of soybeans, three of oats, four of corn, and five of poultry from the Oswego school.

Ralph Smith and two of his sons, Ronnie and Gerald, combined a business trip and deer hunting in Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Morse, who have spent the past weeks with their son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Marquardt and little Marcia, at Goshen, Ind., are returning with the Marquardts for Thanksgiving dinner at Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shoger's.

Shoppers in downtown Oswego were invited to get "Your Money's Worth" with men's union suits at \$1.98; men's sport shirts, \$3.98; a winter cap with earflaps, 98 cents; and children's winter underwear, \$1.09 per suit.

Oswego Fire Chief Al Shuler announced this week that blue lights are being mounted on the front of all autos operated by members of the Oswego Volunteer Fire Department. These lights will be in use only when firemen are proceeding to the scene of a fire. Motorists are requested to pull over to the curb whenever they see the blue lights and give the firemen the right-of-way.

Gus Leakakos and Peter Longsen, both of Chicago, were arrested by Game Warden Richard Arundale on Nov. 19 and charged with carrying guns in their cars, which were not broken open. Each was assessed a fine of \$25 and costs by Police Magistrate Alex F. Crossman [Crosman].

Four boys and one girl of the local FFA will show at the international livestock Show, Chicago, on Saturday, Nov. 25.

Rodney and David McCauley will be showing shorthorn steers; Bill McCauley will show Herefords; Charlie Ricketts, Hereford steer; and Nancy Cherry, Angus steer.

Yorkville: The number of drunken brawls in our village seems to be on the increase, and drunken men and women on the streets will not be tolerated. Saturday night was punctuated by loud and profane language and one woman was confined to the county jail to sober up overnight.

Western United Gas and Electric company and Illinois Northern Utilities company will be merged into Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, Charles Y Freeman, chairman of the latter company, announced Nov. 20.

Nov. 30: Motorists were on their good behavior during the past week in the village. Only two appeared in Police Magistrate Alex Crossman's [Crosman] court for violations.

During the past month, a total of 59 new titles were added to the shelves of the Oswego Library.

Eleanor Fosgett celebrated her birthday anniversary Nov. 24 with a party of the girls of the senior class of Oswego high school.

Mrs. Walter Irish and baby Dorothy may, born Nov. 17, returned home from the St. Joseph hospital last week. There are two other children, Patricia Ann and George Eugene.

Four boys and one girl of the local FFA chapter showed at the International Livestock show. Rodney and David McCauley with shorthorn steers; Bill McCauley with Herefords; Charles Ricketts, Harford steer; and Nancy Cherry, with an Angus took part. The ag teacher, Mr. Wise and the remainder of the FFA boys from the Oswego high school spent Monday at the International.

Postmaster and Mrs. "Jim" Bartholomew, David, and Sue ate Thanksgiving dinner with cousins in Chicago.

The Oswego Lions Club honored three past presidents at their monthly meeting, including Ernest Pfund, Everett McKeown, and Robert Cherry. The awards were presented by club president John Luetlich.

Mrs. Charlene Young gave a recital for a class of her piano pupils at the Federated church Sunday afternoon.

December -- 1950

Dec. 7: Harry Brough, Montgomery, and Joe Keller, Oswego, were ticketed last week by Office Harold E. Manning for parking their cars in no parking zones.

Attention is called to the fact that no cars are to be parked in the downtown areas where orange paint is on the curbing or in front of the fire station, or in the entrance or exits to alleys and driveways. Any motorists violating this running will be arrested and fined.

According to Supt. T. Loyd Traughber, "Many interested sportsmen and patrons are asking, 'when will the gymnasium be ready for basketball games,' and the answer is we hope to play all of our games in the new gym after January 1, 1951.

"Those who have visited the gymnasium this past week are pleased to note that it is completely decorated and the main court baskets installed. Anderson Brothers were to start laying floor this week. They state that this job of floor laying will take about six days. The sanding and sealing should not exceed an additional ten days. We only hope with you for the early completion of these most excellent facilities."

Mrs. Fred Marklein and infant daughter, Jane Suzanne, of Aurora are staying this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Rogerson. The baby was born Nov. 27.

At the meeting of Presbyterian church women Nov. 30, a vote was carried to form an association of the women's societies and committees were appointed to plan for the organization in January.

Allen Woolley Jr. is on a tour to Mexico sponsored by the Illinois Agricultural association and will return via Dallas, Tex. where he will attend the American Farm Bureau federation convention for four days. He expected to be gone for two weeks.

With seven second left to play Tuesday night, Leo Behrens dropped in a field goal from midcourt to give Oswego "A" cagers their first win of the 1950-51 season, 42-41.

Dec. 14: The father and son banquet held in the Presbyterian church annex last week Thursday evening was a success in spite of the blizzard raging during the night. Several who had tickets didn't manage to attend; some didn't even attempt to go; some started and didn't get there; and some who were there didn't get home. Some of the farmers present said they had never been out in a storm where the visibility was so "zero." They drove and only hoped they were on the road. (In the old days, good team of horses would have taken them home.) Two auto loads had to call Gowran to come with the snow plow to clear out a track for them. One farmers left his auto in a side road and borrowed his neighbor's tractor with which to get home.

Mrs. Glen Panikis and son have moved into an apartment in the George Panikis home on Park avenue. Glen is with the Marines in South Carolina on a 10-hour alert.

Dean Campbell and Robert Amen of Yorkville and Harold Bower, who have been deer hunting in Pennsylvania, returned home Sunday. No bananas.

Fire Chief Al Shuler issued a warning this week that faulty wiring on your Christmas tree lights and window ornaments are a real fire hazard. Chief Shuler went on to say that all electrical equipment should be fully checked before using.

Yorkville: Circuit Judges Knoch, O'Connor, and McEwen are to be congratulated for their choice when naming as our new Master in Chancery Attorney Jerome Nelson of Oswego. Mr. Nelson is a member of an Aurora law firm and also serves by having a class in business law at Aurora college.



Behind the wheel driver training is now a part of Oswego Community High School's course of study, made possible through the courtesy of Zentmyer Motor Sales, of Oswego, and with the cooperation of the Chicago Motor Club and the Board of Education. Left to right in the picture are L.A. Cox, assistant district manager, Chicago Motor Club; Earl Zentmyer, owner, Zentmyer Motor Sales, D.R. Clark, instructor and principal of Oswego Community High School; Charles W. Schulz, president of board of education, John F. Cherry, secretary of board of education, T. Loyd Traugher, superintendent of Oswego Community Schools; and in the background members of the first Safety Education Class, also the Ford car used in the program.

Dec. 21: Mr. and Mrs. Koch, who recently moved into cottage near the river about a mile and a half south of Oswego on the West River Road, had a little Christmas shopping to finish up last Monday. When they returned from town they found their home and personal belongings a heap of glowing embers.

The Oswego Fire Dept. was called, but it was too late to be of any help.

Mr. and Mrs. John Baumgartner entertained the 60 employees of the Anchor Brush company of Montgomery, of which Mr. Baumgartner is the owner, at the Harmony house in Aurora. For this annual affair, the host and the hostess had the use of one room in this pleasant restaurant. A five-piece orchestra played and dancing was enjoyed.

The condition of Teddy Paydon became worse and he was again taken to a Chicago hospital.

Carl Hafenrichter fell in his home west of the bridge on Route 34 Saturday and suffered two fractures of the left leg between the knee and ankle.

The snow is still piled high along the highways.

Dec. 28: According to the latest reports, there is a strong possibility that the new gymnasium will be ready for the St. Charles-Oswego game on Saturday night, Jan. 6. Superintendent T. Loyd Traugher stated early in the week that the floor has been put down and that the sanders promised to be on the job Wednesday morning, Dec. 27. The sanding contractor estimated that the smoothing job would take about four days. The bleacher contractors are ready to install the seats just as soon as the floor is finished.

The current holiday vacation being enjoyed by the school children of the community will end on Tuesday morning, Jan. 3, on which day the grade and high school students will trek back to the customary classes.

Two paper drives were to be held during the next two weeks. Rural areas were to have scrap paper collected Saturday, Jan. 6, and paper from in-town Oswego was to be collected Saturday, Jan. 13. Proceeds were to benefit the Oswego High School Future Farmers of America chapter and the Oswego Boy Scouts.

The deep snow of the past few weeks has robbed birds of their available food supply. If some help is not given, and fast, a great man of our feathered songsters will starve to death. A small handful of bread crumbs, grain, etc. placed out on some available spot will be greatly appreciated by the hungry birds.

The fine Christmas cantata presented by the Oswego High School mixed chorus with Pat Corrick and Beverly Bell as soloists before the PTA Wednesday evening, was recorded on tape and broadcast over station WMRO on Christmas Day at 12:30 p.m.

Scouts of Troop 31, Oswego, will take part in a winter overnight hike at Camp KeDeKa Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 30 and 31.

Karla, Kathy, and Bobbie Saxon entertained 14 neighborhood children at their annual Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 24.

Mrs. Angie K. Peshia, 60, of Oswego died Friday at the Copley Memorial hospital in Aurora. She was born April 15, 1890 at Montgomery. She is survived by her husband, Leslie; three sons, Harlan and Burton of Aurora and Wilbur of Oswego; one daughter, Mrs. Darlene Shaw of Oswego; four grandchildren; and two brothers, Carl Young of Chicago and Lewis Young of Escondido, Calif.

Funeral services were held from the McKeown funeral home in Oswego, with interment in Riverside cemetery.

Mrs. Peshia's death is doubly sad for her husband as he is a hospital patient, unable to go home at the present time.

Oswegoans were saddened by the untimely death of Dr. Russell Armbruster on Friday, Dec. 22. Dr. Armbruster was fatally injured in an auto accident and died a few hours later in a hospital to which he had been taken.

Mrs. Alva Shuler played a Christmas carol organ concert Christmas eve, which was broadcast from the tower system of the Presbyterian church.

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Jan. 4: The Oswego firemen were called to the Willard Blackwell home at the junction of Rts. 34 and 30 last Friday night but by the time they arrived the cottage in which the Blackwells resided, owned by James Ayre, and the household furnishings were nothing but a pile of glowing embers. Loss was estimated at \$4,000 on the cottage and \$2000 on the furnishings.

Announcement was made last week that Mr. E.C. Miller has taken over the Main Café formerly owned and managed by Jesse Carpenter

Mr. Miller, who has been connected with Sears Roebuck Co. in Racine, Wis. for the past 25 years, has purchased a home on Douglas St. and he and his wife plan to move in some time during this week.

On Saturday night the local basketball squads entertain St. Charles in a double bill in the newly completed gym. Finishing touches are being put on the floor and it should be in shape by Saturday night. The new bleachers have not arrived as yet and the football bleachers will be moved in temporarily. Those who have seen the new gym nearing completion are of the opinion that there will be none better in the area.

Coach Jim Warren announced this week that the first wrestling card of the season will be in the new gym on Thursday evening, Jan. 11, at 7:30 p.m. when the local squad meets the Joliet frosh-soph squad. Seventeen boys are out for the wrestling squad and this promises to be a real fine show. This is the second year for matmen in the local school setup. Oswego is the only small school in the Valley that boasts a squad of grapplers.

Jan. 11: The Kendall County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has completed plans for the 1951 March of Dimes campaign to raise \$5,000 for the fight against polio and for the care and retraining of its victims.

The annual Fox Valley Conference Basketball Tournament will be played in the new Oswego gymnasium on Jan. 17-20.

Editorial by Ford L. Lippold: A crowd of over 300 Oswegoans witnessed the new gym last Saturday evening for the first time when they attended the St. Charles-Oswego basketball game. The comments bordered on the edge of amazement that a community the size of Oswego could have such a beautiful gymnasium. Some could scarcely believe their eyes. It is truly a fine piece of architecture and with the proper treatment should remain so for a good many years to come.

Jan. 18: Members of the Oswego Park Board met in the Village Hall last Monday evening, Jan. 8, with President William Anderson presiding. All members were present including Ralph Wheeler, Arthur Davis, Mrs. O.W. Patterson, Mrs. Gerald DuSell, and secretary Mrs. Forrest Wooley.

The Park Board decided to hire a year-round recreation director and sponsor a year around leisure time program that would be attractive to all age groups. The report of Miss Mary Lou Campbell, director of activities for the small playground last year, showed that a total of 151 different boys and girls took advantage of the ten week program at one time or another with a daily average attendance of 40. The report of Mr. Lowell Polley, junior high, high school, and adult director, showed that over 150 individuals took part in the daily activities in the play ground and in the softball leagues that were formed for both men and women.

Jan. 25: Oswego and will have another chance to see the local basketball teams in action on the new high school gym floor when Newark comes here Friday night, Jan. 26 for a twin bill. In an early season contest between the two teams, Newark "A" defeated Oswego "A," 62-49. There will be only one more game played on the home floor during the regular season when Oswego meets Minooka on Feb. 16.

It was reported last week at Washington by a joint congressional committee that Kendall County has a total of 33 persons on the Federal payroll. The majority of these is made up of postal employees.

A joint Congressional committee reported in Washington that Kendall County has a total of 33 persons on the federal payroll. The majority of them are made up of postal employees. This is said to be the first breakdown ever compiled of the government's civilian payroll on a national basis.

The first meeting of the Oswego Farmer's Evening School was held at the new high school at 7:30 Wednesday evening, Jan. 24, with Harry Cochran, local cattle feeder, speaking on "Grass Feeding of Cattle." Recently an advisory committee composed of Arthur Davis, Glen Leigh, Kenneth Ricketts and Ralph Smith met with Ag instructor Dave Wise to plan the programs, which will continue for a series of ten Wednesdays.

The recent Fox Valley Basketball Tournament played in the new Oswego High School gym was a success in spite of the fact that our local cagers were not able to garner one of the trophies, and also the uncooperative spirit of the weatherman.

The interest of the estate of Elizabeth McCauley, deceased, in a 7 acre tract improved with frame house, situated on the northerly edge of Oswego, with several river frontage lots and running thru to Route 25, a desirable tract, will be sold at public auction on Tuesday, Jan. 30, at 2 p.m. at the north door of the Courthouse in Yorkville.

February -- 1951

Feb. 1: YORKVILLE PLAYS HERE FRIDAY

### Games to be Played in New High School Gymnasium

The Oswego High School cage teams will play host to Yorkville on Friday, Feb. 2.

Yorkville is at present in a tie for fourth spot in Fox Valley League standings, with a record of three wins and four losses. Oswego is still seeking its first victory in league play.

Harris of Yorkville and Dave Nelson of Oswego are separated by only five points in the race for individual scoring in the Fox Valley circuit. Nelson, with a total of 77 points, is seventh in scoring honors while Harris, with 72 counters is tenth.

The newly instituted drivers training course has as its primary objective the training of careful drivers. These courses have proved so effective that the incidence of accidents among those trained is only one-half of that of untrained drivers. The Chicago Motor Club assists in organizing and supplying materials for instruction. The course was made possible through the courtesy of Zentmyer Motor Sales, who furnish free to the school the 1951 dual-control Ford used.

Approximately 30 students will be trained this year. Any adult wishing to take the course and desiring additional information may call the high school for details.

Straight A students at Oswego High for the third quarter of the year included Katherine Gowran, Neal Baker, Ann Shuler, Sylvia Ebinger, Janet Shoger and Charles Ricketts.

William Anderson is employing a new farm assistant. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rien and baby from near St Charles, are moving into the tenant house from which the Falks moved.

8 below zero and a strong wind this Monday morning and much colder Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Secor have a daughter born Jan. 26 at the Copley hospital. The little one was born on the oldest sister, Shelby Jean's birthday anniversary, so she named the baby, the name, Deborah Ann.

Theodore Gerry informs the editor that it certainly was a quick and easy change his mother, Mrs. F.J. Gerry, made from Park Avenue, Oswego, to Oak Park.

NaAuSay: Mr. and Mrs. Keith Kellogg, David, Diane, and Linda and Mrs. Emmett McCauley and Bobby left the homestead Friday for Riveria Beach, Fla. The contents of the tourists' luggage suggests much time will be spent on the beach and deep sea fishing.

Feb. 8: At the regular meeting of the village board held Monday night, Feb. 5, Kenneth Tripp was appointed Civilian Defense Coordinator for the Village of Oswego.

At a meeting of the township board held Saturday, the resignation of Forrest Wooley from the position of township clerk was accepted. He recently entered the armed services. Mrs. Wooley was duly appointed as the new clerk.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Burkhart boarded the California Zephyr Sunday afternoon, bound for a two week stay in Los Angeles, Calif.

The twin daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. Ika Rowand of the Plainfield road Jan. 31 are named Marilyn and Malinda. Mr. Rowand's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I.W. Rowand of Fairmont, are here to care for little Betty and the home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Holt and two little daughters have moved from the Woolley road to Aurora.

Kendall County Record advertisement:

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Introducing the WILLIS APPLIANCE for the relaxing of stiff joints and muscles, soothing tired and aching feet, reestablishing normal circulation, and for a general toning-up of the entire muscular system. A boon to sufferers from these afflictions. Try it for relief of arthritic pains.

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Oswego, Illinois

Feb. 15: *Ledger* editorial: It isn't every year that a community the size of Oswego is fortunate enough to play host to the district basketball tournament. It is, in fact, a privilege that all of the schools in the area angle for annually. As host school and host town, we Oswegoans have an obligation to perform. We know that our facilities in the new gym are as good or better than those in comparable communities. This, however, is not enough. We must also show that we have a community spirit and community interest by supporting not only our own team, but the tournament as a whole. Make it a point to attend at least one or two evenings next week. You'll see some fine basketball and you'll also be giving your community a boost.

It's a good thing to see when two organizations from adjoining towns meet for a social evening. The Yorkville and Oswego Lions Clubs, by meeting together, give proof that the so-called ancient rivalry, which frequently ended in mayhem when the two towns met in athletic contest, is as obsolete as the horse and buggy.

The cast as been selected for the annual high school operetta, to be held in the gym on Friday evening, March 9: Cast members are Russell Zwoyer, Beverly Bell, Bill McCauley, Carol Voss, Frank Bower, Cynthia Traughber, Duane Herren, Sylvia Ebinger, Stuart Woolley, Eleanor Fosgett, Duane Ode, Dean Shoger, Pat Corrick, and Bob Testin.

Scouts Dave Rogerson, Jerry Traughber, Gene McDowell, Dick Campbell and Ralph Smith of Troop 31, Oswego, attended a dinner held for Explorer Scouts of the Aurora Area Council Feb. 14.

The Evangelical United Brethren in Oswego Prairie was the setting Saturday night, Feb. 10, for the marriage of Miss Althea Elizabeth Hummel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Hummel of Oswego to Robert James Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Johnston of Big Rock. After a short wedding trip, the couple will reside on a farm near Oswego.

John Friedlein, 73, of Oswego died Feb. 6 in the Copley Memorial hospital. He was born Aug. 9, 1877 in Germany. He is survived by his wife, Christina, and several cousins. The funeral was held at the Oswego Federated church Friday. Interment was in the Oswego cemetery.

Edward "Teddy" Paydon of Wheatland township, 7 years of age, passed away Feb. 5 at the Silver Cross hospital in Joliet. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Stephen Paydon; three sisters, Diane, age 5, Martha Jane, age 3, and Anita, age 1; also his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse E. Tuttle of West York, Ill. and Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Paydon of Oswego township; also his great grandmother, Mrs. Laura Tuttle of West York.

Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday, Feb. 7, at the Luce funeral home in Plainfield, the Rev. Ernest Brown officiating, with interment in the United Presbyterian [Scotch Church] cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Shuler, Ann and Charles, started on a two-week trip south Feb. 11. They said they would travel until they found a warm location. Mr. Hacker, a registered pharmacist of Champaign, has charge of the Shuler drug store and is living in the home during their absence.

Feb. 22: *Ledger* issue missing; news from the Kendall County Record.

Hundreds of people both in Kendall and neighboring counties were deeply grieved to learn of the death of Miss Phyllis Ebinger, 21, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ebinger of Oswego, in the Copley Memorial hospital Monday.

Miss Ebinger, a student at North Central college in Naperville, had been in good health, but on Friday, Feb. 9, she found that she was running a temperature and on Sunday she became critically ill and was taken to the hospital, where her ailment was diagnosed as acute leukemia. Despite all the efforts of physicians, her condition continued to grow more and more critical and she passed away at 4:40 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19.

Her fellow students at North Central had formed prayer groups to pray for her recovery, but prayers as medical science both failed. God desired Miss Ebinger's presence in a far better world than this.

Phyllis Ebinger was born Dec. 21, 1929 at Effingham. Besides her parents, she is survived by a brother, Warren; two sisters, Sylvia and Alice; and her grandmother, Mrs. Agnes Schlapp, all of Oswego. She is also survived by several uncles and aunts and is also mourned by her fiancé, Jack Koten, editor of the North Central College Chronicle.

Miss Ebinger was one of the most popular students at North Central, where she was a senior majoring in English. Last October, she was chosen as the college's homecoming queen. She received the DAR medal given for citizenship in Kendall county. At college she was a member of a number of various groups and societies and was highly active in various groups.

Funeral services were held from the Healy chapel in Aurora Wednesday, with interment in Riverside cemetery.

We have had our "January thaw" in February--and a welcome change in the weather--dated Feb. 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Campbell have purchased the residence on Maple avenue, the home of Mrs. Mary Shoger, and will be located there before March 1. Mrs. Shoger has gone to visit her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gray, in Tucson, Ariz., after visiting relatives in Aurora, and expects to go to Seattle later.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nutt, Sandra, Dick, and Bobbie, have moved into their new home on Tyler street, and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Austin, Billie and Sandra, have purchased the former Nutt home on Washington street and moved in.

Little Nan Swanquist, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.M. Swanquist of Rock Falls, spent a few days last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Sleezer.

NaAuSay: There was a feeling of loss and regret in the community upon hearing of Seth Wheeler's death early Tuesday morning, Feb. 13, in the house his grandfather, A.K. Wheeler, built during the Civil War.

Seth R. Wheeler was born April 25, 1876, the son of Sheldon Hiram and Mary Jane Foulson Wheeler. He was one of seven children: Frank, Cyrus, Elizabeth, John, Fanny, and Oliver. Seth and his brothers and sisters, with Wheeler cousins living on the same road, known as "Wool street," played together and went to the Union school, which in the annals of district schools was outstanding. He and his family were attendants of the AuSable Grove Presbyterian church.

On Jan. 17, 1908 at Anoka, Minn., Mr. Wheeler married Miss Maude Dwyre, an acquaintance of school days in NaAuSay. They began housekeeping on the Wheeler homestead in the same house where Seth was born. In this home four sons were born to them. Seth was an indulgent father, a kind neighbor, and a good friend. His shrewd observations and droll comments set him apart as a homespun philosopher, a character fast disappearing in this age.

For many years he was secretary-treasurer of the AuSable Grove Cemetery association and was an authority on the historical data of pioneer families laid to rest in this plot.

In the same home where he was born and lived his life, he passed away. He is survived by his wife, Maude; four sons, Charles, Edward, and Virgil, all of NaAuSay, and Ralph of Oswego; eight grandchildren; and two brothers, John Wheeler of Plainfield and Cyrus Wheeler of Omaha, Neb.

Funeral services were held from the Healy chapel in Aurora Feb. 15. Interment was in the AuSable Grove cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brisbin and Jimmie have moved to the Clifford Collins farm near Morris. This young couple will be missed from church and social activities.

The population of NaAuSay is on the gain. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond (Bud) Patterson are the parents of a son, Dennis Allen, born in the Copley Memorial hospital Tuesday, Feb. 13. There is another child in the Patterson family, four year-old Norman, who was waiting for a sister.

March -- 1951

March 1: Superintendent T. Loyd Traughber reports that 1,853 paid admissions were taken in last week at the district tournament. 1,003 students passed the turnstile while 850 adult tickets

were sold. Oswego received a 40 percent share of the gross receipts for being host school and after paying expenses of officials, etc. had a total of \$107.80 in the black.

The Oswego Fire Department answered a call to the trailer camp on the northeast edge of the village on Monday at 3:30 p.m. to extinguish a blaze in the combination trailer and residence of O.W. Clements. A faulty stove was the cause of the fire. No estimate of the damage is available as yet but the dwelling was almost a total loss.

Commander Slade Cutter from the naval base at San Diego, Calif., now transferred to Washington, D.C. for land duty, stopped over last weekend with Oswego relatives. The Cutter families met for dinner Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Max Cutter. Slade, one of our Oswego boys, is motoring to Washington to find a place for his family to live, and they, Mrs. Cutter, Ann and Slade Jr., will fly to their new home in the east. Slade said Oswego had changed so he would hardly know the town.

The high school basketball team went to Chicago Saturday evening to see the big game.

March 8: Members of the Oswego Lions Club enjoyed a colored sound movie presented by W.T. Stouffer, Division Passenger Agent for the CB&Q Railroad, and showing the scenery along the route of the crack California Zephyr.

A recent survey of the favorite recordings of all time as made recently by one of the leading periodicals proves that what the majority of the people want is a simple melody played by a good orchestra, preferably something with a sentimental or nostalgic flavor and with love as a dominant theme. The survey went on to show that the tastes of popular music devotees has varied little in the past two decades. Bing Crosby topped the list with his waxing of "White Christmas," which has sold over 8 million copies. Crosby also had two more recordings among the first 25, "Silent Night" and "Jingle Bells."

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crane (the former Elaine Smith) came to the George D. Smith home last weekend. Mr. Crane, who is with the Lockheed Aircraft service, has been transferred from New York to California and has gone to his new location. Mrs. Crane will visit her parents and other relatives here for a week and then go on to their new home in Burbank.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Leigh and two little sons have moved from the Minkler farm to a farm two miles north of Wolf's Crossing and the Everett Hafenrichters, who lived there, will be located in a remodeled home on the Douglas Road.

Mr. and Mrs. William Davis are moving to Aurora and Mr. and Mrs. John Brown have purchased the home on South Madison street and will be moving there soon.

Ronnie Smith and David King accompanied Purina Dealer Jack Hastert to St. Louis the first of the week for several days. They visited the research farm and mills of the company.

Mrs. Valena Figge Judge, formerly of Oswego and Aurora, died Feb. 28 at the home of her son, Cass Figge, in Twin Falls, Idaho. The body was brought to the Healy chapel in Aurora where funeral services were held March 5, with interment in the Riverside cemetery.

Mrs. Judge is survived by two sons, Cass of Twin Falls, and Frank of Albuquerque, N.M.; four grandsons, Dr. David Figge of Seattle, Gordon of Twin Falls, and Robert and Roger Figge of Albuquerque; and a sister, Mrs. Harvey Levee of Plainfield.

Mrs. Judge spent many of her years on a farm on the Oswego-Plainfield road. Mr. Figge died in 1932. Later, she married Delbert Judge of Aurora. He passed away a few years ago and she went to Idaho to live with her son and family.

Mrs. Judge would have been 80 years old on April 12. She died of a heart attack. Her sons Cass and Frank and wife came for the funeral.

March 15: The Oswego Park Board voted to sponsor an Explorer Scout Post, which will be organized within the next few weeks. The Explorer Post will be open to all boys in Oswego Township between the ages of 14 and 21.

For more than five hours the local firemen joined with departments from Montgomery in an attempt to extinguish the fire which razed one of the huge sheep barns owned by the CB&Q near Montgomery last Sunday afternoon and evening. The force worked in two shifts with 13 of the volunteer firefighters seeing action.

Bill Cutter is home from St. John's Military academy at Delafield, Wis., for a ten-day vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Cutter.

March 22: Over 750 persons, probably the largest crowd to ever witness an indoor public event in the village, witnessed the operetta, "Meet Arizona," presented by the music department of the local school last Friday evening.

Overflowing the 650 available chairs on the main floor of the gym, the balance of the spectators were seated on the new roll-away bleachers that just arrived three days preceding the musical.

If you are interested one way or the other in the proposed bill to legalize the sale of colored oleomargarine, now is the time to write or wire your state representative at Springfield as the bill is before the General Assembly. Your representatives are Mrs. Maud Peffers, Lisle Laufer, and Leon Shuler.

Fred Bower, one of the old settlers of Oswego, aged 89 years, passed away Monday, March 19, at his home. He was born Sept. 9, 1861 in Kendall county.

Mr. Bower is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Clara Rance of Oswego; two sons, Walter G. of Aurora, and Albert J. of Earlville; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Minnie Hafenrichter of Aurora. He was preceded in death by his wife and one son.

Mr. Bower was a lifelong member of the Oswego Prairie church.

Funereal services were conducted at the McKeown funeral home in Oswego Wednesday afternoon. Interment was in Riverside cemetery.

Mrs. M.R. Saxon gave a party for ten little folks honoring the twins, Kathy and Karla, on their fifth birthday anniversary.

Twelve of the Oswego basketball team members and their teachers attended the state tournament held at Urbana last week.

John Hafenrichter, a student at the University of Pennsylvania, spent a few days here recently with relatives.

NaAuSay: The Marysville and McCauley schools will give a roller skating party at Hartong's hall in Plainfield Friday evening, March 30.

March 29: More than a hundred car owners in the village will lose two dollars apiece if they fail to purchase 1951 vehicle tax stickers for their automobiles before the April 1 deadline.

April -- 1951

April 5: One of the largest votes ever recorded in a township election was cast Tuesday as 553 voters went to the polls. Kenneth Gowran won out handily over his opponent, Bert Allen, for road commissioner of Oswego Township. Gowran received a total of 449 ballots; Allen garnered 83.

The village board met Monday evening, April 2, in the Village Hall. It was voted to permit the American Legion to hold a carnival from May 22-27 providing fire line is kept open through the streets and village held no liable for any damage. The board appointed William Beck as night police officer at the salary of \$100 plus collection from the merchants.

"The exposure of the dealings of Rep. James J. Adduci (R-Chicago) is bringing to light a stigma of moral barrenness on the part of many members of the Illinois State Legislature. Adduci recently confessed to the Kefauver Committee that he took nearly \$6,000 in commissions on the sale of envelopes to the state. It is high time that the voters give an ultimatum to their representatives that such shenanigans will not be put up with."

The Main Café has again changed owners. Mr. and Mrs. Nick Lautwein (Helen Gregory) of Oswego purchased the business from Ernest Miller and had their opening day on April 1. The café will be open from 6 a.m. to late evening, except Thursdays.

Mr. and Mrs. William Leigh have a son, Mark Van Leigh, born at the Copley hospital March 27. Mrs. Leigh and the baby came home April 1. There are two older boys in the family.

Many in this vicinity are more or less ill or are recovering this week. A new "bug" seems to have "bitten" many, causing throat infections and much misery in general, although not the same as flu. Many penicillin shots were given to clear up the infection.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Johnson's son was in the Copley several days; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Turner's little folks, five-year-old Sharon and three year old Charles, had "shots" for five days. Todd Drew, Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Drew's year old son, was under a doctor's care. Nancy Heap and

Ray Eichelberger were others of the older children ill, and many others have been ill including some of the mothers.

April 12: A spokesman for the village board stated early this week that the ordinance regarding dogs running at large will be enforced beginning immediately.

The LaMenu Modelle 4-8 Club held their first meeting of the year on April 7 at the home of Mrs. J.G. Smith. Election of officers took place. New officers are president, Audrey Fosgett; vice-president, Elaine Matile; treasurer, Ruth Heise; reporter, Marilyn Mathers; recreation chairman, Sara Stuart; music chairman, Gail Akerlow. The six junior leaders chosen were Janet Shoger, Eleanor Fosgett, Eileen Matile, Nancy Cherry, and Sylvia Ebinger.

On Saturday afternoon and evening, April 7, 85 friends of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nutt Jr. attended their "housewarming" and enjoyed looking over the new home recently finished on Tyler street. The guests were escorted through the house to note the many conveniences, generous closets, bath or lavatory on all three floors, fireplace in the living room and basement recreation room. A larger mirror covering the area over the fireplace in the living room was a gift from the many friends.

April 19: Only 123 voters went to the polls Tuesday to vote for members of the Board of Trustees and Police Magistrate for the village. For the board of trustees, George Griffin received 114 votes, Ralph Burkhart 116, Fred Cooper 95. All were running for reelection. Wayne Denney received 15 write-in votes. Police Magistrate Alex F. Crossman [Crosman] was reelected that post with a total of 109 votes. Paul Zwoyer received 4 ballots.

Stephen Paydon was elected to the Oswego Community High School Board with a total of 181 votes. Write-in votes gave Ernest King 2, Betty Mae Baumgartner 2, J. George Smith 1.

The dedication of the new Oswego High School will be on Sunday afternoon, April 29, with an open house from 1 to 3 p.m. and 4:30 to 6 p.m. The dedication program will take place in the gym at 3 p.m.

A mobile TB x-ray unit will visit Oswego on Monday, April 23 and Tuesday, April 24.

The Oswego Fire Department answered a call to the Leonard Seidelman home on Collins Road April 15 to extinguish a fire that started around the chimney of the house. A good share of the roof and three second story rooms were destroyed. The loss was estimated at \$1000.

Advertisement: We invite you to our grand opening, The Furniture Shop, Route 34 at Main Street, Oswego, Illinois. Distinctive Furnishings, Jane B. Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Hagerman of Plainfield road have a daughter born April 10. Mother and daughter came home April 16. The little one was given the name April Jane. There is a two-year-old sister, Terri Ann, who has been staying with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Eichelberger.

April 26: Among the many interesting and distinctive items on display at last Saturday's open of Oswego's newest business enterprise, "The Furniture Shop," were the rag and braided rugs that are made by local women and distributed nationally by Jane Patterson, owner of the new store. According to Mrs. Patterson, 15 local women are employed in the manufacture of the rugs, which range from midget size up to huge 18.12 affairs and larger, and which are sold on order throughout the United States.

Dedication of the new Oswego High School building will take place Sunday afternoon, April 29.

One of the regular projects of the Future Farmers of America is soil and wildlife conservation. Last Wednesday the Oswego FFA, in conjunction with the U.S. Conservation Service, set out 1,500 multi-flora rose plants on the C.M. Schmidt farm southwest of town. This shrub grows into a low hedge, which provides excellent cover for pheasants and rabbits and acts as a natural fence.

Two ten-year-old school girls had birthday anniversaries last week. Karen Krug, on April 18, had 14 girls as guests after school. They played games and had a jolly time. Mary Ann Griffin of Monroe street celebrated her tenth birthday anniversary with a party with 15 schoolmates Saturday afternoon, April 21.

If the investigating committees worked as hard and as many hours as the farmers do they would really get somewhere. Many acres of oats and grass seeds were sown last week, those having the most to do getting to work at 6 a.m. or earlier and some working at night with tractor lights. Do our city friends know that farmers are sowing near 90c oats and alfalfa at \$48 a bushel; red clover at \$27; and timothy seed at \$9.90?

Mr. and Mrs. Roy King have moved into the cottage on the Arthur Davis farm. They came from Princeton. Mr. King works for the Kelloggs in NaAuSay.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hafenrichter are the parents of a daughter born April 21 at the Copley Memorial hospital. There are two other children in the family, Karen 6, and Richard, 3. Mrs. Hafenrichter's mother, Mrs. Flora Finley of DeKalb, is assisting in the home.

Master Sgt. Sidney Woolley of New Bern, N.C., flying north with others on a two day leave, visited his brother, Ora Woolley and wife and his uncles, Wilton and Wilbur Woolley, and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Price Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. Sgt. Woolley has been in the service 26 years, flying much of that time and is now trained to do helicopter work.

A furniture shop on Route 34 at Main street in Oswego was opened Saturday, April 21. The owner and manager is Mrs. O.W. Patterson.

The Furniture Shop has distinctive furnishings, which include rugs, draperies, bedroom, dining, living, and porch groups, lamps, mirrors, pictures, and gift items.

Mr. Patterson is western sales manager from Buffalo, N.Y., to the west coast for the Nye Watt Carpet company of Auburn, N.Y., with offices in the Merchandise Mart in Chicago.

The Pattersons own a farm in Oswego and have lived there for 12 years. They formerly lived in Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson also own the Martha Washington All-Wool Hand-Braided Rug company in Oswego. The rugs are designed by Mrs. Patterson and constructed by hand by women in the Fox valley and sold by Mr. Patterson throughout the states.

May -- 1951

May 3: Over 800 persons "Oh'd" and "Ah'd" their way along the corridors and through the classrooms of Oswego's new high school building during open house last Sunday afternoon. Over half of the visitors attended the formal dedication ceremonies held in the gymnasium-auditorium at 3 p.m. A group of specially invited guests and speakers filled the huge flower-banked stage, including the district's three representatives to the state legislature, leading state educators, superintendents of neighboring schools, former superintendents of Oswego schools, former board members and local organization heads. Former school administrators, H.B. Tate and John L. Clayton, were introduced by Ernest King, board member with longest term of office. The school's newest board member, Stephen Paydon, introduced State Representatives Maud Peffers, Leon M. Shuler and J. Lisle Laufer.

At an impressive candlelight service at St. Paul's Lutheran church, Aurora April 22, Miss Ina Bornemann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto L. Bornemann of Oswego, become the bride of Arthur Mayer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mayer of Millington. The bride graduated from Oswego high school and maintains her own beauty salon in Oswego. The bridegroom attended Wheaton high school and served four fur years with the navy in World War II. He is employed in Roalson's barber shop in Oswego.

Mrs. L.J. Weishew has sold her beautiful home at the north edge of Oswego to Henry Smith of Kenilworth. She will move in a few weeks to make her home with her son-in-law and daughter, Mrs. and Mrs. Richard Warren in their new home in Aurora. Mr. Smith has also purchased the Simons furniture company in Aurora and with his wife and our children will move to Oswego.

Yorkville: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Fletcher of Newark announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their only daughter, Ruth Naomi, to James W. Bell, only son of Mr. and Mrs. James Winfred Bell, Little Rock, Ark. Miss Fletcher is a graduate of Northwestern university school of education and at present is teaching in Elgin. Mr. Bell is also a graduate of Northwestern University in the school of commerce where he majored in advertising. He is now advertising manager for Bush-Cadwell company of Little Rock.

May 10: Patrick Pierce, one of the oldest residents of the community, died at his home in Oswego May 2, at the age of 92 years. He was born in May 1859 in County Wexford, Ireland and had lived in Oswego since 1880. He is survived by several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at the McKeown funeral home on May 4, with burial in Mt. Olivet cemetery.

Fifty-two singers from the Oswego Community high school went to Elgin Sunday afternoon to practice with other participating schools for the 600-voice chorus singing at the 22nd annual Fox Valley High School Music festival, held in the evening, Monday, May 7.

Roy Krug drove a school bus load of pupils of the Willow Hill school and their mothers to Chicago May 1. They enjoyed a visit to the airport and the Cole Brothers' circus.

This may not be news, but Monday morning, May 7, was a beautiful wash day and the housewives were so busy it was practically impossible to get many news items.

May 17: More than 150 mothers and daughters enjoyed themselves Friday evening in the Federated church parlors in Oswego at the mother and daughter banquet. While the guests gathered, Miss Lynn Bell played several selections at the piano.

Following the torrential rains of May 10 and 11, the farmers couldn't work in the fields until Monday and Tuesday.

May 24: Dr. Charles A. Clark, aged 75 years, died at his home in Oswego on May 20, 1951. He was born in NaAuSay township Feb. 16, 1876. He is survived by his wife, Clara; a daughter, Margaret, Mrs. Leslie Morse; one granddaughter, Caryl, Mrs. Robert Brubaker; and one great-granddaughter, Leslie Brubaker of Champaign.

Dr. Clark was a member of the Oswego Presbyterian church, of Raven Lodge No. 303, AF&AM, and was a practicing veterinarian since 1910.

Funeral services were held at the McKeown funeral home May 22.

Many Oswegoans enjoyed viewing the Ta-Ha-La tulip garden at Big Rock the past week, where they saw 50,000 tulips in over 50 varieties.

The concert at the high school gym Sunday afternoon was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. The music directed by Reeve Thompson, was excellent and the young people made a pretty picture on their fine large stage.

The Oswego Cemetery association notifies those who have unpaid assessments that their lots will not be cared for that year.

May 31: Thirty-two seniors of the Class of '51 will receive their diplomas Friday night, June 1, in the High School Auditorium at 8 p.m. The class roll: Betty Jane Bower, John Albert Bazan, Robert Wheeler Claassen, John Ralph Cormany, Nancy Carol Cherry, Patricia Ann Corrick, Sylvia Lucille Ebinger, Eleanor Lois Fosgett, Donald Wayne Friebele, Gerald John Friedgen, Stanley Keith Gengler, Robert Dale Hackerson, Richard Lee Isleman, David Lyle King, Don Wallace Lull, William Emmett McCauley, Malcolm Ray Ness, Carl Duane Ode, Norma Jean Peterson, Charles James Ricketts, Roger Russell Rink, Oscar Allen Rohr Jr., Barbara Schlapp, Donald Allen Schomer, Janet Maryon Shoger, Robert Nelson James, Alice Mae Torkelson, Herbert Lavern Tripp, Donna Mae Wackerline, Richard Dean Wheeler, Dorothy Ann Zielke, and Russell Edward Zwoyer.

Harold M. Frank, Chicago, was fined \$50 and costs by Police Magistrate Alex F. Crossman [Crosman] on Friday, May 25, on charges of attempting to bribe a police officer. Frank was riding in an automobile driven by Robert J. Burns, Chicago, who was arrested by Officer William Hart for traveling at an excessive rate of speed past the large grade school building. According to testimony by Officer Hart, Frank inquired whether a few dollars would help him forget the incident.

Blazing six-guns, hard riding cowboys, and plenty of thrills and action are promised to the youngsters of the community as the first free movie of the season is flashed across the screen in the Presbyterian annex at 2 p.m. Saturday afternoon, June 2. It will be Hopalong Cassidy in "Heart of Arizona." The free movies are financed this year by the Oswego Park District. This is the fourth year that the Presbyterian Church has thrown open the annex for this worthwhile community project.

June -- 1951

June 7: It was announced following the village board meeting held on Monday that the contract for improving the village streets in accordance with an ordinance passed in September of last year has been let to the Advance Construction Company, Maywood. The contract for construction of storm sewers was given to A.W. Stahl Co., Somonauk. Work on the improvements will begin within the next two weeks. Work on the opening of Monroe Street between Tyler and Benton by the village is also underway.

A group of 105 graduates of Oswego High School met in the cafeteria Saturday evening, June 2, for the annual alumni banquet. The Tappin' Dicks, Dick Oakes and Dick Balstrode of Naperville, recently on the Morris B. Sachs Amateur Hour, entertained.

Police magistrate Alex F. Crossman's [Crosman] court was a busy place during the past week as a total of 20 motorists paid a total of \$120 in fines for stop signs violations.

Commencement for the eighth grade students was held Thursday evening, May 31.

Officers: John Calamaras, president; Sharon Ross, vice-president; Geri Jump, secretary and treasurer.

The class roll: Glenn Baker, Judith Behrens, Arlo Bower, Rebecca Brungart, Leonard Burkhardt, Hallie Burton, John Calamaras, Richard Campbell, Delores Cordas, Patricia Cordas, Alice Essenpreiss, Kay Eichelberger, Earl Falk, Carl Gebauer, David Gengler, Mary Goudie, Loretta Johnson, Geraldine Jump, Beverly Kanning, William Kellogg, Michael Kontos, Glenn Leifheit, Sharon Lippold, Elaine Matile, David McCauley, Jerry Meetz, Louise Norris, Howard Olson, Barbara Rohr, Sharon Ross, Harry Schlapp, Roger Schlapp, Ted Schiltz, Barbara Schultz, Gerald Testin, James Tripp, Richard Vacca, Warren Van Etten, Duane Vickery, Janet Vinson, Jack Walper, Sharon Walper, and Dolores Zentmyer.

June 14: The Men's Softball League, which plays on Tuesday and Thursday nights each week will consist of five teams with each having a local merchant sponsor. Teams and captains are Shuler's Drug Store, William Denney, captain; Carr's Department Store, Robert Johnson,

captain; Zentmyer Garage, Dale Schillinger captain; Herren & Tripp Insurance, Paul Miller captain; Bohn's Supermart, Kenny Bohn captain.

Editorial: It's getting to be a regular occurrence to see the guardrail splintered and trees skinned up at the intersection of Chicago Road and Madison Street [Five Corners]. Another truck got out of control last week and ended up in the yard of Don Clark [future location of Olson's Shell, later Keith's Car Care and The Garden Faire]. Fortunately, no one was killed or even scratched up, but the fact remains that Lady Luck will be on a vacation one of these days when one of these large trucks comes careening around the corner and into the trees.

What can be done about it? The question always comes up after each accident but is soon forgotten until the screeching of tires and the crash of metal brings a reminder.

Would more signs along the highway at the outskirts of the village be of any help? Would a concentrated patrolling of that section of the highway stop the trucks from coming into town at an excessive rate of speed?

If you have any ideas on the subject and are interested in sharing them, the editor of the *Ledger* will be glad to present them to the public. You should be interested in the matter. Your boy or girl may be walking on that particular stretch of sidewalk at a time when one of these frequent accidents occurs. Then it will be too late.

Officer William Hart arrested a total of 13 motorists for failing to observe stop signs in the village in the past seven days. They were fined a total of \$80 plus costs in Police Magistrate Alex F. Crossman's [Crosman] court.

A ten-week summer recreational program for the residents of Oswego and Oswego township begins Monday, June 18. The program, according to Ford L. Lippold, recreational director for the Oswego Park board, calls for leisure time activities aimed to include all age groups in the community.

June 14: Effective Monday, June 18, Burlington passenger trains No. 134 and 133 will operate Aurora to Streator on the following schedule: Northbound train No. 134 due Oswego at 4:22 p.m. Southbound Train No. 133 due Oswego at 8:43 a.m. All trains will operate on a daily-except-Sunday schedule.

The Oswego depot will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 12:01 p.m. and from 1 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. daily except Saturday and Sunday. The depot is closed all day Saturday.

Nine motorists were arrested during the past week and fined in the court of Police Magistrate Alex F. Crossman [Crosman].

Illinois will supply 2,436 men for induction into the armed forces during August it was announced this week by Col. Paul G. Armstrong, State Selective Service Director. This figure represents approximately 11.1 percent of the national call for the month, which totals 22,000 men, Col. Armstrong said.

According to a spokesman for the village board, police officers of the village have been instructed to pick up any dogs found running at large in Oswego and the owners of such dogs will be subject to fine.

June 21: *Ledger* issue missing; no Oswego news in Kendall County Record.

June 28: A group of local citizens met on Monday, June 18, with the Community Consolidated Grade School Board at a special meeting to consider the possibility of establishing a kindergarten. Following lengthy discussion, the school board retired for a private session from which the following action emerged: A motion was made that "The Board of Education provide additional rooms, attached to the new high school building, and addition funds for operation and maintenance, thereby providing an expanded educational program including kindergarten contingent upon approval of the voters of the district at an election to be called later."

July -- 1951

July 5: A contract was awarded to the Universal Construction Co., Indianapolis, Ind. at Monday's village board meeting of the repairing and cleaning of the water supply tank at the intersection of Washington and Tyler Streets in the amount of \$895.

The Oswego Lions Club is completing plans to furnish and put house numbers on each residence and business house in the village in accordance with the new village ordinance regarding the numbering of homes.

There will be no charge for this service by the local organization. The money was raised for the project at the variety show staged by the club earlier in the year. This completes the third part of a three-fold program instituted by the organization several years ago which included the purchasing and erection of street markers for the village streets; purchase and erection of markers at intersections of country roads in the township; and purchase and installation of house numbers for each residence in the village.

According to the new village ordinance requiring numbers on all structures in the village, numbers lying north and south of the line of Madison Street--Ill. Route 25; street addresses north or south of that line were to be designated north or south. The east-west baseline was set at Jefferson Street, with numbers lying east or west of the line designated east or west. Odd numbers were to be on the north and west sides of village streets.

Some of the persons who were present at the Presbyterian Church several weeks ago when State Representative Maud Peffers spoke on the Broyles Bill which would make it felony to be a member of the Communist Party or of any "subversive" group, will be interested to note that the bill was killed by the veto of Governor Stevenson. According to the governor he used his veto power to kill the long-debated and controversial bill because "it jeopardized the freedom of sincere and honest citizens." In addition to making it a felony to belong to a "subversive" organization, the bill also would have required state, city, and county officials to take loyalty oaths. Gov. Stevenson went on to state that "we must not burn down the house to kill the rats."

July 12: The free movie sponsored by the Oswego Civic Club and the Oswego Park Board was "Stagecoach War" starring Hopalong Cassidy.

Oswego American Legion Auxiliary Unit 675 welcomed four new members including Jean Guy, Irene Leppert, Maizie Marvin, and Verna Cather. Refreshments were served by Evelyn Woolley, Minnie McCoy, and Shirley Miller.

Reports of good fishing, favorable weather, and a million and one things to see have been received from Jim Hoch and Gene Herren, who are on a camping trip at Yellowstone National Park.

Because of the increase in motor fuel tax there has been a rush of consumers to store up gasoline before the raise goes into effect on Aug. 1. According to state law, no gasoline can be sold or stored in cans other than those painted red (also naphtha, benzene, and Benzol) and no other liquid can be placed in such cans. Violators are to be fined a minimum of \$10 for each violation.

July 19: A group of 11 local Boy Scouts left for Camp Blackhawk in Michigan including Leonard Burkhart, Richard Campbell, Larry Christian, Douglas Clark, Jimmy Lantz, Dean Salomons, Jim Tripp, Allen Wester, Warren VanEtten, Robert Mead, and Gene McDowell.

Area residents were invited to write to U.S. Air Force Pvt. John L. Hafenrichter who was serving with Flight 464, 3659th Training Squadron at Sampson Air Force Base, Geneva, N.Y.

July 26: The square dance and folk dance sets representing the Oswego LaMenu Modelle and Future Stockmen both won first place at the 4-H carnival held in the Yorkville gym on July 17. The square dance set was called by J. George Smith and dancers were Elaine Fosgett, Eleanor Fosgett, Nancy Cherry, Janet Shoger, Stuart Wooley, Dave Nelson, Charlie Ricketts, and David King. The folk dance set was called by Stephen Paydon and the dancers were Louise Norris, Elaine Matile, Audrey Fosgett, Delores Boughton, Marilyn Mathers, Janice Rink, Bill Anderson, Ronnie Akerlow, Tommy King, Bob Nelson, Dean Shoger, and David McCauley.

Opening of the Saxon Clinic was to take place Aug. 15. The clinic, which will be one of the most complete in a community the size of Oswego, will be staffed with three doctors, part-time laboratory and X-ray technicians, and several nurses. The clinic offices and laboratories will be located in the building in which Dr. Saxon now has his offices. Dr. E. Lowry, of Ridgefarm, Ill., will be a fulltime associate of Dr. Saxon. Lowry, who is a graduate of the University of Illinois Medical School, served two years in the Army Medical Corps. For the past two years he has had a private practice at Ridgefarm. Dr. Lowry and his family will reside in Oswego. The other doctor will be Dr. Harry Slobdin, also a graduate of the University of Illinois Medical School.

August -- 1951

Aug. 2: Teachers who formerly held emergency certificates can now obtain provisional teaching certificates under the new certification law. Applicants must have thirty-five semester hours college credit, taught one year in Illinois since July 1, 1943, and earned five semester hours college credit within the last twelve months, and pass an examination as prescribed by the state examining board.

Aug. 9: Oswego schools will open Tuesday, Sept. 4, with registration and class assignments. The cafeteria, a new innovation this year, will be opened on Wednesday, Sept. 4.

Several letters have come to the editor's desk of late from readers who think that too much space is being devoted to sports activities in the community.

The explanation is quite obvious as to the reason why a great deal of news is printed concerning the various leisure time activities that have to do with the summer recreation program and also the school sports program. Almost every home in the community is represented in some phase of sports and leisure time activities each week.

Perhaps more interest in sports on the local level would be helpful to the sorry state of affairs that college and professional sports seem to be in, judging from the startling headlines of late.

Lightning struck the barn on the Warren Norris farm early Monday morning and it was burned to the ground.

Aug. 16: The Oswego Community schools will open for the fall term on Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 8:30 a.m.. There will be school until noon only the first day.

Faculty of the Oswego schools for the 1951-52 year is as follows:

#### High School Faculty

T. Loyd Traugher, superintendent.

Earl Anderson, principal, sciences and mathematics.

Herbert Hasenyager, coach and social sciences.

No one engaged as yet for assistant coach, mathematics and sciences.

Mrs. Elizabeth Schmidt, commerce and yearbook.

Miss Charlotte Geuther, homemaking and girls' physical education.

Miss Faye Miles, English, Spanish, and dramatics.

Joe Iftner, vocational agriculture and shop.

Reeve Thompson, band and vocal music, grades 4 through 12.

#### Junior High

Lowell Polley, principal, coach, and social sciences.

Mrs. Helen Nesemeier, grammar, penmanship, spelling, and dramatics.

Mrs. Frances Polley, mathematics and social sciences.

Miss Salley Patelski, reading, health, and girls' physical education.

#### Grade School

Charles Schultz, principal and sixth grade.

Mrs. Leone Bartholomew, sixth grade.

Miss Mildred Vickery, fifth grade.

Mrs. Emma Houck, fifth grade.

Mrs. Ruth Worland, fourth grade.

Mrs. Maxine Staley, fourth grade.

Mrs. Minnie McCoy, third grade; a teacher remains to be hired for this grade, in addition.

Mrs. Gertrude Heffelfinger, second grade.

Mrs. Evelyn Woolley, second grade.

Mrs. Thelma Davis, first grade.

Mrs. Norma Knapp, first grade.

Mrs. Cleta Schuster, Willow Hill, grades 1, 2, and 3.

Mrs. Grace Jones, McCauley, grades 1, 2, and 3.

Custodians

Henry Schmidt, grade school buildings; Mrs. Nellie Tripp, old grade school; Mrs. Carl Ode, little grade school; and Glenn Schlapp, high school.

High School Cafeteria

Mrs. Virginia Campbell, manager; Mrs. Patton and Mrs. Beatrice Meetz, assistants.

Bus Drivers

No. 1, West River road (Wormley district), Richard Light, assistant, William Light.

No. 2, Willow Hill and route 34, Roy Krug.

No. 3, Wolf Crossing road and North Wheatland township, James Zentmyer.

No. 4, South Wheatland and Church school area, Stanley Peterson.

No. 5, East NaAuSay township and Plainfield road, Ralph Wheeler.

No. 6, West NaAuSay township and Grove road, Orin Collins.

No. 7, McCauley school area, John Whitlock.

Substitute drivers are Carl Friebele, Homer Adkins, Kenneth Gowran, Francis Cryder, and Forrest Woolley.

Yorkville: One of the largest farm sales in the county took place when the big south farm owned by Col. Robert R. McCormick, worked by Louis Thurrow, was sold to R.F. Feeney of Chicago, for \$160,000. The other two farms were bought by the Dickson Insurance office of Yorkville.

DeKalb, Aug. 8.--The Lorado Taft area, a 66-acre tract located in the northwest corner of Lowden Memorial state park at Oregon, became the property of Northern Illinois State Teachers college yesterday when Gov. Stevenson signed a bill transferring the property from the department of Public Works and Buildings to the college.

Aug. 23: Oswego Community High School is sponsoring a lunch program this year conforming to the USDA specifications as outlined in accordance with an Act of the 64th Illinois General Assembly.

The type of lunch approved for Oswego this year is designated "Type A Lunch with Milk." It consists of a complete lunch, hot or cold, providing one-third to one-half of the day's nutritive requirements. Sample menu: Baked meatloaf and gravy, choice of hot vegetable or salad, butter and bread, one-half pint of whole milk, dipper of ice cream.

Serving will begin at 11:10 for the students of grades 1, 2, and 3. Grades 4, 5, and 6 will be served at 11:30 a.m. Upper grade and high school students will be served when they are dismissed at 11:55. All grade students will use the east entrance in going to and from the cafeteria in order that the classes will not be disturbed along the lower corridor.

Omitted from last week's listing of teachers was the name of Donald Edwards, Kendall county speech therapist, who teaches students of both grade and high school on Tuesday and Thursday of each week.

The board offered a contract to Gerald Bethke of Waukesha, Wis., Saturday of last week to teach mathematics, science, and assist in coaching. Mr. Bethke is a graduate of Carrol college in the class of 1950. He is currently employed in the research laboratory of Allis-Chalmers company, Milwaukee.

Much concern has been shown of late about the problem of dope addiction of teenagers. A study by truant officers in Chicago showed that there are addicts in every high school. Rumors of addicts much closer to Oswego have been circulated. "It can't happen here!" Who says so?

Mrs. Mary Bickford, Mrs. Charles Cherry, Mrs. Helen Richards, Mrs. Mayme Young, and Mrs. Mae Cutter attended the annual reunion of the pupils of the Old Stone school of Oswego held at the home of Mrs. Margaret Sierp Law in Aurora recently.

About 30 relatives came with well-filled baskets and completely surprised Mr. and Mrs. Warren Norris in their new farm home on Douglas road Tuesday evening.

Lloyd Short, who was recently injured in an automobile accident, is slowly recuperating at his home. He suffered several fractured ribs and a punctured lung.

Aug. 30: Starting time for the three attendance centers located in Oswego will be 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 4. The starting time for the Willow Hill and McCauley schools will be 9 a.m. The first three grades will hold classes two and one half hours with a recess period in the morning and the afternoon. Dismissal time for grades 1, 2, and 3 will be 3 p.m. for the day at all attendance centers. The primary grades will be dismissed at 11 a.m. and those who wish to eat lunch at the cafeteria will be served at 11:10. Those who wish to bring their lunch may eat at the school where they attend classes.

Grades 4, 5, and 6, will be dismissed for lunch at 11:30 a.m. and will be served at the cafeteria at that time.

Two sections of each grade will be necessary for instruction of students this year. The grouping will be heterogeneous and will be determined by an alphabetical list of students of that grade. Second grade pupils with surnames A through L will be instructed by Mrs. Heffelfinger and whose surnames being with M through Z will be instructed by Mrs. Woolley. Since this grade is the only grade attending two different schools, the following directions are necessary. Two sections of first grade and Mrs. Heffelfinger's section of the second grade will report for classes at the "Little School." Mrs. Woolley's section of second grade and pupils of grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 will report to the grade school building for classes. Grades 7 and 8 will again hold classes in the new high school building.

With only the immediate members of the two families present, the marriage of Miss Shirley Lippold, daughter of Mrs. Mabel Lippold, to Merrill I. Wolf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Wolf, also of Oswego took place in the home of Mrs. Mabel E. Lippold Saturday, Aug. 18, at 7 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cherry have moved into their new home on Chicago road and Mrs. and Mrs. Charles Schultz and infant son are occupying the former Cherry home. Mr. Schultz is one of the Oswego grade school teachers.

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Anna Robinson Kittler of Rochelle, Saturday, Aug. 25. The funeral was held in Rochelle Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Kittler, as her many friends will remember, was the wife of Dr. W.E. Kittler, who practiced medicine for many years in Oswego and who, with two daughters, survives. She was preceded in death by one daughter.

We were all very sorry to hear of the sudden death of Leo Worland in Aurora. His wife, Mrs. Ruth Worland, is one of our grade school teachers.

September -- 1951

Sept. 6: The *Oswego Ledger* reports on all cases tried in Judge Crossman's [Crossman] court that are under village jurisdiction except such cases as deal with domestic relations. The editor feels that the airing of the private spats that take place in the home are of concern only to those directly involved. If any persons are interested in sharing in the tragedy of neighborhood quarrels and shattered homes, the docket of the police magistrate is always open to public scrutiny.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Staffeldt are the proud and happy parents of a son, born Monday at the Copley Memorial hospital in Aurora.

Richard Jenkins, one of our polio victims, is still in the Copley Memorial hospital and at this time is slightly improved.

Douglas Foster, also a victim of polio, is at home and is improving.

Sept. 13: A total of 549 pupils are enrolled in the local school system this year for the largest enrollment in Oswego history. Grade school figures show a total of 409 pupils against 408 last year. The high school lists add up to 140 boys and girls, while last year's total was 130.

Sept. 20: Oswego's Nineteenth Century Club was celebrating their 58th year anniversary.

Oswego Boy Scouts Dean Salmons and Larry Christian were elected as candidates for the Order of the Arrow. The two boys, who were both First Class Scouts, are members of Oswego Troop 31.

The Oswego Panther varsity football team dropped their non-conference season opener 7-6 to Lake Zurich.

Mr. and Mrs. James Zentmyer received a framed certificate from the Chicago Motor club for their cooperation in the Midwest high school drivers' training program. Zentmyer Motor sales furnished a new car for use in this safety course.

A large number of town and county folks attended the Wheatland Plowing match Saturday and were happy to see Augie Seidelman come home with his share of honors

Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Steckel are the proud and very happy parents of a daughter, born at St. Joseph's hospital Friday morning.

The Women's association of the Oswego Presbyterian church is happy to present a memorial plate under the auspices of the Circle One of the association. These plates are unique with the artistic design of the church portrayed in black etching. A brief history is included on the plate.

October -- 1951

Oct. 4: The village board met in the village hall Monday, Oct. 1. After the usual routine business, the resignation of Al Shuler from the office of village clerk was accepted on a motion by L. [LeeVerne] Schultz and second by George Griffin. All members present voted aye. On motion by Griffin and second by Ralph Burkhardt that Ford L. Lippold be appointed village clerk to fill out the unexpired term of Al Shuler all members present voted aye.

A motion was made by Griffin with a second by Schultz that Mr. Shuler be appointed village collector at the salary of \$10 per month. All members present voted aye.

A breakdown of figures on the number of persons served and the cost of servings for the cafeteria being operated in the new high school for the first half of September shows that an average profit of .001 per meal will result if the anticipated subsidy of 10 cents per meal is forthcoming.

Miss Joanne Herren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Herren of Oswego became the bride of Robert Gilmour, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gilmour Sr., of Plainfield, Sept. 28.

The marriage of Miss Joyce Ann Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester C. Smith of Base Line road to August Wiesbrook, Oswego, took place Sept. 29.

Oct. 11: Oswego High's annual Homecoming Frolic will take place Friday and Saturday, October 19-20, with parading, a football game, and dancing on schedule. The football game between Yorkville Foxes and the Oswego Panthers is set for 7:30 p.m. The Oswego band will present a program of music at halftime. King and queen candidates are Gerald Anderson, Frank Bower, Duane Herren, David Nelson, Jim Fechner, Dale Kahle, Larry Shride, Bob Testin, Carol Christian, Elaine Fosgett, Mildred Hauser, Kay Vickery, Beverly Bell, Marilyn Blome, JoAnn Foster, and Carol Voss.

The Oswego Park Board of Commissioners announced plans to form a teen club to be held in the township hall on Washington Street. Improvements will include a new floor on the lower level suitable for dancing, an inside stairway, lounge room facilities on the upper level including a Coke bar.

Oswego police reported a total of 14 traffic arrests during the previous two weeks.

Oct. 18: The new teen club met and elected its first slate of officers, including Duane Herren, president; Ann Shuler, vice-president; Elaine Matile, secretary; and Leo Behrens, treasurer.

Reclassification of married nonfathers will be started immediately by Selective Service Local Boards throughout the state, it was announced by Colonel Paul G. Armstrong, Illinois Selective Service Director. The order carries out a provision of the 1951

Oct. 25: Shuler's Toy Land will be open by appointment only from now until Nov. 10. From the 10th of November until Christmas Eve, Shuler's Toy Land will be open every day. You will find a fine selection of the newest and finest toys in Shuler's complete Toy Land.

November -- 1951

Nov. 1: Preliminary reports on last week's big Halloween Fair sponsored by the local PTA indicate that it was one of the largest and most profitable in the history of the organization. Over 600 persons were fed during the evening.

Nov. 8: The inside of the W.J. Morse residence was almost completely gutted in a fire that broke out early Monday morning. The fire, which broke out near the furnace in the basement, was probably the result of a faulty piece of furnace pipe that led to the chimney. Damage to the house was estimated at \$6,000.

According to the statistics, Oswego won the championship contest last Friday. According to the final score, Sandwich came out on top, 14-13. Final standings show Oswego in a second place tie with Plano, each team having two losses and four wins.

Nov. 15: When the Oswego Grade and High School boards attended the Oswego PTA's regular monthly meeting to give an overview of some potential problems. Charles Lippincott gave a detailed report on activities of the grade school board concerning its building program, stating that plans now under consideration call for a proposed four room addition to the new building, which would house junior high, or a proposed six room building to take care of junior high and sixth grade. The latter plan would open the way for a kindergarten in one of the older school buildings. Lippincott also discussed the problems faced in deciding just where the new addition could be placed in conjunction to the present structure.

Nov. 22: Rev. Clinton C. Cox, pastor of the Drexel Park Presbyterian Church, Chicago, will address members of the Oswego Civic Club Monday, Nov. 26, with his subject, "Should Sex Be Taught Outside the Home?"

Fred "Brick" Young, sports editor of the Bloomington Daily Pantograph, will be the speaker at the football banquet to be held in the high school community room and cafeteria on Dec. 1.

Since unfavorable weather has delayed the corn harvesting, all operators are going to be in a hurry to harvest the crop. "As haste makes waste," the Agriculture II Class at Oswego High wants to warn all operators against the "dangerous monster" (the corn picker) as one of the students called it. Also remember:

"A ride on a picker  
For a child is fun.  
But why risk a life  
That has just begun?"

Nov. 29: Young men becoming 18 years old must register with Selective Service within five days of their birthdays, and failure to do so makes the delinquent liable to penalty.

December -- 1951

Dec. 6: In accordance with directives from the Division of Highways, the Oswego Village Board approved both a one year and a five year street improvement plan for the village.

For the first time in recent years the village streets will take on a festive look for the Christmas season with gaily colored lights strung from curb to curb. The local Lions Club has undertaken the task of decorating the business area with upwards of 500 vari-colored electric bulbs and large three-foot tall silver stars placed at strategic spots in the downtown blocks.

Dec. 13: The new Christmas lights, installed Sunday in the downtown area by the local Lions Club, glow through the courtesy of the local American Legion Post, which is footing the electricity bill.

Announcement was made by Superintendent T. Loyd Traugher that the holiday vacation period for Oswego schools will begin with the close of school Friday, Dec. 21, and will continue until Wednesday morning, Jan. 3 of the New Year.

Ford Lippold editorial: The residents of the community were pleasantly surprised last Sunday night at dusk when the switch was thrown and the newly strung Christmas lights blazed across the downtown streets. Already compliments are coming in from people living in other communities who, upon passing through the village, are also surprised that a place the size of Oswego boasts such showy decorations. Much credit is due the local Lions Club for making the lights possible and to the American Legion Post for supplying the electricity. Several of the Lions Club members labored from dawn until dark Sunday putting up the lights.

Dec. 20: A dedication service will be held at the 10 o'clock worship service Sunday morning, Dec. 23, at the Prairie Church for the electric organ chimes recently installed by the Ebinger Family in memory of Phyllis Ebinger.

Dec. 27: Oswego area girl Eileen Matile was elected as the first president of the new Kendall County 4-H Federation.

Another casualty of inflated prices is the popular penny post card. After Jan. 1, 1952, it will cost two cents to mail a postal card anywhere in the U.S. Also, there will be no more once cent mail locally. Letters mailed in Oswego will require a two-cent stamp, according to a statement made by George C. Bartholomew, Oswego Postmaster.

After absorbing prices raised in paper and other materials used in publishing the *Oswego Ledger* over the two years of its existence without a boost in advertising rates, the new postal rates make it necessary to do so beginning Jan. 1, 1952. The raise will amount to a straight 10 percent on all advertising. The only other way to absorb the advanced cost of publication of the ledger would

be to publish the paper on a subscription basis. The entire cost of publishing the *Ledger* is through advertising at the present time. This method is advantageous to the advertisers in that they get complete coverage in Oswego Township, whereas if the paper was published on a subscription basis chances are that 75 percent coverage would be the maximum.

1952

January

Jan. 3: William Kilgore, executive of the Fox Valley Manufacturing Association, will speak on the subject "This is Our Problem," a discussion of the infiltration of Communism into the United States, at the annual PTA Father's Night Tuesday, Jan. 8, in the community room.

The Women's Fellowship of the Federated Church will meet Thursday night Jan. 10, in the church. A showing of the movie, "One God," will be the feature of the evening. The movie portrays the principal likenesses and differences of the three religions, Jewish, Catholic, and Protestant, in a brisk, unbiased, easily understandable fashion.

The Little Missionaries Sunday School Class members and their teacher, Miss Sandra Nutt, met at the home of Karen Krug [Heise], Thursday afternoon, for a toboggan ride.

Jan. 10: I would like to thank all the people in Oswego Township for the courtesies shown me when I was working all hours trying to keep roads open; also for the gifts given to me and my family. Kenneth Gowran, Oswego Township Road Commissioner

Jan. 17: None Injured in School Bus Accident During Heavy Fog

Two highway accidents occurred at the entrance to Maple Lane Riding Academy south of Oswego [on Ill. Route 71] Monday afternoon about 4 o'clock.

One of the Oswego school buses, loaded with children and headed west, was making a right turn into the driveway of Maple Lane when the left rear corner was struck by an eastbound car driven by Donald Gale, 19, of Norway.

Deputy Sheriff Herman Johnson, investigating the accident, had parked his squad car on the right shoulder of the road facing east. Flares were out and the red flashing light on the squad car turned on while Johnson and Gale sat in the car making out a report of the accident when the squad car was struck in the rear by a car driven east by Austin Pope of Oswego. Both machines were damaged and the squad car was pushed into the ditch by the force of the impact.

Pope, charged with reckless driving, was taken by Sheriff Johnson and Deputy Johnson before Police Magistrate L.R. Jeter of Yorkville, who held him to the county court.

Three candidates had filed for Kendall County State Attorney in the upcoming Republican primary election. Candidates included Thomas J. Banbury of Plano; Robert E. Bjelland, Millbrook; and Jerome Nelson, Oswego.

Jan. 24: Ford Lippold editorial: In a recent issue of the Beacon in the Voice of the People column, a soldier in Korea wrote concerning election of men to public office: "If we don't look into the character of the men we elect to high places we might as well not vote at all. Anyone who will vote a straight Democratic or Republican ticket desires all the trouble he gets. Representatives in our government must be elected on their individual merits, not because of the party which they belong to."

If for once and for all we can break down the barrier of party lines it may be possible to elect men to office that are worth of the positions entrusted to them.

In a letter to the editor, Austin Pope gave his side of the bus, squad car, auto accident of the week before. According to Pope, the bus was not turning off the highway, but entering it; the squad car was not on the shoulder but in the eastbound traffic lane; flares had been placed originally but had all burned out; the squad car was pushed onto the shoulder, not into the ditch by the force of the collision. "Perhaps it is time that we right here in our own county become aware of what is taking place. Could it be that some of the county officials are not worthy or capable of representing the people," Pope concluded.

Jan. 31: Paced by Jack Steckel, who dropped in 12 buckets and one free throw for 25 points the Oswego Panthers defeated Leland on the home floor Tuesday night, 66-38.

Last CB&Q Passenger Trip  
Through Oswego Saturday

CB&Q trains No. 133 and 134, operating between Aurora and Streator, will make a final trip on Saturday, Feb. 2 1952.

The Burlington Transportation Co. will provide service for the towns served by trains 133 and 134. That is, inbound and outbound shipments of express, baggage, and cream will continue from the Burlington Depot as in the past, but will be handled by motor truck instead of rail. Arrival and departure of times of this motor truck service will be announced by Burlington Agent George Ross as soon as released.

February -- 1952

Feb. 7: "39 Years Old" is the program title for the meeting of the local Parent-Teacher Association, to be held in the Community Room Tuesday night, Feb. 12. This is National Founder's Day, and the Oswego chapter will celebrate it with a history of the local PTA organization, which is 39 years old.

The number of books checked out of the local library in both the adult and children's divisions is on the increase according to a report by Mrs. Marion Steckel, library publicity chairman. The library, which is a project of the Nineteenth Century Club, is open every Wednesday afternoon from 2 until 5 and in the evening from 7 until 9.

Feb. 14: The Oswego Panthers are seeking to extend what may be the longest winning streak in recent years for a local high school quintet when they face the Foxes of Yorkville Friday night

on the Oswego hardwood. The string stands at four in a row at the present time, with successive victories over Leland, Plainfield, Shabbona, and Newark.

The dog ordinance in the village is effective for every day in the year, not just in the spring a summer as some folks think.

So far, Oswego hasn't had an entry in the Soap Bo Derby, which is in its sixth year both in the Aurora and on a National scale. Any boy between the ages of 11 and 15 who might be interested should contact Ford L. Lippold, recreation director of the Oswego Park Board. Any boys from Oswego who would enter the Derby would compete in the Aurora area races to be held at Phillips Park on July 18, 19, and 20.

According to a report by Mrs. Rilla Biesemeier, returns on the 1952 polio drive are coming in slowly.

Feb. 21: It was another one of those games Tuesday night when the fans sit on the edge of the seat and slowly go crazy. At no less than seven times during the contest was the score tied and with less than one minute to go, it was deadlocked at 50-50 when Jim Fechner netted a field goal to give the local quintet a two-point advantage. Elburn came back with a single charity toss a Fechner sewed the game up tight at the two-second mark with a free throw to give Oswego a 53-51 decision. The Panthers have now won six in a row.

Ford Lippold: Good sound criticism is healthy at any time, but petty little sniping is a deadly disease. There are a few individuals in the community (as there are in every community) who find fault with everything and everybody. They snipe continually at the school board, the village board, the PTA, the women's clubs, the Lions Club, the ministers, the school teachers, the business men, their neighbors and so on. And yet, these same individuals never vote, never take part in civic affairs, never are honest enough to do their vocalizing in the open. Yes, there are a lot of things that are needed to make Oswego a better place, but let's be constructive about it and above all, let's not stoop to sniping.

Coach Hasenyager's quintet will clash with Orland Park on the local hardwood Friday night in the last contest of the season outside of tournament play. Six seniors, Jack Steckel, Duane Herren, Dave Nelson, Leo Behrens, Jerry Anderson, and Dick Moake, will be playing their last regular high school game.

Feb. 28: Paced by Leo Behrens, the Oswego Panthers took the measure of Geneva's Vikings Tuesday night at Mooseheart and so advance to second round play over Batavia tonight, Thursday.

March -- 1952

March 6: According to a statement issued by the chairman of the law and order committee of the village, the existing dog ordinance will be strictly enforced on a year around basis. Any dog unleashed and ranging outside of its own yard is to be considered a dog at large.

The Oswego Panthers won second place in the Fox Valley League and first in the district basketball tourney at Mooseheart. Coach Bert Hasenyager's team included Gerald Anderson, Leo Behrens, Duane Herren, Richard Moake, David Nelson, Jack Steckel, Terry DuSell, Jim Fechner, Elnathan Claassen, and Norman Raspillar.

March 13: The basketball glory trail ended for Oswegoans when the last whistle blew in the Wheaton-Oswego game last Thursday night. A few of the fans were disgruntled at the outcome. The majority of the fans were satisfied that the Panther quintet had done a fine job. The players, particularly, showed that a team could constantly come from behind and win the close ones. And so we say congratulations to a fine team.

At the Federated Church, Miss Evelyn Lucille Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson, became the bride of John F. Ode, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ode on Friday evening.

March 20: Ford Lippold: The consistent winning of honors by members of the local high school music department, the consistently fine programs put on by the group, and the general appreciation of the populace is a credit to the organization and to the man responsible, in a large part, for the fine caliber of musical accomplishment by Oswego school pupils. It took a lot of hard work and a lot of long range planning to build the Oswego School Music Department to where it is at present. A lot of plans are still in the making. Oswego is fortunate to have such fine leadership in its school system. Congratulations to Reeve Thompson for a fine job.

Three OHS students won superior ranking in the District III solo and ensemble music contest. They were Janice Friebele (coronet), Gene McDowell (trombone), and Ruby Burton (baton twirling).

March 27: The Oswego Grade School Board announced an open forum to discuss a proposed addition of a junior high wing to Oswego High School. It was proposed to purchase the necessary property (four full city lots and portions of four others) at a cost of \$190,000, and build the new wing at a cost of \$115,000. The high school was originally built with the intention of adding a junior high wing to the south.

A friend of the Oswego Library, who wishes to remain anonymous, has made it possible to install a new lighting system in the building. Among the new books added to the shelves recently are "The Swimming Pool" by Mary Roberts Rinehart and "The Long, Long Trailer."

April -- 1952

April 3: At the annual town meeting held Tuesday, April 1, in the Oswego Town Hall, it was voted to move the place of town meetings to the Village Hall beginning immediately. This also means that all elections, including the primaries, will be held in the Village Hall. The change was voted for several reasons. The principle ones being that the Village Hall is more accessible for voting purposes due to better parking facilities; and, in order that the Township Hall might be turned over to the Oswego Park Board so that additional use of the building can be

made for teenagers, Girl Scouts, 4-H clubs and other community organizations desiring to hold meetings therein.

Vaccinations against smallpox will be given in the Oswego Community Consolidated Grade School on Wednesday, April 9, on the consent of parents.

In the neighborhood of a hundred interested citizens attended the open forum meeting in the high school Tuesday night to discuss the issue of the proposed grade school. Those who attended expecting a big display of fireworks were disappointed. Those who attended seeking information on the proposed building project were informed.

A legal notice announcing a special referendum was printed setting April 12 as the date residents could vote to build a junior high addition to Oswego High School.

April 10: Jerome Nelson won the Republican primary for Kendall County State's Attorney by a 4-1 margin over his nearest rival, Robert Bjelland of Millbrook.

An April 10 *Ledger* editorial took the community to task for "the nasty little digs and pot shots that have been taken at individuals...statements that have been slanderous in nature" over the proposal to build a junior high wing onto the high school. Voters defeated the proposal by a 2-1 margin.

A committee of teenagers from Oswego area churches were planning an Easter sunrise service to be held at Camp Quarryledge at 5:30 a.m. Sunday, April 13, with breakfast to follow at the Presbyterian Church.

In the seventh and eighth grade community spelling bee, 13 year-old Larry Heckerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Heckerson, was the winner. The sixth grade winner was Bill Husband, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Husband.

In an ordinance printed in the *Ledger*, an unnamed street lying between Lots 1 and 5 in Block 8, and Lots 6 and 7 in lock 7 of Loucks and Stafford's Addition to the Village of Oswego was vacated. The village board passed the ordinance on April 7, 1952.

April 17: Voters in the Oswego School District defeated a proposition to build a junior high addition onto Oswego High School by more than 2-1 in balloting on April 12.

The Oswego Park Board met Monday night in the Panthers Den with all members present. It was decided to hire Miss Eileen Matile to act as director for the small playground for the summer period.

April 24: Don't worry about the hour sleep you will lose Saturday night. It isn't really lost. You will get it back on Sunday Morning, Sept. 28, when the clocks will be set back to standard time once more.

May -- 1952

May 1: A total of 56 students from Oswego High School were to take part in the Elgin Music Festival to be held in the Elgin High School Gym Monday, May 5. It was the festival's 28th year.

Ford Lippold: There are many in the community who can remember back a few years when the local cemetery boasted one of the finest growths of weeds of any plot of ground hereabouts. Except for a small group of graves that were kept mowed and cleaned by individuals who owned them, the cemetery was a wilderness of rank growth.

The cemetery association officers are to be congratulated for the fine showing made in the past decade. The Oswego Cemetery is now as neat and pleasurable to the eye as any in the Fox Valley. The question now is how to keep it that way. The problem that looms largest before the officers is the lack of funds.

May 8: American Legion Post 675 is sponsoring a carnival, which will open Tuesday night, May 13, and continue throughout the week. The carnival will be set up in the usual spot on Main Street between Washington and Jackson, just to the north of the library.

The Oswego Lions Club distributed house numbers to residents throughout Oswego free of charge. The club said their project was designed to make the village safer. "If there are any homeowners in the village who haven't received a house number from the Lions Club, the committee would appreciate information to that effect as soon as possible. If you are one of those without a number, report the fact to Norval Tripp or Al Shuler," editor Ford Lippold wrote.

The Oswego Village Board approved an ordinance allowing manually operated stop and go lights at the corner of Madison and Jackson streets to provide a safe crosswalk for students at the Red Brick School.

May 15: A 16 year-old Michigan youth who stole Ralph Johnson's car from in front of the tavern last Saturday afternoon was apprehended in possession of the car at Kirkwood, Mo. early Sunday morning. The youth, identified as Charles Garrett Paddock of Kalamazoo, Mich., drove off with Johnson's 1949 Buick between 2 and 5 p.m. leaving a 1947 sedan in its stead. The sedan had been taken earlier in the morning from Valparaiso, Ind. According to word received by Johnson, his car is undamaged with the exception of a flat tire.

A villager asked last week to have the names of the volunteer firemen on the Oswego force. Here's a list: Al Shuler, chief; Kenneth Gowran, assistant chief; Kenneth Tripp, Ralph Burkhart, Wayne Denney, Les Morse, Ronnie Smith, Ralph Johnson, on Ringberg, Everett McKeown, LeeVerne Schultz, James Vinson, Henry McDowell, William Denney, and Forrest Woolley.

May 22: Grade school graduation exercises were set for Wednesday, May 28. Baccalaureate for high school graduates with the Class of 1952 was set for Sunday, May 25.

May 29: A class of 34 seniors will don cap and gown tonight at 8 p.m. for commencement exercises in the gym. Valedictorian Ann Shuler will speak on "Pass Our Blunders By."

Salutatorian Carol Christian's topic will be "Beginning of the End." Other award winners included Elaine Fosgett, Citizenship; Jack Steckel, sportsmanship; Cynthia Traugher, Activities.

A total of 60 girls in Oswego are now active in Girl Scouts ranging from Brownie through Intermediate age.

Local stores will remain open this afternoon, Thursday, May 29, until 6 p.m. so that residents of the community will have an opportunity to prepare for the Decoration Day holiday.

June -- 1952

June 5: The Kendall County Firemen's Association will hold a Fire School at Plattville on Sunday, June 8.

Mrs. O.W. Patterson was named president of the Oswego Park Board Commissioners for the year beginning May 1952 and ending May 1953. Vice-president was Mrs. Gerald DuSell; treasurer, Norval Tripp. Other board members were Ralph Wheeler, Arthur Davis, and William Anderson.

Leonard Hafenrichter was elected president of the Oswego Alumni Association during their annual banquet at Oswego High School.

The resurfacing of Franklin and several other streets in the northeast corner of the village and the south end of Madison Street in the southeast corner of the village is completed. Other streets are earmarked for improvement in the next several years. It takes time to bring such improvements about because the amount of funds available for such work is limited in a village the size of Oswego. We're sure that if everyone will be a little patient, Oswegoans will be able to boast of as fine a set of streets as can be found in the Fox Valley.

From a letter to the editor: "If any of you were as shocked as I was to see the group of boys scrambling for the empty shells as the firing squad was giving the salute in the Memorial Day Service in the Oswego Cemetery, you will understand why I feel as I do."

June 12: The 10-week summer playground program opened June 16. Eileen Matile, a recent OHS grad, was in charge of the playground at the Little White School. Ford Lippold was in charge of the playground at the Red Brick School.

A *Ledger* reader criticized the loudness of the chimes at the Presbyterian Church at Madison and Benton streets. "Chimes of the sort they have shouldn't be played in town. I like to know when it's noon and 6 o'clock but it isn't necessary for them to play for such a long time," the reader wrote.

The village's total appropriation for the 1952-53 fiscal year was \$42,070.

June 26: There's been a lot of bright colored paint spread around the village by Marshall Geo. Plum and his crew during the past week. The general idea is to observe the markings and help make driving a little less hazardous.

A check on all dogs not having licenses will be made within the next few days. If you have an unlicensed dog, better see Al Shuler and purchase one right away. Dog owners who do not have a village license for their canine pets are subject to a fine.

A resolution for the resurfacing of parts of Franklin, Polk, Jackson, and Garfield streets was passed at a special meeting of the village board held Monday night. The work will be done this fall.

A *Ledger* editorial reminded residents that using and selling of fireworks, firecrackers, torpedoes, Roman candles, skyrockets and other pyrotechnic displays within village limits had been prohibited since June 1946.

July -- 1952

July 3: Costs more than you might think to keep a village like Oswego in good condition. The sidewalk improvement job going on at the present time will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000.

Jim Hoch, who has been spending a 10 day leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hoch, will leave this week for Camp Stoneham, California. Jim just completed a 20-week basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif.

Village Marshall George Plum arrested five motorists, none from Oswego, in July for traffic violations.

July 10: The Oswego Village Board met Monday night in the Village Hall with Mayor Andrew Pierce presiding.

In addition to the regular village business, it was voted to hire Geo. Plum as Village Marshall. Plum has been serving in a temporary capacity for the past month.

The board gave Marshall Plum authority to solicit funds for the purchase of a two-way radio system to be installed in the Marshall's car and to be hooked up with the sheriff's office at Yorkville. The reason for asking residents of the community for funds is simply that the village budget does not provide for such an expenditure at this time.

Announcement of the teaching staff for the Oswego school system for 1952-53 was made by Superintendent T. Loyd Traughber this week.

A total of 28 full-time teachers have been hired to round out the faculties of the grade and high schools. Earl J. Anderson will serve as principal of the high school, while Lowell Polley will be principal of the junior high.

High school faculty: Earl J. Anderson, principal, sciences and mathematics; Charlotte McDermant, vocational homemaking, girls' physical education; Elizabeth Schmidt, commerce; Doris Thompson, English, Spanish, Latin; Herbert Hasenyager, social sciences and coach;

Joseph Iftner, vocational agriculture; Kenneth Pickerill, sciences, assistant coach, football, and baseball; William Wallbaum, English, mathematics, track coach, assistant basketball coach; Reeve Thompson, music, grades 4-12; Donald Edwards, speech correction, grades 1-12; Jane Fuller, office secretary.

High school board of education: John F. Cherry, president; Charles Nutt Jr., secretary; Stephen Paydon, Ralph Smith, George Ross.

Grade school faculty: Lowell Polley Jr., junior high principal, social sciences, boy's physical education; Frances Polley, mathematics, seventh and eighth; Helen Nesemeier, language arts, seventh and eighth; Charles A. Schultz, sixth grade; Leone Bartholomew, sixth grade; Mildred Vickery, fifth grade; Emma Houch, fifth grade; Maxine Staley, fourth grade; Minnie McCoy, third grade; Dorothy Mighell, third grade; Gertrude Heffelfinger, second grade; Evelyn Woolley, second grade; Thelma Davis, first grade; Dorothy Anderson, first grade; Grace Jones, McCauley Grade School; Cleta Schuster, Willow Hill School.

Grade school board of education: Ralph Schlapp, president; Charles M. Lippincott, secretary; Russell Rink, Francis Cryder, Myron Wormley, John K. Luetlich, William S. Anderson.

As an example of how much it costs to run a municipality the size of Oswego--the recent rehabilitation of the sewer disposal plant cost over \$1,800.

Kenny Bohn, home on leave for the past several weeks, leaves this week for Alaska.

If you haven't been paying any attention to the no-parking zones in the village, it might save you a little time and inconvenience to do so.

The proposal of Senator Hubert Humphrey, (D) Minnesota, recently that an audit be made of campaign spending by presidential candidates and such audit be presented to the people is one worthy of consideration. The interesting note in presidential campaigns is that candidates spend many times the amount of money that they can ever hope to receive from a four year salary as head of the country in an effort to be elected.

If every voter knew the source of campaign funds spent by each candidate it might well tend to take some of the chicanery out of our political system. It certainly would prove embarrassing to some of the candidates.

July 17: Oswego's equivalent of a "Little League" hardball team, composed of boys between the ages of 8 and 13, will play its initial game of the season Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. against Mooseheart. The contest will take place on the local high school diamond.

Mound duties will probably be shared by Chuckie Shuler and Sammy McVicker, with Dick Nutt doing the receiving.

Motorists approaching from the north on Highway 34 and Washington street shouldn't have any trouble seeing the new stop sign placed on the corner by Tom Dwyre's house. It's about twice as big as the one replaced and real bright and shiny.

One of the latest homes started in the village is that of Bob Colwell's just off of Tyler St. Bob is a brother of Mrs. Ralph Jericho.

This week's movie, "Broken Arrow, promises to be one of the best of the season. In addition to having a star-studded cast, the picture is filmed in Technicolor.

Starring James Stewart, Jeff Chandler, and Deborah Page, the film is an account of the negotiations that led to the treaty between the United States Government and the Indians.

With manager John Chrissie blasting out a three run homer in the third inning, the Oswego entry in the American Division of the Aurora-Fox Valley League took a 5-1 victory over the Aurora Tigers on the local field last Sunday.

As an aftermath of the Republican convention held in Chicago last week, it was interesting to note the results of a poll of delegates held by a newspaper reporter. The reporter asked random delegates what they thought of the Civil Rights plank in the platform. Forth percent of the delegates questioned replied that they had not read the platform. Twenty percent had no opinion. These were the people who were entrusted to nominate a presidential candidate.

Oswego scouts are spending a ten day period at the camp. Oswego boys at camp Dean Salmons, Larry Christian, Dan Essenpreiss, Larry Christian, Larry Schultz, Doug Clark, and Bobby Mead.

Letter to the Editor of the *Ledger*: The Village Board finally did something right when they hired Mr. Plum as police officer.

He looks like an officer; he acts like an officer; he is a credit to the village and we don't have to any longer be ashamed and listen to stories about Oswego and the way auto drivers were treated here.

--An Auto Driver

July 24: Village Marshall George Plum reported that citizen contributions for a two-way police radio passed the \$200 mark. A total of \$550 was needed for the radio. "Under the new set-up, a call to the sheriff's office, where men are on duty almost continuously, will be relayed immediately to the local squad car and the marshal can be at any place in the township minutes after the call is made," the *Ledger* reported.

Eight persons were fined in Police Magistrate Alex F. Crossman's [Crosman] court for traffic violations in the past 10 days, and one person fined for disorderly conduct. All were arrested by Village Marshall George Plum.

Everett McKeown was named treasurer of Oswego Schools by the Oswego Township Board of School Trustees at a meeting held last week. McKeown replaces Norval Tripp, whose term expires. Tripp has been treasurer of the township board [of school trustees] for the past 12 years.

July 31: Winners of the University of Illinois scholarships in Kendall County have been reported to Irving A. Shears, county superintendent of schools. All three winners are seniors at Oswego High School. Winners are Neal Herren Baker, county; Stuart Woolley, agriculture; and Cynthia Ann Traughber, home economics.

The Oswego Fire Protection District's annual appropriations ordinance called for an estimated expenditure of \$21,885 for the coming fiscal year.

William C. Hart, aged 66, passed away Sunday morning. He was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Edward Paxton of Evanston; two brothers, the Rev. Alva Hart of Thorsby, Ala. and Merritt Hart of Denver, Colo.; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Thursday from the McKeown Funeral home.

Mrs. Lillie Schlapp passed away at her home July 10. She was 75 years of age. She was born March 22, 1877 in NaAuSay. She is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Emily Jaki and Mrs. Esther McCarty of Aurora, Mrs. Irene Schmitt of Port Angeles, Wash., Mrs. Edith Arnold of Pontiac, Mich., and Miss Ethel Schlapp of Oswego; two sons, Earl of Oswego and Allen of Aurora; 15 grandchildren; one great-grandson; and one sister, Mrs. Agnes Schlapp of Oswego. The funeral was held at the Presbyterian church Saturday. Mrs. Schlapp was a member of that church. Burial was in the NaAuSay cemetery.

Jimmie Ringberg spent Thursday with Jerry Parkhurst on the farm.

Billie Figgins, who underwent surgery at the St. Charles hospital last week, has returned home and is getting along very well.

Oswego's hard ball team won another victory Sunday when they defeated Sheridan by a score of 11-7. This keeps Oswego in the lead with six wins and only one loss.

Several people have inquired recently who the volunteers are who man our fire department, so here is a list of the members: Al Shuler, fire chief (also our druggist), Kenneth Gowran (highway commissioner), Kenneth Tripp (also highway employee), Ralph Burkhart (Pontiac garage owner), Wayne Denney (grocery), Less Morse (implement dealer), Ronnie Smith (Christian Art house), Ralph Johnson (tavern owner), Don Ringberg (Oatman dairy), Everett McKeown (funeral director) Lee Verne Schultz (employed in Aurora), James Vinson (employed in Aurora), Henry McDowell (welder), William Denney (grocer), and Forrest Wooley (hardware dealer).

Everett McKeown was named treasurer of the Oswego schools by the township board of school trustees at a meeting held last week. He replaces Norval Tripp, whose term expired. Norval has been treasurer of the township board for the past 12 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Miller have moved into the apartment over Bohn's store that was recently vacated by the Cole Smith family, who moved to the Churchill home where Mr. and Mrs. Ora Woolley lived before moving into their new home.

August -- 1952

Aug. 7: Both the Oswego High School and the Oswego grade schools including the McCauley and Willow Hill units, will open on Tuesday, Sept. 2.

Corporal Donald A. Walper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Walper, recently participated in "Operation Signpost," an exercise geared to put the air defense of the United States on an operational basis. He is a member of the Army's 51st anti-Aircraft Brigade, which guards the Chicago-Detroit area.

Aug. 14: School will be in session the first day, Sept. 2, from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Rural attendance centers at Willow Hill and McCauley schools will open at 9 a.m. and will be in session at the same times during the year as attendance centers in Oswego.

The board of education of Community Consolidated School District Number 8 is confronted with the problem of available room space for housing of 16 sections of grade pupils. They have established the following attendance centers for the opening of the present school term: Grade 1, two sections, Presbyterian Church basement; grade 2, two sections, Little White School building; Grade 3, two sections, Little White School building (Mrs. Dorothy Mighell) and Brick Building (Mrs. Minnie McCoy Hayden); Grade 4, two sections, Brick Building; Grade 5, two sections, Brick Building; Grade 6, two sections, Brick Building; Grade 7, Brick Building; Grade 8, two sections, Oswego Community High School.

A communication from Vernon L. Nickell, superintendent of public instruction, was received by Superintendent T. Loyd Traughber last week stating that certificates of recognition were awarded to both the Oswego Grade and High Schools.

The Oswego Park District's appropriations ordinance published in the *Ledger* stated the district planned to spend \$3,950 during the next fiscal year.

The Oswego Village Board approved a resolution to install a manually operated flasher-type school traffic signal at the corner of Madison and Jackson streets to allow students to safely cross the street. The Red Brick School was located at the northeast corner of the intersection.

Aug. 21: Local ball fans will have an opportunity to witness the first in a three game Aurora-Fox Valley League playoff Sunday afternoon between Oswego, American Division winners, and the Roumanian Royals, National Division champs. The contest will be played on the local high school diamond and is scheduled for 1:30.

Oswego athletic teams have enjoyed a prosperous year. The high school football, basketball, and baseball teams all won considerably more games than they lost; the local hardball nine took a division championship in its league; and attendance at all of the contests was good.

The following group of FFA boys took part in the livestock competition at Ottawa recently: Rodney McCauley, Dean Shoger, Stuart Woolley, Ronnie Smith, Billie Betzviser, Herbert Behrens, and David McCauley.

Mr. Earl Schlapp has been employed as custodian for the first grade at the Presbyterian church. He will be present at the church each morning and evening to provide safety to the children in crossing the highway.

Forth or more grid hopefuls will begin practice Monday, Aug. 25, under the watchful eye of Coach Herbert Hasenyager and his assistants. Thirty-four of this season's candidates received their physicals at Saxon clinic Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Aug. 28: Sandra Nutt has been chosen to give her 4-H Club demonstration, "Campfire Chowder," over Channel 4 television Thursday afternoon at 4:15.

Charles L. Towne Jr. returned last week from Camp Desmond Doss, Grand Ledge, Mich., where he was one of 140 persons taking part in an intensive 14 day military and medical training program.

Ann Shuler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Shuler, received one of the highest scores ever recorded for a series of pharmacy background tests given to all prospective candidates for admission to the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy. Ann, a graduate of Oswego High School and valedictorian of the class of '52, led the 282 candidates permitted to take the test by compiling 595 points out of a possible 650.

Pvt. Kenneth Bohn was noted as being stationed at Ladd Field in Fairbanks, Alaska. Inducted into the Army on Jan. 31, he is now serving with an engineer company. His new mailing address is Pvt. Kenneth C. Bohn, 59th Engineer Const. Co., c/o Postmaster, Seattle, Wash.

Pvt. James L. Hoch, U.S. Army, is now stationed in Korea, having arrived there on his birthday, Aug. 11.

September -- 1952

Sept. 4: Oswego High School Football Coach Herb Hasenyager and his staff have been working overtime trying to develop a winning combination out of the 36 candidates out for the team this year. Hasenyager has a small nucleus of varsity lettermen from last season around which to mold this year's aggregation. One of the biggest problems he has to face is the problem of depth at each position.

The Oswego Village Board will hold a special meeting Friday night, Sept. 5, to open sealed bids for the letting of a contract to resurface the following streets: Franklin from Washington to Garfield; Polk from Franklin to Jackson; Jackson and Garfield from Franklin to Ashland. The cost of the project will be around \$3,000.

The resignation of George Plum from the position of Village Marshall was accepted by the Village Board at its regular meeting held Tuesday night. The board is asking for bids to fill the vacancy.

The board also voted to gravel and grade Monroe Street from Tyler to Benton. This is the new block of street being used by school buses and cars to reach the Presbyterian Church. By using this one block of street, it is possible to keep school buses from unloading and loading on the highway [Route 25] in front of the church. [The church was located at Madison and Benton. At that time, Route 25 extended south on Madison to Douglas and then all the way to Ill. Route 71]

The largest first grade enrollment in the history of Oswego boosted the total school population to 617 on opening day Tuesday. This record first day enrollment is 39 pupils higher than last year with a 21 pupil increase in the grade system and an 18 pupil boost in the high school classes. According to figures released by Supt. T. Loyd Traughber, 73 pupils are registered in the first grade with 58 of them housed in the Presbyterian Church and 15 in country units. Total grade school pupils, 456, 21 over 1951. Total high school pupils, 162, increase of 18 over 1951.

“Now with the school bell ringing every morning, the big yellow school buses will be a familiar sight on roads and streets in the community,” wrote *Ledger* Editor Ford L. Lippold. “Seven buses service the Oswego school system. “Most motorists are aware that they are required to stop when driving behind a school bus if that bus stops to pick up or discharge passengers, but do not realize that they are also required to come to a stop if they are approaching a school bus from opposite direction.”

A letter to the editor of the *Ledger* signed “A Taxpayer” noted community complaints about crowded school buildings in the community. “The voters had an opportunity last spring to solve the over-crowded school problem and what did they do? You know the answer as well as I do. They made like an ostrich, hiding their collective heads in the sand and now they find the problem still exists, only more so...The only way to solve the problem is to build additional rooms, whether it be an addition to existing facilities or an entirely new building...Let’s give our kids a break. Let’s build and now is the time to do it.”

Sept. 11: A committee of Lions Club members and village board members met with school superintendent T. Loyd Traughber and a state of Illinois engineer last Monday to decide on installation of school flasher traffic signals.

The two signals, to be installed at the corners of Rt. 34 and Jackson St., will be installed within the next week or 10 days.

Operated manually, the flasher signals will be a warning to motorists that school children are crossing at the corner and tend to reduce the possibility of accidents.

The signals were purchased by the Lions Club and that organization has undertaken the responsibility to see that they are properly installed and are paying the installation costs. The total cost of the project will be in the neighborhood of \$700.

In a lengthy letter to the editor, Elva Saxon, wife of Dr. Michael Saxon, recapped the crowding problems facing Oswego’s schools: “The number of children entering first grade in Oswego schools this year is 73. The highest enrollment in our school’s history. When these same children reach 7th grade they shall be joined by those coming from Wheatland Township. It is not difficult to see that one grade alone could well have within the vicinity of 80 pupils...Some say that seven country schools should not have been closed until there was adequate room in town for them. This would seem a justifiable criticism on the surface. These schools did not have, in the majority of cases, sufficient enrollment or not enough assessed valuation to justify their existence. In two districts, schools were left open to accommodate grades one through three. Section 18:11, Average Daily Requirements of the State Code of Illinois states that elementary schools after June 30, 1949, must have at least 10 pupils in average daily attendance; after June 20, 1951, at least 12; and after June 30, 1953, at least 15 such pupils...Then what is the answer?

That again is simple in theory. Construct a building for the elementary grades....Some feel that the rejection of the four rooms proposed last spring is the reason for our dilemma today. That was not appealing to me and to many others simply because it was not a sufficient enough increase to have had any lasting effect...No one wants any more taxation than he can possibly avoid...Last spring it was rumored about that people lost their homes during the last depression because of inability to meet taxes. I would not know what the number would be of such circumstances because I did not investigate, but my firm belief is that it would be a very few."

Sept. 18: The Oswego football Panthers met Lake Zurich on Sept. 12 in their first game of the 1952 season. Oswego lost the contest, 19-7.

Don Laz, one of the outstanding sports figures in the Fox Valley, entertained members of the Lions Club, the local ball club and the male members of the school faculty Tuesday night with an intimate account of his recent trip to Europe and competition in the Olympic Games as a member of the U.S. Team. Laz is one of the four pole-vaulters in the world to have cleared 15 feet.

Sept. 25: Ford Lippold: "The columns of the *Oswego Ledger* are always open to people who wish to express opinions on any matters vital to the community. All letters must carry the signature of the writer (the signature will be withheld from publication upon request of the writer). Letters or telephone calls made anonymously in an attempt to influence the editorial policy of the *Ledger* are a waste of time.

October -- 1952

Oct. 2: Seeking their third gridiron victory in a row, the Oswego Panthers will travel to Amboy Friday night. The game is a non-league affair. The Panthers displayed a versatile and effective ground attack in defeating Orland Park last Friday.

The Oswego Grade School board accepted the resignation of John Luetlich at its last meeting. Lester Bell was appointed to fill the vacancy until the next election. Mrs. Schmidt resigned from the high school faculty last week due to ill health. Mrs. Richard Risser is taking over the commercial classes until a new teacher can be hired.

Several letters appeared in the *Ledger* during October concerning the crowded conditions in the community's schools. "Nothing has been so encouraging in our community for a long time, as the school discussions that are taking place thru the *Oswego Ledger*," wrote one resident to editor Ford Lippold Oct. 2.

Oct. 9: Some 100 area residents met in the Oswego High School gym Oct. 1 to discuss the problem of school overcrowding. Dr. M.R. Sumption of the University of Illinois reported demographic studies showed that a possible school enrollment of 900 students "within the next decade...was not impossible." [The first day enrollment in September 1962 was 1,970 students.]

“Where were the people?” *Ledger* Editor Ford Lippold wondered. “Barely a hundred people showed up at the open forum meeting held in the high school gym last week to discuss the problems existing in the community in connection with adequate housing for school pupils. This doesn’t speak well for our community.

“Perhaps the indication by one of those persons present that the community is guilty of slothfulness is not without merit. Certainly a situation that involves the future of Oswego’s children and also the possible expenditure of a sizeable sum of money should receive a respectful degree of consideration by the public. An increase from 600 to 900 pupils in 10 years is a nice problem.”

If voter registration is any indication of the size of the vote coming up in November, Oswego Township should be well represented, as a total of 80 persons registered at the village hall Tuesday as new voters in the village and township.

It will be the Oswego Panthers vs the Yorkville Foxes on the downriver gridiron Friday night in a contest that promises to be a real humdinger. Oswego is undefeated in league play, having wins over Orland Park and Plano.

Warren R. Ebinger is currently enrolled as a Middler at the Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville. He is also assistant pastor of the Congregational church, Naperville and in charge of social action work at the Seminary.

Oct. 16: Newly elected council members of the Panthers’ Den met last Wednesday for a business session and election of officers.

Janice Friebele was named president of the 16 member council for the year. Audrey Fosgett was elected vice-president; Vivian Johnson, secretary; Jim Fechner, treasurer.

The local high school student body has been buzzing with activity for the past two weeks planning the annual homecoming event to be highlighted by the Panther-Earlville football contest this weekend.

Audrey Fosgett will reign as queen during the three day event, with Jim Fechner as king. Attendants will be Beverly Bell, Carole Voss, JoAnn Foster, Larry Schride, Rodney McCauley, and Terry DuSell.

The Panthers have won three loop contests without a loss and are within striking distance of a conference championship. Depending almost entirely on a ground attack paced by Jim Fechner, Rog Schillinger, Larry Shride, and Ralph Smith, with Dick Campbell calling signals, Coach Hasenyager’s eleven has defeated Plano, Orland Park, and Yorkville, in that order.

For over 30 years the annual Halloween Fair sponsored by the local Parent-Teacher Association has been a red letter date on the community’s fall calendar, and Saturday, Oct. 25, promises to equal, and, perhaps, surpass all previous events, offering a complete evening of fun, food, and frolic.

Oct. 23: The Preying Panthers, hot on the trail of their first conference championship, will be after victory number five in loop competition Friday night when they invade the hunting grounds of the not so happy Sandwich Indians.

It was a smooth working Panther eleven that took the measure of Earlville last Friday night in a game, which turned out to be a little more lopsided than most local fans anticipated. Oswego won, 39-7.

The Kendall County 4-H Achievement Banquet will be held in the Minooka High School gymnasium Saturday evening, Nov. 1, with Jesse Owens, former Olympic track champion, as guest speaker.

Members of the Oswego Lions had an opportunity to view first hand, through the medium of colored slides, the life and customs of present-day Japanese and Korean peoples as Jim Steckel, recently returned from eight months in those two countries, gave an illustrated talk Tuesday night. Keeping up a rapid fire commentary, Jim showed in the neighborhood of 100 slides taken in Japan and on one of the four islands off the coast of Korea, where he was stationed as commanding officer of the U.S. Marines.

Glenda Stombaugh, Vandalia, has been hired to teach commerce and physical education in the local high school. She takes the place of Mrs. Schmidt, who recently resigned due to illness. Miss Stombaugh has three years' previous teaching experience.

Oct. 30: For the first time, Oswego Township was divided into two precincts for the November general election. Precinct 1's polling place was in the Town Hall on Washington Street, while Precinct 2's polling place was at the Village Hall, around the corner on Main Street.

*Ledger* Editor Ford Lippold urged all registered voters to cast a ballot in the election. "When you step into the voting booth next Tuesday, Nov. 4, no one will be looking over your shoulder. Let your conscience be your guide. Vote for the man that in your opinion will do the best job for all concerned. Vote the man and not the party," he urged.

The large addition being added to the Zentmyer Garage will be a welcome addition to the business district. The addition, approximately 60x75, will be used as show room and body shop.

If the amount of voter registration is any indication, Oswego should have one of the heaviest votes in history Tuesday. Over 1,300 voters are eligible to cast ballots in the two precincts.

Wonder what television and radio stations will use to fill in time after Tuesday's election takes the politicians off the air.

The Oswego Band, under the direction of Mr. Reeve Thompson, is going to put on a political rally demonstration Friday night during halftime of the Oswego-Plainfield football game. New formations planned by the band include "Adlai" and "Ike" dressed in their best duds.

November -- 1952

Nov. 6: In Presidential Election balloting on Nov. 4, Oswego Township voters went 3-1 for Republican Dwight D. Eisenhower over Illinois Gov. Adlai Stevenson. Total votes were 962 for Eisenhower to Stevenson's 307.

"This issue marks the completion of the third year of publication of the *Oswego Ledger*," editor Ford Lippold wrote. "During that three year span the *Ledger* has been published a total of 154 weeks and has varied from 10 to 16 pages as time and advertising have warranted."

Complaints have been coming in to members of the village board of dogs that are running at large about the village streets. The Law and Order Committee of the village board issued a statement that dogs are not to be allowed to run at large in the village at any time of the year according to the village ordinance.

The latest news from Jim Hoch now stationed in Korea with the Army, states that he is located near White Horse Hill. He is OK and wants his friends back home to know how much their letters mean to him. [Hoch was serving in Company D, 7th U.S. Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division.]

Nov. 13: The annual Junior Frolic fundraising play produced by the junior class at Oswego High School presented three one-act plays performed on a competitive basis. Among the cast members of the freshman play were Lynn Bell, Butch Schillinger, Alice Shoger, Jim Turner, Loretta Powers, and Donna Ode.

The Oswego Panthers ended their grid season with a 27-12 win over Mooseheart to finish 8-1, with the only loss for the season to Lake Zurich in their opener. The Panthers stood atop the Fox Valley Conference as co-champs with Plainfield.

Nov. 20: Orland Park High School dropped out of the Fox Valley Conference for the coming 1953 season. They have recently increased the size of their school district by consolidation with Palos Park. A new conference has been formed to include six newly formed districts in their vicinity. Elburn has been invited to become a member of the Fox Valley Football Conference to replace Orland Park. To date, Elburn has not played 11-man football, but has had a crackerjack six-man football aggregation in recent seasons.

Nov. 27: Over 1,200 pounds of used clothing was brought to school by the students last week in the clothing drive.

The clothesline thief who helped himself to articles from the clothesline in Chuck Jennings's backyard Monday night was a specialist. Whoever it was took only unmentionables and handkerchiefs, leaving such items as shirts and dresses intact.

A total of 166 students were enrolled at Oswego High School as of Nov. 20, 1952.

Denney's Supermart in downtown Oswego was offering free home delivery of groceries. "Open every Wednesday night 'till 9 o'clock," said the Denney's ad in the *Ledger*.

"No money down; 9 months to pay for your winter coal supply," read an ad for Alexander Lumber Company in the Nov. 27 *Ledger*. "Use our convenient budget payment plan."

December -- 1952

Dec. 4: Several motorists have reported that they had close calls during the past few days with children coasting on the streets. It is hard for motorists to stop quickly even when moving at a snail's pace on the icy streets of the village.

Members of the Oswego Lions Club will meet Sunday morning, Dec. 13, to put up the strings of colored lights on the downtown streets. The lights, an innovation of last season, will be strung across the streets much in the same fashion as last Christmas and will be turned on nightly to give the business district a festive air. Electricity for the project is furnished by local organizations and merchants.

Area residents were invited to Zentmyer Ford in downtown Oswego to "See the new '53 Ford Thursday, Dec. 11: New Standard of the American road!"

Dec. 11: Local stores will stay open evenings until 9 o'clock beginning Monday, Dec. 15, for the convenience of Christmas shoppers. They will also remain open on Thursday afternoons, with the exception of the Furniture Shop, which will be open on Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. only. The above hours apply to Rucks Appliance Store, Jennings Jewelry & Dress Shop, Carr's Department Store, and the Furniture Shop.

Wrote *Ledger* editor Ford Lippold on Dec. 11: "Now comes the season of the year when gift exchanges are all the rage. It's a fifty cent gift here, a seventy-five cent gift there, etc. Suppose instead of a gift exchange each person in a group would toss his or her money into a common fund and the proceeds be used to buy something for the needy...or is that too idealistic?"

Dec. 18: A pat on the back goes to Nick Lautwein for keeping the Lions supplied with hot coffee during the Christmas light stringing project last Sunday morning.

Some misguided souls appropriated some of the bulbs from the lighted tree in front of the Legion Home. Seems like sort of cheap thing to do.

The new flasher light signals should have a tendency to cause motorists to drive through the village a little more slowly. There's something about a traffic signal, even when it isn't working, that rings a bell in the minds of drivers.

The local baseball nine should be happy to see homes being built across the highway from the high school ball diamond [current location of the old Oswego School District bus barn on Ill. Route 71]. Now they won't have to hunt for foul balls in the tall weeds and grain; they can just pick them up off of somebody's front room floor.

Oswego High School students earning spots on the high honor roll included Robert Testin, Barbara Davis, Catherine Gowran, Earl Falk, Mary E. Goudie, Jerry Meetz, Barbara Schultz, Barbara Batterson, and Lynn Bell.

1953

Jan. 1: *Ledger* editorial: During the past three years Oswego has progressed in a fairly satisfactory manner. Among improvements that have benefited the community as a whole are such things as the new high school, a well-integrated recreation program for the children of the community, improved streets, additional housing facilities, street signs, house markers, country road markers, teenage club, traffic flasher lights and numerous other smaller projects. All of these are the result of group cooperation and were financed either by taxation or by group participation. All in all, Oswegoans can be proud of the progress made in the past three years in spite of those who claim that Oswego is in a state of stagnation.

True, there remains much to be done: some applicable solution to the present overcrowded grade schools, adequate police protection, additional street improvement, better downtown street lighting, leisure time activities for adults, additional improved lots for further building, etc. Something will have to be done about all of these things within the next year or two.

Oswego has a bright future. It's going to cost some time and some money on the part of everyone to really make Oswego into the fine community it has the potential to become. There'll be the usual slackers, bellyachers, and diehards of course, but it can be done.

Letter to the editor: Friend Ford:

This is Christmas Day 1952 and some of us are far away from home, and good old Oswego, Illinois. I have found out that friends and good friends like I have in Oswego never leave my memories. Christmas has proven to me what friends mean when you are so far away from home. I have cards and lots of them, and I feel through your *Ledger* I can express my thanks to those dear friends who were so faithful to me. Thanks people, I'll be home some of these days and back in my dad's store where I can handshake with you and express my thanks to each and every one of you personally.

I remain sincerely to all,

Kenneth Bohn

Jan. 8: Panthers Play Two This Week

What should prove to be one of the most interesting cage encounters of the season for local fans will take place in the Oswego gym Friday night as the Panthers play host to the Yorkville Foxes. The Foxes, coached by Wes Tregoning, a first year man in the Fox Valley League, are now in a third place deadlock with Minooka in loop competition.

On Saturday night the Panthers travel to Batavia to do battle with the team that edged them out in the initial game in the Holiday Tournament in an overtime period win.

John Carr spent a busy day last Friday passing out cigars and candy to mark the arrival of a little girl, Sally Ann, who arrived late New Year's Day at Copley Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Johnson and family have moved into the house on Madison recently vacated by the Russell Douglas family. The Douglas' who have moved to Park Forest, will be missed in the community.

Jan. 15: Herb Rucks, local TV dealer, set up a television set in the high school so that students and teachers could view the inauguration proceedings. The aerial, furnished by Rucks, will remain as a permanent fixture.

In answer to several inquires of late, the Oswego Village Board meets on the first Monday of every month, and meetings are open to the public (as are the meetings of all municipalities unless otherwise stated).

David King, a student enrolled in vocational agriculture at the University of Illinois, was recently initiated into Alpha Tau Alpha. David was selected on the basis of high scholastic rating, extra curricular activities, and interest in vocational agriculture.

Jan. 29: The Board of Education, Community Consolidated Grade School, Dist. 8, have engaged the firm of Gregg, Briggs & Foley, Peoria and Chicago, as architects and engineers for the proposed elementary grade school for the primary and intermediate grades to be presented to the voters for approval this spring.

The board is considering two plans: An eight-room building plus an all-purpose room; and eight-room building plus an all-purpose room and kindergarten.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ode Jr. of Madison Street have announced the engagement of their daughter, BronaLu, to A2/C Oliver Pierce, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Pierce. The marriage will take place March 6.

Corp. James Hoch wishes to thank all the many friends and also the American Legion, who remembered him with Christmas cards and packages.

February -- 1953

Feb. 5: The terms of Village Mayor Andrew Pierce, members LeeVerne Schultz, Ed Ode, and Les Morse, and the village clerk expire in April of this year. Several of the outgoing officers, including Mayor Pierce, have indicated that they will not seek reelection.

Anonymous letters [to the editor] are treated with a short trip to the wastebasket. Letters lambasting the editorial policy of the paper are welcome, but it is doubtful whether any invective however abusive will discourage such editorials.

Each week until election time of the proposed elementary school unit, an attempt will be made to inform voters of the board's progress in their plans and to present such information as may seem necessary to correct or explain the many questions which will arise as a result of this project.

The proposed elementary unit to house the primary grades is the board's answer to the voters' rejection of the junior high wing last spring. It is the feeling of the board that last year's proposition was inadequate in the eyes of the community. They have selected adequate sites that are available and which will meet requirements of the school code as regards size and location. An alternate plan will be submitted to the voters for the enlargement of the present educational offerings to include kindergarten.

Feb. 12: A large group attended the Founders' Day PTA meeting Tuesday night in the Community Room, which featured a pageant, "Guard Well Thy Trust."

During the business meeting, it was voted to approve of the executive committee's recommendation to donate \$500 to the school toward the purchase of a sound movie projector and \$150 for a cafeteria cupboard.

On a motion from the floor it was also voted by the organization to support the building program for the proposed grade school.

An honorary membership in the PTA was presented to Mrs. Mary Young, first president of the founding group. Mrs. Young stated that the original group of eight mothers organized to assist teachers with playground leadership during noontime so that teachers would have a chance to eat dinner. The organization has increased from eight members to a present membership of over 300.

In the best interests of all concerned it might be well to sound a word of caution concerning the accuracy and reliability of some of the figures being bandied about in discussions that arise about the proposed school building, the cost of the present building, tax rates, educational rates, bonded indebtedness, etc. All of the correct facts and figures are available if persons concerned will only go to the proper sources for such information. School board meetings, minute books, treasurers books, the county superintendent of school's records, all of these are open to any taxpayer who wishes to correctly inform himself.

Letter to the editor: Our school authorities in all their planning have failed to make any adequate provisions for our handicapped children's education for the future. These children are entitled to an education according to the state laws. This is one reason that it doesn't seem right to be considering a kindergarten at this time. Kindergarten is not required by state law.

Feb. 19: Committees have been busy for some months now preparing plans for the forthcoming Presbyterian Church centennial to be held during the week of March 8-15.

The Oswego Volunteer Fire Department answered a call last Friday to extinguish a grass fire at the Robert Herren residence in Plainfield Road this was the first call for the department in a period of three months and 12 days, one of the longest periods of inactivity in a long time. Fire Chief Al Shuler suggested that Oswegoans take special care and try to keep up the good record.

Fox Valley coaches are meeting this week with representatives of Sandwich, Plano, and several other teams to discuss changes in personnel of the Fox Valley Basketball League. Due to the withdrawal of Orland Park at the end of the current season, it will be necessary to either add teams or play with a five-team league.

Feb. 26: Some 225 persons, representing almost every phase of local community life, attended an open symposium in the high school gym last Wednesday night to discuss the present problems facing the Oswego Grade School and to share facts and information on the proposed building. County Judge Robert Sears acted as moderator of the meeting, which was orderly and kept on a general high level in content.

Dr. M.R. Saxon opened the meeting with a statement of purpose: To discuss whether or not there is a present need for additional grade school building program, whether or not the community is financially able to handle such a program, and whether or not the people of the community favor action or not at this time.

Ralph Schlapp, president of the grade school board, led off with a resume of planning and action already undertaken by that body. Mr. Schlapp stated that the school board has retained a firm of architects and indicated several preliminary blueprints on display. The proposal of the board, according to Schlapp, calls for a new building on a new site. The building under consideration to consist of eight classrooms, plus an all-purpose room, health room and office. An alternate plan would add kindergarten facilities. Schlapp said that such a building program would cost between \$250,000 and \$275,000.

In answer to a question as to why a larger building isn't contemplated at the present time, Mr. Schlapp stated that the board feels that bonded indebtedness on schools should remain under 5 percent, which is the limitation for a unit school district. Under Oswego's present dual set-up, it would be possible to levy to 5 percent on each district or a total of 10 percent.

By taking four straight matches against some of the best grapplers in the state, Dale Kahle, Oswego High senior, won the sectional championship in the 138 lb. division at the sectional wrestling meet held at Morgan park Military Academy, Chicago, Feb. 20-21. By winning the sectional, Kahle qualified to compete in the state finals to be held in Champaign Feb. 27-28. Brad Smith, Oswego sophomore, won third place in his weight by taking three straight opponents and losing by a narrow margin in the championship match. Brad turned out to be one of the surprises of the tournament, just missing the championship in his class. Oswego has come a long way in wrestling since the sport was introduced into the school considering the fact that matches are held with schools with many, many times more enrollment than the Oswego system's.

Petitions of the following persons seeking election to village board positions were placed on file: Citizen's Party: For village president, Donnell S. Etwiler; for trustee, William A. Crimmin, Robert A. Schmidt, Richard E. Jenkins; for village clerk, Charles E. Bell. Independents filing were Milton Leslie Penn for the vacancy occurring by the resignation of Fred Cooper, and Norma Hansen for village clerk.

*Ledger* editorial: It appears that there is both agreement and disagreement in the grade school dilemma. Most people are agreed that there is a need for additional classrooms. It is the method of obtaining this space that is in disagreement...

A neat question resolves itself: Which is the most practical plan from the standpoint of need, economy and future expansion, and, considering the democratic approach, which plan is the most desirable to the most people?

A slow process, yes, but past experience has proved that the wheels of democracy work slowly. In community relationships as well as international relations, no attempt to preserve harmony is entirely futile.

March -- 1953

March 5: Petitions of the following persons seeking election to village board positions were placed on file with the village clerk prior to Monday night's deadline:

Citizen's Party: For village president, Donnell S. Etwiler; for trustees, William A. Crimmin, Robert A. Schmidt, Richard E. Jenkins; for village clerk, Charles E. Bell.

Independents filing were Milton Leslie Penn for the vacancy occurring by the resignation of Fred Cooper; and Norma Hansen for village clerk.

It appears that there is both agreement and disagreement in the grade school dilemma. Most people are agreed that there is a need for additional classrooms. It is the method of obtaining this space that is in disagreement.

Current thinking centers around two plans: A new building on a new site of eight rooms and all-purpose room; a six room addition on the southwest side of the new high school building on school-owned property.

Through careful projection of enrollment figures for the next five years, analysis of possible community growth, comparison of building costs of the two plans, and other related factors, it should be possible to come to a sensible and peaceable solution.

March 12: *Ledger* editorial: Oswego Suffering Attack of Growing Pains

The following figures may throw some light upon the need for additional school facilities:

US Bureau of the Census Figures .....	1940	1950	Increase
Village of Oswego population .....	978	1220	242
Township, rural population.....	1031	1213	182
Total township population .....	2009	2433	424

The rate of increase in population in the township during the decade 1940-50 was greater than that of the previous 70 years between 1870 and 1940. The population of Oswego Township in 1870 was 1,756, or only 253 less than at the beginning of the 1940 decade.

Since the 1950 census figures were taken, a total of 33 dwelling units have been erected, or are in the process of being erected, in Oswego Township. Eighteen of these units are within the corporate limits of the village; 15 are in the rural area.

In view of the subdivision of 22 lots is being developed at the present time, that several additional subdivisions are being considered, and availability of good building property in the township, it will be possibly be some time before the growing pains subside.

The Oswego Presbyterian Church was winding up a weeklong celebration of its centennial.

According to a brief history of the church in the *Ledger*: "A group of eight men and women formed the First Presbyterian Church in Oswego, meeting in the county courthouse, located at that time in the village, on March 13, 1853. Two representatives of the Chicago Presbytery were present at the organization meeting.

“Rev. John McKinney of Holidaysburg, Pa., accepted a call to minister to the small group and continued in that capacity until 1857. The members secured an old structure, commonly known as the “Stone Castle” standing on the site of the present Federated Church.

“A new building was erected in 1857 in a cluster of pine trees at the division of Madison and Douglas Streets. Before the dedication of the building, subscription papers were passed around to members of the congregation to raise the balance of \$700 still owing so that the church could consider itself out of debt.

“In 1909 the church was moved to its present location [at Benton and Madison streets] under the pastorate of Rev. W.A. Montgomery, who served from 1901-1904. In 1908 Rev. J.T. Hood took over the pastorate and enlisted the congregation in a campaign to completely remodel the building, which lasted over a period of years until the arrival of Rev. R.V. Kearns in 1914. On Sept. 20 of that year the remodeled building was dedicated.”

March 19: The Oswego Fire Department was called upon to extinguish one of the widest spreading grass fires in recent years Tuesday afternoon on a portion of Warren Norris property in Douglas Road. The blaze raged over 40 or more acres of stubble and pastureland before the last spark was put out. A group of neighboring farmers aided the fire department in getting the fire under control.

Jerry Rucks received a superior rating in the sectional instrumental competition held at Downers Grove last Saturday. Rucks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Rucks, a freshman in the local high school, annexed his rating in the marimba solo section and will represent Oswego in the state finals to be held at Champaign May 1.

Bob Testin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Testin, has been named Valedictorian of the Class of '53. Bob has a scholastic average of 93.6 for his four high school years.

Marilyn Blome was picked as Salutatorian of the '53 graduating class. Marilyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Blome.

The Gilmour Award, given each year to a senior boy for sportsmanship, goes to Jim Fechner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Fechner.

The Gilmour Sportsmanship Award was established in 1946 in memory of Eugene Gilmour, a former Oswego High student and son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gilmour, who accidentally lost his life. The first winner of the award was Delbert Staffeldt. Other winners: Scott Brown, '47; James Shoger, '48; George Hettrich, '49; Dave Campbell, '50; Charles Ricketts, '51; and Jack Steckel, '52.

March 26: Glen and Laura Panikis, who have been operating the Copper Kettle Restaurant for the past year, have sold their interest to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dooley of Aurora. The Copper Kettle was located in the building at the southeast corner of Main and Washington streets.

“To all our Oswego friends: On April 1, Carr’s Department Store will celebrate its 15th birthday in Oswego, and we owe our continued growth and success to all our friends in Oswego and surrounding territory. It has been with this thought in mind that we have tried, down through the years, to give our customers the best value possible, and our continued growth has justified this decision.”

April -- 1953

April 2: The *Ledger* reported that the combined grade school and high school boards in Oswego met in joint session to study architectural drawings of a six room junior high addition to be attached to the west side of the present high school. The proposed addition consisted of six classrooms, each 24x36 feet, to be built in two stories of the same materials and design as the high school building. Estimated cost of construction, including the site and architectural fees, was \$45,000.

Noted *Ledger* editor Ford Lippold: "Out of the combined thinking of the two school boards, a group of 12 men who are quite representative of the community at large, has come the proposal of a six room addition to the new high school. It is their thinking that this addition will take care of grade and high school housing for at least five and perhaps more years."

April 9: In voting for township offices, Wayne Fosgett was elected assessor, and C.E. Parkhurst was elected justice of the peace. Jeff Rogerson ran uncontested for the office of township constable.

A group of some 40 interested citizens met in the high school Monday evening with Mr. Samuelson, of the firm Kelly, Samuelson and Berger, architects, to view a layout perspective of the proposed six-classroom junior high wing and to discuss building details and costs...A brochure type of mailing is being prepared with details of the proposed building program and will be mailed to all residents of the school district.

April 16: Petitions signed by 406 legal voters of the village of Oswego and Oswego Township were presented to the grade school board asking that a six room addition be made to the present high school building to be used as a junior high wing. The proposed addition will be presented to voters of the grade school district at a special election to be held Saturday, May 2.

The proposed cost of the structure is not to exceed \$145,000 and that is the amount that will be placed on the ballot. The site for the addition now belongs to the high school district and is to be purchased from that district for a sum not to exceed \$1,000.

The proposed six room addition is a plan that has stemmed from a group of interested farm people and townspeople meeting together in an effort to arrive at a solution to the crowded housing condition faced in the grade school system in the most practical and economical matter.

The Oswego Park Board decided to open the ten-week summer recreation program on Monday, June 15, and close on Friday, Aug. 21.

April 23: In an article on a community forum to be held that evening in the gym at Oswego High School, *Ledger* Editor Ford Lippold wrote that "The new junior high addition will provide the district with six additional classrooms. This will be sufficient classroom space to remove the two sections of the first grade from the Presbyterian Church basement and house grades 1 through eight in facilities owned by the grade school district. The two rural attendance centers located at McCauley and Willow Hill will remain open."

Voters of Grade School District 8 will have an opportunity to cast their ballots on the proposed six-room grade school addition Saturday, May 2. The voters will have four different propositions to mark on the ballot: To select a site; to purchase the site; to build a new school building (addition) to be used as a junior high school; and to issue \$145,000 in bonds to build the proposed addition.

Newly elected members of the Oswego Village Board were sworn in Monday, April 27. The new president, Donnell S. Etwiler, was sworn in first, followed by clerk Norma E. Hansen and trustees William A. Crimmin, Robert Schmidt, Richard Jenkins, and Milton Penn. Holdover board members are Ralph Burkhart and George Griffin.

April 30: Issue missing

May -- 1953

May 7: The proposal to issue \$145,000 in general obligation bonds to build a six room junior high addition to Oswego High School was approved by Elementary School District 8 voters, 480 yes to 300 no votes.

The OHS Class of 1953 took their senior class trip to Chicago, staying at the Conrad Hilton Hotel and touring Comiskey Park and taking in a game between the White Sox and Yankees, won by the Sox in a thrilling 9th inning rally.

Russ Collins was advertising his Sinclair Station at Route 34 and Ill. Route 71. The station was located on Route 34 adjacent to the MilRo motel.

May 14: Ralph "Deacon" Wheeler was elected president of the Oswego Park Board for the coming year, succeeding Mrs. Jane Patterson. Oswego Mayor Andrew Pierce was guest of honor at a dinner held at the high school cafeteria lauding his 20 years of community service. Pierce served as a village board member from 1929-31 and served stints as village president from 1931-41 and 1945-53. Pierce was also serving on the Oswego Fire District Board, which he joined in 1935 when the district was established.

The Oswego town baseball team, managed by John Chrissie, beat Sheridan the previous week and was ready to play against the Eola Butterbeans on Sunday, May 17.

Andrew Pierce was to be guest of honor at a dinner in his honor at the OHS cafeteria May 19. Pierce began his service on the village board as a trustee serving from 1929 to 1931. He was elected and served as village president from 1931-41 and again from 1945-53. He was instrumental in improving Oswego's sewage disposal facilities, improving streets and street lighting, and other village activities.

During his term as village president, Oswego's municipal deficit was gradually paid off. When the Etwiler administration took over in April 1954, the village books showed "a substantial amount of black ink." He also served on the Oswego Fire Protection District Board for 18 years

and was an original member of the district when it was formed in 1935. He still serves as president of the fire district board.

*Ledger* editorial: That the folks of the community are getting together and giving Andy Pierce a dinner in recognition of his long and active public service in the village is altogether fitting and proper.

To spend 20 years at a task that has no monetary gain as an end result, that sometimes brings abuse in large measure and calls for untold hours of time, is something out of the ordinary in the world of materialism in which we live today.

Andy would be the first to discount the credit that is his just due. He would be the first to pooh-pooh the idea that he has done anything unusual. It is his way.

However, the facts remain, Andy has set a fine example of unselfish service. Let us hope that others will benefit from the example and do the same.

May 21: A total of 53 Oswego eighth graders were ready to graduate from junior high during ceremonies set for May 28, and 27 seniors were ready to graduate from Oswego High School during commencement exercises set for Friday, May 29. Eighth grade valedictorian was Jim Lantz. Salutatorian was Priscilla Larson.

May 28: Oswego American Legion Post 675 donated a new flagpole at Oswego High School. According to the *Ledger*, the new flagpole "adds to the appearance and gives distinction to our community high school. Credit belongs to Commander Harry Fuller and the Legion for leadership and to Henry McDowell for his craftsmanship in supplying this much-needed addition."

Oswego High School's graduation exercises were set for Friday, May 29 for the 27 members of the senior class. Valedictorian was Bob Testin and salutatorian was Marilyn Blome.

A barn owned by Don Kanning southeast of Oswego was completely destroyed by fire Saturday night. The blaze was beyond control when the fire department arrived. The loss was estimated at \$3,500 on the barn and an additional \$1,500 on the contents.

Notice from township highway commissioner Kenneth Gowran: Please get a key to the dump and put all rubbish in the pit where it belongs. Do not put rubbish along the private road on south side of dump. There is more rubbish there now than I can cover. Violators of this will have to clean up the mess.

We lease this property from the State of Illinois for your benefit so please help us keep it looking respectable.

The gate on the dump will be open Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the future. If you have rubbish to dispose of on other days get a key for the gate from Kenneth Gowran residence, Lyle Shoger, or Oswego Hardware Store.

Underwood's Standard Service Station at Route 34 and Ill. Route 71, "Oswego's Newest & Most Modern Service Station," was announcing some "Let's get acquainted" specials. Tire rotation was 25 cents a wheel; tire repair was \$1; a car wash was \$1.75.

June -- 1953

June 4: A total of 43 boys were signed up for youth baseball, 30 for Little League and 13 for Pony League.

Kendall County farmers will have an opportunity to see what their farms look like from the air Wednesday, June 10. The Kendall County Soil Conservation group is sponsoring a series of flights originating from the Sandwich Airport available to all persons in this area.

At a special meeting held last Thursday, Paul Dwyre was hired to serve as Oswego Village Marshall.

A total of 33 boys and girls ranging from third through seventh grades are attending summer school, which began Monday.

Just a week after a devastating fire destroyed the barn on his farm, Don Kanning was announcing a farm auction of his livestock, farm equipment, shop tools, and household goods.

June 11: The Oswego American Legion will sponsor a carnival beginning Tuesday, June 16, and running to Saturday, June 20. Saturday will be children's day with rides at a reduced rate during the afternoon.

The Oswego Park District's summer playground program was ready to open on Monday, June 15 at the Little White School and the Red Brick School.

A special meeting to determine whether the Oswego Cemetery Association shall deed the Oswego Cemetery to Oswego Township will be held at the village hall Monday evening, June 22 at 8 p.m. All stockholders, lot holders, and interested persons are invited to attend.

Quite a bit of business expansion is going on in the village with Alexander Lumber Company starting a renovation project, Louis Russ adding another greenhouse unit, and Hank McDowell almost ready to move into his new building on Route 71.

Don Underwood's new Standard Station is a new addition to the local business scene on the corner of Routes 34 and 71. Don had his grand opening last weekend.

The big blow last Friday was probably one of the strongest winds in many a year, according to the memories of the old-timers.

Gordon Wormley is in town on leave after spending the last year in Japan.

Broyles Bills 101 and 102 Opposed by Illinois PTA

Broyles Bill 102 is the most controversial of the two measures sponsored by Sen. Broyles. One of its aims is to bar Communists and what it terms subversives from employment in state, county, and local government agencies. It would require loyalty oaths from all public employees.

In addition, it would set up a new state job, that of special assistant attorney general in charge of subversive activities. One of his duties would be to collect and maintain files of information reflecting on the loyalty of any resident of Illinois. In this way the burden would be placed on the applicant for public office or employee to prove his loyalty, a basic departure from traditional concepts of justice which hold a man innocent until proven guilty.

The real concern of the Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers is the ultimate effect certain provisions of the bill may have upon the academic freedom of our children and youth. It is believed that teachers will fear to teach about any controversial subject since they might possibly be open to unjust accusations of disloyalty.

Other groups beside the Illinois PTA opposing the passage of these bills are the Illinois Bar Association, the Illinois Protestant Church Council, and the League of Women Voters of Illinois.

June 18: A meeting of all stockholders, lot holders, and interested friends of the Oswego Cemetery Association is called for Monday night, June 22, for the purpose of determining whether or not the Oswego Cemetery Association shall deed the Oswego Cemetery over to Oswego Township. All persons are urged to attend this important meeting.

The Rifle Club for boys between the ages of 12 and 18 is forming for the summer and shooting is planned for Friday evenings at 7 p.m. Boys interested are to contact Homer Durand, instructor.

June 25: the new pastor of the Oswego Federated Church will be the Rev. Leo H. Buechler. He will come to Oswego from Prophetstown, Ill, where he has been serving the Loraine Circuit of churches. Rev. Buechler will preach his first sermon in the local church July 5.

The Board of Education of the Community Consolidated Grade School met in special session Friday, June 19 for the revision and approval of preliminary building plans as presented by the architects for the junior high addition. Mr. T.E. Samuelson presented in detail the architect's concept of the building. Mr. Samuelson stated that his firm is proceeding as quickly as possible and consistent with good schoolhouse planning. The firm plans to have the final plans ready by July 15.

Forrest Wooley was elected president of the Oswego Lions Club. Other officers were Jim Bartholomew, Ralph Smith, Floyd Parkhurst, Carl Bohn, Stanley Herren, Jack Hastert, Allan Campbell, and Russell Rink.

July -- 1953

July 2: 30 Teachers in School System for 1953-54

With the exception of a sixth grade teacher and a speech therapist, the staff for both Oswego high and grade schools is completed for the coming year.

High School: T. Loyd Traugher, superintendent; Earl J. Anderson, principal, science, and mathematics; Herbert Hasenyager, coach, social sciences; Kenneth Pickerill, science; Joseph Iftner, vocational agriculture; Mrs. Charlotte McDermid, vocational homemaking; Harriet Ann Kuczera, commerce; Mrs. Doris Thompson, English; Reeve Thompson, music; Jacqueline

Brooks, girl's physical education. (Miss Brooks comes from DeKalb and Miss Kuczera from Farmington, Ill.)

Grade School: Lowell Polley, building principal and coach; Mrs. Thelma Davis, first grade; Mrs. Dorothy Anderson, first grade; Mrs. Evelyn Woolley, second grade, Mrs. Gertrude Heffelfinger, second grade; Mrs. Minnie McCoy Hayden, third grade; Mrs. Albert Mighell, third grade; Mrs. Harry Smely, (substitute third grade); Mrs. Maxine Staley, fourth grade; Mrs. Ruth Worland, fourth grade; Mildred Vickery, fifth grade; Mrs. Mae Houch, fifth grade; Mrs. Leone Bartholomew, sixth grade; the other sixth grade teacher has not been hired yet; Mrs. Christine Hess, seventh and eighth grade; Mrs. Frances Polley, seventh and eighth grade; Mrs. Helen Nesemeier, seventh and eighth grade; Lowell Polley, seventh and eighth grade; Reeve Thompson, music director; Mrs. Clela Schuster, Willow Hill School; Mrs. Grace B. Jones, McCauley School.

Nine Oswego Boy Scouts from Troop 31 were heading off to Camp Blackhawk at Buchanan, Mich. Boys attending were Larry Schultz, Billy Tregillus, Doug Clark, Jerry Weidert, Jim Seidelman, Bobby Mead, Cliff Worby, Larry Baker, and Leo Grach.

The bonds amounting to \$145,000 on the new junior high wing to be added to the high school have been sold to White Phillips Company, Chicago, at an annual interest rate of 3.25 percent less premium through the years Jan. 1, 1955 through 1967.

July 9: A ground-breaking ceremony was held Sunday morning, June 28, on the site of the future St. Anne's Catholic Church in Oswego.

Ground was broken by the Rev. John Savukynas, MIC, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Plano, who has been appointed administrator of the Oswego Mission Parish. The architects, Thomas Belli and George Belli of Chicago and the contractor, Mr. Durkin of Elmhurst, were present for the ceremony.

The brick and steel building will be of a modern design. The east elevation facing Washington Street will not have any windows nor doors. There will be a large steel cross on the front of the church. The north elevation will have two entrances. The windows will extend from the foundation to the roof.

There will be two large sacristies. The building will be 98 feet long and 42 feet wide at the northern elevation and 52 feet wide at the southern elevation. The church will have radiant heat. There will be a seating capacity of 300.

*Ledger* editorial by Ford Lippold: The breaking of ground for the new Catholic church to be erected on Washington Street is a noteworthy event for the Village of Oswego and a good indication of the growth that the community is making and is capable of continuing to make in the future. The fact that there are somewhere in the neighborhood of 80 families in the community who embrace the Catholic faith warrants the need for such a house of worship.

Several Oswego Girl Scouts were heading off to Camp Dean near Big Rock. Scouts participating included Nila Burkhart, Bonnie Lippold and Judy Wheeler, Troop 57; Diane Blome, Glenda Ode, Ruth Ann Prince, Carolyn Steele, Judy Stoner, and Carol Wheeler of Troop 57. Bonnie Fay and Janet Lippincott of Troop 30 will go to camp for the last session beginning July 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hoch received a trans-oceanic telephone call from their son, Jim, from Tokyo last Friday night. Jim, who was on his way home, had to leave ship at Tokyo, along with others of his group in order that the vessel could be used to transport replacements Korea-bound.

July 16: *Ledger* Editor Ford Lippold cautioned residents not to panic about polio. "Every year about this time stories of polio victims are rampant...An average of 30,000 people yearly become ill with polio...Children under 10 are most susceptible...What if polio comes? Above all, stay calm and avoid panic."

Dr. Robert Lynch has joined the Saxon Clinic. He is a graduate of Loyola University, Chicago who served his internship at West Suburban Hospital and has just completed one year of orthopedic surgery at West Suburban. Dr. Lynch and his wife will move into the cottage at the rear of the Etwiler property about the first of August.

Several new houses are going up in the village which is good news. Every new house is a sign of progress.

Building permits were issued last week for the new Catholic church and for the junior high school wing to be attached to the high school building. It is expected that the school project will be ready for bids within a week for ten days.

A lot of Oswegoans have been spending time at Comiskey Park recently and for good reason, too. The local White Sox fans are pretty hopeful at the present time.

The name of Wm. Wallbaum was omitted from the listing of this year's school staff. Wallbaum will teach high school math and have various coaching duties.

July 23: In their annual appropriation ordinance, the Oswego Fire Protection District was estimating total expenditures for their upcoming fiscal year at \$21,785, including \$17,000 toward their new fire house.

July 30: *Ledger* editorial: There has been a great deal of improvement in the driving habits of folks driving in the village of late, both residents and those who are just passing through. That violations still occur is not unusual as there are always those who break the law wantonly, but if present law enforcement continues Oswego will be a safe place for youngsters and adults alike. Nor has it been necessary to arrest a huge number of motorists in order to calm down the speedy driving. The friendly approach and causal warning are enough in most cases. To bear down at times is necessary and when the need is present then the stiffer penalties should be assessed.

August -- 1953

Aug. 6: The Oswego Village Board has been receiving complaints about weeds, and is calling attention of tenants and property owners that weeds and grass should not be allowed to grow higher than eight inches anywhere in the village. Such weeds as Jimson, Burdock, Ragweed, Thistle, and Cockleburs are particularly objectionable and should not be allowed to reach

maturity. Areas not attended to will be taken care of by the village and the expense charged to the property owners.

The Village of Oswego published their annual appropriation ordinance calling for total estimated spending of \$40,020 for the coming fiscal year.

Arthur Trambie of Aurora has been hired to teach sixth grade in the Oswego School System for the coming year. Trambie will replace Mr. Payne, who is to be at Moecherville during the coming year.

Pvt. Stanley K. Gengler of Oswego was graduated this week upon completion of a course in still photography at Fort Monmouth, N.J. Prior to entering military service in February 1953, Gengler attended Oswego High School, and his assignment to attend school at Fort Monmouth was assured when he presented a market aptitude in communications work during his early army training.

Aug. 13: Lawrence Hammerbacker, Chicago, has been secured to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of William Wallbaum in the Oswego High School. He will teach mathematics and mechanical drawing. Mr. Hammerbacker has had one year's teaching experience and four years practical experience as a draftsman for Western Electric Company, Chicago. Mechanical drawing is a new subject added to the program to fill the need of boys living in town who are denied the agriculture program offered because of accompanying supervised projects, which are a part of the program. Enrollment will be limited until the new junior high wing is ready.

The boards of education of Oswego Schools have employed a full time physical education teacher for girls [Jacqueline Brooks, later Pickerill; see list of new hires on July 2]. She will have charge of this program in Grades 7 through 12. This is the recommendation of the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction at the time of the visit last year.

At Oswego High School private cars used by students are required to park in the lot behind the school and are not to be taken from there at noon except by permission from the office. The use of cars for picking up or delivering town students before and after school is contrary to school policy and conducive to reckless driving.

Driver training will again be offered to high school students through the courtesy of Zentmyer Motor Sales.

Mrs. Nick Schomer is cafeteria manager. She will be assisted by Mrs. Helen Smith, Mrs. Hazel Patton, Mrs. Dorothy Friebele, and Mrs. Evelyn Penn.

The Oswego Park District published their annual appropriation ordinance, announcing total estimated expenditures for the coming fiscal year of \$3,950.

Aug. 20: Oswego Boy Inducted

Merlin V. Hummel was inducted into the armed forces Aug. 12, 1953 according to a release by the Kendall County Draft Board No. 148.

Aug. 27: Ragnar-Bensen Construction Company of Aurora submitted the low bid for the construction of the junior high addition to Oswego High School. The firm's bid totaled \$106,224

for the six room addition. The Aurora firm submitted a bid with no alternates included. Alternates include installation of 202 lockers, \$2,823; painting and plastering, \$3,500; addition to present toilets, \$1,749. The board will decide Thursday night when the meet with representatives of Ragnar Bensen which of the alternatives they will accept. The high school, at Franklin and Washington Street, opened in the spring of 1951.

The transfer of the Oswego cemetery to the Township of Oswego is a move that will guarantee maintenance of the property in years to come. The Cemetery Association has accomplished a fine piece of work in bringing the cemetery to its present well-groomed condition on a limited amount of funds, but it has become increasingly hard each year to make both ends met. There are many lots in the older part of the cemetery from which no income in the way of perpetual care is available and it is necessary to provide some way for these lots to be mowed and cared for to keep the cemetery in good condition. Operating as a Township Cemetery will work no hardship on anyone.

Miss Ruby Burton, daughter of Mrs. Doris Burton, and Dan Quantock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Quantock, were married Friday evening at the Oswego EUB Church with Rev. LaRoy Huntley, uncle of the bridegroom, officiating.

September -- 1953

Sept. 3: A total of 639 pupils were registered in the Oswego schools on opening day, an increase of 32 pupils over last year's opening day figures. 470 boys and girls registered in the grade school system with 87 of that number in the first grade. 179 high school pupils enrolled, with 56 in the freshman class. Enrollment by grades: First, in town, 73; Willow Hill, 11; McCauley, 3; total, 87. Second, in town 53; Willow Hill, 7; McCauley, 9; total, 69. Third, in town, 39; McCauley, 5; total, 45. Fourth, 62; Fifth, 56; Sixth, 50; Seventh, 50; Eighth, 51. Total for grade schools, 470.

Freshmen, 56; Sophomores, 53; Juniors, 36; Seniors, 34. Total for high school, 179.

*Ledger* editorial: The growth of a community like Oswego is rarely a mushrooming event that occurs overnight. Rather, it is a steady, sometimes almost unnoticeable change that continues over a course of years. Such is the present growth of Oswego for growing it is. At least three new homes are under construction in the past two months in the village and as many more are being built in the township. Major improvements have been made on a number of business establishments; local merchants are streamlining their services; new homesites are being made available; a new Catholic church is being constructed; an addition is being made to the school system; and other major changes are being planned by homeowners and businessmen. All of this speaks well for Oswego and surrounding community. Growth is good. Such growth calls for keen-sightedness, patience and understanding. The old must give way to the new; youth and age must meet on a common ground; there must be a spirit of give and take. Yes, Oswego is growing. We can see the bricks, the wood, the mortar being fashioned into buildings that will stand solid against the years. But we cannot see into the hearts and minds of the people. Let us hope that growth there is also keeping pace.

Ragnar-Benson Company, general contractors for the new junior high school wing, moved in machinery and began digging early this week. Just when the new building will be ready for use is still problematical, with weather probably playing an important part in speedy progress.

Sept. 10: Hooked rugs made by Oswego women will be featured in the Fourth Annual Hooked and Braided Rug Exhibit to be held in the Geneva Auditorium Friday and Saturday, Sept. 11-12. The exhibit will feature two rugs made by Oswego women that were on display at the National Hooked Rug Show in Worcester, Mass. in May. These exceptional rugs, "Dowry Needlepoint" and "Fruit Necklace" were made by Mrs. Clifford Olson and Mrs. Robert Devereaux. Others from Oswego with rugs in the exhibit are Mrs. Walter Manning, Mrs. Edward Weidert, Mrs. Carl Bohn, Mrs. Marion Steckel, Mrs. Ronald Smith, Mrs. Robert Palmer, Mrs. Richard Songer, Mrs. Homer Brown, Mrs. Harry Mundsinger, Mrs. Carl Schobert, and Mrs. George Panikis.

Denney's Supermart in downtown Oswego was celebrating their 10th anniversary in business. "Everything is on special sale this weekend," Denney's ad in the *Ledger* stated. "Every purchase from 10 cents to the full amount of your purchase, 10 percent off."

Sept. 17: The Oswego Panthers, defending co-champions of the Fox Valley League, play a rugged Lake Zurich 11 in the season opener Friday night on the local field. The Lake Zurich outfit was the only team to defeat the Panthers in last season's play. Coach Herb Hasenyager and assistant coach Ken Pickerill have 51 boys trying out for positions on the team with a nucleus of 12 of last year's lettermen.

A letter from the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Springfield, received by Superintendent. T. Loyd Traugher, states the Oswego Grade School District was awarded recognition for the school year 1952-53 and that the certificate of recognition will be awarded.

Every farmer in Illinois who picks corn by machine this fall is being asked to cooperate with the FFA chapter in his local high school in the 1953 safety campaign to reduce the high corn picker accident rate.

Sept. 24: It will be an injury-riddled Panther 11 that ties into Amboy on the local gridiron Friday night. Ralph Smith, who received a bad thigh bruise and Roger Schillinger, who suffered a back injury, will be out of action, while Herb Behrens, with a fractured finger, will possibly see only limited action. The Panthers dropped their season opener on the home field 13-6 to Lake Zurich.

Class officers for the 1953-54 year at Oswego High School are Seniors: President, Jerry Traugher; vice-president, Sandra Nutt; secretary, Donna Ritter; treasurer, Barbara Davis; student council representatives, Roger Schillinger and Janice Friebele; sponsor, Kenneth Pickerill.

Juniors: President, Mike Kontos; vice-president, Dick Campbell; secretary, Irma Voorheis; treasurer, Glenn Leifheit; student council representatives, Louise Norris and Gerald Testin; sponsor, Mrs. Pickerill.

Sophomores: President, Wayne Schillinger; vice-president, Georgiann Kontos; secretary, Beverly Parkhurst; treasurer, Nancy Rissman; student council representatives, Bob Keenan and Joy Ann Albert; sponsor, Mrs. Reeve Thompson.

Freshmen: President, Dick Nutt; vice-president, Helen Calamaras; secretary, Priscilla Larson; treasurer, Jean Bower; student council representatives, Leo Grach and Carol Ricketts; sponsor, Herbert Hasenyager.

Don Tate, former resident of Oswego, won the second state award in the senior division of the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild.

Don attended the University of Illinois the first semester of last year and the house decoration he designed won the sweepstakes prize for Phi Delta Theta Fraternity House at the 1952 homecoming. He then transferred to the American Academy of Arts, where he studied commercial art. On July 21 of this year he entered the army and is now taking his basic at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

October -- 1953

Oct. 1: A total of 102 voters cast ballots in both Oswego precincts in the judicial election held Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Zentmyer were among the more than 300 Illinois and Indiana automobile dealers and their wives who received public recognition at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, last Saturday for distinguished service to Midwest driver training programs.

Mr. Zentmyer furnishes the local high school with a dual control training car to be used in driver training classes.

Oct. 8: The community was getting ready to celebrate Homecoming weekend at Oswego High School. The homecoming game was set against the Yorkville Foxes. "One of the most elaborate parades in Oswego homecoming history will be staged at 2:30 Friday afternoon," the *Ledger* reported. The traditional route was to be followed.

*Ledger* editorial: Several folks have mentioned of late that they have noticed a lack of applause when the band finishes its marching and playing both before and during halftimes at the football games.

Members of the band and its director work pretty hard to whip up the marching formations and numbers with which to entertain spectators and handclapping is little enough to get in return.

When there is a lack of even that, well, heaven forbid.

Really now, don't you think that the band deserves a hand? Well, give it to them Friday night.

Classes in ballet, acrobatic, and modern dancing for all children from four years and up will be held at the Oswego Teen Club Monday and Wednesdays. The classes will be conducted by Mrs. Kenneth Pickerill, physical education teacher in the local high school.

After two straight defeats at the hands of Lake Zurich and Amboy, the Oswego Football Panthers took their revenge against Plano, 27-0 in Fox Valley League play.

Oct. 15: The largest parade in the Oswego High School Homecoming history took place under perfect skies last Friday afternoon.

The Oswego Panthers were looking for their third victory in a row as they got ready to travel to Earlville. Oswego defeated Yorkville 28-6 last Friday.

Oct. 22: The Oswego Panthers, undefeated in Fox Valley competition, will make a bid to keep their record clean Friday night as they host the Sandwich Indians, a team that has not won a conference game in two years.

An always-anticipated event, the PTA-sponsored annual Halloween Fair, will get under way promptly at 5:30 Saturday evening with the serving of a cafeteria supper, with serving both in the Community Room and the cafeteria.

Jennings Jewelry and Dress Shop in downtown Oswego was advertising their going out of business sale.

Oct. 29: The Eighth Grade Class took first prize in the Halloween decorating contest in downtown Oswego. Their winning decoration was displayed on the window of Rucks Appliance Store. Second prize went to the Boy Scouts of Troop 31 for their decoration on Carr's Department Store window.

November -- 1953

Nov. 5: The Oswego Panthers suffered their first football loss of the season in Fox Valley Conference play against Plainfield, 25-6. However, the Panthers were assured of at least a second place finish in league play.

#### BREAK GROUND FOR NEW FIRE BARN

New Building to House Fire

Equipment and Trucks

Preliminary work on the new building to house the Oswego Fire Department trucks and equipment was begun this week. The new building, to be situated on the west side of Main Street, between Washington and Jackson streets, will be 40x60 and will have a basement and ground floor. Trucks will be able to enter the building on both levels. The cost of the structure will be in the neighborhood of \$28,000.

"The issue of the *Oswego Ledger* you are reading marks four years of publication," editor Ford Lippold wrote. "During that time, 206 issues of the *Ledger* have been printed."

Malcolm Goudie, sophomore agriculture student at Oswego High, is winner in the District Pfister Corn Show held at Joliet last week. Of the 13 samples of shelled corn...Goudie's was judged the best.

Nov. 12: The Oswego Panthers thumped Mooseheart, 26-0, to wind up their season with five conference wins, one conference defeat, and two non-conference losses, which was good for second place in the Fox Valley Conference.

The annual Junior Frolic was set for Nov. 13 in the OHS gym. As in past years, the freshman, sophomore, and senior classes each performed a one-act play. The class winning the play was to have their name inscribed on a plaque in the OHS trophy case. The annual event was, along with the prom, one of the major fundraisers for the junior class.

Parents in the Oswego School District were encouraged to visit their children's classrooms during American Education Week, Nov. 8-14.

The office of Draft Board 148, serving Kendall County, is open daily Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The offices of the board are at 18 E. North Street, Plano.

Nov. 19: Downtown Oswego merchants were sponsoring Oswego Value Days on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 20-21.

The Oswego Panther basketball team was ready to open their 1953-54 season against Sandwich on Nov. 20 in the OHS gym. Coaches were Herb Hasenyager and Ken Pickerill.

There will be no school for first graders attending classes at the Presbyterian Church due to the bazaar.

The senior class won the Junior Frolic with their presentation of "Are We Dressing?" Members of the prize-winning cast were Sandra Nutt, Dave Rogerson, Janice Friebele, Roger Schillinger, Herb Behrens, Wilma Penn, Ralph Smith, and Lois Risser.

Nov. 26: The Oswego 19th Century Club will hold its regular and Christmas program Thursday, Dec. 3, at 2 p.m. in the club rooms. The program for the day, in keeping with the holiday theme, will be presented by Pauline Eleada Esdale, Chicago, superlative whistler. The whistling renditions of Miss Esdale are truly a unique presentation.

The Panthers were ready to travel to Naperville Friday to do battle with the Redskins. This is the first time Oswego has played Naperville, a Little Seven member, on its regular schedule. In weekend action, the Panthers took a lopsided victory over the Sandwich Indians by a 58-28 score.

Geneva, another Little Seven school, took the measure of Oswego Saturday night with a 66-50 win.

The Panthers' second loss came Tuesday with Elburn on the winning end of a 59-52 contest.

December -- 1953

Dec. 3: The Oswego Panthers will taken on the Yorkville Foxes on the downriver hardwood Friday night in a pair of encounters. To date, the Panther varsity has a record of one win and a

trio of losses, which the "B" team has an identical record. This will be the first Fox Valley League game of the season for both quintets.

The first wrestling meet of the season will take place tonight with Oswego traveling to Reavis.

In response to many requests received over a period of many years, the Post Office Department has authorized each local post office to accept box rents payable one year in advance beginning Jan. 1, 1954. This new procedure will save considerable time for the patron as well as your post office employees.

Dec. 10: Members of the local Lions club will meet at 8 a.m. Sunday morning to put up the decorative Christmas street lights in the downtown area. Members of the club are asked to be on hand en masse so that the job can be finished in short order.

The lighting, which has added to the general air of holiday festivity in the past, is a project of the Oswego Lions Club with the American Legion and several merchants helping with the cost of electric power used.

The many building projects underway in the village have been progressing rapidly due to favorable weather conditions.

The new Catholic church in Washington Street is nearing completion. Progress on the new junior high school wing is keeping up to specifications. Bohn's new store is under cover and a lot of concrete was poured for the new fire barn last week.

Ralph Johnson has refurbished the tavern with new doors and windows and inside work on the new Alexander Lumber Company building is keeping pace.

New display units and shelves have been installed in Denney's Supermart.

Russ Collins was advertising Christmas trees for sale at his Sinclair gasoline station at U.S. Route 34 and Ill. Route 31 at the west end of the Oswego Bridge.

Dec. 17: Letter to the editor: You keep urging people to buy in Oswego in your paper and tell about the ease of parking, etc. I agree to some extent that parking is better in Oswego than in larger towns, but I have one complaint: The parking situation could be so much better if some of the unthinking motorists would be careful of how much space they take up and if they would pull into parking places from the right direction.

Making U-turns and parking on the opposite side of the street takes up twice as much space as usual. It isn't only shoppers who are guilty of this but some of the business men as well.

Just because we live in a small town is no reason why we should drive and park in a careless manner.

*A Steady Ledger Reader*

Dec. 24: Issue missing

Dec. 31: Most Oswego stores will stay open this afternoon (Thursday) instead of closing at the usual noon hour due to the New Year holiday tomorrow. This will give Oswegoans an opportunity to lay in supplies for New Year's Day without rushing around helter-skelter.

Many dogs are still running at large in the village limits according to Milton Penn, trustee. Mr. Penn wishes dog owners would show more consideration for their neighbors.

The holiday vacation ends for Oswego school children Monday morning, Jan. 4, at which time all local school units will reconvene.

The Oswego matmen will travel to Streator Tuesday, Jan. 5, for a meet. The Panther squad will be trying to stretch its string of victories to four in a row. The season's record now stands at three wins, one tie, and one loss.

Coach Ken Pickerill and his grapplers are making some of the larger schools sit up and take notice. It is unusual for a school the size of Oswego to even have a wrestling team, let alone take victories over large schools such as the Panthers have been doing.

This is the fourth year for wrestling in Oswego and the first time that such an ambitious schedule has been undertaken. The Panthers have 15 matches carded in all.

1954

January

Jan. 7: Father will put his best foot forward as he takes over the officers' duties and acts as host at the PTA meeting to be held in the high school Tuesday, Jan. 12. George Akerlow, acting president, will call the business meeting to order.

*Ledger* editorial: Most folks have witnessed the so-called wrestling farces on television but a majority of people have not seen wrestling on a high school level. There is no comparison between the two if you are interested in seeing two contestants give and take in an honest, sincere effort to be declared a winner. In high school wrestling there is no faking, no letting up. When a boy is given the decision by the referee you can be sure that he actually is the winner. True, high school wrestling may not seem as colorful as the television antics at first glance, but chances are that after you have witnessed several matches you will be more interested and get more satisfaction. out of seeing some little 103-pounders go at it or all they are worth than watch 500 pounds of fat, bone and gristle making monkeys out of themselves and the spectators.

"I would like to use the columns of your paper to thank the Oswego Lions Club for their [Christmas] decorations over the streets. It is really an outstanding display for a small town and the Lions Club should be congratulated... I understand that the local American Legion Post and several of the business men pay for the electricity used. They also are to be congratulated for their public spiritedness...It makes people from other towns take notice," wrote "An Oswego Booster" in a letter to the editor.

Jan. 14: Judging from the noise and enthusiasm and size of the crowd at last Monday's wrestling match, the mat game has arrived in Oswego to stay.

Hardy souls those workmen who are laboring on the new school addition. Working outside in near zero weather is no picnic.

The air is getting filled with political rumors with this being an election year and all. Several of the county offices will be up for filling, including the county treasurer, sheriff, superintendent of schools, etc. Jim Vinson, a local boy, is throwing his hat in the ring for the sheriff's post. It's about time that Oswego had a chance at that office again.

Nick Lautwein, who is confined at St. Charles Hospital, is sorely missed by his constituents at the Main Café. Being a radio sports fan, Nick is always a good man to have around when an argument starts.

Kenny Bohn is at Fort Sheridan waiting his discharge. After 18 months in Alaska, he certainly ought to feel at home during the frigid days of this week.

A recent survey showed that almost 50 percent of persons who do not go to college never read a book after they leave school. Which brings to mind the fact that the local library has over 4,000 books on its shelves at the present time. Have you read one lately?

Jan. 21: A driver training course is being offered to Oswego High School student during the second semester, which begins this week. A new 1954 Ford is being made available for this course by Jim Zentmyer of Zentmyer Motor Sales, local Ford Dealer. Mr. Zentmyer has furnished the car for driver training courses ever since they were first instituted in Oswego high School several years ago.

The automobile is to be fitted with dual controls with the Chicago Motor Cub furnishing the controls.

Mr. Hammerbacker will be instructor for the course.

Eight Republicans and one Democrat have filed for the county officers up for grabs this year. Three of the aspirants are seeking the sheriff post with James C. Vinson and Ornell L. Erickson, both of Oswego, and Franklyn Martyn, Yorkville, filing.

Other filings include Robert J. Sears (incumbent), County Judge; Edgar E. Henricksen (Incumbent), County Clerk; Irving A. Shears (incumbent) Supt. of Schools; Frank E. Barkley (incumbent) Senatorial Committeeman; William Hayden, County Treasurer.

The lone Democrat filing to date was Harold Kennedy of Bristol, seeking reelection as Senatorial Committeeman.

Effective Jan. 18, the following bus schedule is for buses traveling between Somonauk and Aurora on runs 9A, 9B, 9C, and 9D:

No 9D leaves Aurora at 5:05 p.m., arrive Oswego at 5:20 p.m.; No 9B leaves Aurora at 12:05 p.m., arrives Oswego at 12:20 p.m.; No. 9A leaves Oswego at 6:58 a.m. and arrives Aurora at 7:13 a.m.; No. 9C leaves Oswego at 1:32 p.m. and arrives Aurora at 1:47 p.m.

Coach Ken Pickerill's mat squad ran its total up to six wins, one tie, and three losses for the season with a double victory over the weekend.

The Panthers downed Downers Grove, 43-15 on Thursday and eked out a 28-25 victory over Bremen Township Saturday night.

Jan. 28: Oswego was participating in a Kendall County porch light drive for funds for the March of Dimes polio cause. Area residents who wished to donate to the cause were asked to turn on their porch lights to alert volunteers to stop and collect donations.

Oswego's mat squad will meet Palatine in the high school gym Monday night, Feb. 1 with the matches beginning at 7:00.

Oswego High School students on the high honor roll included Catherine Gowran, Sandra Nutt, Donna Ritter, Barbara Schultz, Lynn Bell, Alice Shoger, Phyllis Thrall, and Herbert James Lantz.

A total of seven Republicans and one Democrat have filed for the sheriff post to be filled in Kendall County this year, with three of that total being Oswegoans.

James C Vinson, Ornell L. Ericksen and Robert C. Woodard are the local men filing. Others after the sheriff spot include Frankline Martyn, Yorkville; William A. Maier, Yorkville; Oscar E. Olsen, Plano; Miles G. Mahnke, Plano; Lloyd Payton, Yorkville. Payton is the lone Democrat in the field.

February -- 1954

Feb. 4: Coach Ken Pickerill's mat team defeated Bremen Township last Saturday and took the measure of Palatine Monday night to run its string of victories to nine for the season. The Panthers' record is 9-1-3 on the season.

It will be Foxes against Panthers in the second game of the district basketball tournament to be played in the Oswego High School gym this year.

*Ledger* editorial: The Village Board is endeavoring to get the state highway department to erect a stop sign for westbound traffic at the intersection of Routes 25 and 34, several sharp-curve signs, and orange no-passing stripes on the Washington Street hill. It is a mighty fine plan and if successful will do much to keep Oswego accident-free.

Feb. 11: There's a fortune in it for the person who can figure out some way to harness the energy Ken Pickerill uses up chewing gum while his charges are in a tight spot.

The Boy Scouts of America celebrate their 42nd birthday this week. It will be 15 years this May since the present troop in Oswego began with Bob Rogerson, Norman Besch, Bill Denney, John Herren, Ralph Sanderson Jr., Bennett Sickler, Jack Olsen and either Glen Lippy or John Olson as charter members. The first meeting was held in Bob Herren's basement. Bob Roberson is now a Cubmaster in North Aurora.

Remarks made by adult spectators at high school athletic events are often extremely abusive and uncalled for both when directed at local players and visitors...Spectators who behave in an unsportsmanlike manner are defeating the very purpose that underlies all high school athletics, the development of character and citizenship training through competition.

Feb. 18: The Oswego wrestling team now boasts a 13-5-1 record for the season following a 39-6 shellacking of Downers Grove Monday night in the local gym.

A complete team will compete in the sectional meet to be held in Elgin Friday and Saturday. Alvin Wheeler is the leading point winner for Oswego with 16 wins, one loss and one draw...Dave McCauley has 14 wins and four losses with 10 pins...Brad Smith has 14-4.

Eight area cage teams from this area will take part in the district cage tourney beginning Tuesday, Feb. 23, in the Oswego High School gym. The open pair of games on Tuesday night will pit Geneva against Plano at 7:00 and Yorkville vs. Oswego at 8:30.

Feb. 25: At a meeting held in the Community Room [at Oswego High School] Monday night, the Oswego Woman's Civic Club voted to undertake a three-year project for the construction of a multi-purpose play area to be placed on the large grade school [Red Brick School] grounds. The area under consideration will be approximately 50'x100' and will be surfaced with asphalt. The area will be designed for use for such games as tennis, volleyball, badminton, basketball, etc, and will be used extensively by the grade school pupils in physical education work. It will also be used by the Oswego Park Board during the summer recreation program.

Three members of coach Ken Pickerill's Oswego Panther wrestling team sailed through the sectional tournament at Elgin last weekend to gain admission to the state finals to be held at Proviso High School Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26-27. The three wrestlers going on to state competition included Alvin Wheeler, Bill Betzviser, and Brad Smith.

*Ledger* editorial: The decision of the Oswego Civic Club to undertake the construction of a multi-purpose play area on the grade school grounds fills a need that has existed for a good many years. In the fall and spring it has been almost impossible for grade school children to enjoy play outdoors due to the muddy surfaces of the play areas. An asphalted surface will allow grade schoolers to enjoy the sunny days of spring with a dry under-footing. It will also allow teenagers and adults to enjoy tennis, badminton, and other games during the summer months. The Oswego Park Board will be able to incorporate its use into its summer recreation program.

March -- 1954

March 4: District No. 8, Oswego Grade School, will elect two board members this year with Myron Wormley having filed to succeed himself and Cark Mottinger having filed to fill the vacancy left by Francis Cryder, whose term is up this year. Wormley resides on the west side of the river while Mottinger is a resident of NaAuSay Township.

The high school board is increased from five to seven members this year in compliance with state statute. Alva Shuler is a candidate to fill the unexpired term of one year left by George Ross. Shuler was appointed by the board to serve until election time when Ross moved last

summer. Stephen Paydon is a candidate to succeed himself. New candidates for the newly created positions are Clarence Clark and Warren Norris.

Shuler is a village resident, Paydon lives in Wheatland Township, Clark lives on Baseline Road, and Norris is a resident of Oswego Township.

Health clinics for Oswego schools will be held on March 9, April 6, and May 4. All preschoolers who have never been immunized against diphtheria, whooping cough, and tetanus will have to attend all three clinics to obtain initial 3-dose series.

The two new traffic signs designed and painted to represent traffic officers and placed on the highway at the Red Brick Grade Building are an added safety feature.

The signs were obtained with the cooperation of the village board and policeman Paul Dwyre and are furnished by the Coca-Cola Company.

March 11: A dinner was held for the Oswego High Wrestling Squad Saturday night, March 6, in the community room with 15 boys receiving letters.

The program opened with Brad Smith giving a welcome toast. Alvin Wheeler and Bill Betzviser gave some of the state tourney highlights and Dave Gengler and Dave McCauley told of the sectional tourney.

Letter winners: Alvin Wheeler, Bill Betzviser, David Gengler, Leo Grach, Brad Smith, Jerry Smith, Roger Schlapp, Dick Vacca, Duane Vickery, Glenn Leifheit, Leonard Burkhardt, Butch Schillinger, Jack Walper, David McCauley, and Ron Schlapp.

Four Oswego High School music groups received superior ratings and a recommendation for state contest competition at the district contest held at Hinsdale last Saturday.

Oswego competed in Class C, composed of schools with populations of 125 to 250.

Superior ratings recommended for state contest: Boys' Quartet: Mike Kontos, Jerry Meetz, Arlo Bower, Dan Huntley; Girls' Trio: Gail Akerlow, Devonna Ode, Karla Foster; Marimba Solo: Jerry Rucks; Cornet Duet: Alice Shoger, Donna Ode.

With three Oswegoans in the race for sheriff (Ole Erickson, Bob Woodard, and Jim Vinson) looks like local voters will have quite a time making up their minds.

Pack 331 Cubmaster Oliver Leppert and Den Chiefs Dan Huntley, Jimmy Seidelman, Doug Clark, Larry Schultz and Scouts Larry Baker and Chuck Risser attended a den chief training session in Aurora last Saturday.

The Oswego Grade School Basketball Team wound up season play last week by trouncing Sugar Grove, 47-32. The "Panther Cubs" demonstrated fine shooting ability with Ron Silvius and Chuck Shuler leading the pack with 18 and 16 points, respectively. This win gives the Cubs a 9-3 record for the season.

March 18: The sanctuary of the Federated Church will have a fresh, bright look come Easter Sunday morning. A crew of volunteer members started on the painting Monday night of this week and will continue throughout the coming weeks until the entire wall surface has been covered with a mauve-tinted paint.

Also included in the new decoration scheme planned by Mrs. Fred Borino, interior decorator is a new dossal to be hung behind the altar and possibly two smaller dossals on either side. It was also decided to paint the ceiling in the basement classrooms and re-cut the old dossal presently hanging in the sanctuary and place it in the downstairs worship center.

Any boys wishing to enter the Soap Box Derby contest to be held in Aurora may obtain details from Ford L. Lippold, recreation director, of the Oswego Park Board.

Preliminary plans are underway for a Little League Baseball loop between four or six nearby villages.

"Having outgrown our present location, we are building and bringing to Oswego a new, completely modern store with each department bigger and better designed to serve your needs including meat, groceries, produce, and frozen foods, which will open soon," reported an ad by Bohn's Food Store.

March 25: The Civic Club Style Show played to a packed house Saturday night and reports from the spectators give it three thunderous hurrahs.

All the folks who didn't attend the style show had their eyes glued to their TV sets for the state high school basketball finals.

Preliminary plans are underway for an all-out clean-up campaign for the village. How do you like the idea?

Oswego Grade School District 8 was asking voters for permission to put several rural one-room schools up for sale as consolidation in the district moved ahead. Included were the Marysville School in NaAuSay Township, the Wormley School on Route 31 in Oswego Township, the Walker School at Plainfield and Schlapp roads in Oswego Township; and the Keck School in Bristol Township. Voters overwhelmingly approved the proposals in voting in April.

#### Change in Bus Schedules

Effective March 25, the American Bus Lines are taking off all local buses but through buses will still stop at Oswego. If you are a bus rider, be sure and check at Shuler's Drug Store for buses still available.

#### Campaign ad: TO THE VOTERS OF KENDALL COUNTY

I was elected Sheriff of Kendall County in 1934 by a majority of 310 votes with six candidates in the race and again in 1942 with two in the race.

Both of my terms were the most economical of any modern sheriff before or since my terms, which fact can be proven from the records.

In 1935, I organized a force of 150 special deputies who patrolled the county roads, 2 men to a car and two cars to a township. This put a stop to rural thefts that had plagued the county for a number of years.

I broke up a gang of six men who committed thefts of hogs, calves, corn, oats, poultry, etc., over a five county area. Fingerprints lifted from the scene of a burglary brought this case to a successful conclusion.

Space does not permit a detailed account of my record of those terms, but they are on file at the court house in Yorkville, and I would be proud to have you check them.

I invite your inspection of both my private life and public life, and am proud of what you will find in both.

I ask that you elect me sheriff on my record and if elected I promise that I will devote my full time to the job; that I will represent all of you to the very best of my ability, and for the full four years.

Signed: William A. Maier

Candidate for the Republican Nomination for Sheriff of Kendall County

April -- 1954

April 1: Oswego Township assessor Wayne Fosgett is beginning on the quadrennial reassessment for 1954. Each four years, all of the real property in the various townships is reassessed and revalued.

Representatives of ten Fox Valley towns met at the Somonauk Grade School last Sunday afternoon to form a Little League Baseball Circuit.

Towns represented were Oswego, Yorkville, Hinckley, Big Rock, and Plano to be the Eastern Division; and Shabbona, Leland, Somonauk Sandwich, and Sheridan, to be the Western Division.

The Oswego community was mourning the death of 17 year-old Sandra Nutt in a traffic accident. "The Seventeen years of Sandra's life were short when measured by the yardstick of days and hours but long when measured by the tremendous amount of activity packed therein. Hers was the ability to do many things and do them well. She was a leader in church, in school, in outside activities.

Yes, Sandra's life was brief in years but it was a full one and a happy one. She fitted more living into seventeen short years than many people do who reach the proverbially three score and ten."

The money raised by members of the senior class will be given to the family of Sandra Nutt to be used however they wish.

With seven more inches of snow promised this week, chances are the baseball game and track meet scheduled by the high school teams will have to be postponed.

Carl Bohn moves into his new store the end of this week. He will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, April 5 and 6, in order to complete the moving. His grand opening begins Wednesday with a lot of events taking place during the balance of the week.

Preliminary work in the form of tree removal, etc., has started on the Grove Road blacktopping project. It is expected that road will be completed by mid-summer.

April 8: The new Bohn's Grocery Store holds its grand opening this week with special entertainment and special sales.

The store, located in Main Street, is of cement block construction with a brick front. Has a big well-planned interior with the latest and most modern fixtures.

Among the many opening features will be the violin playing of Jim McGlue all day Friday, the organ music of Lorane Peshia Wednesday and Thursday evenings, and the arrival of Little Oscar and his Wienermobile on Saturday afternoon.

Catherine Gowran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gowran, has been named valedictorian of the Class of '54 of Oswego High School.

Salutatorian honors were won by the late Sandra Nutt. The name of the person to give the salutatorian address has not been released as yet.

Barbara Davis will receive the DAR Citizenship Award; Wilma Penn the Activities Award; Elnathan Claassen the Athletics and Gilmour Sportsmanship awards.

Two Oswego Grade School girls will represent this community in the annual Beacon News Spelling Contest to be held later this month.

Representing the Red Brick building (sixth and seventh grades) will be Alice Ebinger, a sixth grader, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ebinger. Eight grade winner is Virginia Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Peterson.

One of the items on the agenda at the monthly village board meeting held last Monday night was the setting aside of the week of April 19-24 as "Clean-Up Week" for the Village of Oswego. All clubs and organizations are asked to join the movement. Trash set out on the curbing during the week will be picked up and on Saturday, April 24, several additional trucks will be used to cart rubbish and refuse away.

A new franchise with the Illinois Bell Telephone Company was signed. This is a working agreement in which the village is furnished five free phones, the telephone company allows the use of their poles for fire and police wires, ask permission of the board on placement of poles.

A request of the 19th Century Woman's Club that the building housing the library be painted was discussed and set aside until the next meeting for action.

A request was received from Harold F. Stiefbold for a beer license for an establishment to be in the downtown area where beer and food would be dispensed. The request was set aside for action at the next meeting.

A request from Forrest Woolley for a building permit for a residence was approved.

The plat of a proposed Bartholomew's First Subdivision to the village was presented to the board for approval. Consideration of final action was postponed until the next meeting.

The subdivision in question is located on the east side of Rt. 25 extending south from the Bartholomew residence and calls for a group of seven building lots.

April 15: Clear skies and sunny weather were no asset to primary voting in Tuesday's election.

An unusually light vote was cast in Oswego, Kendall County, and the state as a whole in spite of the fact that there were spirited races, both locally and statewide.

William Maier rolled up a total of 1,650 votes in the race for Republican nomination for sheriff. His vote was more than the combined total of the other five candidates seeking the nomination.

Over 140 persons voted in the uncontested grade and high school elections last Saturday in which four members were elected to the high school board and two members elected to the grade school board. It was also voted to sell four rural schoolhouses and sites.

High school results, for a one year term was Al Shuler. For a full three year term was Stephen Paydon, Warren Norris and C.W. Clark.

Grade school results for three year terms were Myron Wormley and Clark Mottinger.

In the vote to sell the four rural schools, the most negative votes were cast against selling the Wormley and Walker schools, just four "no" votes each. Schools and sites authorized for sale were the Marysville site and school, the Wormley site and school, the Keck School, and the Walker school and site.

At a meeting of representatives of ten nearby towns, the Little League baseball loop planned for this area was officially named the Corn Belt Little League and is divided into two divisions.

April 22: Issue missing.

April 29: The request of Mr. Harold Stiefbold to the Oswego Village Board for a license to sell beer in connection with a contemplated eating place within the village limits has been denied according to a statement issued this week.

No provision is made for such a license in the existing ordinances and the village board deemed it unwise to create an ordinance calling for such a license.

The marriage of Miss Eleanor Fosgett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fosgett, to Bradley Dean Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Warren Sr., took place at the First Presbyterian Church April 17.

May -- 1954

May 6: At a regular meeting of the Oswego Village Board, the following subdivisions were presented and approved by that body:

A plat known as Bartholomew's First Subdivision submitted by George Bartholomew; and a plat known as Johnston's Third Subdivision submitted by Miss Floi Johnston.

A request from Herbert L. and Gladys Rucks for rezoning of property from residential to business was referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals for further action.

Disposition of beer license request from Harold Stiefbold and which was denied was entered into the record.

John Carr reported that overhanging cornices of the buildings on the east side of Main Street owned by Andrew Carr, A.M. Shuler, Wayne Denney, Ronald Smith, and Ida Mighell would be removed by June 1. The cornices were recently inspected by members of the village board and building inspector Halbesma of Aurora, and found to be in need of removal.

Mr. John Raber was interviewed for the position of night watchman for the village of Oswego and the matter was referred to Les Penn, chairman of the Law and Order Committee for further action.

Action on a request of Vic Franz for a building permit was postponed until a future meeting.

Jerry Rucks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rucks, was awarded a superior rating in the state music contest finals downstate last week. Rucks, who plays the marimba, won his honors with his rendition of *Fantasie* from the opera "Il Trovatore."

#### May 13: NEW CATHOLIC CHURCH DEDICATED

St. Anne's Church, the new Catholic edifice on Washington Street, was formally dedicated Sunday, May 9.

Following the dedication ceremony, a solemn high mass was offered by the pastor, the Reverend John Savukynas.

The building rate in Oswego continues at an accelerated pace with building permits for nine new houses taken out in the year dating from April 1, 1953 to April 1, 1954. These nine homes are either completed or in the process of being built and are valued in excess of \$107,000.

In addition, permits for commercial buildings and improvements to commercial buildings totaled up to five during the past year and add up in value to over \$113,740.

The figure of nine houses in one year is almost double that of the average of the ten year span from 1940 to 1950, when the yearly average for new units was five.

Mrs. Gerald DuSell was named president of the Oswego Park Board for the current year at a meeting held at the home of Commissioner Arthur Davis Monday night. Mrs. O.W. Patterson was chosen as vice-president. The commissioners appointed John Carr to act as treasurer for another year and Ford L. Lippold to serve as secretary.

The resignation of William Anderson from the post of commissioner due to the press of other duties was accepted and Everett Hafenrichter was appointed to fill out his unexpired term.

Chieftain White Feather Bull, widely known evangelist, will present New Life Evangelistic Mission services nightly in the federated Church during the week of May 16-21.

Legal notices posted by the school trustees of Oswego, NaAuSay, and Bristol townships announced that bids were being accepted for four former one-room schools and their sites that had been approved by voters in balloting in April.

Schools to be sold were the Walker School at Plainfield and Simons roads and the Wormley School on Ill. Route 31. The legal description of the Wormley School site began: "Commencing at a crooked maple tree on the east side of the Oswego and Aurora road..."

Bids were also being sought for the Marysville School in NaAuSay Township and the Keck School in Bristol Township.

Students from all four schools were attending classes in town schools.

May 20: The *Ledger* reported that a class of 54 eighth graders, "one of the largest in the history of Oswego Grade Schools," were set to graduate on May 27. Valedictorian was Charlotte Schlapp; salutatorian was Kathy Thompson.

Ralph Smith was the only member of the Oswego Track Team to qualify at the district meet held last week for a trip to the state finals," the *Ledger* reported. "Smith took his victory in the high

hurdles, one of the events in which he has excelled throughout the season. He is the first Oswego track man to ever represent the local school in the state finals.

May 27: Diplomas will be presented to 32 members of the Class of 1954 at the Commencement Exercises to be held in the auditorium on Friday evening, May 28. The theme of the program will be "youth Wants Most to Have A Useful Life."

A vocal solo was to be sung by Elizabeth Jane Goudie while Janice Friebele and Gene McDowell performed a cornet and trombone duet, "A Night in May."

Speeches were scheduled by class president Jerry Traughber, Citizenship Award winner Barbara Davis; Athletic Award winner Elnathan Claassen, and Activities Award winner Wilma Penn. Valediction was Catherine Gowran.

Ann Shuler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Shuler, was elected president of the student council of the University of Illinois Pharmacy School this week. Ann is the first girl in the history of the school to be awarded such an honor and is also the first undergraduate to hold the position. She is a sophomore this year.

June -- 1954

June 3: Three large size trash and rubbish receptacles have been placed in the downtown area as an aid in keeping the village streets free from gum and candy bar wrappers and other miscellaneous refuse. The cans are furnished through the cooperation of the Oswego Lions Club and Mr. O.W. Patterson [owner of The Furniture Store in downtown Oswego].

The Oswego Fire District had to come to the rescue on Wednesday, May 27, to provide lights for Oswego's eighth grade graduation. A sudden storm wiped out power lines "and left Oswego in darkness," the *Ledger* reported. The fire department lit the gym at Oswego High School with their auxiliary power plant.

"A Short History of the Oswego Park Board" outlined the progress of Oswego's recreation program from its inception to the current year.

June 10: June 7, the Oswego Village Board unanimously passed a referendum resolution calling for a tax levy to provide for police protection in the village limits. The rate requested is .15 cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation full cash fair value as stated by Illinois State Statutes. It is estimated that the income from this tax would be between \$2,000 and \$3,000 a year and would make it possible to keep a full-time police officer on duty as well as a night watchman, also to provide a car for the officer.

A proposed ordinance amending the existing ordinance was given to the zoning board of appeals for hearing and approval. The ordinance increases the board membership from five to seven persons.

The bid on Grove Road improvements, that part which is in the village limits was awarded to Cliff Hammond, Excavators, Joliet, in the amount of \$7,963.46.

At a special meeting held May 21, the board authorized the purchase of a secondhand automobile for use as a police car in the amount of \$1,000.

The request for a building permit from Vic Franz to build a residence on Lot 6, Block 13, in the Park Addition was denied, as the plot does not meet the minimum size requirements under the existing building code.

June 17: Noting that during the last session of the Illinois General Assembly, fireworks were outlawed, Kendall County State's Attorney Jerome Nelson and Sheriff William C. "Bud" Johnson warned that the new law would be enforced over the July 4 holiday.

The Village of Oswego published an appropriations ordinance predicting they'd spend \$50,570 during the upcoming 1954-55 fiscal year.

June 24: Mrs. Minnie Hayden, Oswego, has been selected as a delegate to represent Northeastern Division of the Illinois Education Association at the 92nd annual convention of the National Education Association, scheduled to be held in Madison Square Garden, New York City, June 27-July 2.

*Ledger* editorial: The special tax for providing police protection in the village, which is to come up for a vote on Friday, July 9, is a step which should have been taken some years ago. In a community the size of Oswego, it is almost impossible to realize enough funds by ordinary tax allotments as governed by state statutes and the provision for a special tax for police protection is sadly needed.

It is true that nothing of too serious a nature has happened in the village recently, but there is always the possibility of something occurring that will make all of us sorry that we did not provide in advance for protection.

It is hoped that folks in the community will get out and push the measure that is to be brought up for balloting and vote favorably on the issue.

The Oswego Fire Protection District published an appropriations ordinance calling for spending a total of \$21,610 that included a line item for "Maintenance of 4 trucks, salary of one man, \$300."

July -- 1954

July 1: Walt Irish was seriously injured last week when a truck ran into the tractor with which he was mowing weeds in Route 71. Irish, an employee of the State of Illinois Highway Dept., was taken to Copley Hospital. He is suffering serious internal and external injuries.

The Federated Church will have new pews before very long if everything goes according to schedule. Sample pews are being bought in for members to try out.

(The following letter was written to the Oswego Village Board and turned over to the editor for publication with permission of the writer)

Gentlemen:

It is encouraging to see the interest of your Board in adequate police protection for your Village as evidenced by your recent resolution for a referendum on the question of raising tax money for that purpose.

It has become extremely apparent to me, since holding the office of State's Attorney of the county that the police facilities in our villages are woefully inadequate.

A one-man sheriff's office cannot handle the problem, and although many of the people are not aware of the facts, we do have many police matters which are not being properly handled because of lack of full-time police officers.

You are to be commended for your awareness of the necessity and I am hopeful that the people of the village will follow your leadership and approve the proposal.

Very truly yours,

JEROME NELSON

State's Attorney for Kendall County

Almost every Oswegoan must have traveled to Plano for the centennial program at least once over last weekend.

It won't be too many years more before Oswego is 125 years old. That event will certainly call for a celebration.

Wonder what happened to all the Cub fans this year...

July 8: Voters living within the corporate limits of the village will have an opportunity to express their desire to have full-time police protection when they go to the polls Friday, July 9, to vote a special tax for that purpose.

The proposition to be voted on calls for a special police protection tax in accordance with state statutes that would not exceed 15 cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation. Such a tax would make between \$2,000 and \$3,000 annually for the purpose of police protection without becoming a burden on anyone.

The moneys realized would make it possible to keep a round the clock police protection unit on duty in the village, also to provide and maintain a car for the police department. At the present time, a full-time day officer is on duty and a night watchman. However, with the present amount of funds available, it will be impossible to keep both men on duty.

Preliminary work has begun on the new home being built by Forrest Wooley on Garfield Avenue. Work also progresses on Glen Leigh's new domicile on Main Street and on several others in the village.

Herb Rucks will be breaking ground for his new appliance building the first part of next week. The building, to be approximately 35x80, will be situated north of and adjacent to Zentmyer Motor Sales.

Most everyone in Oswego must have journeyed to Phillips Park for the fireworks last Monday night.

Several new water hydrants were installed in the village in the past few weeks.

The Herren and Tripp Real Estate office [at the southwest corner of Main and Washington] is sporting a brand new green and white awning. Other new additions in the downtown area include a new Frigidaire sign above Rucks Appliance Store.

The Oswego Village Board held an abbreviated session Tuesday night, being forced so suspend deliberation at about 9:30 when a violent windstorm struck the village and put the electric power system out of kilter.

The Board accepted and approved the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals to rezone the property of Herbert Rucks, located in North Main St., from residential to business. The new Zoning Board of Appeals is composed of William Shortman, chairman; Clifford A. Olson, Louis Russ, Henry W. Smith, William W. Crimmin, James R. Zentmyer, and Theodore Gerry.

At a congregational meeting held following last Sunday's service, it was voted to purchase new pews for the sanctuary of the Federated Church. The pews, to be installed as part of the new interior refurbishing, will be designed for comfort as well as beauty.

It was decided to purchase the Cushion-Eze pews manufactured by the Endicott Furniture Company.

In addition, the congregation is to meet at a later date, Sunday, July 18, to discuss the type of finish on the pews and the possibility of redoing the floor at the same time the pews are installed. The entire project is expected to cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$4,500 to \$5,000.

July 15: The votes of the special election held last Friday to give the village board permission to levy a tax for police protection were canvassed Monday night by the village board and the official tally showed 89 votes for and 43 votes against the proposition. The board now has the authority to levy a tax that would call for up to 15 cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation in the corporate limits of the village.

In other business, a request from R.C. Johnson for permission to erect metal awnings on the tavern was granted.

Dalman Hafenrichter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hafenrichter, was chosen Chief Honor Camper at the Evangelical United Brethren Junior Camp held at Naperville last week.

July 22: Four Oswego Scouts, members of Troop 31, left Monday morning for a 10-day summer camp experience at Buchanan, Mich. The four boys, Larry Schultz, Doug Clark, Jerry Weidert, and Richard Way, will be part of a group of nearly 100 Scouts of the Aurora Area Council taking part.

Camp Blackhawk is situated on the St. Joseph River and is a heavily wooded area ideally set up for Scouting activities.

Announcement of the 1954-55 faculty for the Oswego Schools was made during the week by Superintendent T. Loyd Traughber. A total of 30 instructors are to staff the three local units and the three rural schools.

Earl J. Anderson will be high school principal; Lowell Polley, junior high principal; and Arthur Trambie, intermediate principal.

High school faculty: Earl J. Anderson, Doris Thompson, Jacqueline Pickerill, Lois Geiken, Mary Ellen Hoisington, Herbert Hasenyager, Kenneth Pickerill, Lawrence Hammerbacker, Richard Rockenbach, Reeve Thompson, and Wilma P. Davis.

Junior high: Lowell Polley, Jacqueline Pickerill, Helen Nesemeier, Frances Polley, Anne Rockenbach, Reeve Thompson.

Intermediate: Leone Bartholomew, Mildred Vickery, Arthur Trambly, Uarda Henderson, Ruth Worland, and Maxine Staley.

Primary faculty: Dorothy Mighell, Grace Palmer, Gertrude Heffelfinger, Evelyn Woolley, Thelma Davis, and Minnie Hayden.

Rural centers: Grace Jones, McCauley School; Dorothy Comerford, Church school; Willow Hill School, not filled yet.

First grade will occupy the Little White School building; Grades 2, 3, 4 & 5 will occupy the brick building, and grades 6, 7 & 8 will occupy the new junior high wing.

July 29: This week marks the beginning of a \$5,000 improvement program in the Oswego Federated Church. This program has been designed to lend beauty to the sanctuary and to modernize the church.

The improvements will include new Cushion-Eze pews, pew screens, new chancel screening, remodeling of the choir lofts, refinishing of the present chancel furniture, resanding of the floor, new carpeting, and the refinishing of all the church woodwork.

All of the furniture and the screening will be finished in a bronze-toned oak.

August -- 1954

Aug. 5: It was decided at the regular meeting of the village board Monday night to have the front of the village hall and the front of the library building painted. Sidewalk repairs are to be made downtown, particularly on the west side of Main St., in front of the Masonic Hall and the Main Café. A cement step will also be made in front of Bohn's Grocery Store. Mark Figgins is the contractor.

Some consideration is being given to the purchase of a sewer-rodding machine for use in the village sewer mains.

The local Pony League team annexed a loop victory last Saturday, defeating Somonauk by a 16-6 margin. This was the second league win for Oswego as opposed to four losses. Chuck Shuler was the winning pitcher as he allowed the visitors only 4 hits and fanned 9.

A group of 80 Oswego boys will attend Comiskey Park during the next ten days as guests of the White Sox management. Forty boys will see the Boston-White Sox game Thursday and 40 more will see the game to be played on Wednesday of next week.

Aug. 12: The Oswego Community Schools will open for the school term on Wednesday, Sept. 1. The Board of Education will have room facilities so that every child of the district will be housed in district-owned classrooms that are well equipped and staffed. First grade pupils will report to the Little White School; grades 2, 3, 4, and 5 will report to the Red Brick School; grades 6, 7, and

8 will report to the new junior high school [wing at Oswego High School]; and high school pupils will report to the high school for registration and books on the first day of school.

#### Local Little League

The Hawks and Brave will tangle in a local Little League contest today, Thursday. The tigers defeated the braves 8-3 last week to clinch first place in the local standings.

Bobby Tripp was the winning hurler for the Tigers, while Jim Johnson handled mound chores for the Braves. Tripp struck out 12 of the Braves who faced him in five innings.

The firemen were right on hand Monday night when the alarm rang. They were right in the midst of their monthly meeting when called to extinguish a small two-wheel trailer that caught fire in Route 34 east of town.

The Oswegoland Park District published their annual appropriation ordinance for the 1954-55 fiscal year. It called for total spending of \$4,125.

Aug. 19: In Kendall County as well as nationwide, the Polio Fund is overdrawn for the year and a special emergency drive for funds is being put on at the present time.

More was spent last year to fight polio than ever before. Much of the money went for gamma globulin and the Salk vaccine against the disease.

A total of 37,393 meals were served in the Oswego school cafeteria during the 1953-54 school year, according to the annual report, with a net profit showing for year of \$733.67. Mrs. Lillian Schomer was the cafeteria manager with the following helpers" Mrs. Dorothy Friebele, Mrs. Helen Smith, Mrs. Evelyn Penn, Mrs. Hazel Patton, and Mrs. Agnes Schultz. The cafeteria, located in the basement of Oswego High School, drew students from all the district's elementary buildings.

Miss Mary Louise Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan C. Campbell, became the bride of Wilfred Owen Corrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Corrick Saturday evening at the Oswego Presbyterian Church.

Just in time for the start of school, Carr's Department Store in Oswego was advertising Dickie and Buckaroo western jeans, with double denim knees, at \$2.19 to \$3.79 a pair.

Aug. 26: The Oswego Park Board reported that more than 10,000 hours of supervised recreation was offered during the summer past, with attendance up by 25 percent over the previous year. A total of 415 boys and girls registered at the Red Brick and Little White School playgrounds during the summer.

#### Playground Event Winners

At Small Playground: Treasure Hunt won by Rick Hood and Rusty Peshia; second place to Rob Hood and Lonnie Steckel. Scavenger Hunt won by Dawn Denney, Elizabeth Rybacki, and Rick Hood.

Croquet Tournament: Seven year-olds, Lonnie Steckel; eight year-olds, Sharon Conroy; nine year-olds, Mike Linden; ten year-olds, Pam Prince.

Bus routes for pupils attending the Oswego schools, which open Wednesday, Sept. 1, will be almost the same as last year. Drivers are the same with one exception, Thomas Haugh will be driving the route that Forrest Woolley drove last year. Mr. Haugh will drive a shorter and more direct route from Wheatland Township to Oswego in order that he may return to the Church School area to haul students to that attendance center. Grades 1, 2, and 3 will attend this attendance center as well as at Willow Hill and McCauley primary attendance centers. Roy Krug will return to Willow Hill area the same as he did the past two years. School will open at 9 a.m. and close at 3 p.m. at these centers. Jim Zentmyer has purchased a new 52-passenger bus and will serve U.S. Rt. 30 in Wheatland Township and the Wolf's Crossing Road. It may be necessary to add another part to Stanley Peterson's route in order that pupils living along Rt. 34 and Rt. 31 west of the bridge can ride without overcrowding. Pupils living on Grove Road now being improved will have to furnish their own transportation to and from school when this road is impassable as a result of the improvements now being made.

September -- 1954

Sept. 2: If advance registrations are any indication, enrollment figures for the Oswego schools will surpass all former years when the final count is made available. Figures indicate that there will be in excess of 200 pupils in the high school classes for the first time in Oswego's history. There has been a steady upswing in school enrollment in Oswego for the past four years with figures as follows for first day enrollment:

Year -----	Grade	High
1951.....	409	140
1952.....	456	162
1953.....	470	179

A new fire alarm system and a clock network will protect and regulate students in the new junior high school building that opens this year as an adjunct to the new high school. The clock and fire alarm system will be coordinated with existing equipment in the high school to allow school supervisors to run both junior and senior high school programs simultaneously.

The annual visit of the mobile x-ray unit will be on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 28-29. The unit will be in Oswego during the hours of 10-12 and 1-5 on the 28th and between 10-12 and 2-6 on the 29th.

Every adult over 40 years of age should have an x-ray every six months, while very adult over 16 should have an x-ray every year.

Coaches Herb Hasenyager and Ken Pickerill got the 1954 football season underway with a 7 a.m. practice Monday morning and held double sessions on both that day and Tuesday. In the neighborhood of 40 aspirants turned out for berths with places on the first 11 at a premium.

A fresh coat of white paint has perked up the local library building. Arch Runkle and his helper who did the job also painted the trim on the village hall.

The parking lot at the rear of the new high school has been enlarged and resurfaced during the past weeks.

Sept. 9: Figures at the end of the first week of school show an increase of 36 pupils over opening week figures of last year, with 24 more enrolled in the grade schools and 12 additional in high school. The total at the end of the first week for the grade school is 494, as compared with 470 last year and for the high school 191 as compared with 179 last year.

Indications are that late arrivals will push a total enrollment figure up over the 700 mark before the net week is out.

Town grade units, 435; Willow Hill, 16; Church School, 24; McCauley School, 19, total grade school, 494.

During the past several months, seven building permits have been issued with two of that number for new homes.

Bruce Webster, permit for a garage; Edward J. Burgholzer, permit for new home in Morse's Subdivision; Dr. S.F. Bell, repairs; Ernest L. Hoch, garage; Clifford A. Olson, garage; Lawrence J. Dodd, new home in Tyler Street; Charles Schultz, repairs.

The Oswego PTA is cooperating with Oswego Grade School District 8 in taking a pre-school census. It has been somewhere in the neighborhood of five years since such a census was taken and in order to plan intelligently for future educational needs of Oswego children, it is necessary to have an advance knowledge of what to expect in school population.

Folks in the community will have an opportunity to tour the new junior high wing, which was just completed and put into use this year. An open house will be held on Sunday, Sept. 19.

Coach Herb Hasenyager stated this week that 46 aspirants turned out for football practice this week, which is about average in comparison with recent years. The opening contest will be played on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 18, at Lake Zurich with the game set to begin at 2:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shoger announce the engagement of their daughter, Janet, to Russell E. Zwoyer, son of Mrs. Marie Zwoyer. The wedding will take place on Oct. 2 in the Oswego Presbyterian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. George Panikis of Oswego announced the engagement of their daughter, Sheila, to U.S. Army Cpl. William McCauley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett McCauley of NaAuSay Township. An October wedding was planned after which the couple planned to live at Ft. Knox, Ky., where McCauley was serving in the U.S. Army.

Sept. 16: The Oswego Panthers travel to Lake Zurich Saturday afternoon for the initial grid clash of the season. Coaches Hasenyager and Pickerill have been drilling the Panthers in fundamentals and it should be a well-organized eleven going into its first game.

In order to cover the increased cost of maintenance of streets due to sewer and water connection ditch faults, the village attorney was instructed to draw up an amendment to each of the ordinances calling for an increase in connection fees at the Oswego Village Board's regular

meeting held Monday night. The ordinance will call for an increase to \$75 from the present \$50 fee for water connections and to \$25 from the present \$20 sewer connection fee.

A request from American Legion Post 675 for a restricted club liquor license was held over for further consideration.

A.M. Shuler asked permission to sublet a part of the small block building at the rear of the library to a firm of contractors for an office.

The board granted the village president authority to sign a five-year lease on the village dump. The property is owned by the Illinois Department of Waterways. The rental is \$50 per year. The village also plans to reinstall a gate to the dump and to complete fencing around it to discourage indiscriminate dumping. The dump, which is used jointly by the village and township residents, is maintained by the township road commissioner.

Stop signs will be placed in Jackson St., so that all traffic will have to stop at Main Street yielding on Main St. traffic the right of way.

The Public Service Company was given permission to extend a gas main 340 feet along North St. and Rt. 25. The Public Service Company also is to install a better type light at the intersection of Grove and Plainfield roads.

The rapid growth of the Girl Scout movement in Oswego to the point where it now embraces over 100 girls and leaders is good. Girl Scouting (and Boy Scouting) is one of the greatest forces training our youth in good character and good citizenship.

The number of pupils taking advantage of hot meals in the school cafeteria is up between 15 and 20 percent over last year in the early days of the school term. A great amount of the increase is due to more first grade and other lower grade children taking meals this year. Serving of the first graders begins at 11:15. Another factor in the increase of meals served is that more town pupils are taking advantage of the cafeteria.

Sept. 23: Over 300 persons toured the new junior high wing added to the high school building during the past summer. The new wing, at the present time housing grades 6, 7, and 8, consists of six large, modernly equipped rooms and was built for \$145,000.

Ragnar-Benson, Aurora, was the general contractor for the building, with R.L. Wagner & Son, St. Charles, handling the plumbing contract. J.C. Electric Co., Aurora, was electrical contractor. The building was designed by the firm of Kelley, Berger, Samuelson, the same firm that designed the high school building.

Coach Hasenyager's football squad showed a great deal of promise in the Lake Zurich game and man who saw the game think that this may be Oswego's year. Oswego won handily, 26-6. Karl Shoger, Leonard Burkhardt, and Jack Walper played a fine defensive game. The Panther passing attack showed up to good advantage with three aeriels being good for touchdowns. Brad Smith was on the receiving end of the markers, with Dick Campbell throwing two and Joe Plaskas tossing the third.

The Standard Service Station on Rts. 34 & 71, formerly operated by Lee Hickernell, changed hands this week. The new operator is Ed Peterman, a local resident.

If you've been wondering why the school corner stop lights [at Madison and Jackson streets] haven't been in operation, they are being repaired. It was necessary to remove part of the vital workings and send them to Chicago. As soon as the parts are returned, the lights will be in operation again.

Clarence Shoger was advertising his corn shelling service. "Don't cuss; call us! You call, we haul! You yell, we shell!" his *Ledger* advertisement said.

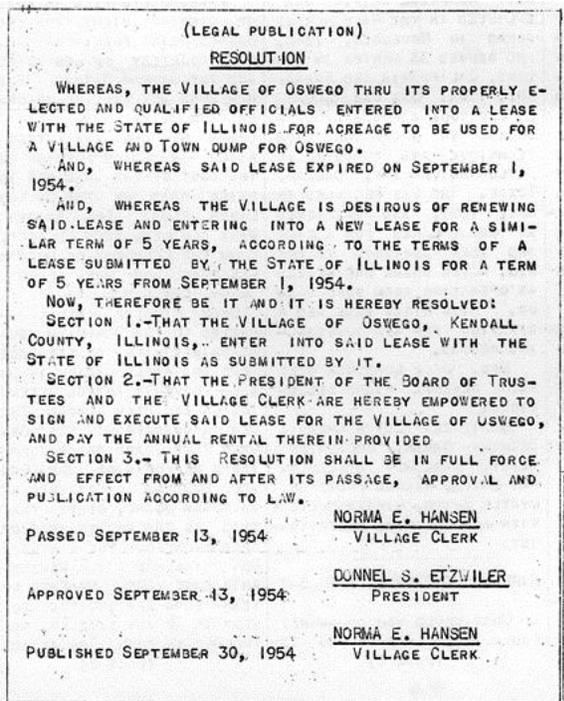
Sept. 30: The Panthers Den, local teen-age organization, will open Friday night, Oct. 1, immediacy after the Plano-Oswego football game. Membership tickets are now on sale. Refreshments will be free on opening night with the drinks being furnished through the courtesy of Les Weiss and the Oatman Dairy. The new jukebox will be in operation with brand new records of all the latest hits. A major portion of the cost of the juke box is being paid by the Oswego Lions Club. The drapes were cleaned free of cost through the courtesy of Modern Cleaners and Mrs. Fred Besch, local manager.

The Main Café has changed hands during the week. The former owners of the Copper Kettle are taking over from Nick and Helen Lautwein. New hours will be from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Local high schoolers are in a ferment getting ready for the big homecoming celebration scheduled for Oct. 15 and 16. The usual secrecy is floating around about the floats, etc.

Reeve Thompson, music instructor, has planned some new maneuvers for the opening game Friday night with his marching band composed of some 60 members.

An oddity in the news this week: While James Hoch was serving as best man for Kenny Bohn's marriage he was also becoming the father of a baby girl, born at Copley Hospital.



October -- 1954

Oct. 7: Oswego's rampaging Panthers rolled up a 25-0 score against Plano last Friday night in a Fox Valley [Conference] game in which the local eleven made 156 first downs and accounted for 311 yards from scrimmage plays. Fine defensive play by the Panthers held Plano to a net gain of 11 yards on the ground and 23 yards by air.

Amendments to the water and sewer ordinances were passed at Monday night's meeting of the Village Board, with water connection fees increased from \$50 to \$75 and sewer connection fees from \$2 to \$25.

It was voted to put a notice out concerning bicycles needing lights or scotch light if being ridden at night.

Repairs on the school traffic lights [at Jackson and Madison streets] were authorized.

The village clerk was authorized to pay any bill amounting to less than \$1 from the petty cash fund.

*Ledger* Editorial: Local school boards have little to say about whether to annex new territory to a school district or not. Any group of people can petition to go into a district for a number of reasons and the decision rests with the newly formed County Board of School Trustees, comprised of seven members elected by the voters.

It isn't often that we recommend a TV program, but if you are in the habit of staying up till midnight you might try "Now for Nordine," providing, of course, that you also like poetry. It's a

real casual, easy-to-listen-to program on four nights a week for 25 minutes beginning at midnight.

Miss Janet Shoger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shoger, and Russell E. Zwoyer, son of Mrs. Marie Zwoyer, were married in the Presbyterian church Saturday evening, Oct. 2. Following a short trip, the couple will be at home in Midwest City, Okla., where the bridegroom is stationed with the U.S. Air Force.

Letters to the Editor

Editor:

This is to let you know that a petition has been circulated to bring into the Oswego Schools all 12 grades of the Montgomery School District east of the Fox River (south of Montgomery Road improved) and some of the East Aurora School District in Kane County.

The petition was filed in Yorkville, but due to an error in the description it was withdrawn.

However, another corrected petition is being circulated.

Oswego will be affected since we will have to furnish the classrooms, school bus, and etc. This annexation would be a grave injustice to all concerned.

All of these students, except a very few non-high school students, are going into Montgomery and East Aurora Schools at the present time.

This petition takes in the trailer camp at the intersection of Route 25 and Montgomery Road.

---A TAXPAYER

Oct. 14: Flood Notes

The village board wishes to thank all the persons who helped with the work on North Adams St. during the high water of last weekend. Their aid was greatly appreciated and greatly facilitated the work that had to be done.

Daily tests of the drinking water in the village have been made during the high water period, according to a statement issued by Village President Donnell Etwiler. This daily testing will continue until conditions return to normal.

The American Legion Home was opened to several families who were forced to evacuate from island homes and homes located on the river bank.

There will be no skating party this month due to the fact that Electric Park [at Ill. Route 126 and the DuPage River in Plainfield] was inundated by the rains of the weekend and will be out of operation for several weeks.

Oswego's Panthers are busily sharpening their claws for Friday night's encounter with the Red Raiders of Earlville. The contest, to be played on the local gridiron, will have undisputed first place in Fox Valley [Conference] standings as the top prize. Both teams are now tied with a trio of wins apiece.

Oswego has bowled over opponents by top-heavy margins in its first four contests due to a powerful line that is especially strong from tackle to tackle. Don Peterson has shown fine form leading the ball carriers in every game and averaging 10.1 yards per carry on 14 tries in last Friday's 41-7 win over Yorkville. Joe Plaskas carried the leather 7 times last week and averaged 8.9 yards. One of the bright spots of the Yorkville game was the extra point kicking of Dick Campbell, who converted five in a row.

The annual Oswego High School Homecoming shindig will get underway Thursday night with a gigantic snake dance scheduled to be followed by a bonfire and pep session.

The homecoming parade will be held on Friday afternoon with assembly of the units between 2 and 2:30 on the high school grounds. Each of the high school classes will have a float entered in the judging contest.

The king and queen have been picked from the following list of junior and senior boys and girls, as have the attendants: Glen Leifheit, Glen Baker, Richard Campbell, Brad Smith, Bob Keenan, Karl Shoger, Wayne Schillinger, Don Peterson, Elaine Matile, Karla Foster, Sara Stewart, Barbara Schultz, Irma Voorheis, Louise Norris, Dvonna Ode, and Georgiann Kontos.

At 8:00 on Friday night, the Panthers tangle with the Earlville Red Raiders in the Homecoming game with both teams undefeated.

The festivities will be climaxed on Saturday night with a dance in the Community Room to the music of Jesse Carpenter and his band.

*Ledger* Editorial: We assume that every able-bodied person will be out on the football field when the referee's whistle blows for the opening kick-off Friday night. Things have been going real good for Oswego this year and with continued enthusiasm and support from the fans, chances are that the good work will continue.

#### ALL AROUND THE VILLAGE

Several new houses are under construction in Morse's Subdivision [at Ill. Route 71 and Wilmette Street].

If you've wondered what all the secrecy of the last week has been about, it was high schoolers trying to keep mum about the whereabouts of the respective floats. Who was kidding who?

One of the disturbing notes at last week's grid game at Yorkville was the undeserved riding of Frankie McKeever by some of the Oswego fans. McKeever is a fine performer for a high school player and while some of his teammates were using questionable tactics there was no foundation for the remarks directed at McKeever. There isn't a coach in the conference who wouldn't be more than happy to have him on his squad.

Somewhere in the neighborhood of 40 persons registered for voting last Tuesday. According to the turnover in population during the past year, there are going to be a lot of people unable to vote come November.

A total of 271 persons took advantage of the chest X-Rays available in Oswego recently. The county total was 1,417 persons taking the x-rays.

Oct. 21: Tests on village water show that it is pure and ready to drink as it comes from the faucet. However, folks on Adams St. are advised to boil their water as a temporary connection has been made on the water outlet in that area and it will be several days before a permanent connection can be made. Village President Etwiler stated that the work would be completed as soon as the water level of the creek is sufficiently low.

Fresh from a rousing 52-6 triumph over Earlville in the homecoming melee last week, the undefeated Panthers go to Sandwich Friday night. Oswego will be seeking its fifth league victory

and its sixth in season play. Sandwich has won one contest to date and should not present much of a problem to the Panthers, who are hot on the championship trail.

The date for the Halloween Fair this year is Saturday evening, Oct. 30.

Oswego merchants are again planning Oswego Value Days for Friday and Saturday, Nov. 5-6. Oswego Value Days, instituted last year, are designed to give Oswegoans the benefits of real bargains in the local stores.

Miss Sheila Panikis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Panikis and Corporal William McCauley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett McCauley, were married at the Presbyterian church Saturday night, Oct. 16. The couple will reside at Fort Knox, Ky., where McCauley is serving with the Armed Forces.

Oct. 28: A victory for the Oswego Panthers Friday night over Plainfield's Wildcats will give the local eleven an undisputed Fox Valley championship. They already have a tie clinches with last week's 21-0 decision over Sandwich.

The Wildcats, last year's loop champions, have been sharpening their claws all through this season and will be primed for Oswego despite the loss of fullback Clyde Avery who suffered an ankle injury in practice last week that will keep him out of action for the balance of the season.

*Ledger* Editorial: Oswego's Panthers will be after the Fox Valley League football championship when they meet the Plainfield Wildcats on the home gridiron Friday night. Twice in a row, Plainfield has wrecked Oswego's championship hopes, two years ago with both clubs tying for first place and last year when Oswego ended up second to the Wildcats. With a little help from local rooters, Oswego is slated to give a good account of itself. Let's all get out and root for a championship

Local Republicans were urged to vote in the upcoming election and warned not to be "deceived by the vague promises of those who want to get back in power." "Do you really wish to return to the 'good old days' of Democratic misrule under Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry Truman? To continued warfare with its appalling destruction of human lives and property? Wars fought without objectives or conclusions?" the ad asked, adding, "Before you vote, think back."

Oswego High School students earning all A's for the recently completed six-week period were Earl Falk, Carole Silvius, Lynn Bell, Charlotte Schlapp, and Kathy Thompson.

November -- 1954

Nov. 4: Oswego's undefeated Panthers smothered Plainfield by a 33-0 count Friday night to gain the Fox Valley Grid Title for 1954. This was Oswego's seventh straight victory this season and its sixth conference win. There wasn't much doubt about the championship caliber of the team Friday night as it went right to work on Plainfield and rolled up a total of 20 first downs and 429 yards as compared to the losers' 30 yards gained and four first downs.

During the season Oswego has scored a total of 211 points to opponents' 19 points in gaining the loop crown. Oswego gained 1,808 yards from scrimmage versus 227 for their opponents, and gained 2,167 total yards compared to 561 for their opponents.

Following an ancient tradition, several members of the school faculty, including two coaches the superintendent, and the principal, received their Saturday night bath a day early as the overjoyed athletes treated them to a victory shower.

The Panthers finish out the season Friday night playing Mooseheart lightweights on the local field.

Rarely does an election day go by without the fire department being called out and Tuesday was no exception. The local fireos received a call from the United Wallpaper but by the time they arrived, the fire, caused by an overheated dryer, was extinguished by the pant's sprinkler system. The fire department was called Monday to the trailer home of the Sam Flowers near the Cliff Heap residence. The trailer and contents were completely burned with a loss in the neighborhood of \$300.

*Ledger* Editorial: This week's issue marks the end of the fifth year of publication of the *Oswego Ledger*. That the *Ledger* has continued for this period of time and will continue for some time to come is due to the advertising of local merchants. As you readers know, no charge is made for the *Ledger* and you receive your copy through the courtesy of the advertisers. If you like reading the *Ledger*, and general reaction seems to be favorable, you can continue its life by trading with the business men who advertise in its columns.

Almost 1,000 votes were cast in Oswego's two precincts in Tuesday's election, a fairly heavy vote considering the off-year election. The voting went as anticipated in all cases with the three constitutional amends receiving heavy favorable results.

Perhaps the one interesting item of the election was the strength of Democratic vote in both precincts, but particularly in Precinct 1. This could indicate a possible trend in future years as the population of the community becomes less rural with the influx of new homes and families.

#### ALL AROUND THE VILLAGE

Oswego's Panthers were dined at the weekly meeting of the Aurora Quarterback Club Monday night through the courtesy of Fred Bereman and Atty. Thomas P. O'Malley. Claire Smith and Don Walper aided in the project.

The special policemen on duty during the Halloween weekend lost a lot of sleep but did a real good job of keeping track of what was going on and kept local youngsters out of mischief.

Two new stop signs have been erected in the village, one at the corner by the Saxon Clinic and the other on Jackson and Main St. by Zentmyer Motor Sales. The police officers are giving the residents several weeks in which to get used to them after which you'd better watch out or else.

Three new houses have been started on the Pichik property about a mile south of Oswego on Rt. 34. Plans are to build quite a settlement in that area.

The fans enjoyed the halftime ceremonies at the football game Friday night with the band performing and a group of high school girls dancing. The girls changed from the brief costumes planned to the more practical sweatshirts and jeans for the occasion.

Nov. 11: The senior play during Oswego High School's annual Junior Frolic drama competition featured stars Mike Kontos and Elaine Matile; while Wanda Penn and Leo Grasch starred in the sophomore's play.

The Oswego Panthers made it eight in a row for the year and kept their record spotless by defeating the Mooseheart JayVees by 40-0 last Friday night. There wasn't much doubt about the outcome of the game from the opening whistle as the local boys ran roughshod over the visitors. Oswego rolled up 313 yards from scrimmage and added 96 more on aerials for a total of 409. Eleven seniors played their last game for Oswego high: Arlo Bower, Leonard Burkhart, Dick Campbell, David Gengler, Glenn Leifheit, David McCauley, Brad Smith, Harry Schlapp, Gerald Testin, Duane Vickery, and Jack Walper.

The November skating party has been called off due to the fact that the Electric Park rink, damaged by the flood waters of last month, is not yet ready. It is hoped the floor will be finished in time for the December party.

Nov. 18: Several complaints have been received by Oswego Postmaster George C. Bartholomew concerning the loss of mail from rural mail boxes in the area of Route 31 and Mill Rd. Mr. Bartholomew urges parents of children in this area to impress upon those concerned that this practice must be discontinued at once. If this depredation is not stopped voluntarily, it will be necessary to report this to the Inspection Service for investigation which might be embarrassing for any involved in this illegal practice.

Nov. 25: Eight building permits have been issued in the village during the past two months, four of them for new houses, three for garages and one for an addition. Value of the permits was set at an estimated \$57,000.

In addition, a number of new dwellings have been started outside the corporate limits, two of them on the Bartholomew Subdivision in Route 25, several in the Pichik Subdivision in Route 34.

#### ALL AROUND THE VILLAGE

All of the sports fans in the village are happy to hear that Herb Hasenyager is improving after a bout with pneumonia that put him in the hospital for several days. In the meantime, Ken Pickerill has taken over basketball coaching duties while Dick Rockenbach is handling Ken's wrestling squad.

John Carr is adding a sizeable addition to the rear of Carr's Dept. Store for the convenience of his customers.

Herb Rucks is getting settled in his new appliance store and a nice looking addition to the business district indeed.

If you didn't get a chance to read the story on Mooseheart football and Johnny Williams, their fiery little coach, in last week's Sports Illustrated, you should borrow a copy.

The grade school basketball team defeated Yorkville last week in their season's opener. Lowell Polley coaches the midget cagers.

Thursday, Dec. 2, will be the first wrestling date of the season with Oswego hosting Carl Sandburg high School.

The balance of the schedule is as follows: Dec. 6, Rich Township; Dec. 9, Wheaton Academy; Dec. 17, Reavis; Dec. 20, Downers Grove; Jan. 6, W. Aurora; Jan. 10, DeKalb; Jan. 15, Ottawa; Jan. 17, Joliet; Jan. 27, DeKalb; Feb. 3, Wheaton Academy; Feb. 10, West Aurora; and Feb. 10, Palatine.

The Kopper Kettle at Main and Washington was advertising fried perch with French fries and salad every Friday for 60 cents.

December -- 1954

Dec. 2: Jack Walper, one of the finest linemen ever turned out by Oswego High School, was given a spot at guard on the Little All-State Grid Team picked recently by a group of the state's outstanding coaches. David McCauley made the second team at the center spot.

*Ledger* editorial: Shakespeare and TV: The presentation of Shakespeare's Macbeth last Sunday afternoon was a most enjoyable two hours but one disturbing element raised itself to mind after the program was over and that concerned the scene in which the murder of Lady MacDuff and her son took place. In view of all the hullabaloo lately concerning the content of TV programs for children's eyes, congressional investigations, etc., it would seem that even such a scene, although it comes in a great classic, was not exactly the sort of thing that makes for a peaceful Sunday afternoon in living rooms all over America.

#### ALL AROUND THE VILLAGE

The grand opening of Herb Rucks' new appliance store is being planned for next weekend.

Hope you have mailed in your contributions for Christmas Seals. There are also containers in downtown stores in which you can drop coins and bills for this worthy cause.

Georgiann Kontos has been chosen to be editor of the Os-We-Go, monthly paper put out by the high school for next year. Janet Vinson is this year's editor.

Barbara Batterson will be editor of the Reflector, the high school yearbook, for next year.

David Parkhurst, Dick Parkhurst, Dean Shoger, Larry Smith, Jerry Smith, and Ronnie Smith were among Kendall County boys showing calves at the International Livestock Show in Chicago this week.

This year there is a real movement on foot to put Christ back into Christmas by the use of crèches and all the other religious symbols so long associated with the season. Even merchants are being urged to set up window displays with a religious significance.

Some folks in the village still are not observing the two new stop signs installed by the Saxon Clinic [Main and VanBuren Street] and Zentmyer's Garage [Main and Jackson Street].

Dec. 9: It was decided at the village board meeting held Monday night to spend Motor Fuel Tax funds next year for general repair of all village streets rather than construction of new streets. It was also decided to designate several additional streets in the village as arterial so that funds can be used for their repair and maintenance.

It was reported that the water lines have been completely restored in N. Adams St.

Local cage fans will have an opportunity see the Panthers play twice this weekend on the home floor with Yorkville as the Friday night opponents and Bremen as the Saturday night foes. To date, the Panther varsity has a 1-3 record and the B team has a 2-2 mark for the season. The last setback was a 73-46 loss last Friday night at the hands of a red-hot Newark quintet for the varsity and a 56-48 defeat for the B team.

Students on the high honor roll at Oswego High School for the second six weeks of the school year included Earl Falk, Geri Jump, Barbara Schultz, Lynn Bell, Alice Shoger, Carol Silvius, Herbert Lantz, and William Husband.

Between five and six hundred persons visited the home on the Washington St. hill recently remodeled by G.C. Bartholomew and opened to the public last Sunday afternoon. The house, completely refurbished and renewed, is a local landmark, having been erected some 114 years ago or about six years after the founding of the village.

The home was completely furnished for the open house by Jane Patterson of The Furniture Shop and the major appliances were set in by Rucks Appliance Store. [Locally, the limestone home is known as "The Trolley Stop."]

A fair-sized moving job took place downtown this week when the soda fountain formerly in Shuler's Drug Store was transferred across the street to the Main Café.

The moving of the soda fountain is part of a plan for increasing the facilities of the drug store. The present plan is to use the additional room for new items that are not now available in the community and to increase stocks of such popular items as greeting cards and gift wrapping materials. The new and greatly enlarged stock will enable Oswegoans to obtain a wider selection and increased service.

The grand opening of Herb Rucks' new appliance store in N. Main Street will take place this week. Included in the opening events will be a Necchi sewing machine demonstration and a Sunbeam frying pan demonstration. In addition, a sewing machine will be given away free. This is the fourth year that Rucks has been in the appliance business in Oswego.

The Oswego wrestling team defeated Carl Sandburg High School of Orland park in its opening meet of the season last week by a 41-10 count and took the measure of Rich Township by a 30-16 margin Monday night of this week. Both meets were held in the local gym.

Dec. 16: Some of the local stores will be open nights until 9 from now until Christmas for the convenience of Yule shoppers. Most of the stores will also stay open all day Thursday, Dec. 23.

Gerald Testin, student at Oswego High School, received second high corn yield in the Pioneer Hi-Yield Corn Growing Contest for voc-ag students in FFA Section 8 in Illinois. Gerald obtained his highest yield of 162 bushels per acre with Pioneer 337 under the supervision of Mr. R.W. Rockenbach, voc-ag teacher at Oswego, and was awarded \$15 for winning second place.

Oswego's varsity Panther cagers brought their season's record up to the .500 mark last weekend with a 49-44 league win over Yorkville Friday night and a 60-55 victory over Bremen Saturday night.

Dec. 23: Most of Oswego's stores will be open Thursday (today) during the afternoon so that Christmas shoppers will have the advantage of the added hours.

Oswego's mat team defeated Reavis last Friday, 37-11, and Downers Grove on Monday to run its victory total to six for the season against no losses.

Dec. 30: Increased costs of production make it necessary to raise the rate for classified advertising in the *Oswego Ledger* from 3 cents per word to 4 cents per word with a 40 cent minimum per insertion. This increase will be effective Jan. 1, 1955  
Beginning on the same day, there will also be a charge for thank you cards at the same rate of 4 cents per word with a 40 cent minimum per insertion. It has been the policy of the *Ledger* for the past five years to print such cards free of charge. However we regret that it will be impossible to do so in the future.

#### ALL AROUND THE VILLAGE

A press release from Kansas State College tells us that Poke Claassen is one of the 21-man freshman cage squad. Twenty of the 21 players are over six feet tall, with 6'9" the tallest. Poke is around seventh or eighth in height and is playing at a forward spot.

Jan. 10 is the first day for filing candidacy petitions for township offices. Up for election will be the road commissioner, the supervisor, and one justice of the peace.

The net meet for the local undefeated mat team will be at West Aurora next Thursday.

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January

Jan. 6: The Oswego Village Board voted to give American Legion Post 675 a special club liquor license at their meeting held Monday night in Village hall. The fee for this license is set at \$75 yearly.

Beginning with this issue, the *Oswego Ledger* will be mailed to persons receiving mail on RFD 2 Yorkville, and Bristol RFD, on the first Thursday of each month. Many of the people living in these two areas are vitally concerned with Oswego, having boys and girls attending school here and doing their trading here. Receiving the *Ledger* once each month will give these folks an opportunity to keep up with things going on in the community. The additional cost of the external copies and mailing is being underwritten by the merchants advertising in the ledger columns, so we urge readers to patronize local merchants. This is the one way you can keep the *Ledger* coming into your homes.

The school signal lights are back from the factory and in working order again. The lights are turned on only during the hours that boys and girls are going and coming from school in the morning, at noon, and in the afternoon by a special timing device. This precaution was taken so that the stop lights could not be turned on at odd hours and times.

March of Dimes folders for the 1955 Polio Fund Drive were in the mail this week.

Jan. 13. There will be vacancies to be filled this year on the township board, the village board, the park board, and both school boards.

The Oswego High School varsity wrestlers had won eight matches in a row with their latest win over DeKalb on Jan. 10.

“With some 14 positions to be filled on township, village, park and school boards this April it would seem that local people would be able to find something to suit them. This would be a very good time for those who are dissatisfied with administration of the various boards to do something positive about it, like filing for the particular board. This is a better way to get things done than to just continually gripe about how other people are handling things,” *Ledger* Editor Ford Lippold observed.

Jan. 20: The OHS grapplers lost their first match of the season to Joliet, 23-17, but managed to defeat the Ottawa wrestlers 31-11.

Coach Ken Pickerill anticipates that several of his grapplers will make the trip to the state finals this year. Alvin Wheeler is still undefeated in ten matches.

If you don't think there is a big population increase and turnover in the Oswego community, just make it a point to see how many folks you recognize the next time you attend a PTA meeting or some other school-wide function that draws most of the parents together. You'll be surprised.

Cubmaster Oliver Leppert, Assistant Scoutmaster Gene Schultz and Scoutmaster Ford L. Lippold were among the more than 200 Scout leaders in the area to attend the annual dinner and meeting at Aurora Wednesday night.

The Holstein herd of J. George Smith recently completed a yearly herd average of 24.5 cows producing an average of 12,741 pounds of milk and 473 pounds fat on a 2 times a day milking to receive top honors for production in the Kendall County Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

Jan. 27: The Boy Scouts of Troop 31 will hold a waste paper drive this Saturday.

On Friday night, Feb. 4, the Oswego High Varsity cage team will play a mixed alumni and faculty team in what should be the battle of the century. There will also be a preliminary game in which some girls will be involved, according to reports.

February -- 1955

Feb. 3: The local PTA will meet Tuesday night, Feb. 8, in the Red Brick School gym in observation of Founder's Night. The local unit of the PTA had its beginning in this school building. All past presidents will be honored and are invited to attend.

Dr. E.W. Lowry has moved into new offices at the Main Building, which used to be the Aurora Beacon Building at 4 Main Street, Aurora. Starting Feb. 7, he will have office hours from 1-5, except Thursday; and 1-8 p.m. Tuesday and Friday. The office telephone number is Aurora 4611. Dr. Lowry will have an office in his home available for use in emergency attendance and for hours by appointment mornings and evenings.

Feb. 10: Three petitions for township offices have been filed to date, Kenneth Gowran for road commissioner; Oliver Burkhart and Wayne Fosgett for supervisor. Gowran and Burkhart are incumbents. One petition has been filed for village offices, Alex Crossman [Crosman] for police magistrate. Three board members are to be replaced this year to fill vacancies left by Ralph Burkhart, Geo. Griffin and Les Penn.

Dick Campbell is still leading the Fox Valley individual scoring race but by one a narrow one-point margin. Campbell has 125 points while Frankie McKeever, Yorkville, has 124.

Several octogenarians in town celebrated birthdays last week. Mrs. Margaret Shaw was one and the other was Mr. Traugher, father of our school superintendent.

Feb. 17: The latest addition to the juke box at the Panther's Den is a waxing of "The Ballad of Davy Crockett" recorded by Bill Hayes who is a nephew of Harry Mitchell. Harry donated the record to the club. The disc sold 250,000 copies in a seven-day period.

The Oswego Varsity Wrestling Team beat West Aurora, 46-8, but lost to Palatine 30-14, to finish their regular season. The Panthers only lost two matches all season, one to Joliet and one to Palatine. Alvin Wheeler, wrestling at 102 lbs, had only one loss on the season. They were ready to move on to sectional competition at Elgin High School Feb. 18-19.

A change is due for the post office with the new quarters to be in the Schultz building recently vacated by Bohn's Food Store. The move will take place somewhere around the first of April.

Dr. and Mrs. Walter H. Brill have moved into the house on the Washington Street hill recently renovated by Geo. Bartholomew. Dr. Brill is associated with the Saxon Clinic.

Frankie McKeever, Yorkville cager, scored 15 points last Friday night while Oswego's Dick Campbell collected only 14 to throw the two boys into a tie at 139 points apiece for the Fox Valley Conference individual scoring lead.

The fire department extinguished a fire Monday in a small building owned by Leo Grach situated between the River Terrace Café and the river. Loss was estimated at \$1,150.

Feb. 24: Two Oswego Panther wrestlers were moving on to the state finals at Champaign after their showing at the Elgin Sectional. Alvin Wheeler, wrestling 102 lbs., was undefeated during sectional competition. Brad Smith, wrestling 133 lbs., lost by a decision in his final match of the competition. Three other Oswego wrestlers earned third place medals, David Gengler, Leonard Burkhart, and Wayne Schillinger.

Oswego Girl Scouts were celebrating their organization's eighth birthday. The first troop of 26 girls were led by Mrs. Lloyd Collins and Mrs. Charles Garrison, helped by a committee from the American Legion Auxiliary including Mrs. Earl Zentmyer, Mrs. Ray Ness, and Mrs. Kenneth Gowran.

Dick Campbell rounded out his Oswego High School basketball career with 19 points to lead Oswego point makers in the Panthers' game against Batavia. Campbell was second high in individual scoring in the Fox Valley Conference having 135 points in eight contests for a 19.1 average per game. He was topped only by Yorkville's Frankie McKeever, who led the loop with 139 points and a 20-plus average per game.

March -- 1955

March 3:

#### TWO STATE CHAMPS FOR OSWEGO

Oswego High athletics received another big boost last weekend as two Oswego grapplers annexed state titles in the wrestling finals at Champaign. Alvin Wheeler took the 103 pound title, while Brad Smith brought home the 127 pound championship.

The local fire department is looking for a used refrigerator, sink and kitchen cabinets for the new fire barn kitchen. If you have any of these items, at a reasonable price, contact Chief Al Shuler.

March 10: Oswego High School will host 956 contestants from 25 high schools in the District 4 Music Competition this Saturday, March 12. Oswego will compete in Class C with Mazon, Newark, Peotone, Plainfield, and Plano.

A Great Books discussion group will be started in Oswego early next fall.

Zentmyer Motor Sales was the recipient of an annual award made by the Ford Motor Company to dealers who have made an outstanding record during the year.

Oswego's junior high basketball team piled up an impressive 15-2 record this year and was named Kendall County Junior High Conference Champion for the third time in the last four years. The only team strong enough to beat the local quintet was Batavia and they did it twice. Team members included Ron Silvius, Wilson Smith, Rod Anderson, Chuck Shuler, Sonny Alsip, Eugene Boram, Dave Parkhurst, Dick Parkhurst, Jim Seidelman, Keith Haag, and Henry Cryder.

March 17: Barbara Schultz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeeVerne Schultz, is valedictorian of the 1955 High School Graduating Class with a four year average of 95.19. Earl Falk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Falk, is salutatorian with a four-year average of 94.53. High school graduation exercises will be held on Friday night, May 27. Junior high graduation will be on Thursday night, May 26.

Three nominating petitions have been filed to fill vacancies on the village board. Leslie Penn, James Zentmyer, and Don Pinnow are the candidates and unless there is a late filing, will run unopposed. Penn is an incumbent while Zentmyer and Pinnow will be running for the posts being vacated by Ralph Burkhart and George Griffin.

Three persons have filed for park board commissioners, Ralph Wheeler, Everett Hafenrichter, and Mrs. Jane Patterson. All are running unopposed.

There are races for both township posts up for election this year with O.A. Burkhart (incumbent) and Wayne Fosgett seeking the supervisor's spot while Kenneth Gowran (incumbent) and Clarence Schoger are seeking the road commissioner post.

March 24: Postmaster G.C. Bartholomew states that the post office fixtures will be moved to the new building on the northwest corner of Main and Washington Sts. (formerly occupied by Bohn's Supermart) this weekend. Operations in the new plant will begin Monday morning. Postmaster Bartholomew requests that all who possibly can pick up their mail Saturday afternoon and evening so that moving will be facilitated.

The new quarters, about a third larger in size than the present building, will be equipped to offer post office patrons handier and more efficient service.

Representatives of 17 towns in the Fox Valley area met at Sandwich Sunday to organize the Cornbelt Little League Baseball Organization for this year. The league this year will be divided into four divisions, three of four teams and one of five teams. Oswego will be in the Southeastern a Division, along with Yorkville, Montgomery, and Plattville. Other Divisions:

Southeastern B: Hinckley, Big Rock, Kaneville, and Plano.

Northwestern A: Serena, Newark, Sheridan, Somonauk, Sandwich.

Northwestern B.: Waterman, Shabbona, Paw Paw, and Leland.

The Fox Valley Pony League was also organized during the past weeks with the possibility of 14 teams playing this year from as many towns.

Teams represented for certain include Plano, Sandwich, Plainfield, Somonauk, Shabbona, Yorkville, Hinckley, Big Rock, Oswego, and Leland. Possible other teams are Earlville, Sheridan, Paw Paw, and Waterman.

John Carr has been working late for the past few weeks getting the store in shape for the 17th anniversary sale beginning this week. The entire display area has been rearranged and streamlined.

March 31: If all of the people eligible voted in next Tuesday's election, over a thousand ballots would be cast in the two Oswego precincts. Chances are that about fifth percent of that number will be cast. For some reason, perhaps lack of glamour, voters do not take the interest in local elections as they do in national elections. However, it is just as important that local governments be headed by solid, respectable people as state and national governments. The spending of the taxpayers' dollars is still the prime factor.

Building permits for the past two months include one for a home and one for a filling station and home combination.

John Ode, Shed; Been Lippy, garage; Carl Everett, home in the Les Morse Addition; R.M. Burkhart, garage; Lawrence Dunlap, filling station and home on the south side of Washington St., just east of River Terrace Café.

Two events going on at school this weekend include the modern dance recital given by members of the dance club, a program which they have been working on diligently for some weeks under the direction of P.E. teacher Jackie Pickerill.

April -- 1955

April 7: In one of the closest elections in the history of Oswego Township, Wayne Fosgett won the supervisor's nomination by a margin of seven votes over incumbent O.A. Burkhart. In the one other contest, Kenneth Gowran, incumbent, won out over Clarence Schoger by a margin of 64 votes. Over 700 votes were cast for one of the biggest votes in many years for a township election.

On recommendation of the U.S. Postal Inspector, the local post office will close at 6:00 from now on.

April 14: A good share of the Oswego television sets were tuned in on the Peewee King show last Saturday night when the Kendall County Square Dancers appeared on that popular country music clambake. Led by Ray Alderson, caller, the group put on three intricate numbers with the ease of veterans. Local viewers had no trouble picking out Beverly Parkhurst, Joy Ann Albert and Eldon Reborn.

Only 89 ballots were cast in the school board elections held last Saturday. All the candidates for the grade school and high school boards were running unopposed.

A new bulletin sign has been erected in front of the Presbyterian Church. Made of brick, it is a solid looking structure. Marshall Young did the brick-laying.

April 21:

**SALK VACCINE HERE NEXT WEEK**

The Salk vaccine for prevention of polio has arrived at Yorkville for distribution in Kendall County. First and second grade pupils of country schools will receive the vaccine provided they have returned signed consent slips. The local doctors are donating their time to administer this vaccine and volunteer mothers will assist. The first dose will be given to Oswego pupils on Wednesday, April 27, and the second dose on Wednesday, May 18. The third dose is to be given next fall as recommended by Dr. Salk. The Oswego clinics will be held at the Little Grade School and will begin at 8:30 a.m. Oswego's three outlying schools, McCauley, Church, and Willow Hill, will bring their pupils to Oswego.

Three members of the village board were elected Tuesday when a total of 115 votes were cast. Those elected were Don Pinnow, 60; Milton Pen, 99; Jim Zentmyer, 97. A write-in vote

campaign for retiring member George Griffin fell short as he received 46 votes. Alex Crossman [Crosman] received 87 votes for police magistrate.

Plans are being considered for a new educational building for the Federated Church. The new building will be attached to the present one.

A committee has been selected to decide on the size of the all-purpose play area to be installed on the Red Brick School grounds with representatives from the Civic Club, Lions Club, school board, and park board. It is planned to have the work done as soon as possible after school closes so the area can be used this summer.

Those who missed the Lions Show last Friday night missed an excellent two hours of entertainment. All of the 450 persons present thoroughly enjoyed the presentation, particularly the part played in it by local people. Bill Denney, John Jones, Pete Campbell, and Judy Detzler came in for a Lion's share of the applause.

Duane Ode is home for good after serving the past several years with the armed forces.

A total of 14 teams make up the Fox Valley Pony [Baseball] Loop this year with the teams divided into three divisions. Oswego will be in the Eastern Division along with Sandwich, Yorkville, Plainfield, and Sheridan.

April 28: At a meeting of the township board held last Friday evening, Clarence Parkhurst was named assessor to fill the unexpired term left by the resignation of Wayne L. Fosgett, newly elected supervisor.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mickle, a girl, born Sunday at St. Charles Hospital in Aurora.

Mrs. Anna Kruger is correspondent for the *Kendall County Record*.

The first dose of Salk vaccine for prevention of polio was given to Oswego first and second graders Wednesday. The second dose will be given on May 18 and the third next fall. If you like to listen to gospel singing that carries a beat and a bounce, tune in Mahalia Jackson on Thursday and Sunday evenings. It's a different program. Too good to last probably.

A new business in the village will be the manufacture of lamps and other knick-knacks from driftwood. E.J. Zentmyer is the originator and work is progressing in his building on Main St. that recently housed Rucks Appliance Store. Lamps will be available for local outlet.

Bids for the laying of a 100x100 ft. black top area on the Red Brick Grade School grounds are being considered by the grade school board. Work on the area will begin as soon as possible with expectations that work will be completed by mid June. The area will be large enough for two tennis courts and other standard area games including basketball. The project will cost approximately \$3,000 with the Civic Club furnishing about two-thirds of the amount and the Lions Club the other one-third.

A letter to the editor from "A Recent Resident:" "The write-in vote at last week's village election was most interesting. The fact that an effort was made to keep Don Pinnow off the board of trustees by such a method indicates that Mr. Pinnow must be a little too liberal in his thinking for the "old guard." As a newcomer to Oswego, I don't know Mr. Pinnow but I hope that he is a liberal thinker and that he accepts his position with a forward looking mind as should the rest of the board members. Oswego is in a position to grow tremendously in the next decade and it is hoped that the thinking of all elected officials grows accordingly."

Arthur Trambie, building principal and teacher at the Red Brick Grade School, has purchased a lot in the Bartholomew Addition on Rt. 25 and plans on building this summer.

May -- 1955

May 5: According to the tax rate schedules for Oswego Township for 1953 and 1954 per \$100 of equalized valuation, the overall tax rate increased by less than 20 cents on each \$100 of valuation. Many owners of village property found their total tax bill much higher than in previous years, some having as much as doubled, but this increase was due to the revaluation of property rather than an increase in the tax rate. If your tax bill is higher, it is mostly because your property is valued at more than it was previously, not because tax rates are higher.

One of the items discussed at the village board meeting Monday night is the sudden rash of BB guns cropping up in the village. Milton L. Penn, chairman of the Law and Order Committee, stated that any youngsters found shooting the BB guns inside the village limits will be dealt with according to statute.

Permission was given to American Legion Post 675 to hold a carnival on Main Street between Washington and Van Buren streets on June 8-11.

Kendall County doctors and their wives held a dinner meeting in the Yorkville Masonic Lodge last week to mark the presentation of a charter to the newly organized Kendall County Medical Society.

Building permits during the past month were issued to Carl Ode, addition to garage; Bruce McBride, new home in Main St.; Wm. A. Burgholzer, home in Morse's subdivision; E.L. Herget, home in Main St.

May 12: Airman First Class Gene Herren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Herren, was a member of the Rhine-Main skeet squad that captured the Eastern Invitational Shoot at Rhine-Main, Germany.

At the regular monthly meeting held Monday night in the Panther's Den, Everett Hafenrichter was named to serve as president of the Oswego Park Board for the current year. Arthur Davis was named ice-president. John Carr was appointed treasurer and Ford L. Lippold, secretary. Ralph Wheeler and Arthur Davis were placed on the finance committee and Mrs. Gerald DuSell and Mrs. C.W. Patterson on the recreation committee.

May 26: Commencement exercises for the Oswego High School Class of '55 will be held in the high school auditorium Friday evening, May 27, at 8 p.m. Thirty-five seniors will receive diplomas.

Salutatorian was Earl Falk and valedictorian was Barbara Schultz. Elaine Matile earned the Citizenship Award, Richard Campbell won the Sportsmanship and Athletics Award, and Janet Vinson won the Activities Award. Class President Gerald Testin presented the class gift. Members of the class include Glenn LaVerne Baker, Judith Lou Behrens, Arlo Raymond Bower, Leonard Fred Burkhart, Richard Cherry Campbell, Esther Lillian Cox, Harvey Milton Curley, Kay Ann Eichelberger, Earl Lyman Falk, David Keith Gengler, Loretta Jean Johnson, Carol Ann Jonker, Geraldine Jump, Michael Harry Kontos, Glenn William Leifheit Jr., Shaaron Kay Lippold, Elaine Marion Matile, David Lee McCauley, Gerald David Meetz, Louise Margaret Norris, Donald Lawrence Rissman, Barbara Ann Rohr, Ted Lee Shiltz, Harry Ellis Schlapp, Roger Lee Schlapp, Barbara Lee Schultz, Bradford Neil Smith, Gerald Joseph Testin, James Kenneth Tripp, Richard Lee Vacca, Janet Roberta Vinson, Walter Duane Vickery, Irma Dorothy Voorheis, Jack Arnold Walper, and Dolores Ann Zentmyer.

The Oswego High School Panthers Baseball Team annexed the Fox Valley Baseball Championship Monday afternoon, defeating Minooka by 3-1 and Joe Plaskas hurled a no-hitter.

June -- 1955

June 2: Eighth grade graduations sure have had the whammy on them during the past two years due to stormy weather. This was the second year in a row that the fire department has had to fill in as an electrical power plant so that the program could go on.

The annual Memorial Day parade sponsored by the local American Legion Post gets bigger and better each year.

Men helping in Little League and Pony League play include Ray Linden, Herm Friebele, Bob Walper, Chuck LaGow, and Dave Walper. Allen Rohr and Roger Schillinger are to handle the umpiring chores.

The Main Café was broken into Sunday evening and over \$100 taken from the cash register. Sheriff William Maier is investigating.

June 9: Three Oswego boys, David Parkhurst, Larry Smith, and Jim Turner are up in McHenry County this week taking part in a 4-H movie sponsored by the John Deere Company.

Boys and girls of the community are invited to view the exciting film, "The Jackie Robinson Story," this Saturday afternoon, June 11 in the community Room at 1:00. This is the first event in a 10-week long summer recreation program sponsored by the Oswego Park Board.

Now that Western Electric has purchased the United Wallpaper Plant at Montgomery, don't be too surprised to see several king-size housing developments spring up both on the east and west sides of the river south of Montgomery.

The Kopper Kettle has a new electric dishwasher installed since last Monday.

A short wave radio has been installed in the local police car and is hooked up with the transmitting station at the sheriff's office in Yorkville. The cost of the radio was underwritten by the new established police protection tax voted in about a year ago.

June 16: Due to the delay in the production and distribution of the Salk vaccine by the national authorities, the second dose of the free vaccine for the first and second grade pupils will not be given until next fall after schools are in session.

June 23: William Kibble, manager of the Oswego branch of the Alexander Lumber Co., and his family will be leaving the first of the month. Bill has purchased a lumberyard in DeKalb.

The Oswego Grade School Board decided at their regular meeting Monday night to proceed with the fencing in of the new all-purpose play court on the Red Brick School grounds. The decision was made from the standpoint of safety for youngsters, both during the summer and during the next school year. The fencing will be 10-foot high cyclone fence of the type needed for tennis and other asphalt court games and will be placed on the east, south, and west sides. The north side, toward the swings, will be left open.

The all-purpose court, constructed by Stahl Construction Co., Somonauk, was completed last week and is still in the process of setting.

The total cost of the area, 100x100 ft., was \$2,630 and provided for a top-notch surface that will be ideal for tennis, badminton, tether-ball, volley ball, basketball, and all other types of court games.

A balance of \$270 was left over from the fund provide for the play area by the Oswego Civic Club and the Oswego Lions Club of \$2,900. This balance will be used toward the fence and there is a possibility that future projects of various civic organizations will go toward the rest of the fencing and providing lights for night use of the area.

Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Morse observed their 57th wedding anniversary Wednesday, June 15.

The county officials are beginning to be a little concerned over the proposed housing developments, particularly those in Oswego Township, and have held several meetings lately on the possibility of designing some modern building and zoning codes.

Gene Herren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Herren, was selected as the outstanding airman of his base for the first quarter of this year. He was selected for this honor from a group of nearly 2,000 airmen including the 21st Fighter Bomber Wing and all attached units.

June 30: Wayne Fosgett, supervisor of Oswego Township, is a member of the newly formed supervisor's committee to develop a new zoning and building code for Oswego Township. With all the proposed new building being planned for the county and particularly Oswego Township,

the county board of supervisors is greatly concerned with the zoning and building code, which at the present time is outmoded.

The dairy herd owned by William Husband made top average for the State of Illinois with an average production for 12 cows with 1,658 lbs. of milk and 61.8 lbs. of fat.

July -- 1955

July 7: Local stores are using the new sales tax schedule as released by the Illinois Retail Dealers Association in conjunction with the new half-cent sales tax increase voted at the last session of the Illinois legislature.

Building permits of four new homes were issued by the village clerk during the past 30 days. The total estimated valuation of the buildings totals over \$72,500. John Burkhart, residence, Morse's Subdivision; Fred Arterburn, residence, Park Avenue; Everett McKeown, garage, Madison Street; Geo. VanVleet, residence and garage, Bartholomew Subdivision; M.R. Steckel, residence and garage, Park Avenue.

Plans for Bartholomew's Second Subdivision to the village, located on Rt. 25, was presented to the village board for consideration at Tuesday night's meeting. Calling for an additional 18 lots to the seven already subdivided in Bartholomew's First Subdivision, it would bring the total lots available to 25. Already two houses have been built in that area and a third is under way.

It was voted to have a red telephone signal light installed on top of the street light at the corner of Washington and Main Streets so that the night watchman will be able to determine when a call comes in for the police without having to be in the village hall. Whenever a call does come in during the night, the red signal light will go on and the officer will return to the village hall upon seeing it and accept the call.

July 14: A group of 50 Oswego area boys traveled to Comiskey Park to see the Chicago White Sox play on July 15.

The marriage of Martha Laechelt and Robert Reborn took place on June 25. The candlelight service was held in the 100 year old Ivanhoe Congregational Church near Mundelein.

It was comforting to find that the Oswego Library has added three new Tom Swift books to its shelves. What with lurid comic books, etc., the wholesome adventures of Tom Swift and his brothers are a welcome tonic. There are those who would condemn this type of literature as pretty juvenile and far-fetched, but Tom Swift and also the Rover Boys are a part of the American heritage.

Herb Rucks, local appliance dealer, attended a closed-circuit telecast on Sunday, July 10, at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, the first to be held in the sewing machine industry.

July 21: The Oswego Village Board approved an appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$118,620 at a meeting held Monday evening, July 18. In addition to the regular items ordinarily included in the yearly budget, a \$50,000 appropriation is included to cover the cost of a new well for the water system and possible extension of water service to new subdivisions.

In an editorial, Ford Lippold wrote:

#### WATER WORKS IMPROVEMENT

The proposal of the Oswego Village Board to improve and expand the water system should be heartily supported by the community as long as the money is spent wisely and well. Priority rights for spending money on the water system should go toward increasing the well capacity to take care of newly developed subdivisions and future expansion; extending water mains to newly developed subdivisions and planned subdivisions; repair and maintenance on the water supply tank. A good deal of planning should precede final action. The fact that the village board is becoming cognizant of the need of planning for future expansion is heartening indeed. Oswego is a community with a future and now is the time to keep moving forward. Every new home, every improvement is a step in the right direction. There are some in the community who would be happy to remain as is as far as progress is concerned but, happily, these are becoming fewer every day.

Northern Illinois Gas Company associates of Christopher Bauman, RFD 1, Oswego, honored him recently as he observed his 25th year in the utility business. Bauman started his utility career in Aurora as a student engineer in 1930 and held various supervisory, engineering and operating assignments. He was operating superintendent for the utility's Aurora District until May of this year when he transferred to the construction department at the gas company's operations headquarters in Bellwood. A member of St. Anne's Church, Bauman is also a member of the Knights of Columbus in Aurora. His spare time is devoted to gardening and caring for his fruit trees, and he enjoys collecting antiques, steins and old marbles.

For the second time in a six-week period, the Main Café was looted during the night. The latest entering occurred Monday night or early Tuesday morning and over 50 cartons of cigarettes and six or more boxes of cigars were taken.

Township Supervisor Wayne Fosgett announced this week that James Vinson has been appointed thistle commissioner by the township board.

July 28: Announcement was made last week of the sale of the James H. Bereman Farm, located on the east side of Route 25, East River Road, north of Oswego, to a group of individuals headed by Orion J. Stover, a farmer of Milledgeville, Ill., and Don L. Dise, who heads the firm of Don L. Dise, Inc., Lyons. No statement has been made as to the specific use to which the land is to be put but the possibility of a housing development of somewhere in the neighborhood of 1,400 homes is very likely. The development would possibly be over a period of eight to ten years. There is approximately 675 acres in the parcel of land and all of it is located in Oswego Township.

Dise has been the builder of a number of housing developments in the Chicago area including one at LaGrange Park and another at Homewood.

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Dise stated that there will be no announcement of plans for another two months. He also said that there was no connection between the transaction and the recent purchase of the Montgomery plant of United Wall Paper, Inc., by the Western Electric Co.

The staff for Oswego high and grade schools is complete with the exception of two of the teachers... With 30 regular teachers and four substitutes, the 1955-56 staff is the largest in the history of the Oswego school system. Administration staff included Superintendent T. Loyd Traugher and at the in-town schools Richard Rockenbach, high school; Lowell Polley, junior high; and Arthur Trambie, Red Brick School.

The Village Board has given some consideration to the feasibility of purchasing an electronic timing device for control of traffic in through streets in the village. The timers are being sued to great advantage in towns and villages, little and big, in all sections of the country and have proved effective in cutting down speeding and, consequently, reducing the accident rate. Certainly, a timer would prove of value on the highways running through the village, particularly Chicago Road and Madison St. Main St. and Washington St. are also good spots for such a device. The reasonable cost of the timer and its portability make it extremely practical for use in small villages.

The Kendall County 4-H Federation Club held another meeting recently in the Farm Bureau Building at Yorkville. One of the main topics of discussion was a "Corn Drive," in which any profit made would be donated toward camp funds.

The public speaking contest was also held with the contestants as follows: Alice Shoger, "I Speak for Democracy;" Wanda Penn, "The True Meaning of 4-H;" John Finittey, "The Forgotten Fertilizer." Alice and Wanda will represent the group at the Illinois State Fair.

August -- 1955

Aug. 4: The Village of Oswego has purchased one of the Speed-Watch electronic timing devices according to an announcement made by Milton Penn, chairman of the Law and Order Committee. The device, widely in use in adjoining communities, is intended to help curb speeding on village thoroughfares and increase the safety factor for both children and adult pedestrians. Signs will be posted at entrances to the village indicating that the electrical timing device is in use. Surveys show that these signs have tended to cut down speeding in areas where they are in use.

The boards of education are making extensive repair and redecoration at the Red Brick School. Gordon Wormley has completed the electrical contract as recommended by the State Supt. of Public Instruction. All upstairs rooms in the 1926 addition will be equipped with fluorescent lights. Womack and Applequist, Aurora, are now completing the redecoration of all the classrooms, halls, and toilets. The color scheme is in accordance with recommendations of lighting engineers for school buildings. Additional desks have been purchased to supplement equipment on hand and to accommodate increasing enrollment in each grade.

One additional teacher has been employed by the high school board. Increasing enrollment makes two divisions of each year necessary and extra classes.

An extra bus has been purchased to prevent overloading. The new vehicle has a 64-passenger Oneida body mounted on an International chassis.

(Editor's note: The name of Mrs. Jacqueline Pickerill was omitted from last week's list of teachers. Mrs. Pickerill will teach girl's physical education.)

Herb Hasenyager, head football and basketball coach for the past four years at Oswego High School handed in his resignation last week. Herb has accepted a position at Eureka High School where he will be athletic director and head football coach. Kenneth Pickerill is to be athletic director and head football coach for the 1955-56 year.

#### VILLAGE PLANNING COMMISSION NEEDED?

It is time to wake up and recognize the fact that Oswego and adjoining territory is growing and at an accelerated pace... Many communities faced with like problems have formed a planning committee to prepare for a systematic and orderly growth... Now is the time! Oswego is growing! Let's keep it growing! Tomorrow may be too late!

A request of G.C. Bartholomew to have the plat of Bartholomew's 2nd Subdivision accepted was approved with reservations by the village board. The subdivision will provide 18 additional building lots.

No action was taken on a request by Henry Pierce to level off dirt and widen the channel of Waubonsie creek west of the Adams St. bridge.

A preliminary plan of an 80-unit subdivision was presented by Stanley Herren with a request that the village board ascertain if sewer and water facilities would be adequate for such a project.

An invitation was given by Supervisor Wayne Fosgett to attend a meeting in the community room Wednesday, Aug. 10, to discuss extensive building in the township and the part Western Electric will play in Oswego's expansion.

Aug. 11: The trend toward installing safety belts in passenger cars is spreading rapidly throughout the country. In fact, the trend has reached a point where an auto insurance company in Louisiana is preparing to reduce its rates for passenger liability and medical payment insurance by nearly 8 percent for cars having safety belts.

The reduction which the firm seeks was carefully calculated on the basis of certain auto accident claim payments over a two-year span.

Folks who make a habit of watching stock car racing can certainly spot the advantages of safety belts when an accident occurs. The average cost of a safety belt is from \$5 to \$9. Seems to be cheap enough when a life or serious injury hangs in the balance."

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Penn announce the engagement of their daughter, Wilma, to Jerry Simms, son of Dr. and Mrs. R.E. Simms of Plano.

Aug. 18: A public meeting in the community room at Oswego High School was attended by area civic group leaders and representatives of the school, park, and fire district boards plus Oswego Village Board and Oswego Township Board members to discuss the incoming Western Electric Company plant and projected new subdivisions and their impact on the community. A committee consisting of John Carr, Dr. M.R. Saxon, Mrs. Homer Brown, Charles Lippincott, and Jerome

Nelson was appointed to talk with Western Electric personnel officers concerning the likely needs of workers at the new plant.

“It was also recommended that this same committee talk with representatives of the building contractors who are to develop the subdivision of the Bereman property of some 600 to 700 homes in order that preliminary planning on schools, parks, fire protection, etc. can be discussed,” the *Ledger* reported.

The Oswego High School Board approved hiring Paul Johnson of Kankakee to teach mechanical drawing, shop, and driver’s ed. Johnson will be discharged from the armed forces Aug. 18. He and his bride will live in the Pfund apartments.

Grade school teachers employed last week to fill the vacancies included Mrs. Uarda Henderson, Oswego, for junior high school mathematics and Mrs. Chris Bauman, Oswego, for third grade. Earl Schlapp was hired to drive the bus route formerly covered by Jim Zentmyer.

Aug. 25: The 10 week summer recreation program of the Oswego Park Board closed last Saturday of the end of the seventh season of directed recreation in Oswego. Well over 400 boys and girls took part in this summer’s program and over 15,000 hours of directed recreation were taken part in by Oswego community youngsters. This represented an increase of some 22 percent over last year and is an indication of the growth of the community.

September -- 1955

Sept. 1: Building permits for new homes, garages and improvements were issued in the amount of \$44,000 in the past 30 days: Harry Isleman, residence; Floi Johnston, subdivision; Stanley Herren, residence, Tyler Street; Charles LaGow, garage; Walter Hage, garage; Ronald Herren, improvements; Federated Parsonage, improvements.

If pre-opening predictions run true to form, the enrollment in both Oswego grade and high schools will reach the highest point in the history of the community. The schools open today (Thursday) and will be open until noon only Full time sessions begin on Friday and the entire operation will be in full swing when classes reconvene on Tuesday after the Labor Day weekend.

The Oswego Panther football team was getting ready for its opening game of the season against the Geneva Vikings under the lights on the Panthers’ home field in Oswego, Sept. 16.

Sept. 8:

**SCHOOL ENROLLMENT IS UP BY 90**

**Highest In Oswego History**

First day totals show that there is an increase of 90 pupils for the 1955-56 term over the 1954-55 enrollment. There are 69 more grade school pupils and 21 additional high school pupils. Totals show 563 pupils enrolled in the grade schools and 212 enrolled in high school as compared to 494 in grade school last year and 191 in high school.

These are first day figures and will undoubtedly be increased by latecomers in the next few days. There has been an increase of 225 pupils [should be 226, or 41 percent] in the Oswego school system since September of 1951, when first day enrollment was 549 students.

At their meeting Tuesday evening the Oswego Village Board accepted a petition signed by 220 Oswego registered voters requesting the formation of a plan commission "To prepare and recommend to the corporate authorities a comprehensive plan of public improvement looking forward to the present and future development of the municipality."

Coach Ken Pickerill has been drilling 48 grid hopefuls in fundamentals during the past weeks in preparation for the opening game against Geneva on Friday, Sept. 16, on the home field. Pickerill has a nucleus of eight lettermen around which to build his 1955 eleven, which will be seeking to keep possession of the Fox Valley championship gained last year.

As things stand at present, the starting line-up against Geneva, a member of the Little Seven Conference and some pretty tough competition for an opener, offensively will be Jim Behrens and Pat Tate at the ends; Butch Schillinger and Dave Garbleman at tackles; Lyle Johnson, Jerry Smith, or Jack Curley at guards; Karl Shoger, Center; Joe Plaskas, quarterback; Louis Aug and Don Peterson at halfbacks; Don Aug at fullback.

Defensive linemen will include Schillinger, Karl Wheaton, Garbleman, Shoger, and Malcolm Goudie. Linebackers, Curley, Johnson, Aug, Smith, and Jim Turner. Defensive backs, Tate, Behrens, Plaskas, and Peterson.

Sept. 15: The Oswego Panthers opened the 1955 football season against the Geneva Vikings on Friday evening, Sept. 16 under the lights at the OHS football field. Quarterbacking the frosh-soph team were Bill Kontos and Chuck Shuler; leading the varsity was quarterback Joe Plaskas.

Sept. 22: The Oswego Panthers were looking for their first win of the football season as they took on Marseilles. Geneva beat the Panther varsity 26-7 the week before.

At a special meeting of the village board held last Tuesday night [Sept. 21], an ordinance was passed (printed in full in this issue of the *Ledger*) forming a plan commission for the Village of Oswego. The commission will be made up of 11 members, the president of the board, the chairman of the zoning board of appeals, and nine other members appointed by the village president with the approval of the village board.

The 1955-56 driver-training car for Oswego High School was a green and black 1955 Pontiac, sponsored by Burkhart Pontiac of Oswego. The Chicago Motor Club furnished dual controls for the vehicle along with classroom books and other materials.

The marriage of Marilyn Kublank and Eldon Reborn took place on the afternoon of Sept. 4 at the Community Church, Mundelein, Ill.

After a short trip to Mammoth Cave, Ky., the couple will make their home at 929 West Lincoln Highway, DeKalb. Eldon is an industrial arts student at Northern Illinois State Teachers College, DeKalb.

Sept. 29: After their first win of the season, 25-13 over Marseilles, the Panther football team, under coach Ken Pickerill, was looking forward to their Sept. 30 game on the road against Plano.

October -- 1955

Oct. 6: The annual Oswego High School Homecoming was set for the weekend of Oct. 7-8. The Panthers were set to play the Yorkville Foxes in the homecoming contest, and were looking forward to their fourth Fox Valley Conference win of the season.

Because village police officer Paul Dwyre suffered a slipped disc and the Oswego night watchman resigned effective Sept. 15, the village board was trying to fill a hole in local police protection. Constable Jeff Rogerson has been taking over some of the local law enforcement responsibilities.

Oct. 13: The Oswego Fire Department spent more than 12 hours at a fire on the Jim Goudie farm, McCauley Road, last Sunday. A fire of unknown origin swept through a combination hog bar, cattle barn, and corn shed completely destroying it and burning 3,000 bales of hay and straw and killing two head of hogs. Four adjacent farm buildings were saved by firefighters. Yorkville firefighters assisted.

The Panther football team was rolling along after it's 33-0 win over the Yorkville Foxes during the Oswego homecoming game. Next up was a tough Earlville squad.

Oswegoans who attended the Isle Theater last week had an opportunity see Chuck Quantock, an Oswego grad, in Technicolor and on the wide screen.

Chuck was head of the block "I" at the University of Illinois two years ago the group that entertains with flash cards during halftime.

The Technicolor short, "Punts and Stunts," showed all the glamour and background of a Saturday afternoon grid game at Illinois and there were three or four excellent shots of Chuck in action.

The show was still on and may still be kept until the weekend along with "The Left Hand of God."

Oct. 20: The Oswego PTA was putting the finishing touches on their plans for their annual Halloween Fair at Oswego High School on Oct. 29. A full Swiss steak dinner was planned along with an evening full of fun and games for school district youngsters.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson of Oswego Township celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house at the Masonic Hall in downtown Oswego hosted by their sons, Ralph, Clarence, Clyde, Lester, and Howard.

Oct. 27: Jinx, the Super Circus chimp and Bubbles the Porpoise were set to appear at the Oswego Halloween Fair on Oct. 29. New for this year's event was a square dance for all ages.

The Panthers were ready to play Plainfield in a decisive Fox Valley Conference contest Oct. 28. A win would clinch the conference championship for the Panthers for the second year in a row. The Panthers were undefeated in conference play, with only a single season non-conference loss to the Geneva Vikings. The frosh-soph team was undefeated going into the final contests of the season.

November -- 1955

Nov. 3: After clinching their second straight conference championship in a close 19-12 win over Plainfield the week before, the Oswego Panthers were set to close out the 1955 season with a non-conference game with Immaculate Conception High School of Elmhurst.

In an editorial, *Ledger* Editor Ford L. Lippold wrote: This week's issue of the *Oswego Ledger* completes the sixth year of continuous publication. The *Ledger* comes to you through the courtesy of the advertisers, who pay for the cost of publication. They are wide-awake businessmen and realize the need for a means of communication in the Oswego area. Patronize *Ledger* advertisers."

Coffee was a nickel a cup during Value Days at the Kopper Kettle, Main at Washington Street, in downtown Oswego on Nov. 4-5.

Nov. 13: The annual Junior Frolic was set for Oswego High School on Nov. 13, an OHS tradition since 1932. The freshman, sophomore, and senior classes were each scheduled to give a one-act play, while the juniors handled publicity, backstage work, and other management activities, along with collecting admissions as a major class fundraiser.

General contractor Jim Kesslinger opened a new office in the old post office building at 106 Main Street next to the Bell Telephone office.

William Pichik announced the purchase of 80 acres of land on U.S. Route 34 about a mile west of Oswego and opposite his present subdivision, for the purpose of subdividing 78 new homesites. The present Pichik Subdivision has more than 40 lots, all of which have been sold.

In an editorial, *Ledger* Editor Ford Lippold wrote: "There are those in Oswego who would bury their heads in the sand to the progress that is going on around them. They close their eyes to the accelerated pace of building in the community and refuse to accept the fact that Oswego is a growing community.

Naturally, growth is going to disturb the long and peaceful lethargy of the village. The pang of growing pains is going to be felt. However, the fact remains that Oswego is on the move and we might as well move along with it.

The new subdivision planned on the west side of the river will open another 80 building lots with a potential increase of population in the neighborhood of 300 persons. It is only one of many. Others will be coming in the near future.

It is not improbably that the population of Oswego Township will more than double in the next 10 years. In fact, it is almost certain to happen. Let's face it!

The 19th Century Club is sponsoring "A Flag in Every Home" campaign.

U.S. Army Pvt. Rodney McCauley was graduated recently from the track vehicle maintenance course at the Armored School, Fort Knox, Ky.

Nov. 17: Oswego Township Supervisor Wayne Fosgett presented a request for support from the Oswego Village Board for a countywide zoning and building code, which would be enforced by an officer appointed for the entire county.

Oswego's newest subdivision, Brookside Manor, is now being planned by Mr. Howard Herren and his son, Dr. Stanley Herren. At present, only ten acres is being developed. There is an additional 20 acres in the plot, which will eventually provide home sites for approximately 75 homes. The project is so planned that it will provide a beautiful new addition to the Village of Oswego.

Four Oswego Panthers were named to the All-Conference grid squad's first team, including tackle Wayne Schillinger, guard John Curley, quarterback Joe Plaskas, and halfback Don Peterson.

Nov 24: The Kendall County Board appointed Mr. A. Hanson as County building Officer with specific charge of enforcing the recently passed county building code. The new building code specifically applies to the area outside of incorporated areas. All builders in the non-incorporated areas must have permits before construction, except on agriculture projects. The new building code was passed Nov. 22.

An editorial by *Ledger* Editor Ford Lippold lauded members of the Kendall County Board for passing a new building code. "In a fast-growing community such as the Oswego area, such a code will protect the present property owners from being surrounded by 'jerry-built' areas, etc.," Lippold said.

Wilma Loraine Penn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton L. Penn of Oswego married Jerry Porter Simms, son of Dr. and Mrs. R.E. Simms of Plano on Saturday evening, Nov. 19, at a ceremony in the First Baptist Church of Plano. Dr. Simms presided at the ceremony.

Lottie Kesslinger and her staff at the Oswego Coffee Shop prepared the dinner served by the Oswego Lions Club to the Oswego football team. Talking about restaurants, notice that they are building an addition to the Standard Station at the junction of Rts. 34 and 71.

A committee is meeting to see what can be done about decorating up the town for Christmas.

The Geneva Vikings destroyed the Oswego Panther cagers 102-71 in a one-sided contest Tuesday night. Chuck Shuler led the scoring for the victorious frosh-soph squad as they downed Geneva 44-43.

December -- 1955

Dec. 1: The cafeteria at Oswego High School, the district's only cafeteria, was serving an average of 240 meals a day, according to school officials. Students from the Red Brick and Little White grade schools walked to the building for lunch. The cafeteria staff included manager Mrs.

Lillian Schomer and staff Mrs. Evelyn Penn, Mrs. Hazel Patton, Mrs. Agnes Schultz, Mrs. Dorothy Friebele, and Mrs. Laura Woolley.

Dec. 8: In a front page editorial, *Ledger* Editor Ford Lippold wondered: "Where is the plan commission? Three months have passed since the plan commission resolution for the Village of Oswego was passed by the village board. To date, the plan commission is not in operation. Latest reports show that some of the proposed members have been approached and have accepted and at the present time are marking time until the commission is completed so they can get to work. In the meantime, valuable time is being wasted. The time is urgent. The need is urgent. Let us hope that the plan commission is completed and in operation by the January board meeting.

James E. Kesslinger was named chairman of the Oswego Zoning Board of Appeals, replacing the retiring William Shortman.

Douglas Dreier was appointed to the Oswego Grade School Board to replace Lester Bell, who resigned due to the pressure of his business.

The Oswego American Legion and the Oswego Lions Club combined to help decorate downtown Oswego by stringing colorful lights above Main Street in celebration of the holiday season.

Songer's Service Station at Route 34 and Route 71 was advertising their new coffee shop: "Hot meals, sandwiches, and sundries."

Christmas vacation for Oswego schools was to begin Dec. 21 and extend through Jan. 3.

Dec. 15: The itinerant magazine salesmen touring the village for a short time last Wednesday were not sponsored by the local American Legion Post as they were leading people to believe. This was a misrepresentation on the part of the salesmen and said gentlemen left town in a hurry.

Dec. 22: There were quite a few puzzled people in the village trying to figure out how the town got turned around on the very fine card sent out by Denney's Supermart. It's all due to the printers' error of reversing the picture. It's still a good picture.

A lot of favorable comments have come in concerning the downtown Christmas lighting. Plans now call for it to be an annual affair.

Dec. 29: The total number of school districts in Illinois is still declining, according to facts released recently by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The figures show a drop of 107 districts (4.5 percent) from 1954, when the state had a total of 2,349 school districts. In 1949, Illinois had 11,955 school districts. The unit district has become increasingly prominent and, at present, about 68 percent of the state's area is in unit districts. Non-high districts now exist in only 17 counties. There are five counties which have but one school district apiece.

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January

Jan. 5: The first house in the new Boulder Hill development in Rt. 25, formerly the Bereman Estate, is going up. Six other building permits have been issued in the same section, which is just north of the second railroad overpass.

This is also the area in which the proposed shopping center of the Boulder Hill development is to be placed.

The home under construction is one in the \$13,000 to \$14,000 price range and is one of the moderately priced homes planned for the development.

The entire Boulder Hill area calls for a possible 2,000 homes, a shopping center, several play areas, and a portion has been set aside for eventual school sites.

An ordinance was passed at Tuesday night's village board meeting permitting the village to receive the one-half cent sales tax according to the law that went into effect at Springfield early last year. Local merchants will now be required to add the additional one-half cent tax to the present two and one-half cents bringing the total to three cents. The moneys derived under this ordinance will be put into the general fund but at least half of it is to be earmarked for major improvements in the business area with such items as new and modernized street lighting, new sidewalks and curbing, etc., under consideration.

A baby girl, Andrea Kim, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Polley at Copley Memorial Hospital New Year's Day.

Fire Chief Al Shuler has announced that Jim Hoch, Roger Schillinger, and Herb Tripp have been added to the roll of the Oswego Volunteer Fire Department.

Herb Rucks had quite a gathering in his appliance store New Years watching the Rose Bowl Parade on the color TV. Those who saw it were well pleased with the spectacle.

Jan. 12: The Board of Education of Community Consolidated District No. 8 is faced with two major problems of Oswego school operation, namely providing classrooms for a rapidly expanding Oswego community and providing finances to maintain and operate these necessary classrooms.

The board has been making a detailed study of two remedies for the problems facing it. The first study deals with collecting data regarding the advantages and disadvantages of the unit district for the Oswego community and second, during the past two months the board has visited several communities that have recently constructed or are presently constructing new grade school buildings.

It is the plan of the board of education to have at least one meeting per months for the purpose of informing voters of the community of the progress and plans which they will be asked to support at the spring election.

State's Attorney Jerome Nelson, Oswego, has announced that he will be a candidate for reelection to the office of State's Attorney of Kendall County on the Republican Party ticket in the primary election to be held April 10.

Jan. 19: A meeting was held in Oswego Village Hall Wednesday night to form the Oswego Plan commission with members of the village board, members of the plan commission and attorney John Mathews present.

Members of the Oswego Plan commission are William K. Miller, Douglas Dreier, Henry W. Smith, Mrs. Lester Bell, Mrs. Stanley Drew, John Luetlich, Rev. G. Albert Murphy, Everett McKeown, and Stanley Herren.

Also members, ex-officio, are village president Donald S. Etwiler and James Kessinger, chairman of the zoning Board of Appeals.

Oswego Boy Scout Troop 31 elected new patrol leaders Monday night and formed two new patrols. Boys elected as leaders are Stephen Conroy and Chuck Risser. Assistant patrol leaders elected are Bob Wienke and Barry Hafenrichter.

Jan. 26: At the regular meeting of the Oswego Grade School Board Monday night, attorney Jerome Nelson was instructed to draw up petitions to place on the ballot at a special election the location of a new site for a grade school unit, the authority to purchase such a site, and to provide funds for the purchase of a site and to construct a new educational unit.

The size and scope of the new building has not been entirely determined as yet.

One of the sites under consideration is the area in the northeast corner of the village bounded by Rts. 34 and 71 currently owned by the George Smith estate. The proximity of this area to existing school facilities is one of the facts being considered.

Another item that was discussed at the board meeting is the possible increasing of the educational [tax] rate for the coming year.

The school board will have an open meeting on Monday, Feb. 6, at which time all interested citizens in the Oswego School District will be invited to come and be informed of the progress the school board has made and also as to their recommendations for site, building, educational rates, etc.

The Oswego High School frosh-soph team won the Fox Valley Conference Tournament. The OHS varsity team placed second in the annual competition.

February -- 1956

Feb. 2: The additional one-half percent sales tax recently voted by the Oswego Village Board went into effect Wednesday, Feb. 1.

The Oswego Grade School Board is holding an open meeting Monday night, Feb. 6, at 7:30 in the high school gym to report on the progress to date of additional grade school units, educational rates, and other current problems under consideration.

The first working session of the Oswego Plan Commission was held in the Ag Room of the high school Tuesday night with Chairman William Miller presiding. Visitors included LaVerne Hanson, Kendall County Supervisor of Assessments; Charles Whitfield, supervisor of Fox Township; Russell Naden, chairman of the county board of supervisors; Jerome Nelson, State's Attorney; Maynard Clark, assistant highway commissioner; Wayne Fosgett, Oswego Township Supervisor; and President Coil of the Montgomery Village Board.

Questioning of the county officers brought to light that there is no control in the county over trailer camps except state regulations of health and sanitation. The plan commission is concerned over this particular problem with the influx of new people expected to move into this area in the near future.

The commission went on record that the county board of supervisors be informed of the formation of the Oswego Plan Commission and that it would appreciate cooperation in enforcing zoning laws within the buffer zone within one and one-half mile radius of Oswego.

Feb. 9: A petition was filed on behalf of property owners Harold and Florence VanEtten, Don Corrick, and Nicholas Kneceovich to annex the property owned by them on North Adams Street north of the greenhouse and west of the railroad on the Fox River to the village of Oswego. A final action was held over pending investigation.

About 80 persons attended the public meeting held in the Oswego High gym Monday night to hear a report from the grade school board on progress made to date in building plans and to take part in a question and answer period.

It was reported by the school board that it will be necessary to raise the educational rate of the grade school district at the spring election in order to continue operation of the Oswego schools. The grade school has been operating on tax anticipation warrants each year to a greater degree and have now come to the end of this borrowing power. The proposed referendum will call for an increase of 21 cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation.

One other topic discussed was the merit of a unit district school, both high school and grade school under one board, and a dual system, each under separate boards, which Oswego now has. The major advantage of a unit district is greatly increased state aid. The disadvantage is limited bonding power.

Feb. 16: Edwin L. Baron, the Chicago showman psychologist who makes a business out of professional hypnotism, can talk people into most anything if they let him. He will be back in Oswego Friday evening, March 9, giving a program in the school gym sponsored by the Oswego Lions Club.

Feb. 23: The Oswego Panthers finished in a blaze of glory last Friday night, dumping Minooka on the Indians' home court, 68-56. This was the second win by the Panthers over Minooka this season, a feat that has not been duplicated by a Valley team in some years. The Panthers finished in fourth place in the Fox Valley Conference standings.

March -- 1956

March 1: A community group met with members of the grade school board to discuss developments in the proposed building program, educational rates, and other problems now facing the community. Attending were LaVerne Shoger, Paul Shoger, Robert Cherry, William Leigh, Robert Ebinger, Mrs. M.R. Saxon, Mrs. Faye Brill, Stanley Herren, G.C. Bartholomew, Russ Collins, Melvin Killian, John Carr, Henry Smith, Myron Wormley, Russell Rink, Jack Cherry, and Ford L. Lippold. The committee agreed the district should seek \$340,000 to build a 9-room building on the Smith property along Ill. Route 71, although some committee members felt a larger building ought to be built due to accelerating growth.

The Oswego Grade School Board set March 31 as the date for a referendum to raise the district's education tax rate and to build a new elementary school building.

Disputing crowded classroom conditions, one letter to the editor of the *Ledger* claimed: "We are now crowded and if we get crowded we can build within one year. After all, we just got through building a new 6-room addition in 1954 to take care of the new growth in the community."

March 8: Alvin Wheeler won the Illinois State Wrestling Championship at 112 lbs. for the second year in a row. The OHS grappler compiled a mark of 25 wins against just one loss on the season. His three year record stands at 71 wins and six defeats.

The first model home in the new Brookside Manor Subdivision, the Georgian, was set to open to the public on March 11. "Brookside Manor is located at the corner of Tyler and Monroe streets, one block east of Rt. 25," the *Ledger* reported. "The development will have sewer, water, and blacktop streets, according to announcements by Mr. Howard Herren and Dr. Stanley Herren, the project developers.

At the Oswego Plan Commission's meeting, the petition by residents living north of the village along North Adams Street to annex to Oswego was tentatively refused for the present time. Howard Herren presented a request for approval of the first 14 lots of the Brookside Manor Subdivision, which were found to be in order and were accepted by the board.

The Oswego Grade School Board met and authorized a April 14 referendum seeking an increase in the Educational Tax Rate from 50 cents to 71 cents for each \$100 of assessed valuation; select a site on which to build a new grade school; build a 9-classroom grade school; and authorize a bond issue of \$335,000 to pay for the land and building.

*Ledger* editorial: "Every person in the community, residential and rural, is increasingly aware of the rapid growth and changes that are being made in Oswego Township and are specially concerned about the problem from the standpoint of tax load increase. Certainly, as our community progresses, property taxes, both real and personal, are bound to rise. The pinch will be felt more by the farmer than the residential homeowner.

A sizeable industrial plant could be the answer to our problem. Oswego is in a position where it will certainly get the full force of the influx of population. We are on the fringe of a huge industrial area and the trend from metropolitan Chicago is in our direction. If we are going to get the houses and the people, we might just as well have the industry and reap the tax benefits therefrom. Industry will ease the tax load on every person in the community. It is a good thing

for our county and township officials to be thinking of, as well as our plan commission. Oswego is going to grow. The handwriting is on the wall. Now is the time to plan.

The banishment of local Girl Scouts from meeting at the Oswego Fire Station drew the ire of letter writers to the *Ledger*. "Doesn't it seem odd that a room or rooms where gambling, drinking, and smoking are carried on at various times is too precious a place to accommodate a group of rarin,' tearin' juveniles like the Oswego Girl Scouts?" one letter-writer wondered.

In a letter to the editor, substitute teacher Faye Brill disputed a previous writer's claim there was no crowding in Oswego's schools.

March 15: More than 2,500 people toured the model home in Brookside Manor last Sunday afternoon.

Friday night, March 16, is the date set for the presentation of "Jerry of Jericho Road," this year's high school operetta. Cast members include Gail Akerlow, Jim Turner, Larry Christian, Malcolm Goudie, Georgiann Kontos, Delores Boughton, Karl Shoger, Dan Huntley, Karla Foster, Alice Shoger, and Dick Nutt.

The proposed widening of Route 31 between Aurora and Oswego would certainly indicate industrial plants in the immediate area are more than a wild rumor. Route 31 is not in such a poor condition by far as Route 25, but don't hold your breath until it is repaired.

Jim Kessler reports that the Ground Observer Corps membership in Oswego now numbers over 15.

The request of George Carpenter to have property along Route 31 north of the Oswego bridge rezoned from farming to business so that he could install six bowling alleys was denied by the county zoning board of appeals. It was the second time the board has refused the request.

March 22: The prospect of getting a large industry to locate in Oswego Township is certainly something to hope for although it is still far from being a reality. It would ease the tax load all around and it is hoped that county officials will do their utmost to make such a move possible.

April -- 1956

April 5: The village hall is to be repaired and decorated with contracts being awarded to bidder William Crimmin for carpentry and decorating in the amount of \$847 and to Alexander Lumber Co. for material in the amount of \$500.43.

The board voted to send a letter to the county board of zoning appeals urging that body to do everything it can to induce the Caterpillar Company to build in Oswego Township.

It was voted to authorize the village attorney to develop a building code using the recently adopted Kendall County Code as a pattern.

Fifty girl members of the Oswego High School Dance Club will present the program "Fantasy in Dance" Friday night, April 6 in the gym. There will be 15 numbers in all with Karla Foster, Mary Eva Risser, and Phyllis Thrall dancing in the solo spots. The dance club is instructed by Jackie Pickerill, physical ed teacher.

The budget for the new grade school building calls for a total of \$335,000, broken down as follows: \$23,000 for the site; \$284,000 for construction; \$13,000 for architectural and engineering work; \$10,000 for equipment; and \$5,000 for contingencies.

At the annual Oswego Township meeting a motion was made and carried to contribute \$400 toward a countywide survey toward rezoning providing the rest of the townships in the county cooperate with the plan.

It was also voted to sell the town house on the corner of Tyler Street and the town house behind the Presbyterian Church at auction and use the money derived from the sale toward adding an additional unit on the town house on Ashland Avenue. Both of the town houses are in such poor condition that the cost of putting them back into habitable shape would be excessive.

April 12: Both the county board of zoning appeals and the Kendall County Board of Supervisors were 100 percent in agreement on the rezoning of the Caterpillar Company property of 352 acres from farming to industrial.

T.R. Farley, Caterpillar vice-president, announced following the granting of the rezoning request that Caterpillar's decision as to whether or not it will be located in the Oswego area will be made this week.

There were no objections to the rezoning.

April 19: Voters of the Oswego Grade School District flocked to the polls last Saturday vote in a new grade school, 458-430, a margin of 28 votes. The voters also cast favorable ballots for the school site, 453 to 425 and to increase the educational tax rate to 71 cents by 480-438. A total of 943 votes were cast in the grade school election, the largest number of ballots in any Oswego school election. NaAuSay voted almost as a block against the new school and the educational increase while Wheatland voted favorably on all of the issues, as did Oswego Township.

April 26: A group of 25 Oswego business men gathered together in the Voc-Ag room at the high school last Thursday evening to discuss the possibility of an organization of local merchants in the interests of the entire community, and before the evening was over, the Oswego Better Business Association came into being. Following a short discussion, Norval Tripp was elected president; Herb Rucks, vice-president; William McNiff, secretary; John Carr, treasurer.

Oswego High School students earning all A's for the last six weeks included Lynn Bell, Alice Shoger, Jim Lantz, Mary Ricketts, Charlotte Schlapp, Kathy Thompson, and David Roth.

May -- 1956

May 3: Bids for enlarging the water main in Adams Street were opened and read with the low bid of \$4,364.55 being awarded to Cliff Hammond, Excavators of Joliet.

The village hall has been redecorated and repaired with a new ceiling, new fluorescent lights, ventilating fan, gray asphalt tile on floor and the wall painted two shades of green with woodwork painted tan.

In spite of the fact that a certain newspaper persists in calling it the Aurora plant of Caterpillar Tractor Company, we're very happy they decided to settle and build in Oswego Township.

Several new houses are underway in the Herren Brookside Manor Subdivision.

Lynn Bell was named the valedictorian of the OHS Class of 1956. Alice Shoger is salutatorian. Other award winners were Georgiann Kontos, citizenship; Karla Foster, activities; Joe Plaskas, sportsmanship; and Beverly Parkhurst, DAR award. Graduation was set for May 29.

May 10: At the Oswego Village Board meeting, American Legion Post 675 was given permission to hold a carnival from June 27-30 in the downtown with the stipulation that they provide police protection, property insurance coverage, fire lanes, keep area clean, etc.

May 17: Ann Shuler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Shuler of Oswego, was to receive the Bristol Award, an Ethel Health Scholarship Key, and a certificate indicating she has completed her senior year with honors during the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy's annual Honor's Day Convocation May 25 in Chicago. Ann graduated from Oswego High School with the Class of 1952 and was valedictorian of her class.

One building permit was issued last week to Robert Hesse who is building a residence on North Adams St. Valuation \$12,000.

May 24: Eighth grade graduation in Oswego was set for Tuesday, May 29 in the OHS gym. High school graduation exercises were to be held May 31.

The auction of the two Oswego Township houses brought in \$4,550. James Kesslinger bought the property at Tyler and Monroe for \$1,750 and the Presbyterian Church bought the property at Monroe and Benton streets for \$2,800.

Approximately 50 interested citizens met at the Oswego High School at the request of the Oswego Planning Commission and the village board to listen to Mr. William Lawrence, associate member of Everett Kincaid, professional planner, of Chicago, tell what it means to have a good plan for a town. During the meeting, Bud Fagerholm from the Aurora Planning Commission recounted some of the problems they have had.

May 30: Forty-four seniors will be graduated from Oswego High School tonight (Thursday) the largest number in the history of the school.

Six members of the Oswego eighth grade graduating class were presented with American Legion Citizenship Awards Tuesday night at the graduating exercises. Neil Young made the presentations to the following graduates: Alice Ebinger, first medal; Maria Calamaras and Carol Wheeler, certificates. Dennis Hastert, first medal; Ron Murphy and Bruce Woolley, certificates.

This is a time for working together in our community. It is a time for thinking ahead and planning. It is a time for doing. How well we plan, how well we work will decide whether Oswego progresses or becomes a dusty spider-web covered community.

Rev. Richard Risser, pastor of the Oswego Presbyterian Church for the past four years, will beginning development and organization of a new Presbyterian church in a new housing development on the outskirts of Belleville, Ill. June 1.

Building goes on apace in the community. Lowell Polley is building a home in the Bartholomew Subdivision, Skip Theiss is building adjacent to the Bartholomew Subdivision, Jack Olson is working on a house in Park Avenue, Delbert Staffeldt is building a new home in Madison Street, two new houses are going up in Brookside Manor, the new home being built by Bob Schmidt near 34 and 71 is nearing completion and others are on the way.

See where Jake Strukel is growing 225 acres of tomatoes for Campbell Soup Co. this year.

June -- 1956

June 7: The Oswego Village Board voted to hold a referendum on a \$75,000 general obligation bond to build a new well and pump house for the village.

A contract was prepared with Everett Kincaid and Associates for \$2,500 to cover cost of drawing up a comprehensive development plan for Oswego and Oswego Township. This program will be paid for by tax moneys and by donations from the various organizations in the community.

The Leonard Brothers Big Three Ring Circus was in Oswego for two performances on Tuesday, June 12. The circus set up their big top on the high school grounds. Sponsors were Oswego American legion Post 675.

June 14: The petition of a number of landowners in part of DuPage County lying in the Oswego High School District petitioned their property out of the Oswego district early this spring. A hearing by the Kendall County Board of School Trustees denied the petition. According to the law, a hearing was then held in DuPage County, where the board of school trustees upheld the petition. There is a possibility that the case will now go to the circuit court for decision. The land in question amounts to almost a million dollars in assessed valuation.

The fact that the Oswego Plan Commission and the Oswego Village Board is negotiating a contract with Kincaid and Co., professional planners, to draw up a comprehensive plan is a step in the right direction if this community is to grow in an orderly fashion. Just as a carpenter trying to build a house without blueprints would be working under a handicap, so would Oswego be, trying to expand without a master plan to work from.

A preliminary subdivision plat has been presented to the village board by J. George Smith calling for 39 lots just off Route 34 adjacent to the property recently voted for purchase for the new grade school.

Al Shuler has been streamlining the interior of his drug store and intends to modernize the entire front early in July.

June 21: The Oswego Board of Trustees approved a contract with Everett Kincaid and Associates, city planning consultants, Chicago at their regular meeting Monday night, which calls for the preparation of a comprehensive plan of expansion and land use for the village of Oswego and the township.

For some time, the committee in charge of the village water supply has been concerned about the wells having the capacity to supply sufficient water for village usage. Last Wednesday and Thursday, we experienced trouble with our water pumps being overworked and it was necessary to request that we conserve on water. In the June 14 edition of the *Oswego Ledger*, a notice of a special election was published concerning the issuing of bonds for a new well for Oswego. There will be a public meeting Monday evening, June 25, in the village hall to discuss the proposed bond issue.

Ford Lippold: There is a real need in the village for the improvements planned for the water department including a new well. We suggest that you attend the public meeting to be held at the village hall next Monday night and get the facts. We know that public meetings, as a rule, are poorly attended, but if you want the information, here's the place to get it.

After 13 years of loyal and efficient service to the community as custodian of the Oswego Grade School, Mr. Henry Schmidt is retiring July 1.

June 28: The latest improvement in the downtown area is the work being done on the Lay-Z-Pine Driftwood Arts building by Earl Zentmyer with a new paint job.

Chicago White Sox fans of the community had an opportunity to do a fine bit of talking Monday morning following the big weekend sweep of the Yankee series by the Pale Hose.

July – 1956

July 5: In light voting, Oswegoans approved selling bonds to improve the village water system. A total of 146 votes were cast, 119 yes and 26 voting no for the \$75,000 bond issue. The bond issue will be used to drill a new well, erect a pump house, and equip it with necessary pump, motors, etc.

Two Oswego teenagers, Deanna Carpenter and Jim Seidelman, will appear on the Morris B. Sach's Amateur Hour on July 8, Channel 9, WGN-TV and radio. They will play a flashy version of "Cherry Pink and Apple Blossom White" on the show, with Jim playing a cornet and his cousin, Deanna, accompanying him on the piano.

Oswego Township has been divided into four voting precincts. The change will be effective in the November national, state, and local elections. The township has been voting in two precincts

the past years, but a rapid rate of growth and anticipated growth have outmoded the precincts as they were.

July 12: At the Oswego Village Board meeting on July 9, the village clerk was instructed to write a letter to the American Legion, Post 675, stating that no more carnivals can be held on village streets.

In addition, the clerk and village president were authorized to sign a contract with George Bartholomew for extension of an eight inch water main on Route 25 to Bartholomew's First Subdivision, a distance of 1,275 feet. An agreement has been reached between Bartholomew and the village board whereby funds for the extension of the main are to be paid by Mr. Bartholomew, who in turn, will be repaid from assessments made on subdivided lots by the village. A recent resolution passed by the village board states that each new lot not at present serviced by a water main will be assessed \$300 for water service, plus cost of installing water service. All residents receiving water service outside of the village limits are required to pay double water rates.

Mrs. Marion Steckel has been appointed justice of the peace for Oswego Township to fill out an unexpired term.

The new maintenance man for the grade school is Percy Reborn. He takes over the position held by Henry Schmidt for 13 years.

The Oswego Drag Strip is a popular place with teenagers on these days, judging by the crowds in attendance. It's a mighty good place for the teenagers to work off a little steam and do it in a safe and sane manner.

July 19: James Seidelman and Deanna Carpenter, the two Oswego teenagers who appeared on the Morris B. Sach's Amateur Hour last Sunday received second place out of the 11 acts on the program. James and Deanna received a cash award of \$40 and a wrist watch for each for their duet rendition of "Cherry Pink and Apple Blossom White."

Chairman William Crimmin of the Village of Oswego Water Department released the following schedule of lawn sprinkling: For the present time, residents north and east of Washington street are asked to sprinkle lawns on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday; while residents south and west of Washington are asked to sprinkle only on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. This curtailment is due to increased demand on the water supply due to additional housing, more uses for water, and local people are asked to cooperate.

Oswego received \$504.73 in sales tax revenues for the month of April.

July 26: Contracts were let for the construction of the new grade school last week with Erickson and Blanchard, Wilmington, low bidders for the general contract. Their base bid was \$203,733. Two alternates brought the total of the general contract bid down to \$198,396. J.C. Electric Company, Aurora, was awarded the electrical contract with a bid of \$21,794. The plumbing, heating and ventilating contract went to Johnson Brothers, Joliet, for \$77,500.

The total of all three bids plus purchase price of the site, \$22,000, and architects fee of \$13,396, brought the entire amount of \$333,886, or just \$1,114 under the total bond issue voted for this spring.

A recent release from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis states that poliomyelitis vaccine supply in the United States as a whole now exceeds current demand.

August -- 1956

Aug. 2: The announcement of the 1956-57 teaching staff for Oswego grade and high school was given out this week by superintendent T. Loyd Traughber. There are 38 instructors in the Oswego school system this year including three rural units. There will be three sections of the first grade and three sections of the fourth grade, according to present plans. Richard Rockenbach was principal at Oswego High School, Lowell Polley was science instructor and principal for the junior high, and James Garnett was principal and fifth grade teacher at the Red Brick School. Rural school teachers were Mrs. Eugenia Davis at Church School; Mrs. Grace Jones at McCauley School, and Mrs. Lucille Poss at Willow Hill School.

Aug. 9: Headline: "Village Board Meets; Very Little Happens"

Aug. 16: Oswego schools were set to open on Tuesday, Sept. 4.

Oswego Park District summer playground attendance set a new record. Attendance for this year was over 1,000 more than last year with a total of over 8,000 taking part in the program.

Trustee Robert Schmidt announced that due to surface water being discharged into the sanitary sewer system, a problem is being created. Sanitary sewers are backing up into the basements of residents. Also, rain water disrupts the bacteria action and drainage at the beds and fields of the local sewage disposal plant. He reminded residents that it was a violation of village ordinances to allow surface water to enter the sanitary sewer system.

Three coaches were ready for duties at Oswego High School for the coming year with Ken Pickerill as athletic director and head football and wrestling coach. John Bednarcik, in his second year at Oswego, will be head basketball coach, varsity line coach in football, and head baseball coach. Jim Aird, a newcomer to Oswego High School, will be head track coach and frosh-soph coach in football and basketball.

Aug. 30: The latest local business house to undergo a facelifting is the Oswego Coffee Shop, which is closed this week for alterations, both inside and out. A new brick front is being put on the building, which also houses the Masonic Temple. Both sections of the building are being faced with light-colored brick and modernization of window and door openings. The coffee shop will also be redecorated on the inside.

Just how many additional pupils will be on hand for the opening day of Oswego schools next Tuesday is problematical but chances are that the increase will equal or exceed that of last year when there was an increased enrollment of 90 youngsters over the previous year.

September -- 1956

Sept. 6: In increase of 49 pupils in the Oswego Grade School first day enrollment over last year's figures have presented a real problem in placement. The first day enrollment figures show 615 in the first eight grades, including the three country units as against 566 total first day enrollment last year. An unexpected 89 pupils registered in first grade. A survey made last spring showed somewhere in the neighborhood of 70 pupils as a possible figure, but rapid increases in new residential dwellings brought in the 19 pupil increase.

At the Oswego Village Board meeting, an item of business was discussion of the contract between the village and G.C. Bartholomew in regards to installation of an 8-inch water main up Route 25 to the Bartholomew Subdivision. Several provisions of the contract were subject to discussion and before there was agreement tempers flared and the meeting got somewhat out of control. Left without a quorum to consider further business, the meeting was adjourned to Thursday evening, Sept. 6.

Sept. 13: The Oswego Village Board is looking for a site for the new well. The desired size is somewhere in the neighborhood of 250' x 200' and site should be somewhere close to an existing main.

Sept. 20: The petition for detachment from the Oswego School District by some residents of the northeastern section of the district was brought to Circuit Court last Friday. Judge Cassius Proust, Sycamore, requested the lawyers for both sides to prepare briefs on the case. The petitioners have been allowed 15 days to present their brief; the defendants will then have 10 days to reply. The judge will then study the briefs and give an opinion within 30 days.

The Oswego Business Men's Association, an organization that includes almost all of the local businesses and professions, is sponsoring a contest on "Why I Like to Live in Oswego." It is hoped that everyone in Oswego Township will sit down and take the time to express his or her opinion and perhaps win a substantial cash prize for doing so.

Sept. 27: The GOP Caravan headed by Republican candidates Sen. Everett Dirksen, State Sen. Merritt J. Little, Lt. Gov. John W. Chapman, and Elmer J. Hoffman, candidate for state treasurer, visited Oswego last Friday afternoon.

October -- 1956

Oct. 4: At the Oswego Village Board meeting, a request from Alexander Lumber Company as to disposal of surface water from a planned blacktop area was referred to Oliver Burkhart.

A request from the grade school board to furnish a water hydrant near the new grade school building was held over for study.

There was discussion of possible sites for the new well, with sites under study being located on Oswego Grain and Supply Co. property near the grain elevator and on the property of Mrs. Charlotte Martin.

A motion was made and passed to raise the salary of the maintenance man from \$175 a month to \$200 a month and the salary of the police officer from \$225 per month to \$300 per month.

It was voted to hire a special patrol officer with police powers to patrol traffic at the grade school crossing at Route 34 and Jackson St. for three hours per day at \$1 per hour. The cost of the operation will be drawn from the sales tax refund to the village. The Oswego Parent-Teacher Association, who requested the patrol officer in a meeting held with a committee of the village board last week will be asked to provide the uniform for the officer. Milton Penn, chairman of the law and order committee, is to handle the hiring of the officer.

Oct. 11: Oswego firemen fought for four hours Monday afternoon to put out the largest grass fire in recent years in this area. The fire spread from the dump ground along the river for an area of some three-quarters of a mile threatening buildings and wooded areas along the river road south and west of Oswego.

Oswego High's annual homecoming was set for Oct. 11-13, with a snake dance Thursday night, the homecoming parade on Friday afternoon, the homecoming game Friday night under the lights, and the homecoming dance in the OHS gym Saturday evening.

Oct. 25: The Oswego Panthers were getting ready to play Plainfield in football on Oct. 26 coming off a 14-13 win over Sandwich the week before. Oswego stood 2-2 in the Fox Valley Conference on the eve of the Plainfield contest.

The Tuberculosis Tax Law, which has been in existence in Kendall County, is to be voted on again at the Nov. 6 election. It provides the counties which do not have a sanitarium of their own with funds so they may hospitalize their patients in public or private tuberculosis hospitals in other counties in Illinois. At the election on Nov. 6 there will be two separate small ballots on the question of renewing the law, which has been in effect here. Kendall County, with the help of the Tuberculosis Tax Law has been able to provide the proper care of its TB patients and proper treatment to cure them of this disease. Voters are protecting themselves, their families, and their friends when they vote for the continuation of the Tuberculosis Tax Law.

November -- 1956

Nov 8: At the Oswego Village Board meeting an ordinance was passed providing for the issuing of bonds for the water work improvements voted in earlier in the year.

A motion was made that the village president be authorized to enter into an agreement with Stanley Herren for water connections for Unit 1 of the Brookside Manor Subdivision.

It was moved that the preliminary plat of the George Smith Subdivision on Route 34 at the northeastern limits of the village be accepted subject to approval by the village engineer.

Dr. Walter Brill, chairman of the Kendall County Heart Association, presented a large size working model of a heart to the Oswego High School this week.

This issue marks the beginning of the eighth consecutive year of publication for the *Oswego Ledger*. As we look back over the past seven years we can only be amazed at the amount of events that have taken place in the Oswego community and the tremendous increase, particularly in the past two years, of population. We know that the next few years will be decisive ones in the history of the community...

Rich Songer has announced that the Coffee Shop will be closed for three weeks beginning at closing time on Monday, Nov. 12, for renovation.

Oswego went down for a 34-12 count at the hands of a big, rugged Batavia eleven last Friday night to end the Panther grid season with an overall record of two wins, one tie, and five losses.

Nov. 15: After reading through almost 400 entries in the "Why I Like to Live in Oswego" contest sponsored by the Oswego Business Men's Association, the judges have come up with nine winners.

First prize in the grade school class goes to Karla Saxon, second to Kathy Saxon, third to Rose Marie Brickert.

High school: First, Jim Wormley; second, Rodney A. Henderson; third, Alice Ebinger.

Adults: First, Elva Saxon; second, Mrs. William Anderson; third, Elizabeth Nelson.

The Nineteenth Century Club announces that the TB X-ray Unit will be in Oswego Thursday, Nov. 15.

Nov. 22: Public Service Company has reported an epidemic of shooting out street lights in the village in recent weeks with BB guns and by rock throwing. Les Penn, chairman of the law and order committee, announced this week that offenders will be arrested and prosecuted.

If you order your car or truck license in a county other than Kendall, please be sure that Kendall County is listed on your application. In those cases where another county is listed on the application, that county received the Motor Fuel Tax credit rather than Kendall County.

Dick Songer has taken over management of the Standard Service Station at the junction of Rts. 34 and 71 and plans to open a restaurant in connection with the station on or about the 3rd of December.

If you haven't driven up into the Boulder Hill Subdivision lately, there are now some 15 or more homes finished with seven or eight of them occupied presently.

There is some talk about the possibility of a bank being formed in the village. This is one of the things that will be of great benefit to everyone in the community.

The Business Men's Association voted at their last meeting to go along with the Lions Club and the American Legion in purchasing Christmas lights for the downtown area. The lights used in previous years have been borrowed from Aurora.

Toys! We have the largest selection of toys...

You have a full floor of toys to choose from when you visit Shuler's Toy Shop (upstairs over drug store). Everything for the girl or boy, regardless of age. Shuler's Toy Shop is open daily from 1-6 and 7-9 p.m. except Tuesday when we are open from 1-6 p.m.

Nov. 29: The George Carpenter Benefit Basketball Game held last Saturday evening in the high school gym netted \$561.15. The Oswego Lions Club, sponsors of the game, wish to thank the cooperating organizations, many generous individuals and members of both teams for their part in the successful venture.

The Lions Club has purchased an Electro-Matic Wheelchair with the proceeds through Shuler's Drug Store. The chair has pushbutton controls; may be folded; and is equipped with a battery charger. It will be presented to Mr. Carpenter as soon as delivery permits.

George Carpenter fell from a ladder on July 26 of this year, injuring his spinal cord in such a manner that he is paralyzed from the chest down. He has partial use of his arms but no use of his hands. At the present time, he is totally paralyzed in his legs.

Four hundred six meals were served in the Oswego school cafeteria [at the high school] last Wednesday to students and help with the 140 lbs. of turkey they used. Most of the turkey was roasted the day before with only a small fraction being roasted on the day it was served. While the staff had anticipated more than the usual 280 to 300 it had not expected such a large increase.

"Why I Like to Live in Oswego" by Karla Saxon, first prize winner, grade school: I like to live in Oswego because of its location. It is located on the beautiful Fox River and in the center of one of the best farming communities in our country.

The people are all very friendly. They know each other very well. They share their problems and pleasure together. One can always depend on his neighbor to lend a helping hand in time of need. Traffic in town is seldom congested. The noise of heavy traffic is present only on the main highway.

And that is why I like to live in Oswego.

If there are persons in the community who would like to suggest a name for the new grade school under construction [East View School], you can send your suggestion to school board president Russell Rink or secretary Myron Wormley or leave it off at the high school office.

December -- 1956

Dec. 6: The Oswego Village Board met Monday night with members Zentmyer, Pinnow, Penn, and Crimmins present. In the absence of President Donnell Etwiler, who is vacationing in Florida for two weeks, James Zentmyer served as president pro-tem.

The building code for the village of Oswego was discussed and there will be an attempt made to pass the code, which has been under consideration for several months, at an adjourned meeting to be held Monday evening, Dec. 10.

A delegation of homeowners who reside outside of the village limits presented a protest against double water rates that went into effect recently on all water users outside of the corporate limits. This delegation, made up of persons who have been receiving water service from the village for some years, was represented by Attorney John Plain of Aurora. No action was taken.

An ordinance is being prepared for increasing the connection fees for water and sewer inside the village limits. The new rates being considered would boost the water connection fee from \$75 to \$150 and the sewer connection fee from \$25 to \$75.

Some of the Oswego stores will begin staying open evenings next week and also on Thursday afternoons.

The Oswego varsity cage team won its third game in succession Tuesday night, scoring a 44-20 win over a midget-sized Somonauk team.

Dec. 13: The terms of five members of the Oswego Village Board are up this year. The terms of members William Crimmins, Robert Schmidt, and Richard Jenkins are ending, as is the term of President Donnell Etwiler and Clerk Norma Hansen. None of the above-named have indicated they are planning to run again.

At the Oswego Village Board's adjourned meeting Monday a preliminary plan of subdivision of acreage on Rt. 25 was presented by Harold VanEtten and referred to the plan commission.

An ordinance was passed raising water connection fees from \$75 to \$150 and sewer connection fees from \$25 to \$75. It was also decided to charge a fee of \$25 for tapping into the village water mains.

A discussion of the new building code was held with a decision to adopt the Pacific Coast Uniform Building Code with a few variations. Adoption of the code will be in February or March.

Rich Songer opens up his new restaurant Monday in connection with the Standard Service Station he is now operating at the junctions of Routes 34 and 71. He will be open daily from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. [the origin of Scottie's Restaurant].

A public meeting is being planned for Jan. 14, 1957 to discuss the possibility of setting up a bank in Oswego, a facility that really is needed.

Dec. 20: A huge crowd of Ford owners jammed into Zentmyer Ford Sales showrooms last Saturday night for the big drawing for a 1957 Ford. The winning number was held by Herman Friebele of Oswego, who will receive a new 1957 Ford at no additional cost to him except the trade-in of his '56 bought at Zentmyer's.

The annual Christmas music program put on by the Oswego School Music Department will take place in the gym tonight, Thursday, at 8 p.m. 130 students will take part.

Oswego Postmaster G.C. Bartholomew stated that the Oswego Post Office will be open Sunday, Dec. 23, to accommodate Christmas mail.

From *Ledger* Editor Ford Lippold:

Request to Santa: Dear Santa, If you have room in your sack this year, would you please bring us here in Oswego a small bundle of vision to distribute among those who are in positions of public trust; a bagful of cooperation to be divided among all of us; and a heaping sleighfull of determination and desire to make Oswego measure up to its great potential.

Mr. Ed Donnelly, who has been acting as crossing guard at the intersection of Rt. 34 and Jackson Street for the past month is a man who certainly enjoys his job. Mr. Donnelly reports that the youngsters are easy to get along with, extremely courteous and eager to do what is right. Ed, who enjoys working with the youngsters, has no fear for the outcome of the present generation, and he is a person who has experienced some of the seamier sides of life, having been a guard at Joliet Penitentiary for over 20 years.

Dec. 27: Oswego promises to be an important year in the history of Oswego and the surrounding community. A great growth in the population of the township is on its way. Indications of what to expect may be had by the number of building lots that have been subdivided in the past year and the number that are now under consideration for subdivision. Some 3,000 building lots are now subdivided or available for subdivision in the township. Many of the lots have already been sold and construction will start in the spring.

With growth comes the usual problems: What to do about schools; what to do about sewer, water and other sanitary regulations; what to do about building codes and regulations; what to do about industry; what to do about taxes.

For a good number of years now, Oswego has been bogged down in a morass of stagnation; floundering around in a slough of indecision; and stifled in a forest of shortsightedness.

The time has come to play for the years ahead, the big years, the exciting years, the growing years. The time has come for doing and not for dreaming. The time has come for qualified and capable leaders in every position of responsibility. The year of 1957 holds a great challenge for Oswego and the community. Let us hope that we are big enough to meet that challenge.

At the September meeting of the county board of supervisors, Plainfield Road was placed on the state aid system in a unanimous vote. The Plainfield Road runs in a southeasterly direction as a continuation of Washington Street in Oswego to the extreme southeast corner of Oswego Township, thence straight south in NaAuSay Township to a point where it intersects with State Highway 126. It consists of approximately 7.25 miles with NaAuSay Township receiving about 2.5 miles and Oswego Township about 4.7 miles.

To place a road on the State Aid system does not necessarily mean that it will be blacktopped or improved appreciably. It does mean that it will no longer have to be maintained by the township alone.

Eventually more blacktopped roads will become available in Oswego Township but at present the county does not have the money to stand their share of the cost.

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January

Jan. 3: Oswegoans will have an opportunity to vote in three elections this spring to elect a total of 11 members to township, village, and school positions. The terms of five members of the village board end this April; the president, clerk, and three board members. Donnell Etwiler is the president whose term is ending. Norma Hansen, clerk, and Robert Schmidt, William Crimmin, and Richard Jenkins, trustees.

The township will elect a clerk and one justice of the peace. Ford L. Lippold is the present clerk and Mrs. Marion Steckel is the justice of the peace. Mrs. Steckel was appointed to fill an unexpired term caused by a resignation.

The terms of John Cherry and Stephen Paydon are up this April on the high school board, while Myron Wormley and Clark Mottinger will end their terms on the grade school board.

The terms of two of the five Oswego Park Board Commissioners are ending this April. Arthur Davis and Mrs. Gerald DuSell are the two members whose terms expire. Both have indicated they will not stand for reelection.

“Parents and Teachers Major in Industry” is the subject of a panel discussion to be presented at the January meeting of the Oswego PTA Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the high school gym. This is also the annual Father’s Night with males taking over the various offices. The panel will be moderated by William Warren, personnel man for Lyon Metal Products, Montgomery. Bill is a former Oswego High instructor and coach and has many friends in the community. The two members of the panel will be J.W. Wilson, personnel man for Caterpillar Tractor Company and Russell Kempiners, industrial relations man for Western Electric.

All members of the Oswego Lions Club, American Legion Post 675, and Business Men’s Association are alerted for Operation Takedown Sunday morning, Jan. 6, at 8:30 a.m. at which time the ornamental Christmas lights will be taken down.

Jan. 10: There will be a public meeting held in the community room Monday evening, Jan. 14, to discuss the possible formation of a bank in Oswego.

At the Oswego Village Board’s meeting Monday the Oswego Presbyterian Church requested permission to proceed with graveling of the property recently purchased from the township to be used as a parking area and permission was granted. A petition of a group of adjoining property owners against the use of the property as a parking area was denied.

Village engineer Walter Deuchler submitted an opinion on the proposed George Smith Subdivision requesting some 20 changes in the project before approval could be made.

The board decided that no exceptions are to be made to the ordinance setting up double water rental rates for residences outside of the corporate limits.

James Zentmyer and Milton Penn handed in resignations from the village board effective as of the April election. Both terms have two years to run.

A total of 36 building permits were issued by the village clerk during 1956, with 16 of the permits being for new homes with an estimated value of \$166,500; six garages with an estimated value of \$9,400; and 14 other permits covering alterations, conversions, and other than residential estimated at \$31,725 for a total estimated value of all permits issues of \$207,625.

Thomas Traughber, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Loyd Traughber and Miss Marjorie Ann Love, daughter of John Joseph Love, Edwardsville, and the late Mrs. Love were married in St. John's Methodist Church Saturday, Dec. 29. After a wedding trip in the south the couple will make their home in St. Charles.

Two postal vehicle drivers in Oswego will begin the New Year with a fresh look toward highway safety, Postmaster G.C. Bartholomew announced this week. Both Oswego postal drivers have qualified for the new U.S. Government Vehicle Operator's Identification Card, which is required by a law passed by Congress last spring. Earl McVicker, an Oswego postal driver for over seven years has not been involved in even the slightest accident. Marshall Young, substitute carrier for many years, was the only driver in this region to pass the prescribed tests with a perfect score. He, likewise, has never been involved in any vehicle accident.

Jan. 17: A good group of Oswegoans turned out for the meeting in the Community Room Monday night to discuss the possible formation of a bank in Oswego. There was a general feeling in the group of a definite need for a bank in Oswego and a steering committee is being formed to lay the groundwork for the possible organization of a bank on a community basis.

Four candidates have filed to run for Oswego Village Board in the April election. Filing were William Crimmin, who is completing his first term on the board; William Miller; Robert Schmidt, another incumbent; and Herb Rucks. George Griffin is running for one of the two unexpired terms to be filled, with no candidate having filed for the other unexpired term. Jim Zentmyer is running for president of the board and Norma Hansen is up for reelection as clerk. All of the candidates, with the exception of Crimmin, are running on the Progressive Party ticket. Crimmin is running as an independent.

Wenscel Bieschke has filed his petition of candidacy for Justice of the Peace of Oswego Township.

After two months in Detroit, Mich. as a meter tester helper for the Detroit Edison Company, Gerald Rucks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rucks, returned to his classes at Antioch College this week.

The Fox Valley Basketball Tournament will be held in the local gym Tuesday through Friday, Jan. 15-18 with two games scheduled for each of the four evenings.

Jan. 24: The Oswego Plan Commission met Tuesday night in the village hall with chairman William Miller presiding. Henry Smith, chairman of the zoning ordinance committee, went over the proposed zoning ordinance for the Village of Oswego step by step, with all questions being duly noted and will be referred to Mr. William Lawrence of Kincaid and Associates, the company drawing up the plan, for clarification. Plan commission officers elected for the coming

year were William Miller, chairman; John Luetlich, vice-chairman; Lois Drew, recording secretary; Dorothy Bell, corresponding secretary.

It was also decided that the township committee, which operates in an advisory capacity, would be retained for the coming year as problems coming up in regards to subdivisions and other development procedures will involve areas lying outside the corporate limits of the village.

Geoffrey E. Cooper, Oswego, local agent for the Chicago Burlington & Quincy Railroad, was elected local chairman for the Order of Railroad Telegraphers recently.

Jan. 31: The Reverend Vincent Raitelis, MIC, assistant at St. Mary's Catholic Church at Plano and administrator of St. Anne's Mission, Oswego, died suddenly Friday, Jan. 25, at St. Mary's rectory of an apparent heart attack.

Father Raitelis was born Aug. 28, 1918 in Mahanoy City, Pa. He is survived by his mother; four brothers, John and Joseph of Mahanoy City, Anthony of St. Clair, Pa., and Edward of Tulsa, Ok.; and three sisters, Mrs. George Bartlett of Tucson, Ariz., Mrs. Joseph Ferchie of Alexandria, Va., and Mrs. Charles McKerns of Mahanoy City.

The body was moved to Chicago for burial in St. Casimir Cemetery in a section reserved for members of the Marian Fathers Congregation.

Tonight, Thursday, is the night when the mothers of Oswego march for polio. A group of local women will call from house to house during the late afternoon and evening to help collect funds to help stamp out the great crippler, polio. Residents are asked to please turn on their porch lights.

A group of hardy scouts of Troop 31 spent the weekend at Camp KeDeKa in below zero weather. Boys attending included Ken Batterson, Steve Conroy, Bruce Borino, Don Leppert, Jim Akerlow, Ron Peck, Jim Schoberlein, Peter Wilson, Jack Farthing, Bob Wienke, Dan Nemanich, John Grach, and Gerry Weidert. Scoutmaster George Akerlow and committeeman Oliver Leppert were the leaders.

February -- 1957

Feb. 7: The October refund for the Village of Oswego from the half-cent sales tax was \$600.86. This sales tax refund plan has been in effect since voted in by the village board in February of 1956. Returns for the first nine months of the sales tax refund show that the village has received a total of \$4,918.49. Projecting these figures for an additional three months shows that the village will receive approximately \$6,500 during the first year of the sales tax return.

One-half of the money received is earmarked for downtown improvements such as street lights, sidewalks, streets, etc. The balance of the money is to be used as determined by the village board with a small portion of it going at present toward the school crossing guard's salary.

A group of 15 interested Oswegoans held a meeting in the Oswego Village Hall last Thursday night to discuss the proposed Oswego bank. A representative of the Continental Illinois Bank, Chicago, was present to meet with the group and explain the procedure.

At the Oswego Village Board meeting Monday an agreement between the village and Stanley Herren was signed in regards to water and sewer connections and street development in the Brookside Manor Subdivision.

Feb. 14: The overall general development plan of Oswego and Oswego Township will be presented at a public meeting to be held in the high school gym Thursday evening, Feb. 21. The Oswego Plan Commission, formed about a year ago, and the Oswego Village Board engaged Kincaid and Associates, Planners, to develop this overall plan for the orderly growth of Oswego and community. The completed plan will include zoning maps and ordinances, land use maps, subdivision regulations, and a building code.

As the plan encompasses both village and rural areas, William Miller, president of the plan commission, and all of its members urge that both rural and town people attend the meeting so that there will be a general understanding of what the overall plan is and the extent of its enforcement.

Oswego is one of the smallest, if not the smallest, town in this part of the United States to have such an official plan prepared and ready for adoption.

Ford Lippold: A population study recently completed by the Population Research and Training Center of the University of Chicago, shows that 50 of the 102 Illinois counties increased in population between 1950 and 1955. Population in a group of 13 counties classed as metropolitan increased by 9 percent during this period. Of 89 "non-metropolitan" counties, 37 gained population, 27 were unchanged, and 25 lost population.

Six counties (Kendall, DuPage, Grundy, Lake, Massac, and Will) in both classes gained by 20 percent or more.

It is interesting to note that the six counties having the majority of increase, in excess of 20 percent, are mainly those adjacent to Chicago and studies show that this increase is due to the decentralization of large industry.

All of this adds further evidence to the fact that our community is only undergoing the preliminary pangs of growing pains. The real labor is yet to come.

Oswego's Panther varsity could do no wrong last Friday night in swamping the hapless Newark Norsemen by a 67-34 count, the largest margin of victory by the local club in any game this season. The win gives Oswego a string of three victories, the best showing of the fast-waning season.

Denney's Supermart in downtown Oswego was offering free delivery, morning, and afternoon. "Our store is as close as your telephone," Denney's *Ledger* ad stated.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Friebele, Oswego, announce the engagement of their oldest daughter, Janice Louise, to Dale R. Kahle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hanson of Route 3, Aurora.

Feb. 21: Ford Lippold: A year of work has gone into the overall comprehensive plan for the Oswego community by the Oswego Plan Commission and Kincaid and Associates. This plan will be presented to the public at tonight's meeting in the Oswego High School gym. Every person interested in his community should be there.

There is no doubt that Oswego is going to grow. How much and how fast is still problematical. The only thing we can be assured of is that it will be soon and it will be big. It is necessary to have an orderly growth, one where the interest of everyone in the community is taken into consideration. It is with this thought in mind that the Oswego Comprehensive Plan has been developed.

Planning is a sign that a community is growing up. It is a sign that a community is up on its toes and ready to go forward.

The overall plan for the Oswego community will be unveiled at a mass meeting to be held in the high school gym tonight, Thursday, at 8 p.m. The plan, the culmination of a year of hard work on the part of the plan commission and Kincaid and Associates, Chicago, developers of the plan, will be a blueprint for the future growth of the Oswego community. Every person in the community is urged to attend the meeting and become acquainted firsthand with the general development plan of the community.

Eight members of the Panther wrestling team will compete in the sectional tourney to be held at Reavis High School, Oak Lawn, Friday and Saturday of this week. The Oswego contingent will be headed up by Leo Grach, a senior who has a season record of 14 wins and a single loss. Others due for sectional action include Bob Plaskas or Bill Penn, Dean Bundy, Bill Kontos, Keith Haag, Richard Way, Eugene Boram, and Bob Challis.

It took Yorkville's Foxes two overtime periods to subdue the Panthers from Oswego last Friday night, but when the last buzzer had sounded, the downriver foes had eked out a 50-48 decision in a sudden-death overtime.

Feb. 28: Over 200 enthusiastic persons attended the public meeting in the Oswego gym last Thursday night to witness the unveiling of the comprehensive development plan for the Oswego community.

Under this overall plan, once it is accepted and passed by the village board and recorded, subdivisions, business expansion, and all other municipal development will proceed in an orderly manner in accordance with the plan.

According to Mr. Lawrence's projected population figures, the Village of Oswego has a potential of perhaps 3,500 persons by 1965. Projected figures for the township were not given.

Three persons have filed petitions for the two openings on the Oswego Park Board, George Hettrich, Henry Smith, and Richard Young.

Three Oswego wrestlers qualified for the state finals last Friday and Saturday in the sectional tournament at Oak Lawn. Dean Bundy (103) and Bill Kontos (112) took sectional championships in their weights while Leo Grach (138) took a second place. All three travel to Champaign this Friday and Saturday for state final competition.

The Girl Scout program in Oswego has grown in the past ten years from an initial membership of 26 girls and five adults in 1946 to the present 122 registered members in the Oswego neighborhood.

March -- 1957

March 7: Three members of the committee set up to discuss ways and means for an Oswego bank traveled to Chicago last week to meet with the auditor of public accounts and representatives from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Forms were obtained for requesting an organizing permit for an Oswego bank and are ready to be filled out.

At the Oswego Village Board's meeting Monday night a discussion was held on the merits of spraying for Dutch Elm Disease and Robert Schmidt was delegated to find out what the cost of such an operation would be.

The plan commission indicated that it has endorsed the Pacific Coast Building Code for Oswego and action will be taken on accepting this code when the final plan for the village is adopted. The board adopted a method of procedure for new subdivisions in regards to engineering and installation of water, sewer, roads, and other utilities.

The deadline for filing for the Oswego Board has passed and a look at the list of candidates shows one person running for each position that is open. James Zentmyer has filed for president of the board, a position now held by Donnell Etzwiler. Members running for full terms are William Crimmins (incumbent), William Miller, and Robert Schmidt (incumbent). Members running for part terms of two years are Herb Rucks and George Griffin.

The Oswego District Basketball Tournament held in the Oswego gym last week was well-attended, with over 4,000 persons crowding around the local hardwood during the four night stand. Over \$2,000 was taken in at the door. The local school retains 40 percent of the entire gate but must pay all of the tournament expenses.

Oswego defeated Lemont easily in its first round game, but found the Plainfield jinx still holding as the Wildcats came from behind in the last two minutes to defeat Oswego for the fourth time this year.

March 14: the Oswego Grade School Basketball Team composed of eighth graders has finished a season winning 15 games and losing none. Jerry Boram was the top scorer for the Oswego team, racking up a total of 196 points in the 15 contests for an average of 13 points per game. Other scoring leaders were Tom Stubblefield, Dick Schwanz, Jerry Murphy, and Bob Nutt. Other members of the undefeated squad included Jim Stredde, Barry Hafenrichter, Jim Gilmour, Salvador Rios, Norman Harvey, Roy Rogers, and Neil McCauley.

March 21: The petition of a certain portion of the 40C School District for detachment from [high school] District 300, Oswego, and attachment to Naperville has been remanded to the Kendall County Board of School Trustees by Judge Proust of the District Court of this area. The rehearing of the petition will be held in the court room at Yorkville on Friday afternoon, March 22.

The original petition, which was heard by the Kendall County Board of School Trustees in the spring of 1956, asked that a certain portion of the northern corner of the Oswego High School District with an assessed valuation of about a million dollars be detached from Oswego District

300 and attached to the Naperville High School District. The area being petitioned out is not in the Oswego Grade School District, but is formed into its own District 40C.

The petition in question was denied by the Kendall County Board of School Trustees, taken to the DuPage County Board of School Trustees where it was approved, and then to the District Court where Judge Proust ruled that the evidence given on both sides was inconclusive and he remanded it back for rehearing.

The petition will follow the same route from Kendall to DuPage counties to the District Court.

The U.S. Census Bureau recently reported that at the outset of the 1956-57 school year, there were a total of 54,402 school governments. The present number of school districts is less than half the total of 108,579 that was counted in 1942 and indicates a drop of 23 percent even from the 1951-1952 total of 67,346. Most of the marked changes have resulted from consolidation and reorganization of rural districts. The forming of unit districts has contributed greatly to the decrease in total number of school districts in Illinois and other states.

In each of seven states, including Illinois, the number of school districts has been cut by at least 1,000 in the last five years.

Illinois Bell Telephone is holding "Telephone Community Night" in Oswego next week and a recording machine called the "Voice Mirror" will be one of the displays. W.N. Hollister, telephone manager for this area said, "Telephone Community Night is really a telephone company Open House... We're going to take all our visitors 'behind the scenes' and show them how their telephone system works. There will be displays, exhibits, and demonstrations of all kinds."

Included in the guided tour of exhibits will be working dial equipment that shows what happens when a local call is dialed; an Operator Toll Dialing demonstration of long distance calling; and an 'Electronic Brain' which will play tic-tac-toe against visitors (and hasn't lost a game yet!).

The Oswego Village Board purchased two lots in Madison Street last week for the site of the new well. The lots, situated on the south side of the street where Madison and Douglas join, were owned by Verne Flemming. The purchase price of the parcel of land was \$3,500.

A \$75,000 bond issue was voted on last year for construction of the new well, pump house, and appurtenances. It is expected that bids will be advertised for as soon as the necessary specifications are ready.

March 28: Carr's Department Store is celebrating its 19th year in business in Oswego this week. John Carr has had the store completely remodeled from one end to the other during the past year and all of the new displays will be completed by this weekend when the annual anniversary sale begins.

Members of the Panther baseball squad have already two weeks of practice under their belts. This year's pitching staff is being headed up by Chuck Shuler, Dave Garbleman, and Ron Silvius. According to Coach John Bednarcik, it is probable that Shuler will be one of the front line hurler.

Coach Bednarcik is also looking forward to a great deal of help from newcomers Tom Jarman, John Neminich, and Bob Plaskas. Other new faces on the squad will be Jack Funkhauser, Bill Husband, David Roth, Joel Schiltz, Ken Walper, Ron Murphy, and Norman Aug.

The Oswego Village Board continued an adjourned meeting last week with salary schedules being considered. It was decided to raise the salary of the village clerk to \$60 per month, the salary of the treasurer to \$325 per year, the corporation counsel to \$250 per year. It was also voted to allow the board members \$10 per meeting, with a maximum number of meetings being 15 during the year). The present stipend of the board members is \$50 per year.

The board also passed the subdivision ordinance drawn up by the Oswego Plan Commission and Kincaid and Associates. This ordinance regulates the streets, utilities, sidewalks, gutters, curbs, size of lots, etc. in a subsequent subdivisions to be formed within the village limits and in a mile and one half perimeter of the village limits.

This ordinance is one of the three phases of the overall plan for the village of Oswego that must be passed by the village board and filed with the county before the Oswego Plan is in effect. The other two phases are the building code and the land use maps.

April -- 1957

April 4: In balloting the previous Saturday, Thomas A. Miller and Arthur E. Trambie were elected Oswego Township Justices of the Peace, beating Wenschel Bieschke. Jeffrey Rogerson was uncontested in his run for township constable. Richard Young and George Hettrich were elected to the Oswego Park District Board, beating out Henry W. Smith.

G.C. Bartholomew, chairman of the organizing committee for the new Oswego bank reports that the number of necessary forms pertaining to the organization of the bank have been completed by the following organizers: Homer Brown, Dr. Sheldon Bell, John Cherry, Charles Lippincott, Myron Wormley, Earl Zentmyer and G.C. Bartholomew.

The Kendall County Board of Supervisors is sponsoring a dinner meeting for Tuesday, April 9, at the Nick Moise restaurant at the intersection of Routes 34 and 47, Yorkville. Mr. Richard Arms, Director of Winnebago County and City of Rockford Planning Commission, will be the guest speaker.

Ford Lippold editorial: Gov. Stratton's plans for a day speed limit of 65 miles per hours and a night limit of 55 miles per hours are worthy of consideration. There are those who say that limiting speed is not a factor in accident reduction. One has only to look at the facts and figures published by the various agencies to give lie to that statement... Good laws and common sense can form a worthy partnership for longer life.

At their adjourned meeting last week the Oswego Village Board approved a new salary schedule. It was decided to raise the salary of the village clerk to \$60 per month; the salary of the treasurer to \$325 per year; the corporation counsel to \$250 per year. It was also voted to allow the board members \$10 per meeting, with a maximum number of meetings being 15 during the year. There would be no reimbursement for meetings in excess of \$15. The present stipend of the board members is \$50 per year.

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size of lots, etc. in all subsequent subdivisions to be formed within the village limits and in a mile and one half perimeter of the village limits.

At the annual Oswego Township meeting held last Tuesday afternoon, a quit claim deed was offered to the township cemetery for the Cowdrey Cemetery on Route 71 by Clare Parkhurst and was accepted by the town meeting.

April 11: A public hearing has been set for Thursday night, April 25, at which time the new zoning ordinance, land use maps etc., drawn up by Kincaid and Associates in conjunction with the Oswego Plan Commission will be finally acted upon. An opportunity will be given to all residents of the community to ask questions, voice objections and make statements concerning any phase of the plan.

As soon as the hearing is held and the maps and ordinances approved, it will be possible to file all parts of the comprehensive plan at Yorkville and get the plan into operation.

Plan commission chairman William K. Miller extends an invitation to all interested citizens to attend.

The old grist mill is no more. Many a local old-timer is thinking back this week to the many hours spent in debate and argument and general passing of pleasantries while they waited their turn to get their load of corn, oats, wheat, etc., ground at the one-time old mill on Adams and Tyler Street.

The old mill burned to the ground last week and the cause is still undetermined. The fire was spotted first shortly before 3 a.m. and the alarm turned in but the building, which has stood on that site for a century, was completely ablaze and was torn by an explosion shortly after the firemen arrived on the scene.

The building has recently been used by Jack Weis as a car body shop and one car was inside the building and two others parked alongside. All were destroyed.

The mill was operated by Roy Weber for a long term of years and finally ceased operation some years ago when portable grinders made their appearance on the local scene.

April 18: Front page editorial: To the new village board: You are to be congratulated on your election as members of the Oswego Village Board and commended for your interest in serving your community...As elected officials of the village you are charged with the serious obligation of making decisions that will reflect upon the entire community.

The Oswego overall development plan is in its final stages and soon you will have a detailed blueprint to work from that will be a guide to orderly growth. It will be your responsibility to see that this Oswego plan is put into effective use and adhered to without favor or to the best advantage of the entire community.

Oswego, to use an old cliché, is at the crossroads. The next few years will determine whether we progress or whether we withdraw into the shell of obscurity. Every effort should be made to increase business and service establishments, for the heart of any community prosperity lies in its shopping area. The 36 businesses in the corporate limits are now accounting for one-fifth of the personal property tax of the village and a good share of the real property tax. The more businesses, the better tax base. Failure to encourage the business area to grow and expand will only provide opportunity for competitive areas in outlying districts and loss of a potential tax base.

Special effort should be directed toward encouraging new subdivisions to become part of the corporate area. This works to mutual advantage. It broadens the tax base, thus affording better and more economical services to all. It gives the new areas the advantage of public utilities they would not otherwise have...

You have been elected to a position of trust. It is your duty to execute your duties as impartially as possible. Friendships and petty jealousies are not valid reasons for making decisions. The only good yardstick is "Is it good for the community?"

The Oswego Dragway was scene of a record-breaking crowd last Sunday as 4,352 persons packed every available space of the grounds. A field of 364 cars competed on the twin acceleration strips with a total of 1,276 runs being made during the day's competition.

Ron Lutsch, Chicago, was top eliminator of the day, using a hot rod made of a 1940 Ford body and a 1950 Olds engine. He turned in a top speed of 107.14.

Fastest car on the track, however, was a roadster powered by a 1949 Olds engine, which was clocked electronically at 115.38 miles an hour, driven by Kenneth Hirata, Lowell, Ind.

Each car competing was put through a 37-point safety inspection by the Torquers of Elgin, a club chartered by the National Hot Rod Association.

Everything from motorcycles to Jaguars took part in the daylong competition, with entries from all of the Midwestern area including entries from Wisconsin, Indiana, and Iowa.

Wally and Bob Smith, owners of the drag strip, located on Route 34 about a mile south of Oswego, are busily preparing for another large turnout next Sunday.

The seven man group of organizers for the Oswego bank will meet with chairman G.C. Bartholomew tonight. A decision will be made as to the correspondent bank, which is a necessity to every small bank. A discussion will also be held on the bank building and several other matters.

A real heavy vote was cast in the village election Tuesday despite the fact there was no opposition on the ballot. Jim Zentmyer, nominee for president of the board, led the pack with 237 votes. A write-in campaign for Dorothy Bell gave her 33 votes for village clerk with the present clerk, Norma Hansen, receiving 197 votes. Trustees elected for full four year terms were Robert Schmidt, William Miller, and William Crimmin. Elected to fill two year unexpired terms were George Griffin and Herbert Rucks.

April 25: In an attempt to slow down traffic moving through town, state police, deputies from the county sheriff's office, the township constable, and the village police were all on duty last Sunday to enforce speed and license laws in Oswego.

A total of 12 arrests were made resulting in nine convictions and one continuance. Justice of the peace court was held in the village hall with justices Tom Miller and Arthur Trambie presiding. A policy of small fines, but many of them, was agreed to be in the best interests of all concerned.

A public hearing will be held in the Oswego Village Hall tonight to consider the proposal of making a comprehensive amend to the zoning ordinance of the Village of Oswego, including comprehensive changes in the zoning of all real estate situated in the corporate limits.

Theodore Gerry, chairman of the board of appeals of the Village of Oswego, will preside at the meeting. Every property owner in the corporate limits will be given an opportunity to discuss the proposed rezoning proposals.

A preliminary plat of a new 39 lot subdivision was presented to the Oswego Plan Commission last Monday night by Chris Herren. The proposed subdivision area lies on what is commonly referred to as the old Cutter School Road, just off Route 71 south and west of Oswego. The area lies between the river and the CB&Q Railroad tracks and has outlets on the river road that runs from Route 71 toward the village and township dump area.

The organizing committee for the new Oswego bank met last Thursday night and selected Harris Trust and Savings, Chicago, as the correspondent bank for the planned local institution. All small banks of the type planned for Oswego find it necessary to work through larger clearing houses for expediency and good service. The correspondent bank will outline the type of building needed, help with furnishing qualified personnel to operate the bank and give, generally, such aid as it can in getting the Oswego bank off to a good start.

Present plans are to have the shares of stock in the new bank sell at a low cost each so that everyone will have an opportunity to be a part of the new organization. A limit will be placed on the amount of stock that any one person can own.

The contractor in charge of construction of the new Oswego grade school reports that the progress of the building is on schedule and it is expected that it will be completed by the first week in August. The grade school board voted Monday night to have classes for the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades in the new structure.

The grade board was organized for the year with LaVerne Shoger named as president and Russell Rink as secretary.

Other members of the board are Carl Hafenrichter, Clarence Ringberg, Robert Boughton, Walter Brill, and Ralph Ross.

May -- 1957

May 2: The Oswego Village Board met Monday night in the hall with all members present. The general development plan maps and area development plan maps were presented and approved by the action of the board. These plans will be recorded now with the county recorder at Yorkville and with the secretary of state at Springfield and are officially a part of the Oswego plan.

The zoning ordinance for the Oswego plan was also passed as recommend by the Zoning Board of Appeals following a public hearing held last Thursday night. Only two changes were made on the original plan as set out by Kincaid and Associates, Chicago, planners who are developing the Oswego plan.

A preliminary plat of a proposed subdivision was presented by Stanley Herren. The plat calls for laying out of 99 lots for building purposes in the area adjoining the present Brookside Manor area. The plat was referred to the plan commission for study.

It was voted to join the township in the joint purchase of a series of aerial maps of Oswego Township and the village of Oswego for reference work.

May 9: The last PTA meeting of the season will be held in the Community Room Tuesday evening, May 14. Everett Hafenrichter will present a program of colored slides depicting the school year of 1956-57 in review. He has been taking shots all year long of the various activities, including the Halloween Fair, the Halloween parade, several dances, the Christmas music concert, various grade and high school events, plus a series of slides on the construction progress at the new grade school.

The Oswego Village Board met Monday night with all members present. Members of the newly elected board were sworn in by Clerk Norma Hansen. President Donnell Etwiler yielded the chair to the new president, Jim Zentmyer, who conducted the balance of the meeting. Walter Deuchler, village engineer, reported that specifications were in order for the new well and that bids could be advertised.

It was voted to no longer furnish culverts or gravel for approaches to driveways or to furnish gravel for parkings.

Lawrence Dunlap inquired about curbing in front of his proposed gas station on Route 34 and was referred to the state highway department.

John Burkhart inquired about street lights and repair to streets in Morse Subdivision. The matter is to be turned over to the village corporation counsel.

O.W. Burkhart's resignation a corporation counsel was acted on and it was suggested that William C. Murphy, Aurora, be appointed new corporation counsel.

In answer to many complaints filed at the county courthouse and at Springfield, state police moved into Oswego last Sunday in an effort to curb traffic violations caused by the heavy traffic bound for the drag strip west of town.

Over 100 arrest tickets were handed out by the officers, with the majority of the violations being noisy and improper mufflers. Ten of the arrests were for speeding violations and several for improper license plates. Justices Tom Miller and Art Trambie held court in the Oswego Village Hall during the entire day and assessed the minimum fine of \$5 and costs in almost all of the cases. The fine money goes to the county due to the fact that arrests were made by state police. In order for the village to control fine money, arrests must be made by a village officer. The state officers used a radar check system on the cars, radioing ahead to another squad car when they found motorists who were proceeding at too fast a speed.

The May menus for the Oswego school cafeteria have been prepared from suggestions and requests of the youngsters. According to a questionnaire that was filled out by each student, the most popular foods served during the year were meat loaf, Coney islands, mock pizza pie, Spanish rice, toasted cheese sandwiches, and cherry cobbler.

May 16: The Oswego Plan Commission met Friday night in a special session. Chairman William Miller reported that the final report of Kincaid and Associates on the Oswego plan would be ready for distribution in two to three weeks. These reports will be available for a nominal fee. Don Dise, developer of the Boulder Hill Subdivision, presented a preliminary plat of proposed Section No. 4, calling for between 450 and 500 lots for approval. The area is immediately to the south of the present erection program.

Chairman Miller submitted his resignation from the plan commission, stating that his recent election to the Oswego Village Board would take a great deal of his time.

Three Oswegoans were awarded first place honors in the Minooka Art Show held last week. Winners were Jim Seidelman, Carol Shoger and Nancy Drew. Other Oswego entries included David Dreier, third; Mrs. Fred Borino, second; Ruth Dreier, second and third.

State police officers were again on duty Sunday, May 12, to assist local law enforcement authorities and a total of 30 arrests were made. Thirteen arrests for speeding charges, 13 on noisy muffler charges, four for operating improperly license vehicles.

Justice of the Peace Art Trambie said that he was impressed by the fact that the great majority of those brought into court were honorable, respectable young citizens who merely needed a small fine as a reminder that they must operate the automobiles in compliance with the law at all times. Trambie held two conferences with Walter Smith, operator of the Oswego Drag Strip, and it was learned that every possible effort is being put forth to discourage undesirables from participating in the races. A high code of standards has been established by the operators of the track and is being rigidly enforced.

Dr. E.W. Lowry was appointed health officer for the village at the Oswego Village Board meeting Monday night. Don Etwiler was appointed chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Three members of the plan commission whose terms had expired were reappointed, Mrs. Stanley Drew, Everett McKeown and Douglas Dreier. Ford L. Lippold was appointed a member of the commission to fill out the unexpired term of William Miller, who resigned last week due to his election to the village board.

The hiring of a building inspector was discussed and a decision will be made in the next few days as to who it will be. A request from Lawrence Dunlap to have an alley platted between Adams and Harrison streets vacated was referred to the plan commission for study.

It was voted to have a census taken as soon as possible in order to gain additional motor fuel tax funds.

Advertisement:

**CIRCUS!**

Thurs, May 30 is the Big Day

Two Big Shows: Afternoon and Evening!

There'll be wild animals, aerialists,  
clowns, animal acts, thrills and  
chills. All the "Bit Top" glamour...

There will be a number of the animals in the big Memorial Day parade, and some of them will be on display (free of charge) on the circus lot between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Circus Day on the lot.

The Circus Will Be Held at the South Limits  
of Oswego Where Main St. and Highway 25 Intersect  
(The Zielke property across from the Cemetery).

Tickets are no Sale now from Legionnaires at  
Adults \$1; Children, 50 cents

Be sure and buy your tickets and attend the circus

## Oswego American Legion Post 675

May 23: Sixty-seven eighth grade students will graduate into high school Wednesday evening, May 29 in the high school gym. Salutatorian was Bob Nutt. Valedictorian was Rita Bell. The class motto was "An Investment in Knowledge Pays the Best Interest."

The famous Cole Wild Animal Circus will set up in Oswego for two performances on Memorial Day, Thursday, May 30. This big top extravaganza features some of the finest animal acts in the world, including the biggest elephant, rhinoceros, and dozens of other wild animals. The circus will set up at the south end of the village at the intersection of Main Street and Route 25 across from the cemetery on the Zielke property. This feature attraction is being presented by the Oswego American Legion.

Everett Hafenrichter was elected president of the Oswego Park Board for the new year, replacing Ralph Wheeler. George Hettrich was named as vice-president. The board appointed John Carr as treasurer and Ford L. Lippold as secretary.

It was voted to hire the following personnel for the summer recreation program: Ruth Weidert handicraft instructor for large playground; Jean Bower, playground instructor at White School; James Seidelman, assistant playground instructor at White playground; Arthur Trambly, part-time playground instructor at Red Brick playground and Little League; Lois Morley, handicraft instructor at small playground.

The competition for cheer leaders for both frosh-soph and varsity for the 1957-58 school year was spirited, with the final results as follows: Varsity: Judy Detzler, Captain; Nila Burkhart; Jim Seidelman; Yvonne Haag.

Frosh-Soph: Nanette Smith, captain; Diane Blome; Maria Calamaras; Carlene Collins.

Program chairman Kenneth Bohn and his committee are happy to present the "Poet-Artist" Frank H. Keith, Chicago, to the Oswego High School Alumni at the 59th Annual Meeting, which will be held in the gym Saturday, June 1, at 8 p.m. Mr. Keith will have his "Magic With Crayon" program, which has thrilled thousands of Midwestern audiences and is rated foremost in his field. Janis Essenpreiss Hoch and Roger Schillinger are on the nominating committee for 1958 officers.

May 30: Front page editorial: Voters of Kendall County will have an opportunity to vote on an increase in the county tax rate Monday, June 3. It isn't often that this paper urges persons to vote for or against anything. However, after a great deal of investigation of the subject, it is apparent that it is no longer wise to operate a jet-age county program on a horse and buggy budget.

We pour money into Washington like sand into a rat hole with nary a squawk and without knowing where or how it is being spent (or wasted), but here, on a local level of government, we have an opportunity to check on the expenditure of every penny.

The increase being asked for amounts to a maximum of 5.4 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation or \$5.40 on a valuation of \$10000.

We don't thin the increase is unreasonable. If we are to have services, we must pay for them.

Commencement exercises for the High School Class of 1957 will be held at 8 p.m. in the gym, Friday, May 31. A total of 40 students are to receive diplomas. Salutatorian is Priscilla Larsen; valedictorian is James Lantz. Activity Award winner is Richard Nutt; Sportsmanship and Athletics Award winner is David Garbleman. The class motto is "Knowledge is a Treasure, But Practice is the Key to It."

The final school session of the year will be on Monday morning, June 3, with classes convening at 8:30 and letting out before the noon hour.

Chairman G.C. Bartholomew of the Oswego Community Bank organization committee reports that two men were interviewed last week for the top management position and that several others are to be interviewed within the next few days. He also stated that specifications for the bank building had been received from Harris Trust and Savings, the local group's correspondent bank.

The Oswego Village Board met Monday night. Five bids for the construction of the new well were opened with the contract being awarded to Layne Western Company, Aurora, in the amount of \$35,445.50.

A committee from the local American Legion Post requested that the board reconsider a decision to ban carnivals from downtown streets. No action was taken.

A committee was appointed to meet with a committee of the Oswego Business Men's Association to discuss downtown street lights.

A request was received for a temporary water line to the Standard Service Station at the intersection of Rts. 34 and 71. It was referred to committee.

Lawrence Dunlap's request that the platted alley between Adams and Harrison Street be closed was allowed.

The board voted to accept the final report of the Oswego Plan prepared by Kincaid & Associates in accordance with recommendations from the Oswego Plan Commission.

It was also voted to inform Don Dise, subdivider, that Section 4 of the Boulder Hill Subdivision submitted in preliminary plat from has 14 variations which are to be corrected before any action can be taken.

Robert Schmidt, chairman of streets and alleys reported that the Adams Street bridge is in hazardous condition and action will be taken to repair same.

Helen Calamaras not only received the school citizenship award given each year to a member of the senior class, but also was given the DAR and the American Legion Citizenship awards at commencement exercises last Friday night.

June -- 1957

June 6: The proposed county tax increase failed by a 3-1 margin.

*Ledger* editorial: Although we welcome progress and know that residential growth is coming to our community we feel that an undue burden is being foisted on the present taxpayers of Oswego

Township. We also feel that the burden of the solution of this problem lies upon the shoulders of the subdividers, the persons who stand to profit from this growth.

When a new home is built, it is just about two years before any taxes at all are realized on it. Therefore, existing taxpayers are footing the bill for new homeowners and subdividers for this period. Some compensation should be forthcoming, perhaps in a lump sum payment to the school boards before a building permit is issued, or some other like agreement that would help equalized the tax load.

Why not have subdividers responsible for schools in their areas on a progressive basis? Each subdivider furnish so many school rooms for each 50 or 100 homes erected in that subdivision. Subdivider and purchaser could absorb the cost equally.

Oswego's position is not unique. This same tax monster is being reared in other communities which have found that they must act quickly to shackle it or be crushed in a tax vise. Negotiation has proven to be the most successful weapon, backed up by plenty of vociferous public opinion.

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June 13: A record 130 boys were participating in the Oswego Park District's Little League baseball program. Dave Dreier and Budd Wormley were playing on the Lions; Glenn Young and Bob Saxon were playing for the Hawks; Jack Weis was on the Braves; and Dick Foster and Paul Baumann were on the Sox.

June 20: The Oswego Village Board held a special meeting Tuesday evening to discuss several problems, among them was mosquito fogging. A bid in the neighborhood of \$600 for the balance of the season was received from a fogging company. Due to the fact that no money was appropriated for such a purpose, it was voted by the board to give residents a chance to make such a program possible. Donations will received at Shuler's Drug Store. As soon as sufficient interest has been shown, a contract will be made with the fogging company.

The Oswego American Post presented a petition with 109 signatures requesting use of Main Street between Washington and Van Buren for a carnival to be held the last three days of June. The board voted to allow the Legion to hold the carnival as planned with the restriction that no cars be parked on the north side of Van Buren Street between Main and Madison except for clinic patients.

The hiring of a night patrolman was discussed and no action was taken.

Two Oswego boys were the only recipients of scholarships at the University of Illinois for this year, according to word received from Irving A. Shears, county superintendent of schools. Charles William Condon Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Condon, will receive the Kendall

County General Scholarship. Tom Wolf, another Oswego graduate this year, won the scholarship offered to the child of a World War I veteran.

We firmly believe that it's high time that downtown streets be marked off for proper parking. The paint to do the job with has been sitting in the village hall for over two years now. Good thing paint doesn't sour like milk.

Have you tried out the new outside public telephone booth at the northeast corner of Main and Washington Street yet? Quite a few people have.

June 27: If the first two weeks are any indication, attendance at the playgrounds is due to set a new high this year. Average attendance at the two play areas during the open weeks of the ten week period is over 150 youngsters per day, not including the pre-schooler sessions on three mornings each week.

Oswego is one of the very few small communities in the Middle West that offers such a wide range of summer activities for its boy and girl population. With the exception of daily swimming, the Oswego program is equal to or better in opportunities than those in even much larger towns and cities.

village Collector Al Shuler reports that some donations are already in for the proposed mosquito control fogging for Oswego. The plan set up by the Clarke Outdoor Spraying Company also would include the built-up areas on the west side of the Fox River in order to build up an effective control on both sides of the river.

July -- 1957

July 4: The Oswego Village Board met Monday night. It was decided to authorize two foggings for control of mosquitoes with subsequent foggings to be determined by the amount of money donated by residents of the community. At noon on Tuesday, July 2, \$98 had been turned in to village collector Al Shuler for mosquito control. The cost of each fogging is \$160.

It was voted to hire Chicago Bridge and Iron Company to drain the water tank, inspect, and make a report on its condition.

Herbert Lantz presented several requests: That the CB&Q Railroad be requested not to block crossings for so long a period of time; information on the building of several homes on the west side of Route 25; and the opening of a street. Referred to committee for study.

The state police came to Oswego again last Sunday morning and the radar equipment was set up at 5:30 a.m. In cooperation with the local police, a check was made for violators of speed, licenses, muffler, and other regulations.

The largest fine of the day assessed by Justice of the Peace Art Trambie was \$25 for permitting a 15 year old boy to operate a motorcycle equipped with straight pipes and without a license.

David Dreier is spending the summer in Colorado with his two grandmothers.

July 11: The second annual church picnic for St. Anne's Church will be held July 14 at the Smith estate, directly across from the Oswego Drag Strip on Route 34 after the 9 a.m. services.

The first fogging for control of mosquitoes in the village was completed last Friday night. The next fogging will be done after inspection of mosquito breeding places indicates new swarms are prevalent. Contributions at noon on Tuesday stood at \$229 as against a total cost of \$360 for the two foggings contracted for.

*Ledger* editorial: One of the biggest criticisms that Little League Baseball faces is the rabid parent. Fortunately, that situation has not reared its ugly head in Oswego in the five or six years of Little League, but has been evident in other communities... It is easy to control a temper tantrum or unsportsmanlike conduct when it comes from a player by benching him or banishing him from a game, but the rabid spectator just goes on and on. Perhaps a good example by the youngsters will wake some of them up.

The final report on the Oswego Plan has been completed and assembled... These reports, strongly bound in spiral binding, complete with maps, will be available from the office of village clerk Norma Hansen at cost. Two hundred and fifty copies of the report have been prepared and will be available on a first come, first served basis.

Those who contributed to payment of the \$2,500 fee for preparing the plan included the Oswego High School District, Oswego Grade School District, Lions Club, Woman's Civic Club, American Legion Post 675, American Legion Auxiliary, 19th Century Club, Oswego Park Board, and the Oswego Township and Oswego Village boards.

Jim Lantz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lantz, entered the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis on July 1 after spending a few days with Larry Voss in New Jersey. Jim graduated from Oswego High School in June and was valedictorian of the class of '57.

The village board has asked that all persons limit the sprinkling of lawns and excess use of water during the summer months as present pumping machinery is unable to stand heavy demands.

July 18: Employees of the Layne Western Company, Kansas City, Mo., are busy drilling the new well in Madison Street. The new well, which will have a capacity of approximately 500 gallons per minute and the well house and other appurtenances is being financed with a \$75,000 bond issue. The combined capacity of the two present wells is approximately 180 gallons per minute. The new well will be between 1,300 and 1,400 feet deep, compared to approximately 620 feet of the present wells.

It is estimated that Oswego people now use an average daily gallonage of 104,250 and that with normal population increase, a daily gallonage of 142,000 will be necessary in 1966 and 186,200 gallons daily by 1976.

Completion date for the new well is 180 days, which means that it could be in operation by late November or early December.

Village Collector Al Shuler reports that donations to the Mosquito Abatement Fund have now passed the \$300 mark. A check on Tuesday, July 16, showed a total of \$323 contributed.

July 25: Lyle Shoger, Henry Pierce, and Paul Dwyre spent several days this week painting orange lines on the downtown streets designating parking and no-parking zone areas.

The marriage of Miss Audrey Fosgett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne L. Fosgett to James Fechner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester W. Fechner, Aurora, took place Saturday July 20 in a candlelight double-ring ceremony in the Oswego Presbyterian Church.

A district census supervisor from Chicago will be in the village Tuesday, July 30, to interview persons interested in working on the new census of the village to be taken during August. It is estimated that the 1950 census figure of 1,220 persons in the corporate limits is now somewhere in the neighborhood of 1,360 or 1,400 persons.

August -- 1957

Aug. 1: School superintendent T. Loyd Traughber announced this week that the 1957-58 teaching staff is completed with 36 teachers ready for the Aug. 30 opening date. All three sections of grade one will be housed in the White Grade School building; three sections each of second and third grades will be in the Red Brick School; all three sections of fourth fifth, and sixth grade will be in the new elementary school now under construction; seventh and eighth grades will be in the junior high building. Richard Rockenback will be principal of the high school; Gordon Anderson is principal of the new East View School; Lowell Polley will be principal of the junior high; and Helen Hutton will be principal at the Red Brick School.

Through the courtesy of Mayor Paul Egan Aurora, local downtown merchants have free tickets to Riverview Park available for Saturday, Aug. 3. These tickets are good for free admission to the park and for six rides.

Aug. 8: The most recent special census taken in the Village of Oswego showed a population of 1,381, up from the 1950 count of 1,220 residents. The door-to-door census counted everyone living in Oswego as of July 30, 1957.

New water rates for Oswego were approved by the village board at \$4 for the first 700 cubic feet and 40 cents for each additional 100 cubic feet. Water bills were also to be sent out quarterly instead of semi-annually, the *Ledger* reported.

It was decided to have two more foggings for mosquito control this season.

It was voted that any future closing of alleys will be done only if all property owners adjoining such area pay \$50 fee for each lot.

Nine buses will be used this school term to transport the pupils to and from Oswego schools. Drivers are Richard Light, Ronald Smith, Roy Krug, Stanley Peterson, Thomas Haugh, Earl Schlapp, Victor May, Wayne Fosgett, and Bernice Bower.

In other school business, Mrs. Dorothy Mighell, who has taught third grade during the past three years, resigned her position last week.

St. Anne's Mission held their annual barbecue and ice cream social on Aug. 11 at the church hall on Washington Street.

Aug. 15: Oswego's entry in the 20-team Cornbelt Little League defeated Sheridan in the championship game Monday night, 12-0 to keep its record for the season spotless and win the big trophy. Bob Tripp, hurling for Oswego, struck out 18 Sheridan batsmen and allowed only one hit.

Oswego turned in ten hits with Mike Linden, Dale LaGow, Verlin Boram, and John Seidelman each getting two; John Morley and Jerry Flemming added one apiece.

Bohn's Food Store in downtown Oswego offered evening hours until 9 p.m. every Friday, and featured "A full line of fresh fruits and fresh vegetables."

Justice Tom Miller handled five arrests during August and assessed a total of \$85 in fines, the *Ledger* reported.

In its appropriations ordinance published Aug. 15, the Oswego Park District planned to spend \$8,700 during its 1957-58 fiscal year.

Aug. 22: The Rev. Ralph Didier was named the new pastor at the Oswego Presbyterian Church.

Aug. 29: "Oswego schools open Friday p.m." a headline in the Aug. 29 *Ledger* reported, adding "New East View is not ready." According to the story, the new East View School, opening as an intermediate building for grades 4-6, would not be ready for occupancy until Sept. 15. As a result, students in the three grades were being sent to classrooms in the junior high addition to Oswego High School [formerly Traughber Junior High, now the Oswego 308 Center], in the gym and second floor classrooms at the old Red Brick School.

Scoutmaster George Akerlow has announced that regular meetings of Troop 31 will start Sept. 9. The meeting place is not yet determined. Troop 31 is sponsored by the Oswego Parent Teacher Association.

September -- 1957

Sept. 5: Front page *Ledger* editorial: "Each evening as the sun sinks slowly in the west, a gloomy pall of darkness descends on Main Street, Oswego, like a shroud," *Ledger* Editor Ford Lippold wrote on Sept. 5. "On each street corner, at four hundred foot intervals, a feeble bulb casts a dull, murky yellow glob of indistinguishable dimness. Street curbs and sidewalks lie waiting in the blackness to trip up unwary feet. The dark creeps in and Main Street, Oswego is smothered in a blanket of gloom. Corny prose, yes, but just another way of pointing out that Oswego has one of the worst, if not the worst, lighted Main Streets in the entire Fox Valley."

The Oswego Panther football teams will get off to an early start on their eight game schedule this year with the opener set for the local gridiron with Elburn as the opposition. Head coach Ken Pickerill will have a lot of boys to look over this year with almost 60 boys out for football, with a good many of them being freshmen. Jim Aird will handle the Frosh-Soph team, which will play a schedule comparable to the varsity."

The first meeting of the Grove Road Farmers Club will be held Thursday night, September 12, at the Myron Wormley home.

Sept. 12: "New high for school enrollment," a *Ledger* headline reported. Enrollment was up by 79 students over the opening day in 1956. Total grade school enrollment, including the one remaining one-room school (Church School in Wheatland Township) was 665, compared to 615 the year before. Total high school enrollment was 226 compared to 197 the year before. Total school enrollment was 891 students "with the number being increased almost daily by new arrivals," according to the *Ledger*.

The Oswego Village Board learned the new municipal well at Madison and Douglas Street was on schedule and was currently at a depth of 700 feet, or about half way to the expected 1,400 foot final depth.

Village Clerk Norma Hansen presented her resignation from that office effective as soon as someone is appointed to take her place.

Sept. 19: George C. Bartholomew, chair of the organization committee of the proposed Oswego Community Bank announced that stock pledges were being taken for the new bank. A total of 1,000 shares at \$50 per share were authorized to be sold, with no one person allowed to buy more than \$10,000 worth of shares.

Sept. 26: Although not completely finished, pupils of the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades will move into the new East View School on Monday, Sept. 30. The heating unit is being connected up this week and will be ready in time for the opening. It was necessary to sink the huge oil tank into solid rock which took some time and effort on the part of workmen. Gordon Anderson was serving as the school's first principal, as well as doing duty as a sixth grade teacher.

Almost \$50,000 in stock in the new Oswego Community Bank has been subscribed for by people living in the Oswego community area. The purchase of stock by any one person is limited to 200 shares or \$10,000.

October -- 1957

Oct. 3: The Oswego Dragstrip is to be the scene of the season's championship races on Saturday and Sunday, October 5 and 6. Time trials for the expected 300 or more entries will be held on Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. Joe Martincic, Cleveland, Ohio, holder of strip record at 140 mph, will be on hand and expects to exceed that speed. Also in the running will be Al Thompson of North Aurora who traveled 134 mph last week."

Oct. 10: Front page Leger editorial: For the second month in a row the Oswego Village Board has failed to have a quorum present at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting. A deplorable situation!

Persons who had business to transact with the village board were on hand at the village hall at the regular appointed hour of 8 p.m. Monday but an hour later filed out with nothing accomplished when a sufficient number of board members failed to show up to form a quorum. If an elected office holder finds that it is not possible for him to attend meetings with regularity, he should resign the position so that it can be filled by someone who can attend and carry out the responsibilities of the office.

The first service in the Boulder Hill Neighborhood Church of the Brethren will be held on Sunday, Oct. 13, at 11 a.m. Reverend Kenneth Yingst will give the sermon. The church is located at 5 Bereman Road.

The organizing committee of the new Oswego Community Bank reported that \$120,000 in stock had been subscribed.

The fourth, fifth, and sixth graders have finally moved into the new East View School. It's official!

It's been a long time since there's been so much interest in anything in the community as there is in the new Oswego Community Bank and, for a change, the comments are mostly favorable. Oh, there are a few diehards who say it will never go, but they are the same ones who said the auto would never replace the horse. Back to the easy chairs, boys, lay down and roll over, you're dead.

The new well progresses and the drilling should be just about finished by the end of the month, which will make those in the neighborhood happy.

Oct. 17: The Oswego Village Board considered a proposal to close a portion of Grant Street at the new East View School, and to build sidewalks in the area.

Donald Sebby was hired to serve as night police officer at a salary of \$325 at month. He went on duty Oct. 6.

The new well was finished, drilled to a depth of 1,378 feet, village engineer George Griffin reported. It was decided to build a 24x36 well house of concrete blocks and brick facing. Griffin reported that the water tank is in need of repair and recommended that a new tank be built in the near future.

Herb Rucks reported that the library building in Main Street owned by the village is in need of gutters.

Bob Schmidt was authorized to take bids on repairs for the Adams Street bridge.

Property owners of Brookside Manor requested that the plat of Unit 1 be vacated and a new plat approved to correct errors. An ordinance to that effect was drawn up.

The preliminary plat of Herren's Brookside Manor, Unit 2, was presented and approved subject to several minor corrections. The plat is for 97 lots.

J. George Smith presented the final plat of the George D. Smith Subdivision and requested that the Oswego Village Board advertise for bids for installation of sewer and water. The plat was referred to the plan commission and the village clerk was authorized to advertise for bids, which will be opened on Nov. 12.

The preliminary plat of Christie Herren's subdivision was approved. The final plat is of the same subdivision was referred to the plan commission.

The preliminary plat of Clark's subdivision, submitted by Harry Clark, was referred to the plan commission.

Stock in the new Oswego Community Bank was oversubscribed, with more than 200 Oswegoans promising to buy more than \$130,000 in stock in the new bank.

Oct. 24: Members of the Oswego Business Association are sponsoring "Oswego Days" on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 1-2. All of the cooperating merchants will be offering specials that will mean real savings.

The forming of a commission to study the Fox River program is good news. The purpose of the commission, according to Gov. Stratton, will be to make a study of the river with a view towards making it a thoroughfare for small boats from the Chain-of-Lakes with the Illinois provide almost unlimited recreational facilities for northern Illinois. Certainly Oswego should be interested in this study, which could possibly provide a four foot level of water at all times in the Fox.

Students earning spots on the high honor roll at Oswego High School were Jeannette McCorkle, David Roth, Susan Cherry, Alice Ebinger, and Rita Bell.

The Oswego Fire Protection District listed total expenditures of \$13,898.88 for their fiscal year ending May 1, 1957 in a legal notice in the *Ledger*.

Oct. 31: This issue marks the completion of the eighth successive year of publication of the *Oswego Ledger*," editor Ford Lippold wrote. "A lot of water has flowed over the dam in that period of time, a new high school and a new grade school have been built. Also a new fire barn, a new Catholic church. The Oswego Park District was created. A new bank will be built soon. The Oswego Plan Commission was formed. Caterpillar Tractor Company came into the community. Thousands of lots have been subdivided, hundreds of homes are already up. Population is on the increase. There are big things coming."

November -- 1957

Nov. 7: It was planned to have an open house at the new East View School building for the November 12 PTA meeting but contractors are still puttering around. The floor tile is still not on in the gym and it will be ten days to two weeks before it is finished.

At the Oswego Village Board meeting Monday, the final plat of the George D. Smith subdivision was tabled until land donations and other variations are completed with. The preliminary plat of the Harry Clark Subdivision was not acted on due to several major variations.

A trusteeship of three men to handle the donations to the school fund by subdividers was signed with three trustees designated as the president of the grade school board, the president of the high school board and George Griffin, representing the village board. The money donated to this fund by subdividers will be used by the two school boards at their discretion.

A five man trusteeship was signed to handle the 10 percent land donation set up by the Oswego Plan for all subdividers in which every person who subdivides must donate 10 percent of the land or a sum in cash equal to the value of 10 percent of the unimproved land to be used for park and school sites. The trustees are made up of the presidents of the school boards, president of the Oswego Park Board, the president of the village board, and the president of the plan commission. This trusteeship will administer all funds and lands given by subdividers for school and park site purposes.

A request that Grant Street by the new grade school be vacated was denied.

It was voted to have Public Service Company install street lights in the Morse Subdivision.

Don Pinnow presented an amendment to the building code changing fees that was accepted and passed. Fees will now be based on square footage instead of valuation of building to be erected.

It was voted to employ Harold Manning as building inspector beginning as of now. Four inspections of all new buildings will be made.

William Miller was instructed to get prices on a new police car with funds for same, if purchased, to come from the village portion of sales tax refund money.

It was decided to have the two police officers now employed by the village rotate on day and night shift for two weeks periods of time.

The Oswego Days figures showing that between 20 percent and 25 percent of the merchandise sold in Oswego goes out of town points up a real need for improvements in our downtown area for the better of our business area looks, the more out of town sales will be made.

Out of town sales are beneficial to not only the store owners but the taxpayers as well, for such sales increase the sales tax refund revenue, cause the merchants to carry more stock thus building the personal property tax base; cause businesses to expand and other businesses to come to town thus building a broader real property tax. It well behooves the merchants and village officials to get together on some improvement plan.

Shuler's Drug Store announced in a full page ad that their popular toy shop upstairs over the drug store would open Saturday, Nov. 9. Hours through the holiday season were 1-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. weekdays and Tuesdays 1-6 p.m.

Nov. 14: The junior class of Oswego High School will present its annual Junior Frolic Friday, Nov. 15 in the auditorium. The theme for this year's production is "Star Dust," and the program will consist of three one-act plays and between acts entertainment. The plays will be given by the freshman, sophomore, and senior classes in competition with presentation of a plaque to the winning class.

Nov. 21: Lutheran divine services will be held regularly in Oswego beginning with a service at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24. The services will be held in the community room of the Oswego High School.

The services have been initiated by St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Aurora, as part of its centennial anniversary. The speaker at the opening service will be the Rev. W.G. Stallman, pastor of St. Paul's for over 20 years. Mr. William Bachert, veteran organist at St. Paul's, will accompany the singing of hymns and direct the mixed choir of St. Paul's in a special anthem.

Residents of the village received their first billing for the \$1 per month sewer use fee, which was voted into being effective on July 1 of this year. The present condition of the local sewage disposal plant is not at all encouraging." The plant could handle 900 residents, but nearly 1,400 were then living in the village. "It is obvious the local treatment plant will either have to be expanded or a new one built within the next few years."

*Ledger* editorial: The culmination of two years of effort on the part of the Oswego Plan Commission was achieved last week when the Chris Herren subdivision was approved in final form. This was the first subdivision to have final approval under the overall Oswego General Development Plan.

In addition to a 10 percent public lands donation (in this case it was a cash donation), a substantial \$200 per lot contribution is being made to the Oswego schools for use to help soften the tax load.

The Plan Commission has received criticism because it has stuck to its guns and insisted on subdividers complying strictly to the Oswego Plan. It is to be commended.

Although a number of subdivisions in the Oswego area are in various stages of preliminary development, the Chris Herren Subdivision is the first to be completely approved since the Oswego Plan Commission final overall development plan was put into effect. Herren's plat has been approved by the plan commission, the village board, and the county board.

He is the first to comply with the regulation calling for a donation of 10 percent of the subdivision lands (or a sum equal to that amount of the unimproved property) to be used for school or park sites. As the area was not large enough or properly situated for school or park property, Herren gave the required 10 percent in cash.

He also contributed a sum of \$200 per lot to the Oswego Public School boards to be used at the discretion of a three man trusteeship composed of the grade school president, the high school president, and a representative of the plan commission. This \$200 contribution is meant to help take up the slack in taxes.

Nov. 28: Front page *Ledger* editorial: Some of the residents of our community have been loudly criticizing the village board and local law enforcement officers recently, the reason being that the residents have been called upon to pay fines for various traffic violations. This is a childish attitude.

Surely a lifelong resident of Oswego who drives 35 to 40 miles per hour in a 25 mile zone or who runs a stop light is just as dangerous behind the wheel of an automobile as a motorist passing through from Maine, California, Florida or Timbuktu. Just because a car bears an Oswego village sticker does not mean that the driver is immune to local traffic regulations. Just because a police officer does his duty is no reason to castigate him or accuse village officials of operating a speed trap.

By the same token, the men who are charged with the responsibility of enforcing the laws owe it to the community and those with whom they deal to be courteous and correct. It behooves both law enforcement officers and citizens to cooperate in keeping traffic accidents and traffic deaths out of our community.

Several complaints have been made of late by homeowners who have had windows broken by firing from BB guns.

Members of the Oswego American Legion Post 675, the Lions Club and the Business Men's Association are requested to be on hand at 8:30 Sunday morning, Dec. 1, to put up the decorative lights on the downtown streets.

During the past two weeks the capital stock of the new Oswego Community Bank has been raised from \$125,000 to \$150,000 on recommendation of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Coach Ken Pickerill has the largest squad out for wrestling this year of any in the years that the mat sport has been in the Oswego school curriculum. A total of 40 aspirants are trying out for the varsity and frosh-soph starting spots.

*Ledger* editorial: Al Shuler, local druggist, is celebrating his 20th year in business in Oswego this weekend. During that time, he has made innumerable friends and probably an enemy or two. Most important, he has been an asset to the community, a real solid citizen.

He has been active in community life, having served on the village board for several terms, served as president of the Oswego Lions Club, is now on the Oswego High School Board, and is also chief of the Oswego Volunteer Fire Department. He has been on numerous committees, including the original Oswego Recreation Committee, which predated the forming of the Oswego Park District.

He has sponsored basketball and baseball teams in the past and is currently furnishing uniforms for the local Pony League team. He has always been ready to help out in any community project. He will probably shoot the editor on sight for printing this editorial, for he has not been ostentatious in the things that he has done. However, it is our policy to recognize everything that is good for our community and we think that Al Shuler has been good for Oswego.

Shuler's Drug Store was celebrating its 20th year in business with special sales and events on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 29-30.

The Oswego school cafeteria, located at Oswego High School, served 5,033 meals during October under manager Lillian Schomer.

Notice that the Yorkville voters went for an \$835,000 bond issue for a new high school last Saturday. The school, which will be under construction next spring, will house up to 500 students. Present enrollment of the Yorkville school is around 270.

Stan Young made an unusual geological discovery recently while digging in his back yard, a large piece of native copper weighing about 20 lbs. Professor Smith, geology instructor of Aurora College, verified the find and stated it was the largest found in the Auroraland area. There are deposits of the mineral around the Great Lakes and evidently this piece had been carried down by one of the glaciers which covered the northern half of Illinois.

The onset of wintry weather has not stopped building in the community. Boulder Hill goes on apace with families moving in every week. Two new homes have been started in the

Bartholomew Subdivision and another in the Chris Herren Subdivision. The two model homes being built in Herren's Brookside Manor inside the village limits are fast nearing completion.

Quite a few Oswegoans saw Slade Cutter being interviewed on a national TV hookup last week. Slade, a native-born Oswegoan, is at present athletic director at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

How many of you know that it was just 125 years ago this fall that the first settlers came to Oswego? There is a preliminary bit of planning going on for a 125th Anniversary celebration to be held next spring.

December -- 1957

Dec. 5: The Oswego Village Board said they would discuss bids on street improvements for the Morse Subdivision with its residents. No bids had yet been received on repairing the Adams Street bridge.

Trustee William Miller was authorized to purchase a 500 gallon gasoline storage tank and Sinclair has agreed to install an electric pump.

Henry Schmidt is to continue as night watchman until Dec. 15, at which time the night patrol officer will take over those duties.

George Griffin presented a resolution calling for village engineer Walter Deuchler to draw up plans and specifications for bids for 18 street lights in the downtown area, 12 on Main Street between Jefferson and Van Buren, two on Jefferson between Main and Route 34, and four on Jackson between Route 34 and Adams Street.

It was voted to increase the salary of Police Officer Paul Dwyre to \$325 per month, effective Dec. 1.

Miller presented a resolution on banning pinball games.

Five bids on a new police car were opened and read with the low bid being that of N.B. Anderson Motor Sales, Newark, for a four door Ford at \$1,938.44.

Oswego merchants were ready for a "Men Only" shopping evening on Tuesday night, Dec. 10, from 7-10 p.m. "We suggest that men take advantage of this opportunity to buy the little woman's gift without fear that she will be peeking over his shoulder," according to the *Ledger*.

A new fire truck has been added to the Oswego Fire District during the past week. The new unit, an American-LaFrance outfit, will pump up to 750 gallons of water per minute and has a 500 gallon water tank. This is in contrast to the pumping capacities of the old trucks of 250 and 350 gallons per minute, respectively.

The new unit, which will be put into service within the next week, cost approximately \$13,500.

Dec. 12: The Illinois Water Survey Department reports that the sample from Well No. 3 (the new well in Madison street) shows: "Sample to be of moderate mineral content and harness and to contain sufficient iron to cause staining of porcelain ware, etc. It is possible that the iron content will decrease with further pumping.

“The hardness in this sample is sufficient to cause the formation of a moderate amount of soft scale and sludge in boilers and hot water heaters and to consume a moderate amount of soap if used for washing or laundry purposes.”

Erection of the new pump house will begin sometime after the first of the year.

Results of the Illinois Statewide High School Testing Program are now in and the junior class of Oswego High School have received their individual profile cards this week, plus the composite scores of the test results on a Unit of Evaluation under the supervision of the Bureau of Educational Research, University of Illinois.

The test results indicate that the educational program of Oswego High School is above average in developing abilities in every phase tested. [Overall percentage results for the junior class are included in the story]

The Décor Paint & Wallpaper Store at 77 Main Street [west side of Main next to the post office, which was on the corner of Main and Washington] was advertising a holiday gift idea: Oil painting sets. “Paint By Number. Youngsters and oldsters alike enjoy creating a beautiful oil painting this simple, inexpensive way.”

Dec. 19: The Kendall County Board passed a resolution protesting a multiplier of 1.1236 issued by the Illinois Department of Revenue due to what the state said were inaccurate assessments.

Five separate choruses will take part in the annual Christmas program to be given by the Music Department of Oswego schools in the gym tonight (Thursday). All will be under the direction of Mr. Reeve Thompson. Accompanists are to be Mrs. Deanna Brown, Virginia Peterson, and Kathy Thompson.

Santa Claus will be in Oswego Monday evening, Dec. 23, from 6:45 to 10 to talk with local boys and girls checking on whether they have been good during the past year and on what they would like to have for Christmas. Jolly, rotund St. Nick’s visit is being made possible by the Oswego American Legion and the Oswego Business Men’s Association.

Coach Ken Pickerill’s varsity wrestlers, after losing the open set of matches to Naperville, have strung together three victories in a row by overwhelming margins. The latest win was a 56-0 whitewash of West Chicago last Saturday afternoon. The visitors failed to win a single match while Bob Plaskas, Bill Penn, John Grach, Dean Bundy, Bill Kontos, Tom Jarman, Keith Haag, Ron McConkey, Bert Zitek, Paul Garbleman, Bob Challis, and Jim Wilkie were racking up points for Oswego.

We would like to go on record as being appreciative to the three groups responsible for the Christmas lighting in the business area, the Lions Club, the American Legion, and the Oswego Business Association. They add a fine festive glow to the community and brighten up the downtown area for at least a few short weeks.

Some of the less courteous motorists in the community still insist on parking as they wish in the marked-off downtown area, thus taking up the space of two cars in many cases and making it miserable for the others.

This is the year when a new sheriff will be elected for Kendall County. There are some candidates being discussed but nothing concrete has been offered up as yet. It's a four-year job with only one term. It's been a long time since an Oswegoan had a crack at the job.

Thought for the day: Civilization is just a slow process of getting rid of prejudice.

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January

Jan. 9: The January meeting of the Oswego Parent-Teacher Association will be in the form of an open house at the new East View Elementary School...There will be special music. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bell will be greeters while Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lewis will head up the refreshment committee.

An ordinance banning pinball machines was passed by the Oswego Village Board Jan. 6 at the request of Kendall County State's Attorney Jerome Nelson. The board also voted to place a sign on the front of the Oswego Village Hall identifying it as the village hall.

Bob Plaskas and John Kellogg had the two best records on the Oswego Panther Wrestling Team. Plaskas was 5-0, while Kellogg was 4-1.

Jan. 16: The Oswego Presbyterian Church announced plans for a new church structure on a site along Ill. Route 25 immediately north of the village limits. The land, located between Route 25 and Ashlawn Avenue, was a gift from Mr. and Mrs. G.C. Bartholomew. "At the present time, government grain bins are located on part of this site, but they will be removed," the *Ledger* reported.

Don and Barry Hafenrichter earned their God and Country awards at the Oswego Federated Church. George Akerlow, Oswego Boy Scout Troop 31 Scoutmaster, presented the awards.

"Viewing past elections for county offices, the pattern has been pretty much the same," *Ledger* Editor Ford Lippold wrote. "Not much competition except in the sheriff's job and sporadically the treasurer's and county judge's positions. We think that this is an unhealthy situation."

Jan. 23: Building permits issued in the corporate limits of Oswego amounted to \$144,275 during 1957, according to figures released by village clerk Norma Hanson. That compared to \$207,625 in permits issued during 1956.

Jan. 30: The Oswego Volunteer Fire Department answered a total of 30 calls for 1957. Ten of the fires resulted from burning grass and fields, five were automobile fires, with the balance for causes ranging from a corn sheller on fire to a chimney fire. Two calls were made to assist the

Yorkville Fire Department. An average of 12 firefighters answered each call, with as many as 17 of the 21 on the muster rolls turning out for some of the fires, according to fire chief Al Shuler.

#### February -- 1958

Feb. 6: Oswego Village President Jim Zentmyer announced a meeting was set for Wednesday, Feb. 12, starting at 8 p.m. at the Oswego Village Hall to discuss planning Oswego's 125th anniversary celebration.

Feb. 13: A special dedication service was set by the Boulder Hill Neighborhood Church of the Brethren for Sunday, Feb. 16. Buildings to be dedicated included two houses, one at Bereman and Briarcliff roads, the other at 5 Bereman Road. "The first of these serves as a temporary meeting house for the congregation and the second is provided as a parsonage home for the pastor," the *Ledger* reported. The first service was held in the church Oct. 13, 1957. "Church services are averaging 70 for the first 15 services," the *Ledger* added.

R.J. Collins Sinclair Service Station at U.S. Route 34 and Ill. Route 31 at the west end of the Oswego bridge was offering free cigarettes with every purchase of 10 gallons of Sinclair gas as part of local Oswego Days activities Feb. 14-15.

The Oswego Grade School District Board voted in late January to end interscholastic athletics at the grade school level starting with the 1958-59 school year. The board unanimously directed athletic competition be limited to intramural competition. However, the *Ledger* reported on Feb. 20 that "a sizeable group of parents" planned to attend the board's Feb. 24 meeting to discuss the board's decision.

Feb. 27: "The news that the Oswego Community Bank has finally become a reality is welcomed by most folks in the community," *Ledger* Editor Ford Lippold wrote. "It'll be a relief not to have to drive around endless blocks looking for parking places, stand in long lines and the other inconveniences that come from banking out of town. The sooner the doors swing open on the Oswego Community Bank, the better."

A lengthy discussion was held at the Oswego Grade School District Board's meeting Monday, Feb. 24. After the discussion, the board voted 4-3 to reconsider their action dropping interscholastic athletic competition at the grade school level.

#### March 6 -- 1958

March 6: The Oswego Grade School District 8 and Oswego High School District 300 boards were scheduled to meet with the public in joint session to discuss a variety of issues including the possible consolidation into a unit school district. The meeting was set for Thursday, March 20 in the Community Room at Oswego High School.

Oswego High School grappler Dean Bundy headed to Arlington Heights High School to represent the Oswego Panthers at the state wrestling competition in the 120 lb. weight class. Going into state competition, Bundy had a 20-1 record.

Wayne Fosgett was named chairman of the 125th Anniversary of Oswego Committee. Mrs. Dorthea Ekstrom was elected secretary and Woody Boone was named treasurer. The celebration was set for Sept. 11-14.

At their March 2 meeting, the Oswego Village Board voted to build a new water tower at the new Well Number 3 property on Madison Street near Douglas Street.

March 13: Contractor Richard Young broke ground for the new Oswego Community Bank on Main Street just north of Jackson Street on March 9. It was hoped construction would be completed in 120 days. Seven local residents were elected to the bank's first board of directors including George C. Bartholomew, John Cherry, Myron Wormley, Sheldon Bell, Charles Lippincott, Earl J. Zentmyer, and Homer Brown.

March 20: "The growth of any community creates a great many problems for everyone concerned," *Ledger* Editor Ford Lippold wrote. "It is good to have public meetings to discuss and plan and share ideas and information providing such meetings are kept on a high plane of democratic procedure."

East View School sixth grader Roger Matile reported on his class's trip to the Field Museum in Chicago. "Our tour was short, but we got to a few of the interesting exhibits. At one exhibit they were putting together a brontosaurus, a sight we may never see again," he wrote.

March 27: Some 150 interested area residents attended the March 20 meeting to discuss new school buildings and the possible transition from dual grade and high school districts to a community unit school district. Discussed at the meeting were three proposed additions at Oswego High School, an eight room addition at East View School, and the possible construction of a school in the fast-growing Boulder Hill Subdivision.

The *Ledger* reported that Boulder Hill developer Don L. Dise will give up to 36 acres of land on up to three school sites to the Oswego school system. Dise also offered to give a cash donation of \$100 per home to be used for school building purposes in Boulder Hill. The amount was to be donated as each house in the development was occupied and was to be retroactive to the development's start. As of the time of the offer, there were 131 homes in Boulder Hill, meaning Dise had agreed to donate \$13,000 to the district.

In a legal notice, the Oswego High School District was seeking voter approval to sell \$190,000 in bonds for additions to Oswego High School, including regular classrooms, and a science room, plus \$130,000 for additions to the heating system and an addition for industrial arts instruction.

April -- 1958

April 3: The Oswego Grade School Board received a petition signed by 119 parents requesting the district start kindergarten instruction for younger children. The school district board was proposing to build a 10 room addition at East View School for a total of 19 classrooms to house three classes per grade in grades 1-6, plus one room for special education-provided a qualified teacher could be found. The cost of the proposed addition was estimated at \$155,000.

The Oswego High School District Board reported that they were already using two rooms in the junior high wing at Oswego High School for math and biology classes.

The *Ledger* reported the new 1,700 square foot Oswego Community Bank building was moving ahead under contractor Dick Young. The building included a first floor plus a full basement. The vault, with a capacity of 1,050 safe deposit boxes, was built with 18" thick steel reinforced concrete.

Dennis Hastert was elected president of the Trojan 4-H Club, with Ron Silvius elected vice-president. The meeting was held at the home of club members Durwood and Delreen Hafenrichter.

April 12: The Oswego Village Board voted at their April 8 meeting to approve plans for 18 street lights in the downtown area at a cost of \$18,000 plus engineering fees. Bids were to be opened April 28.

The Oswego Lutheran Mission was scheduled to dedicate a newly made altar and lectern during a service in the community room at Oswego High School. The Rev. W.G. Stallman of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Aurora was scheduled to perform the dedication ceremony. The altar and lectern were built by Emil Krahn and his sons, Paul and Don.

April 17: the *Ledger* reported that on March 17, 1958, the Illinois State Committee of the North Central Association approved Oswego High School for membership in the accreditation group. Wrote *Ledger* editor Ford Lippold: "It is a fine thing for the community that our high school has been accepted for membership in the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools...To be recognized by the North Central Association is to a school what an A-1 rating with Dun and Bradstreet is to a businessman....Having regained this recognition, which was lost way back in 1941, we are certain that the school board and the administrative staff will not sit back and rest on their laurels."

April 24: The steering committee of Oswego's 125th anniversary celebration announced the celebration would center around a week-long historical pageant to be produced by the Rogers Company, a professional firm of celebration organizers.

May -- 1958

May 8: The contract to install 18 street lights in downtown Oswego was awarded to Morfield Electric, Inc. of Aurora for \$15,644.52. Of the total, 12 lights were to be placed on Main between

Van Buren and Jefferson streets, four on Jackson between Madison Street and the CB&Q tracks, and two on Jefferson between Main and Madison.

Voters turned down the high school district's proposal to add onto Oswego High School by 317-580 votes and the proposal to add 10 classrooms at East View School 325-567.

May 22: In ceremonies on May 28, 67 eighth graders were scheduled to graduate from Oswego Junior High. Valedictorian was Susan Luettich and salutatorian was Susan Thompson. The class motto was "Set Your Sights on a Satellite."

A petition with the names of 350 Oswego area residents was presented to the county superintendent of schools requesting Oswego's grade and high school districts be consolidated into a single unit district. The area to be included in the new district would be everything inside the bounds of Oswego High School District 300.

Incorporation papers for Oswegorama, the 125th anniversary celebration of Oswego, were received during the previous week from the Illinois Secretary of State's office. Buttons were on order for the "Brothers of the Brush" beard-growing men and "Sisters of the Swish" ladies' group. Proceeds from the celebration were to benefit the Oswego library.

May 29: The Boulder Hill Neighborhood Church of the Brethren received its official charter during a special service on May 25.

A total of 42 seniors graduated from Oswego High School on May 29. Valedictorian was Charlotte Schlapp and salutatorian was Kathy Thompson.

The site of the new Oswego Presbyterian Church was staked out in a ceremony held Sunday, May 25. The site, located along Ill. Route 25 just north of the Oswego village limits, was valued at \$20,000, and was donated to the church by Mr. and Mrs. George Bartholomew.

June -- 1958

June 5: In a front page *Ledger* proclamation, Oswego Village President Jim Zentmyer proclaims every male citizen who grows a beard in honor of the community's Oswegorama 125th birthday celebration can become a member of the "Brothers of the Brush" until Sept. 13 when the celebration was to end.

On a recommendation of the Oswego Zoning Board of Appeals, the request of William Holzhueter to make an additional lot from existing property on Park Street was granted. In other board business, the final plat of Unit 2 of Brookside Manor was approved. A request for \$25 monthly pay increase for village policemen was denied.

*Ledger* editorial: The movement to from the Oswegoland area into a unit school district has created a sizeable amount of comment both pro and con. The unit district, which has all the

grades through the junior college under one board, is a present trend and Illinois is one of the leading states nationwide in bringing many of its school systems under this type of control. If the county superintendent of schools finds for the petition requesting a unit district next Tuesday and a vote is held in September, we are sure that several public meetings will be planned to inform the people of the Oswegoland area as to the "wheres" and "whyfores." Our only suggestion at the present time is to be sure that the person who is giving you information on the unit versus the dual school system has made a study of the many ramifications of the subjects involved. To be misinformed is worse than to have no information at all.

A hearing of the petition filed with the county superintendent of schools Irving A. Shears, and signed by 350 Oswegoland residents, requesting the formation of a unit school district in the Oswegoland area will be held June 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the circuit court room at the court house in Yorkville.

The area being requested in the unit district is all that now is the Oswego High School District. The Oswego schools are now under a dual system, a separate board for both the high school and grade. Under a unit district, there would be only one board and the grade and high school territory would be co-terminus.

In a progress report, Caterpillar Tractor Company officials said the firm's new plant was in operation on two shifts. The tool room began operations in April with machining to begin in about 30 days. Plans called for the entire 1.2 million square foot plan to be completed by early 1959. When all construction work is done, production of No. 933 and 955 Traxcavators, along with the D4 models will get underway.

Thanks for patronage...

I wish to thank my many friends in the Oswegoland area for their patronage during the time I was operating Songer's Restaurant at Rts. 34 and 71. Your support and patronage was greatly appreciated.

Richard Songer

The new phone number at the Myron Wormley residence is 4-8122.

Work on the ornamental street lights for the downtown business area is underway this week. The Morfield Electric Company, Aurora, is doing the work and it is expected that the project will be completed in about 60 days, sometime the latter part of July. The program calls for 18 lights with 12 to be placed in Main Street between Van Buren and Jefferson; four on Jackson between Madison (Route 34) and the railroad track; and two on Jefferson between Main and Madison (Route 34).

June 12: Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Morse celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 15. The couple came to Oswego in 1898 when Mr. Morse bought in with Ed Sodt in a general store on Main Street. He bought out Sodt and operated alone for several years. He was in business in Oswego for 40 years before retiring.

If the opening production of "Teahouse of the August Moon" is any indication of the plays to come, Oswegoans and all of the Fox Valley residents are in for a summer of real theatre treats. The playhouse itself carries the atmosphere and flavor that lends well to the production of summer theatre. The revolving stage adds greatly to the fine scenery and staging. The Gorings, Lucelle and Jack, have come up with a fine strong cast in the season's first production.

A young Sears, Roebuck & Company executive and resident of Boulder Hill, Hal Armstrong, plays a male lead as Capt. Fisby. Jack Goring beautifully portrays Sakini, who adds extra humor to the comedy plot which involves a geisha girl and a captain who was sent to Okinawa to teach the natives democracy and to build a schoolhouse. The Captain ends up with a teahouse and a geisha girl on his hands.

Rita Lantz, a 17 year-old Oswego High School senior, plays the part of Lotus Blossom in the production. Rita dances a lovely Japanese number.

Tickets may be obtained at the door from 3 p.m. until curtain time at 8:30. The final week of "Teahouse of the August Moon" is June 11-15. The theatre seats 500 persons. Performances are held Wednesday through Sunday.

Other plays to be presented during the season will include "Janus," a comedy for adults beginning on June 18; "Darkening Shore," on July 2; "The Reluctant Debutante" on July 16; "I Found April" on July 30; "Ladies in Retirement" on Aug. 13; and "See How They Run" on Aug. 27.

Oswego's entry in the Fox Valley Pony League won its first two games in loop action last week defeating Sheridan Wednesday, 4-0 on the brilliant no-hit, no-run pitching of Dick Schwanz. The Oswego team made it two in a row Friday night with a 10-2 shellacking of Plano, Bob Tripp hurling a three-hitter for the local nine.

June 19: A hearing on the consolidation of the two Oswego school districts into a unit district, which opened on Tuesday, June 10, and was continued by Kendall County School Superintendent Irving Shears until Tuesday, June 24, will convene on that date at 1:30 p.m. in the circuit court room at Yorkville.

Shears heard three witnesses on June 10, Oswego School Superintendent T. Loyd Traughber; John Cherry, president of High School District 300; and LaVerne Shoger, president of Grade School District No. 8. All favored the consolidation for economy and efficiency reasons.

Attorney Samuel Saxon, Plainfield, will present witnesses from the Wheatland area who oppose the consolidation at Tuesday's continuation. Students in the objecting area belong to an elementary district in Wheatland but to the Oswego High School District. The new proposed consolidation would bring them under one school board.

A petition presented by taxpayers of the Wheatland area to disconnect from the Oswego High School District was denied last year by Circuit Judge Cassius Proust.

A contingent of 12 Oswego Boy Scouts leave Friday for a ten-day camping period at Camp Blackhawk, Buchanan, Michigan, Aurora Area Council Scout Camp.

Blackhawk, which is situated on the St. Joseph River, offers the boys a period of swimming, Boating, fishing, advancement in scout skills, and in general, ten days of wonderful vacation experience.

The Oswego boys include Robert Campbell, Richard Jenkins, Roger Matile, John Morley, Robert Nelson, Jerry Parkhurst, Bill Phillips, John Scent, Peter Wilson, Michael Wheeler,

Stephen Drew, Stephen Smith. The Oswego groups will be part of 120 boys who will be taking part in this camping experience.

Boys and girls of the Oswego Park District area between the ages of 8 years and freshmen in high school will have an opportunity to fish for bass and bluegills Friday afternoon, June 20, in Park Board President Everett Hafenrichter's abundantly stocked pond.

Each youngster must have a signed permission slip from his parents.

Each boy and girl will furnish their own fish pole, line, and hooks...Fishers will also bring their own worms or nightcrawlers (no artificial lures), and a No. 10 can or medium sized bucket to put fish in. A cork for a bobber which should be used to cover the bare end of the hook in transportation.

All youngsters will meet at the Red Brick School at 1 p.m. Friday and be transported to the pond.

"Oswegorama" is the name that has been chosen to designate our town's entire 125th anniversary celebration, but by what title shall we refer to the pageant? That is up to YOU, the citizens of Oswegoland. The lucky person to send in the winning name will also be the recipient of a \$25 government bond.

The pageant, which will have a cast of 250 to 300 local people, will portray the overall history of our colorful community from the Indian area through the early settlers, right down to the present milestone of this production, the story of OUR town.

All entries must be submitted to the *Oswego Ledger* not later than Monday, June 30. The winner will be announced in the following edition. A maximum of five works will be acceptable.

The Burkhart Family Reunion will be held Sunday June 22 at the Goodfarm School, six miles south of Mazon, Ill.

Dalman Hafenrichter and Jim Seidelman, winners of scholarships presented by the Kendall County Women's Clubs, will spend two weeks at the Illinois Summer Youth Music Camp at Champaign beginning June 22.

June 26: The Oswegorama committee was seeking a "snappy title" for the celebration's historical pageant. "Remember, the winner, who will be announced in next week's *Ledger*, will receive a \$25 government bond."

July -- 1958

July 3: The *Ledger* reported that U.S. Sen. Paul Douglas, D-Illinois, had accepted an invitation to speak during Oswego's Oswegorama celebration in September. Invitations were also sent to U.S. Sen. Everett Dirksen, R-Illinois, and Illinois Gov. William G. Stratton.

Oswego resident Madeline Cain submitted the winning name for the Oswegorama pageant: "Old Calico and New Pace."

The process of creating a unit district for Oswego's schools was proceeding over the objections of residents of the area of Wheatland Township inside the proposed new district.

A new 1958 Ford Custom 300 Tudor was advertised for sale for \$1,995 by Zentmyer Ford Sales in Oswego.

July 10: The Oswego Village Board met Monday night. Bids for sewer and water installations in Unit 1 of the George D. Smith subdivision were opened. T&R Construction Company, Aurora, was low bidder at \$15,553.10.

A petition of E.L. Schuyler and Dr. S.F. Bell to vacate Ashland Street from Garfield east to the boundary line of the Park addition was read. A motion to deny the petition was voted down 4-2. A motion to approve the petition was voted for by the same 4-2 margin.

A discussion of Dutch Elm Disease in the village was held. McFarland Tree Service was awarded a contract to cut down some trees.

Board member Don Pinnow reported that the old fire bell that hung on top of the village hall for a good number of years has been removed and is now in storage in the Oswego Fire Barn. Plans are for the firemen to mount the bell as a historical marker.

Village board member Bill Miller read the police report for June showing that 1,461 miles had been patrolled, 21 warrants and complaints serviced, seven business house doors found unlocked, and 43 arrest tickets issued.

Morfield Electric, Aurora, reported that 75 percent of the work on the street lights has been finished.

Mrs. Margaret Rogerson, general chairman of the Oswegorama Booster Certificate Division, announced early this week at workers will be out this weekend on a house-to-house calling campaign to give every resident of the Oswegoland community an opportunity to become an Oswegorama booster.

July 17: Oswego Community Bank President G.C. Bartholomew stated early this week that the opening date of operation of the new institution is tentatively set for the weekend of Aug. 15-16. After a delay of over a month waiting for the floor beams, work is progressing at a rapid rate by contractor Richard Young and his crew. The security vault has been poured, the roof is being finished up, the brick facing is going on, and the floor will be poured this week. President Bartholomew said that the vault door is ready for delivery, as is the other necessary equipment such as lock boxes, office furniture, etc.

Morfield Electric, Aurora, installers of the downtown area street lights, stated that all but three or four of the units will be ready for use by the middle of the week. The remaining units will not be turned on until Public Service has an opportunity to remove some conflicting existing lines. The 18 units are being paid for out of the Illinois State Sales Tax refund that amounts to one-half of one percent of the three percent that is paid in to the state and returned to the villages. The lights have been so installed that additional ones can be added at a future date at the least possible cost.

The new street lights in downtown Oswego were tested and ready to use but could not be turned on until the Public Service Company did some additional work.

July 24: The Oswego Prairie Church announced plans for a new education addition. The 32x48 foot addition to the existing building was announced by the building committee consisting of Arthur Davis, Robert Ebinger, Lathelle Haag, Everett Hafenrichter, Robert Noggle, Glenda Leigh, and Paul Shoger.

The woman picked to be queen of the Oswegorama celebration was to receive a free week's vacation in Florida.

Some 50 Oswego Little Leaguers traveled to Comiskey Park to see the White Sox play the Boston Red Sox.

July 31: Oswego's entries in the Cornbelt Little Loop and the Fox Valley Pony Loop will take part in the division play-offs scheduled to begin this weekend.

Downtown Oswego merchants announced they would celebrate the opening of the Oswego Community Bank with free prizes to be given away on Friday, Aug. 22.

The Oswego Area Lutheran Mission released a statement stating they were "glad that there are other active churches helping to make this village and its surrounding counties and better place to live in. Furthermore, this newly formed Lutheran Church upholds the Oswego village government as ordained by God and, at the same time, it advocates the separation of church and state."

August -- 1958

Aug. 7: The Oswego Village Board voted on Aug. 3 to build a new 200,000 gallon water tower adjacent to the new well at Madison and Douglas streets. The new tower, estimated to cost \$85,000, would replace the old tower on Washington Street, which had been in service since the 1890s. According to the *Oswego Ledger*: "This improvement, along with the adoption of the building code, building inspector, adequate water storage and pressure, is necessary for the village to qualify for lower fire insurance classification."

The Oswego grade and high school districts announced a staff of 39 teachers to start the 1958-59 school year.

#### DEDICATION FOR LOCAL CHURCH

The former Federated Church will hold a dedication service at the morning worship hour, Sunday Aug. 2, at 10 a.m. At this time the membership will conclude the transition from the Federation of Congregational Christian and Evangelical United Brethren to full affiliation with the EUB Conference of Illinois and will be known as the Church of the Good Shepherd. The name of the church was chosen by the congregation as a fitting supplement to the beautiful picture of Christ in the large stained glass vestry window that has been associated with the church and community for many years. Recent improvements will also be dedicated at this service, which will be followed by an open house.

The church is located at the intersection of Routes 32 [sic] and 25. Rev. Frank Minton has recently been appointed pastor and he and his wife and baby son, Timothy Karl, are at home in the parsonage at 74 Benton.

Aug. 14: The cast of the Oswegorama pageant, "Old Calico and New Pace," was being chosen by Gene Montefiore, described by the *Ledger* as "a professional producer, director fresh off Broadway in New York." As the *Ledger* put it: "The whole spectacle is about ready to roll into high gear." Fay Brill was chairman of the pageant, and the set was being constructed on the high school football field by a committee headed by Kenneth Gowran.

The Oswegorama parade was being planned by chairman John Cherry and special events chairman Stan Herren. The parade was set for Saturday, Sept. 13. Six float classifications were 1833, 1853, 1873, 1893, 1913, and 1933.

The Oswego Park District's annual appropriations ordinance calling for estimated spending of \$10,700 was approved by the park district board.

Aug. 21: Illinois' Republican Senator Everett Dirksen will be in Oswego at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 10, during Oswegorama week, according to word received by local precinct committeeman Harry Fuller. Wednesday is Young America Day and it is expected that Sen. Dirksen will review part of the children's parade as well as make a brief address on the Oswegorama pageant stage.

A shipment of wooden nickels arrived in Oswego, and were to be accepted as legal tender. The wooden coins' face value was guaranteed by the Oswego Community Bank. The wooden nickels could be redeemed at the bank at any time through the end of the celebration.

The Oswego Grade School will open a classroom for educationable mentally handicapped children. Enrollment in this room will be by psychological examination under the direction of the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. Mrs. Dorothy Seigel, University of Illinois, Director of Special Education, will meet with Superintendent T. L. Traughber and Mrs. Helen Hutton, teacher, this week to advise on equipment and the room and assign an area psychologist for testing and classification of students.

A spokesman for the Oswego Village Board stated this week that upon the advice of a prominent nurseryman, a 15 year continual spraying program would have to be maintained on village-owned property as well as private property to combat the Dutch Elm Disease that is infecting the entire Middlewest.

This would deter but not prevent the disease. In view of these facts, the village board will endeavor to cut out infected trees on village property as quickly as possible but will forego any attempt to spray.

Aug. 28: Oswegoland gets a new business Saturday, Aug. 30, when the new Oswego Community Bank opens its doors for its first official day of operation, as announced by its president, George Bartholomew.

Located at 25 Main St., in a new, modern building, the bank will provide complete banking services to the Oswegoland community. Among the many features offered in this well-planned, air conditioned building are a modern vault ample teller facilities, safety deposit boxes, drive-up window, safety alarm system, day and night depository, and a customer parking lot. A spacious basement area is available for employees' comfort and for future expansion as the Oswegoland community continues to grow.

Mr. Rex Van Alstine, cashier of the new bank comes to Oswego well qualified for his position as managing operator of the bank, having had both rural and city banking experience.

The bank was officially organized on March 8, 1958 with a capital stock of \$75,000, surplus of \$40,000 and reserves of \$35,000.

Other officers in addition to president Bartholomew are Earl J. Zentmyer, vice-president; John Cherry, Homer Brown, Charles Lippincott, Myron Wormley, and Dr. S.F. Bell.

A half day school session will be held Friday, Aug. 29, beginning at 8:30. Buses will run on the regular scheduled routes of last year.

*Ledger* editorial: The opening of the doors of the new Oswego community Bank Saturday morning, Aug. 30, is another omen of the future of the Oswegoland community. A year ago, the bank was only an idea in a few people's minds. Today, it is proof that 242 Oswegoland folks have faith in their community and are willing to back up this faith with cold, hard cash. It is also a good sign that the opening comes almost at the same time as our mammoth 125th anniversary Oswegorama celebration. With a solid past of a century and a quarter, the future can hold nothing but good for the people of the Oswegoland area.

Coach Ken Pickerill greeted some 40 football candidates with a two-a-day drill season on Monday of this week. These double sessions will continue through the balance of the week. The first game of the season is scheduled for Friday afternoon, Sept. 12 as part of the big Oswegorama 125th Anniversary Celebration. Oswego will entertain Elburn at 4 p.m.

Twenty-four representatives of Oswegoland organizations met with Mrs. Kay Jericho last Thursday evening to organize the Sisters of the Swish. Plans were made for a promenade in old-time dress, a style show on Ladies' Day, Sept. 8, a rolling pin contest, baking bee, and other activities.

Jim Vinson has issued a call for all members of the "Brothers of the Brush" to attend an important meeting at Oswegorama headquarters on Tuesday, Sept. 2. The contestants in the shaving contest will be registered at this time, as will those who are competing in the various divisions in the beard growing contest. Remington Rand is giving away a flock of free electric razors to the winners of the shaving contest.

Members of the pageant cast of "Old Calico and New Pace" are practicing nightly under the direction of Gene Montefiore, Rodgers and Company representative. Gene, who has a long background of stage experience, has been pleasantly pleased by the response and quickness with which the cast members are coming through on their respective parts.

Those folks who have seen the simulated atomic explosion that will be a nightly feature of the historical pageant say that it is a never-to-be-forgotten sight.

September -- 1958

Sept. 4: The *Ledger* reported a record enrollment for Oswego's schools, with 163 more students than on opening day 1957. There were a total of 791 elementary students and 273 high school students in the district's schools.

The Oswego Community Bank's grand opening on Aug. 29 was well-attended, according to the *Ledger*, which praised the "sleek-looking" building on Main Street just north of Jackson Street.

An Oswegorama Tea was set for Monday, Sept. 8, at 2:30 p.m. The group was to gather at the fire station on Main Street and then promenade to the Presbyterian Church at Madison and Benton streets.

The Oswegorama pageant, "Old Calico and New Pace," was ready to open with 14 episodes depicting the history of the Oswego area from "before the white men came up until the present Atomic Age," according to the *Ledger*. Each performance was scheduled to be climaxed with a fireworks display.

Sept. 11: A telegram was received from President Dwight D. Eisenhower congratulating Oswego on its 125th anniversary.

The Oswegorama Parade is ready to step off Saturday afternoon, Sept. 13 with more than 100 units to participate. Parade units will begin assembling on Grove Road between 12:30 and 1 p.m. and will start the parade route coming down Washington Street to Franklin Street, across Franklin to the last block, turn west and continue down to Main Street, along Main Street to the last block, left one block to Route 25, along Route 25 to Tyler and out Tyler to Grove Road.

Marlene Gengler was selected as queen of the Oswegorama celebration during a ceremony at St. Anne's Catholic Church on Washington Street. Members of the court were Nan Otto, Wanda Penn, Judy Weiss, Rita Lantz, Barbara Batterson, Carol Wheeler, Jackie Dodd, and Pat Weidert.

The Board of Education voted March 24 to establish an Educable Mentally Handicapped room for the Oswego Grade School in accordance with the Illinois Plan for Exceptional Children.

Sept. 18: Between 10,000 and 12,000 people watched the Oswegorama parade, with more than 1,100 people watching the pageant on Saturday evening from the stands at Oswego High School's football field. More than 14,000 commemorative wooden nickels were put into circulation during the celebration.

The Oswego Panthers won their home opener, played as a part of the Oswegorama celebration, over the Elburn Trojans, 20-0.

About 99 percent of the comments on the entire Oswegorama week program have been favorable. Saturday's parade receive particular praise from most of the spectators both from the

standpoint of the quality and abundance of units and the fact that the line of march was kept tight and interest was kept at a high pitch.

Saturday night's performance of "Old Calico and New Pace" was played to a full house. Over 1,100 persons were in attendance by the time the Big Timber Indian Dancers began the pre-pageant entertainment at 8 p.m.

Sept. 25: A rollicking minstrel is taking shape under the direction of Lucille Goring at the Boulder Hill Playhouse. "Minstrel Memories of 1958" will open Oct. 8 and run through Oct. 18, playing every night except Mondays and Tuesdays.

October -- 1958

Oct. 2: Scoring 39 points in the first quarter and adding at least one marker in each of the last three periods, Oswego's Panthers rolled to an 85-0 victory over Plano here Sept. 26 to accomplish the highest valley scoring total in years.

Nine Panthers made touchdowns as Coach Ken Pickerill cleared his bench by the end of the game. John Neminich, Wilson Smith, Bob Fennell, and Norman Aug got two apiece. Tom Jarman, Wesley Foster, Ed Wolf Bob Plaskas, and Jarman Wolf accounted for single ones.

Oct. 9: Two school districts (40-C and Bristol) and certain citizens have filed an appeal of County Superintendent Irving A. Shears' oral decision given July 9, and his written decision given on Aug. 13 in regards to the establishing of a unit district for the Oswego schools.

A petition bearing the signatures of over 350 Oswego School District voters was presented to Shears early in May of this year requesting a hearing on the formation of a unit district for the Oswego school system.

Two separate appeals have been filed. Judge Cassius Proust will be in Yorkville Friday, Oct. 10, and will rule on the appeals at 2 p.m.

The Oswego Panthers, running roughshod over all opposition to date, take on the strong Earlville Red Raider eleven Friday night. Oswego, with a total of three victories in loop competition and a win in non-league play, will be after victory number five.

The local eleven defeated Yorkville last Friday night by a 21-6 count as Wilson Smith accounted for a pair of touchdowns and Russ Nickett added a third counter. Tom Jarman made good all three attempts for the extra points.

Oct. 16: U.S. Sen. Paul A. Douglas, Illinois, will be in Oswego Friday afternoon, Oct. 17. There will be a tea at the Masonic Hall at 2 p.m. and everyone in the community is invited to stop in and meet Sen. Douglas.

Announcing the New Opening of Russ Collins' "66" Service Station, located one-half mile west of the Oswego bridge on highway 34, just across from the B&M Restaurant. Watch for our grand opening on or about Oct. 4, with additional free gifts for all.

The Oswego Panthers trampled Earlville last Friday night, 26-6, in a fine display of speed and power.

The 1958 homecoming activities will take place on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Oct. 23-25. There will be a snake dance on Thursday night followed by a bonfire. The big parade will be Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. All organizations in the community are urged to enter floats or delegations in the parade. The main theme is "Fairy Tales."

At 8 p.m. the Panthers taken on the Plainfield Wildcats. The homecoming dance, "Young at Heart," will be held in the high school gym Saturday night beginning at 8:30.

Oct. 23: Another new school bus arrives this week in Oswego, a 70-passenger job that will replace an obsolete 1950 model. The districts now operate a total of nine school buses with one extra on an emergency basis. Three of the buses are making two trips each morning and evening for a total of 12 loads coming and 12 loads going each day. At the present time, 694 pupils are riding Oswego school buses daily out of a total school population of 1,044 students. In other words, just about two-thirds of Oswegoland pupils ride buses.

The average daily route covered by each bus is 32 miles. It cost the taxpayers \$19,870.90 to operate nine buses last year in addition to depreciation on the vehicles themselves.

The original cost of a 70-passenger bus is right around the \$8,000 mark, plus trade-in.

Oct. 30: The village dump has been fenced off and the gate locked to try to control the dumping of refuse by non-residents and to try to see that all refuse is dumped into the ravine. The key may be obtained from Lyle Shoger at the village hall. It has been costing about \$40 per month to level the dump, mainly because many persons are just backing up anywhere near the ravine and letting fly.

All residents of Oswego and Oswego Township have the privilege of using the dump facilities.

Both the Oswego High School varsity and frosh-soph teams clinched Fox Valley Conference football championships with decisive wins over Plainfield. The varsity won 46-7 while the frosh-soph won 52-0.

Chairman Stan Young of the Boy and Cub Scout Fund Drive reports that the local units are \$180 short of their goal.

"Be different! Have your milk put in your car at just 58 cents per gallon," read an ad from Herren's Sinclair Service at the corner of Ill. Route 25 and U.S. Route 34 in Oswego. "This is the modern way to buy milk at 'The Corner of Quality Milk.'"

November -- 1958

Nov. 6: Oswego's varsity football team ended its season Friday night at Geneva and the best they could manage was a 7-7 tie. The Oswegoans wound up the season with a record of seven victories and a tie. The Panthers added another Fox Valley first place trophy to the trophy case in the high school lobby.

Nov. 13: Judge Cassius Proust granted an appeal by opponents of the formation of a unit school district out of the Oswego Grade School and Oswego High School districts. "The question of a vote for or against a unit district is at a standstill," the *Ledger* reported.

Ever since early in the 1930s the annual Junior Frolic has been an occasion looked forward to eagerly by students of Oswego High School and by adults in the community who enjoy amateur dramatics.

When the house lights go down and the curtain raises at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, members of the freshman, sophomore and senior classes will be ready to entertain. Each will present a one-act play in competition. The winner's name is added to a plaque in the trophy case.

*Ledger* editorial: This issue of the *Oswego Ledger* marks the beginning of our 10th year of continuous publication. During this time, over three million sheets of paper have been used in an attempt to keep the people of the Oswegoland community informed of local current events. It has been an interesting experience and, on the whole, the *Ledger* has been well received by the readers. We have not indulged in the gossipy little items that make up most of the reading matter of weekly publications because we feel that only a limited amount of readers are interested in the fact that "Minnie Jones spent the day in Chicago last week" or that "The Joe Doakes had visitors from California last Monday."

On the other hand, the actions of the local municipalities (school boards, village board, township, park district, etc.) should concern every resident of the community and folks have the privilege of knowing what is happening and where their tax money is going. News of the churches, schools, and civic organizations also concern a wide group of readers. As long as we continue to publish the *Ledger*, we will follow this policy.

In a letter to the editor of the *Ledger*, "An interested Oswegoan" suggested, in the wake of the successful Oswegorama celebration: "This thing we did as people of Oswego should not stop...We should form a committee for just this one purpose." The writer suggested year round activities and festivals, adding: "Come on, Oswego, let's try living like no other town. Don't go back to your homes only to shut the door and live a sheltered life....Let's keep the spirit of Oswegoans working together alive."

A banquet in the OHS cafeteria feted the varsity and frosh-soph football teams. Varsity coach was Ken Pickerill. Frosh-soph coach was Jim Aird. The varsity's record was 7 wins, no losses and one tie on the season. The frosh soph team accumulated a 7-1 season, losing only to Geneva in the last game of the season. The young Panthers rolled up a amazing 211 points in their first seven games, and shut out all opponents until the Geneva game.

Nov. 20: Since its inception in Oswego High School with a handful of boys some six or so years ago, wrestling has steadily climbed in popularity until this year finds 53 boys out for positions on three teams. Coach Ken Pickerill's grapplers have amassed an amazing record over the past three years with consistent victories over schools four and five times the size of Oswego. Last year's final tally showed ten victories, one tie and two defeats.

The newly organized Cub Pack 348 will meet as a pack for the first time tonight, Thursday, Nov. 20. The Boulder Hill Pack begins meetings with two full dens and four boys in the Webelos den.

Russ Whitmer, a new teacher at Oswego High School, was the coach of the Oswego Panther varsity basketball team, while Jim Aird was to coach the frosh-soph squad.

Four Oswego High School football players were named to the 1958 Fox Valley All-Conference Squad. Honored were Ron Silvius, end; Bob Condon, tackle; Wilson Smith, halfback; and Tom Jarman, quarterback. Two players were also named to the second team, Eddie Wolf, end; and halfback Russ Nickett.

Nov. 27: The Panther varsity wrestlers won their open match of the season, defeating Wheaton Academy 38-11.

December -- 1958

Dec. 4: All members of the Oswego Lions Club, American Legion members, and Business Men's Association are asked to be on hand at about 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning, Dec. 7, at the fire barn to help on the Christmas lights.

Beginning Saturday, Dec. 6, the local library, a project of the Oswego Nineteenth Century Club, will be open every Saturday from 2-5 pm. in addition to the regular Wednesday hours of 2-5 and 7-9 p.m.

Carr's Department Store on Main Street was advertising a grand opening celebration for their new addition.

Dec. 11: Nine schools, including Oswego, are participating in the Special Milk Program. These schools serve ½ pint cartons to their students during the school day. The object of the program is to increase milk consumption among the children. The schools receive reimbursement from the state for every ½ pint of milk served to the children.

Dec. 18: Total Oswego Grade School District enrollment had increased by 37 students, or roughly two per week, since the opening of school. At the third grade level, two of the three sections had 38 students each, while the third room had 34 students. There was a need for more sections in some grades, although where to house the new students was up for debate. The board appointed a committee to study possible housing facilities and prepare recommendations for the board's next meeting.

A lot of credit is due to the members of the Oswego Lions Club and American Legion for putting up the Christmas lights in the downtown area. With few exceptions, the same fellows do it year after year...Work progresses on the new water tank on Madison Street in spite of the cold weather.

It would seem that some cinders spread on the streets, particularly along Franklin Street in front of the high school, would be a wise safety measure. The streets are really slick in that area and

with small youngsters walking in the street every day to the cafeteria, a serious accident could be the result.

Work progresses on the new water tank on Madison Street, in spite of the cold weather.

Dec. 25: The Oswego Panther grapplers handed a strong Elgin squad a lopsided 37-11 drubbing last week to run its victory string to six for the season against no defeats. Winning wrestlers included Bob Plaskas, Irwin Collins, John Kellogg, Wylie Robinson, John Grach, John Wheeler, Keith Haag, Tom Jarman, and Jim Wilkie.

1959

January

Jan. 1: *Ledger* editor Ford Lippold listed a number of events that took place in Oswego in 1958 including purchase of a new police car; award bids for a new well house; dedication service for the Boulder Hill Neighborhood Church of the Brethren; plans made for the celebration of the 125th anniversary of Oswego's settlement; first directors of the Oswego Community Bank elected; construction starts on the Oswego Community Bank; village board votes to install streetlights in the downtown area; proposed additions to schools denied by voters; 67 eighth graders and 42 high school seniors graduate; Oswegorama committee plans community celebration, Oswego bank chartered; Boulder Hill Playhouse opens with "Teahouse" the first play; village board votes to build new water tower; 1,064 students on opening day sets new enrollment record for Oswego grade and high schools; 12,000 view Oswegorama pageant and attend parade; first Cub Scout Pack organized in Boulder Hill.

Four local municipalities will hold elections this spring, the Oswego Village Board, Oswego Township, Oswego Park District, and the Oswego Grade School and the High School.

Oswegoland enjoyed a good year in 1958. Many things were accomplished in a growing community. There are a good many problems to be faced in 1959:

**School Building Program:** A realistic approach is necessary by everyone in the Oswegoland community to the growing need for school housing. New school rooms will be needed before they can be built even if bond issues were voted now. The question is "where" and How many?" Indications are that residential building will boom in '59 and '60. School housing is an urgent problem.

**Additional Business:** The Oswego business area needs additional businesses and services to complement its Main Street nucleus. They bolster the tax base considerably and at the same time provide convenient shopping facilities for residents.

**Off-Street parking:** Oswego merchants and the Oswego Village Board should be investigating the possibility of additional off-street parking.

**More Industry:** All of the municipalities should endeavor to make it possible for additional industry in Oswego Township. Industry is needed to keep the tax rates at an even keel in an ever-

growing residential area. Caterpillar and Western Electric account for almost 25 percent of the tax base of Oswego Township.

Property for Recreational Facilities: Now is the time to acquire property for recreational areas such as picnic grounds, etc., before land values get out of sight and residential area have mushroomed all out of proportion to recreational facilities. It is also time to be planning for a community house where clubs and organizations can hold meetings, dances, etc.

Closer Cooperation Among Municipalities: In a growing community, there is need for close cooperation between the village board, township board, school boards, park board, fire district, plan commission and other governmental bodies.

On Sunday, Dec. 21, a special service for dedication of choir vestments was held at the Boulder Hill Neighborhood Church of the Brethren.

Jan. 8: An ordinance was adopted at Monday's village board meeting to hold a referendum at the regular spring election to increase the Village of Oswego tax rate from .19 to .333 per hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

Village Clerk Norma Hansen handed in her resignation from the office of Village Clerk effective as soon as a new clerk is elected at the April election.

Officers were elected by the voters of the new Oswego area Lutheran mission. The mission was then holding services in the community room at Oswego High School. Congregation officers included Martin Garbleman, chairman; Robert Wegner, vice-chairman; Edward Walters, elder; Carlton Friebele, treasurer; Kenneth Mitchell, secretary; Robert Kaetzer, deacon; Otto Bombach, trustee; and Oliver Leppert, director of education. Pastor was the Rev. Edward F. Melchior. The mission later became St. Luke's Lutheran Church.

Beginning this Saturday, the Oswego dump will be open from 9 to 12 every Saturday for the convenience of residents of the Village of Oswego and Oswego Township.

Jim Zentmyer at Zentmyer Ford Sales in downtown Oswego was offering new 1959 Fords for \$55 per month.

Three Oswego High School seniors were among finalists in the Illinois State Scholarship Exam. Students earning the academic honor were Jeannette McCorkle, David Roth, and Sarah Gates.

The Wheatland "Scotch" Presbyterian Church was ready for its annual pancake supper, set for Thursday, Jan. 15, in the church basement. The menu featured all-you-can-eat pancakes, homemade sausage provided by local farmers, and milk or coffee.

Jan. 15: Led by standout Bob Plaskas, the Oswego High School grapplers were looking for their eighth win of the season at Carl Sandburg High School.

Oswego's varsity threw the Fox Valley Conference standings into a turmoil Friday night, taking the measure of Plainfield by a 61-59 count in a game that had the fans on the edges of their seats from beginning to end. The loss was the first one in loop action for the Wildcats, who went into Friday's contest with a 3-0 record and sitting alone on top of the heap.

Oswego now finds itself with a 4-1 record for the current season, while Plainfield as a 3-1 mark going.

#### FOX RIVER DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Folks have been admiring the Fox River for a century or more, and for the last quarter of that time have been talking about improvements which would make the stream more beautiful and, at the same time, more useful.

Nothing much has come of the plans, some of which were elaborate.

There's a hint in the current program for the Fox that something might actually be done in the next few years. Governor Stratton said so during a visit to St. Charles in July. The Citizens' commission for the Development of the Fox River, which he appointed a year ago, has said so repeatedly.

Word is now that the commission will ask the governor to get the necessary funds and authorization to begin work immediately in a number of needed dams--perhaps as many as seven. The governor mentioned several million dollars in his talk at St. Charles.

There's no question that the Fox needs fixing up in one way or another, and most of us in the Fox River Valley area will go along with the need for recreational development. All waterways are getting crowded these days and it gets more difficult every year to find access to good outdoor recreational areas--not only on water, but on land as well. With our increasing population, more outdoor recreational areas are needed.

The legislature should consider carefully, and we trust favorably, the suggestions of the commission which has worked rather diligently this past year, gathering technical data as well as sampling the reaction of the public and property owners.

The commissioners found most people backing such a program to preserve the beauty, looking forward to the increased amount of water involved, the improved sanitation, and an improved recreational and sports program.

Jan. 22: The Oswego Lin's Club met in the Masonic Dining room Tuesday evening. The program centered around a colored movie of the Mackinac Island Bridge in Michigan.

At the annual meeting of the Oswego Community Bank, G.C. Bartholomew was reelected president and Earl Zentmyer was named vice president. The entire slate of directors was reelected: Myron Wormley, Charles Lippincott, John Cherry, Homer Brown, and S.F. Bell.

With ten straight team wins, the Panther varsity wrestling squad will see action twice this weekend, hosting Ottawa on Thursday night and traveling to Hinsdale on Saturday for a quadrangular meet with the strong Hinsdale, Morton of Cicero, and Bremen teams.

At a meeting of the Oswego Business Association in the Kopper Kettle restaurant at Main and Washington, it was decided to hold the regular quarterly "Oswego Days" on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 13-14, with each cooperating merchant offering special prizes. "A lengthy discussion of off-street parking was held with a committee appointed to investigate some possible approaches to the problem," the *Ledger* reported.

Jan. 29: The *Ledger* reported that 110 members of the Oswego Presbyterian Church met Jan. 25 to hear the church building committee's plans for a new church on Ill. Route 25 just north of

Oswego. "Plans were presented and approved for a new modernistic building to be erected on the new site north of Oswego on Route 25 on the five-acre tract of land presented recently to the church by the G.C. Bartholomew family....Contact price for the building will be \$283,000 plus \$50,000 for interior furnishings and finishings of the sanctuary. At present, plans are being made to conduct a building campaign in March. No date to being construction has been set.

The Panther mat team will be after its 11th dual team win of the season Thursday (tonight) in the local gym with West Aurora furnishing the opposition.

Varsity wrestlers who will see action are Bob Plaskas, Chuck Robinson, Wylie Robinson, John Grach, Neil McCauley, Norm Harvey, Keith Haag, Tom Jarman, Ronnie Wynne, Gene Boram, Bob Condon, and Jim Wilkie.

Krahn Brothers Standard Station, Junction 34 & 71, Oswego was advertising that "We Steam Clean Motors."

Oswego's varsity cagers turned in their finest team effort of the season Friday night to take a resounding 76-62 win over Minooka, a team which defeated them twice before this year.

February -- 1959

Feb. 5: The Oswego Village Board voted to experiment on a Dutch Elm Disease control this year. Cather's Landscape Service, Oswego, was hired to treat elm trees in the three block area of Park Street with a new control method at \$5 per tree. Results of this experiment will govern further action on the part of the Village Board in the treatment of village elms.

The Ladies' Society of the Oswego Lutheran Mission will hold a fish fry on Friday, Feb. 6, at the Masonic Hall, Oswego. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Feb. 12: Oswego's hopes for a share of the Fox Valley cage title took another tumble last Friday night as Yorkville defeated the local quintet, 51-37. The loss gives the Panthers a 5-3 conference record for the season.

Last Sunday, Feb. 8, in a final balloting after the church service, the Lutherans of the Oswego area adopted, by a majority vote, the name "St. Luke's" for their mission and future church. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Aurora, a member of the Missouri Synod, has been sponsoring the mission as a daughter congregation.

All teachers were notified the mobile unit of the Illinois State Department of Health would be in Kendall County on Feb. 20 to administer tuberculosis X-rays to all staffers over 30 years of age. Younger teachers were to receive the tuberculin skin test on Feb. 16. All school personnel were required to have either a negative X-ray or skin test on file with their local school board.

Feb. 19: Carol Ekstrom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ekstrom, was chosen as the winner of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award at Oswego High School.

Ten Oswego varsity grapplers start off on the long trail to the Illinois State Finals by taking part in the district wrestling meet to be held at Orland Park's Carl Sandburg High School Thursday, Feb. 19 and Saturday, Feb. 21.

The following varsity wrestlers from Coach Ken Pickerill's squad are entered in the district: Bob Plaskas, Wylie Robinson, John Grach, John Wheeler, Neil McCauley, Norman Harvey, Keith Haag, Tom Jarman, Ronnie Wynne, Gene Boram, and Bob Condon.

Feb. 26: At their Monday, Feb. 23 meeting, the Oswego Grade School Board heard a written report from the Superintendent of public Instruction stating that there were not enough eligible children in Oswego to maintain a state supported room for Educable Mentally Handicapped. The board voted to continue the instruction for slow learners in an ungraded classroom for the next year.

Eight OHS wrestlers were headed to sectional competition Feb. 27-28 at Blue Island including Bob Condon, Bob Plaskas, Tom Jarman, Keith Haag, Gene Boram, Ronnie Wynne, Wylie Robinson, and John Grach.

Thirty Oswego High School students will participate in the Illinois District Music Contest at Crete-Monee High School Saturday, Feb. 28.

Oswego's varsity basketball team ended up with a .500 percentage for the season in league competition, winning five and losing five. This year's loop champs, Plainfield, evened up the score for an early season loss Friday night as they defeated Oswego by a 70-58 count.

The recently organized young people's society of the St. Luke's Lutheran Mission of Oswego is planning to adopt a constitution for its organization. Wanda Penn, Betty Wilson, Paul Garbleman, and Rev. E.F. Melchior will meet Sunday afternoon to prepare a suitable draft for a constitution.

Members of the Oswego High School Chorus are practicing for the minstrel show, "Alabama Bound," to be presented Thursday and Friday, March 12 and 13.

March -- 1959

March 5: Two OHS wrestlers were headed to the state finals after sectional competition ended. Bob Plaskas won first in the sectional, while Tom Jarman earned a second place. It was the seventh straight year Coach Ken Pickerill sent OHS grapplers to the state finals.

Soloists winning gold medals at the District Music Competition at Crete-Monee High School included Delreen Hafenrichter, Linda Houghtby, Noel Jensen, Dalman Hafenrichter, and Susan Thompson. In all, Oswego musicians earned 32 medals at the contest.

The ruling on the Unit District appeal, which was to be given by Circuit Judge Solfisburg last Friday afternoon was delayed until this Friday, March 6.

If there is no further delay in the ruling, we will try to outline the procedures to be followed by the local school boards in setting up an election to vote for against a unit district.

March 12: The Oswego Village Board met Monday night with all members present. A resolution was passed favoring the proposed Fox River Development plan.

Dr. B.T. Malmberg's request for permission for an office in his home on Chicago Road was granted.

Village engineer Walter Deuchler was authorized to make a detailed study of the existing sewage disposal plant including analysis of present facilities, and recommend improvement program to correct existing deficiencies to provide for future growth, also and estimate the cost and possible methods of financing such a program.

It was moved that the property at the rear of the library building at 64 Main Street, be available for public parking until such time as the Village has specific plans for its use.

G.C. Bartholomew and Larry Dunlap, representing the Oswego Business Association, requested the village board to study the possibility of improving the alley between Washington Street and the Fire Barn and developing off-street parking behind the business buildings on the west side of main Street. Referred to committee.

In answer to a request by G.C. Bartholomew of the possibility of extending water mains to the 55 acre tract lying north of Cedar Glen Subdivision, village Engineer Deuchler stated that the present system is capable of handling same, and the board stated that it would be agreeable to extending mains under same conditions under which the mains were extended to Cedar Glen.

A downtown street improvement project, financed from Motor Fuel Tax funds, was approved calling for curb, gutter, new base, and surface for streets in the block on Jackson Street from Route 25 to Main Street; Jefferson Street from Route 25 and 34 intersection to Main Street; Main Street from Jefferson to Jackson Street. Also, new sidewalk on east side of Main Street from Jackson to Washington Street.

Track and field great Jesse Owens spoke to the Oswego PTA on March 10. Owens famously won a gold medal at the Olympics held in Berlin immediately before World War II.

The ruling by Judge Solfisburg last Friday in favor of the petitioners for a unit district election opens the way for holding an election for the voters of Oswego school districts to ballot for or against having a unit district providing the objectors, the 40C School Board and the Bristol School Board, do not appeal to a higher court.

Bobby Plaskas, Oswego junior, missed being State of Illinois wrestling champion in the 95 lb. class by only two points last Saturday. Plaskas went into the state finals competition with a record of 41 wins and 8 losses over three years of competition.

March 19; Three Oswego High School students were named as recipients of scholarship awards in the State of Illinois by Gov. William B. Stratton last week. Oswegoans Sarah Gates, David Roth, and Jeannette McCorkle earned the awards.

March 26: The Oswego Lions Club is raising money to purchase a mosquito fogging machine for Oswego Township. This equipment will be available to every resident of the township for mosquito control during the summer months.

The members of St. Luke's Lutheran Mission of Oswego will commemorate the church festival of the resurrection of Jesus Christ in their regular service this Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Community Room of the Oswego High School.

Six of the Oswego school cafeteria staff attended a school lunch workshop at Joliet High last Saturday. Those who attended from Oswego included Mrs. Laura Wooley, Mrs. Ruth Steckel, Mrs. Dorothy Friebele, Mrs. Marcella Hundley, Mrs. Beatrice Meetz, and Mrs. Lillian Schomer.

April -- 1959

April 2: The annual "Senior Night" high jinks will take place in the gym on Friday night, April 3, beginning at 8 p.m. The featured activity will be a basketball contest between the members of the faculty and the senior boys.

Oswego Township voters will have an opportunity to choose between two candidates for road commissioner at the election to be held Tuesday, April 7 in the township hall, Washington Street, Oswego.

In the only contested position to be filled, incumbent Kenneth Gowran is being faced by Everett Hafenrichter.

Oswego Boy Scout Troop 31 is seeking merit badge counselors among adults in the community.

Forty-three Oswego high Schoolers are out for track this year under the direction of Coach Jim Aird.

#### Legal Publication

Notice is hereby given that Paul E. Krahn and Donald F. Krahn, copartners doing business as Krahn Brothers' Standard Service Station, Oswego, Illinois, have, as of March 16, 1959, dissolved their partnership upon the withdrawal of Donald E. Krahn from the firm and since said date the business will be conducted by Paul E. Krahn as an individual enterprise and said Donald E. Krahn shall not be liable for any debts contracted since said date.

April 9: In balloting for Oswego Township offices, Kenneth Gowran was elected road commissioner over Everett Hafenrichter, 385-138, while Wayne Fosgett ran unopposed for township supervisor.

A special referendum was set for May 9 to ask voters to form a unit district out of Oswego Grade School District 8 and Oswego High School District 300.

Oswego firefighters were busy over the last weekend, answering six calls, the *Ledger* reported.

April 16: In balloting April 11, Ralph Smith and Charles Nutt Jr. were elected to the Oswego High School District Board, while William Leigh and Raymond Lubbs were elected to the Oswego Grade School District Board.

In addition, school district voters approved the sale of the former home economics house at the corner of Washington and Monroe Street.

An order was filed Monday calling for an election on Saturday, May 9, to vote on a unit district for Oswego schools.

Also, a resolution was passed at Monday's meeting of the high school board requesting the County Board of School Trustees to set a date for sale of property voted on at the Saturday, April 11, election.

The property, which is located in Washington Street, will be sold at public auction on a date to be determined by the County Board of School trustees, notice of which will be published in the *Oswego Ledger*.

The Oswego Volunteer Fire protection District could possibly use more volunteer firemen for second calls. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer fireman, send your name and address to volunteer Firemen, Box 354, Oswego, Ill.

April 23: Voters in the Village of Oswego elected Milton L. "Les" Penn, Floyd Foss, and Edgar Gilbert to the village board on April 21. James Vinson was elected police magistrate in an uncontested election. A proposal to nearly double the village's property tax rate was decisively defeated, nearly 3-1, 197-77.

Four public meetings will be held to discuss the various phases of the unit district election to be held on Saturday, May 9.

"Belles on their Toes," a side splitting comedy, will be presented by the senior class of Oswego High School on May 1.

The case is as follows: Carol Ekstrom, Nancy Drew, Roxanne Wheeler, Lorna Mandel, Chuck Shuler, Rita Lantz, Ed Wolf, Jim Wormley, Wilson Smith, Henry Cryder, Irvin Collins, Rodney Anderson, Bonnie Hundley, Emil Pischel, Jim Seidelman, Jim Wilkie, and Keith Haag.

Oswego High School students receiving first place awards in the State Music Contest on April 17 were a clarinet quartet including Dalman Hafenrichter, Neil Mottinger, Nancy Rucks, and David Norris; a clarinet solo by Dalman Hafenrichter; and a vocal solo by Delreen Hafenrichter.

#### Notice of Election

Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of May, 1959, an election will be held at the polling places designated for the purpose of voting for or against the proposition to establish a community unit school district to maintain grades one to twelve, inclusive.

April 30: The second annual Fox Valley Conference Track Meet will be held on the local grounds Tuesday, May 5, with preliminaries and field events beginning at 3:45 and the finals beginning at 7:30.

Oswego will have a junior American Legion baseball team this year, sponsored by the local post, 675. The nine, which will be managed by Ken Pickerill, will be made up of boys from 15 to 18.

Any boy who is past Pony League age but who will not reach his 18th birthday before Sept. 1 of this year is eligible to play.

Notice was given that the former home economics house at Washington and Monroe Street, Oswego, would be sold at auction by the Kendall County Board of School Trustees on May 23.

May -- 1959

May 7: Irving A. Shears, county superintendent of schools, announced early this week that the election called for this Saturday, May 9, to vote on the formation of a Unit District for Oswego has been postponed. Mr. Shears stated that on Friday, May 1, the board of education of Wheatland Consolidated School District No. 40C, Will and DuPage Counties, Illinois and Glen Pearson and Ruth A. Pearson acting through their attorney Samuel Saxon of Plainfield, filed notice of appeal to the Appellate Court for the Second District at Ottawa, from the order entered on March 6, 1959 by Judge Roy J. Solfisburg Jr. in the circuit court of Kendall County. Mr. Shears stated that after consultation with legal authorities he had determined that the election should be postponed until the appeal is disposed of.

The Oswego Village Board met Monday night. Bids were opened for the downtown street improvement program to be financed by Motor Fuel Tax funds. Charles O'Brien and Son, Morris, was awarded the contract with a low bid of \$29,616.18. The work to be done includes curb and gutter and surfacing on Jefferson Street from Madison to main; Main Street from Jefferson to Washington; Jackson Street from main to Madison, a total distance of 1,263 feet. The sidewalk on the east side of main Street from Jackson to Washington will be replaced.

A discussion was held exploring the possibility of combining the Village of Oswego and Township of Oswego offices and storage space in a new location and selling the present locations, which would then be available for new businesses in the downtown area. Other municipalities such as the Oswego Park District, Fire District, and school districts are to be considered in the exploratory meetings to be set up.

Two auction sales will be held on Saturday, May 23, to dispose of property owned by the Oswego High School District. The first sale will be the property situated on Washington Street currently occupied by Superintendent T. Loyd Traugher. The property was purchased some years ago and used as a home economics unit until the present high school was built. Since then it has been rented to the school superintendent.

The second sale will consist of the house and garage situated on the former Manning property in Washington Street. The buildings must be removed from the premises within 60 days from the date of the sale. The property was purchased several years ago as it adjoined the present high school property and with a view toward future expansion.

May 14: The date of mailing Kendall County tax bills is still indefinite through no fault of local county officials. County treasurer William Maier stated early this week that local bills could not be made out until DeKalb County and LaSalle County complete their books and forward the information to Kendall County so that the proper rates can be extended on the tax bills.

The Boulder Hill Neighborhood Church of the Brethren will celebrate its first anniversary on Sunday, May 17. Services will include an anniversary observance at the 11 a.m. service, at which time Dr. Galen Lehman, executive secretary of the Central Region, Church of the Brethren, will speak on "Birthday of the Church." Services of confirmation and the reception of new members will be a part of the service.

An item of great importance and interest to members and friends will be the presentation and consideration of the church building plans. Proposed plans call for four units of colonial design including sanctuary, educational and administrative units, a fellowship hall, and small chapel. The proposed sanctuary will have a total seating capacity of 524 with space for 282 in the nave, 40 in the choir, with overflow space to provide for 194.

The fellowship hall will seat 300 at tables. There will be a kitchen, stage and dressing rooms, youth room with a seating capacity of 75.

The educational unit provides individual classroom space for each grade including crib, toddlers, nursery, and kindergarten rooms. A lounge, conference and library room, and small chapel with a seating capacity of 70 adjoin the unit.

Office space for the pastor's study another personnel is included.

The church will be located on a five-acre tract on the corner of Boulder Hill Pass and Codorus Street and readily accessible from all directions. There will be an outdoor recreational area and parking space for 96 cars. The site joins the 12-acre tract set aside for future use as a school site. It is expected that building will get underway as soon as the streets and sewers are completed in the area where the church is to be located.

Architect for the structure is Arthur L. Dean of Elgin, who is church building counselor for Church of the Brethren, and who has designed churches all across the United States.

The Oswego Library Board wishes to express thanks to the Oswego Ministerial Association and to the residents of the community for a gift of \$81 for purchase of religious books for the local library shelves. The money represents the collection taken during the Oswegorama outdoor worship service held last September.

May 21: In a historic meeting on Wednesday evening, May 13, the voting members of St. Luke's Lutheran Mission of Oswego, which St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Aurora started as a daughter congregation, organized their mission into a church according to the incorporation laws of the State of Illinois....The future building site of the church comprises eight acres of land east of Boulder Hill and south of the new By-Pass.

#### 72 EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES

Eighth grade graduation exercises will be held in the Oswego high School gym Wednesday evening, May 27 beginning at 8 p.m.

This year the salutatory and valedictory honors are being shared by Karen Hafenrichter, Julia Garrison, and Bonnie Koukol. The faculty could not distinguish between their scholastic records sufficiently to warrant separate distinction.

All young men are required by law to register with Selective Service within five days after reaching their 18th birthday. A youth failing to do so may be declared a delinquent and ordered to immediate induction into the army.

May 28: Commencement for 53 Oswego High School seniors will be held in the gym tonight, Thursday, May 28, at 8 p.m.

Students honored during commencement exercises were David Roth, valedictorian, and salutatorian Jeannette McCorkle. The activities award was won by James Seidelman. The sportsmanship and Athletics award was won by Wilson Smith. The Class motto was "Too many with to be happy before becoming wise." Class colors were white and gold. Class flower was the white tea rose.

Oswego Park District President Everett Hafenrichter announced this week that three playgrounds will be in operation this year for the 10-week summer recreation program beginning on Monday, June 8:

Playground No. 1, White Grade School. Mrs. Lois Morley, director; Joyce Miliano and Pat Conroy, junior assistants.

Playground No. 2, Red Brick Grade School, Wayne Fosgett, outside activities director; Mrs. Ruth Weidert, handicraft director.

Playground No. 3, Boulder Hill Neighborhood Church Annex, Mrs. Jeannette Bramley, director; Kathie Peterson and Patty Myers, junior assistants.

In addition, Ray Linden is coaching and managing the Oswego entry in the Cornbelt Little League, and Charles LaGow and William Lank are handling the Oswego entry in the Fox Valley Pony League.

The overall Oswego Park District program is directed and coordinated by Ford L. Lippold, recreation director for the district.

At a recent meeting of the Oswego Woman's Civil Club, it was voted to spend \$300 for play equipment for the White Grade School play areas, including a jungle gym, swings, etc. This improvement is to take place in June so that the equipment will be available for the summer recreation program.

In addition, the Oswego Grade School Board and the Oswego Park District have approved additional improvements on the area. The grade school board voted at a meeting held Monday evening to rehabilitate the two slides on the grounds, providing new slide beds and lowering the height of the slides.

The Park district voted to install a permanent concrete type sandbox area, balance rails, and painting of equipment, as well as additional painting in the basement rooms.

The dwelling house owned by the Oswego High School District and occupied for the past years by Superintendent T. Loyd Traugher was sold at public auction last Saturday, with Traugher being the successful bidder at \$13,000

An adjoining lot was sold to Wm. N. Probst for a high bid of \$2,450.

The other piece of property to be sold at auction, the former Walter Manning home, had a high bid of only \$20, and the bid was rejected by the board. The house, when sold, is to be removed from the property.

June -- 1959

June 4: In a letter to the Oswego Village Board, Oswego Police Officer Don Sebby, requested a pay raise. The request was forwarded to the board's police committee. "It was recommended by the police committee that one police officer be released from duty due to lack of funds in the police department," the *Ledger* also reported. "The decision was left up to the law and order committee to act on the recommendation." In other village board news, John Carr was appointed to the Oswego Plan Commission to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Douglas Dreier and Bob Kaetzer was appointed to assume the village treasurer's job formerly held by Carr. Kendall County Sheriff Frank Willman offered county deputies to help with traffic control at Madison and Washington streets on Sunday mornings during church service hours. The intersection was clogged weekly due to traffic heading to the Oswego Dragway.

June 11: The Oswego Park District announced that the first swimming trip of the season would be held June 11. Youngsters would be transported to the Batavia pool by bus, with all swimmers requested to be at the Red Brick School playground by 12:30 p.m. Cost was 50 cents for grade schoolers and 65 cents for high schoolers.

June 18: The Oswego Park District reported a new backstop and fencing had been installed at the East View Grade School Grounds. The Oswego Lions Club footed \$600 of the \$1,000 cost of the project. "The installation is of the latest design and of sturdy materials that will last over a period of many years with little or no maintenance cost," the *Ledger* reported. Other community projects sponsored by the Lions Club, according to the *Ledger*, were the Oswego house numbering system, concrete street corner markers, country road markers, and in cooperation with the Oswego Civic Club, installation of the play area on the Red Brick School grounds, Little League uniforms, juke boxes for the Teen Club, and other projects.

June 25: Boys and girls of the Oswego Park District are invited to take part in the second annual fishing derby to be held at ThreeDee Lake on the Everett Hafenrichter farm in Douglas Road on Monday, June 29.

All boys and girls who are eight years old and over are eligible to take place.

A mosquito control program of the Oswegoland area is underway, spearheaded by the Oswego Lions Club with the aid of the Oswego Village Board and, it is hoped, by a majority of the citizens of the community.

A \$1,200 piece of equipment has been purchased and it will cost between \$400 and \$500 for insecticide and manpower to take care of the four foggings that will be needed during the balance of the year.

The Oswego Lions Club is to put all of its available money into the kitty, the Oswego Village Board agreed to put in \$400. Now it will be up to the residents of the Oswegoland community to help out with part of the balance.

The plan is to also fog the Boulder Hill area, providing the families in that area are willing to contribute on the same basis of \$2 per home.

Delreen Hafenrichter is spending two weeks at the Illinois Summer Youth Music program at the University of Illinois in Urbana. She is one of over 300 high school students from all over the state of Illinois. Delreen will sing the lead role of "Pamina" in Mozart's opera, "The Magic

Flute," on Friday afternoon. Delreen, who is a student at Oswego High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hafenrichter.

Dick Parkhurst, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Parkhurst, recently attended the 31st annual convention of boys who take vocational agriculture in high schools throughout Illinois. He was awarded the Illinois State Farmer Degree that can be granted by the Illinois Association FFA. The award is limited each year to two percent of the active membership.

July -- 1959

July 2: The Oswego high school and grade school boards of education were studying emergency measures to house increased enrollments for the upcoming 1959-60 school year, including an addition at Oswego High School that would include two locker rooms, a music room, and at least one classroom. Complicating the move to add more facilities was the legal problems encountered with creating a unit district. The proposal to unite the grade and high school districts into a single unit district was put forward in an August 1958 petition signed by 349 voters in the two districts. However, two other area school districts, Wheatland Grade School District 40-C and Bristol Grade School District 12, appealed the Kendall County Superintendent of Schools' approval to hold a referendum in the Circuit Court, which ruled the arguments insufficient. A second appeal, however, was made to the appellate court, where it currently languished. No new buildings could be started until the legal issues were settled.

Kendall County Sheriff Frank Willman was warning about "extremely heavy and dangerous traffic" on county highways over the July 4 holiday, and was participating with the state in issuing a yellow traffic alert. "The yellow alert was put into effect throughout the state last Friday by Governor William G. Stratton to warn motorists of the critical dangers they must face if they drive during the holiday period," the *Ledger* reported.

Shuler's Drug Store in downtown Oswego was advertising Myzon Swine Medicine for scours and necro in pigs as well as Armidexan for iron deficiency in pigs. "Remedies for all farm animals and pets," the Shuler's ad said.

The Satellite Restaurant at U.S. Route 34 and Ill. Route 71 in Oswego--later Scotties Restaurant--was advertising carry outs. "For a whole meal or just a bite...Come to see us at the Satellite" their ad read.

Arthur Trambie announced his resignation as Justice of the Peace of Oswego Township effective June 27.

Helping defeat the Yorkville Pony League squad in a 10-1 game was Bob Tripp, leading Oswego hitters with three hits in four trips to the plate, including a home run.

July 9: The Oswego High School Board announced that an addition of two locker rooms, a storage-drying room, a music room, and one classroom would be made to Oswego High School. Also, a folding partition would be installed in the high school Community Room to create two

classrooms. The estimated \$70,000 for the improvements would come from existing revenues and an increased tax levy for the district's building fund.

Five long blasts of the siren atop the Oswego Fire Station were to signal the changeover from the old village well to the new well and water tower on July 13. The new tower and well was located at Madison and Douglas streets. The old tower and well were located at Van Buren and Washington streets.

Harry Iselman was hired on a 90-day trial as Oswego's night watchman.

Fay Brill of Oswego led a panel discussion on WTTW-TV, Channel 11 in Chicago on July 9 on "The Communist Manifesto," during the station's Great Books discussion series.

56 youngsters from Oswego were set to travel to Chicago's Comiskey Park on July 11 to see the White Sox play Kansas City. Another trip was planned to Comiskey on July 23.

July 16: The changeover to the new Oswego village well was delayed due to lack of timely approval of the new well by the Illinois Department of Health. Village officials were planning to complete the changeover on July 20, pending approval by state officials.

July 23: State health officials still had not issued approval for the changeover of Oswego's new well. Oswego Water Department Chairman William Crimmin said that no official date would be set by the village for the changeover. He said that as soon as approval is granted, the village will signal the changeover with five long blasts of the siren on the Oswego Fire Station in downtown Oswego.

July 30: At their meeting held on July 22, the voting members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, now meeting in the Community Room of the Oswego High School, decided to take the necessary steps toward the erection of a building. The proposed site comprises a little over eight acres parallel to Boulder Hill and touching the new By-Pass. St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Aurora, which is sponsoring St. Luke's as its daughter congregation, is donating this land for the new church.

August -- 1959

Aug. 6: Don L. Dise, Inc., developers of Boulder Hill, have entered into an agreement with Oswego Community Consolidated School District 8 to lease an eight-unit apartment building to be used as school rooms for the children residing in Boulder Hill and surrounding community. The building is now under construction and will be completed by Sept. 1, in time for the start of the school year. The building is to be used as temporary quarters for a school; stipulations of the lease provide that the building will be occupied as a school for one year with an option to renew for a second year on a month-to-month basis. The building is to be used as temporary quarters for a school. A permanent school site of 12 acres is being donated by Don L. Dise, Inc. in Unit 7 of Boulder Hill, which has been approved by the Oswego Plan Commission and is now in the process of being recorded. The lease, with rental cost to be provided later, provides that Dise will

provide utilities, heat, lights, water, and grounds maintenance. The apartments are being finished with no interior partitions except for the lavatories in each room. The building firm has also agreed to donate \$100 for each house built in Boulder Hill towards the construction of the permanent school.

The Oswego schools were set to begin the 1959-60 school year with seven attendance centers, including Church School in Wheatland Township; and the Little White School, the Red Brick School, East View School, the junior high wing at Oswego High School, and Oswego High School, all in Oswego. Church School was the district's last one-room country school, and housed students in grades 1-3 under teacher Eugenia Davis. The district planned to operate nine buses for the year.

Oswego published its village appropriations ordinance for the coming fiscal year. Oswego officials planned to spend \$30,687.25 in property taxes, according to the ordinance, which was signed by village president James Zentmyer and village clerk John Spang. Total village spending was estimated at \$255,101.

Oswego officials were seeking bids for the removal of the old 50,000-gallon elevated water tank, originally built in 1894.

Oswego Plan Commissioners approved the preliminary plat of the Bil-Joy Subdivision, located north of Oswego on Ill. Route 25. The subdivision had more than eight proposed building lots and adjoined Bartholomew's Cedar Glen Subdivision and to the north, Boulder Hill Subdivision. Developer was Ray Smith of Aurora. Home prices were to range from \$12,000 to \$20,000. "The subdividing of this area completes the link between the Village of Oswego and the Kendall and Kane County Line along Rt. 25 as far as residential area is concerned," the *Ledger* reported.

Aug. 13: The total low bid of \$68,601 for the new addition to Oswego High School was accepted by the Oswego High School District Board. The new facilities were planned to be ready for use in December. Low bidders were Warren Brothers Construction Company, Aurora, general contractor; Beaver Plumbing and Heating Company, Aurora, plumbing and heating; Michels Electric, Aurora, electrical work.

The district agreed to pay a rental cost of \$12,000 per year to Don L. Dise, Inc. for the use of six classrooms in the new Boulder Hill Apartments. The cost included all utilities and maintenance costs inside and outside the building. Lighting and chalkboards to be installed in the building were to be used in the proposed new Boulder Hill School.

The Oswego Village Board agreed to allow John Burkhart to operate his business, Planned Interiors, at his home on the corner of Garfield Street and Chicago Road. In other village board news, 1,000 feet of sidewalk was approved from the end of the existing sidewalk at East View School to Garfield Street; in front of the new high school; and along side the Little White School on Polk Street. The school district and village were to share the costs of the new walks.

The Oswego Park District's appropriation ordinance called for spending \$14,015 in property tax dollars in its next fiscal year.

Aug. 29: Removal and renovation of the sidewalk along the east side of Main Street, from Washington to Jackson Street, in downtown Oswego was underway. "It is hoped that the shoppers of the area will be patient while the repairs are underway and take into consideration the fact that the improvement program is planned for their convenience and shopping comfort as well as to add to the looks of the downtown area," the *Ledger* reported. "Remember, all places of business are open during the usual hours."

The first of 39 homes is under construction in the George D. Smith subdivision in the eastern limits of Oswego on Route 34. Ray W. Smith Builders, Aurora are the builders. The East View Grade School is located next to the subdivision.

A total of 31 teachers were ready to begin classes for the Oswego Grade School District, the *Ledger* reported.

Oswego was seeking "Six former military policemen, shore patrolmen, air policemen, or men with previous police experience" to serve as unpaid auxiliary officers for six to eight hours a month.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. William Holzhuetter invited community residents to a golden wedding anniversary open house at the Holzhuetters' home, 125 Chicago Road, on Aug. 23.

Aug. 27: A total of 48 instructors, 17 at the high school level and 31 on the grade school staff were ready to open school for the 1959-60 school year.

September -- 1959

Sept. 3: A record school enrollment of 1,211 students showed up for class when school opened Sept. 1, 305 at Oswego High School and 906 in grades 1-8. The temporary school at the Boulder Hill Apartments opened with 156 students.

Sept. 10. The record school enrollment reported last week of 1,211 students is still growing, according to Superintendent T. Loyd Traugher. Between 20 and 25 new students registered on Tuesday morning following the return from Labor Day vacations, and more are registering every day.

Officials of the Wheatland Plow Match are sponsoring a Children's Costume and Pet Parade to be held Saturday, Sept. 12, at 11 a.m. at the Harley Shoger Farm. There will be \$45 given in prizes.

A record turnout of 64 boys are trying out for starting positions on the Oswego High School Varsity and Frosh-Soph Football teams.

Sept. 17: Members of the Oswego Village Board rejected all the bids for the removal of the old water tower. The low bidder for the project was Richard Stegman Jr., Aurora, \$3,750. In other board business, members of the 19th Century Club appeared to speak on needed improvements

for the Oswego Library at 64 Main Street. The frame building was owned by the village, with club members operating the public library. A committee of board members was appointed to study the problems with club members.

Due to recently enacted legislation, Kendall County Courthouse offices will be closed Saturdays, effective Oct. 1, 1959.

At the final meeting of the Oswegorama committee, formed to help the community celebrate its 125th anniversary, treasurer Woodrow Boone reported the weeklong celebration netted \$1,907. The proceeds had been earmarked before the celebration began for use by the Oswego Library.

Sept. 24: The Oswego High School Band took part in the annual Band Day at Northwestern University in Evanston. They were among 4,500 band students representing 55 high schools who took part in half-time activities at Dyche Stadium.

The Jacqueline Shop in Oswego furnished fashions for the Boulder Hill Welcome Wagon Committee's second annual style show, "Holiday Prevue," held on stage at the Boulder Hill Playhouse.

October -- 1959

Oct. 1: U.S. Sen. Paul H. Douglas, R-Illinois, was scheduled to meet constituents at the Yorkville American Legion Post Home on Tuesday, Oct. 6.

The Oswego Volunteer Fire Department scheduled an open house to mark National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 4-11, at the fire barn on Main Street in downtown Oswego.

The first Oswego Community roller skating Party of the season was set for Thursday evening, Oct. 8, at Electric Park in Plainfield.

Oct. 8: The Oswego Panther varsity football team was getting ready to play the Yorkville Foxes Friday, Oct. 9. The game was never in doubt, with the Panthers holding the Foxes scoreless in a 42-0 Fox Valley Conference victory. Under the leadership of quarterback Tom Jarman, the Panthers gained 402 yards on 11 first downs and six touchdowns. Yorkville gained just 66 yards on the evening.

Oct. 15: On Oct. 12, the Second District Appellate Court at Ottawa overruled a motion to dismiss the case relating to the formation of a unit school district for the Oswego area. Wheatland Grade School district 40-C and Bristol Grade School District 12 had objected to a ruling by county school superintendent Irving A. Shears in 1950 to allow the consolidation to proceed. With the appellate ruling, the matter was returned to the circuit court to be heard on the merits of the original 359 petitioners to form a unit district.

John Poker, Dan Cain, and Harry Ilseman, all residents of the Cedar Glen subdivision, requested the village board investigate the high water rates in the subdivision. Village President Jim

Zentmyer appointed board members William Crimmin, Milton Penn, and Carl Smith to look into the matter. In other board business, members voted unanimously to begin holding their meetings at 7 p.m. instead of 8 p.m. as was the previous practice.

Oct. 29: The Oswego Panther Varsity Football Team continued their winning ways during the OHS Homecoming Game against Sandwich on Oct. 23 with a 38-12 victory under the lights at their home field. Russ Nickett opened the game by running the Sandwich kick-off back for an 80-yard touchdown.

The Oswego Grade School District's annual financial report revealed \$168,014.31 in spending against \$166,235.73 in receipts for the previous fiscal year.

November -- 1959

Nov. 5: The Oswego High School Frosh-Soph Football Team, under the leadership of coach Jim Aird, wrapped up a perfect season.

Nov. 12: *Ledger* Editor Ford Lippold, in a front page editorial, wrote that the paper had successfully completed 10 years of publication, having starting in November 1949. "Much has happened in the last ten years," he wrote. "The population of Oswego Township has doubled due to the numerous subdivisions; a comprehensive development plan for village and township has been adopted; a new high school and a new grade school have been built; a junior high wing added; a new fire barn; new water tower and well; a new Catholic church; a Lutheran congregation has been formed; several new business buildings have been built; ornamental street lights have enhanced the business area; the Oswego Park District was formed; Caterpillar Tractor came into the township with its huge new plant; Oswego celebrated its 125th anniversary with Oswegorama; and many other events have livened up the past decade. All indications point to much expansion during the next ten years. New schools and churches will be built. New subdivisions will be platted. A public park and recreation area is needed. New businesses and light industrial plants would be a boon to the community. We hope to be around to bring you news of the things to come that will keep Oswego Township alive and growing."

The Oswego Panther varsity ended the year unbeaten with a record of seven wins and one tie, and secured the Fox Valley Conference championship.

The Oswego Days promotion by downtown Oswego retailers was to be held Nov. 13-14. "Shop in Oswego," the *Ledger* urged. "No parking meters and you do business with a friendly local merchant who is really interested in serving you as a friend and neighbor."

Your choice of Swanson Frozen TV Dinners at Bohn's Food Store on Main Street in downtown Oswego was 59 cents each. Also on sale was pot roast at 49 cents a pound and hills Brothers Coffee, one pound for 59 cents.

Nov. 19: "Are you helping build Kane County roads?" a front page *Ledger* editorial asked. *Ledger* editor Ford Lippold urged all Oswego area residents to check their automobile

registration cards to make sure their cars and trucks were registered in Kendall, and not Kane County. "If you are a resident of Oswego Township and your registration card reads Kane or some other county, you are contributing about \$12 each year to that county's road fund through the Motor Fuel Tax refund," Lippold said.

A refugee family who escaped East Germany to the west was living in Oswego. Mr. and Mrs. Peter (Renate) Poltersdorf and their seven month-old daughter, were living in a home at the south end of Main Street. The couple was sponsored by the Oswego Presbyterian Church in cooperation with the World Council of Churches.

Nov. 26: All members of the Oswego Lions Club, the Oswego American Legion, and the Oswego Business Association were urged to help put up Christmas lights on Main Street Sunday morning, Nov. 29, starting at 8:30 a.m. "Coffee will be served in the Coffee shop through the courtesy of Tona and Ethel Power," the *Ledger* reported.

Students at Oswego High School earning straight A's for the first nine weeks included Alice Ebinger, Rita Bell, Julie Sands, Joanne Haddock, Susan Luettich, Susan Thompson, Ingrid Wendt, Jean Wormley, Julia Garrison, Sherry Henderson, Karen Hafenrichter, and Bonnie Koukol.

December -- 1959

Dec. 3: Another hearing on the Oswego School Unit District formation will be held in the circuit court at Yorkville the middle of December. A favorable decision will mean that a vote can be held for the formation of a unit district provided that opposition does not appear again.

Progress is again underway on the high school addition after a wait for steel.

"Automobile owners have been using the downtown streets as a place to empty out their ash trays. it is an exceedingly slovenly habit and it certainly doesn't improve the appearance of the streets," *Ledger* Editor Ford Lippold observed.

Dec. 10: Many of the local stores are staying open every evening until 9:00 for the convenience of Christmas shoppers. In addition, The Jacqueline Shop is putting on a Men's Night next Tuesday when males will have an opportunity to pick out the wife's present without her peering over his shoulder.

Dec. 17: Seventh grade students of Grace Palmer contributed Christmas poems to the *Ledger*. Poets whose work was published included Rich Denney, Wanda Walper, Susan Dauwalder, Roger Miliano, Boyd Wilkinson, John Stoner, and Donna Borneman.

Dec. 31: It happened in Oswego, 1959: January, St. Luke's Lutheran installs new officers; February, two Oswego wrestlers go to state finals, Bobby Plaskas and Tom Jarman; March, OHS musical students win 32 medals in district competition, village board authorizes sewage plant study, OHS students Sarah Gates, David Roth, and Jenette McCorkle win Illinois State

Scholarships; April, Kenneth Gowran reelected Oswego Township Road Commissioner and Wayne Fosgett reelected supervisor, voters defeat proposed tax rate increase; May referendum on forming a unit school district is postponed, Boulder Hill Neighborhood Church of the Brethren marks its first anniversary, 53 senior graduate from OHS with David Roth the valedictorian, 72 eighth graders graduate with Karen Hafenrichter, Julia Garrison and Bonnie Koukol sharing valedictorian honors, St. Luke's Lutheran Church organized; June, community mosquito fogging program begins; July, grade and high school boards study overcrowding, new village well and water tower go into operation, St. Luke's announced they will build a new church in Boulder Hill; August, temporary classrooms approved for Boulder Hill students in new apartment building, park district's summer playground program ends with an average daily attendance of 290; September, Oswego schools open with seven attendance centers including the district's last one-room country school; October, PTA members tour all district buildings, Panther gridders beat Sandwich in homecoming contest, 26-0; November, varsity and frosh-soph gridders both win Fox Valley Conference championships, *Oswego Ledger* begins 11th year of publication; December, Santa Claus greets Oswego children.

1960

January

Jan. 7: After a visit to Oswego schools by Harry Bank, deputy state fire marshal, he ordered the district to make 18 safety corrections at the Red Brick School and eight corrections at the Little White School. Electrical work was started during the holidays by J.C. Electric Co., Aurora. The store rooms have been cleared; wooden partitions removed in the White School; McDowell's Welding Service is proceeding with fire escape repairs; Wm. Crimmin & Sons are presently working on cost estimates of carpentry work. The Board of Education has considered the alternate use of a sprinkler system and an automatic fire alarm. The cost of such a system is prohibitive and was not part of the recommendations of the Deputy Fire Marshal.

The Oswego Village Board has hired James Vinson to take over the duties of police officer for the Village effective as of Feb. 1, 1960. The present officer, Paul Dwyre, is retiring on that date. Vinson has been deputy county sheriff and is currently police magistrate in the village, from which office he is resigning to take over his new duties.

Kendall County State's Attorney Jerome Nelson, Republican, Oswego, has announced he will be a candidate for reelection in the primary election on April 12. Mr. Nelson is now completing his second term as State's Attorney.

Jan. 14: At the Oswego Village Board meeting Mr. and Mrs. Hesse appeared with a request to have the extension of Fourth Street closed. They were directed to present a petition signed by parties concerned to the Oswego Plan Commission.

It was voted by the village board to rehire W.E. Deuchler & Associates as village engineer for the current year.

Coach Ken Pickerill's varsity wrestling squad, riding along on the crest of a winning streak, meets and powerful Pekin team Saturday night. To date, Oswego has a record of seven wins and one tie. Two Panther wrestlers, Wylie Robinson and John Grach, have not been defeated this season, while Bobby Plaskas, Tom Jarman, Ronnie Wynne, and Denny Hastert have each lost only one match in eight starts this year.

The Fox Valley Chapter of the American Institute of Plant Engineers will sponsor a talk on "Ground Water Conservation" as applied to the fast-growing industrialized Fox River Valley area. The speaker will be Harman F. Smith, head of the engineering section of the Illinois State Water Survey. "If our supply of available water is not conserved," Smith states, "The time will soon come when severe measures will need to be taken to prevent the wasteful use of water. The supply, contrary to popular belief, is not unlimited and some water resources require expensive treatment before they can be made fit for human use."

Jan. 21: Plans for the building of the first units of the new Boulder Hill Neighborhood Church of the Brethren were approved in congregational meeting Jan. 12, and the target date for the ground breaking ceremony was set for Easter Sunday, April 17. Two units, the educational building and the fellowship hall, will be built this spring and summer.

G.C. Bartholomew, Oswego postmaster for the past decade, retired as of last week. Gordon Wormley is acting postmaster at the present time. Bartholomew and his wife, Leone, will leave for Lake Tahoe next week where they will reside. Their two children, David and Sue, are currently attending college in the west.

Jan. 28: The second annual stockholders meeting of the Oswego Community Bank was held Monday evening, Jan. 18. The meeting was conducted by President G.C. Bartholomew with cashier Rex Van Alstine acting as secretary. Bartholomew stated the bank experienced a very healthy growth during the past year. Bartholomew, who was extremely active in the organization of the bank and its first president, resigned from the board of directors due to the fact that he and his family are moving to their new home in Zephyr Cove, Nevada. Rex Van Alstine, cashier, was elected to the board of directors to fill the vacancy left by Bartholomew's resignation. At a directors' meeting held immediately following the stockholders meeting, Earl Zentmyer was elected president, and Van Alstine was elected vice-president.

February -- 1960

Feb. 4: Oswego merchants will present another of the popular "Oswego Days" parade of bargains on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12 and 13. Each of the cooperating merchants, in addition to having money-saving bargains during the weekend sale, will give away a valuable free prize.

Two new members were appointed to the Oswego Plan Commission at their January meeting, Mrs. Lorraine Peshia and Joe Otto. They replace Mrs. Dorothy Bell and John Luettich, whose terms expired in January. Other members of the commission include John Carr, Henry Smith, Charles Garrison, Lois Drew, Ford L. Lippold, Harley Swanquist, and Stanley Herren; Don

Etzwiler as chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals; Carl Smith representing the Oswego Village Board; and township members Everett Hafenrichter, Wayne Fosgett, Alvin Hubbard, Don Schroeder, Tom Serkowich and George Akerlow.

Feb. 11: Kendall County Clerk Edgar Henricksen announced this week that voter registration for residents of the Boulder Hill Subdivision will be held on Thursday Feb. 18, and Saturday, Feb. 19, between the hours of 6 and 10 p.m. in the annex of the Boulder Hill Church.

The Oswego varsity wrestlers will compete in the district tourney to be held at Carl Sandburg High School, Orland Park, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12 and 13. Oswego is the defending champion in the district having captured the event last year.

Feb. 18: Coach Jim Aird's frosh-soph basketball team nailed down the Fox Valley Conference Championship last Friday night with a determined 55-51 win over the Norsemen of Newark. Bob Tripp led the assault on Newark connecting for 13 field goals and a trio of free throws for 29 points. Dale LaGow, the team's high scorer, had a previous team high of 28 points against Yorkville the week before. LaGow added 13 points against the Norsemen and Verlin Boram had 11.

Ten members of Coach Ken Pickerill's varsity wrestling team advanced to sectional competition. The Panthers took the district team championship for the second year in a row, totaling 93 points in the nine-school competition. Three Oswego grapplers, Bob Plaskas, Tom Jarman, and Ron Wynne took first place honors. There were five second place winners, Wylie Robinson, John Grach, Bob Ackley, John Wheeler, and Norman Harvey. Ron Peterson, and Denny Hastert were fourth place winners.

Still no word from the courts on the unit district decision, which has been expected for some time now. The ancient sage who remarked about the mills of the gods grind slowly might as well have gone on and added, "And, at times appear not to grind at all." In the meantime, the school enrollment continues to increase daily.

For the first time in the memory of many people, the village streets in the residential area were cleared of snow in short order. If it had not been for a mechanical breakdown, we are sure that the snow pushed up against the curbing in the downtown area would have been trucked away by now.

A note from ex-postmaster G.C. Bartholomew states that after 2,830 miles of traveling, he and his wife arrived at their new home in Zephyr Cove, Nevada. Jim went on to say that they just had 17 inches of new snow. They live near Squaw Valley and plan on taking in the Olympics this coming Saturday.

We assume that most of our readers are aware that sometime within the next two years we will have dial free telephone service to Aurora and Plainfield, in addition to Yorkville, which we presently have. For most of the residents of the community this will be an asset both in convenience and money-wise. We understand that negotiations are underway for a piece of

property on which to house a new telephone building for the extra and new equipment that will be needed.

Feb. 25: The Oswego High School wrestling team will be represented in the state finals at Champaign next weekend by Bob Plaskas and Tom Jarman. Questionable officiating in the semi-finals kept Wylie Robinson and John Grach from advancing to the finals, according to reaction from many who attended.

Several Oswego Boy Scouts received their God and Country Awards at a ceremony at the Oswego Presbyterian Church. Earning the award were Jerry Parkhurst, Ron Peck, Steve Drew, Bob Campbell, Don Perrin, and Dave Fosgett.

March -- 1960

March 3: Circuit Court Judge Cassius Proust rendered a decision Friday, Feb. 26, favorable to the formation of a unit district for Oswego community schools, thereby confirming the decision of county superintendent Irving Shears given nearly two years ago. Mr. Shears, acting as administrative officer, ordered an election to be held. Certain objectors took administrative review of this decision to the Circuit Court. The appeal was dismissed on legal technicalities. A further appeal was taken to the appellate court, which remanded the case to the circuit court for a hearing on the merits. This hearing was held before Judge Proust in Yorkville on Dec. 8, 1960. The favorable decision of Feb. 26 means that county superintendent Shears will be obligated to call an election for the formation of a unit district as described in the original petition.

Several members of the Oswego High School Music Department received superior ratings at the district music contest held last Saturday. These winners will attend the state music contest at Illinois State Normal on April 22: Dalman Hafenrichter, Delreen Hafenrichter, Susan Rucks, Nan Rucks, Susan Thompson, Steve Smith, Nan Rucks, Neil Mottinger, David Norris, Jean Wormley, Jacquie Quantock, Shelby Mundsinger, Ingrid Wendt.

A new fire siren has been installed on the roof of the fire barn.

Congratulations to village board member William Miller who has been appointed assistant branch manager of the Chicago sales office of Barber-Greene Company. Bill, who was chairman of the Oswego Plan Commission for a number of years until he was elected to the village board, will continue to reside in Oswego.

Even though two additional liquor licenses are made available by the new amend to the village ordinance, another provision in the ordinance makes it pretty difficult to qualify for a license: Establishments retailing liquor can only be on the east or west sides of Main Street between Jackson and Washington. Also, to obtain a liquor license, a person must be a resident of the village and must own or hold lease on a building in which the tavern is to be located.

In answer to several queries of late, the meetings of all public bodies are open to the public. This includes the village board, park board, township board, school boards, fire district, etc. Any tax-

supported body must keep its books and its meetings open to any member of the community. All of them should welcome the interest shown by people who attend.

March 10: Sheriff's report for February: Investigation of auto accidents, 10; larceny, 3; burglary, 2; general complaints, 17; missing persons, 2; Drunkometer tests, 3; subjects fingerprinted, 4; and criminal investigations, 5. J.P. Court writ services, 12; county court, 7; circuit court, 10, foreign county, 2. Sheriff Frank Willman also reports that there were 10 prisoners incarcerated in the county jail during February with a total of 122 prisoner days. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Milton "Les" Penn are holding an open house in honor of their parents' 25th wedding anniversary on Sunday, March 13.

March 17: At the Oswego Village Board's March meeting, it was voted to exchange minutes of the Oswego Village Board and the Oswego Plan Commission in order that each group would be aware of the activities of the other. It was decided to renew the contract with E. Kincaid and Associates, Chicago, for a one-year period providing they bring the zoning maps up to date. The cost of the service for one year is \$300.

The Oswego Village Board voted to buy a 1960 Pontiac from R.M. Burkhart Garage, Oswego, in the amount of \$1,470, plus trade-in; also to purchase \$205 in additional equipment for the car, which is to be used as a police car for the village.

During the past week, some unthinking resident dumped a large quantity of fuel oil, or oil residue, in the village sanitary sewer system, causing a great deal of work and expense to get the treatment plant back into shape.

Oswego High School varsity basketball team members Robert Fennell and Dick Schwanz were selected for the Fox Valley All-Conference Cage Team this year. The two boys were also given honors by their teammates. Fennell was selected as the team's most valuable player for the 1959-60 season while Schwanz was named as the most improved player.

March 24: The Oswego Plan Commission studied a preliminary plat of Unit 3 of Brookside Manor. The plat, submitted by developer Stanley Herren, calls for an additional 32 lots in the subdivision. Other plats that have been before the plan commission recently included Unit 2 of the George D. Smith Subdivision and a preliminary of the proposed Bil-Joy Subdivision. The two projects contain over 100 additional building lots.

March 31: The Oswego PTA will meet at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, in the high school gym. "We Call To Mind," a docudrama by Philip C. Lewis, will be presented as the program. This unusual narrative will be given by Donald Roper, Charles Potts, Stanley Young, Mrs. Walter Brill, and Mrs. Fred Bramley with Mrs. Robert Gray acting as program coordinator.

In a letter to the editor, Oswego resident Jane Steele wrote: "It has been a very gratifying experience in Oswego this winter to have the streets so quickly plowed after each snow, and to see the downtown area cleared. Car Smith and his committee are to be commended for a job well done."

April -- 1960

April 7: Only 14 taxpayers in addition to the township officials were interested enough to attend the annual town meeting Tuesday. An item of \$4,000 was included in the general fund levy to augment a levy of \$6,000 made last year to build a new township garage for storage of road machinery. After lengthy discussion by those in attendance as to the advisability of building the garage on the present site [Washington at South Adams Street] a committee of five persons was appointed by moderator Parkhurst to investigate other possible sites. The committee includes Myron Wormley, LaVerne Shoger, John Carr, Ralph Burkhart, and Kenneth Gowran. This group, along with Supervisor Wayne Fosgett and town clerk Ford L. Lippold, are to investigate possible garage sites and prepare a report. When the report is ready, a special town meeting will be called to take final action.

April 14: Voters in the Oswego Grade School District 8 elected incumbents Walter Brill and Ralph Ross for full four year terms to the board and elected Donald Roper to fill a one year unexpired term. Elected in Oswego High School District 300 for full terms were incumbent C.W. Clark, and new members Gilbert R. Jarman and Richard M. Reinhard.

The Oswego Village Board approved a request by the Oswego Lions Club that the village support the mosquito fogging program by providing \$100 toward each fogging for a total of five foggings. The balance of the funds will be raised by the club from donations by village residents.

In other village board news, a police committee report by board member Floyd Foss showed a little over \$1,000 received to date from fines since the radar speed timer has been put into use. Trustee Foss was authorized to have the police office enclosed to afford privacy for questioning of offenders and for safe storage of police equipment and records. It was voted to provide police protection at the corner of Washington and Madison Street on Sundays during the busy hours caused by operation of the Oswego Drag Strip. Owners of the Dragway are to pay the cost of this officer. Finally, the village clerk was authorized to purchase a used mimeograph machine at a cost of \$50.

April 21: The Oswego Village Board met in an adjourned meeting Monday to open bids for extension of water mains in Madison Street and Avenue A. It was voted to accept the bid of Davis Construction Company, Plano, in the amount of \$5,498.50. The bid of T&R Construction of Aurora was discarded because they failed to meet bidding specifications. In addition, a preliminary plan for streets, curbs, and gutters in Brookside Manor Unit 3 was approved.

April 28: Members of the senior class at Oswego High School were ready to present their annual play, "Terror in the Suburbs," on April 29. The comedy, directed by Mrs. Doris Thompson, included case members Carolyn Steele, Bobette Chitty, Sue Phillips, Alice Ebinger, Carol Wheeler, Nanette Smith, Denny Hastert, Rodney Henderson, Sue Rucks, Noel Jensen, Henry Wheeler, Ed Hohmann, Steve Conroy, Norman Aug, Tom Garrison, and Bruce Woolley.

May -- 1960

May 5: Objectors to the formation of a unit district for Oswego Schools, 40-C District (Wheatland grade), have appealed the February 26 ruling of Circuit Judge Cassius Proust. The appeal will be heard before the appellate court at some date not yet set, probably in late June or July.

May 12: Wally Smith of the Oswego Dragway appeared before the board with a request that the village pay for half the expense of maintaining a police officer to direct traffic in the village on the days when the track is in operation. The matter was referred to the police committee. Trustee William Crimmin reported that 3,292,000 gallons of water was pumped during the month of April.

May 26: Final preparations are being made for the Memorial Day Parade to be held Monday at 10 a.m. in the downtown area on Main Street. Weather permitting, the speaker's stand will be near the fire barn. If the weather is inclement, that portion of the program will be held in the high school auditorium.

Commencement exercises for 54 Oswego High School seniors will be held in the auditorium on Tuesday evening, May 31. Class salutatorian was Susan Cherry. Valedictorian was Alice Ebinger. Also speaking was Activities Award winner Dennis Hastert and Sportsmanship and Athletics Award winner Tom Jarman.

Graduation exercises for 106 eighth grade students was set for Friday, May 27, in the Oswego High School gym. Salutatorian was Jack Troy. Valedictorian was Pat Meyers.

June -- 1960

June 2: Break Ground for B. Hill Church

Second Anniversary of Boulder Hill Neighborhood Church

The second anniversary of the Boulder Hill Neighborhood Church of the Brethren will be celebrated on Sunday, June 5. Services of confirmation will be held. Those being confirmed are Delores Bendschneider, Dennis Melhouse, Lena Robinson, Guy Sands, Jim Savage, Marjorie Wasson, Coral Ann Williams.

On June 12, the groundbreaking ceremony will be held for the new church to be located on Boulder Hill Pass where Codorus and Bereman Roads converge at what will become the near center of the Boulder Hill Subdivision.

The weatherman cooperating, the second mosquito fogging of the season will take place Thursday evening. The mosquito fogging project is sponsored by the Oswego Lions Club with the help of the Oswego Village Board.

One of the highlights of the well-attended Memorial Day service held last Monday was the awarding of a citation of meritorious service by the local American Legion Post 675 to Al Shuler. The award, made for the first time this year, is given for outstanding service to the community. Shuler, owner of the drug store on Main Street, was fire chief for many years, served

several terms on the high school board of education, is a charter member of the Oswego Lions Club past president, was chairman of the recreation commission which eventually developed into the Oswego Park District.

Members of the Oswego High School Senior Class will leave Chicago Wednesday afternoon for a five day trip to Washington, D.C....The itinerary includes a tour of Capitol Hill. [One senior, Dennis Hastert, was fated to return to Capitol Hill as a U.S. Representative and then Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.]

June 9: Mosquitoes of the Oswegoland area received bad news as members of the Oswego Lions Club collected over \$300 in a house-to-house fund drive last Thursday night. This money will be added to the sum already voted by the Oswego Village Board to exterminate mosquitoes during the summer.

The Oswego Village Board ordered two flashing caution lights and stop signs for the intersections of Washington and Madison streets and Routes 25 and 34.

Illinois' Republican Governor, William G. Stratton, said the state's school building program, set up two and one-half years ago, illustrates what can be done by a state with school building problems if the state will work with local governments. A total of 27 school districts in metropolitan areas have or are at the present time participating at a cost of \$8.4 million. Three hundred and ninety-three classrooms have been constructed or are in process of being constructed under state supervision at the cost of \$10.90 per square foot.

June 16: A group of citizens representing the various organizations and areas in the Oswego school districts met with the two school boards Tuesday night in East View School to discuss current housing problems with particular emphasis on the grade school level. The grade school district is renting eight rooms at Boulder Hill at a yearly cost of \$12,000 and will need at least four additional rooms or more in September in that area. The grade school board voted last week to add four rooms at East View School this summer to house the seventh grade in order that rooms in the present junior high building can be made available for high school use. It was stated the grade school would need about 27 additional rooms in the 1962 school year to house the youngsters in the rental units and the new population increase expected. Some possibilities for housing included a complete 19-room unit at Boulder hill, and adding six more rooms to East View to complete it to a 19-room unit.

At the Oswego Village Board meeting, village attorney Murphy and village engineer Griffin were authorized to prepare a petition in reference to establishing a sanitary sewer district for Oswego. In other news, it was moved to pay off the balance left on the downtown street light project and Trustee Crimmin reported that 14,206,000 gallons of water was pumped during May.

June 30: The Oswego Business Association is planning a summer festival for the weekend of Aug. 12 and 13, with many interesting events being considered for the residents of the Oswegoland area. Events planned included an art show, a band concert, a community auction, and other events. The purpose of this summer festival it to promote Oswego as a shopping center

and also a thank you by the local merchants for the patronage of residents of the Oswegoland area.

The Girl Scout Day Camp at Perrin Orchard for Oswego-Boulder Hill-Yorkville Girl Scouts had to be cancelled due to lack of help, in as much as there were 96 girls registered for camp and only three counselors signed up.

The first trip to Comiskey Park for Oswego Park District Little and Pony League players will be Saturday, July 9. Two more are scheduled for later in the month.

Members of the Oswego School Board visited eight area schools last week and are visiting more this week in order to get an idea of the types of schools being constructed by various firms of architects, comparative costs of construction, maintenance, etc.

July -- 1960

July 7: The Oswego Grade School Board, District No. 8, met in special session Friday, July 1, to evaluate the services of four architectural firms. From the information on hand regarding cost, room space, functional design, and community need, the board employed the firm of Kruegel, Healy and Moore of Joliet to plan, write specifications, and supervise construction of a 19-room school to be located at Boulder Hill on a 12-acre school site donated by Don L. Dise, Inc.

July 14: The Oswego Village Board appointed James Vinson to serve as village marshal for another year. In other news, a bid was received from Walter Evans, Oaklawn, who would remove the old water storage tank for a fee of \$2,000. Trustee Crimmin reported that 16,818,000 gallons of water was pumped in June.

July 21: Carl Hafenrichter of Oswego was appointed president of the parent group for the Valley School for Exceptional Children in Batavia.

Christopher C. Baumann, Rt. 1, Oswego, recently completed his 30th year of employment with Northern Illinois Gas Company. Baumann began his utility career in 1930, and served in various engineering and supervisory positions in the Aurora area until 1955. He then transferred to Bellwood, where he currently is construction engineer. He and his wife, Hellene, an Oswego grade school instructor, have a son, Paul, who will begin his freshman year in high school this September. Baumann is an avid fisherman. He also collects antique glass and china during leisure hours.

July 28: The Oswego Grade School Board was set to meet with architects of the new Boulder Hill school being planned on a 12-acre site donated to the district by Boulder Hill developer Don L. Dise, Inc.

The Kendall County Board approved improvement of County Highway 22 (Plainfield Road) extending from the southeast village limits of Oswego southeasterly to Ill. Route 126, a distance

of approximately six miles. Engineering surveys will be made this fall and work on the project will get underway next summer. The project was estimated to cost nearly \$100,000.

Two Oswego boys, John Morley and Verlin Boram, were named to the All-Star squad of the Fox Valley Pony League. The two were set to play in the league's annual all star game.

The Oswego Plan Commission received the final plat of Unit 3 of the George D. Smith Subdivision. The subdivision consists of eight lots at the eastern village limits on the north side of Route 34. It was voted to turn the plat over to the subdivision committee for inspection and future action. A request was received from J. George Smith to have lots 1 to 6 in the first unit of the George D. Smith Subdivision rezoned from R-1 single family to R-3 multiple family. A letter is to be sent to the village board, which has final authority in zoning matters that the request is in keeping with good orderly growth and recommending that the request be granted.

August -- 1960

Aug. 4: At a special meeting of the grade school board held last Thursday, three floor plans were studied for the proposed Boulder Hill grade school. The floor plan was T-shaped allowing primary grades to be located in one wing, intermediates in another wing, and music and recreational areas in a third wing away from the classrooms.

The Oswego Summer Festival set for Aug. 12-13 was to feature sidewalk sales, an art show, a band concert, a community auction, an ice cream social, a donkey baseball game and a style show and street dance.

Two new courses, anatomy and advanced mathematics, will be offered in Oswego High School this year. Ken Pickerill will teach anatomy. The course will be open to juniors and seniors. The math course will be taught by Robert Olson and will be open to seniors only.

Aug. 11: The Oswego Park District commissioners met Monday night with President Everett Hafenrichter, vice-president Richard Young, members Ralph Wheeler and Jane Patterson, and treasurer John Carr present.

Also attending the meeting were Don L. Dise and Dr. Curtis Bowman to discuss the dedication of a neighborhood park on Durango Road in the Boulder Hill Subdivision. The park, approximately an acre and a half in size, was landscaped and planted to grass this spring. Mr. Dise told the park commissioners that he is currently erecting fence around the area and equipping it with swings, teeters, and other play apparatus. The equipment will be placed on blacktopped areas. When completed, the park will be deeded to the Oswego Park District. It is planned to hold the dedication ceremony on Thursday evening, Aug. 18, on the park site at 7:15 in conjunction with an arts and craft display by the children who are taking part in the summer recreation program. [The park was named SuzanJohn Park after Suzan Dise and John Hyde, who died in childhood.]

Four new teachers will be on the Oswego High School faculty this year when school opens Sept. 6. Miss Edrene Dudek, a graduate of Northern Illinois University, who has taught one year at

West Chicago, will teach girls' physical education. Miss Judith Fell, who graduated this spring from Illinois State Normal, has been employed to teach home economics. Mr. Herbert Reitz, a graduate of North Central College, will teach mathematics. Another Northern Illinois graduate, Mr. Darrell Gaar, will teach general science and biology. These four new teachers will join 14 members for a workshop on Sept. 2.

Teachers returning this year are Richard W. Rockenbach, principal; Mrs. Evelyn Aird, James Aird, Miss Judith Clasen, Miss Rose Marie Czekala, Clarence Fluegel, Paul Johnson, Kenneth Pickerill, Mrs. Marilyn Poole, Charles Potts, Mrs. Doris Thompson, Reeve R. Thompson, Russell Whitmer, Terry Workman, and Robert Olson.

Aug. 18: Dedicate Boulder Hill Park Tonight

Band Concert Begins at 7:00

Dedication ceremonies for the new Boulder Hill Neighborhood Park [named SuzanJohn Park] will be held tonight (Thursday) between 7 and 8 o'clock. The program will feature a band concert by the Oswego Summer School Band directed by Reeve Thompson. Dedication of the park will be at 7:30 with Mr. Don L. Dise, developer of the Boulder Hill area, presenting the deed to the park to Oswego Park District President Everett Hafenrichter.

The park area, approximately an acre and a half in size, is located between Hampton and Durango roads. It is being fully developed by Don L. Dise, Inc., including a variety of the latest play equipment. The main play area will consist of a unit of six swings, two slides, merry-go-round, jungle gym, and hobbyhorses imbedded on a blacktopped surface. Attractively modern designed park benches will be placed around the perimeter of the area so that mothers can relax while watching the children.

There will be an additional blacktopped area with two basketball standards, which can also be used for shuffleboard, badminton and other general games. Several sandbox areas will add to the play opportunities of the romper set.

It is planned to erect an open shelter house on the area in the near future in order that the park may be more adaptable to the Oswego Park District directed recreation program.

A joint meeting of the Oswego school boards and the citizens advisory committee was held in the community room last week. The group voted 20-4 to recommend that a building program consisting of a 19-room school in the Boulder Hill area and an additional six rooms to be added to East View to complete that unit be submitted to the voters at the earliest possible date. Richard Peck and Robert Gray were elected temporary co-chairmen of the citizens group. Wensgel Bischke was named chairman of a group to contact the various civic and fraternal organizations, while Mrs. Richard Peck, Mrs. Stanley Herren, and Mrs. Beverly Skaggs were elected to head up a group to develop a program of block parties and coffee-klatches for purposes of informing the voters of details of the building program.

In a special back-to-school section from the Oswego school boards, the high school board's new policy on married students was listed. According to the policy: "A married, expectant mother shall withdraw from school at a time set in consultation with the principal and before her condition becomes obvious. She shall be permitted to reenter school not sooner than 45 days after the birth of the child and then only upon the recommendation of her physician and the consent of her parents or guardian, or the proper welfare agency.

“An unwed expectant mother shall report her condition to the principal and withdraw from school when the fact is know and before it becomes obvious. She may reenter school the following semester but now sooner than 45 days following the birth of the child. Upon reentry, the school staff shall make every effort to help rehabilitate her toward a successful life.

“Married students shall be expected to conduct themselves in a commendable manner and refrain from undue references to married life.”

The Oswego School District was ready to start the 1960-61 school year with five attendance centers: The Little White School; the Red Brick School; East View School; Oswego High School and Junior High; and Boulder Hill rooms at the Boulder Hill Apartments.

Aug. 25: At a joint meeting of the Oswego Grade School Board and the Citizens Advisory Committee held Monday evening, it was decided to hold a referendum vote for new grade school classrooms on Saturday, Sept. 24. The building program will consist of a complete 19-room school building in the Boulder Hill area and completion of the East View unit in the village of Oswego with both buildings having comparable facilities. The Boulder Hill unit will be erected on a 12-acre site donated to the district by Don L. Dise, Inc. The site is fully improved with blacktopped streets and all utilities. The value of the site is between \$75,000 and \$100,000. In addition, Don L. Dise, Inc. is giving \$100 per home for each home occupied at such time as the referendum is successful. This amount will be approximately \$50,000. It was suggested that the cash donation be used for furnishing the new school rooms rather than deducting it from the total amount of the bond issue for erecting the rooms.

A public hearing on organization of a proposed sanitary district to be known as the “Oswego Sanitary District,” will be held Sept. 9 in the Kendall County Courthouse at Yorkville. A petition has been filed in the office of the county clerk signed by more than 100 legal voters resident in the area proposed requesting the formation of such a district.

September -- 1960

Sept. 1: All classes in Oswego schools will open Tuesday morning, Sept. 6, at 8:30 a.m. and remain open until 11:30 a.m. Full day classes will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 7. The cafeteria [at Oswego High School] will be open Wednesday.

Five attendance centers will be in use in the Oswego Grade and High School Districts in the 1960-61 school year.

The four new classrooms now currently under construction at East View and planned for housing the seventh grade will not be finished by opening day and temporary arrangements will have to be made to take care of these classes. The all-purpose room and the kitchen at East View will probably be used.

The attendance centers are as follows:

White School, Village of Oswego, Grade 1.

Red Brick School, Village of Oswego, Grades 2 and 3.

East View School, Village of Oswego, Grades 4 through 7.

Junior High and High School, Village of Oswego, Grades 8 through 12.

Boulder Hill School, Boulder Hill Subdivision, Grades 1 through 6.

A public hearing on organization of a proposed sanitary district to be known as the "Oswego Sanitary District," will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, in the county courtroom in the courthouse at Yorkville.

Kendall County Sheriff Frank Willman announced that four vehicles his department had either seized or otherwise come into possession of would be sold during a public auction on Oct. 1. The vehicles included a 1958 Chevrolet Biscayne 4-door, a 1951 Studebaker 4-door, a 1950 Buick Roadmaster, and a 1947 Chevy sedan.

The Laz-Z-Pine Gift Shop in the stone building at the corner of Main and Jackson streets was going out of business. "Everything must go!" said the store's ad in the *Ledger*.

Social Security was celebrating its 25th anniversary. According to Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Arthur S. Flemming: "Social Security is today an accepted part of our culture and an essential bulwark for our economy."

Sept. 8: Superintendent of schools T. Loyd Traughber has announced new attendance figures for Oswego's grade and high schools. On the first day of school, 1,040 students in grades 1-8 showed up for class, as did 359 students at Oswego High School. For the first time since it was built in 1954, the junior high wing at the high school was given completely over to high school classes for the coming school year. The freshman class, with 118 students, was the largest in the district's history.

The Grade School Board, in their Wednesday night meeting, completed the necessary details required to present the proposed school building program to the voters of School district No 8 on Saturday, Sept. 24.

The building program being proposed consists of a 19 room elementary school in Boulder Hill and an addition to the East View School, which together with the four rooms now being built, would bring East View to a 19 room unit.

The Boulder Hill school would be built on a 12-acre improved site deeded for that purpose by the developers, Don L. Dise, Inc. The total estimated cost of this unit is \$475,000 from which is being deducted a gift of \$50,000 representing \$100 for each home occupied to date in Boulder Hill.

The cost of additional rooms at East View is estimated at \$160,000, making the total of the bond issue which the voters are being asked to decide \$585,000.

If the bond issues is passed and the board authorized to proceed immediately following the election, it will be a year to a year and a half before these additional facilities are available. From the rate of growth in school enrollment, it would appear that this additional school space would be taxed close to capacity as soon as it was ready for use.

Jessie Hesse's Kopper Kettle at the southeast corner of Main and Washington Street was advertising "The best spaghetti in town."

Sept. 15: With eight temporary classrooms in use in the Boulder Hill Subdivision, the seventh grade meeting in the activity room at East View, and the full section of third grade and some

pupils of fourth grade being transported from the Boulder Hill area to East View, and other classrooms bulging with students, the need for additional classrooms is apparent in the Oswego grade school system. A referendum seeking \$585,000 to build a 19-room school in Boulder Hill and add six classrooms, a music room, and buying cafeteria equipment at East View School was on the ballot for an election Saturday, Sept. 24.

Twenty-five graduates of the 1960 class of Oswego High School are attending college this fall, roughly half of the 54 members of the OHS Class of 1960, including Rodney Henderson, Tom Garrison, Maria Calamaras, Judy Stoner, Bobette Chitty, Sharon Smith, Dan Griffin, Rosemary Walper, Bonnie Davis, Sue Rucks, Bob Plaskas, Sue Cherry, Nannette Smith, Julie Sands, Carolyn Steele, Louis Petkus, Tom Jarman, Denny Hastert, Alice Ebinger, Barbara Norbert, Ruthanne Prince, Carol Gray, Bob Fennell, Carol Wheeler, Richard Way, Noel Jensen.

Sept. 22: Members Zentmyer, Crimmin, Foss, Gilbert, and Smith were present at the September meeting of the Village Board.

On a recommendation by the Oswego Zoning Board of Appeals, a request to rezone lots 1-6 in the George D. Smith Subdivision on Route 34 east of Grant Street in Oswego from single family residential to multi-family residential was denied. I

Attorney Murphy was instructed to draw up an ordinance setting an 11 p.m. curfew for persons under 21 years of age.

Crimmin reported that a total of 6,454,000 gallons of water was pumped during August.

It was voted to raise the salary of village treasurer R.H. [Robert] Kaetzer from \$325 a year to \$445. It was also voted to raise the salary of [village maintenance superintendent] Lyle Shoger from \$240 to \$300 a month.

#### VOTE FOR SCHOOL BOND ISSUE SATURDAY

Grade school district voters will be asked to approve a building bond issue providing for much-needed classroom space for the students of the area on Saturday, Sept. 24. The building program provides for a complete 19-room school building in the Boulder Hill Subdivision and completion of the East View unit by adding six additional classrooms, a music room, and equipping the present cafeteria.

Grade school enrolment has jumped from 487 students in 1954 to 1,040 at the beginning of the 1960 school year. Projection of figures based on growth during the past six years shows that a total of 1,296 grade school students will be on hand for the beginning of school in 1962.

The grade school district is currently renting eight temporary classrooms in the Boulder Hill Subdivision at a cost of \$12,000 per year; transporting one section of third grade, some fourth graders, and all seventh and eighth graders from the Boulder Hill area to schools in the village at an average cost of \$60 per pupil for transportation; housing the seventh grade in the all-purpose room at East View until completion of the new unit under construction; and will probably need rooms for the eighth grade next September as the high school population continues to grow and will need the rooms currently being used for eighth graders in the junior high wing attached to the high school building.

In an editorial, *Ledger* Editor Ford L. Lippold called for voters to approve the Sept. 24 referendum to build a new elementary school in Boulder Hill and add on to East View School in Oswego. "The building program will raise taxes. True. However, due to increased assessed

valuation as a result of industry, business, and residential units, the increase will be held to a minimum... We have enough confidence in the judgment and integrity of our school board members to know that they would not be recommending this building program to the voters of the district if they did not think it was essential.”

Sept. 29: Voters in the Oswego Grade School District overwhelmingly approved a school bond referendum. In voting on Sept. 24, voters cast 1,340 yes ballots to just 199 no ballots. School board members met on Monday after the Saturday election and announced they would proceed immediately to get the projects going. Plans called for building a 19-room school in Boulder Hill, the big subdivision's first school building, and adding six classrooms and a music room plus making other improvements at East View School in Oswego.

At a meeting held Monday evening, the Oswego Grade School Board canvassed the poll books for the special election held last Saturday and declared the election valid. The board will proceed immediately to implement the \$585,000 building program to provide a complete school unit in the Boulder Hill Subdivision and complete the East View unit.

The board will meet with Ken Unteed, representative of the Berger-Kelley architectural firm; Earl Hudson, assistant in the Superintendent of Public Instruction Office at Springfield and building consultant; and County Superintendent of Schools Irving A. Shears today to discuss the East View unit. They will meet with representatives of the Watson-Healy firm, Mr. Hudson, and County Superintendent Irving Shears tonight to discuss survey of Boulder Hill site for elevations and utilities and method of heating the new unit, details of classrooms, kitchen, etc.

It is hope the East View addition will be completed by the beginning of the 1961-2 term and that a portion of the Boulder Hill unit will also be ready for partial occupancy.

October -- 1960

Oct. 6: The Oswego Grade School Board met with the architects last week, and with Earl Hudson, Building Consultant from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Springfield. Mr. Hudson approved of the building plans as projected and preparations are now being made to ready the specifications for bids. It is anticipated the advertising for bids for the East View unit will be completed by the first of October and for the Boulder Hill unit by the first of November.

The Oswego Panther varsity football team will meet a real roadblock on its march to the Fox Valley Conference title when it travels to Yorkville to meet the Foxes Friday night. Yorkville is currently riding on a three game winning streak with the latest being a 31-0 whitewashing of Plainfield last Saturday afternoon in a conference tilt.

Kendall County Clerk Jean Brady has announced Monday, Oct. 10, will be the last day that voters in Kendall County may register or transfer their registration to be eligible to vote in the November elections.

Another in a series of appeals on the formation of a unit district in the Oswego area will be heard in the Appellate Court at Ottawa on Thursday, Oct. 13. If a favorable decision is given toward

formation of a unit district, those opposing the move--the 40-C Grade School District in Wheatland Township--will be given a period of time to file a further appeal. If the opposition would decide not to file an appeal a date would be set to hold an election to vote for or against formation of a unit district instead of the dual system now in effect in the Oswego School System.

“Dew Drop In at the Little Bear Inn, located at Highways 34 & 71, Oswego. Under new management. Open 24 Hours,” read an ad in the *Ledger*.

Boulder Hill residents have formed a Volunteers for Nixon-Lodge group. Robert J. Morgan was elected chairman and Mrs. Betty Black co-chairman. Aim of the group is to gain as many members in support of Vice President Richard M. Nixon’s campaign for president as possible, from among the 800 eligible voters in the Oswego Township subdivision.

Oct. 13: Issue missing

Oct. 20: The Oswego varsity will travel to Sandwich Friday night for a game which may have a decisive bearing on the 1960 Fox Valley Conference championship. Currently, Oswego and Yorkville are undefeated in loop action, and having played to a 13-13 deadlock two weeks ago, are expected to wind up the season as co-champions of the loop barring an upset in the remaining games.

Oswego traveled to Morris last Friday night for a non-conference game and came out of the melee with a 7-7 tie.

For the fifth year, the Oswego Lions Club is sponsoring the Oswegoland Community Birthday Calendar as a fund raising project for community betterment. The calendar lists the meeting dates of all fraternal and civic organizations, municipalities, school events, as well as the birthdays, anniversaries, and other important dates concerning Oswegoland residents. A person may have birthdays, anniversaries, etc. listed on the calendar for himself and his family at a cost of 25 cents per event. The cost of the calendar to those listing one or more events is 50 cents. If someone wishes just the calendar alone, it is \$1.

Boys and girls of the Oswegoland churches will share this Halloween with less fortunate children all over the world when they go out to “Trick or Treat” for UNICEF. The local churches taking part include Oswego Presbyterian, Church of the Good Shepherd, Boulder Hill Neighborhood Church of the Brethren, NaAuSay Presbyterian Church, St. Luke’s Lutheran, and Oswego Prairie EUB.

The Democratic and Republican presidential candidates agreed on at least one subject, when both gave whole-hearted endorsement to the United Nations Children’s Fund.

In the publication of their annual financial report, Oswego Grade School District 8 reported total expenditures of \$400,891.41 for the recently completed fiscal year.

Oct. 27: Myron Wormley was appointed last Wednesday as supervisor of Oswego Township to fill the vacancy left by the death of Wayne Fosgett, who served in this post for the past five

years. Wormley's appointment will run until the expiration of the four-year term, which will be in 1963.

Another of the popular Oswego Value Days will be held on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 4-5. Oswego merchants will have many fine bargains available for shoppers in a wide variety of merchandise.

Oswego Township residents are reminded to make sure the addresses on their auto license applications were marked for Oswego Township to assure motor fuel tax revenues are properly returned here.

Homecoming weekend was coming up at Oswego High School. Nominees for Homecoming queen were Pamela Fuller, Lucia Campbell, Jackie Wolf, Kathy Peterson, Inez Miller, and Sherry Porter. Nominees for king were Ray Simmons, Roger Millhouse, Neil McCauley, Norman Harvey, Jerry Boram, and Wylie Robinson.

"Biggest Car News of the Year!" said an ad for R.M. Burkhardt Garage. "Tempest by Pontiac here Nov 3. The hot topic is coming to town... Tempest by Pontiac. The only new/size car with 50-50 balance (the engine's up front--the transmission's in the rear). A gas-saving 4-cylinder engine with horsepower choices from 110 to 155."

"You are cordially invited to attend the Grand opening of the new Jacqueline Shop, Friday, Oct. 28 and Saturday, Oct. 29. Come in and register for free door prizes. Roses for the ladies. New location: Next to the Bank, one door south on Main Street," announced a full page *Ledger* ad.

November -- 1960

Nov. 3: Oswego Township voters, along with ballot casters all over the nation, will go to the polls next Tuesday, Nov. 8, to elect a new president and vice-president. In addition to the national aspect, and also state officers, local voters are taking interest in several races that are closer to home.

Nov. 10: Winners of turkeys in last weekend's prize drawing on Oswego Days included Loren Davis, Boulder Hill; Doris Cain, Sylvia Matile, Cheryl Gengler, Gary Smith, Lute Larson and Ray Saloga, all of Oswego; A.J. Wendling, Yorkville.

At its November meeting, the Oswego Nineteenth Century Club discussed the establishment of a building fund for a new library building. It was decided that an appeal would be made to other civic groups in the community to join in the establishing of such a fund. The amount of money needed to construct a building of adequate size would be in the neighborhood of \$16,000. There is, at the present, almost \$2,000 on deposit in a building fund as a result of the Oswegorama celebration held two years ago.

Bids are being received by the Oswego Lions Club for repainting of street names on the existing signs in the Village of Oswego. Signs are to be painted on fur sides with a weatherproof paint with bids to be submitted on a per unit basis. There are approximately 73 signs.

The Oswego Frosh-Soph football team defeated Lisle by a four-touchdown margin last Saturday afternoon to nail down its fourth successive Fox Valley Conference championship. Coach Jim Aird's charges won all five of their conference games this season buy lopsided scores.

“Under New Management. Stop in and get acquainted with Lyle Hett, new owner of the Phillips 66 Service Station on Route 34, ½ mile southwest of the Oswego Bridge, formerly Collins 66 Service.”

Nov. 17: A request of the Oswego Plan Commission that Supervisor Myron Wormley be appointed to fill the vacancy left on the plan commission by the death of Wayne Fosgett was approved by the Oswego Village Board. In other board news, a letter of resignation was read from Don Etwiler, chairman of the zoning board of appeals. The resignation was accepted and an appointment will be made in the near future to fill the vacated position. In final business, William Miller was authorized to make repairs and remodel the village hall interior in order to facilitate the work of the justice of the peace.

Nov. 24: Bids for completion of the East View Elementary School unit will be opened on Thursday evening, Dec. 1. Superintendent T. Loyd Traughber reports that nine general contractors have submitted sealed bids, seven plumbing and heating contractors and five electrical contractors. Present plans call for having specifications ready for the new Boulder Hill unit on Dec. 15 and bids to be opened about Jan. 1.

Superintendent Traughber also stated that the four new rooms at East View are now in use with four units of the seventh grade having transferred from the all-purpose room to the new rooms during the week.

Coach Jim Aird's varsity quintet will take the floor Friday night with Kaneland as the opening opposition. Aird has named Jerry Boram and Dale LaGow guards, Ray Simmons center, and Dick Schwanz and Jan Gordon as guards to start on Friday. Boram, Schwanz, and Simmons are lettermen from last year. Gordon is a transfer from East Aurora, and LaGow was a regular on the frosh-soph team last year.

Others on the squad are Tom Stubblefield, Rick Hood, Bob Nutt, John Cizek, Bob Tripp, Merrill Faul, Bob Bower, Tom Ricketts, Keith Light (a newcomer from Manteno), Jim Leigh, Jim Parker, and Ken Batterson.

Ten of the 12 starters on Coach Ken Pickerill's varsity wrestling team this year will be juniors and senior lettermen. The varsity line-up that will face J. Sterling Morton High School Friday is Dave Eberhard (95) freshman, Ron Peterson (103) senior, Chuck Robinson (112) junior, Wylie Robinson (120) senior, John Grach (127) senior, Roger Melhouse (133) senior, John Wheeler (138) junior, Bob Wienke (145) senior, Neil McCauley (154) senior, Norman Harvey and Bob Ackley (165) seniors, and Ronnie Wynne (180) senior.

December -- 1960

Dec. 1: The annual barbecue, bazaar, and bake sale sponsored by the Priscilla Guild of St. Luke's Lutheran Church will be held in the Masonic Hall on Friday, Dec. 2.

Dec. 8: Bids were opened last Thursday for the completion of East View Elementary School. The low bids were under the architect's estimate. The contract for plumbing and heating went to Kneiper and Weigel, Aurora for \$30,530. The electrical contract was awarded to Aurora Wiring and Fixture Company at \$8,820. Due to the closeness of bidding on the general construction contract, the board decided to inspect buildings erected by the two low bidders before awarding the contract. Wil-Freds Construction, Naperville, bid \$90,653 and Concannon Builders, Naperville, bid \$91,800. The board will inspect buildings erected by the two firms on Wednesday and Thursday of this week and will then make a decision. A total bond of \$160,000 was voted to complete the East View building. The total of low bidders on the base bid is \$130,003.

Dec. 15: County Judge Robert Sears last week set the election date of the organization of a sanitary district for Oswego for Jan. 7, 1961. A Saturday was chosen according to Judge Sears to enable the working men and women to vote without losing time.

At the Oswego Village Board meeting, an ordinance asking for the vacation of Jefferson Street from Main Street to the east bank of the Fox River was received. After discussion, the ordinance was denied with one yes and four no votes.

Dec. 22: The Oswego varsity basketball team is comfortably atop the Fox Valley Conference with one-third of the season gone. The Panthers dropped Yorkville into a second place tie with Lisle and Plainfield last Friday night, defeating the Foxes 65-61.

All schools in Kendall County are cooperating in the formation of a film library. Through this cooperative effort, 80 educational 16 mm films have been purchased. The library will be housed in the office of the County Superintendent of Schools. A committee of five teachers, John Bednarcik Oswego; Sherwin Gilbertson, Yorkville; Bill Duncan, Lisbon; Mrs. Helen Shears, Plano; and Don Babbitt, Newark, has been formed to supervise the library.

The first of two public meetings to discuss the Oswego Sanitary District election will be held in the Oswego Village Hall Thursday, Dec. 29, at 8 p.m. The second meeting will be held Thursday evening, Jan. 5, also at 8 p.m. The election is set for Saturday, Jan. 7.

Dec. 29: Oswego's varsity basketball team took a firmer grip on first place in the Fox Valley Loop last Friday night, defeating Newark easily by a 58-37 margin. The panthers, led by Dick Schwanz, stepped out to a 16-13 edge in the opening quarter and outscored their opponents in every period. Schwanz topped Oswego scorers with 18 points. Gordon had 16 and Jerry Boram added 11.

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Jan. 5: Election for the formation of a sanitary district for the Village of Oswego and adjacent areas will be held Saturday, January 7. The proposed district represents study by the Illinois Health Department and Village Engineers Walter E. Deuchler and Company. It has been approved by the village trustees and the village health officer. According to a spokesman for the village trustees, the need for the sanitary district stems from several reasons: The present plant is too small and is overloaded for the present population; overloading represents a danger to health through typhoid, etc.; without formation of a sanitary district, there is not enough money available to build a new plant or to remodel or enlarge the existing plant; Oswegoland cannot have orderly growth without a sanitary district. The State has notified the village that it will give no further permits for sanitary sewer extensions until the sanitary water board is sure that proper and adequate sewage treatment facilities will be provided.

The Oswego Grade School Board will meet Thursday, Jan. 26, to open bids for the new elementary school to be built in the Boulder Hill Subdivision. It is hoped that a portion of the building will be ready for occupancy by September of 1961. Contracts were let recently for the completion of the East View Elementary unit, which is expected to be finished in time for the beginning of school in September of this year.

“Sex Education that Makes Sense” will provide the food for thought as the “Dining” car of the Oswego PTA “Train of Education” pulls out for the first meeting of the 1961 [year] next Tuesday evening.

Jan. 12: With a total of 482 votes cast in last Saturday’s election for formation of a sanitary district, the proposal was voted down by 261 “no” votes and 214 “yes” votes. The turnout of voters represents less than a third of the eligible residents of the proposed district.

President Earl Zentmyer of the Oswego Community Bank announced that the board of directors have selected Clifford Maddox of Park Forest to serve as cashier and thereby filling the vacancy left by the death of Rex Van Alstine. Mr. and Mrs. Maddox and their three children will make their home in Oswego as soon as they dispose of their present home in Park Forest.

Tom Lewis of the Swimtime Pool Company announced the new Buster Crabbe Pool. “You can do it yourself in a week! All materials trucked to your yard,” according to the ad.

Jan. 19: The Kendall County Sheriff’s Department announced they answered 658 complaints during 1960. There were two robberies, 43 burglaries, 16 complaints of larceny, 223 auto accidents, three sex offenses, and 37 miscellaneous complaints.

Reports read at the annual meeting of the Oswego Community Bank, now in its third year of operation, showed a substantial gain in both accounts and resources during 1960. Bank president Earl Zentmyer reported there were 815 checking accounts totaling \$934,930.20 at the end of the year compared to the previous year’s 603 accounts totaling \$583,517.46.

Jan. 26: Five petitions were filed for village offices up to noon on Tuesday. For trustees (three to be elected) William Crimmin, Carl Smith, Henry McDowell; for mayor, Vern Killian; for clerk, Dorothy Bell. James Zentmyer is also filing for mayor but his petition was not in at the time noted above. Crimmin, Smith, Bell and Zentmyer are incumbents. William Miller, incumbent trustee, is not running for reelection.

February -- 1961

Feb. 2: Twelve general contractors submitted bids for the construction of a 19-room elementary school in the Boulder Hill Subdivision at a special session of the Oswego Grade School Board held last Thursday evening. The range of bids was from a low of \$425,278 to a high of \$484,050, with Ken Olson Construction Company, Aurora, low bidders. The Olson Company was awarded the contract with a completion date of 196 calendar days. The letting of the contract completes the building program voted Sept. 24, 1960. It is part of the bond issue in the amount of \$585,000 for the purposes of constructing an addition of six classrooms to East View Unit and the Boulder Hill 19-room unit. The school at Boulder Hill is to be located on a site donated to the school by Don L. Dise, Inc. An additional gift in the amount of \$50,000 from the Dise company will be used for site development and furnishings for the new building. Members of the grade school board are LaVerne Shoger, Ralph Ross, George Akerlow, Walter Brill, William Leigh, Raymond Lubbs, and Donald Roper.

Charles Garrison was reelected chairman of the Oswego Plan Commission for another year at the January meeting. Other officers reelected were John Carr, assistant chairman; Mrs. Lois Drew, secretary; Mrs. Loraine Peshia, corresponding secretary. Other members of the committee are Joseph Otto, Richard Peck, and Carl Smith.

Members of the Oswego Business Association are sponsoring another of the popular "Oswego Days" on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 10 and 11. As usual there will be money-saving bargains in the local stores with an opportunity for all to save.

Feb. 9: During the past several weeks, village workmen have removed from the main sewer lines a baby's receiving blanket, large accumulations of cotton and assorted female wearing apparel. These things have caused the sewers to back up into a number of people's basements. The next time, it could be yours. Les Penn, chairman of the health committee, asks that all residents take care as to what goes into the sewer line.

Feb. 16: The Oswego Panther wrestlers won the district championship last Saturday for the third straight year. John Wheeler, Neil McCauley, Norman Harvey and Ron Wynne won individual championships in their respective weight classes. Wylie Robinson and John Grach took second place. Dave Eberhard and Bob Ackley took thirds and Tom Wheeler picked up a fourth.

Northern Illinois Gas announced plans to install gas lamps on the village hall to commemorate the firm's 50 years of service to Oswego.

Permission for water extension in Cedar Glen Subdivision was granted to Mr. Lucas.

A police report for the year 1960 was read by trustee Foss showing a total of 658 arrests made for violations of state statutes and village ordinances.

A committee was appointed to meet with Oswego Township officers to explore the idea of common office and equipment storage facilities for the two municipalities.

State officials turned down the village's request to extend sanitary sewer service to Unit No. 3 of Brookside Manor Subdivision, pointing out they had already told the village that without extra treatment capacity being added, they would allow no further sanitary sewer service extensions. "This Board will not act favorably on our application for a sanitary sewer extension in Brookside Manor or any future sewer extension request until such time as the Village of Oswego has taken the necessary action to assure that adequate treatment facilities will be provided," according to the Sanitary Water Board in Springfield.

Feb. 23: At the February meeting of the Oswego Park District Commissioners, final arrangements were made for the purchase of 21.45 acres of natural wooded land for use as a forest preserve-type of picnic park and nature area. The parcel of land, which lies partly on the southern edge of Oswego Township and the northern edge of NaAuSay Township, is part of the Waish-Kee-Shaw Indian Reservation and is rich in historic content of the early settlers in this area. The land was purchased from R.N. Herren at a cost of \$750 an acre, a total for the parcel of \$16,089, and will be acquired over a period of six years. Acquisition of the park site will not affect the present tax structure of the Oswego Park District. The amount of funds on hand, plus the normal budgeting over the six--year acquisition period will cover the cost of land and basic improvements.

Three Oswego High School wrestlers qualified for the state finals. Heading to the state championship were Wylie Robinson, Norman Harvey, and Ron Wynne. Since the start of the school's wrestling program, 18 wrestlers have qualified for the state finals from Oswego, winning three state titles, one second, one fourth, and three semi-finals.

March -- 1961

March 2: The Illinois Appellate Court, Second District, Ottawa, has unanimously upheld an appeal calling for consolidation of Oswego High and grade school districts into one unit. Contentions of a group of objectors made up of voters and school board members of Wheatland Consolidated District 40C, plus Glen and Ruth Pearson, owners of a 160 acre farm in the proposed Oswego unit, were found by the appellate court "to be without merit," the opinion states.

Ron Silvius, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Silvius, Oswego, was signed to a contract with the Chicago White Sox System last week. He will report to the Idaho Falls, Idaho team of the Class C Pioneer League. Ron Played football, basketball, and baseball at Oswego High School. He won 16 and lost 2 while fanning 138 in 69 innings for the Panthers.

Norman Harvey placed third in the 154 pound weight class at the Illinois State Wrestling Finals at Champaign last Saturday.

Members of the Oswego High School Glee Club are busily rehearsing for this season's minstrel show, "Great Day," under the direction of Reeve Thompson. Jim Aird, high school basketball coach, will be "Mr. Interlocutor," and will have Bob Nutt, Dick Schwanz, Dalman Hafenrichter, Dwight Foster, Dale LaGow, and Bob Bower for end men.

A total of 75 juniors at Oswego High School were tested during the Illinois Statewide High School testing Program. Of this number, 24 ranked in the 90th percentile or higher, meaning they did better than 90 percent of the juniors in the State of Illinois.

The Oswego High School basketball team placed second in district competition, losing to Geneva in the finals after beating Yorkville and Batavia.

March 9: Two candidates have filed for commissioners of the Oswego Park District for full six-year terms, Mrs. Marguerite Chrise, Grove Road, and Glenn McKittrick, 34 Greenbriar, Boulder Hill. The two incumbents, Mrs. O.W. Patterson and Everett Hafenrichter, are not running for reelection.

#### CANDIDATES FILE FOR SCHOOL BOARDS

##### FIVE MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED

There are two vacancies on the Oswego High School Board and three vacancies on the Oswego Grade School Board to be filled at this April's election. All are for full three-year terms. The following candidates have filed nominating petitions:

High School: (two to be elected) Robert Cherry, NaAuSay; Donald Pinnow, village of Oswego; Tom Stephens, Boulder Hill Subdivision.

Grade School: (three to be elected) LaVerne Shoger, Oswego Township (east); George Akerlow, Riverview Heights Subdivision; Clarence Ringberg, NaAuSay.

##### TWO PARK BOARD CANDIDATES

Two candidates have filed for commissioners of the Oswego Park District for full six-year terms, Mrs. Marguerite Chrise, Grove Road, and Glenn McKittrick, 34 Greenbriar, Boulder Hill. The two incumbents, Mrs. O.W. [Jane] Patterson and Everett Hafenrichter, are not running for reelection. The election will be held on April 4 along with the regular township election. Park commissioners serve without remuneration.

Mrs. Patterson was on the original recreation committee that preceded the Oswego Park District and was a member of the committee that brought the district into being. She has been a member of the board since that time. All in all, Mrs. Patterson has spent 14 years actively supporting and developing the recreation and park program of the Oswego Park District. During her time of service on the original recreation committee and the park district board, Mrs. Patterson has attended over 150 meetings.

Hafenrichter is completing a full six-year term on the board and has been president for three years.

In the recently completed basketball season, which was the best in Oswego's history, Dick Schwanz led the Panther scorers with 364 points on 153 baskets and 58 free throws. Dale LaGow was second with 313 points, Jerry Boram third with 298, followed by Gordon with 236, Light with 171, and Simmons with 86.

March 16: The Boulder Hill Sports and Social Club held its annual election of officers and directors recently at the school. A fairly good crowd turned out to elect the following: Sigmund M. Scott, president; Harry Blair, vice-president; Eugene Poplawski, secretary-treasurer; Jack Herbert, Ozzie Brieling, Archie Woodworth, Fran Butler, and Jack Dean directors.

The advertisement for the Roalson Barber Shop in Oswego, said two barbers were on duty, W. Boone and R. Smith.

March 23: Mr. Richard Rockenbach, principal of Oswego Community High School since 1955, resigned his position at the last regular meeting of the board of education held Monday, March 13. Rockenbach came to Oswego in 1954 as a vocational agriculture instructor. Previously he served two years as an assistant instructor of agriculture and physical education at Illinois State Normal University. Rockenbach will be leaving the teaching profession to pursue a business opportunity.

A Library Building Steering Committee, composed of representatives from various civic organizations in the community was present at the March Village Board meeting to discuss the proper procedure for Library facilities and services. The Village Board agreed to make the services of the Village Attorney available to the group.

Village Engineer Walter E. Deuchler Associates, Aurora, is to prepare a map indicating the locations and the size of all water mains and fire hydrants in the Village of Oswego and Cedar Glen Subdivision.

It was reported that 40 arrests were made in February with a total of \$653 collected in fines and forfeitures.

#### SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

Following is the listing of candidates for the two Oswego school boards:

Grade School: (three to be elected) LaVerne Shoger, Oswego Township (east); George Akerlow, Riverview Heights Subdivision; Clarence Ringberg, NaAuSay; Jack E. Brobst, Boulder Hill Subdivision.

High School: (two to be elected) Robert Cherry, NaAuSay; Donald Pinnow, village of Oswego; Tom Stephens, Boulder Hill Subdivision.

The R.M. Burkhart Garage was holding a Civil War Centennial Sale. "If you are planning to visit Gettysburg, Shiloh, Lookout Mountain, the Shenandoah Valley, Harper's Ferry, or any of the many historic sites, make sure you have no worries as far as your car is concerned... Travel with complete ease and pleasure in a new Pontiac or Tempest" the ad read.

March 30: The annual Town meeting for the Township of Oswego will be called to order at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, in the upstairs room of the township hall on Washington Street Hill. At this time, annual reports of the Supervisor of Public Assistance, the General Town Fund, the

Road and Bridge Fund, the Hard Road Fund, and the Cemetery Fund will be read and discussed. The five funds account for the expenditure of between 90 and 100 thousand dollars of the taxpayers' moneys.

The annual town meeting is the last stronghold of local government where the taxpayer has a direct vote in how and what moneys are to be spent.

The Oswego Volunteer Fire Department was called out a number of times over the weekend to extinguish grass fires. Fire Chief Forrest Wooley has asked that all homeowners take every precaution to eliminate his hazard.

April -- 1961

April 6: Issue missing

April 13: It was decided that the consideration of a move with the township for common administrative and storage facilities be dropped at the present time due to existing land prices being out of proportion to the village board's existing needs.

Robert Plaskas, who won a second place in the Illinois State wrestling Tournament for Oswego High School two years ago, was among 11 freshmen who earned wrestling numerals this past season at Northwestern University. Next year, Plaskas will move up to Coach Ken Kraft's varsity, which is tabbed to be the strongest in Northwestern wrestling history.

April 20: Clarence W. Clark was elected president of the Oswego high School Board last week to replace out-going president John Cherry. Charles Nutt was reelected secretary. LaVerne Shoger was reelected President of the Oswego Grade School Board. George Akerlow was named secretary of the board, replacing Ralph Ross

The public is invited to come and enjoy the Oswego Senior Class play, the old favorite, "Charley's Aunt."

The cast includes Lynn Shoger, Jerry Boram, Bob Nutt, Neil McCauley, Ray Simmons, Jim Gates, Kathy Stoneburner, Rita Bell, Kathy Peterson, and Kitty Giffen.

Oswego High School musicians garnered 19 gold medals and 9 silver medals in district competition at Harvey (Thornton) High School last Saturday. Those receiving superior ratings were Dalman Hafenrichter, Delreen Hafenrichter, Jacquie Quantock, Susan Thompson, Ingrid Wendt, Dave Norris, Nancy Rucks Neil Mottinger, Durwood Hafenrichter, Mike Ode, Karen Hafenrichter, and Sherry Henderson.

April 27: The boards of education, Oswego schools, announce the employment last week of a senior high principal and a junior high principal. Howard Smucker, present principal of Winnebago Senior and Junior High Schools was employed to replace Richard Rockenbach, who resigned recently to enter business. Ralph Ross, Oswego, is the new junior high principal. He replaces Lowell Polley, who requested the board to relieve him of administrative responsibilities.

Polley will continue to teach science, health and physical education. Mr. Ross resigned from the Oswego Board of Education on Monday, April 24, to accept the new position.

May -- 1961

May 4: A record-breaking group of 196 boys signed up for the Oswego Park District's Little and Pony League program.

The Citizens Educational Planning Council and the two school boards met together in an informative session on the approaching unit district election to be held Saturday, May 27. It was pointed out that currently about 75 percent of the schools in the state of Illinois operate under the unit district system.

The Oswego varsity baseball team took a double-header from Toluca last Saturday afternoon to bring its season's record to seven wins against a single loss. Bob Tripp hurled a five-hitter in the first game for a 5--2 decision and hit a triple. Dale LaGow, Rick hood, and Verlin Boram lashed out doubles for the Panthers.

May 11: In this issue of the *Oswego Ledger* you will find a notice of the approaching unit district election at which voters of the two Oswego school districts will decide whether or not to have a single school district board both grade and high school, or whether to stay with the present system of having two districts.

Oswego High music students made a fine showing in the Illinois State finals held at Bradley, Peoria, last Saturday.

First place winners included: Dalman Hafenrichter, clarinet solo; Jacquie Quantock, voice solo; Ingrid Wendt, piano solo; Delreen Hafenrichter, voice solo; Susan Thompson, Mike Ode, Durwood Hafenrichter, trombone solo; David Norris, Nancy Rucks, Neil Mottinger, Dalman Hafenrichter, clarinet solo.

The group was under the leadership of Reeve Thompson, music director for Oswego schools.

May 18: The Civil Defense Committee of the Kendall County Board of Supervisors announced this week that W. Clyde Phillips, 66 Circle Drive, Boulder Hill, has accepted the position of Kendall County Civil Defense Director. The supervisors on the Defense Committee are Myron Wormley, Ernest Zeiter, and David Mahnke.

All members of the Oswego Village Board were present at the May meeting. It was voted to underwrite two mosquito foggings at \$100 each and request for additional money should be made if needed. The Lions Club, in charge of the of the fogging program, will make a house-to-house canvass for funds for the program.

The Village President was instructed to sign the final plat of the second addition to Cedar Glen, subject to conditions suggested by the Plan Commission President Zentmyer was also instructed to sign the land donation agreement for the dedication of a park site in the same addition.

C. Robert Ohse, Yorkville, was appointed village attorney for the fiscal year.

May 25: Residents of the two Oswego school districts will have an opportunity Saturday, May 27, to vote for or against forming a unit district, which would place operation of all Oswego area schools under one board of education. Presently, the Oswego schools operate under a dual; system with one board of education for high school and another board of education for grade school. IN order for the vote to carry, the proposition must gain a majority of votes in Precinct 1 (the Village of Oswego), and a majority of the combined vote of Precincts 2, 3, 4, and 5 (outside the Village of Oswego). If the proposition fails to carry in the village and carries outside the village (or vice versa) the proposition fails. If the vote is favorable toward forming a unit district, an election will be held June 24 to choose the seven-man board of education to administer the district.

The annual Memorial Day program will be held in the new American Legion Hall this year and will begin at 10 a.m. Following the services the parade will from near the Red Brick School and proceed along Jefferson and Main streets to the Oswego Cemetery where fitting services there will climax the morning's activities.

The 10-week summer recreation program of the Oswego Park District will open on Monday, June 12. Three areas will be under direct supervision: Playground No. 1, White School in Oswego; Playground No. 2, Red Brick School, Oswego; Playground No. 3, Boulder Hill School.

June -- 1961

June 1: Oswego area residents voted 622-119 in favor of forming a unit school district last Saturday, consolidating Elementary School District No. 8 and High School District No. 300. The new unit district has the same boundaries as the overlying high school district. The new unit district number will be assigned by the Kendall County Superintendent of Schools, and will possibly be No. 308, since no unit district in adjacent counties bears this number.

An election will be held June 24 to select a seven-member board of education to administer the new district. Four of the members will be elected from Oswego Township and three members from the balance of the distinct outside of Oswego Township.

A special town meeting has been called for Tuesday, June 6, at 2 p.m. to be held in the Town Hall on the Washington Street hill, Oswego.

The meeting was called by Town Clerk Theodore Gerry in response to a petition filed with him by 15 legal voters of Oswego Township to consider purchase of a site for erection of a building to store the township road machinery and any other purposes the building may be needed for in the future.

A committee, appointed at the 1960 town meeting, and reappointed at the 1961 town meeting has studied a number of sites in the community and is ready to make its report and recommendation.

One of the highlights of the well-attended Memorial Day service held Tuesday in the Oswego American Legion Hall was the awarding of a citation of meritorious service by the local Legion post posthumously to Wayne Fosgett. The award, given for the second time this year, is for outstanding service to the community. Fosgett, a long-time resident of the Oswegoland community, served for a number of years as township supervisor, was general chairman of the

Oswegorama celebration held on the 125th anniversary of the founding of Oswego, worked with the Oswego Park District recreation program, and was active in civic and church organizations. Al Shuler, local druggist, was given the award in 1960, the first year it was presented by the local legion post.

Seventy-six high school seniors will receive their diplomas Friday evening, June 2. Salutatorian was Linda Houghtby. Valedictorian was Rita Bell. The class motto was "We Entered to Learn; We go Forth to Succeed." Class flower was the white tea rose and the class colors were blue and white.

The eighth grade graduation will begin at 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 1, with 115 students receiving diplomas. Salutatorian was Steve McBride; valedictorian was Nan Swanquist.

A committee consisting of members appointed by various community organizations has been meeting for several months in regard to library needs for the Oswegoland community. Upon recommendation of this committee, articles of incorporation were issued to the "Oswego Community Library Association" on April 10. The incorporators are Earl Zentmyer, Norval Tripp, Eleanor Herget, and Mary Leifheit.

The Boulder Hill Neighborhood Church of the Brethren was celebrating its third anniversary on Sunday, June 4.

June 8: Ten candidates filed petitions with County Superintendent of Schools Irving A. Shears for the newly formed Oswego Unit District Board of Education. Seven members are to be elected from the ten candidates at an election to be held on Saturday, June 24.

The board will be made up of three members from outside Oswego Township (Wheatland, Bristol, and NaAuSay), and four members from within Oswego Township.

Candidates from Oswego Township are George Akerlow, Riverview Heights; Richard Reinhard, Boulder Hill Subdivision; Raymond Lubbs, Boulder Hill Subdivision; Donald Pinnow, Village of Oswego; and Gilbert Jarman, Village of Oswego.

Candidates from the other three townships in the district are Gerald Conover, Bristol; C.W. Clark, Bristol; Robert Cherry, NaAuSay; Robert Dauwalder, Wheatland; and Robert Noggle, Wheatland.

#### Good Shepherd Open House

To move or not to move? This is the question the congregation of the Church of the Good Shepherd faced three years ago. Located at the intersection of Routes 34 and 25 with inadequate parking and cramped Sunday School rooms, they found action of some kind imperative.

The decision was not to relocate at the edge of town but to remain at the present site, scene of over a hundred years of church tradition. To meet pressing needs, the church moved immediately to purchase adjoining properties. The result was the acquisition of two buildings and lots west of the church.

The first of these contains the church office and classrooms. The second, acquired just this spring, has been redecorated to serve as the nursery and kindergarten departments.

On Sunday, June 11, an open house will be held at this new building, or Annex 2.

June 15: The Oswego High School gym made a most pleasant showcase for the hundreds of exhibits entered in the annual flower show sponsored by the Kendall County Federation of Woman's Clubs last Thursday. The Outstanding Exhibit Award was presented to Mrs. Robert Palmer of Oswego.

This Thursday evening (tonight) at 8 in the Church of the Good Shepherd there will be a discussion concerning "Meeting the Communist Challenge." Discussion leader will be Pro. James Will of Evangelical Theological Seminary.

The Oswego Village Board was considering an ordinance prohibiting the parking of house trailers anywhere in the village except in areas zoned for manufacturing.

June 22: An election will be held Saturday, June 24, to select seven members for the board of education of the newly formed Oswego Community District No. 308. Four of the members of the new board must be from Oswego Township and three members must be from the other townships--Wheatland, Bristol, and NaAuSay.

Mr. George Wingert, father of Mrs. T. Loyd Traughber, died Tuesday morning at Princeton, Illinois. The funeral will be in Princeton Thursday afternoon. Many Oswegoans will remember Mr. Wingert, who resided with Mr. and Mrs. Traughber in their Washington Street home for a number of years.

The dead and dying elm trees in the Village of Oswego number in the hundreds at the present time. It is conceivable that in another few years there will be no elms at all growing in the area. It is hoped that all residents who presently have dead or dying elms are planning on planting some new trees to take the place of those that must be removed.

The planning council for the Second Annual Oswegoland Summer Festival met Tuesday evening to discuss plans for the two-day celebration, which will be held on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 11-12. Planned activities include sidewalk sale by downtown merchants on Friday; an art exhibit by Fox Valley artists on the lawn of Planned Interiors, Chicago Road; a baking goods contest; an arts, crafts, and hobby show at the Red Brick School Gym, a children's costume parade; the Lions Club auction on Saturday, a fire department water fight, a band concert, and a style show. Proceeds will benefit to the Oswego Library Building Fund.

June 29: Winners in the first election of members of the Oswego Community Unit School District 308 Board of Education were Gerald W. Dauwalder, Wheatland Township; Raymond J. Lubbs, Oswego Township; Richard M. Reinhard, Oswego Township; George Akerlow, Bristol Township; Gilbert R. Jarman, Oswego Township; Robert S. Cherry, NaAuSay Township; and C.W. Clark, Oswego Township.

Members of the Oswego High School Class of 1941 held their 20th Class Reunion on June 24 at the Country Charm Restaurant in Yorkville. Stanley Young served as toastmaster assisted by Robert Harvey, Robert Schlapp, Paula Holdiman, and Marie Bazan.

July -- 1961

July 6: Jerry Powers is the winner of \$10 in the "We Need A Name Contest" for a new business, which will open on Main Street next to the Oswego Village Hall this weekend. The new establishment, to be operated by Ed Gilbert, will be called the "Dari-Boat," and will serve soft ice cream and sandwiches.

#### AKERLOW IS SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT

Clark Elected Secretary

The seven newly elected school board members of Unit District No. 308 met last Thursday to from the new board with County Superintendent of Schools Irving A. Shears presiding.

The first order of business was to draw lots for length of terms of office, with the following results: One-year terms: George Akerlow and Gerald Dauwalder. Two-year terms: C.W. Clark and Gilbert Jarman. Three-year terms: Robert Cherry, Richard Reinhard and Raymond Lubbs. Members elected in succeeding elections will be for full three-year terms.

George Akerlow was unanimously elected president of the new board, and C.W. Clark was unanimously elected secretary. Gil Jarman was elected as alternate secretary.

The new board appointed Everett McKeown as treasurer of the newly formed unit district.

The board will meet monthly on the second Monday for the purpose of paying bills and on the fourth Monday for purposes of discussing problems and policies concerning the district.

At the last meeting of the Oswego Park District commissioners, it was voted to name the newly acquired 22-acre picnic and nature area Waa-Kee-Sha Park. The area, lying on the south end of the township, is part of the Waish-Kee-Shaw Indian Reservation, and the commissioners were of the opinion that the name of the park should be in keeping with the historical background of the area.

During the course of Kendall County history, the spelling of the name has varied on various deeds and land grants.

The park will be what is commonly known as a low-maintenance area with emphasis on picnicking, camping, and nature appreciation. There will be no manufactured play equipment or other commercial aspects on the area to detract from the natural beauty.

Currently, a development plan for the area is being drawn up with consideration being given to the approach road and parking area, fencing along the approach road, suitable picnic areas, toilet facilities, water supply, and nature trails. It is hoped that the park will be available for limited use in the summer of 1962 and for full use by the summer of 1963.

The overall planning for the area calls for a forest preserve picnic type park with about two-thirds of land left in its natural state and containing marked nature trails. Picnic areas, each suitably screened by natural growth, will be situated along the south and east sides of the park. A tent camp area for Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts will be located in the southeast corner of the area. An inventory is being made of the natural assets of the area. To date, over 40 species of wild flowers and 65 species of birds have been catalogued in the area. The dominant tree coverage consists of ash, maple, and oak. Other trees in the park include walnut, cherry, hawthorn, hornbeam (blue beach), bob hornbeam (ironwood), basswood (linden), pignut hickory, hackberry, Osage orange, and others, which have not yet been keyed out.

The elm population of the park has suffered the same fate as a good share of the elms in this part of the country. Most of them were young trees and the ashes and maples are replacing them.

Superintendent T. Loyd Traugher reports that work on the East View Grade addition and the new Boulder Hill Grade School is proceeding according to schedule. There have been no unnecessary delays to date and it is anticipated that the planned completion date of each unit will prevail.

The East View addition is planned to be ready for use when school begins in September and part of the Boulder Hill unit will be ready for use by that time.

July 13: In addition to the regular workmen, a number of parishioners of the Boulder Hill church now being erected have been putting in a lot of hours and effort on the new building.

The present structure under construction is the initial phase in a three-part building plan. The first phase consists of an educational unit and a combination sanctuary-fellowship hall.

In addition to its use as the place of worship, the sanctuary will also be used as a place for fellowship gatherings. The room has a seating capacity of approximately 336 persons. In connection with the fellowship hall, a well-equipped kitchen has been provided.

The education unit will provide a maximum of 20 classrooms, with five additional rooms being provided for study for the pastor, study for the associate pastor, church office, choir room, and a church library and conference room. Six restrooms have been located throughout the building.

A spacious "Fireside Room," with fireplace and a snack bar has been arranged to care for men's women's, and youth fellowship meetings and for small dinners and banquets.

Denney's Supermart in downtown Oswego was advertising a pound of Morton's Salt for 9 cents while Bohn's Food Store, also in downtown Oswego, was advertising three cantaloupes for \$1.

July 20: The Rev. Ralph H. Didier, pastor of the Oswego Presbyterian Church, will assume the pastorate of the Presbyterian church in Michigan City, Ind. this fall.

He will be in the pulpit for the last time as pastor of the Oswego church on Sunday, July 30.

At a meeting held last week at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Pickerill, final plans were made for the Oswego Summer Festival to be held Friday and Saturday, Aug. 11-12. A variety of activities from a baked goods contest to an art show to numerous children's activities were planned for the two-day event, along with downtown sidewalk sales and fire department water fights.

Larry and Ron Smith were advertising custom combining services for farm owners with their Massey-Harris 82 combine.

July 27: Registration for Oswego High School students will be held Aug. 15-16 at the high school. The only students required to register at this time are new students who have moved into the district since May and students who wish to change their registration card filed last May.

Eight students from Oswego High School attended the sixth annual Camps All-American at George Williams College. Oswego students attending were Pat Conroy, Jill Peterson, Doris Gates, Cheryl Smith, Diane Unick, Sherry Watt, Susan Hundley, and Jinna Norberg.

August -- 1961

Aug. 3: The administration and faculty of the Oswego School District was announced. Principals included John Bednarcik, East View School; Ralph Ross, junior high; John Godde, Boulder Hill School; and Howard Smucker, Oswego High School.

Aug. 10: All youngsters in the Oswegoland area are invited to take part in the Children's Parade to be held on Friday evening, Aug. 11, at 6:30. Any age boy or girl is eligible to be in the parade. No individual prizes will be given but all boys and girls who participate will receive a coupon good for 10 cents in trade at Gil's Dari-Boat on Main Street.

The Second Annual Oswego Summer Festival will be held Friday and Saturday, Aug. 11-12 with activities for all ages both days. Proceeds will benefit the Oswego Library Building Fund.

Earl J. Zentmyer, president of the Oswego Community Bank, will leave Aug. 13 for two weeks' attendance at the School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

The faculty of Oswego Community Unit District 308 will meet Friday, Sept. 1, in the Community Room of the high school at 9 a.m. This will be the first day of the school term. Students will meet in all day session Tuesday, Sept. 5. Book rentals for the unit will remain the same as last year. This amounts to \$6 per pupil in all grades.

Aug. 24: The Oswego Lions Club has sprayed the Village of Oswego for mosquitoes five times to date. This is now one of the club's major projects each year. So far this summer, the Lions have borne the expense, with a supplemental grant of funds from the village board. Next Thursday night, Aug. 31, there will be another fogging of the village and adjoining subdivisions so that the Labor Day weekend will be free of pests and lawn parties and other outdoor fun can proceed pleasantly.

T. Loyd Traughber, superintendent of Oswego's public schools, gives the following estimates for enrollment this year: 1,295 students in kindergarten through eighth grade. Not counting the kindergarten, this year's enrollment is 1,132 as compared to last year's 1,040. For the high school, total enrollment is 404. Last year the high school enrollment was 359. Supt. Traughber states that the above statistics do not include all of the transfer students, nor some 12-15 students who will be enrolled in special education classes of the district.

In the nine-year span dating from 1952, the Oswego Panther varsity gridgers have won 51 games, lost 18, and tied five. During this time they have captured Fox Valley Conference championships three times, 1954, 1955, and 1958. They have been co-champions twice, 1952 and 1959. They have ended up in second place on two occasions, third once, and fourth once. A rundown of the record, season by season, shows the following:

1952: Won 7, tied 1, lost 1; tied for Fox Valley Conference championship with Plainfield; coaches Herb Hasenyager and Ken Pickerill.

1953: Won 5, lost 3; second place in conference; coaches Herb Hasenyager and Ken Pickerill.

1954: Won 8, lost none (opponents only scored 18 points during the season); conference champs; coaches Herb Hasenyager and Ken Pickerill.

1955: Won 6, lost 2; conference champs; coaches Ken Pickerill and John Bednarcik.  
1956: Won 2, lost 5, tied 1; fourth place in conference; coaches Ken Pickerill and John Bednarcik.  
1957: Won 5, lost 3; second in conference; coaches Ken Pickerill and Jim Aird.  
1958: Won 7, tied 1; conference champs; coaches Ken Pickerill and Jim Aird.  
1959: Won 7, tied 1; conference co-champs; coaches Ken Pickerill and Jim Aird.  
1960: Won 4, lost four, tied 1; third place in conference; coaches Ken Pickerill and Jim Aird.

At the Oswego Village Board meeting, it was learned that in lieu of land for park and school sites, Christie Herren (Riverside Acres Subdivision) will pay the equivalent in cash to the Subdivision Park and School Site Purchase Fund. The amount involved is \$926.70.

As of now, renters of houses will have to make a \$15 deposit with the Oswego Water Department, the deposit to be refunded to them when they move out of the house provided they have paid all water bills incurred by them. This is to safeguard the village and owners of the property against "skippers." This is not a new idea, because an old village ordinance called for a similar \$5 deposit, but for many years it was not enforced.

Teresa Adkins, daughter of Mr. and Ms. Homer Adkins of Seneca Drive, Boulder Hill, entered the accordion solo contest at the Illinois State Fair last week and won fourth place with her selection, "Graduation March."

Aug. 31: According to John Carr, president of the Oswego Business Association, the sum of \$719.06 will be given to the Oswego Library Building Fund. This represents the profits realized on the recent Summer Festival, sponsored and supported by many organizations in the Oswego area.

Preliminary plans for a first unit church building, submitted by the architectural firm of Cooley and Borre AIA and Associates, Park Ridge, were approved by the congregation of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Rev. William Keturkat, pastor.

The one-story building with basement comprises a sanctuary seating 168 worshipers in the nave, 27 in the choir balcony, and 46 in the narthex overflow for a total of 241 communicants.

A fellowship hall in the basement includes six classrooms and kitchen facilities, accommodating 140 for dinner and 230 for assembly.

Other provisions in the first unit consist of working and pastor's sacristies, minister's office, and a parking lot for 83 cars.

Materials include precast, pre-stressed concrete on the first level, fact brick, cathedral glass, and a wood chancel screen with slab glass inserts.

The master plan calls for a future Christian day school, gymnasium, playground consisting of a baseball diamond and tennis courts, parsonage, and expansion of church. Cost of the first unit is approximately \$92,500.

The Board of Education, Oswego Community Unit District 308 held a public hearing Monday evening on the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 1961 to June 30, 1962.

The budget adopted and the tax levy made indicate an overall reduction of 1962 levy of approximately 19 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation over the 1960 levy.

September -- 1961

Sept. 7: The Oswego PTA says it's "Time to Care...About meeting Your Faculty" at the first meeting of the PTA on Tuesday, Sept. 12. At 6:30 p.m. there will be a potluck supper in the high school gym.

Teachers of all four attendance centers, Boulder Hill, East View, Red Brick Junior High, and the high school will be the special guests of the PTA and will be introduced immediately following the supper.

A brief history of Oswego libraries was published. According to part of the history: "At the April 5, 1928 [Nineteenth Century Club] meeting, the announcement was made that there was the possibility of moving the library to the town building left by the will of Lorenzo Rank, the first postmaster of the village, and in which the first post office was located. The move was made and the library has been there ever since. [Editor's note: The Rank building was not the first post office, it was the ninth; and Rank was not the first postmaster, he was the eighth.]

Sept. 14: Current figures released by the Superintendent of Schools, T. Loyd Traughber, shows a total of 1,768 District 308 students enrolled at the present time, 1,371 in grade school and 397 in the high school. This is an increase of 364 pupils over last year's figures. This increase includes the 167 boys and girls enrolled in kindergarten for the first time.

Each grade from one through six has five sections, three at East View and two at Boulder Hill School.

Kindergarten shows 77 at East View and 90 at Boulder Hill.

High school enrollment is 126 freshmen, 212 sophomores, 77 juniors, and 73 seniors.

Twenty-eight sophomore students at Oswego will receive certificates for outstanding performance on the National Educational development tests, according to James Aird, local high school guidance counselor.

Recipients include Paul Baumann, Cathie Boehmer, Sandra Cooney, Terry Fiscus, Janet Gray, Eileen Gross, Durwood Hafenrichter, Ramon Kohler, Zael Lutz, Roger May, John Morley, Sue E. Musselman, Patricia Myers, Robert Nelson, Gerald Parkhurst, Diane Paydon, William Phillips, Lonnie Precup, Marna Quantock, Gregory Sellers, Patricia Smith, Bill Swanquist, Griselda Tilly, Sheila Thompson, Diana Wheeler, Glenn Young, and Sherry Watt.

Sept. 21: The Oswego Village Board has announced that rules governing the passing of school buses within the village of Oswego will be strictly enforced.

The Oswego varsity opened the season with a 13-0 win over Kaneland last Saturday afternoon after the two frosh-soph units had played to a 0-0 deadlock.

Dedication services will be held for the new church edifice of the Boulder Hill Neighborhood Church of the Brethren on Sunday, Sept. 24.

The building to be dedicated consists of the first two units of a five unit building. The present units include a sanctuary-fellowship hall with a seating capacity of approximately 300; and an educational unit, which provides for 20 classrooms, a kitchen, adequate storage space, and seven

restrooms. Future plans call for three additional units, a sanctuary, administrative unit, and a chapel.

Architect of the colonial designed structure was Arthur L. Dean, Elgin. The builder was Don L. Dise Co., with Ralph Bada as company superintendent and Wayne Von Ehr as building superintendent.

We are nominating for the award of "Poorest Sport of the Week" the clown who got up at the Kaneland game and gave a shout of jubilation when one of the Kaneland players was injured. It's too bad the injured player's dad wasn't sitting near him when he put on this sporting exhibition.

Scotty's Restaurant at Routes 34 and 71 in Oswego was advertising Mildred's Homemade Pies and their everyday special, sirloin steak dinners for \$1.29.

Sept. 28: The Oswego varsity will travel to Plano Friday night for the first Fox Valley Conference game of the season.

The game at Marseilles last Friday night was called midway in the opening period in a downpour when light bulbs began to pop all over the place. The contest has been rescheduled for November.

The Oswego High School Band has again accepted the invitation of Northwestern University to appear in its Sixth High School Band Day on the Evanston campus, Saturday, Sept. 30. The Oswego Band is one of 18 bands, which has attended every Northwestern Band Day.

"Holiday Preview," this year's version of the Boulder Hill Welcome Wagon Club Style Show, will be presented in the Boulder Hill Playhouse Thursday and Friday evenings, Sept. 28-28. The show will be under the direction of Lucille Goring.

A total of 31 members of the Oswego High School Graduating Class of 1961 enrolled in colleges, universities, and nursing schools, including Dianne Koukol, Bernice Wheeler, Patrick Reilly, James Gates, Berry Wilson, Ray Simmons, John Grach, Tom Stubblefield, Lucia Campbell, Rita Bell, Bob Nutt, Dalman Hafenrichter, Max Johnson, Jacqueline Wolf, Sherry Porter, Janet Lippincott, Bonnie Fay, Kathy Stoneburner, Marion Phillips, Carlene Collins, Dianne Cannon, Ann Weber, Dwight Foster, Neil McCauley, Bob Ackley, Ron Wynne, Wylie Robinson, Norman Harvey, Lynn Shoger, Ruth Wilkie, Judy Smith, Linda Houghtby, Kathy Peterson, and Kitty Giffen.

October -- 1961

Oct. 5: The Panther varsity picked up a 25-6 decision at Plano last Friday, scoring a touchdown in every quarter. Oswego rolled up a total of 285 yards, 262 on the ground, while the Plano eleven was held to a total of 50 yards.

Oct. 12: This is Fire Prevention Week, and the local firemen are holding an open house on Saturday evening, Oct. 14, in the fire barn on Main street from 7-9 p.m.

The Oswego Fire District includes all of Oswego Township including Boulder Hill, Pichik's, and other subdivisions.

The Panther Varsity dropped a 28-6 decision to the Yorkville Foxes last Friday night in a Fox Valley Conference game.

Oct. 19: The annual Oswego High School Homecoming festivities will take place this weekend, beginning with a snake dance and bonfire on Thursday evening. Students will gather at the high school at 7 p.m. for the snake dance, which will wind through the downtown and end back at the school where a bonfire and pep rally will take place. The homecoming parade is scheduled to leave the high school at approximately 2 p.m. Friday afternoon with floats and band. The parade route through the business area disbands at the school.

The Oswego Panther Varsity bounced back from last week's defeat by Yorkville to take Morris by a 19-7 count.

A progress report shows that the access road to Waa-Kee-Sha Park has been completed with the exception of a small amount of grading near the Reservation Road entrance, which will have to wait until a fence is moved. Currently, a marked nature trail is being laid out. The trail will be of approximately a mile and a half in length.

The Kopper Kettle restaurant at Main and Washington in downtown Oswego was advertising homemade donuts.

Oct. 26: The Oswego Village Board issued a reminder this week that the 10 p.m. curfew law for minors under the age of 18 is still in effect. Curfew was 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Exceptions are regularly scheduled church, school, or public functions and on these occasions the persons are to return directly to their homes by the most direct route.

Tuesday evening, Oct. 31, approximately 100 of the Oswego community's boys and girls will be among more than 2,500,000 American children who will devote their Halloween fun to save the lives of other children in more than 100 countries aided by UNICEF, the United Nation's Children's Fund.

Under the sponsorship of the Oswego Council of Churches, children from the Church of the Good Shepherd and the Oswego Presbyterian will participate. Children of the Prairie EUB will meet after school on the same day as will the AuSable Grove and Wheatland Church youngsters. Children of the Boulder Hill Church will make their collection on Saturday morning, Oct. 28.

The Panthers made it a happy homecoming for a huge crowd last Friday, as the varsity ran up a 33-0 score against Sandwich.

November -- 1961

Nov. 2: The last two country school houses in the Oswego School District will be sold at public auction Saturday, Nov. 4. The Willow Hill School and site will be sold at 10 a.m. and the

McCauley site and school at 11:30 a.m. The sale will be conducted by Auctioneer Kenny Klotz on the front steps of each building.

The Willow Hill unit consists of a building, garage and site of 1.29 acres with frontage on U.S. 30 and adjacent to U.S. 34. five miles northeast of Oswego.

The McCauley School consists of a building and a site of .5 acres located 11 miles south of Oswego, 1.5 miles south and one mile east of the NaAuSay Church on Grove Road.

These buildings are equipped with inside toilets connected to septic tanks. Each site has a deep well. The buildings are services with electricity and heated by oil burning furnaces.

Nov. 9: Secretary of State Charles F. Carpentier, one of the state's most popular vote getters and leader of the Republican Party in Illinois, will be the speaker at a Republican rally in the Boulder Hill School Auditorium on Thursday, Nov. 16.

Occasion for the rally will be the election of officers for the newly formed Boulder Hill Republican Club.

The Oswego Panthers defeated Lisle last Friday night 27-7 to gain a share in the Fox Valley championship for 1961. Previously unbeaten Lisle, Yorkville, and Oswego all wound up with identical 4-1 conference records.

Fish fry with carry-out orders at Johnson's Tavern in downtown Oswego every Saturday night.

Nov. 16: The Oswego Community Bank shows an increase of 12 percent in Christmas Club savers. The 1961 Christmas Club checks have been mailed to 191 members, totaling \$17,096.50, compared to \$15,268.50 in the 1960 Christmas Club.

Nov. 23: A warning is being given to residents of Oswego that the village ordinance pertaining to dogs will be strictly enforced.

With seven lettermen on the 1961-62 varsity basketball squad, Coach Jim Aird is hoping to retain the Fox Valley Championship garnered last season on a record of 9-1 in loop action and an overall record of 18-7.

Returning lettermen are Robert Bower, Merrill Faul, Dale LaGow, Jim Leigh, Keith Light, Jim Parker, and Tom Ricketts. Other members of the squad include Renard Biltgen, Verlin Boram, Robert Campbell, Tom Kulbartz, Robert Bell, and Bob Tripp.

The annual barbecue supper, bazaar and bake sale sponsored by the Priscilla Guild of St. Luke's will be held at the Masonic Hall on Friday, Dec. 1.

Nov. 30: John Godde, principal of Boulder Hill Elementary School, has announced that the room for mentally handicapped children of Kendall County has moved from its former location in East View to Boulder Hill.

December -- 1961

Dec. 7: The Board of Education and Administrative Staff of Oswego Unit School District 308 are currently making a study of population trends, school building needs, and financial structure to support the maintenance, operation and curriculum demands of the present and future educational program for the district. The community Educational Planning Council will be assisting the board in their study. The 1961 school population of 1,768 pupils represents the following comparative data:

- (A) It triples the school population of 1951 and doubles the population of 1956.
- (B) Oswego has more pupils at present than were attending all of the Kendall County Schools in 1950, and at present enrolls approximately 40% of all Kendall County school children.
- (C) Kendall County ranks third of all counties in Illinois in the rate of population growth between 1950 and 1960, according to the 1960 Census.
- (D) Kendall County ranks second of all counties in Illinois in fertility ratio between 1950 and 1960 (fertility ratio is a formula which indicated a population's ability to reproduce).
- (E) The two townships of Oswego and Little Rock show the majority of the total growth of the county between 1950 and 1960, with minor help from Bristol and Kendall townships.
- (F) There are presently 1,121 pupils under the age of 16 years of age in the Boulder Hill Subdivision. This figure represents 100 more pupils than the total school population of Oswego in 1960. One-half of this number is of pre-school age or under five years of age.
- (G) Illinois Bell has scheduled 350 more one and two party lines for Boulder Hill in the next three years and an additional 237 more lines in the rest of Oswego Township.
- (H) The school population of the Oswego School District will be 3,380 by 1970; 1,411 of which will be enrolled in grades 7-12.

During the past 10 years of population growth the assessed valuation of the school district has more than doubled from \$16 million in 1955 to \$36 million in 1961.

Panther wrestlers host Plainfield Thursday (today) with both frosh-soph and varsity action. Both squads were defeated in their opening meets of the season at Lincoln-Way last Saturday.

In varsity matches, Dave Eberhard won on a pin. Brad Jarman, Chuck Robinson, Tom Wheeler, John Wheeler, and Joe Wallace won on decisions Rusty Peshia, Steve Drew and Jeff Wheeler lost on pins. Stan Shoger and John Scent lost on decisions.

Others on the two squads include Craig Johnson, Herb Stutzriem, Paul Baumann, Harold Carter, Gregory Carroll, Gary Evans, Terry Fiscus, William Grommes, Durwood Hafenrichter, Roger Matile, Roger May, Robert Penman, William Phillips, Stephen Smith, Lonnie Steckel, Michael Wheeler, Michael Weiss, James Yuvan, John Clark, David Hastert, Stephen Keierleber, Gary Poker, Michael Reilly, John Stoner, James Wallace, Gregory Wheeler, and Jimmy White.

The varsity is coached by Al Kaltofen and the frosh-soph by Ken Pickerill.

Dec. 14: SPECIAL NOTICE: There will be no *Oswego Ledger* on Thursday, Dec. 28.

The Oswego Business Association and the Oswego Lions Club are making it possible for Santa Claus to pay a visit to Oswego this Saturday, Dec. 16. He will be in the downtown area from 2-5 p.m., with headquarters in the Oswego Village Hall, but he will be stopping in at the various business houses up and down Main Street.

The Oswego varsity took the measure of Lisle last Friday, 59-50, with Keith Light making 26 points on ten baskets and six free throws. Bob Tripp added 13 points, Dale LaGow had 12, while Jim Parker and Verlin Boram accounted for four each.

Dec. 21 and 28: A sock hop for teenagers will be held in the Boulder Hill school on Thursday, Dec. 28, with dancing from 8-12. Harry Blair, WMRO disc jockey, will emcee the show.

Two former Oswego High School graduates, Richard and David Parkhurst, are currently in the armed forces. Richard served his recruit training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and is currently stationed there as an engineer supply technician.

David, younger of the two brothers, received his naval training at Great lakes Naval Station and then he entered the electronic schooling program where he graduated with an average of 93. Since then he has been on duty at the U.S. Naval Submarine Base at Groton, Conn.

1962

January

Jan. 4: The terms of two members of the newly formed Oswego Community Unit School District expire this year, George Akerlow and Charles Dauwalder.

When the new unit district was formed in June of 1961, seven members were elected to serve on the board and drew lots to determine the length of term of each. Akerlow and Dauwalder received one year terms; C.W. Clark and Gilbert Jarman, two year terms; Robert Cherry, Richard Reinhard and Raymond Lubbs for three year terms.

The board of directors of the Oswego Community Bank voted at their December meeting to pay a \$1.50 dividend to stockholders of record Dec. 20, 1961. The dividend is the initial payment for the local bank, which opened for business Aug. 29, 1958.

Directors and officers of the bank are Earl Zentmyer, president; John Cherry, vice president; Dr. S.F. Bell, Myron Wormley, Homer Brown, Charles Lippincott, Everett McKeown, directors; Clifford Maddux, cashier; Georgia Traughber, assistant cashier.

Dave Eberhard, Tom Wheeler, and John Wheeler won championships in the quadrangular holiday wrestling meet hosted by Oswego last Saturday. The three Oswego boys are still unbeaten for the season.

Jan. 11: Editorial: Too often the commendable things people do are glossed over. We think the Oswego Village board deserves a pat on the back for the excellent job of snow removal this winter. Not only did they engineer the job, but a number of them spent a good many hours working themselves.

By the same token, we think that highway commissioner Kenneth Gowran and his boys have also done a good job in the snow removal department.

Probably we should also mention the members of the volunteer fire department at the same time. The firemen answered three calls in less than 24 hours Tuesday in 10 degree below zero weather.

How would you like to be called out of a nice warm bed at 4:30 a.m. in 10 degree below zero weather to fight a fire?

Highway commissioner Gowran has moved all his equipment into the new building on Route 71 across from East View.

The School district is completing a garage on the southeast corner of the high school grounds, which will be used for bus maintenance.

After walking through several discount stores, it's good to know that we have reliable merchants in Oswegoland where you can make a purchase and be assured that you are getting quality merchandise. The cheap, sleazy junk put out in these discount shops is mostly not worth carrying home.

Jan. 18: A meeting of the Oswego Community School Planning Council has been called for Monday, Jan. 29, at 8 p.m. at the high school. This council, composed of persons representing municipal and civic organizations and the various areas of the Oswego School District has been in existence for several years and is called in from time to time to meet with the school board to help solve various school problems.

One of the immediate problems facing the Oswego School District is that of providing school rooms for a rapidly growing student population. Recent studies show that the school population has doubled since 1956 in the district, and that currently, the Oswego school system enrolls 40 percent of all Kendall County school children.

The study also shows that Kendall County ranks third in the State of Illinois in the rate of population growth between 1950 and 1960.

Another fact brought out in the study shows that, at the current rate of increase, the school population will be 3,380 by 2970, as compared to 1,768 pupils in 1961. [The actual enrollment on Sept. 30, 1970 was 3,441.]

The annual meeting of the Oswego Community Bank was held Monday, Jan. 15, with the number of stockholders in attendance being limited due to the inclement weather.

The election of directors was held, returning all of the former directors to office: Dr. S.F. Bell, Homer L. Brown, John F. Cherry, Charles M. Lippincott, Everett McKeown, Myron L. Wormley, and Earl J. Zentmyer, all of Oswego.

If this is a sample of what the old-timers talk about as an "old-fashioned" winter, they can have it.

Jan. 25: The following report has been released by Kendall County Sheriff Frank Willman of the year's activities.

The sheriff's department answered 572 complaints consisting of 29 burglaries, 31 larcenies, 194 auto accidents, two sex offenses, and 316 miscellaneous.

Twelve prisoners were transported to Illinois penitentiaries, 11 patients to Illinois state hospitals, and two persons to the Illinois Youth Commission.

During 1961, a total of 181 prisoners were admitted to the county jail serving a total of 1,031 prisoner days.

February -- 1962

Feb. 1: Members of the Oswego School Board and the Oswegoland School Planning Council met in the Community Room of the high school Monday night to explore some of the problems facing the district in providing new school buildings and facilities in the immediate future in an effort to keep pace with the rapidly expanding population.

School Board President George Akerlow stated the immediate need is for additional facilities at the junior high school level.

Superintendent T. Loyd Traughber briefly discussed the tax position of the district, stating that the current bonding power available is approximately \$800,000. He went on to explain how the current bonded indebtedness of the various units built is being paid off at a rate of about \$100,000 per year.

Traughber also went into some detail on studies made of school population trends over the past decade and projecting these growth rates into the current decade reaching to 1970, during which time the school population is expected to double.

The following recommendations were presented for study in the order of desirability:

1. A new high school, to accommodate 750-1,000 students on a new site of 25-40 acres at an estimated cost of \$1.25 million. The present high school to be used as a junior high school.
2. A new junior high school to accommodate 750 to 1,000 students located on a site of not less than 12 acres at a cost of approximately \$750,000 to \$800,000.

Yearly use of building funds for additions to the present high school building.

3. A compromise between recommendations 1 and 2, a new junior high school on a new site that can later be converted to a high school.

All of the above recommendations are based on a 6-3-3 school system. Grades 7, 8, 9 would be in the junior high building and grades 10, 11, and 12 in the senior high.

At the Jan. 23 meeting of the Oswego Plan Commission, the following officers were elected for the year: Ford L. Lippold, chairman; Joseph Otto, vice-chairman; Lois Drew, secretary; Larane Peshia, corresponding secretary.

During the first three weeks of the Oswego School District's School Savings Program, conducted with the Oswego Community Bank, 547 students are participating out of a total enrollment of 1,352.

The Oswego Community Library Association Organization Committee met at the Oswego Community Bank last Thursday and plans were completed for a meeting of all members of the association to be held in the Community Room of Oswego High School Monday, March 1.

The purpose of the meeting to be held March 1 is to adopt a set of bylaws and to elect 11 trustees, who shall govern the affairs of the association for the next three years.

Community donations, including proceeds from the 1958 Oswegorama celebration, currently total \$3,502.55, a good start towards a goal of \$35,000 for construction of a new library building. Present committee members include Eleanor Herget, Mary Leifheit, Sue McBride, Fran Smith, Jean Quant, Norval Tripp, Jesse Phillipi, James Zentmyer, and Earl Zentmyer.

Oswego junior high school high honor roll students were David Lippy and Neal Shoger. Students who received A's and B's were John Cumpata, Danielle Larson, Nancy Leppert, Dan Miller Steve Parker, Connie Sperlakis, Ronald Weilert, Carter Witt, Frank Wooley, and Jerry Yuvan in eighth grade and Sandra Fiscus, Pat Grey, Susan Hafenrichter, Marilyn Johnson, Doris Miller, Jenine Mitchell, Sue Morey, Donna McKittrick, Beth Nelson, Amy Randall, Shari Seefeldt, Sherril Smith, and Gordon Walker in seventh grade.

Feb. 8: The executive Board of the Oswego Schools PTA met in special session Monday, Jan. 22, with Mrs. Melville Wright, director of PTA District 2, State of Illinois. It is the feeling of the local board, and it has been recommended by Mrs. Wright, that the Oswego PTA be divided into at least three, or possibly four units, in the very near future. This would provide a separate unit for each of the attendance centers: Boulder Hill, East View, junior high, and high school. A three unit change, the junior and senior highs would be combined in a single unit.

Plans and preparations are well underway and some rehearsing has been started for the 1962 Minstrel Show according to Delreen Hafenrichter, general business manager of the event. The show, "Cotton Capers," will be presented by the Oswego High School Music Department March 8-10.

End men in this year's production will be Bob Bower, Dale LaGow, Carl Angell, Chuck Trentham, Jerry Parkhurst, and Steve Smith. Jim Aird will be interlocutor.

At the January meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Kendall County, a county curfew ordinance was adopted. The main provisions of the ordinance provide that all persons under 18 are not allowed to be out unless accompanied by parents, guardian, or other responsible adult after 10 p.m. on Sunday to Thursday of each week, and after 12 p.m. on Friday and Saturdays.

Feb. 15: Department heads for Oswego High School are as follows: Robert Olson, mathematics; Mrs. Reeve Thompson, English; Kenneth Pickerill, physical education; Charles Potts, science.

Oswego varsity grapplers will compete in the district tournament at Carl Sandburg High School on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 16-17.

The Panther squad will be led by John Wheeler, Dave Eberhard, and Tom Wheeler.

Other boys who will see action are Brad Jarman, Chuck Robinson, Steve Drew, Stan Shoger or Craig Johnson, Mike Wheeler, Ben Thrall, and Steve Smith.

Feb. 22: The senior class of 1962 of Oswego Community High School announces the names of the following award winners: Susan Thompson, valedictorian; Susan Luettich, salutatorian; Sally Neupert, Citizenship Award; Cheryl B. Smith, DAR Award; Dale LaGow, Activity Award; Dale LaGow, Gilmour Sportsmanship Award.

Three Oswego wrestlers advanced to the sectional tournament competition due to their showing in the district last week. The boys who will represent the Panther squad at Thornton High School, Lansing, on Friday and Saturday of this week are Dave Eberhard, Tom Wheeler, and John Wheeler.

The Oswego varsity basketball team moved up to a third place tie in league standings last Friday night, defeating Plainfield by a 59-50 count with Keith Light scoring 22 markers on 10 baskets and two free throws.

Oswego High School students earning all A's for the second nine week period were Susan Luettich, Susan Thompson, Ingrid Wendt, Sherry Henderson, Roger May, Pat Myers, Jill Peterson, and Greg Sellers.

March -- 1962

March 1: The service of installation of the Rev. Woodrow Wooley as pastor of the Oswego Presbyterian Church will be held Sunday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Wooley comes to the Oswego church from the First Presbyterian Church of Twin Falls, Idaho. He received his B.A. from Alma College, Alma, Mich.; bachelor of divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary, New York; master's degree from Wayne University, Detroit, Mich. Mrs. Wooley, a trained director of Christian education,

For the seventh year in a row, the Oswego high School Wrestling Team will be represented at the Illinois State Finals. Dave Eberhard (103 lbs.) is the 19th grappler to represent the Panthers over this seven year span. Eberhard won his class championship at the sections held last weekend and moves on to the state competition this Friday and Saturday.

Four Oswegoans have been medal winners in state competition, Brad Smith and Alvin Wheeler took first place medals in 1955, with Wheeler repeating in 1956. Bob Plaskas placed second at 95 lbs. in 1959 and was fourth in 1960 at 103 lbs.

March 8: A meeting was held last Monday night in the Legion hall by members of the Oswego Village Board, Oswego Plan Commission, and a number of interested persons to discuss the forming of a sanitary district for Oswego and surrounding area to alleviate the present sewage condition, which is under investigation by the State of Illinois.

George Griffin, representing Village Engineer Walter Deuchler, presented figures on several plans under consideration:

A. Rebuilding the present plant to handle only the present Village of Oswego.

B. Forming a sanitary district that would include some areas outside the village as well as the village itself and operate on a local scale.

C. Covering the same area as in "B," but petitioning into the Aurora Sanitary District.

Milton Penn, chairman of the Sanitation Committee for the Village of Oswego, announced that a number of public meetings would be held in the near future.

An election will be held Saturday, April 14, for two members of the Oswego Unit School District 308 for full three-year terms, and for one member for an unexpired term. George Akerlow and Gerald Dauwalder are the two members whose full terms expire, and the unexpired term of two years is due to the resignation of Richard Reinhard, who is moving to another community.

The Oswego High School Music Department will present its fifth annual minstrel show, "Cotton Capers," this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, nights.

A girls' kick line with Nancy Bell, Sally Luettich, Annette Lewis, Linda Rusher, Janet Schrader, and Pat Smith will be one of the features of the evening.

Due to a continued increase in enrollment in the first grade at Boulder Hill School, Miss Esther Merkey was recently added to the teaching staff.

March 15: At the organizational meeting of the Oswego Community Library Association, held at the Oswego High School, the following trustees were elected: Mabel Carpenter, Clarence Clark, Dr. Arthur DeVol, Chasta Fennel, Eleanor Herget, Norval Tripp, Charlotte Herren, Mary Leifheit, Myron Wormley, Adolph Schliwa, and Earl Zentmyer.

At a subsequent meeting held March 8, the following officers were elected: Earl Zentmyer, president; Dr. Arthur DeVol, vice-president; Chasta Fennel, secretary; Eleanor Herget, treasurer.

Students named to the high honor roll at East View School for the fourth six weeks were Mary Weiss, Alan LaGow, David Poker, Elisabeth, McKittrick, Susan Lutter, Linda Heap, and David Blair.

According to Merrill Harris, Kendall County Democratic Chairman, contracts will be awarded March 27 for the widening and resurfacing of Route 31 from the Oswego bridge north to the four-lane portion of the highway at Caterpillar.

March 22: Oswego High School will be host to the Third Annual Kendall County Music Festival on Wednesday, March 28, at 8 p.m. in the school gym. Selected choirs and bands from Yorkville, Plano, Newark, and Oswego will combine to form a chorus of 250 voices and a band of approximately 100 pieces.

The school tax rate for Oswego Community Unit District 308 will be lower on this year's tax bills by approximately 16.5 percent on each \$100 of assessed valuation, \$1.7870 on this year's bill per \$100 as compared to \$1.954 last year.

In comparison, Yorkville's rate for 1962 is \$1.92; East Aurora, \$2.169; and West Aurora, \$2.203.

The lower rate this year is due partly to the formation of the unit district, which provides a considerable increase in state aid to the local school system.

March 29: Spring comes to Oswego Friday night with the Civic Club Fashion Show taking place in the high school gym at 8 p.m. "Pretty Paris" is the title of this year's presentation. Fashions will be furnished by the Jacqueline Shop, Oswego; Alshuler's, children's Contemporary Center, and Janols, Inc, all of Aurora.

Tickets will be available at the door on Friday evening. All profits go to the Oswego Library Building Fund.

Gary Lee Zoeller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Zoeller, Boulder Hill, was awarded the highest rank in scouting recently, becoming the first Eagle Scout of Troop 48.

Larry Forrer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Forrer, was awarded the Star Scout award.

April -- 1962

April 5: The Board of Education of Unit District 308 is holding an open house at the new Boulder Hill School on Sunday, April 8, from 2-5 p.m.

The 19-room attendance center for elementary children was opened for use last September and currently has approximately 475 boys and girls in kindergarten through sixth grades enrolled. The school, built on a 12-acre site donated by Don L. Dise Corp., developers of the Boulder Hill Subdivision, was built at a cost of \$470,284.11. A bond issue of \$425,000 and a cash gift of \$50,000 from the Dise corporation provided the funds for construction and architect's fees. There is a balance of \$4,615.90, which is available for landscaping and general site development. The building contains a total of 38,500 square feet and was constructed at a cost of \$11 per square foot.

#### A REMINDER TO POLITICAL CANDIDATES

Tuesday is the primary election! Wednesday and Thursday would be happy days for the voters if you, providing you are one of those who felt it necessary to plaster your picture on assorted telephone poles and trees (both illegal practices in Kendall County), would send out a crew to tear these signs down. Believe me, fellows, a torn and tattered likeness of you fluttering in the wind a few months hence will do nothing to endear you to the hearts of the voters.

We have been inundated in a flow of verbiage and high sounding words such as integrity, character, efficiency, honesty, reliability, judgment...May we suggest a few more such as neat, tidy, and a final one, considerate?

Robert Bower, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bower, was the recipient of the District PTA Teacher's \$1,000 Golden Jubilee Scholarship in competition held recently.

April 12: Oliver Mundwiler won the Republican nomination for sheriff of Kendall County in a close race at Tuesday's primary, nosing out William Maier by a few more than 100 votes.

In the race for Republican nomination for county treasurer, Frank Willman was the winner in another close race, receiving 1,481 votes while runner-up Shorty Sandrock had 1,317.

Running unopposed included Republican candidates Jean Brady, county clerk; Irving A. Shears, county superintendent of schools; and Robert Sears, for county judge.

Mundwiler is a newcomer to county politics and Willman is currently serving as county sheriff.

The Oswego Lions Club, in a safety promotion, is currently selling auto seat belts at the low price of \$7.95, with a \$2 installation charge. These belts meet all existing seat belt specifications and are simple to install and use. The National Safety Authorities state that persons using seat belts have at least a 35% better chance to survive in a serious crash. All state police cars are equipped with belts, and it is mandatory that they be used at all times.

Oswego High School students earning spots on the high honor roll included seniors Jerry Dummer, Dale LaGow, Susan Thompson, and Ingrid Wendt; juniors Karen Hafenrichter, Sherry Henderson, and Bonnie Koukol; sophomores Bob Nelson, Patricia Myers, Greg Sellers, and Steve Smith; and freshman Nan Swanquist.

April 19: A special public meeting will be held Thursday, April 26, for the purpose of explaining the details of the proposed new sanitary district, which will provide sewer facilities for residents of the Village of Oswego, Cedar Glen and Pichik's Subdivisions, as well as part of Chris Herren's Subdivision and Brookside Manor.

The present sewer treatment plant is overloaded and, more often than not, is discharging raw sewage into the river. The State of Illinois issued a warning to the village over a year ago to provide adequate facilities on its own or the state would step in and see that the work was done.

Bob Plaskas, former Oswego High School wrestler, was the outstanding sophomore on this year's Northwestern Varsity Wrestling Team.

Bob, son of Joseph Plaskas, 55 Adams Street, Oswego, this year reached the semifinals of the Big Ten Meet in the 123-pound class.

April 26: A special public meeting will be held tonight (Thursday) for the purpose of explaining the details of the proposed new sanitary district, which will provide sewer facilities for residents of the Village of Oswego, Cedar Glen, and Pichik's subdivisions, as well as part of Chris Herren's subdivision and Brookside Manor. Information as to how the district might be financed, how much the plant will cost, what the alternatives are, etc., will be given at this meeting Les Penn, chairman of the village sewer committee, urges all taxpayers to attend.

The Oswego Park District Commissioners announce that the first development phase of Waa-Kee-Sha Park, the Nature trail, will be ready for use today, Thursday, by the residents of the district. The nature trail is self-guided and will have between 50 and 60 points of interest from early spring to late fall. Thirty of the points of interest will be marked by numbered posts and will be explained in a booklet picked up by the trail walker from a box at the beginning of the trail. In addition, temporary markers will be placed along the trail from time to time identifying the various wildflowers, shrubs, fungus, etc., as they come into season. The trail will be updated each week.

Work is progressing on the first picnic area, which will consist of ten tables and five charcoal grills. It is expected that this area will be ready for use by the weekend.

The Oswego Park District Commissioners point out that the 22-acre park will be in various stages of development for the next several years.

The senior class of Oswego High School will present a three-act comedy, "January Thaw," Friday evening, April 27, at 8 p.m. in the high school gym.

The cast includes Shelby Mundsinger, Bob Bower, Ingrid Wendt, Jacquie Quantock, Cheryl Smith, Pat Conroy, Neil Mottinger, Delreen Hafenrichter, Dale LaGow, Dave Keierleber, Jim Akerlow, Jim Parker, John Condon, and Paul Larson.

May -- 1962

May 3: NOW IN BLOOM AT WAA-KEE-SHA

Spring flowers now blooming at Waa-Kee-Sha Park and expected to be in bloom over the weekend include trillium, spring beauties, blue violets, smooth yellow violets, squirrel corn, false

rue anemone, swamp buttercup, toothwort, wild ginger, wild phlox, Virginia bluebells, may apple, wild geranium, false Solomon's seal, jack-in-the-pulpit, and others.

A benefit dance for the Oswego Library Building Fund will be held in the American Legion Hall on Saturday, May 5, with dancing from 9-12 to the music of the Dempsey Band. Tickets are \$1.

The May meeting of the Oswego PTA will be highlighted by a "pop" concert to be presented by the high school band and chorus under the direction of Reeve Thompson. Among the songs to be sung by the chorus are "Selections from May Fair Lady," "S' Wonderful," "Moon River," "The Night is Young," and others. The band will present the popular "Exodus," and music from "The King and I."

May 10: Members of the Oswego Lions Club will be downtown Saturday, May 12, selling safety belts for your car. National statistics show that you are at least 1/3 safer if you drive with safety belts.

One set of belts (one person) costs only \$7.98 and are easily installed. Service stations of the Oswego area are cooperating with the club and will install the belts for \$2 per seat.

The Oswego High School varsity baseball team, coached by Russ Wittmer, has won seven contests and lost one in Fox Valley competition, and have an overall record of 8 wins, 3 losses, and one tie. Mike Linden is the leading hurler with a record of 4-1. Ken Batterson has a 2-1 record, Keith Light 2-0, and Bruce Derksen, 0-1.

May 17: Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new St. Luke's Lutheran Church will be held Sunday, May 20, at 3 p.m. The site of the new church is just east of the Boulder Hill area in the northern part of Oswego Township on what was once part of the Charles Phillips farm. A one-story contemporary edifice, with basement, is planned by Cooley and Borre, Architects, Park Ridge.

St. Paul's Lutheran, Aurora, pastored by Rev. W. Stallman, donated eight acres of land for this newly organized St. Luke's Mission, which is largely composed of former members of St. Paul's residing in the Oswego-Boulder Hill area.

The structural system in the first unit is precast concrete floor joists and laminated roof frames, both of which have been expressed in the building design. The nave is surrounded by clearstory windows of cathedral glass. The background for the worship area is enhanced with slab glass inserts in a cedar board and batten wall. Future expansion can be accommodated by removal of this wall.

The sanctuary will seat 168 worshipers in the nave, 27 in the choir balcony, and 46 in the narthex overflow, for a total of 241. Cost of the first unit is approximately \$95,000. The master plan provides for a future Christian day school, gym, playground, tennis courts, parsonage, and church.

May 24: The circus is coming to town on Tuesday, June 5, for two performances, afternoon and evening. Commander Harry Fuller, Post 675, announces that the Sells Brothers Three-Ring Circus will set up at the Oswego Dragstrip on the above date and give performances at 2:30 and 8 p.m.

The circus, one of the biggest of the traveling tent units, features over 30 acts including aerial artists, wire-walkers, jugglers, tumblers, clowns, and a wide variety of animal acts. This is a genuine old-fashioned type of circus and Oswegoland residents are invited and urged to set aside Tuesday, June 5, for a real entertainment treat.

Departing from the traditional, this year's junior high school pupils will participate in a promotion evening program under the direction of Principal Ralph D. Ross. A program of this nature is intended to allow many students to participate and to receive recognition for various activities in which they have taken part.

Students inducted into the National Honor Society at Oswego High School included Jean Ash, Kathy Silvius, Janice Beck, Pat Freeman, Guy Sands, Paul Baumann, Nancy Bell, Cindy Craney, Roger May, John Morley, Sue Musselman, Bob Nelson, Jerry Parkhurst, Jill Peterson and Gregg Sellers.

Over 1,000 persons have visited Waa-Kee-Sha Park in the first four weeks it has been open. Those who have been assaulted by mosquitoes during the last few days will be glad to know that the Lions Club now has the fogger in operation.

Cheerleaders at Oswego High School for the 1962-63 school year are frosh-soph team, Susan Hundley, captain; Danielle Larson, Jenny Hood, and Cindy Robinson. Varsity cheerleaders are Jill Peterson, captain; Diane Paydon, Sherry Watt, and Sally Luettich.

Oswego American Legion Commander Harry Fuller reports that a Memorial Day Parade will be held May 30, forming in front of the high school at 9:30 a.m. and ready to move out by 9:50. The parade will move over the usual route to the Oswego Cemetery on Main Street for Memorial Day services.

May 31: Seventy-two high school seniors of the graduating class of 1962 will receive their diplomas at commencement exercises Thursday (tonight), May 31. Salutatorian is Susan Luettich; Valedictorian, Susan Thompson; Sportsmanship and Activities, Dale LaGow; Citizenship, Sally Neupert.

June 5 is the big day for young and old when the circus comes to town, and old-fashioned tent show with 30 acts including aerial artists, wire-walkers, jugglers, clowns, tumblers, animal acts, and all of the rest of the glamorous entertainment. Sponsored by Oswego American Legion Post 675, the Sells Brothers 3-ring circus will be in Oswego for this one day only and will set up on the Oswego Dragstrip. Performances will be at 2:30 and 8 p.m. rain or shine.

June -- 1962

June 7: On Pentecost Sunday, June 10, the Boulder Hill Neighborhood Church of the Brethren will observe its fourth anniversary with a special service including the confirmation of 11 young people and the sacrament of Holy Communion.

## LITTLE LEAGUE AND PARENTS

This is the season when, in some communities, parents become stark raving maniacs yelling diatribes at umpires, opponents, and even their own sons and members of his team. It is the season when, in some communities, boys between the ages of 8 and 12 become a bundle of nerves, unable to eat or sleep properly due to pressures put on them by coaches, parents, and so-called well-wishers to win, win, win. It is the Little League season!

The Oswego Park District commissioners have been pleased with the attitude of parents toward the local program and the general acceptance of the "Every boy plays in every game" concept. They know that not every boy will become adept at the game, but every boy will have an opportunity to learn basic motor skills, function as part of a team, and have fun in the process.

Scotty's Restaurant: Our Curb Service Window opens at 5 o'clock daily. Come out to Scotty's for a delicious snack, Routes 34 & 71, Oswego.

June 14: It is expected that over 1,000 children will register in the Oswego Park District Recreation Program this year. It is the 12th consecutive year for the program, and is open to all children living in the Oswego Park District.

Local funeral director Everett M. McKeown was elected president of the Fox Valley Funeral Directors' Association for 1962 at the May meeting of the group held recently in Crystal Lake.

June 21: Kendall County had the lowest dropout rate during the years 1957-61 of any county in Illinois, the Illinois School Board Association reported. A total of 16 percent (16 of every 100 students) enrolling as freshmen dropped out of school in Kendall County before graduation. The statewide average for the four year period was 32 percent, with some counties showing as high as 43 percent (Massac) and 47 percent (Gallatin). Kane County showed a drop-out percentage of 25 percent, Will County 29 percent, and DuPage 21 percent.

The Board of Education of Oswego School District 308 will meet Monday evening, June 25, to open bids for a new shop addition to the present high school building. This area, to be financed from the regular building fund levy, will give students an opportunity to take advantage of an expanded four year shop course.

The school board recently let a contract for renovation and modernization of the White School to be used as a supplemental unit for the junior high school. The contract, in the amount of \$3,396, was let to John-Henry Home Improvement Association Contractors, and calls for remodeling of toilet rooms, firewalls around the heating unit, and renovating of the three classrooms contained in the building.

June 28: The Oswego Township Supervisor has announced that Plainfield Road from Oswego Ill. Route 126, a distance of 6.781 miles, will be blacktopped with preliminary work beginning in August. The cost of the work is estimated at \$164,000, with the federal government paying 50 percent, the state of Illinois paying 28.5 percent, and Kendall County paying 21.5 percent. Not more than a mile of the present road will be torn up at a time, in order that local traffic will not be inconvenienced any more than necessary through the winter and during construction. A total of 144 working days will be allowed to complete the project.

The Oswego Plan Commission, at the June meeting held Tuesday night in the village hall, approved the preliminary plat of the Marina Village Subdivision on Ill. Route 31 just south of Caterpillar Tractor Co and about two miles north of the Oswego bridge. The 40-acre area between Route 31 and the Fox River is being subdivided into a total of 62 one-family residential lots of not less than 20,000 square feet and will have a central water system and sewer system. It is expected that the homes built on these lots will be in the \$20,000 to \$30,000 price range.

Over 50 varieties of summer wild flowers, weeds, vines, etc. are currently labeled along the summer nature trail at Waa-Kee-Sha Park.

July -- 1962

July 5: Whatever proceeds are realized from the Third Annual Oswego Summer Festival will be used to establish a shelter building fund for Waa-Kee-Sha Park. The festival, which will be held on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 17-18, will include a band concert, children's costume parade, Lions Club auction, home bake sale and competition, water fights by the fire department, festival game booths, style show, art show, gala street dance and other events.

Oswego Village Board members voted to approve the final plat of the George D. Smith Subdivision [along the south side of Chicago Road--U.S. Route 34--east of Grant Street], Unit 3, 4-2. The final plat of Oak Hill Subdivision [located south of U.S. Route 34 just east of Orchard Road], Unit 2, was approved with all members voting aye.

It was voted to assist the Oswego Lions Club defray the cost of mosquito fogging at the rate of \$30 per spraying for the first ten sprayings and \$10 per spraying for each additional application.

July 12: The Dutch Elm Disease is playing havoc with trees in the village of Oswego this year. A quick stop check in the area bounded by Rt. 34 to Franklin St. to Washington St. and back to Rt. 34 shows more than 100 mature elms either dead or dying on [street] parkings alone. The three block area of Franklin St. past the high school is hardest hit at the present time with 26 elms dead or dying. It is costing the village of Oswego thousands of dollars each year to cut down and remove the dead trees

The total number of dead or dying elms in the village is currently between 250 and 300 trees. Biologists have been unable to come up with a cure for the disease.

It is costing the Village of Oswego thousands of dollars each year to cut down and remove the dead trees, but there is little alternative as the trees quickly become brittle and dangerous.

It is hoped that property owners will replace trees that die with new plantings.

Oswego American Legion Post 675 baseball team is currently leading the Kane County League with a spotless record in loop action.

Plans are underway on the Oswego Park District playgrounds for an Indian Pow-Wow. Children in the arts and crafts classes will be busy for the next few days making decorations and costumes for the occasion. The pow-wow will be held on the East View playground on Thursday, July 19, and on the Boulder Hill playground on Tuesday, July 24.

Flowers in bloom along the open summer trail at Waa-Kee-Sha Park currently include agrimony; cinquefoil; white, blue and downy vervain; St. John's wort, motherwort,; chicory; yarrow; daisy fleabane; Queen Anne's Lace; jewelweed; white avens; sleepy catchfly (campion); as well as many of the colorful weeds and grasses.

Between 50 and 60 plants, vines, and trees, including some young pawpaw, are labeled along the summer trail.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Rogerson will observe their 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday, July 15.

July 19: One of the features of the Third Annual Oswego Summer Festival will be the Lions Club Auction, to be held Saturday afternoon, Aug. 18, in the downtown area. Donations for the auction are being sought now by members of the club.

It's a little late, but we think that congratulations are due to the committee persons who were responsible for the Boulder Hill Fourth of July celebration. From the children's parade in the morning to the fireworks at night, the events were exciting and well attended.

Several paint jobs are underway in the community including the new green buildings of Alexander Lumber Company and the gray and white "last Chance" on the corner of Main and Jackson.

Work is underway on the new addition to the high school, which will be used for a shop program and will afford an opportunity for a broader curriculum in this area. Work is also underway in renovating the Little White School for use as a part of the junior high program.

It is expected that contracts for the blacktopping of Plainfield Road will be let in the next couple of weeks and that preliminary work will begin this fall, according to Supervisor Myron Wormley.

July 26: The final plat of the new Marina Village Subdivision to be located between Rt. 31 and the Fox Rive about two miles north of the Oswego Bridge was approved Tuesday night [July 24] by the Oswego Plan Commission.

The Plan Commission also voted approval of the use of two parcels of property at the north end of Main St. along the Waubonsie Creek as a proposed educational and historical park area and site for the new Oswego Public Library.

The Oswego Village Board passed the Village of Oswego's appropriation ordinance. Total appropriations for the 1962-63 fiscal year were capped at \$282,915.

August -- 1962

Aug. 2: The program for the two-day Third Annual Oswegoland Summer Festival is being finalized this week.

Four trips will be made to Comiskey Park, Chicago, in the next two weeks for boys taking part in the Oswego Park District baseball program. Today, Thursday, boys from the Boulder Hill Minor League will be watching the White Sox play.

Free tickets to the games are obtained by the Oswego Park District as a courtesy of the White Sox management.

Aug. 9: The Oswego High School Panthers will begin grid practice Wednesday, Aug. 22, with two works scheduled each day.

A 50-piece band will conduct an open air concert in Boulder Hill on Sunday Aug. 12, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the wooded area by the Route 25 entrance. This event is being jointly sponsored by the Aurora musicians Local No. 181, the Boulder Hill Sports and Social Club, the Boulder Hill Civic Association, the Hilltop Garden Club, and the Boulder Hill Welcome Wagon.

Northern Illinois University will be surveying the Oswego Community School Unit District 308 beginning Wednesday, Aug. 8. The survey is in connection with a graduate course in the College of Education, and Oswego has been selected as a focal point for this study.

Aug. 16: The Third Annual Oswegoland Summer Festival will be held Friday and Saturday, Aug. 17-18, with most of the events to take place in the downtown area.

The Oswego Community Unit Schools, District 308, will begin classes at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 4, with all-day sessions.

There will be two sections of kindergarten and three sections of each grade from 1-6 at East View. Two sections of kindergarten and three sections of grades 1-2, two sections of grades 3-6, and one EMH room at Boulder Hill. There will be six sections of grades 7 and five sections of grade 8 attending the Red Brick and Little White schools.

Aug. 23: At the August meeting of the Oswego Village Board it was voted to appoint two members to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill vacancies created by resignations. Appointment was made of William K. Miller and Verne Killian.

All of the figures are not complete as yet, but approximately \$400 was realized during the two-day Third Annual Oswegoland Summer Festival held last weekend. The proceeds will be used to launch the Waa-Kee-Sha Park Shelter Fund to be erected for use by civic and church groups and for large family reunion type picnics, the Scouts, etc.

The faculty of Oswego Community District 308 was released this week by Superintendent T. Loyd Traughber for all buildings. A total of 78 instructors will be on staff this year.

Administration, in addition to Superintendent Traughber, includes Howard Smucker, principal of the high school; Ralph D. Ross, principal of the junior high school; John Bednarcik, principal of East View; and John Godde, principal of Boulder Hill.

The Kendall County Board voted in August to collect a one-half percent sales tax on items sold in unincorporated areas of the county. The board suggested the sales tax revenues would off-set any proposed increases in real estate taxes.

Aug. 30: The first partial results of the Federal Fallout Survey shows that 182 shelter spaces may be available in the larger buildings of NaAuSay and Oswego Townships, Clyde Phillips, director of the Kendall County Civil Defense Agency announced recently. Survey statistics have been furnished to the office as a basis for interim local shelter system planning.

The Oswego Plan Commission approved the preliminary plat of the Keierleber Acres Subdivision at their August meeting, held Tuesday evening in the village hall. The subdivision is located on Douglas Road between Wolf's Crossing Road and Plainfield Road, and consists of seven lots of approximately an acre and a quarter in size.

Oswego village residents who volunteer to contribute \$15 per tree--half the estimated cost--towards removal of dead elm trees on their street parking will receive first consideration in the removal of the trees.

September -- 1962

Sept. 6: First day registration figures for Oswego's schools totaled 1,970, with 1,505 in elementary grades and 445 at Oswego High School. This is an increase of 202 pupils over the opening day figures for last year. With some students still on late vacations, it is anticipated that the 2,000 mark will be reached within the next several weeks.

The first meeting of the newly organized Oswegoland Junior-Senior High PTA will be held Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the high school gym. This will be a potluck supper for all parents and teachers of students in junior high or high school.

Public response to the plan of residents and village sharing expenses of removing dead elms from the street parkings has been excellent. Over \$500 has currently been turned in to the village by property owners and the tree cutters have been in action for the past week and are going at it strong.

With more than half the elm trees in the area dead or dying and more of them on the way, it is time to think about planting young trees in the yards and on the parkings. Fall is a good time of the year to plant young stock and your nurseryman can take care of you. If you plan on planting trees on your parking, better check with the village board for approved varieties. There are some types of trees not suitable for planting on public rights-of-way.

In the past two weeks, the Oswegoland Volunteer Fire Department has been called out half a dozen times or more to extinguish grass fires.

Sept. 13: The Oswego Panthers open the 1962 football season with a doubleheader against Kaneland this Friday evening on the local gridiron. Coach Ken Pickerill has 11 lettermen on the varsity squad: Carl Angell, John Zahnen, Bob Nelson, Ken Wheeler, Mike Linden, Jeff Wheeler, Verlin Boram, Rick Carlson, Bruce Smith, Bob Ash, and Jim Strobe.

In an effort to eliminate the vandalism that has cropped out just before the annual grid games between Yorkville and Oswego, the student councils of the two schools met Tuesday and approved a resolution encouraging “competitive spirit when directed in a creative manner, but this does not include the destruction of property... We hope this marks the beginning of a better relationship between the two schools.

Sept. 20: Oswego Park District President Ralph Wheeler has announced the purchase of two parcels of property between Jefferson Street and the Waubonsie Creek at the north end of Main Street for a park and library site.

The area, approximately half a village block in size, fronts on the Waubonsie Creek for about 700 feet and contains rock formations that are both picturesque and of great geological value. It is the only place where *Tentaculites oswegoensis*, the fossil remains of a snail-like creature that lived about 400 million years ago, has ever been collected. The fossil is named for Oswego. In addition to its educational geological value, the area is rich in historical value as it is a part of Chief Waubonsie’s camp grounds, where the Pottawatomie Indians roamed before the white man came.

Scenically, about a third of the property is situated 20 to 25 feet above the creek ravine, and it is here that the new Oswego library will be built overlooking the rocky ledges and the Waubonsie in both directions and directly at the north end of Main Street.

At a recent meeting the Oswego Library Building Association unanimously approved the site as a home for the new library building, and the Oswego Plan Commission unanimously endorsed the area as a combination park-library site. The property was purchased from James Zentmyer at a cost of \$10,000, which will be paid over a period of five years.

The Oswego Panthers earned a 24-14 win over Kaneland in their opening football game of the season. Scoring for the varsity were receiver Tom Hood, quarterback Mike Linden, and running back Verlin Boram.

Sept. 27: Karen Hafenrichter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hafenrichter, was named a National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist.

A meeting will be held at Oswego High School at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 27, for the purpose of forming a Booster Club. All men in the community, regardless of whether they have sons participating in sports or not are invited to attend.

Dear Editor:

With the loss of elm trees in the vicinity of Park and Jefferson streets, most of us have planted young trees to replace this great loss, but now we are faced with another problem.

One day recently when I returned home, I was amazed to find my expensive 7-foot Crimson King Red Maple had been broken off near the base and am wondering what East View School boy might have deliberately done such a thing...My question is, “how are we to solve this problem of destruction of personal property by school children?” Parents, how long has it been since you have taken time to have a talk with your children on such subjects as this?

Leonard J. Hafenrichter

October -- 1962

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Oct. 18: Lynette Dannenberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dannenberg, Route 34, has been honored for her high performance on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test given last spring.

The Oswego High Football teams travel to Sandwich Friday night for a double bill against the Indians in loop competition.

Lacy H. Cook Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Cook, Oswego, entered the National College of Chiropractic as a first year student in Chicago.

A community program to wipe out polio will be launched by the Kendall County Medical Society on Sunday, Oct. 21. Type 1 Oral Polio Vaccine will be given at Oswego High School from 1-7 p.m. Some 56 percent of the county's population took advantage of the vaccination opportunity, including 3,450 at Oswego, 2,232 at Yorkville, 2,400 at Plano, and 1,594 at Newark.

Robert Rogerson, representative of the Bell Telephone Company, spoke to the Oswego Lions Club on the Telstar communications satellite, the latest breakthrough in communications technology.

Oct. 25: The annual Oswego High School Homecoming weekend begins on Thursday evening, Oct. 26, with a snake dance and bonfire. Friday, Oct. 27, the high school will be dismissed at 1:45 for the homecoming parade. The parade will precede from the high school down Jackson Street to Main Street, to Tyler Street, and back to the parking lot at the school. A doubleheader grid card is set for Friday night as the Panthers tangle with the Plainfield Wildcats.

Over 56 percent of the population of Kendall County, based on the 1960 census figures, took advantage of the opportunity to receive the Sabin Type I polio vaccine last Sunday. Actual figures showed 3,450 persons receiving the vaccine at Oswego High School, 2,282 at Yorkville, 2,400 at Plano, and 1,594 at Newark.

A clerical staff has gone over the petitions requesting that the Oswegoland area be accepted as a part of the Aurora Sanitary District counting names and checking the validity of each. It has been found that additional signers are needed for the petitions to fulfill the requirements of 50 percent of the legal age voters signing them, and the signers must also constitute 50 percent of the landowners in the proposed district.

An informed source has stated that the Illinois State Sanitary Water Board is impatiently marking time for the residents of the village to get moving as raw sewage is being dumped into the Fox River. If action is not taken in the very near future, it is probable that a suit will be filed by the

Sanitary Water Board against the Village of Oswego, as has been done in a number of communities throughout the state. Such a procedure could result in a stiff fine as well as a directive to do what we should be doing on our own.

November -- 1962

Nov. 1: The sanitary sewer situation in the village has not improved and the state sanitary water board is marking time, a little impatiently, to see what the village board and the residents of the community plan on doing to solve the present problem, which includes an overflow of raw sewage into the Fox River. The state does not take kindly to raw sewage being dumped into the streams, and a number of suits have been instituted against cities and villages in recent years that have cost residents a great deal of cash and concern.

A suit could cost the taxpayers a large daily fine until the situation is cleared up, as well as a court order to build new facilities.

The local fire department responded to two calls last week, the *Ledger* reported on Nov. 1. Tuesday, they extinguished a kitchen closet fire at 35 Hampton Road, Boulder Hill. Friday, at 1:15 a.m. they were called to the Larson Gravel Pit on Route 34 about a mile south of Oswego. Fire Chief Forrest Wooley has asked that persons burning leaves, trash, grassy areas, etc., on these windy autumn days take extra precautions.

If the size of a football score is any reliable indication of success, Oswego High School hit a new peak in its homecoming festivities last weekend as the Panther varsity buried the Wildcats from Plainfield under an avalanche of touchdowns, with the final score being 53-13 in favor of the Panthers.

However, the grid contests had stiff competition in the homecoming success story from parades and pulchritude. Carol Cherry was crowned queen of the festivities with the announcement being made during halftime of the varsity game on Friday night. Her court included Barbra Bell, Nina Jericho, Kathy Johnson, Pam Petkus, and Jean Walker.

Verlin Boram was chosen as king with Carl Angell, Bruce Smith, Benny Thrall, Jeff Wheeler, and John Zahnen as court members.

Nov. 8: Nan Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. George Smith, will be among the outstanding 4-H Club members to attend the National 4-H Congress in Chicago Nov. 24-30.

Nan is a member of LaMenu Modelle and Oswego Future Stockmen 4-H clubs. She is also junior leader of Merry Maids 4-H.

The Oswego varsity slogged through the rain to a 32-14 win over Lisle last Saturday and finished up in second place in the Fox Valley Conference.

Oswego ended up with a season's record of 7 wins and 1 loss, the lone defeat being a 7-6 decision at Yorkville. The Foxes took the Fox Valley championship.

On Wednesday, Oct. 31, Merle Fullmer and Russell Rendelman of the Illinois Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction visited the Oswego school system.

At the end of the visitation, Mr. Fullmer and Mr. Rendelman discussed their findings with the superintendent, principals, and school board members. They informed the administrators of their findings as follows:

Commendations were given to:

1. Administrative staff, organization of staff, and record keeping.
2. Special services including EMH Room, school nurse, full-time guidance counselor for the high school, part-time counselor for the junior high, foreign language instruction at the elementary level, and language laboratory in the high school.
3. General level of staff training and competence.
4. Student morale and spirit, with special praise for junior high students working under adverse conditions.
5. General maintenance of the buildings.

Those things reported as "not so commendable":

1. Overcrowding. A teacher's efficiency decreases as the class enrollment increases. The state's goal is 25 pupils per classroom. Only four of Oswego's elementary rooms, K-8, have less than 30 pupils and none have as few as 25 per classroom.
2. Junior high program has no facilities for orientation of students in vocational subjects as homemaking, shop, or art.
3. Library facilities of the junior and senior highs are inadequate.
4. Physical education for the girls is understaffed.
5. The offerings of shop, agriculture, and home economics need to be enriched and expanded through home visitation and extension to include junior high pupils.

Nov. 15: A bake sale was planned Nov. 17 to benefit the Oswego Community Library Association Fund. Members of the committee sponsoring the sale included Dr. Arthur DeVol, Mrs. Adolph Schliwa, Mrs. Jesse Carpenter, Mrs. Ray Leifheit, and Mrs. Stanley Herren. The sale earned \$160.

A regular meeting of the Oswego Community Library Association Board members was held last Thursday.

A set of preliminary drawings was presented by architect William Neil and various suggestions and changes were considered.

Dr. Arthur DeVol, Mrs. Eleanor Herget and Mrs. Charlotte Herren will soon have a brochure outline complete and ready for the printer. Upon completion of the brochure a vigorous drive for the funds needed to construct the building will be undertaken.

The amount needed is approximately \$35,000, of which \$6,000 is already on hand.

The Fox Valley Conference, of which Oswego High School was a member, voted to raise admission prices for all events. The new admission price was \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

Nov. 22: The Project Committee of the Oswego Community Library Association announced that last Saturday's bake sale for benefit of the new Oswegoland library building netted \$160.

Two members of Boy Scout Troop 48, Douglas Yingst and Ray Corlette, received the highest rank in Scouting recently, the Eagle award.

At the Oswego Village Board meeting, a request by the Oswego Community Library Association to erect a sign designating the future site of the new building was granted. In increase of \$15 a month was granted on the village treasurer's salary.

Oswego High School announced its list of high honors. Named were Karen Hafenrichter, Bonnie Koukol, Nan Swanquist, David Lippy, Steve Parker, and Frank Wooley.

Nov. 29: Kendall County Sheriff Frank Willman announced that Victor Frantz of Yorkville has been named to the post of Deputy Sheriff. Frantz, 32 years old, has been a resident of Kendall County for the past 15 years. He is married and the father of two children. He is well known throughout the Middle West for his exhibitions of strength. He has been an instructor of a bodybuilding class of 30 men for the past seven years.

December -- 1962

Dec. 6: The *Ledger* urged area residents to check their vehicle registrations to make sure they were registered in the right town and county. The *Ledger* noted that when cars were purchased in Aurora quite often the wrong county and municipality were listed, costing local taxing bodies state motor fuel tax revenues.

The petition requesting annexation to the Aurora Sanitary District of the Village of Oswego and some of the adjacent subdivisions has been completed and filed with the attorney of the district. An acceptance or rejection of the petition will be made some time within the next 30-60 days.

Dr. Curtis Bowman, one of the original investors in the Boulder Hill subdivision, and a Boulder Hill resident donated an extensive rock collection to Boulder Hill School. All of the rocks donated were native to Illinois.

Dec. 13: The Oswego School Board opened bids for a four room addition to East View School on Dec. 10. Low bidder was Coffee and Coffee of Aurora at \$37,723. The plumbing bid was won by F.J. O'Neil for \$11,450, and the electrical bid was won by J.C. Electric of Aurora for \$2,985. It is expected that work will begin on the addition as soon as possible in the spring and that the rooms, to be used for first grade classes, will be in use when the 1963-64 school year begins. The addition will be paid for out of the regular building fund levy. The bids for the addition were considerably lower than anticipated.

The Minooka Indians stood atop the Fox Valley Conference standings with a 2-0 record in the young season. Oswego was sharing second place with a 1-1 record with Lisle, Yorkville and Plainfield.

Dec. 20-27: the Panther varsity defeated Yorkville last Friday, 49-46, to gain a second place tie in the standings with Plainfield. Each team is now at 2-1 in loop action. Minooka is undefeated with three wins to hold the lead.

Mike Linden led Panther scorers with 17, Bruce Derksen had 13, Jim Dodson 12, Verlin Boram 10, Paul Kulbartz 5, and Butch Campbell 1.

1963

January

Jan. 3: At a recent meeting of Oswego Township officers, Ernie Spiller, 8 Woodcliff Drive, Boulder Hill, was appointed to fill a vacancy on the town board of auditors created by the resignation of Oscar Shoger.

East Aurora High won the four-team Holiday Oswego Wrestling Tournament held last Saturday, with 93 points. Wheaton was second with 74 points, Oswego 60, and Mooseheart 58. First place winners for the Panthers were Dave Eberhard and Bob Penman.

Jan. 10: The second annual meeting of the Oswego Library Association was held last Thursday to elect trustees and discuss the new building. It was voted to add four members to the board of trustees, increasing the number from 11 to 15. C.W. Clark and Earl Zentmyer, whose terms expired, were reelected. New members elected were William Neil, Mrs. Jerry Smith, Mrs. A.K. Bokman, and Ernest Spiller. Spiller and Mrs. Smith are from the Boulder Hill area, Mrs. Bokman on Route 34 east of Oswego, and Neil from Riverview Heights.

Oswego's varsity cagers strengthened their hold on second place in the Fox Valley Conference last Friday night with a 51-49 win over Plainfield. This makes the season record 4-1 in loop action, topped only by Minooka's 6-0 record.

Jan. 17: The Hilltop Gardeners will meet Thursday Jan. 24, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room of the Boulder Hill Neighborhood Church.

Bob Plaskas, former Oswego High School wrestler, is one of the leading contenders for Big Ten honors this year on the northwestern University Wrestling Team. Plaskas finished fourth in the Big Ten meet last year as a sophomore. His season's record was a sparkling 9-5.

Among the new books purchased for the Oswego Library were "Seven Days in May" by Bailey; "A Study in Communism" by J. Edgar Hoover; and "Ship of Fools" by Porter.

Jan. 24: The annual meeting of the Oswego Community Bank was held on Jan. 21 at the bank. The main order of business was election of directors for the year 1963. Those elected were S.F. Bell, Homer Brown, John Cherry, Charles Lippincott, Everett McKeown, Myron Wormley, and Earl Zentmyer.

Dr. Howard O. Koch, DVM, and Dr. J.D. Schlapp, DVM have invited Oswegoland residents to an open house at the new River Heights Veterinary Clinic this Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 26 and 27 from 2-5 p.m. each day.

The new clinic, located on Route 34 about a mile west of Oswego is of brick construction, a 40x80 foot bi-level, the first such ever built in the area specifically for practice of veterinary medicine. The floors are terrazzo, there are three separate heating units with electronic filters to prevent odors and cross contamination between wards, and isolation area, and public area. The building is completely air-conditioned.

At the January meeting of the Oswego Plan Commission, a resolution was passed asking the State of Illinois to add a pedestrian bridge on the Route 25 span that crosses Waubonsie Creek just north of Oswego. This action was deemed necessary due to the large amount of children walking along the highway at this point.

Officers were elected for the year with Ford L. Lippold, chairman; Joe Otto, vice-chairman; Lois Drew, secretary; Lorane Peshia, corresponding secretary.

Other members include Stanley Herren, John Carr, Bruce McBride, Carl Smith, Jack Weis, Charles Garrison, Harley Swanquist, Myron Wormley, Everett Hafenrichter, George Akerlow, C.A. Lewis, Tom Serkowich, Alvin Hubbard, and Don Schroeder.

February -- 1963

Feb. 7: Three incumbents on the Oswego Village Board whose terms expire this year have filed for reelection, Milton Penn, Ed Gilbert, and Floyd Foss.

Petitions are being circulated at the present time for Joe Otto, Vern Killian and John Buss, who will oppose the incumbents for the positions to be filled for full four-year terms.

About 75 citizens met with the members of the Oswego School Board in the Community Room Monday evening to go over plans for a proposed high school site and building.

George Akerlow, board president, presented, as the number one choice of the school board, a 40-acre plot of the Frank Gerry property facing Route 71 across from East View School and adjacent to the township highway garage.

The board presently has a one-year option on the 40-acre site with the purchase price of \$2,500 per acre.

Ken Unteed, architect connected to the firm of Kelley and Berger, outlined a basic high school unit that would be equipped to serve 600 students and would accommodate 700 in a pinch. He went on to explain plans for various additions to the basic unit, which would eventually convert it into a unit that would be capable of handling 1,500 students.

The cost of the basic unit, site purchase, and other incidentals connected with a bond issue was set at approximately \$1,255,000.

It is expected that a bond issue for purchase of the site and construction of the basic unit will be presented to the voters in the next 60-90 days.

Feb. 14: Plans for an exchange student for the Oswego High School through the American Field Service are progressing. At the close of the 1962 school year, the senior class left \$650 earmarked for the fee a local group had to furnish the AFS for an exchange student.

The Oswego Council of Churches is working with the Aurora Council in organizing a religious census for the purpose of discovering the unchurched and to try to relate them to a church in the community.

Census workers will make brief calls on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 17.

The Oswego Varsity Grapplers took the Fox Valley Conference championship by two points last Saturday. Oswego ended up with 102 points, Plainfield was second with 100 points, Minooka third with 71, Yorkville fourth with 58, and Lisle fifth with 2.

Feb. 21: The Oswegoland chapter of the JayCees met last Thursday night and elected officers for the newly formed organization. Don Hilt is president; Vern Killian, internal vice-president; Rodney Anderson, external vice-president; John Campbell, secretary; Jim Turner, treasurer; and Ken Bohn, Tom Ribble, Ron Silvius, Jack Curley directors.

Robert B. May, formerly with the Naperville National Bank and recently assistant manager of the Mercury Loan Company, Naperville, has been added to the staff of the Oswego Community Bank.

It was announced this week that a hearing will be held on the petition by Oswegoland residents requesting the Aurora Sanitary District to annex the Village of Oswego and certain adjacent subdivisions and lands.

The petition, signed by over 51 percent of the proposed area's residents, will be heard on Wednesday, March 20, at 10 a.m. in the Kane County Courthouse, Geneva.

Conferring the Eagle award on Martin Knoll, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Knoll, 42 Circle Drive East, was a highlight of the Court of Honor held by Troop 48 of Boulder Hill recently at the Boulder Hill Neighborhood Church.

Feb. 28: For several years now, the Oswego Community Library Building Association has been quietly but steadily working to accumulate an amount of money sufficient for the construction of a new building for the Oswego Library.

The building association is planning an all-out drive to quickly obtain the balance needed. One committee plans to have someone call at every home in the Oswegoland area on the afternoon of Sunday, March 10. It is hoped that every family will be able and willing to contribute at this time.

Another committee will be calling on industrial leaders in the area during the next few weeks.

The Board of Education of Oswego Community District 308 met in adjourned session Monday night and approved a resolution calling for a special election on Saturday March 23, for the purpose of purchasing a new 40-acre site, at a cost not to exceed \$100,000, and to construct and equip a new high school, at a cost not to exceed \$1,300,000 for construction and equipment, a total bond issue of \$1,400,000 against the taxable property of the district.

Dave Eberhard will represent Oswego High School in the Illinois State wrestling finals in Huff Gym at Champaign this Friday and Saturday. This will be the second trip to the finals for Eberhard. The 103-pound grappler has now run up a string of 25 wins during the current season

with no losses. This will be the eighth successive year that Oswego High School has been represented in the state finals. Eberhard is the 20th grappler to take part in this action.

March -- 1963

March 7: Karen Hafenrichter, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hafenrichter, Oswego, is the first Oswego High School student to ever be a finalist in the national Merit Scholarship Competition.

Residents of the Oswegoland community will have an opportunity to vote for a new high school and site on Saturday, March 23.

The new building is designed in a rectangular shape with classrooms on both sides of corridors around the rectangle. The classrooms will range from 745 square feet up to 1,120 square feet in area. Each classroom will have outside lighting.

The first unit of the new building will provide a homemaking unit of three rooms (one in the present structure), three science labs compared to the present one; three commercial rooms (now two). The library in the new building will contain 2,520 square feet compared to the present 1,180 square feet. Music rooms will provide both band and choral space instead of the present combination room. Three shop areas will be provided and an arts and crafts room.

Physical education in the spectator gym is increased from 7,000 to 11,000 square feet. In addition, there will be a stage at one end with an area underneath that will provide four teaching stations. Seating will allow for 2,200 spectators, with additional seating on the stage, more than double the present capacity.

The basic first unit will be so constructed that the building can be expanded to house 1,000 students at a future date and at a minimum of cost. Provisions will be made for plumbing, heating, and electrical facilities aimed at future expansion.

The fundraising campaign of the Oswego Community Library Building Association will reach a successful conclusion very soon, if the three-part program underway this week brings expected results.

The building fund was given a huge boost last week when an individual, who wishes to remain anonymous, made a donation of \$500.

Oswego High School Principal Howard Smucker announced the following senior class award winners: Bonnie Koukol, valedictorian; Karen Hafenrichter, salutatorian; Renard Biltgen, citizenship; Sherry Henderson, activity; Karen Hafenrichter, DAR; Verlin Boram, Gilmour and sportsmanship.

April -- 1963

April 4: Ten students of Oswego High School will be inducted into the Oswego Chapter of the National Honor Society on Monday, April 8, at 8 p.m. Students to be inducted are juniors Eileen Gross, Mike Ode, and Diane Paydon; sophomores, Arlynn Hem, Dennis Melhouse, Steve McBride, John Mang, Barbara Miller, Nan Swanquist, Gary Zoeller.

A hearing will be held Tuesday, April 9, at the Kane Court House, Geneva, at 2:00 on the petition asking for annexation of the Village of Oswego and certain adjoining subdivisions and areas to the Aurora Sanitary District.

Candidates running for Oswego Village Board in the upcoming election on the Independent Party ticket were John Buss, Verne Killian, and Joe Otto. Wrote Killian in a campaign ad for the three: I was born in Oswego, raised in Oswego, went to school in Oswego, and now live in Oswego with my wife and 2-1/2 children at 96 Benton Street. Said the party's ad: "Vote the straight Independent Party ticket for your village trustees."

Over 350 persons voted in the township and park district elections held Tuesday providing a vote of confidence since all offices filled were uncontested.

Myron Wormley was reelected Township supervisor with a total of 348 votes. Kenneth Gowran received 354 votes for Township Road Commissioner. Olive Campbell received 339 votes for cemetery trustee.

In the park district election, Richard Young received 321 votes. Robert Kautz received 300 votes. Kautz, who resides at 9 Woodridge, Boulder Hill, is the only new officer elected. All others were incumbents.

April 11: Bob Plaskas, a former Oswego High wrestler, was one of 11 Northwestern University grapplers to earn varsity letters during the just-completed season.

Bob, son of Joseph Plaskas, 55 Adams, turned in one of the outstanding records in the nation. He went undefeated through the entire season and captured the Big Ten championship at 123 pounds. Bob is a junior this year.

Three members will be elected to the Oswego village board at an election to be held Tuesday, April 16, at Oswego Village hall.

Joe Otto, Verne Killian, and John Buss are running against incumbents Ed Gilbert, Floyd Foss and Les Penn.

Two members will be elected to the board of School District No. 308 at an election to be held Saturday, April 13.

One member is to be elected from the areas outside of Oswego Township, with incumbent Clarence W. Clark being opposed by Paul Cannon. Both men reside in Bristol Township.

One member is to be elected from Oswego Township and incumbent Gil Jarman is running unopposed.

The school board, under the unit system, is made up of four members from Oswego Township and three members from the balance of the district composed of parts of Wheatland, NaAuSay, and Bristol townships.

Polling places will be at Oswego Village Hall, Boulder Hill School, NaAuSay Town Hall, and Wheatland School. A resident need not be a registered voter to cast a ballot in school elections, but must fulfill the residency requirements of one year in the state, 90 days in the county, and 30 days in the district.

April 18: A number of wild flowers are in bloom at Waa-Kee-Sha Park at the present time, including trillium, spring beauties, hepatica, false rue anemone, blue violets, yellow violets, trout lilies, squirrel corn, crinkleroot, marsh bittercress, and others.

The well is being drilled and parents are asked to see that their youngsters stay away from the well drilling rig.

The Oswego School Board met Monday night to canvass the votes cast in last Saturday's election and to form the board for the year. George Akerlow was named as president of the board, and C.W. Clark was selected as secretary. Both men held the same positions previously. Canvassing of the ballots showed that Clarence Clark received 257 votes while Paul Cannon Jr. received 151 in the race for a member from outside Oswego Township. Gil Jarman received 365 votes running unopposed from Oswego Township. Robert Gray received 22 write-in votes, Walter Brill 11, Max Gibson 2, Richard Young 1, Paul Krahn 1, and Ralph Wheeler 1.

The results of the Oswego Village Board election held Tuesday, April 16, are as follows: Milton Penn, 120; Joe Otto, 110; John Buss, 97; Floyd Foss, 96; Ed Gilbert, 90; and Verne Killian 68. The three winners will now join present members William Crimmin, Henry McDowell, and Carl Smith, along with President James Zentmyer.

Oswego firemen were called five times over the weekend; Thursday, grass fire on island south of Oswego at 1 p.m.; Friday, grass fire at Rex Tyree residence, Route 71 south of Oswego at 1:30 p.m.; Saturday, barn on Herb Tripp farm, Minkler Road, at 2:30 p.m.; faulty furnace at 12 Briarcliff Road, Boulder Hill at 5 p.m.; Sunday grass fire in Boulder Hill at 2 p.m.

April 25: Seven Oswego High seniors have been announced as winners of Illinois State Scholarships: Lynette Dannenberg, Karen Hafenrichter, Judy Asby, Bonnie Koukol, Renard Biltgen, Bob Zentmyer, and Steve Drew. More than 18,500 seniors participated in the examination.

"Twelve Angry People," this year's senior class play, will be presented in the high school gym Friday evening, April 26. The cast is comprised of Steve Shult, Karen Hafenrichter, Verlin Boram, Pat Freeman, Mike Brown, Janice Beck, Donna Vickery, Carl Angell, Ann Anderson, John Tidd, Lynette Dannenberg, Reynard Biltgen, Bruce Smith, Robert Campbell, and Tom Kulbartz.

The Boulder Hill Civic Association, through the medium of the *Oswego Ledger*, presents a weekly news service for the residents of Boulder Hill beginning this week. The Boulder Hill Civic Association page will include information on such timely subjects as club and organization meetings, special events, elections for school, park, and township, and all other important items that are of general concern to all residents of the Hill.

#### SUZANJOHN PARK CARETAKER

Jack Gates has again been hired to act as caretaker and law enforcement officer for SuzanJohn Park by the Oswego Park District commissioners. The park is primarily designed for boys and girls under 10 years of age; however, older youngsters may use the basketball area. No baseball is allowed in the park as a safety measure for the little tots. No one should be on the park area

after dark. Boulder Hillites on the Oswego Park District Board of Commissioners are Glenn McKittrick and Robert Kautz.

May -- 1963

May 2: The Oswego Village Board voted favorably on annexing the new 40-acre high school site at a meeting held recently.

Bids for storm sewers and street improvements in Brookside Manor were opened and read, with the contract going to E.R. Thom Co., Aurora, at \$39,914.40.

A salary ordinance increasing the annual salary of village trustees to \$300 was passed.

Two hundred and thirty-three trees were planted on Arbor Day by junior high students, according to Principal Ralph Ross. A total of 47 students took part in the program, which was made possible through the cooperation of the Kendall County Garden Club and nearby nurseries.

May 9: The following girls were selected to represent Oswego High School as cheerleaders for 1963-64: Varsity: Sue Hundley, Jill Peterson, Diane Unick, Sherry Watt. Freshmen-sophomore: Jenny Hood, Sue Kohler, Danielle Larson, and Linda Smith.

One hundred Oswego High School boys will present a gym show on Friday evening, May 17, at 8 p.m. in the high school gym.

The program will open with precision calisthenics headed by student leaders Lon Steckel and Bill Kriegelstein.

On Saturday afternoon, May 4, several children on Boulder Hill were bitten by a stray dog. One boy, David Stowasser, age 12, was severely bitten on the shoulder and taken to the hospital for treatment. The dog was picked up by the Kendall County dogcatcher a few hours later and will be held for observation.

The Boulder Hill Civic Association again reminds all Boulder Hill residents to keep their dogs tied up. The county dogcatcher is to be working on the Hill the week of May 6. Dogs running loose will be picked up and taken to the pound.

May 16: The Oswego Park District Commissioners named officers for the current year at last Monday's meeting, with Ralph "Deacon" Wheeler reelected as president. Glenn McKittrick was named as vice-president. John Carr was appointed treasurer and Ford L. Lippold was appointed secretary. Other members on the board are Richard Young, Robert Kautz, and Marguerite Chrissie.

The Oswego Civic Club announced they would be donating \$400 to the Oswego Community Library Building Fund.

Two new board members have been elected to take the places of the outgoing officers. Mrs. Ralph Burkhart and Mrs. Jack Olson will replace Mrs. John Burkhart and Mrs. Ted Gerry.

District No. 3 Boulder Hill Civic Association Representative Howard Smucker has resigned due to press of schoolwork and will be replaced by Robert Kautz, 9 Woodridge Drive. Mr. Kautz is also one of the Oswego Park District commissioners.

Students to participate in the Oswego High School Gymnastics Show on May 17 are finalized. Students Lon Steckel and Bill Kriegelstein will lead the group in calisthenics. A rope climbing demonstration will be given by Dave Eberhard, Mike Ganz, Jeff Wheeler, Scotty Garrison, and John Clark.

A group of special-skill events will be presented by Bill Kriegelstein, Rusty Peshia, Bruce Smith, Roger May, Brad Jarman, Jim Dodson, Bob Chada, John Morley, Steve Smith, and Paul Baumann.

The final event will be a weight-training demonstration by a number of students.

May 23: According to Trustee Les Penn, complaints were received after our last heavy rain, of water backing up into basements. Mr. Penn feels the cause was storm water in the sanitary sewer, and reminds the public that it is unlawful to have rain water discharging into the village sanitary sewer pipes.

There is small doubt that there are violations occurring in the village, since back-ups invariably happen during or right after heavy rains. Tracking them down is a more difficult matter, and since some cases might be without the owner's knowledge, Mr. Penn urges each householder to examine his premises closely, and perhaps save his neighbor down the street a helluva mess in his cellar the next time it pours.

Baccalaureate services for the graduating Class of '63 will be held Sunday, May 26, in the high school gym at 8 p.m.

The Oswego American Legion Post 675 Memorial Day Parade will assemble at the high school at 9 a.m. May 30, be able to from the parade and move to the cemetery at 10 a.m.

After about two years of persistent work, the Boulder Hill Civic Association Safety Committee, John Wolf, chairman, has persuaded the Illinois Highway Department at Elgin to install "No Passing Zone" signs at the By-Pass 30 entrance to Boulder Hill.

May 30: Commencement exercises for the 77 Oswego High School seniors of 1963 will be held in the gym on Friday, May 31, at 8 p.m. Salutatorian is Karen Hafenrichter. Valedictorian is Bonnie Koukol. Award winners are Verlin Boram, Sportsmanship; Sherry Henderson, Activities; Renard Biltgen Citizenship.

June -- 1963

June 6: The police report submitted to the village board by Officer James Vinson shows 53 arrests for traffic violations, and 22 other miscellaneous complaints handled during the month of May.

Traffic arrests were responsible for collection of a total of \$952 for the village of Oswego and \$155 for Kendall County.

Other complaints handled included vandalism, stolen property, dog bites, break-ins, burglaries, etc.

The Boulder Hill Civic Association was warning that Kendall County was losing auto license fees because Boulder Hill residents were failing to make sure they were registered in the Kendall not Kane County. "Kendall County should be spelled out clearly as the place of registration of all license applications made by residents of Kendall County no matter where the application is made out," the association announced.

The Joliet Diocese announced that St. Anne's Mission in Oswego was now a new parish in Kendall County. St. Anne's had been established as a mission of St. Mary's Parish in Plano.

June 13: The annual Oswego Days festival was set for Aug. 2-3, sponsored by the Oswego Lions Club, the Nineteenth Century Club, the Women's Civic Club, the Oswego Jaycees, the Boulder Hill Civic Association, and local businesses.

June 20: The Oswego Village Board approved a request by the Oswego Park District for release of funds now being held in Site Purchase Fund. The money will be released upon termination of present certificates of deposit.

A resignation was read and accepted from Police Officer David Kennedy, who has been on night service.

It was moved and carried that the Law and Order Committee be authorized to purchase a new squad car.

Bob Fennell, on behalf of the Oswego Festival Committee, requested use of certain streets for kiddie rides, concessions, parades, and street dancing. Permission was granted providing kiddie rides are not too large so as to block more than half of the street.

Parishioners of the new St. Anne's Catholic Church in Oswego were ready to welcome the parish's new pastor, the Rev. Clifford Brier. A June 23 reception was set for Oswego High School.

A new Baptist congregation was being established and was to hold services at East View School in Oswego until they located their own building. Serving on the committee were Harley Swanquist, John Gordon, Dan Kane, and Wilbur Gramley. The new church had called the Rev. Thomas E. Corkish, assistant pastor at the Claim Street Baptist Church in Aurora, as the new congregation's minister.

Oswego residents were urged to use the new "ZIP" [Zone Inter-Postal] code for the village announced by the U.S. Postal Service. Oswego's ZIP Code was 60543. "With ZIP Code, a clerk need only to glance at the code to know immediately to what national area, state, and post office the letter is destined and to speed it on its way cutting hours and sometimes days off the time between deposit and delivery," the *Ledger* reported.

The Boulder Hill Civic Association warned parents to keep their children from walking or riding their bikes behind and through the fog released when fogging for mosquitoes. "Motorists are also

warned not to drive in the fog for visibility is limited and a child may be injured or even killed," the *Ledger* reported.

"From time to time, a tow-headed youngster has been riding his bike in both lanes of Boulder Hill Pass in a dangerous manner in front of oncoming cars," the *Ledger's* Boulder Hill Civic Association News page reported. "This has been taking place near the apartments. We appeal to his parents to correct the boy's bike riding habits before he becomes another statistic."

June 27: A 160 acre parcel south of Oswego along the Fox River was transferred to the Oswego Park District by the Illinois Department of Conservation after Gov. Otto Kerner signed House Bill 397 into law. The area was planned to be developed over the next 10 years into a forest preserve-type park area. "The extensive river frontage will offer numerous advantages to boating and fishing enthusiasts," the *Ledger* reported. "The Department of Conservation has reserved a part of the property for development of a low-level dam, which is part of the general Fox River Development Plan from Ottawa to McHenry."

The Oswego Library Association plans to break ground for its \$35000 library in 60 to 90 days, according to an announcement by Ernie Spiller, publicity chairman.

Spiller said a recent contribution of substantial size has swelled the fund to \$23000. Previous donations of necessary equipment and material by two firms will reduce the building cost balance to about \$7,000.

Bids for the purchase of more than half of the \$1400,000 bonds needed to build the new Oswego High School will be opened July 1, according to Superintendent T. Loyd Traughber.

The purchase is for a total of \$935,000 bonds with the balance to be purchased at a later date as needed.

The school, to be located in the northeastern section of Oswego is scheduled for a September 1964 opening. The new school will consist of 26 teaching stations, three science laboratories, and a gym with a capacity of 1,200. Additional facilities will be a language lab, expanded library, resource centers, an enlarged cafeteria, improved shop, arts and crafts areas, and guidance facilities.

July -- 1963

July 4: Boulder Hill residents awoke on Saturday, June 29, to find themselves without water. A quick check by Civic Association President John Taylor with the Montgomery Water Department revealed that they decided to change a valve, which was worn.

As a result of this incident and others that have occurred in the past the executive committee of the civic association will meet with the Montgomery Village Board to discuss our water problems.

The Sports and Social Club of Boulder Hill is presenting the 3rd Annual 4th of July Celebration. Events include a children's parade, water fight, and fireworks.

July 11: One of the many features planned for this year's edition of the Oswegoland Summer Festival will be a three hour disc jockey program originating over Aurora station WKKD from

the Main Street of Oswego. The program, emceed by Rusty Tym, will feature interviews with people on the street, highlights of the two day festival, and recorded music.

Three members of the Executive Committee of the Boulder Hill Civic Association met with the Montgomery Village Board on Monday, July 1, to discuss the water problem. It was found out why the water was shut off on Saturday, June 29. In future cases (other than an emergency) the water department will notify the Civic Association ahead of time, and they will try to get work out to the residents via the public address system on their truck.

June 18: At the July meeting of the Oswego Village Board it was decided to purchase Lot No. 1 of Unit 1 of the George D. Smith Subdivision, Route 34, for Well Site No. 4, at a price of \$4,000. An ordinance was passed rescinding an ordinance calling for the closing of a portion of Ashland Street.

It was moved and seconded that the village attorney C. Robert Ohse be authorized to proceed to take the necessary legal steps to dispose of the present library building, since the board has determined that it no longer serves a useful purpose.

Every rural mail box served by the Oswego Post Office has been given a new box number, according to Earl McVicker, mail carrier.

Mr. McVicker has painted the new number on each box, and asks rural people to take notice of the change.

July 25: Oswego High School Principal Howard Smucker announced the high school's faculty had been filled out with a total of 30 instructors to start the 1963-64 school year. Staffers are Carol Kofarnus, Larry LaGow, Kathleen Malone, Bernadette Brejcha, Judith Miller, Doris Thompson, Wayne Allen, Robert Olsen, Lowell Anderson, Herbert Reitz, Lewis Hankinson, Gerner Anderson, William Prince, Warren Hull, Phyllis Taylor, Charles Potts, Daryl Thompson, Betty Jo Suhr, Clarence Fluegel, Allen Bard, David Babcock, Kenneth Pickerill, Reeve Thompson, William Kontos, Sidonie Hylander, Dorothy Barnhardt, William Workman, Anne Rockenback, James Aird, and Howard Smucker, principal.

August -- 1963

Aug. 1: Six Oswego students were among those receiving Teacher Education Scholarships in Kendall County. Oswegoans winning the scholarships are Jean Walker, Susan Stowasser, Nina Jericho, Guy Sands, Pat Freeman, and Diane Cherry.

The Fourth Annual Oswegoland Summer Festival will be held this weekend with activities scheduled for both Friday and Saturday, according to Clifford Maddox, general chairman. Almost all of the events will take place on Main Street.

The Rev. Kenneth Yingst of the Boulder Hill Neighborhood Church of the Brethren announced plans to leave to become director of development for McPherson College in McPherson, Kan. Yingst had been the church's pastor since its founding.

All children who participate in the Oswego Festival Parade on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 3, will receive a free Dari-Cone immediately after the parade is over. These cones are compliments of the Dari-Boat and the Festival committee. Children should be in costume, in Scout uniform, have a decorated bike, wagon, be riding a horse, etc.

Aug. 15: The annual Oswego festival netted \$1,100 for the Oswego Library after all expenses were paid.

Principal John Bednarcik announced the entire 26-teacher staff for East View School had been completed.

Oswego's first foreign exchange student, Abide Arman, from Diyar Bakir, Turkey, was due to arrive in Oswego. Arman would attend Oswego High School for the 1963-64 school year while living with the Lester Bell family.

Oswego Junior High Principal Ralph Ross was estimating 350 students would show up for classes on the first day of school.

Students will again be housed in the two buildings (Red Brick and white) in an arrangement similar to last year. The staff of the junior high school will be increased from 14 to 16 teachers this year. The prediction is that the student body will be 350 as against 310 last year.

It is expected that this yearly increase will continue and Oswego residents can be proud that they have seen fit to provide a fine new high school, which will, upon completion, provide for moving the junior high students into the present high school building.

Contractors' bids on the new Oswego High School will be opened on Tuesday, Aug. 20, at a meeting of the school board.

It is expected that the new school could be ready by the fall of 1964.

The Oswego Village Board voted to advertise for bids to extend the sewer on Ashland Avenue to the new high school.

Aug. 22: Tickets were on sale by the Kendall County Republican Central Committee for their "Salute to Dirksen Dinner" set for Saturday, Sept. 14 at Yorkville High School. U.S. Rep. Charlotte T. Reid was scheduled to introduce Dirksen. "The dinner and program is designed to bring the Republican Senator and Congresswoman from Illinois to Kendall County and enable the citizens of the area to meet and discuss issues of concern," the *Ledger* reported.

The Oswego Panther Varsity Football Team, coached by Kenneth Pickerill, will open its season on Friday, Sept. 13, playing at Marseilles.

This is the first year for the Panthers in the "Little Seven." Other members of the loop are West Chicago, Geneva, St. Charles, Kaneland, Mooseheart, and Batavia.

Within recent days, two animals in the Oswego area one wild and one domestic, showed positive reactions for the test for rabies conducted by the Department of Public Health laboratory in Chicago.

Aug. 29: At their Aug. 22 meeting, the board members of the Oswego Library Building Association made final plans for the letting of bids for the new library building. According to Architect William F. Neil, work will begin the latter part of September or the first of October, and be substantially finished this year. The structure will be Contemporary and brick face. There will be one floor with a full basement, the northwest corner of which will open onto a patio in the back, since the building will be situated on a slope. The library will be on Jefferson Street and will face south down main Street, sitting back from the curb about 30 feet. This means that the new building will go up on the west side of the little house already on the property.

A total of 95 teachers had been hired by the Oswego School District for the 1963-64 school year, the *Ledger* reported.

Scotty's Café at U.S. Route 34 and Ill. Route 71 was advertising their Friday Special, all the fish you could eat for \$1.

The Jerome Kern musical "Roberta" was set to open at the Boulder Hill Playhouse on Aug. 28 for a two week run under the direction of Lucille Goring.

#### September -- 1963

Sept. 5: The total low bid for the construction of the new Oswego High School, to be built on a 40 acre site along Ill. Route 71 in Oswego, was \$1,215,845, the *Ledger* reported. Voters had approved a bond issue in March to pay for the new school. Completion was set for Aug. 15, 1964. The new building was designed to house grades 10, 11, and 12, with the old high school on Franklin Street housing seventh through ninth graders. "The Board of Education has authorized the architectural firm to draw the plans and place the utilities in such a way that future additions can be effected economically and still remain functional," according to school district superintendent T. Lloyd Traugher.

A total of 2,203 students enrolled in Oswego's schools for the 1963-64 school year. Elementary students totaled 1,361; junior high, 310; and high school, 532. The enrollment was 11.7 percent higher than enrollment on the first day of school in 1962, 1,971 students.

Immediately following worship this Sunday, a congregational meeting will be held at the Church of the Good Shepherd for the purpose of voting whether to build a new educational unit on the present church property, Rev. Frank Minton said this week.

In the last four years, the church has purchased the two properties adjoining the main building on the west. These have been converted into annexes and are presently being used for the pastor's study and the nursery, kindergarten, and primary departments of the Sunday School. Annex 2 is also used five days a week for the Valley Haven School for Exceptional Children.

The proposal is to replace these two annexes with an enlarged unit more adequate to meet the growth of the Sunday School and to provide good teaching facilities.

Sept. 12: An official ground breaking for the new Oswego High School on a site across Ill. Route 71 from East View School was set for Saturday, Sept. 14, at 9:30 a.m.

The Village of Oswego was advertising for sealed bids for the sale of the old Oswego Library. The library had been given to the village in the will of former postmaster Lorenzo Rank dated Oct. 6, 1908. The Nineteenth Century Club had operated a lending library in the building since November 1911 [sic. The club moved their library to the building in April 1929. Previously, it had been housed in rooms above stores on the east side of Main Street. See the April 3, 1929 "Oswego" column in the Kendall County Record]. Proceeds from the sale were to be used to help pay for the new library planned for a site at Main and Jefferson Street.

Sept. 19: A letter from the Oswego Plan Commission recommended that Ashland Avenue be extended to connect with Ill. Route 71 was read at the latest Oswego Village Board meeting, but no action was taken, the *Ledger* reported. The board also reported that sewer and water lines would be extended to the site of the new high school along Ill. Route 71. The village clerk was authorized to advertise for bids for overhead flashing signals at U.S. Route 34 and Jefferson Street and at U.S. Route 34 and Washington Street.

Sept. 26: Oswego officials warned village residents to use water only when absolutely necessary because their newest well was out of service as was one standby well. The water shortage was expected to last about a week until repairs could be made.

Jim Aird, counselor at Oswego High School, announced that two students had earned National Merit Scholarship Finalist status. Steve Smith and Zael Lutz had earned the distinction during the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test the previous March.

In a two and a half page article by Yorkville attorney C. Robert Ohse on behalf of the Boulder Hill Civic Association, the question of incorporating Boulder Hill was examined at length. Ohse recommended the BHCA appoint a committee to study three courses: Annexation to Oswego, annexation of Montgomery, and incorporation.

October -- 1963

Oct. 3: Oswego Village Board Member William Crimmin reported a new pump was being installed and that the village's water service should get back to normal within a week's time. "Currently, the water for the village is being pumped by the old well in Washington Street, and just enough is available to serve the minimum needs of the residents," the *Ledger* reported.

Oswego High School Principal Howard Smucker reported that 57 percent of the OHS Class of 1963 was enrolled in colleges, universities, or trade schools. Of the class's 73 graduates, 52 had gone on to higher education.

Oct. 10: The 1963 OHS Homecoming Court consisted of Jim Dodson, Bob Nelson, Bill Fennell, Bob Ash, Tom Hood, Mike Linden, Jill Peterson, Diane Unick, Sherry Watt, Bobbie Bennett,

Dede Shult, and Carol Wolf. The Panthers were due to play St. Charles for the annual homecoming football game.

"A new candidate may be in the contest for Republican Party nomination for state senator from the 58th District," the *Ledger* reported. "Robert W. Mitchler, aggressive civic leader in the Aurora area, has been proposed by many citizens as a candidate for the area....Mitchler, who is 43 years old would bring a youthful candidate against the other two previously announced candidates, incumbent Senator Merritt J. Little and Representative J. Lisle Laufer of Hampshire."

The *Ledger* reported that in a letter to the Oswego Village Board, Oswego Fire Chief Forrest Woolley recommended, that with a new library under construction, the existing Oswego Library building at 64 Main Street in downtown Oswego "be torn down or that extensive improvements be made." Lorenzo Rank had built the structure in the 1870s as a post office. Upon Rank's death, he deeded the building to the village for use as a library. The Nineteenth Century Club had operated a lending library in the building for many years.

In other village board business, a letter was read from Oswego Township Supervisor Myron Wormley asking the endorsement of the board for an effort to obtain a new post office for Oswego. The board voted unanimously to support the effort. The post office was located in a commercial building at the southwest corner of Main and Washington streets-now the location of the Marmalade Tree.

Oct. 31: After bids were received for the new Oswego library, the library association board found they were still short \$5,000 to complete the building as planned and furnish it. The association was contemplating asking for more community donations.

November -- 1963

Nov. 7: The Nineteenth Century Club will meet Nov. 7. The members will celebrate the 70th anniversary of the founding of the club. Committee for the day: Eleanor Herget, Lucille Hafenrichter, Margaret McLaren, Blanche Walla, Kay Neumann, Dorothy Friebele, Helene Campbell, Fern Grate, with Lessie Woolley, receptionist.

At the October meeting of the Oswego Teachers' Association, the following members were installed by Past President Mrs. Helen Hutton: Mrs. Betty Cain, president; Mrs. Glenda Leigh, vice-president; Miss Carol Ricketts, secretary; Daryl Thompson, treasurer.

In regard to the old library building to be sold on sealed bids; Building Inspector John Spang has made the following recommendations, as has Fire Chief Forrest Woolley: If the building isn't to be torn down, it should have water and sewer installed; complete rewiring of electric service; replacement of present roof with an approved roof; replace chimney; install a suitable heating system.

In the event the second floor is to be used for any purpose, a second exit should be added.

“Look Who’s Laughing,” a three-act comedy, comes to the high school Friday and Saturday, Nov. 15-16, presented by the Junior-Senior High PTA. This is really family fun, something everyone from the very young to the very old will enjoy.

The cast, directed by Donna Lubbs, includes Judy Miller, Helen Hutton, Rachel Anderson, Jo Ann Miller, Paul Smith, Jim Seidelman, Everett Hafenrichter, Sylvia Matile, and Bill Pettit. Stage manager and prompter is Louise Seefeldt.

Progress on the new high school is on schedule in all phases of construction. Installation of the water service has been completed, tested, and water is now being used on the site by the building contractors. The sewer connection installation is about half completed. Temporary electric service has been provided to the site and it is anticipated that permanent installation will be made so that heating motors and circuits may be in use by the first of February next year.

The general contractors, Warren Brothers, have a full-time construction foreman on the site.

There is a 17-man brick laying crew working at the present time and at the current rate of progress, a roof enclosing the academic wing of the building will be finished by the middle of December.

Grading and terracing of the site, layouts of drive and parking area are being coordinated with the construction of the building. Heating and electrical contractors are keeping pace.

Contracts for fixed equipment in the science and vocational rooms, gym, music room, cafeteria, and offices have been approved by the school board and orders have been placed.

By virtue of Ordinance No 63-10, passed and approved by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oswego, Kendall County, Illinois, on the 3rd day of September 1963, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oswego proposed to sell the following described real estate owned by the Village of Oswego, namely:

Lot 3, excepting the northeast two-thirds thereof, in Block 7, in the Village of Oswego, Kendall County, Illinois,

Commonly known as “The Oswego Library Building,” which said building is used for library purposes. Sealed bids for the sale of said property will be considered and opened at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oswego, to be held on December 2, 1963 at 8:00 o’clock P.M., Central Standard Time at the Village Hall, Oswego, Illinois.

Dated this 18th Day of October, A.D. 1963

DOROTHY H. BELL

Village Clerk.

Nov. 14: The Board of Directors of the Oswegoland Community library Building Committee agreed last Thursday evening award the general contract for the new building to Stanley Young, local contractor. The amount of the contract, which does not include the heating unit, is for \$28,926. It is expected that work will begin on the building as soon as possible.

Pending final release of all moneys pledged to the building fund by individuals, industrial firms, and organizations, the association must still raise an additional \$5,000 to pay the general contractor and install the heating by completion date.

The High School Men’s Athletic Booster Club is sponsoring a Men’s and Women’s Style Show Thursday, Nov. 21, at 8 p.m. in the gym of Oswego High School.

The Jacqueline Shop, Oswego, and Alshuler's Men's Shop, Aurora, will display the very latest in men's and women's wear.

Models for the show will include Miss Marlene Schliwa, Mrs. Patricia Spang, Mrs. Karen Heise, Mrs. Kay Dudman, Mrs. Eileen Probst, Mrs. Kay Dickey, Miss Kathy Johnson, Miss Diane Unick, Miss Linda Rusher, and Mrs. Anne Rockenbach among the women.

Men models will include James Shoger, James Detzler, Howard Smucker, Orville Blair, and William Kontos, along with senior students Mike Linden, Tom Hood, and Jim Dodson.

Narrations will be given by Mrs. Jacqueline Pickerill, Jacqueline Shop, and John Meggesin, Alshulers.

Two members of the Oswego Panther Varsity Football Team were named to the 1963 Little Seven All-Star Team picked by the conference's coaches. Quarterback Mike Linden and end Tom Hood received the honors. Mike Wheeler was voted a member of the second team, while honorable mentions went to Lon Steckel and Bob Ash.

#### Boulder Hill Civic Association News

It was felt that most of the reckless driving on the Hill was being done by teenagers, but this turned out not to be completely the case. On Saturday morning, Nov. 9, at 9:45 a.m., your correspondent was almost run over on Boulder Hill Pass by a well-dressed mature (?) adult in a black car doing about 50 miles per hour. How can we expect the young people to obey the laws when adults flout them?

Nov. 21: At the November meeting of the Oswego Village Board, bids were opened for construction of Well No. 4 at Routes 34 and 71, with Layne Western, Aurora, the low bidder at \$43,954. The next bid was \$49,436 from Wheling Well Works Beecher.

It was decided to purchase a new pump for Well No. 2 on Washington St., in the amount not to exceed \$3,100. This would serve in case of emergency.

The building inspector recommended that the old Library Building, to be disposed of by sealed bids on Dec. 2, receive extensive repairs if it is not torn down.

The opening basketball games of the season will take place on the Oswego High hardwood Friday night with Newark as the opposition.

The opening five for the varsity will probably be Steve Parker and Jim Dodson at the forwards, Bruce Derksen at center, Mike Linden at one guard and either Ron Weilert or Steve Carlson at the other guard.

Other boys on the varsity will be John Mang, Mark, Norris, Ed Williams, Charles Ashley, Ray Speerly, and Jack Weis.

Frosh-soph boys include Daryl Davis, Ron Ervin, Roger Poole, Dave Lippy, Bruce Shoger, Rich Silvius, John Vanderlinden, Don Waters, Frank Wooley, Greg Wegner, Gordon Walker, Mike Wellington, Tony Fitzpatrick, and Steve Bramhall.

Russ Corneils, president; Denny Collins, service manager; Ed A. Saelens, parts department and his wife, from Oswego Implement Company, local Oliver dealer, will attend Oliver Corporation's "more from the Growing O" meeting at Exposition Gardens, Peoria, Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 26-27.

Oliver's new products for the 1964 season will be presented to dealers from throughout the Midwest.

Nov. 28: Robert Mitchler, 43 year-old sales representative for Northern Illinois Gas Company and aggressive civil leader in the Fox Valley area, this week announced his candidacy for the Republican Party nomination as State Senator of the 58th Senatorial District in the April 14 primary election.

Mitchler will oppose the incumbent, Sen. Merrit J. Little, 62, of Aurora and Rep. J. Lisle Laufer, 68, of Hampshire. Little has served as state senator for 20 years, and Laufer has served the same period as a state representative.

Both Oswego High School basketball teams play this Friday night, with Plainfield's Wildcats coming to the local hardwood.

The Oswego Panther Wrestling teams, varsity coached by William Kontos and frosh-soph coached by Lewis Hankenson, list 47 boys this year in action. Both teams will see action at Lincoln Way this Saturday.

The varsity, with eight seniors, is spearheaded by Dave Eberhard, 112, a senior who has represented Oswego High School in the Illinois State Finals for the past two years. He was second in the state in his weight class in 1961. Others on the varsity are Wes Robinson, 95; Tom Houghtby, 103, Mike Weiss, 120; Brad Jarman, 127; Gary Evans, 133; Roger May, 138; Bill Pranga, 145; Lonnie Steckel, 154; Mike Wheeler, 165; Steve Smith, 180; and Bob Penman, heavyweight.

Frosh-soph starters include Steve Mather, 103; Harley Woodhouse, 112; Dan Miller, 120; Kent Smith, 127; Gary Dannenberg, 133; George Ackley, 138; Jim Borneman, 145; Dick Foster, 154; Bill Austin, 165; John Van Fleet, 180; and Jim Thrall, heavyweight.

#### Boulder Hill Civic Association News

Before every available piece of property of the Hill is sold for a home, let us set aside a piece of centrally-located property for a future fire station. We think this is worthy of consideration and a part of good community planning.

A total of 39.4 percent of Oswego High School seniors were named to the honor roll. Only one student, Paul Baumann, was named to the high honor roll. Other honor roll recipients were Bobbie Bennett, Cathie Boehmer, Sandra Cooney, Cindy Craney, Jennifer Gable, Jo Ann Green, Eileen Gross, Durwood Hafenrichter, Joanne Heriaud, Tom Heriaud, Pat Jurgelonis Mary Keller, Linda Kellogg, Linda Knoll, Ramon Kohler, Helen Koons, Sally Luetlich, Roger May, Shirley Miller, Janet Murphy, Sue Musselman, Patricia Myers, Robert Nelson, Mark Norris, Jerry Parkhurst, Diane Paydon, Jill Peterson, Marna Quantock, Roxy Schlapp, Janet Schrader, Greg Sellers, Karen Shoger, Deidre Shult, Shirley Silich, Patricia Smith, Steve Smith, Sheila Thompson, Kris Tilley, Diana Unick, Dan Waters, Sherry Watt, Diana Wheeler, Carol Wolf, and Jim Yuvan.

December -- 1963

Dec. 5: The Oswego village Board members opened sealed bids for purchase of the old library building in Main Street Monday evening ,with William Miller Oswego, as the successful bidder with an offer of \$4,285. Al Shuler was second high bidder at \$4,101, and Mrs. Lenore Schiewe bid \$3,650.

The money realized from the sale of the old building will be used toward the construction cost of the new library building to be built on Oswego Park District property at the north end of Main Street.

The Kendall County Board informally endorsed the possible formation of a Kendall County Forest Preserve District. Petitions were being circulated to obtain the signatures of at least 500 legal voters in the county. County board member and Oswego Township Supervisor Myron Wormley was one of the organizers of the effort.

Saturday, Dec. 14, is the day when all of the youngsters in the Oswegoland area will have an opportunity to discuss their Christmas lists with Santa Claus. He will be in Oswego from 2-5 p.m. in the downtown area and will have a gift for each youngster who visits him, through the cooperation of the Oswego Business Association and the Oswegoland Lions Club.

#### Special Notice

The *Oswego Ledger* will not be published on Thursday, Dec. 26, 1963 nor on Thursday, Jan. 2, 1964.

The next Oswegoland Roller Skating Party will be held at Electric Park on Thursday, Dec. 12, with the rink reserved by the Oswego Park District for all Oswegoland residents.

The Oswego Panther basketball teams will travel to Kaneland this Friday for a pair of games, the first for both schools in Little Seven competition. The Oswego varsity dropped its third game of the season to non-conference foes last Friday as Plainfield squeaked out a 60-59 victory with a pair of free throws in the closing seconds of the game.

Dec. 12: The Oswego High School Band and Chorus will present the annual Christmas music program in the gym on Tuesday evening, Dec. 17, at 8 p.m. Both groups will be under the direction of Reeve Thompson.

The program will feature the 60-piece band and the chorus of 110 voices.

The student council of Oswego High School is presenting a dance, "Holiday Heaven," on Saturday, Dec. 21, from 8:30-11:30 p.m. The dance will be held in the high school gym. an excellent band from Northern Illinois University will provide music for this semi-formal occasion.

The following members were elected as officers of the Boulder Hill Civic Association for the 1964 term: Anthony Susteric, president; W.W. Tanner, vice-president; Tom Serkowich, secretary; G.W. Argue, treasurer.

A rumor filtered down our way that a construction start will be made on installing water and sewers for the shopping center. Included in the plans is a food store and a drug store anticipated to be completed during the winter.

Dec. 19: The Oswego Village Board approved a resolution promising that if the Oswego School District acquired property owned by Dr. Sheldon Bell and improve the property to meet street requirements and if the district would then dedicate the property to the village Oswego would improve the land and extend Ashland Street from Garfield Street to Ill. Route 71.

Claims from homeowners on Garfield and Park streets were received by the village against Davis Construction Company and Explosion Engineers, Inc. for damage sustained "due to wrongful and negligent use of explosives" during work extending water and sewer mains to the new Oswego High School site. The board directed the two companies to pay the claims before the village would give full payment for the work done.

Still after victory No. 1, the Panther varsity cagers will try their luck against West Chicago, another Little Seven foe. Last week's loss to Sycamore, 72-60, made it six in a row for the Panthers.

The long holiday vacation begins with the close of school this Friday with the students not scheduled to return until after the New Year.

ADJ3 John Seidelman, son of Mr. and Mrs. August Seidelman, has arrived home for the holidays. He is on a 14-day leave from the Naval Air Station at Alameda, Calif. James Seidelman, on the other hand, will start a two week tour of duty at the Great lakes Naval Training Station on Dec. 22. Jim is a student at the University of Chicago.

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January

Jan 9: K-6-3-3 System Planned for Schools: The Board of Education of Community Unit District 308, is meeting with the administrative staff of the local schools for the purpose of approving school organization, curriculum offerings, staff needs and equipment necessary to carry out the educational program for the district in 1964-65 and subsequent years. The Board voted to follow a K6-3-3 plan for instructional purposes in 1964. The building plans for the new senior high school were incorporated in this educational plan for instruction. At the beginning of the 1964-65 school term, the junior high school will include grades 7, 8, and 9. These grades will occupy the present high school building. Grades 10, 11, and 12 will occupy the new senior high school, now under construction. Grade school organization and attendance centers will remain the same as they are at present.

Miss Abide Arman, Oswego High exchange student from Turkey, spoke at the January meeting of the Nineteenth Century Club.

1964 Boulder Hill vehicle stickers were to be on sale soon. The voluntary stickers were a fundraiser for the Boulder Hill Civic Association.

Jan. 16: William Miller was granted permission to connect the old library building [at 64 Main Street] to village water and sewer. Miller recently purchased the property from the village.

Jill Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Peterson, Oak Hill Drive, Oswego, was selected as the recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizens Award, sponsored by the Aurora Chapter of the National Society of the DAR.

Attorney C. Robert Ohse, Yorkville, has announced that he will seek the Republican nomination for the office of State's Attorney for Kendall County in the primary election on April 14.

The Boulder Hill Civic Association discussed the possibility of more adequate police protection in Boulder Hill. "A committee was formed to discuss this with County Sheriff Oliver Mundwiler and the Sheriff's Committee of the Kendall County Board," the *Ledger* reported. "Ernest Spiller, of the Association committee, reported that the hiring of an additional deputy for the sheriff's office has been approved. A qualified man is being sought for the post and a new patrol car has been purchased."

Robert Morgan, an organizer of both the Boulder Hill Civic Association and the Boulder Hill Sports and Social Club, wrote to the BHCA suggesting the sports and social club should merge with the BHCA, and be reformed as a committee to handle social and sports activities in Boulder Hill. The sports and social club board, however, opposed the action, and the BHCA referred the issue to committee.

A new club is being organized on the Hill for the study of antiques. Anyone interested should call Mrs. Bernice Clouse, TW7-0062. [The club became today's Boulder Hill and Oswego Antique Study Group.]

Jan. 23: Bob Plaskas, son of Joe Plaskas, Oswego, is co-captain of the Northwestern University wrestling squad this year...Bob was undefeated last year alternating in the 123-pound and 130-pound class...Plaskas, a graduate of Oswego High School, will be remembered as one of the best wrestlers ever turned out by Coach Ken Pickerill.

On Sunday, Jan. 26, the congregation at the Church of the Good Shepherd in downtown Oswego were set to vote on what style education building to construct on the lot immediately west of the landmark building. The choices were an exposed aggregate Gothic style structure or a modern flat-roofed brick building. Either one would be detached from the church itself.

Jan. 30: Under the headline "Oswegoans spearhead Wheaton College Wrestling Team," the *Ledger* reported that "Two Oswego High School products, Tom Jarman and Denny Hastert, are wrestling this season for the Wheaton Crusaders. Captain Jarman holds down the 157 lb. spot, and Hastert is the Wheaton heavyweight. Jarman, the 1963 NCAA College-Division champ, has been better than ever this season. Both Jarman and Hastert earned Little All-State honors in football during the 1959 season at Oswego. Jarman at quarterback and Hastert at tackle have continued their grid careers at Wheaton.

February -- 1964

Feb. 6: The Oswego School District was seeking bids on a four-classroom addition to Boulder Hill School. Construction was expected to be completed in time for the opening of school in the fall.

Todd Drew and Mary Lou Weiss earned superior honors on the eighth grade honor roll, as did seventh graders David Poker and Tony Riley.

Feb. 13: The OHS Panther Wrestling Team earned its first Little Seven Conference Tournament Championship, scoring 89 points to St. Charles' 73 points. First place winners included Eave Eberhard, Kent Smith, Roger May, Mike Wheeler, Steve Smith, and Bob Penman.

Led by senior center Bruce Derksen, the OHS Panther cagers won second place in the Little Seven with an 82-80 win over Batavia on the OHS home court. Derksen hit 10 field goals and one free throw to lead the Panthers' scoring.

In his monthly report, Kendall County Sheriff Oliver Mundwiler reported 19 traffic accidents and one person committed to the state mental hospital at Elgin.

The Boulder Hill Civic Association board discussed the problem of vandalism at SuzanJohn Park in Boulder Hill. The board also discussed the subdivision's water supply. "If future plans call for more homes and the shopping center, we could be in trouble with our one and only 8-inch main from Montgomery," the board noted.

Feb. 20: The *Ledger* announced a special election would be held during the upcoming March primary to create a county forest preserve district. More than 500 county residents signed petitions to get the issue on the ballot. "A forest preserve district on a county level would provide an agency that could accept suitable lands for development as forest preserve areas as bequests or gifts. Several good pieces of land in this county have gone into private hands because such a legal organization was not in existence," the *Ledger* reported.

The Boulder Hill Neighborhood Church of the Brethren announced a series of four Sunday evening programs titled "The Christian in Boulder Hill-In politics, race relations, juvenile delinquency, alcoholism, and the morals of our teenagers."

A legal notice in the *Ledger* announced that bids were being received for the purchase of the Church School property at Heggs and Ferguson roads in Wheatland Township. The school had been the district's last one-room building in use until it closed approximately four years earlier.

Feb. 27: Kendall County Civil Defense Director Clyde Phillips announced that Oswego High School had been surveyed and licensed as a public fallout shelter, and had been stocked with food, water, medical supplies, radiological instruments, and sanitation supplies. However, Phillips noted there was only space for 129 persons in the shelter. "Due to the limited number of

buildings in Kendall County which can provide fallout shelters, it is evident, Mr. Phillips advises, that families must make provision to protect themselves," the *Ledger* reported.

March -- 1964

March 5: A public meeting was set for March 9 at Oswego High School to discuss Oswego's requested annexation into the Aurora Sanitary District.

The Hilltop Gardeners endorsed establishing a Kendall County Forest Preserve District in the upcoming referendum scheduled for the March primary election.

March 12: U.S. Navy Commander Slade Cutter, a decorated World War II submarine commander and commander of the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, spoke at Oswego American Legion Post 675's annual birthday dinner.

Some 275 area residents attended the public hearing on Oswego's annexation to the Aurora Sanitary District.

The Boulder Hill Civic Association reported that a Boulder Hill resident, Thomas Usry, had been hired as the newest Kendall County Sheriff's Department deputy. The county board approved the new deputy and a new squad car, in part, to improve police protection in Boulder Hill.

County officials announced they would soon begin towing autos parked on Boulder Hill streets with 1963 or older license plates. "Legally they are considered as abandoned cars blocking a township road," the BHCA reported.

March 19: Oswego Township Supervisor Myron Wormley, the township's representative on the Kendall County Board, addressed the Boulder Hill Civic Association, asking for the organization's support for the upcoming forest preserve referendum. The board did so at their next meeting.

March 26: Hundreds of dollars in damage was done to equipment in the gravel pit on Ill. Route 25 just north of Oswego, apparently by juveniles shooting the equipment with .22 cal. Rifles and air guns. "Parents of youngsters owning and carrying .22 caliber rifles and air guns are urged to check on the activities of these youngsters and to inform them of the possible consequences of their acts," the *Ledger* reported.

The Oswegoland Jaycees were ready to start on construction of a covered shelter at Waa-Kee-Sha Park. The proposed 60x20 open air building was to be ready for summer use.

April -- 1964

April 2: High honors at Oswego High School for the third nine week period went to Kris Tilley, David Lippy, Frank Wooley, and Beth Nelson.

April 9: Contributors to the Oswegoland Community Library Building Fund were eligible to have their names sealed in the new building's cornerstone. The new library was under construction at Main and Jefferson streets in downtown Oswego.

Due to a lack of acceptable bids, the Oswego School District decided to ask the Will County Board of School Trustees to set a new date, April 25, 1964, for the sale of Church School in Wheatland Township. "It is of brick construction with a full basement, fireplace, hardwood floors, and tile roof," the *Ledger* reported. "The grounds consist of one-plus acres on a lot 200x226 feet. There are shade trees and ornamental shrubbery on the grounds."

April 16: The proposition to create a Kendall County Forest Preserve District was approved by a 2-1 margin in balloting, 2,935 yes to 1,416 no votes.

The Dari-Boat on South Main Street, Oswego, was advertising their Burger Boat, completed with hamburger, French fries, and a root beer for 50-cents.

April 23: The Oswego High School senior class play was "The Diary of Anne Frank," starring Jennifer Gable, Greg Sellers, Cathie Boehmer, Ed Reeves, Bob Penman, Bobbi Bennett, Sue Musselman, Bill Swanquist, Sherry Watt, and Ray Speerly.

April 30: The *Ledger* reported that spring wildflowers in bloom at Waa-Kee-Sha Park included spring beauties, crinkle root, trillium, trout lilies, bellwort, swamp buttercup, hepatica, wild ginger, Virginia bluebells, blue violets, smooth yellow violets, rue anemone, false rue anemone, and several others.

May -- 1964

May 7: Boulder Hill resident Greg Sellers was named valedictorian of the Oswego High School Class of 1964. Salutatorian was Paul C. Baumann of Oswego. The Class of '64 was the first class to graduate from OHS with more than 100 members and was the last class to graduate from the old high school [now Traughber Junior High]

Plans call for the laying of the Oswegoland Community Library cornerstone Saturday afternoon, May 16, at 2 p.m. This ceremony will, of course, take place at the library site and any interested persons are invited to attend.

The building committee is in hopes the new building will be ready for occupancy by June 1, according to Earl Zentmyer, president.

"Rhapsody in Blue" is the theme of this year's junior-senior prom, to be held Saturday evening, May 9, in the gym. The prom court includes Jennifer Gable, Abide Arman, Dede Shult, Diane Unick, Christine Wheeler, and Sherry Watt. Also, Bob Ash, Jim Dodson, Bill Fennell, To Hood, Bob Nelson, and Mike Weiss.

Sophomore servers include Judy Fox Coral Williams, Peg Stone, Pam Smith, Virginia Penman, John Vanderlinden, Rick Silvius, Neal Shoger, Danny Williams, and Mike Murphy.

On Sunday the congregation of the Church of the Good shepherd voted to accept plans for a new educational unit. The plans have been developed by O. Kleb & Assoc., an architectural firm from Aurora. The building, 60x52 feet is a two-story masonry structure and will be located just west of the church on Washington Street on areas now occupied by Annexes 1 and 2. Total estimated cost of the building is \$60,000.

May 14: Rooms, apartments, and some houses are needed for single and married teachers who will be in the Oswegoland school system next year. A number of them are needed now.

Oswego Village Board members voted to issue a temporary B-2 permit for the old library building to William Miller if repairs are approved by the board.

A salary increase of \$200 a year was voted for the village attorney, C. Robert Ohse of Yorkville. L. Frederick Johnson was appointed thistle commissioner for the 1964 season.

A salary increase of \$15 per month was voted for Police Officer James Vinson.

The people of the village of Oswego have a vital decision to make when they go to the polls on June 1, 1964 to approve or reject a bond issue to construct a new sewage treatment plant for the village of Oswego. State health officials deemed the current system "organically overloaded." This overload exceeds 200 percent. The new sewage treatment plant, if approved by the voters, will be constructed on the same site as the old plant. The new plant is designed to serve 2,500 people at a total cost of \$143,000 and is so designed that it can be enlarged at a later date if necessary. The amount of the bond issue is set at \$100,000. The remaining \$43,000 needed to complete the project may be obtained from the federal government as an outright grant.

"A number of windows have been broken out of the Little White School and at the Red Brick School recently, with sling shots and other missiles," the *Ledger* reported. "Such vandalism is costly to all taxpayers. Parents should feel a strong responsibility to see that their youngsters are taught a regard for public property."

All residents of Oswego Township are entitled to use the dump area located south of the village of Oswego free of charge during the hours it is open, provided they abide by the rules. Residents may be required to identify themselves and prove residency by the man in charge.

Boulder Hill Civic Association members supported building a paved road linking the subdivision with Douglas Road. The only roads entering Boulder Hill were off U.S. Route 30 and Ill. Route 25.

May 21: The cornerstone of the new Oswego Library in downtown Oswego, on the bluff overlooking Waubonsie Creek, was laid Saturday, May 16.

Oswego village officials noted that since a judge objected to Oswego's annexation to the Aurora Sanitary District earlier in the spring, Oswego needed a new sewage treatment plant. A June 1 referendum was set to ask for funds for the new plant, \$100,000. An additional \$43,000 was expected to come from a federal grant. "If further delay results, the State Sanitary Water Board

has threatened suit against the Village because of the ever-increasing health and pollution hazards," the village reported.

Scotty's Café at U.S. Route 34 and Ill. Route 71 in Oswego was advertising an all-you-can-eat Friday fish fry for \$1 per person.

Denney's Supermarket in downtown Oswego advertised pot roast for 29 cents a pound and fresh sliced bologna at 39 cents a pound.

At the May meeting of the Boulder Hill Civic Association, based on the report of the special projects committee headed by John R. Taylor, it was agreed that no attempt would be made this year to spray for mosquitoes. The committee found there was a lack of interest on the part of too many Boulder hill residents.

May 28: Monday, June 1, residents of the village of Oswego have a vital decision to make between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. During this time, the polls are to be open and ballots marked to either approve or reject a bond issue to construct a new sewer treatment plant for Oswego. The village of Oswego must have adequate sewage treatment now. If further delay results, the state of Illinois Sanitary Water Board has threatened suit against the village because of ever increasing health and pollution hazards.

For the first time in school history, more than 100 seniors were ready to graduate from Oswego High School during ceremonies on May 29. Speakers were to include valedictorian Greg Sellers; salutatorian Paul Baumann, Sportsman Ship Award, Jim Dodson; Activities Award, Steve Smith; Citizenship Award, Diane Paydon. A total of 104 seniors graduated.

The Boulder Hill Sports and Social Club was sponsoring their annual Memorial Day Celebration, including pony rides, games, and free refreshments.

June -- 1964

June 4: Oswego residents voted "yes" on the proposal to enlarge and modernize their sewer plant. The State of Illinois had demanded the improvements, which were to cost \$100,000. The vote was 245-12

Two Boy Scouts from Oswego Troop 31 earned their Eagle Scout badges, Gary Dannenberg, and Jack Weis. Both boys started scouting with Cub pack 531 more than six years ago.

June 11: The Oswegoland Jaycees began erection of a 20x60 foot open air shelter at Waa-Kee-Sha Park last Saturday. The group, under the chairmanship of Ron Silvius, intend to work on the building each weekend until it is completed. When finished the building will be available to Oswegoland families and organizations for picnics on a first come, reservation basis. Several reservations have already been made.

Jessie Hessie's Kopper Kettle restaurant at the southeast corner of Main and Washington streets in downtown Oswego was advertising their weekly Friday fish fry for just \$1.

June 18: School superintendent T. Loyd Traugher announced that more than 75 students are taking classes in the 1964 summer school.

Any persons, organizations or businesses, talent of all kinds, etc., wishing to take part in the annual Oswego Days Parade to be held Saturday, Aug. 1, at 2 p.m. should please notify Ray Leifheit, Harry Fuller, or Clare Smith, or call the American Legion Home after 3 p.m.

June 25: Organizers announced the annual two-day Oswegoland Festival was to be held Friday and Saturday, July 31 and Aug. 1, according to committee chair Chuck Shuler.

Books and other materials from the old library building at 64 Main Street in Oswego were moved to the new library at Jefferson and Main. The library closed June 27 for the move and was scheduled to reopen in early July.

July -- 1964

July 2: Oswego Village Board members let a bid of \$24,490 to N.S. Abens Construction of Aurora to build Well House No. 4 at the intersection of U.S. Route 34 and Ill. Route 71.

The new shelter building at Waa-Kee-Sha Park built by the Oswego Jaycees, is now available for family reunions, group picnics, etc. Reservations may be made with Park Superintendent Ford L. Lippold. There is no charge, but each group is responsible for clean-up.

The Boulder Hill Sports and Social Club is completing plans for their 4th Annual Independence Day Celebration.

River Heights Veterinary Clinic in Oswego is among the first in this area to procure the new portable veterinary oxygen outfit, according to Howard Koch. Principal use of the unit will be for treating pneumonia, shipping fever, and to assist in clearing out birth congestion in newborn pigs, calves, and lambs.

July 9: The Kendall County Sheriff's Department added a second telephone line, connected directly to the sheriff's office in the Kendall County Courthouse. The sheriff's old phone line was connected to the sheriff's home.

Seven graduates of Oswego High School are recipients of Teacher Education Scholarships. They are issued to students in the upper half of their graduation classes and who plan to attend college with intention of becoming a public school teacher. The scholarship exempts the holder from payment of tuition for four school years.

Student winners are Sue Musselman, Shirley Silich, Cindy Craney, John Morley, Patricia Smith, Sherry Watt, and Sally Luettich.

July 16: The interest in the tennis courts at the Red Brick School as expressed by residents was good. The courts are now being cleaned up and the lines painted. One court at least will be ready for play by Friday evening. The nets will be left up all of the time.

Construction on the new high school building on Ill. Route 71 in Oswego was reported on schedule by Warren Brothers Construction. An Aug. 1 completion date was anticipated.

Douglas Moews of Greggsville, Ill., was appointed the new principal at Oswego High School, replacing Howard Smucker, who resigned to work with Western Illinois University.

Ron Silvius, chairman of the Jaycees committee for the erection of the shelter at Waa-Kee-Sha Park, drove home the last nail at 3:30 last Saturday afternoon to climax six weekends of work by members of the Oswegoland organization.

July 23: The new Kendall County Forest Preserve District pronounced itself ready to receive gifts of land. The district was formed April 14 by a voter of 2,935 to 1,416. The district's commissioners proposed acquiring natural lands "while they are still available."

Don L. Dise announced the first businesses had signed leases for store spaces in the new Boulder Hill Market on Boulder Hill Pass. Gromer Supermarkets, Grimm's Drug Stores, and a barbershop called "The Yankee Clipper" were the first tenants.

July 30: All members of the little league program sponsored by the Oswego Park District were invited to attend a trip to see the Chicago White Sox play at Comiskey Park in Chicago on Aug. 7.

August -- 1964

Aug. 6: Oswego school officials were predicting an enrollment of about 2,400 students for the 1964-65 school year. Two elementary schools were in operation for kindergarten through sixth grade, Boulder Hill School with 23 rooms including the four new rooms under construction, and East View School in Oswego.

The Oswego Plan Commission was reviewing a preliminary plat of Unit 14 of Boulder hill submitted by Don L. Dise, Inc., consisting of 107 lots located south and west of the Boulder Hill Neighborhood Church of the Brethren and Boulder hill School on an extension of Circle Drive West and Codorus Road.

The Oswego Park District was planning a trip to Comiskey Park on Aug. 7 to see the White Sox play.

The Oswego Plan Commission completed a report on parking in the village's downtown and submitted it to the village board for study.

The August meeting of the Boulder Hill Welcome Wagon Club was a theatre party at the Boulder Hill Playhouse.

A study was underway by the Chicago planning firm of Carl L. Gardiner and Associates for a long range land use plan for Kendall County. The *Ledger* said the plan would be similar to the one completed by Oswego some years previously. "Oswego's plan came into being due to the foresightedness of many local residents who saw a rapid growth beginning in the area a decade ago and knew that only intelligent use of the land space would govern an orderly development of residences, business, industry, and other land uses," the *Ledger* noted.

Aug. 13: A new Boy Scout troop, Troop 63, was being formed in Oswego under the direction of scoutmaster Herb Squier.

Petitions were being circulated to establish an Oswego Township Library District. The petitions called for a special election on the issue to be held Nov. 3.

Aug. 20: A tour of the new Oswego High School under construction on Ill. Route 71 was planned for Aug. 27. The school was due to open at the start of the 1964-65 school year and house grades 10, 11, and 12. In other school news, starting time at all buildings was 8:30 a.m. and dismissal time was 3:30 p.m.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the Oswego Presbyterian Church's new building on Ill. Route 25 north of Oswego was set for 4 p.m. Aug. 23. Cost of the new building was estimated at \$270,000.

September -- 1964

Sept. 3: The groundbreaking for the Church of the Good Shepherd's new educational building on the lot adjacent to the church was set for 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 6. The new building was designed to provide facilities for the church's Sunday school and office as well as Valley Haven School for special children. Contractor for the building was Stan Young of Oswego.

Sept. 10: Oswego's schools opened with a record enrollment of 2,309, an increase of 78 students above the previous year. The new principal at Oswego High School was Doug Moews, who replaced Howard Smucker at the helm. School guidance counselor was Jim Aird.

A financial report on the 1964 Oswegoland Summer Festival shows net proceeds of over \$1,400, with half of that amount going to the new Oswegoland Library and the other half to the Valley Haven School for Exceptional Children.

Any flower enthusiasts in the community who have any extra spring flowering bulbs such as crocus, snow drops, grape hyacinth, aconite, chionodoxas, squills, daffodils, and narcissus can be of service to the comm. Unity by donating them to the Oswego Park District for planting at the new Oswegoland Waubonsie Park site, home of the new Oswegoland Library building.

Reverend Francis L. Filas, S.J., chairman of Loyola University's Theology Department, will speak at an open house, to be held in the Oswego High School gym on Friday, Sept. 11, at 8:30 p.m. His subject, which should be of interest to all parents, is "Sex Education of Children for Parents."

Lillian Fernandez, an American Field Service student from San Jose, Costa Rica, is making her home with the Oliver Hem family on Wolf Road. Lillian may be invited to spend time in homes in the community as well as appear and speak before any group, although the American Field Service specifies that no speaking engagements may be made after the end of April.

Sept. 17: Mrs. Carlton Friebele, an employee of the Oswego Community Bank, was notified this week that she is the winner of the grand prize in Nation-wide contest sponsored by the Bank of America. Mrs. Friebele wins as her prize a two-week Pacific Holiday for Two.

The Oswego Panther Varsity and Soph teams go into action Friday evening, Sept. 18, on the local gridiron against Marseilles.

The county chairman of the "Citizens for Goldwater," Myron Wormley, has announced that he is being assisted by a number of citizens and that co-chairmen for Oswego Township are Dr. DeVol, Oswego, and David Kennedy, Boulder Hill.

Residents of the Oswegoland area are reminded of the vote to be held on the new Oswegoland Library on Election Day, Nov. 3. The dedication date for the new building is set for Sunday, Oct. 18. The library is currently open for use by the public on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Books are being placed on the new shelving as rapidly as possible.

Sept. 24: The Oswego High School varsity and sophomore gridgers travel to Geneva on Friday evening. Oswego lost its opening game to Marseilles last Friday, although the sophomores easily bested their foes.

October -- 1964

Oct. 1: The Oswego Lions Club announced their annual Lions Candy Day for Saturday, Oct. 10, to benefit the blind.

Deposits at the Oswego Community Bank reached over the three million dollar mark. "This shows a healthy and steady growth in the Oswegoland bank in the five years it has been organized," the *Ledger* suggested. "The Oswego Community Bank is unique in the fact that it has over 200 local stock holders. It is truly a community bank in the broadest sense of the word."

John Bednarcik, principal of East View School, is attending the fall conference of the Illinois School Principals' Association in Peoria.

Oct. 8: The new Oswegoland Senior High School will be dedicated on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 8, the first day of American Education Week. Ray Page, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will be the principal speaker.

A few thoughtless people have been dumping refuse outside of the designated areas at the Oswegoland Dump. Residents are hereby notified that persons who dump any kind of materials anywhere but in the designated areas will not only be ordered to clean up the mess, but will be taken to court and fined. The fine for such an offense is not less than \$25 nor more than \$100.

The Boulder Hill School will be flying a flag which has previously flown over our national capitol in Washington. This flag was secured by the Civic Association through Rep. Charlotte T. Reid, and will be dedicated in special ceremonies at the school on Sunday Afternoon, Oct. 11 by Mrs. Reid.

Oswego High School Homecoming activities were set for Oct. 16-17. The annual parade was to march from the Oswego Junior High parking lot down Jackson Street, Main Street, up Tyler Street and ending back at the junior high. The Panthers were set to play the Kaneland Knights. The homecoming dance was set for the new high school cafeteria on Saturday evening. Admission was \$1.25 for singles and \$1.75 for couples.

Oct. 15: The Oswego Park District announced Waa-Kee-Sha park would be closed weekdays starting Oct. 19 and would remain open weekends until the weather forced it to close for the season.

The dedication ceremony schedule for the Oswegoland Library, set for Sunday, Oct. 18, was announced. The Oswego High School Band, under the direction of James Felts, was to open the ceremony followed by a flag dedication by Janet Bolin, Kathy Doty, Jeff Harvey, and Mike Conover, who were representing the youth of the community. The invocation was scheduled to be given by Woodrow Wooley, pastor of the Oswego Presbyterian Church with a welcome by Earl Zentmyer, president of the Oswegoland Library Association. C.W. Clark, a member of the library board, was set to introduce the speaker, Neil Hurley, head of Thor Power Tool Company, Aurora. Zentmyer was then scheduled to present the building's keys to William Crimmin, acting Oswego Village President. The benediction was to be given by the Rev. Clifford Brier of St. Anne's Catholic Church.

Following a two-year study that began with a state-sponsored workshop, modern mathematics was introduced to East View School when school began. Student and teacher response to the program has been unusually favorable, the *Ledger* reported.

The old bell from the Red Brick School has been installed in the courtyard of the new high school. The Class of 1964 dedicated it to be used as a victory bell for the high school interscholastic games. The bell is to be rung following a victory by the Panther teams. [Editor's note: Actually, it was the bell from the Little White School; the Red Brick School bell remained in storage with the school district until 1980 when it replaced the OHS victory bell, which was restored to the Little White School.]

Quarterback Steve Parker led the Oswego Panther varsity football team to their first victory of the season, beating St. Charles, 34-13. Parker threw three touchdown passes, two of them to John Mang.

Oct. 22: Susan Hundley was crowned queen and Larry Lakeman king of the Oswego High School Homecoming. Attendants were Shirley Becker, Nancy Lorang, Mary Ann McKeown, Linda McKittrick, Rita Derksen and Elise Borino. Gary Zoeller, Ed Williams, Scott Garrison, John Mang, Brad Jarman, and Steve Carlson were members of the King's court.

"New Math" Subject of PTA: The regular October meeting of the Oswego East View PTA will feature "New Math" by Richard Felker of Laidlaw Brothers Publishing. The Laidlaw texts are being used in the local school system.

Oct. 29: Oswego's newest Boy Scout Troop, Troop 63, will hold its Charter Presentation and awards tonight (Oct. 29) at the American Legion Hall at 7:30.

In addition to voting on national, state, and county officials next Tuesday, Oswegoland residents will be asked to vote on establishing the Oswego Township Library on a permanent basis. The new building, at the north end of Main Street, was dedicated on Sunday, Oct. 18. It was built with the aid of almost every family residing in Oswego Township on a voluntary donation basis. Every dollar that went into the building, \$35,000, was given toward the project because the donor believed that libraries are important to young and old alike. Currently the library is open only 12 hours per week. When operated as a township library, it will be open a minimum of 36 hours per week. The yearly operating cost of the library will be approximately 40 cents on a \$1,000 of assessed valuation (a home valued for tax purposes at \$7,000 would be taxed \$2.80 per year). The six area residents running for library board positions were Joann Dean, Boulder Hill; Mabel Carpenter, Oswego; Ernest Spiller, Boulder Hill; Warren Norris, Oswego; Charlotte Herren, Oswego; and Earl Zentmyer, Oswego.

November -- 1964

Nov. 5: By a large majority, the voters of Oswego Township put their seal of approval on a township library to be supported by tax money. In balloting, 2,276 voted yes and 654 voted no, according to unofficial totals.

An unprecedented number of voters turned out to the polls in Oswego's eight precincts this Tuesday to vote for office seekers all the way from president down to precinct committeemen. A total of 3,143 of the township's 3,374-68 percent-turned out for the vote. Barry Goldwater carried the township against Lyndon Johnson, 1,856 to 1,265 votes.

The cornerstone of the new Good Shepherd Education Building will be set in place this coming Sunday at a brief service beginning at 11:45. Following morning worship, the congregation will assemble at the site for the ceremonies. To be sealed in the stone for posterity to review will be several interesting documents including the membership roll and Sunday School enrollment of the church, a history of the church, a bulletin, pictures, and names of church officials.

When the new Oswego High School is dedicated this Sunday, it will culminate the fourth building project in this community since 1951, Superintendent T. Loyd Traughber said this week. (1) 1951-High school to accommodate 300 students. A-1953 junior high addition of six classrooms; B-1960 music and physical education addition of five rooms; C-1962 shop and classroom additions, four rooms. (2) 1958 East View Elementary School of eight rooms, cafeteria and gymnasium; A-1960 first addition of four classrooms; B-1961-1962 second addition of seven classrooms, music room and two toilets; C-1963-1964 addition of four classrooms. (3) 1960 Boulder Hill Elementary School of 19 classrooms and gymnasium, and the 1964 addition of four classrooms.

The Oswego High School Varsity Football Team was getting ready to close out their conference season with a game against West Chicago. Under the leadership of quarterback Steve Parker, and after a rocky non-conference start to the season, the Panthers had run up conference slate with just one loss before the game.

Nov. 12: Oswego High School's Varsity Football Team tied for second place in the Little Seven Conference with Geneva after drubbing West Chicago 31-7 in the last game of the season. Sycamore, with an undefeated season, took first place in the conference.

Parents at Boulder Hill School heard a program on the school district's new "Modern Math Program" by a representative of Laidlaw Brothers Publishing.

Nov. 19: The Oswego Council of Churches was set to hold their annual Union Thanksgiving Service Wednesday, Nov. 25, at the Oswego Prairie Church. The high school choir, under the direction of Reeve Thompson, will present special songs of praise and Thanksgiving. The Rev. Frank Minton, Church of the Good Shepherd, will present the Thanksgiving meditation.

Nov. 26: The members of the Priscilla Guild of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Boulder Hill were planning their annual bazaar for Thursday, Dec. 3 at the church. The bazaar featured the guild's annual barbecue supper.

The Oswego High School Wrestling Team was set to open their season at Lincolnway High School on Nov. 28, under varsity coach Bill Kontos.

The annual football banquet, sponsored each year by the Oswego High School Athletic Booster Club, was set for Dec. 12 in the high school cafeteria. Guest speaker was to be Chicago Bears Quarterback Rudy Bukich.

The new Oswegoland Township Library Board was sworn in Nov. 19 by Town Clerk Theodore Gerry. The new directors are Mabel Carpenter, Joann Dean, Charlotte Herren, Warren Norris, Ernest Spiller, and Earl Zentmyer. After taking office the directors elected Earl Zentmyer as president and Mabel Carpenter as vice-president.

December -- 1964

Dec. 3: The Oswegoland Jaycees will be offering fresh cut Christmas trees for sale again this year at two locations: In Oswego at the Milton Penn residence on Rt. 34 (Chicago Road), and in Boulder Hill at the top of the hill. Proceeds from the sale of the trees will go towards a civic project. One of the major projects of the 1964 years for the Jaycees was the erection of the shelter building at Waa-Kee-Sha Park.

In answer to a number of inquiries, the dump is open to residents of the Oswegoland area on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sunday afternoon. Dumping is to be done only with an attendant on duty and in a place designated by the attendant. Anyone violating the rules will be prosecuted.

Dec. 10: Mary Jill Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Peterson, Oak Hill Drive, Oswego, is one of three newly elected legislative board representatives from the Women's College Class of 1968 at MacMurray College, Jacksonville. Miss Peterson attended Oswego High School where she served as president of the student council and was a member of the National Honor Society. She was a cheerleader and worked on the yearbook.

Kendall County Sheriff Oliver Mundwiler reported 34 traffic accidents in November throughout the unincorporated areas of the county plus five investigations, one burglary, 29 summons served, 15 writs served, 9 warrants served, and three prisoners transported.

The Boulder Hill Sports and Social Club was planning a dance to be held Dec. 11 at the Holiday Inn in North Aurora.

Dec. 24: The new Oswegoland Library announced a story hour every Saturday starting Jan. 9 for children age 5-8 years.

A Burger Boat with a hamburger, French fries, and root beer was 50 cents at the Dari-Boat on Main Street.

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Jan. 14: At its January meeting, the Nineteenth Century Club voted to turn over its library equipment and books to the new Oswegoland Township Library. The club members also voted to continue maintenance and operation of the library until such times as tax moneys are available--probably in June. The gift of books will provide a nucleus of more than 8,000 volumes for the tax-supported library, books that the club has accumulated through the 65 years (1899-1964) it provided a library for Oswegoland residents.

Jan. 21: The Oswego Community Bank was low bidder on the last portion of the high school bond issue passed in 1963. The bank picked up \$65,000 in bonds at an interest rate of 2.9 percent. The first sale of bonds for the new high school was on Aug. 5, 1963 in the amount of

\$935,000 to Harris Trust and Savings, Chicago, at a rate of 2.7991 percent. The second portion of the bonds in the amount of \$400,000 was purchased by Halsey Stuart Company, Chicago on May 11, 1964 at a rate of 3.0021 percent.

Some thoughtless resident fouled up the village sanitary sewage treatment plant last week by dumping oil into the sewer system. The entire plant had to be shut down and renovated due to the oil film that covered everything killing all bacteria.

Twila's Beauty Shop (Twila Lawsha) 320 S. Madison, Oswego.

Jan. 28: Dedication services for the new educational building of the Church of the Good Shepherd will be held Sunday afternoon, Jan. 31. The dedication service will be held at 2:30 followed by an open house from 3:30 to 5. The building will be in full use every day. On Sundays, it will provide classroom space for nursery through senior high departments. Throughout the week, the lower floor will be used by the Valley Haven School for Exceptional Children. The new unit will also house the church offices.

Sunday will mark the culmination of an expansion program that began over six years ago with the purchase of a vacant building next to the church. An additional building was purchased several years later. These facilities were used until the congregation grew in size to the point where the present major building program was a reality.

Most of the work has been done by local firms. The architects were O. Kleb and Associates of Aurora. The general contractor was Stanley Young. Subcontractors included Larry Dodd, masonry; Gordon Wormley, electrical; Homer Dickson, Yorkville, plumbing; W.H. McDowell, structural steel; John Spang, sheet metal; Victor Cook, Aurora, heating and ventilation; Larry Nedrow, Aurora, Painting; Chapman-Rayall, Aurora, roofing; Pittsburgh Glass Co., Aurora, glazing. Lumber supplies were purchased through Alexander Lumber. Interior paint came from Oswego Hardware. Cabinetry was by Dale Valbert.

February -- 1965

Feb. 4: Larry Dodd and Tom Springer, Troop 63, Oswego, are among the first Scouts in the KeDeKa area to receive Eagle awards in 1965.

Feb. 11: Mary Ann McKeown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett McKeown, Oswego, has been selected by her senior classmates and the high school faculty as the winner of the school's DAR Award.

A special meeting of the electors of Oswego Township will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 23, in Town Hall, for the purpose of enacting an ordinance transferring the new library from the Village of Oswego to the Township of Oswego. The property to be transferred is an 80x80 foot piece of ground on which the library building is situated. The property was originally transferred from the Oswego Park District to the Village of Oswego. The Park District owns and maintains the balance of the two-acre site, which comprises Waubonsie Park.

The completion of the triple play--from park district to village to township--came as the result of a successful referendum last April to create a tax-supported public library on a township basis.

Feb. 18: A petition bearing the signatures of 889 Oswego Township residents has been filed with Town Clerk Ted Gerry asking that a local option vote be taken on Tuesday, April 6, the regular election date, to approve or disapprove the sale of alcoholic liquor containing more than 4 percent of alcohol in the original package and not for consumption on the premises in Oswego Township.

Feb. 25: Brad Jarman, 138-pound grappler for the Oswego Panthers, qualified for the Illinois State Finals by taking first place in his weight in the sectional competition held last week at Stagg High School in Palos Hills. Jarman currently has a 20-3 record for the season.

The Panther varsity cagers take part in the District tournament at Geneva this week. Opening game for the Oswego five will be against Lisle on Wednesday evening. The Panthers wound up the season with a rousing 73-65 win over Sycamore Saturday night to end up with an 8-6 record in the Little Seven Conference. Oswego is 12-8 for the season.

March -- 1965

March 4: The new Boulder Hill Market is fast nearing completion, and April 1 has been announced as the official opening date by Don L. Dise. The Market will incorporate a grocery supermarket and bakery; a drug and variety store; a barber shop; and a dry cleaner. Negotiations are now being carried on with prospective tenants for the balance of the space.

March 11: The Oswego High School variety show, "A Stroll through the Nineties," is just one week away. There will be specialty acts including ventriloquism, vocal and dance numbers, etc.

Cheryl Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. George Smith, Oswego, was recently installed as corresponding secretary of 4-H House on the University of Illinois campus. Cheryl is a junior majoring in home economics.

March 18: Waa Kee Sha Park will open about April 15 in order that early nature lovers will have an opportunity to view the spring wild flowers and check on the warbler migrations. Reservations are now being taken for the shelter on a first come, first served basis. Improvements at Waa Kee Sha this year will include a number of pieces of playground apparatus for children's use. The swings, climbers, etc. will be made from wooden poles in keeping with the naturalness of the park. This project will be undertaken by the Oswegoland Jaycees, the same group that erected the shelter last summer.

March 25: *Ledger* Ownership to Change Hands

New Publishers Next Issue

Announcement is hereby made that, effective Friday, March 26, the new owners and publishers of the *Oswego Ledger* will be Donald and Ann Krahn, Riverside Drive, Oswego, Illinois. The first issue under the new ownership will be Thursday, April 1, 1965.

Fifteen Years and Five Months Later

This last issue of the *Oswego Ledger* under the present ownership is V. 16, No. 21, which means that 771 issues have been printed during the past 15 years and five months. It is always a temptation to look backward at a time like this, I yield to this temptation only to quote an editorial from the second issue, Nov. 24, 1949: "The first issue of the *Oswego Ledger* is history. On the whole the comments about the paper were kind and generous. There were a few, however, who took one look, lifted a knowing eyebrow, and said, 'It won't last! Nothing in Oswego ever does!' Each comment was listened to carefully. The task of the *Oswego Ledger*, it would seem, is now twofold: First, to prove to the majority that their initial enthusiasm is not misplaced; Second, to prove to the minority that they were wrong. It will be left to time to tabulate the results."

I would be remiss if, at this time, I did not state publicly my appreciation to all those who advertised in the *Ledger* over the years because the advertisers have underwritten the cost of the entire operation. Many of the advertisers in this issue have advertised in every one of the 771 issues published. Without their loyal support the *Ledger* would have died a natural death a good many years ago. I would sincerely hope that this support is given to the new owners in the years ahead.

I would also be remiss if I did not say something nice about the readers of the *Ledger* over all these years, both those who commented favorably and those who criticized from time to time. The first kind of comments caused a warm glow of satisfaction and the latter proved to me that the *Ledger* was being read.

I have no way of guaranteeing what the editorial policy of the new owners will be, but I am sure that they are thinking in terms of a bigger and better *Oswego Ledger*. I wish them every success, and hope that 15 years and five months from now the *Ledger* will still be serving the Oswegoland community.

Ford L. Lippold

#### Market Opening on April 1

The bustle of activity around the Boulder Hill Market has largely moved from the exterior to the interior, with the contractor's trucks being replaced by the delivery vans bringing fixtures and merchandise to stock the shelves as the opening date nears.

The Gromer Super Market will occupy 10,000 square feet including its own bakery, as well as a complete line of groceries, meats, produce, and a variety of delicatessen items prepared in Gromer's own kitchens. This is the fifth in the Gromer chain, three stores in Elgin and one in Hanover Park, which opened in 1962.

Grimm's Drug Store, well-known in Aurora for 75 years, will have a drug and variety store in the shopping center. For several years they have served the Boulder Hill area with delivery service from their Aurora store. They also operate a store in St. Charles. The Yankee Clipper, a barber shop with a nautical décor, will be operated by Ken and Ellis Van Metter and Ken Nadelhoffer. The fourth store will be another outlet for Illinois Cleaners and Launderers.

April -- 1965

April 1: For the past several months a group of interested citizens has been studying a plan recommended by Carl Gardner & Associates planners hired by the Kendall County Board of Supervisors, to analyze and recommend proper land use for our county. One of their suggestions

for Oswego has been to use the city block, where the vacated Red Brick School stands, for local municipal buildings and a post office, as the proper time arrives (example: a new village hall, police department and garage, a township office, a future fire station site, and best of all, a post office).

To date, representatives of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oswego, the Oswego Township Board, and the Oswego Park District have met with the directors of the Oswego School District regarding the purchase of this site by the township. Such a purchase would allow the township to legally hold the property until the proper time arrives for the other municipal interests to acquire what they need individually for their respective buildings.

Plans were for the township to acquire the site for \$40,000 and to assure that it would not be sold to private interests.

Elections will be held Tuesday, April 6, for Township, Cemetery, Library and Park District Commissioners. Also, there will be a referendum (outside the Village) on the sale of packaged liquor.

Voters living outside the corporate limits of the Village of Oswego will have an opportunity to vote on a referendum on the sale of packaged liquor on Tuesday, April 6, at all eight election precincts. The area covered in this referendum is all of Oswego Township with the exception of the corporate Village of Oswego. Voters in favor of the sale of packaged liquor would vote "no" on the ballot. Those opposed to the sale of packaged liquor would vote "yes."

#### April 8: Know Your School Board Candidates

Mr. Harley Swanquist is director of marketing for Globe Lumber Co. He has lived in Oswego for 11 years, is trustee of the Baptist Church, and a member of the Oswego Plan Commission. He has three children in school.

Mrs. Freda Swanson is a housewife from Boulder Hill. She is secretary of the Social and Saddle Club, a member of the Boulder Hill PTA. She has four children in school.

Dr. Walter Brill served four and a half years on the grade school board before the unit district was formed. He is connected with the Saxon Clinic in Oswego.

Gerald Dauwalder is an incumbent to succeed himself. He is a welder. He is master of the Oswego Masonic Lodge. He has two children in school.

Jack E. Brobst is now serving the unexpired term of Stuart Payne, having been appointed by the board last fall when Mr. Payne resigned due to health. He is in market research. He has two children in school.

Jay C. Beckley is a lawyer and accountant. He is connected with the Harris Trust Bank in Chicago. He has two children in school.

The Progressive Party is offering a full slate of candidates on April 20 at the Village election.

Harry F. Fuller is the nominee for Village President. Candidates for Trustees are Carl L. Smith, William H. McDowell, and Floyd Foss. Lorane Peshia is the nominee for Village Clerk.

Running on the Independent Ticket and as the only opposition on the ballot, is Woodrow P. Boone, candidate for Village Clerk.

**NOTICE TO VOTERS OF SCHOOL  
DISTRICT NUMBER 308**

The Oswego Community Unit School District 308 was organized in 1961 under the state law that four school board members should be elected from Oswego Township and three from NaAuSay, Bristol, and Wheatland townships. To insure full representation from each township, we asked the cooperation of the voters to elect two from Boulder Hill and two from the balance of Oswego Township and one from each of the other three townships in our district. The voters in the past respected this request. This year, this representation could be thrown out of balance.

We urge voters to study the ballot and keep the representation where it will best serve our schools

C.W. CLARK  
Secretary  
Board of Education  
District 308

Fred Briggs, secretary-treasurer of the Kendall County Deputy Sheriff's Assn., would like to notify all members of this organization and all members of the Kendall County Auxiliary Police (Civil Defense Unit) that due to "circumstances beyond our control," the first class of Riot (or Mob) Control will be held at the Yorkville High School on Tuesday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. instead of April 6.

#### FIRSTS FOR BOULDER HILL

With the opening of the Boulder Hill Market last week and the huge crowds flocking to the stores, we are reminded of a number of other "firsts" on Boulder Hill. To our newer neighbors, it may be of interest to know:

Spring 1956: ground broken for first model house.

June 1956: first house sold.

Sept. 1956: first open house of models.

To. 1957: first worship service held in temporary church building.

July 1958: first streets oiled.

Sept. 1958: first kindergarten opened under Boulder Hill Kindergarten Assn.

December 1958: first Christmas Decorating Contest.

June 1959: first summer playground program on Boulder Hill.

Sept. 1959: first school opened on Boulder Hill.

Oct. 1959: first house to house mail delivery.

April 1960: first polling place for election.

August 1960: dedication of SuzanJohn Park.

Oct. 1960: first bus service via Boulder Hill Express.

July 1961: New entrance to Boulder Hill opened off By Pass Route 30.

Sept. 1961: first classes held in permanent school.

Sept. 1961: first services held in permanent church.

April 15: According to the official canvas of the vote from Saturday's Oswego School Board election, Harley M. Swanquist was elected to serve for a full three years from Oswego Township, Gerald Dauwalder for a full three year term from outside the township, and Jack Brobst to fill the unexpired term of two years from Oswego Township.

An election was held at the meeting at which C.W. Clark was chosen as president for the next school year, Gilbert Jarman as vice president, and Robert Cherry as secretary.

The appointments made were T.L. Traugher corresponding secretary; E.M. McKeon as school treasurer; and Jerome Nelson, legal advisor.

According to those present, the largest group ever to attend a town meeting was present at the Masonic Hall on April 6.

Possibly the most important item of business was the vote to authorize the purchase of the Red Brick School building and site by the Town of Oswego. A purchase price of \$40,000 plus half the legal transfer expense was authorized. The Town Board was also authorized to demolish the building this year. The vote on the authorization for purchase of the school was 82 in favor, one opposed.

The first library ordinance and budget was passed. Also passed was a levy for the library of \$15,474.74.

Delreen Hafenrichter will appear on WTTW Channel 11, Chicago, on Sunday, April 18, at 7 p.m. She will sing the role of Susanna, from Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro" excerpts of which are to be presented by the University Opera Group on the half-hour broadcast.

Beginning Saturday, April 17, Waa-Kee-Sha Park will be open daily from 9 a.m. until dusk. The first of the spring flowers will be blooming along the self-guided nature trail, which winds for a little over a mile through the park. A guide booklet, available at the beginning of the nature trail, describes 30 points of interest along the way.. Hikers are warned that there may be muddy spots this early in the year.

Carr's Department Store is marking the beginning of its 28th year in Oswego with the expansion of their present facilities. An enlarged men's and boy's department is being added in the rear of the store. The area formerly occupied by his department will be used to expand sewing and housewares department and ladies and children wear. The new area will probably be completed about the first of May.

The original Carr's Department Store first opened on April 1, 1938, in the building now occupied by the Oswego Hardware Store. In 1949, it was moved to its present location. In 1958, the size of the store was doubled.

The Dari-Boat in downtown Oswego was advertising their Burgerboat special, a hamburger, French fries and root beer, for 50 cents.

In the referendum for the local option on packaged liquor, 330 yes votes were cast and 477 no votes.

April 22: Oswego Unit 675 of the American Legion Auxiliary will play hostess to the women of Oswego and surrounding communities at an open house on April 26 at 8 p.m. Miss Lillianna Fernandez, the foreign exchange student from Costa Rico, will be the guest speaker. Miss Fernandez is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hemm. She is a student at the Oswego Community High School.

With the opening of Waa-Kee-Sha Park last week, the park district superintendent, Ford L. Lippold has sent word that the new shelter building is available to family groups by reservation.

The shelter may be reserved without cost by scouts, church groups, civil organizations, and for family reunions, providing the gathering originates with some taxpaying resident of the Oswego park District, which includes Boulder Hill. A minimum of 25 persons is needed to reserve the 62x22 foot shelter, which contains 16 picnic tables, has several charcoal grills, and will accommodate 100 to 125 people.

At the meeting of the Boulder Hill Civic Association last Wednesday, it was voted to proceed with the arrangements for spraying to control mosquitoes. The Clarke Outdoor Spraying Co. of LaGrange will be hired to do the work.

April 29: The Oswegoland Park District has placed a display cabinet in the new Oswegoland Library. This cabinet will be used by the park district for timely displays of educational value and of interest in the field of parks and recreational activities. The initial display is on spring wildflowers that are now blooming or will be blooming at Waa-Kee-Sha Park.

The theme this year for the Junior-Senior Prom is "Moonlight and Roses." The prom will be held on May 1, 1965 in the new Oswego High School Gymnasium. This is an annual event given by the Juniors for the Seniors.

Adult directors at the Oswegoland Park District's Boulder Hill School Playground will include Mrs. Doris Regnier, Mrs. Marge Wilson, Mrs. Bonnie Robinson, John Morley and Gary Zoeller. Junior leaders will be Linda Wilson, Donna McKittrick, and Shari Seefeldt.

Adult Directors for East View School Playground will be Mrs. Lois Morley, Dale LaGow, and Susan Smith. Junior leaders will be Sherri Smith and Connie Weidert.

In recognition of excellence in scholarship, Judith Anne Gish, Rita Marie Bell, James H. Gates, and Steven A. Smith, all recent graduates of Oswego Community High School will be among those honored by the University of Illinois at the 41st annual Honors Day Convocation.

Mr. Harley Swanquist, newly elected board member, and Supt. T.L. Traughber attended the Three Rivers Division of the Illinois School Board Association at Joliet Township High School Thursday, April 22.

May -- 1965

May 6: James Aird, guidance director at Oswego High School, has completed a partial study of the high school graduates of the past five years. In the past five years, OHS has graduated 386 students. At the time of graduation or by the following fall, 45 percent were in four year colleges, 11 percent were in trade or technical schools, 4 percent were in nurse's training, 3 percent were in the armed forces, and 37 percent were married girls and boys either working or looking for work.

May 27: One hundred and twenty Oswego High School seniors are looking forward to Friday night, May 28, 1965, when they will graduate from high school. Oswego High School's gymnasium will be the scene of the largest graduating class in the history of the Oswego schools.

It will also mark the first class to graduate from the new Oswego Senior High School located on Route 71.

Speakers include valedictorian Nan Swanquist, salutatorian John Mang, Arlynn Hem and Gary Zoeller, activities, Brad Jarman, Gilmour Sportsmanship Award, and Jimmy White, citizenship. Steve Keierleber, president of the Class of 1965, will give the welcome.

Officers of the Boulder Hill Civic Association have signed a contract with the Clarke Outdoor Spraying Company for the control of mosquitoes on Boulder Hill this summer.

June -- 1965

June 3: Federal law requires all male citizens and most male aliens to register with the Selective Service System within five days after their 18th birthday.

Scotty's Drive-In at Routes 34 and 71 in Oswego was advertising their Chicken Basket for 69 cents and a 21-shrimp basket for \$1.

Denney's Grocery Store on Main Street in downtown Oswego advertised free delivery in Oswego.

A number of flowering shrubs and evergreens have been planted at SuzanJohn Park recently by the Oswegoland Park District including silky dogwood, Pfizer juniper, and green barberry.

June 10: Plans for the Oswegoland Festival, which will be held July 2-4, are being completed by the communities of Oswego and Boulder Hill.

The Boulder Hill Civic Association was planning their annual Fourth of July Parade.

June 11: In a special extra edition, the *Ledger* reported that the Zentmyer Ford Dealership in downtown Oswego had been destroyed by fire. "Estimates on the damage caused by the fire run between \$100,000 and \$200,000. There was also minor damage to the Jacqueline Shop across the street and the building owned by Herb Rucks, which sits next to Zentmyer's. Two of the Oswego Volunteer Firemen, Paul Krahn and Wayne Denney, were overcome by smoke and heat but quickly recovered and returned to fight the fire again. Wives of the firemen were on the scene with sandwiches, coffee, and cold pop."

June 17: In the past week or ten days, there have been new signs put up in the rural area of Oswego. These numbers are to better identify property locations for fire and emergency vehicles as well as other uses. The bulk of this expense is born by the local Oswego Fire Protection District.

Please, when calling the fire department, give your complete name and number and road name as it appears on the sign.

At the June 7 meeting of the village board, a letter was read from Myron Wormley, Oswego Township Supervisor, regarding the old red brick school, to which they will be taking title this week.

Mr. Wormley requested that a committee representing the village board be appointed to meet with representatives of other municipal groups that are interested in becoming a part of the future development of this site. The committee appointed was Trustee Foss, W.H. McDowell, and John Buss.

In other business, a meeting will be called of the school board, village board, and Dr. Bell to discuss the extension of Ashland Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. LeClercq of 193 N. Madison Street, Oswego, announce the birth of a son, June 3. The baby was named David Preston LeClercq.

June 24: Plans were announced today by Milton Penn for the resumption of the fogging program for mosquitoes in the village.

However, it has been the experience of the drivers in the past that children find the white fog almost irresistible, and tend to follow the fogger despite repeated warnings from the drivers.

Mr. Penn has asked the cooperation of all parents in keeping their children from following the fogger.

Miss Patricia Conroy of Oswego will be one of 18 area girls in competition for the title of Miss Fox Valley. She is being sponsored by the Oswego Jaycees. She is presently employed by the Oswego School District as a secretary.

Mrs. Janis Hoch of the Oswego Women's Civil Club won first prize award for the 12th District of the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs for her oil painting, "Freedom," a representation of the old village all on the hill in Oswego.

The Boulder Hill Civic Association recently entered into a one-year contract with Clarke Outdoor Spraying Co. to continue the mosquito control program initiated by the Civic Association in 1961.

July -- 1965

July 1: The question of whether or not to rezone the property owned by Jim Zentmyer on Route 25 in order that he may rebuild his business in that area is one that affects the entire Village of Oswego as well as the surrounding area.

According to Mr. Zentmyer, the facts in favor of rezoning the area are these:

Based on figures for the past five years, 80 percent of all Oswego's municipal sales tax is from Zentmyer Ford; 6,500 automobiles were sold, giving thousands of people cause to periodically visit Oswego and thereby expose them to the business and residential community; 23-30 people are employed by Zentmyer, 50 percent of whom live in Oswego with a payroll of \$500,000 to \$750,000.

Rebuilding on the old site is not possible for two reasons. First, the building was leased and the leasor is not interested in building a new structure on the site; the business outgrew the old site

long ago, hence a new site must be located; the site desired is on Route 25 and is already owned by Jim Zentmyer; this is the only site available to Jim Zentmyer in Oswego.

The residents of the area where Mr. Zentmyer wishes to build take an entirely different outlook, however. They feel the money and time they have invested in building up the area into the type of residential area which it is would be greatly depreciated. They do not like the idea of neon signs, loudspeakers, the heavy flow of traffic at all hours seven days a week.

Mrs. Joan Schoger will be the pilot of Team 76 when the 1965 "Powder Puff Derby" takes to the air July 3 from Gillespie Field, El Cajon, Calif. Copilot with Mrs. Schoger will be Dr. Susanne Roscoe Aurora.

Mrs. Schoger holds a commercial license with single and multi-engine ratings and has logged over 330 hours of flying time.

Miss Pat Conroy of Oswego was selected miss Congeniality at the Miss Fox Valley Pageant on Friday, June 25.

Russ Campbell, who has been in the livestock hauling business for the past 25 years in this area, was recently interviewed on Channel 5's "Town and Country" program.

Once again, a fireworks display will bring the Independence Day celebration to a close on Boulder Hill. The Sports & Social Club is planning an evening's entertainment beginning at 7 p.m. until it is dark enough to begin the fireworks.

July 8: At the village board meeting on Tuesday, July 6, the trustees turned over to the zoning commission the request for rezoning made by Zentmyer Ford concerning the property owned by Jim Zentmyer on Route 25.

The zoning commission will now call for a public hearing after which their recommendations will be turned over to the village board of trustees for final action on the matter.

Work has begun on the new sewage treatment plant for Oswego. The contract was awarded to the E.F Mueller Co. of Elgin. The plant is to be located alongside the old plant on Harrison Street. Capacity of the new plant will be 450,000 gallons per day and completion is scheduled for approximately one year from now.

Effective as of this date, the dump used by Oswegoans for the past several years between the gravel road and the river will be closed. All future dumping will be done in the designated area only on the southwest side of the road and only on days and during hours when an attendant is on duty. Any person dumping any kind of refuse, including brush and tree trimmings, at any other spot or outside of regular hours will be prosecuted as heavily as the law allows.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wolf became the parents of a daughter, Cynthia Robin, on July 5.

The Sports & Social Club of Boulder Hill has announced that within the next two to three days committee members will canvass the Boulder Hill area to collect for mosquito spraying.

July 15: Work has begun on the new park area which lies south of Oswego. On Monday, Mr., Francis Kluckhohn of Hawk, Inc., began filling in the old Oswego dump and leveling the area for the entranceway, parking area, and future picnic area of the park site.

A strip of ground approximately 1,000 feet long lying parallel with the Fox River is being worked on at this time.

The total area of the park is 168 acres. Future plans include nature trails, some of which are now cut, and possibly a lake being dredged out of one of the old pits.

The park area has already seen use, particularly by the Boy Scouts for the many splendid campsites which it affords.

July 22: Al Anderson, owner of Al & Chuck Roberts' Sinclair Station at the junction of Routes 34 and 31 at the west end of the Oswego bridge reported a burglary. Mr. Anderson stated that the thieves took money from the cash register, the cigarette machine and candy machine for a total loss of \$200.

According to Irving A. Shears, county superintendent of schools, the following Oswego High School graduates have been awarded Teacher Education Scholarships: Gary Lee Zoeller, Marmae Noggle, Carol J. Thompson, Martha Paydon, Stephen J. Keierleber, Audrey Weeks, Jane Foose, Lynne Schultz, and Larry Lakeman.

The Civic Association of Boulder Hill, which contracted for the control of mosquitoes this year by the Clarke Outdoor Spraying Co, reports that the Hill has been completely fogged twice, plus the buffer areas. Furthermore, the company has also treated all catch basins in the community.

The Building and Sites Committee of the Community Junior College Survey met at Oswego High School Tuesday evening, July 13. It is the responsibility of this committee to recommend five or more possible sites for the junior college report.

The following committees have community residents as members:

Building and Sites: Paul Kellogg, Paul Smith, Mrs. Myron Wormley, and Richard N. Young.

Publication Relations Committee: Mrs. Rachel Anderson and David Ford.

Finance Committee: Clifford Maddox, Ernest King, and Jack Olson.

Surveys Committee: Larry Lakeman, Bill Curtis, and Bob Gray.

Population Committee: Mrs. Harry Fuller.

In addition to these committee members, Mr. George Akerlow is serving as a member of the Steering Committee as a direct liaison between the survey team and the Board of Education.

July 29: Sen. Robert W. Mitchler of Oswego will be one of 32 Republican state senators who will be honored at a \$100 a plate testimonial and fundraising dinner to be held July 29 at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago.

Physical exams will be held at the Saxon Clinic, Main Street, Oswego, for all boys who wish to participate in interscholastic athletics at the Oswego junior and senior high schools for a reduced fee of \$1.

August -- 1965

Aug. 5: Contracts have been let and construction is underway for blacktop drives and parking lots at East View Elementary and Oswego Senior High School. The driveways and parking area at the high school are now being equipped with lights.

On Friday, July 30, the final sessions of the 1965 summer school at Oswego Senior High School came to a close. During this past summer, 101 students from Oswego, Yorkville, and Plano took part in summer school.

The opening date for the Oswego School District has been set for Tuesday, Aug. 31.

The Oswego Zoning Board Tuesday night voted 5-1 in opposition to the rezoning request presented by Jim Zentmyer.

Their recommendation to be presented to the village board of trustees, therefore, will be that the request be denied.

The Riverside Swim Club at Yorkville has recently opened. This club is a 70 acre wooded stretch along the Fox River northeast of Yorkville. The club has three pools located on a ridge overlooking a forest and the river. There is one Olympic-sized pool, a junior pool, and a wading pool.

Aug. 12: Shuler's Drug Store was advertising the "All New Instamatics by Kodak with flash cubes, four flashes in each cube."

Aug. 19: The Oswego Village Hall has recently been redecorated by George Lamps. The main room of the hall is now painted brown and beige, the ceiling in the police office has been repainted, and the office of the village clerk has been painted a pale lavender.

At the adjourned meeting of the village board held Aug. 9, the board voted 5-1 to reverse the decision of the zoning board and permit the rezoning of the property owned by Jim Zentmyer on Route 25 for use as the home of the new Zentmyer Ford Sales.

The Oswego Planning Commission has approved the final plat of Marina Terrace, a new subdivision on the west side of Route 31. There are 75 single-family lots in Marina Terrace, which will also have its own sewage disposal plant and water works.

Overall development of the area calls for apartment buildings in the future. There is seven acres zoned for business. The owners expect to start construction of single-family homes this fall.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new village sewage plant. The plant will be a Walker Process Plant, manufactured in Aurora. The concrete tank will measure 63'6" across the top in diameter and will be 17 feet deep. There will be room for another tank of the same size in back of the one now under construction should the village need it in the future. However, the present population of Oswego is approximately 1,500 people, the tank which is being built will service 3,500 people.

The entire area, when complete will be landscaped and surrounded by a 6' fence.

Aug. 26: The Red Brick School, a historic landmark, is being demolished this week. The Oswego High School and Grade School (No. 4) had their beginnings when the old stone school house was destroyed by fire March 2, 1885 and the board of directors, David Hall, W.H. McConnell and J.B. Hunt at once took steps to purchase the old Court House property, then owned by the Town of Oswego, for the new school site. A newly-elected board of directors, Adam Armstrong, Frank O. Hawley, and David Hall, paid \$5,000 for the whole square (eight city lots) and supervised the building of the new school house, which cost \$10,000. The building was completed in 1886, with Walter McFarlane as Principal, who served until 1890. This is the older part of the Red Brick School. Following are principals who served in succession: A.W. Merrill, L.S. Ross, Mr. Buck, C.H. Newman, F.W. Cole, B.E. Esplund, V.B. Brown, W.L. Uhl, A.N. Barron, Mr. Manley, John Clayton, Mr. [Melvin] Attig, Mr. [C.H.] Salter, Mr. [Harold] Kirkhus, Mr. [H.B.] Tate, and the present superintendent, T. Loyd Traughber since 1948. An addition to the Red Brick School was added in 1926 consisting of a gymnasium and five classrooms. The cost of the addition was \$27,000. The building was repaired by being sandblasted in 1948 and coated with a brick colored paint, striped to resemble brick, the pigeon roost removed and part of the decorative front. The original school bell, cornerstone with the original Board of Education member, name place, and some of the original stone have been saved. The bell on top of the building was removed by the class of 1964 and mounted at the new high school in the center of the inner courtyard. The bell will be used as a victory bell after athletic contests. Pictures of the original stone school, the original and present Red Brick School have been preserved in the present new high school under the direction of the present school superintendent. The present Unit District Board of Education sold back to the Town of Oswego in 1965 for \$40,000 the present building and site with directive from the caucus of voters present that it be removed in order that the site might be used by the village for up-to-date municipal buildings, offices and such other uses as the site can be best utilized.

Rick Law of Boulder Hill won a Super Deluxe Ranger Bicycle given away at Don's Bike Shop, located at 273 Main Street in Oswego.

The new building of the Oswego Presbyterian Church in Cedar Glen is nearing completion. The building is about one-half mile north of Oswego.

The new building will be an "L" in shape, with the chancel wing 121 feet long and 35 feet wide. The side wing, containing church offices, a lounge, and classroom space will be 53 feet by 43 feet. A fellowship hall with folding partitions under the sanctuary will provide additional classroom space. The exterior of the building will be of face brick, stone, and decorative panels of cathedral glass.

The building was designed by Stade and Associates of Park Ridge. General Contractors are W.E. McDuffee & Sons.

Members of the Oswegoland Jaycees have been busy the past two weekends at Waa-Kee-Sha Park building six pieces of playground equipment from cedar logs.

The decision to use log play equipment, rather than manufactured metal products, is in keeping with the Oswego Park District's policy that Waa-Kee-Sha should remain as much a natural wooded area as possible and still provide facilities that will make it a fine place to fixit.

This is the second major project at Waa-Kee-Sha by the Oswegoland Jaycees. Last year the group erected the 62x22 foot open-air shelter which is available to organizations and family groups on a reservation basis

September -- 1965

Sept. 2: The Oswego Community Schools opened the school term 1965-66 Tuesday Aug. 31, with a total enrollment of 2,484. This is an increase of 173 students over the 1964-65 enrollment of 2,311, or an increase of 7.5 percent.

The faculty workshop was held Monday, Aug. 30. It was attended by 124 certified teachers, four building principals, one business manager, and one superintendent. Four teachers on the staff have experience in excess of 40 years each. They are Miss Mildred Vickery, Mr. Reeve Thompson, Mrs. Grace Jones, and Superintendent T. Loyd Traugher.

Surveys conducted by the Kane-Kendall Community College committees during the summer months began to take form last week when the committees met at Aurora College. The reports released at committee level covered population and community history, financial resources, the planned educational program, speakers' bureau, and statistics on area high school students. Data on building sites and occupational survey facts are in final stages of processing.

The Oswego Plan commission held its 100th meeting last Tuesday night in the Village hall. The main business of the evening was the approval of two preliminary subdivision plats totaling 126 lots.

The first plat approved was that of Maple Lane Estates, Robert R James, developer. The plat calls for 56 lots to be situated on a tract of land south and west of Oswego on Route 71 and bounded by Minkler Road. These lots will have their own wells and septic systems.

The second plat approved was for the first section of Windcrest Subdivision of 70 lots to be situated east of Oswego on Route 34 on what has been recently known as the J. McGarry farm. Developer of Windcrest is the Monier Sheep Co., Montgomery. These lots will be served with village water and will have their own septic systems.

The Oswego Plan Commission also went on record as approving the rezoning of 80 acres of land on the Monier property lying between Route 34 and the Waubonsie Creek from residential to agriculture in order that a nine-hole golf course may be developed on the property. A spokesman for the Monier Company indicated that grading and seeding will begin on the golf course this fall and that it should be ready for use in 1967.

The above two subdivisions, plus the 70-lot Marina Terrace, Route 31, approved at the August meeting provide for a potential of over 200 additional homes in Oswego Township. These, added to the huge acreage of Boulder Hill, Brookside Manor, Riverview Heights, and others would indicate that Oswego Township has available between 1,500 and 2,000 building lots. There are presently about 2,000 homes in the township. A doubling of population in the next decade is not only possible but probable.

A few youths are failing to register with the draft within five days after their 18th birthday as required by Federal law according to John H. Hammack, State Director of Selective Services for Illinois.

New three-bedroom homes were being advertised by Brookside Builders in Oswego's Brookside Manor subdivision for \$23,850.

Sept. 9: The Oswego School District announced that Oswego Junior High Principal Ralph D. Ross had earned an Advanced Certificate in Professional Education from the University of Illinois. Enrolling three years ago in the Advanced Placement Program at the university, Ross majored in educational administration and as such studied under some of the nation's leading writers and teachers in his field of educational interest.

Ross earned his bachelor's degree at Aurora College in 1952 with a major in biology and a minor in chemistry. In 1954 he completed his work at Northwestern University for the Master of Arts degree with a major in elementary education.

Previous to his coming to Oswego, he taught in the West Aurora School System in the junior high school. Mr. Ross is entering his fifth year as the principal of the Oswego Junior High School.

Sept. 16: Sen. Robert W. Mitchler, R-Oswego, announced that he will seek reelection as state senator in the new 38th Senatorial District.

More than 500 people were served last Sunday at the Boulder Hill Sports and Social Club Chicken Bar-B-Q dinner held outdoors in the oak woods across By-Pass 30 from the Briarcliff Road entrance. At the close of the barbecue, all perishable food was donated to the Edna Smith Home in Aurora.

Sept. 23: Work of the Kane-Kendall community College Committee moves into the final stages when the survey reports are presented at the general meeting Sept. 28.

The college proposed for this area is to be a comprehensive Class I school. It will offer vocational training, a two year general education with an associates degree, adult education and retraining, in addition to the college parallel program which gives a student the first two years of a four year degree program.

Sept. 30: The Boulder Hill Antique Study Club will sponsor a bazaar and tour of private homes Oct. 5, 1965 from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The proceeds are to go to Valley Haven School for the Exceptional in Oswego. There will be five homes on display, those of Mr. and Mrs. John Slory, Mr. and Mrs. R. Chamberlain, Mr. and Mrs. D.L. Dise, Mr. and Mrs. F. Clouse, and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Bowman.

David W. Rogerson, owner of Dave's Standard Service in Oswego, is reported in satisfactory condition at Copley Memorial Hospital following an auto accident Saturday morning.

At a special meeting of the Oswego School Board Monday, Sept. 27, board members and others held a panel discussion concerning new state laws and their effect on the district's liability insurance coverage.

Other discussions included approval of Annual Report and Application for Recognition of the school district; authorization to employ a second school nurse; approval of a bid to construct a sidewalk from the entrance to the second addition at Boulder Hill Elementary School to the existing sidewalk along Boulder Hill Pass; and awarding of insurance coverage to the lowest bidder, Delmar Johannsen.

October -- 1965

Oct. 7: Judy Gish, former staff artist for the *Ledger*, has recently been accepted by Trans-World Airlines to attend the six weeks training course for stewardesses in Kansas City, Mo. Judy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Gish of 73 Benton Street, Oswego. She is a recent graduate of Oswego High School and attended the University of Illinois for two years majoring in art.

The feasibility survey reports submitted by the Kane-Kendall Community College committees were unanimously accepted by the large group of citizens attending the meeting Sept. 28 at Washington Junior High School in Aurora. When the reports reach final edited and bound form, the entire report will be sent to the Junior College Board recently established by the State of Illinois. Approval must be gained at this level before additional steps can be taken. Data from all the reports indicates that the area far surpasses the minimal population and financial requirements as laid down by the state. The favorable interest of the student, parents, and business and industrial segments of the area is evident from the report.

Oct. 14: The Oswego High School Panthers are ready for action when they meet Mooseheart Friday night on home ground. The football game will begin at 6:15 p.m. as Oswego fresh-soph team battles Mooseheart. The varsity game will start about 8 p.m. Nominated for homecoming king are Daryl Davis, Dick Foster, Steve Parker, Kent Smith, Jim Thrall, John Vanderlinden, and John Van Vleet. The queen nominees are Terry Collins, Meridy Davidson, Jenny Hood, Danielle Larson, Ginny Penman, Peggy Stone and Faye Westphal.

The Oswego Panthers scored their first shutout of the season by defeating the Kaneland Knights last Saturday afternoon, 32-0.

Oct. 21. Effective after this Saturday and Sunday, Waa-Kee-Sha Park will be open on weekends only for the rest of the fall as long as the weather is nice. Over 7,000 persons visited Waa-Kee-Sha this year, the fourth season the park has been open to the public. The open air shelter building erected last year by the Oswegoland Jaycees was used over 20 times this season by various civic groups and family reunions.

Mr. Donald Kroening, Boulder Hill, president of the Oswego Teacher's Association, has announced his staff for the 1965-66 school year. Mr. Wayne Allen, Oswego, will serve as vice president; Mrs. Dorothea Yuvan, Boulder Hill, is the secretary; and Mr. Marion Stoerker, Aurora, will serve as treasurer. Mr. Daryl Thompson was selected as the association's representative to the Board of Education. Miss Marianne Becker is in charge of membership and Mrs. Sherrilyn Bednarcik heads the legislative committee. The representatives from each of the

four buildings are Mr. Daryl Thompson, high school; Mr. Dave King, junior high; Miss Hazel Shaffer, East View; and Mr. John Sechrest, Boulder Hill. The salary committee is composed of Mr. Wayne Allen, Mr. Jack Simmons, Mrs. Penny May, Mr. William Prince, Mrs. Charlotte Wadkins, Mr. Kroening, and Mr. Robert Olson.

Oct. 28: To bring the story of the junior college to the public, a Kane-Kendall community college speakers bureau has been formed. Several persons from the Oswego area are serving on this bureau and will be available to speak about the proposed junior college. They are Howard Sims, Charles M. Shuler, Mrs. William Anderson, George W. Akerlow, and William Gramley.

One student at Oswego High School has been honored with a letter of commendation for performance on the national Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. D.H. Moews, the school's principal, has announced that the commended student is Neal G. Shoger.

November -- 1965

Nov. 4: The Oswego Senior High School has received a list of the 1965 graduates now attending classes at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb. They are Julie Bolin, Gloria Bomback, John Clark, Carol Dauwalder, Richard Denney, Jane Foose, Stephen Foster, Larry Lakeman, Nancy Lorang, Betty Phillipi, Garry Poker, Lynne Schultz, Barbara Simmons, Russell Skyles, Carol Thompson, Wanda Walper, Audrey Weeks, Jack Weis, and Gary Zoeller. Aurora College has enrolled the following 1965 graduates: Elise Borino, Andy Fox, Arlynn Hem, Chester Romans, and Randy Stevens.

Dr. Michael H. Kontos, DDS, has recently opened a new office at 3 Boulder Hill Pass. Dr. Kontos graduated from Oswego High School in 1955. He attended North Central College and received his BA degree in 1959. In 1963 he received his DDS from the University of Illinois College of Dentistry in Chicago.

Nov. 11: The Oswego Volunteer Fire Department unveiled their newest truck. A 1965 Super Duty Truck with body and equipment by American LaFrance Co, with 750 gpm pump, 1,000 gallon water supply was delivered in October. In addition to this, the department has a like unit purchased in 1961, a ford four-wheel drive grass and field fire truck purchased in 1961, a 750 gpm truck with 600 gallon water capacity purchased in 1957, and a 1,000 gallon tank truck purchased in 1949.

Work has begun in leveling for the Fox Bend Golf Cub, which is being developed on Route 34 by Monier Co. The nine hole golf course is expected to be completed in 1967.

Dec. 1 is the opening date set for the new addition to Paramount Heights on Route 31 north of Oswego. The Liquor Mart will be the largest in the area, with 2,000 square feet of space. The Liquor Mart will be completely separate store from the grocery store, although it will also be operated by John Calamaras. The parking lot is also being expanded to accommodate another 100 cars. New neon signs are planned for the front of the building.

The *Ledger* announced it had moved to an offset tabloid size format from the previous 10x14 single sheet format. The paper was being printed in Naperville.

Nov. 18: Omicron Nu, the home economics scholastic honorary at the University of Illinois, initiated Cheryl Smith of Oswego into its chapter. The main purpose of Omicron Nu is to honor second semester junior, seniors, and graduate students for high scholastic achievement. Miss Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. George Smith, is a senior in home economics Education. She is chaplain of Phi Upsilon Economics Student Council, Home economics Club, and Mortar Board. She is also corresponding secretary of 4-H House, her campus home.

Jack Johnson's Appliances is sporting a new lighted color sign on its corner of Main Street [at Jackson, the Helle Building]. The sign, which was put up recently, has helped to lighten up this corner.

Oliver Pierce has a new meat counter of his department in Bohn's Food Store. The closed case for fresh meats and the taller open case for packaged meat have greatly increased the size of Pierce's Meat Market. Another new feature to be found at Bohn's these days is the new bakery department, which is to the right of the meat department.

The Oswego School Board announced its officers for the coming year. President is Gilbert Jarman, vice-president Gerald Dauwalder, and secretary Raymond Lubbs. Members of the board are Jack Brobst, Harley Swanquist, Wiley Robinson, and Miles Lutter.

December -- 1965

Dec. 2: The Oswegoland *Ledger* extends a hearty welcome to the Village of Montgomery, newest of the areas being served by the *Ledger*. Approximately 600 papers are now being distributed by carrier boys in the "Village of Industry."

Jim "Rocky" Walker, owner-operator of Rocky's Hair Studio for Men, is leaving the sixth of December for a two week mountain lion hunt in central Utah. He hopes to bag not only a puma but also a bear and deer. Walker will travel by horseback as far as possible, but then must track the lion on foot in the rugged Utah mountains.

Dec. 9: The pain of war in Viet Nam came home last week. Oswego and all of Kendall County was alerted to the realization that our nation is at war. A casket, draped with the United States flag, contained the body of our neighbor, who paid the supreme sacrifice on the field of battle in Viet Nam.

Fred Heriaud was brought home and laid to rest with full military honors. Fred was killed on Nov. 17 in the Ia Drang Valley battle. He would have been 22 on Dec. 17.

Heriaud was buried with full military honors supplied by Oswego American Legion Post 675.

James K. Detzler of Zentmyer Ford Sales, Inc., 30 Main Street, Oswego, has just completed a sales management course conducted at Ford's Chicago Marketing Institute.

Dec. 16: The Ninth Annual Christmas Decoration Contest in Boulder Hill wishes to convey its invitation to all residents of Boulder Hill to participate in decorating outside their homes for Christmas. The contest will be judged in three categories: Religious Theme; General Outdoor Lighting; and Originality.

At the Oswego Village Board's Dec. 6 meeting, an agreement drafted by Attorney Ohse was read giving conditions on supplying water to the Windcrest Subdivision on Route 34. The agreement between the village and the Monier Sheep Company was unanimously approved on a motion by Trustee Penn and seconded by Trustee McDowell.

Mr. Biertz was present to request an increase of \$105 per month for scavenger service. A motion was made by Trustee Penn, seconded by Trustee Buss that the present contract with Mr. Biertz stand until the first of May at which time there will be an increase from \$145 to \$350 per month and that cans will be included with no cost to the customer with the exception of restaurants and business concerns.

Dec. 23: At the Oswego Township Board's meeting on Dec. 13, township tax assessor Clarence Parkhurst resigned citing family concerns. After the board accepted his resignation, the board appointed Ernest Spiller of Boulder Hill as his successor for the balance of the unexpired term. The board also appointed David Kennedy of Boulder Hill to fill Spiller's term on the township board.

Benjamin Thrall of Oswego was among the 13 inductees who left Plano on Tuesday morning for Chicago, according to the Selective Service Office.

There were also 26 men who went in for their physical examinations at the same time including Charles Friebele and Michael Elliott of Oswego and James St. John and John Hodgson of Boulder Hill.

1966

January

Jan. 6: The Boulder Hill Civic Association, in an attempt to create better attendance, has made plans to give a \$5 door prize away at each meeting starting at the Jan. 12 meeting.

Work is progressing satisfactorily on the 4,400 foot ditch improvement project on the E.M. McCauley farm located south of Oswego. This project will involve deepening and widening the ditch to provide an adequate channel for tile and surface water, installation of at least one reinforced concrete erosion control structure, and repair of several tile outlets.

Scotty's & Dave's at U.S. Route 34 and Ill. Route 71 was advertising Friday Night Special fish plate for 85 cents and a chicken fried steak dinner Saturday night for \$1.

The Oswegoland *Ledger* is now hiring delivery boys for Montgomery and Bristol. There is no collecting; the boys are paid each week directly by the *Ledger*.

Jan. 13: Rev. Clifford Brier, pastor of St. Anne's Church of Oswego, announced plans this week for construction of a new building for St. Anne's Church.

The spiral-shaped building, designed by Dittrich, Neil, and Wennlund, architectural firm of Chicago will be located at the corner of Rt. 71 near Washington Street in Oswego. The brick and steel structure will be used exclusively as a church with the building now housing the church being used as a hall for meetings.

The new church will seat over 500 people. Present facilities will seat only about 250.

Present plans call for construction to begin as soon as possible on the church, which will cost in excess of \$250,000.

The congregation of the Oswego United Presbyterian Church will hold their last services in the old building on Sunday, Jan. 16. The old building is located at the corner of Madison and Benton in Oswego. The congregation will make the final move to its new church home, located on Route 25 in Cedar Glen, on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 16.

At the Oswego Village Board's Jan. 3 meeting, Dr. M.R. Saxon presented a petition to rezoning property on Route 71 from R-1 to R-3. The petition was referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals for action.

Ford Lippold of the park district was present and asked permission to put plantings on the extension of Jefferson Street [from Main Street west] to the railroad tracks. Permission was granted with the stipulation that at such time it became necessary to use this extension the plantings would be destroyed.

The marriage of Barbara Jean Thomas to Joey Michael Seidelman took place Saturday, Jan. 8, at St. Joseph's Church, Aurora. The bride was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Tomas of Aurora. The groom was the son of Mr. and Mrs. August Seidelman, Oswego.

Mr. Richard Law of Boulder Hill was appointed a commissioner of the Oswegoland Park District at their Monday meeting. The term of office to which Mr. Law was appointed unanimously by the board runs until April 1969. Other commissioners include Ralph Wheeler, Oswego president; Glen McKittrick, Boulder Hill; Richard Young, Oswego; and Mrs. Marguerite Chrise, Oswego. John Carr, Oswego is treasurer.

The commissioners also voted to name the newly acquired riverfront property Saw-Wee-Kee. Freely translated from the Pottawatomie Indian language, the name means "yellow rocky earth." The 150 acre site, obtained in a land transfer from the State of Illinois, will be developed over the next ten years with picnic and camping sites, hiking and horseback riding trails, boating and fishing facilities, with a portion of the area left as a natural game and wildlife preserve.

The Rev. Thomas W. Wilson will be installed as pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Boulder Hill and of Zion Lutheran Church in Wheatland. The two churches will share Pastor Wilson's time and services as a dual parish.

Work is progressing rapidly on the Shoger group drainage ditch located east of Oswego. This ditch will provide an outlet for a large tile line. Involved in this project are Howard Shoger, Nicholas Bauman, and Robert Ebinger.

Jan. 20: The congregation of the Oswego United Presbyterian Church will meet for the first time in their new building Sunday, Jan. 23. The new church is located on Highway 25 in Cedar Glen, about a half mile north of Oswego.

Notice: Beginning with this issue of the Oswegoland *Ledger*, the residents of Oswego and outlying subdivisions will receive their paper by carrier boy rather than through the mail.

The Oswego Baptist Church has announced that services will be held this Sunday in the church building at 262 South Madison [the former Oswego Presbyterian Church] in Oswego. The building is now undergoing extensive redecorating and remodeling, which will be in keeping with the vast Christian education program which is being planned to serve the community. A large modern kitchen and two modern restrooms will be located in the basement. A new heating plant will be installed to adequately serve the entire basement. Remodeling in the sanctuary will create an enlarged choir loft backed by a large baptistery, which will allow for baptism by immersion. A new electronic organ has also been placed in the sanctuary. The outside of the building will be enhanced by a redesigned bell tower. The Oswego Baptist Church was organized in June 1963 and has been meeting in East View School.

Jim "Rocky" Walker of Oswego recently returned from a two-week hunt in central Utah where he bagged a mountain lion.

Jan. 27: Attorney Jerome Nelson was elected a director of the Oswego Community Bank at the annual shareholders meeting on Monday, Jan. 17. Attorney Nelson is a member of the Puklin, Nelson and Dunn Law Firm in Aurora. He was Kendall County State's Attorney for 12 years.

Local Board 148, Plano, forwarded 13 boys for induction from Kendall County on Jan. 18. Those inducted were Daniel W. Keltner and John C. McKirgan from Plano; Lawrence E. Morel, Millington; Ralph K. Gabrielson, Newark; James R. White, Plainfield; George A. Stewart, Bristol; Stephen C. Collins, Clarence H. Holdiman, and Wayne L. Reibel from Yorkville; Jerry Gene Sehie, David A. Conklin, and Robert J. Leppert from Oswego; and James R. Williams from Boulder Hill. The Plano chapter of the Red Cross furnished coffee and doughnuts for the boys.

February -- 1966

Feb. 3: At the January meeting of the park commissioners it was voted to make a slight change in the name of the district from Oswego Park District to Oswegoland Park District. As more than two-thirds of the residents in the district live outside the village limits, it was felt that the Oswegoland designation would be more representative of the geography of the district.

The Oswegoland Park District covers a 36 square mile area in the shape of a square with each side being six miles in length.

Superintendent Ford Lippold was authorized to obtain prices on a three-quarter ton pickup truck for use by the district in maintenance of its four parks, two-acre SuzanJohn in Boulder Hill; two-

acre Waubonsie in the village of Oswego; 23-acre Waa-Kee-Sha southeast of the village; and 150-acre Saa-Wee-Kee two miles southwest of the village.

J's Shoe Repair, located a half mile west of the Oswego bridge on Route 34, was advertising complete shoe repair service, as well as being Oswego's "Red Wing Shoe Headquarters."

Feb. 10: The Oswego High School Wrestling team completely dominated the [Little Seven] conference wrestling meet last Saturday at Mooseheart. Pat Grach picked up a third place; Harley Woodhouse won second place; and Dick Foster won second place. Tom Reilly, Wes Robinson, Kent Smith, Al Chrissie, and John Foose took first places in their weight classes. Paul Kulbartz, 180 lbs., was the victim of some careless officiating and had to settle for second place.

Feb. 17: Dr. and Mrs. Richard Dunn have moved into a home on Route 25 next to the new church. They are formerly from the Ottawa and Marseilles area, where the doctor practiced for 18 years.

Robin Schindlbeck of Oswego was recently pledged to the Drake University chapter of Alpha Phi social sorority.

Oswego High School will have three wrestlers in the State Wrestling Tournament at Northwestern in Evanston. Wes Robinson, Al Chrissie, and Kent Smith qualified to go to the state tournament.

Five Boulder Hill residents are members of the Aurora Festival Chorus. They are Sharon Holbeck, Dorothea Yuvan, Lee Larson, Kay Peter, and Beverly Gray.

March -- 1966

March 3: Thirty-six year old Vic Franz, Chief of Police in Plano and formerly of Oswego, will run for sheriff of Kendall County. He will be running on the Republican ticket.

The Oswego School Board held a special meeting to discuss future building programs and how to gain support of the community for future referendums.

March 10: The Home Economics Department of Oswego High School has a new co-worker. Pamela Rierison is joining Betty Jo Suhr, home economics teacher, at Oswego for an eight-week student teaching experience. Mrs. Rierison is a student at Northern Illinois University.

March 17: Roger May definitely has a place in the University of Illinois' wrestling future, according to veteran coach B.R. "Pat" Patterson. Roger, a 1964 graduate of Oswego High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor May of Oswego.

March 24: Waa-Kee-Sha Park on Reservation Road will be opened for the 1966 season on Saturday, April 9, according to Ralph Wheeler, President of the Oswegoland Park District.

Two Boy Scouts of Troop 31 received their Life Awards at the Court of Awards held March 21, Duane Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Anderson; and Grant Wegner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wegner.

The value of strong Township support by the resident voters of Oswego Township will again be needed at the annual Town Meeting, April 5. Last year 82 residents voted almost unanimously to allow the township to purchase the Red Brick School block for future municipal development. This year an important resolution is to be presented to the voters to allow an option for a post office site to be given to the Postal Department so that they can proceed with bids for construction of a new postal building for the Oswego area. The meeting must, by law, start at the township hall but will adjourn to the Masonic Temple dining room to facilitate the number of voters anticipated.

Eleven pieces of new shelving for the Oswego Township Library have been purchased and installed. This shelving is the gift of Mr. Harry J. Beeman and is a memorial to Laura Mae and Francis Falk, parents of Mrs. Beeman and Mrs. A.J. Hettrick.

A beautiful dark maple card catalog has been placed in the library through the generosity of the relatives and friends of Mr. C.W. Clark. Mr. Clark was a member of the Oswego Community Library Association and served on its board of trustees for three years. He was chairman of the building committee of the association and was a generous donor to the library fund.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Education of Oswego Community Unit District 308 on March 14 the board approved preliminary plans of a circular, 12-room school at Boulder Hill. This circular plan is expandable in cluster from around a central area for auxiliary services such as cafeteria, Library, office, and multi-purpose room. Mr. Robert Mall, who presented the plans, has been selected as the architect for both the Boulder Hill and the 7-classroom school to be adjacent to the East View Elementary School.

The board has set April 30 as the date to vote on bonds for the proposed school.

At present, classroom space has been overtaxed by current enrollments. If approved on the referendum the East View classrooms will be available in September 1966 and the Boulder Hill school will be completed during the 1966-67 school year. [The school built on the circular plan is today's Long Beach School. The additional building adjacent to East View was joined to the main building in the late 1980s and today houses the district administration center.]

At the Oswego Village Board's March 11 meeting, action was withheld on an agreement which had been presented between the Monier Sheep Company and the village. [The Monier property eventually became Windcrest]

An ordinance was presented limiting parking time on Man Street to two hours during business hours. The ordinance was referred to the committee for further study.

The plan commission recommended that the village board approve preliminary plot for Bolin Subdivision. Approval was given.

The Zoning Board of Appeals has been requested to give further consideration to the request for rezoning by Dr. Michael R. Saxon.

The Kendall County Recreation Association has committed itself to raise the \$12,000 necessary to purchase 15 acres of land adjacent to the new proposed Kendall County Forest Preserve

property on Route 71 south of Yorkville. Tentative plans to develop the 15 acres include a lighted baseball diamond, show facilities for 4-H and similar youth activities, and a central meeting building for office space.

March 31: With this issue of the Oswegoland *Ledger*, we celebrate an anniversary--our first one--for on April 1, 1965 we published our first edition of the paper.

On Nov. 17, 1949 Ford Lippold, who recognized the need for a community newspaper, published the first edition of the Oswego Leger. The paper continued under his editorship for 15-1/2 years until it was purchased by the Silent Secretary.

Silent Secretary first started nearly five years ago as a secretarial service in Oswego and the surrounding area. Later, mimeographing services were added, then bookkeeping, and most recently offset and letterpress printing facilities were included.

This has been an eventful year for the *Ledger*. We have grown from an 8-1/2x11 sheet to a full tabloid size paper. The *Ledger* is now recognized as an accredited newspaper and is a member of the Illinois Press Association. Our circulation has increased from 1,900 to 3,300 as we have expanded our coverage to include not only Oswego and Boulder Hill, but also Willowbrook, Bristol, and Montgomery.

April -- 1966

April 7: At the Oswego School Board's meeting on April 4 a resolution was passed to submit to the voters of the district at a special election to be held April 30, 1966 a bond issue of \$625,000 to purchase a new site of ten acres in Boulder Hill and the building and equipping of a new grade school on a site now owned by the district adjacent to East View Elementary School.

April 14: The Oswego Village Board approved five new subdivision plats at their April 4 meeting, including Kluckholm Estates, Bolin Addition, Cedar Glen Third Addition; Windcrest Subdivision; and Marina Terrace Unit 2.

The Board of Education met on April 11 to canvass the results of the election held April 9. The successful candidates were determined to be Jay Gosset, M. Lutter, and Lyle Huggert. The board was organized and the following members were elected to office: President, Ray Lubbs; Secretary, Gerald Dauwalder; vice-president, Jack Brobst; Treasurer, Everett McKeown; Corresponding secretary, T. Loyd Traughber.

The Oswego School District responded to questions concerning the upcoming bond referendum. The selection of a circular design for the Boulder Hill Attendance Center to be voted on Saturday, April 30, was based on research study and recommendations made jointly by the Educational Citizens Committee, the board, and the administrative staff. This design was chosen by a committee of architects to be one most deserving of a place among architectural exhibits of schools at the 1966 Convention of American School Administrators and American School Board meeting at Atlantic City, Feb. 13-16. The building's utilities will be sized for one additional 12 or 14 classroom unit attached in the future.

Several factors have contributed to the Board of Education decision in combining the administration facilities with the classroom annex to East View instead of separating and locating such facilities on two sites.

April 14: At the Oswego Village Board meeting, five subdivision plats were approved, Kluckholm Estates, Bolin Addition, Cedar Glen 3rd addition, Windcrest Subdivision, and Marina Terrace Unit 2.

Following the April 11 school board election, the winners were announced as J. Gossett, M. Lutter, and L. Huggert. The board elected Ray Lubbs president; Gerald Dauwalder, secretary; Jack Brobst, vice president; Everett McKeown, treasurer; and T.L. Traugher, secretary.

Walter Hage, Oswego Postmaster, announced increased hours at the post office, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to noon. Previously, the post office closed Thursday afternoons.

The new Frigidaire refrigerators at Jack Johnson Appliances in Oswego could “make ice cubes automatically!” The refrigerators could store up to 243 ice cubes in a “Handy Door Server.”

April 28: A favorable vote on Saturday will permit construction of the East View Annex to begin immediately and have seven additional classrooms of the building ready by September 1966. The Boulder Hill grade school construction will begin the last part of June 1966 and will be ready for occupancy on or before Sept. 1, 1967.

The Oswego Lions Club is sponsoring Mr. Marshall Brodien, magician and hypnotist, for an evening presentation at the Oswego Junior High School.

Directors of a proposed state regional library system to serve Grundy, Will, Kendall, and Kankakee counties voted to call it the Burr Oak Library System.

Car Hops Wanted: Apply at Scotty’s Drive-In, Routes 71 and 34.

May -- 1966

May 5: A blue-eyed blonde senior in home economics Saturday, April 30, was named 1966 May Queen of the University of Illinois at Urbana and crowned in colorful ceremonies. She is Cheryl B. Smith, a farm girl from Oswego, who lives in 4-H House at the University and currently is a practice teacher in home economics at Carl Sandburg High School in Orland Park. In 1964 she toured the state as Illinois Dairy Princess. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. George Smith, are university of Illinois alumni and a sister Nannette, was graduated from the university in 1964.

The Oswego School Board met May 2 to canvass the April 30 bond referendum vote. A total of 602 yes votes were cast, 431 no votes and six defective ballots were cast. The favorable vote will permit construction of the East View Annex to begin immediately and have seven additional

classrooms of the building ready by September. The Boulder Hill Grade School construction will begin the last part of June.

May 12: Dedication services for the new Oswego United Presbyterian Church located on Route 25 in Cedar Glen will be held Sunday, May 15.

When Miss Mildred Vickery leaves her desk at Oswego's East View Elementary School on June 3, it will be for the last time. She will be retiring after 42 years of elementary teaching in Kendall County.

Another step toward making a junior community college a reality was taken this week as representatives of industry, labor and trades, government, banking, agriculture, the area Catholic churches joined educators and concerned citizens in expressing their enthusiastic support of the proposed school at a public hearing conducted by the Illinois State Junior College Board.

May 19: Thursday, May 19 is moving day at the office of the Oswegoland Ledger. After this date the office will be located on Route 34 at the new Silver Wheel building about one-half mile west of the Oswego bridge. This will be the first of two moves for the *Ledger*. Upon completion of the new home and office in July, the *Ledger* will move again, this time to its permanent residence.

May 26: A groundbreaking service was held May 22 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church for a parsonage to be built by Don L. Dise, Inc. The home is to be a tri-level designed by Don L. Dise, Inc., and will be built on lots facing the church. Participating in the groundbreaking were church members Ray Alderson, Oliver Leppert, Ray Weeks, and Carl Friebele, along with the Rev. Thomas Wilson and Don L. Dise.

James Seidelman, son of Mr. and Mrs. August Seidelman, Oswego, was a recent finalist in the Foreign Traveling Fellowships at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Miss Cheryl Smith, named cochairman of June Dairy Month by the American Dairy Association of Illinois, undertakes a statewide swing during June to boost dairy products and call attention of the variety of appetizing food buys available at the dairy counter every day. Cheryl, 21, of Oswego is graduating in June from the University of Illinois where she is an honor student. Her major is home economics.

The members of the Oswego High School Class of 1966 were to participate in commencement exercises on Friday, June 3 at the school. Speakers included class president John Vanderlinden; Salutatorian Frank Wooley, Valedictorian David Lippy, Activity Award winner Meridy Davidson, Sportsmanship Award winner Steve Parker, Activities Award winner Kent Smith, and Citizenship Award winner Danny Miller, while class vice president Virginia Penman was to present the class gift.

June -- 1966

June 9: One hundred and twenty Oswego High School seniors received their diplomas from Mr. Raymond Lubbs, president of the Oswego Board of Education on Friday evening, June 3. The scene of the commencement exercises was the Oswego Community High School gymnasium. Approximately 1,500 people were in attendance. One member of the class was ill and unable to participate. Another six to eight will finish their work this summer in summer school and will receive their diplomas before the end of the summer.

On July 9, voters in this area will go to the polls to express their feelings concerning the establishment of a Class I junior college district and to vote support for such college.

Miss Cheryl Smith, Oswego's enthusiastic June Dairy Month co-chairman, comes to Boulder Hill shopping center Saturday to visit with shoppers and boost dairy products.

June 16: Two Oswegoans handily won their Republican primary races. Don Gengler got the GOP nod for Kendall County Treasurer, while Vic Franz won the primary for Kendall County Sheriff

The Oswego Village Board narrowly approved rezoning a portion of Block 1 of the Original Town of Oswego from its present classification for the permissive use for schools, parks, public buildings, and cemeteries to B-1 Business District--Limited Retail in order to permit the erection of a building designed to be used for occupancy by the United States Post Office Department as a Post Office for the Village of Oswego for at least 10 years. On a motion by Trustee Hank McDowell, the vote was a 2-2 tie with McDowell and Trustee John Buss voted aye, while trustees Floyd Foss and Carl Smith voted no. Trustee Milton "Les" Penn, serving as village president pro tem in the absence of Village President Harry Fuller, cast the tie-breaking vote in favor of rezoning the lot.

In other village board news, they unanimously approved the plat for the Waubonsie Garden Subdivision submitted by Ernie Pfund.

The petition by Dr. M.R. Saxon to rezone from R-1 to R-3 property on Ill. Route 71 was denied. The Zoning Board of Appeals' letter recommending denial was read. Trustees McDowell and Foss voted yes; trustees Smith and Buss abstained. The motion to deny passed.

A motion was passed to ring every bell in the village at 1 p.m. for two minutes on July 4, 1966 as part of a statewide observance of Independence Day.

June 23: The Oswego School Board, meeting Monday, June 13m accepted with regret, the resignation of school district business manager Howard Sims. Sims was released from his contract to accept a position as business manager with Elgin Community Junior College.

Oswego Postmaster Walter Hage announced June 21 that that Oswego Post Office would have two rural routes. The new mail carrier on the route will be Walter Anderson. The expansion was due to the increased number of patrons on the route. Geoffrey Cooper will continue to deliver the first route.

June 30: Glen D. Palmer of Game Farm Road, Yorkville, was reelected chairman of the Kendall County Republican Central Committee at a meeting Monday in the courthouse in Yorkville. Palmer has held the Kendall GOP chairmanship since 1946.

Charles H. Percy, Republican candidate for U.s. Senator from Illinois, has accused Sen. Paul Douglas of being a "Human power failure" in Washington, declaring that "no senator with Douglas' seniority has had so little success in passing his own legislation. Paul Douglas hasn't misused power--he hasn't used it at all," Percy said.

July -- 1966

July 7: Residents of 12 school districts in this area will have one of the 40 Class I colleges that the State Junior College Board hopes will be established by 1968.

July 14: The referendum to establish a new local junior college on July 9 passed 4,448 to 2,643. Board member nominating petitions are now available at the Kane County School House-Court House Annex in Geneva. Seven members will be elected to the board, two of which shall reside in unincorporated areas.

A severe wind and rain storm blew out windows in the old Kopper Kettle building and the Oswego Hardware building on Monday, July 11 at about 1:30 a.m. Winds of 75 mph and more took down electrical and telephone wires throwing most of the town into darkness. The last pieces of the carnival and booths of the Oswegoland Festival, which had not yet been removed from the north end of Main Street were also hit.

"11 Annoyed Families and Herb Ruck's Washarama" signed a letter to the editor protesting the closure of Main Street north of Jackson Street for the summer carnival, complaining it caused a hardship on those wanting to wash their clothes at the village's only Laundromat.

The week of June 26 at Camp Chin-Be-Gota near Wausau, Wis. was devoted to a Junior Leader Training Course to prepare boy officers to lead their respective troops. Participating from Oswego Troop 31 were Mike Conover and Grant Wegner.

July 21: Paul L. Kellogg of Boulder Hill announced his candidacy for the new community college board. For the past 10 years he has been employed in the education department of Houghton Mifflin. Kellogg served on the citizens committee for the community college since its inception and acted as recorder for the building and sites subcommittee.

July 28: U.S. Everett M. Dirksen, R-Illinois, proposed a constitutional amendment to permit voluntary prayer in public schools. Opponents pointed out voluntary prayer was already permitted in public schools.

August 20 marks the date of the election of the Community Junior College, District No. 516. Local polling places for the board election were established in the Oswego Village Hall and at Boulder Hill School.

August -- 1966

Aug. 4: The Oswego Senior High School Cheerleading Squad won the first place grand championship trophy at the USCA Cheerleading Camp, held July 20-23. Members of the squad included Pat Wheeler, Sue Svob, Geri Ode, Kathy Freeman, and Sue Kohler.

Aug. 11: The opening date for Oswego Community Schools will be Thursday, Sept. 1, 1966. The closing date of the 1966-67 term will be June 2, 1967.

Effective as of 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, 1966, the area now being used for municipal dumping purposes on Oswegoland Park District property will be closed for a period of 60 days. The dump is being closed pursuant to a hearing to be held by the State of Illinois Department of Sanitation in Springfield the week of Aug. 22, brought about by complaints of taxpayers who live in the area.

Two members of the Oswego Village Board submitted their resignations at the board's August meeting. Resigning were trustees Carl Smith and John Buss. The board voted to appoint Orville Blair to fill Smith's unexpired term and Jack Olson to fill the unexpired term of Buss. In other business, the board voted to increase the salary of Police Officer Jim Vinson to \$500 per month.

B.G. Douglas presented a request to rezone property on Lots 6 and 7 in Block 9 from R-2 to B-2 in order to build a drive-in similar to the Dairy-Boat now in operation. The request was forwarded to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a recommendation.

Aug. 18. Beginning Sept. 1, 1966, the Oswegoland *Ledger* will become a subscription newspaper. The newspaper will be mailed from the Oswego Post Office under a second-class permit, with delivery scheduled for Thursdays.

We sincerely regret the inconvenience caused to so many of you during the past few weeks due to the fact that so many substitute paper boys had to be used during vacation time. We feel that in consideration of all factors, it will be to the advantage of all if the paper is delivered on a subscription basis.

Regular price of a year's subscription is \$3.

Work is near completion on the construction of the new building to house the Golfer's Supply Company. The new facility is being erected at the junction of Routes 34 and 71, Oswego.

George Akerlow, past president of the Oswego School Board, announced his candidacy for the new Community Junior College Board. Also announcing his candidacy was Thomas W. Fletcher of Lisbon Center. Fletcher and his wife have two sons, Thomas, a student at Knox College, Galesburg; and Jack, an eighth grader at Yorkville Junior High School.

Aug. 25: Oswego Volunteer Firefighters responded to a living room fire at the Jesse Ash home on Jay Street in Oswego. The fire was quickly extinguished but smoke damage was extensive.

A total of 4,476 ballots were cast in last Saturday's election for Junior College Board members, District 516, which includes Kane, DeKalb, Kendall, LaSalle, and Will counties. Board members

elected included John L. Nickels, Dale R. VonOhlen, Ruby L. Collins, Evar A. Erickson, Thomas C. Redd, George W. Akerlow, and Lucile Gustafson.

September -- 1966

Sept. 1: The East View classroom annex and administration center will not be completed for use when school opens. The primary delay is windows to enclose the building. This week painters will complete decorating; floor contractors are scheduled to complete the classroom section wood cabinets, doors, and trim are ready for placement. First grade students will double up in three classrooms as will five sections of second grade until such time as rooms are ready.

ANDREW M. PIERCE

Jan. 5, 1890 -- Aug. 25, 1966

Whenever you mention H.B. Conkey Gravel Company, Oswego Fire Protection District, or Village of Oswego you have to mention Andy Pierce.

Few people can remember when Andy didn't work for the Conkey Company. He retired several years ago as Superintendent of their North Aurora plant after 42 years of service.

Mr. Pierce's life of service to the village started in 1929 when he was elected to the board. Two years later he was elected president of the board, a position he was reelected to until 1941. After four years he ran again, this time unopposed. He retired in 1953. He and his many able assistants guided our town through sewer, water, and road improvement; a depression; PWA projects; zoning; wheel tax; daylight savings time; new wells; chlorination; and garbage collection. The village budget and appropriation in 1931 was \$5,400. The bills presented to the board for payment at a December 1951 meeting totaled \$10,949.12.

Mr. Pierce was an organizer of the Oswego Fire Protection District. Fire protection for Oswegoland progressed from one Model A Ford fire truck that couldn't leave the city limits to the fleet of pumpers and tankers that answer calls from a modern building on Main Street.

CLAYTON B. ROTH

Jan. 12, 1895 -- Aug. 26, 1966

The passing of Clayton Roth calls attention to an era and a disappearing breed of man--the World War I veteran. Clayton served well for his country, church, and community. It was not his fortune to serve overseas, but in trouble spots in Texas along the Mexican border.

American Legion Post 675 has benefited much from Clayton's abilities.

Sept. 8: Congratulations and a very large thank you are in order to the Jaycees who are working so hard on the repainting of the Oswego street signs. They look nice, and are much easier read and are an all around improvement. Some of the Jaycees participating included Omer Horton, Bill Penn, and Larry Hying.

Sept. 15: Mike Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown, Aurora, will be studying and working with Everett McKeown at the McKeown Funeral Home in Oswego. Brown will serve a two year apprenticeship to become a licensed embalmer and funeral director.

At the Oswego Village Board's Sept. 8 meeting the annexation of the R. Herren property on Route 34 and the property owned by Mr. and Mrs. Bolin were passed unanimously. Also passed was the annexation of Fox Bend Golf Course and Windcrest Subdivision. The village attorney was directed to obtain maps showing the new boundaries.

Jack Clark requested permission to build a car wash on B-2 property on Route 34. The matter was referred for study.

Sharon Rae Curtis and Donald Leppert were married Sept. 11, 1966 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Boulder Hill. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald B. Curtis. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Leppert.

Sept. 22: Bids for construction of a dam in the Fox River at Montgomery will be let and construction will be underway this year with completion of the project by early spring of 1967. The location of the Montgomery dam will be moved approximately 1,400 feet north of the original site. Recent engineering survey and borings taken at the new location by the state division of waterways revealed that a savings of \$137,000 would be made if the dam were relocated. The new location is at the south end of South Island.

In addition to the \$137,000 savings in construction of the dam, an improved method of handling boats through the lock will be made.

State Sen. Robert W. Mitchler announced that construction of locks at the east side of the Montgomery dam are included in the current plans and will be included in the construction of the dam. Although there will be separate bids for the dam and the locks, the construction of the dam and locks at Montgomery will be accomplished at the same time and will be completed during the current biennium.

Agreement to construct the Montgomery dam at the new location was made after it was agreed between John C. Guillou, chief waterway engineer for the state, and officers of the Fox Valley Pleasure Park District to immediately progress with plans for construction of a dam at Oswego. The Oswego dam would be constructed at a site north of the Oswego bridge.

W.L. McCullough, president of the Fox River Pleasure Park District, explained that this combination of a Montgomery dam and lock and Oswego dam would provide eight miles of boating from the EJ&E Railroad bridge south of Aurora to the Oswego dam.

Plans call for continued development of the banks of the Fox River by the park district.

"With proper dam and lock construction, the Fox River can become a navigable stream suitable for pleasure boating all the way south to Ottawa and the Illinois River," Mitchler said.

Robert Nelson of Oak Hill Drive and Paul Baumann of Route 34 recently attended a fraternity leadership training workshop at Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Colo. Bob and Paul are members of Sigma Chi Fraternity.

Sept. 29: On Sept. 15, the voters of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Boulder Hill, held a meeting to issue a call to Rev. Thomas Wilson, pastor of the dual parish of St. Luke's Lutheran and Zion Lutheran, Wheatland, to serve as pastor of St. Luke's following the official dissolution of the dual parish. At the voter's meeting on July 21 it had been resolved to dissolve the dual parish effective Jan. 1, 1967, or sooner if agreeable to both parishes.

Tragedy struck in the early morning hours at the home of Charles H. Percy, the Republican candidate for U.S. Senator. Valerie Percy, daughter of the candidate, was murdered without cause, in a brutal and horrible manner.

October -- 1966

Oct. 6: About \$440 in cash was taken from the Oswego High School safe last Friday night after burglars gained entry through the northeast door of the gym. The door to the safe was destroyed to gain entry. James Vinson, chief of police said the investigation is still proceeding. He said there are some suspects but further results from the Illinois Crime Lab on tests run are being awaited.

Dr. Joseph L. Daw of Aurora is now associated with the Oswego Medical Group. Dr. Daw is an East Aurora High School graduate, and graduated from the University of Illinois Medical School. He went into practice at the clinic in August following service in the U.S. Air Force. He is married to the former Joyce Dano of Aurora.

Oct. 13: Our best wishes to Mrs. Betty Fitzpatrick and Mr. Stanly Herren, who were married Oct. 2. They are residing at 1033 Plum Street, Aurora. Mrs. Herren is the mother of Milton Penn of Oswego.

Waa-Kee-Sha Park will be open through Sunday, Oct. 30. Over 10,000 persons will have used the park this season by the time it is closed down for the winter.

Oct. 20: The Oswego Village Board, at their Oct. 3 meeting, approved one recommendation and sent another recommendation from the Oswego Plan Commission to committee for study. A plan commission recommendation that all future water connections be made only after property has been annexed to the village was referred to the water committee for further study. A recommendation to approve the final plat of the Waubensee Gardens Subdivision submitted by Mr. Pfund was approved.

A letter from the Zoning Board of Appeals that the request by B.J. Douglas to rezone property on the corner of Madison and Van Buren streets was denied. Following a discussion, a motion was made to meet with interested parties and Realtors on Oct. 10 to discuss the matter further.

A petition by Joe Hasnsisak to annex property at the intersection of Routes 34 and 71 was approved, as was an application by Fox Bend Golf Club for a Class A Liquor License.

Dorothy Seidelman, her daughter Susan, and a former fellow student at the Art Institute of Chicago, Arthur Stafford, recently returned from Norfolk, Va., where they spend a one-day dependents' cruise aboard the LPH 9 USS Guam to visit with Jim Seidelman, PH 3. The Guam was the primary recovery ship for the astronauts of Gemini 11 on Sept. 15.

Oct. 27: Construction has been started in Boulder Hill on a new building for Zentmyer Ford Sales, Inc. The company's building in Oswego was completely destroyed by fire one year ago. The move to new quarters in Boulder Hill with ample space for new and used car storage,

employee and customer parking, and the most modern service equipment will assure the continued growth and success of Zentmyer Ford.

The new building, designed by architect Robert Mall of Aurora, will be built by Don L. Dise, Inc. Construction of the 15,000 square foot building will be of clinker brick and natural timbers with a woo shingle roof to compliment the present buildings in the Boulder Hill Market area.

Jill Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Peterson of Oak Hill Drive, Oswego, is one of seven cheerleaders selected recently at MacMurry College, Jacksonville, Ill. She is captain of the squad.

November -- 1966

Nov. 3: Friday was moving day at East View. The long-awaited move to the new Annex began Friday morning as the students moved some of the smaller items to the new building. Larger items were moved over the weekend and Monday morning found the students settled in their new school building.

Rep. Charlotte Reid, R-Aurora, representative from our district, announced today that at long last Oswego will get a new post office. The building will be located on the corner of Madison and Jackson streets. Preliminary plans call for a 2,364 square feet of floor space with an area of 3,000 square feet of parking and movement of postal vehicles.

A familiar grin will be missing from Main Street, Tona Powers succumbed to a heart attack last Saturday afternoon. Tony and Ethel operated the Oswego Coffee Shop for the last eight years.

Nov. 10: In general election balloting Nov. 8, Republicans swept all county offices up for election. Jean P. Brady of Yorkville, was elected county clerk; Don Gengler of Oswego was elected county treasurer; and Vic Frantz of Oswego was elected county sheriff, all by margins of more than 2-1.

Regina Dunn, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Richard F. Dunn of Oswego was killed in an accident on Friday, Nov. 4 when a car struck her in front of the Dunn home on Ill. Route 25.

Nov. 17: The request of Bill Douglas to rezone property at Van Buren and Madison streets for purposes of building a drive-in was denied at the last meeting of the Oswego Village Board. A recommendation to the village board from the Oswego Plan Commission to rezone property on Ill. Route 25 owned by Jim Zentmyer from B-2 to R-1 was referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

When the early 20th Century history of Kendall County is written, Oliver Burkhart's name will be mentioned many times.

Sports, law, and automobiles were Oliver's main interest in life. He excelled at East Aurora High School in football, track, and baseball back at the turn of the century. He was an expert with a shotgun and did a lot of trap shooting. Oliver went from high school to Lake Forest College and received his law degree and started his long career as an attorney. He served as Kendall County

State's Attorney in the late teens and early 1920s. Few people can remember when he became township supervisor or when he actually retired from public service. The village of Oswego retained him as attorney for many years.

Burkhart and Shoger was a pioneer automobile dealership in Oswego. Charley Shoger and Oliver had an EMF Agency. Can you remember the Everett, Metzger, and Flanders automobiles? The Studebaker Wagon Company bought out EMF and originated the Studebaker Automobile Company. Shoger and Burkhart secured an agency in the new organization. Their first place of business was a shed on Jackson Street, near the alley and on the property formerly occupied by Zentmyer's garage. About 1913 they moved to the building where Oliver's brother, Ralph, operates a garage.

Oswego High School Varsity Football Coach Ken Pickerill was named Little Seven Conference Coach of the Year. Since Oswego joined the Little Seven in 1963, Pickerill's record was 19 wins, 8 losses, and 1 tie. His teams produced 21 All-Conference players and 16 Honorable Mentions.

Nov. 23: No news worth reporting

December -- 1966

Dec. 1: St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Boulder Hill celebrated its ninth anniversary. The existing worship and educational facilities were dedicated April 21 1963. Present plans call for the complete remodeling and expansion of the worship facilities and the addition of a large educational and administrative unit. The church building committee is waiting bids for the proposed work from O. Kleb and Associates. It is anticipated that contracts will be awarded early in December with ground breaking for the new facilities planned shortly after. The committee hopes to have this phase of expansion work completed by mid-summer 1967.

Oswego Boy Scout Troop 31 scouts Duane Anderson and Grant Wegner earned their Eagle Ranks during a special ceremony at Cam KeDeKa in Sugar Grove. Scoutmaster of Troop 31 is Howard Dannenberg.

On his first day of hunting, 12 year-old Breck Swanquist of 34 Park Street, Oswego, shot his first deer on Thanksgiving Day. Breck and his father were hunting at Camp Barakel in Fairview, Mich.

Daryl Davis played end for the Illinois Western freshmen this year. And Steve Parker was a regular on the kick return team at Northern Illinois University. Bill Pranga is varsity center at Joliet Junior College, and John Mang made the Wheaton College varsity as a halfback.

Dec. 8: James R. Zentmyer and James K. Detzler of Zentmyer Ford, Inc., Oswego, have just completed a course in dealership management conducted by Ford's Chicago Marketing Institute.

Dec. 15: A rezoning request from N.M. Tripp, regarding a part of Block 1, Park Addition, was referred to the zoning Board of Appeals at the Oswego Village Board's Dec. 5 meeting. Tripp was requesting a zoning change from R-1 to B-2.

Dec. 22: Herbert L. Rucks, 56, of Oswego died at his home Dec. 19, 1966. He was born on July 14, 1910 in Chicago. He is survived by his wife, Gladys; one son, Gerald; and two daughters, Susan (Mrs. Kenneth Steiner) of Chicago and Nancy (Mrs. Fred Kuechelmann) of Evanston; three grandchildren; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.O. Rucks of Duarte, Calif.; and one sister, Mrs. N. H. (Heidi) Sands of Lincoln, Neb. He was preceded in death by one brother, Leonard Rucks of Pasadena, Calif. in October 1956.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Boulder Hill broke ground on Dec. 18 for the enlargement of their current church facilities and the addition of an educational and administrative building.

Contracts were awarded Dec. 16 to Perkins Builders, general contractor; O. Kleb Associates, architecture; Martin F. Runge, Inc., plumbing; Victor Swanson, Inc., heating; Jack Platt, electric; and Hartsburg-Hawksley, church furniture.

The enlargement of the church will include complete remodeling of the nave and chancel with five foot addition to the present edifice, addition of pews and new chancel furnishings, conversion of present church offices into a vesting sacristy and working sacristy, and the purchase of a new organ.

The education-administration building will include church office, pastor's office, and library conference room, school office, nine classrooms, and storage space.

The existing parking lot and main entrance on Pembroke Road will be paved and a free standing tower is to be built.

Dec. 29: Norma Adkins and John Pfund were married recently at the Church of the Good Shepherd by the Rev. Frank Closson.

1967

January

Jan. 5: Jesse W. Ash, 38 Jay Street, Oswego, has been named quality assurance manager and John C. Stein of Woodridge Road Boulder Hill, has been appointed superintendent of the inspection division at Caterpillar Tractor Co.

Ash joined Caterpillar in 1936 at the East Peoria plant as a bur machine operator. He held a variety of machine shop jobs until he became an inspector in 1941. In 1944 he was named inspection foreman and in 1953 inspection general foreman. He came to the Aurora Plant in December 1957 as superintendent of the Inspection division.

Ash and his wife, Ferne, have three children, Sherrilyn, Jean, and a son Robert, who is in the U.S. Navy.

Jan. 12: Our sympathy to Oliver Hem of rural Oswego on the death of his mother, Mrs. Adelaide Hem of Aurora, who passed away last Sunday.

Margaret Gerette Scheller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose J. Scheller, is the first baby born in our area in 1967. She was born on Jan. 5, 1967 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Aurora. Mr. and Mrs. Scheller are the parents of four other children, Gerard, age 5; Marianne, 4; GERALYNN, 3; and Michelle, 1-1/2. The Schellers moved to 12 Scarsdale Road in Boulder Hill a year ago from Dubuque Ia.

Use of ZIP Code will make it easier to mail packages after Jan. 15, Postmaster Haage announced today. Use of ZIP Code in the recipient's address will enable the sender or a mail clerk to quickly determine the proper zone, and thus the rate, for the package. The zones will be based on the distance a parcel travels between the 552 sectional centers in the country.

Jan. 19: At the regular meeting of the Oswego Village Board on Jan. 9, a petition by the Oswego Plan Commission was read asking for the rezoning of the Zentmyer property on Route 25 from B-2 to R-1. Mr. Zentmyer, through his attorneys, requested that the property not be rezoned, since he had expended large sums of money in beginning the contour shaping of the ground and in plans and specifications for the improvement of the property as permitted under the zoning B-2.

The motion to rezone the property carried, 5-1.

The request of N.M. Tripp to rezone property on the corner of Route 34 and Jefferson from R-1 to B-2 was voted on by the board and carried unanimously.

The final plat of Marina Village was approved, subject of the provision that lot 83 be brought up to standard size.

R. Herren was present at the meeting and requested information as to the minimum size street necessary for access to landlocked property on Tyler. Forty feet was the size determined.

A report following state inspection of the Oswego School District recommended that junior high teachers make better use of school library facilities, that instrumental instruction staff should be increased in the music department that that a person specifically trained in art should teach the subject in elementary buildings.

Jan. 26: A photo of an unusual sighting of 11 Canada geese in the Fox River at Oswego made the front page of the *Ledger*.

Duane Ode, president of the Oswego Jaycees, announced that, in response to a letter to the editor in the Jan. 19 *Ledger*, efforts were being made to create an outdoor community ice skating rink. At this time it does not seem probable that we will have one ready for this year, but it will be a definite thing for next year," Ode announced.

Dr. James H. Nelson, 37, of Cost Mesa, Calif. was named resident of area junior college district 516 Thursday by the board of the newly formed junior community college district. He will arrive Feb. 4 and will immediately involve himself with the problems of the college site selection, appointment of key staff members, determination of temporary school quarters, and student recruitment. His first official appearance will be a meeting Feb. 9 with the superintendents of the 12 area school districts and the five counties, parts of which are in District 516.

“Cold Spell Bart,” the second cold wave to chill northern Illinois this heating season arrived late Monday night, Jan. 16. “Bart,” considerably more blustery than his predecessor, “Abner,” planned an indefinite stay. Northern Illinois Gas Company describes a cold spell as any period of 48 hours or more in which temperatures stay below 20 degrees.

February -- 1967

Feb. 2: After a mild winter with very little snow and especially after last Tuesday’s record temperatures in the 60s, the blizzard of Thursday and Friday really was a shock.

Watching the 23 or so inches of snow falling and blowing in one of the worst recorded snowstorms in history, one could also imagine what it must have been like in this area back about 100 years.

The snow was starting to curtail many activities early Thursday afternoon. With Friday came the closing of almost all the factories in our area, along with many other places of business. Schools were also closed and traffic came to a virtual standstill.

A search is underway for a name, a name for Illinois Junior College District 516, the community college authorized last year in the Aurora area that included portions of five counties; Kane, Kendall, DeKalb, LaSalle, and Will. Anyone may send in entries whether he be 80 or 8. First prize is one semester’s tuition.

Feb. 9: Local young men who will be leaving shortly for service in the Armed Forces are Bob Bell, Dick foster, and Merle Faul.

Dr. Lacy H. Cook Jr., announced his association to the Wright Health Clinic, Naperville. Dr. Cook was a member of the Junior American Chiropractic Association and was also a member and officer in the Delta Tau Alpha Honorary fraternity of Chiropractic. Dr. Cook completed his internship at the Chicago General Health Service. Dr. and Mrs. Cook and their son, Douglas, reside in Oswego where he was graduated from Oswego High School

Feb. 16: Classes at the new junior college will begin in September, according to college president Dr. James Nelson.

Dr. Leopoldine Weissmann, a foreign exchange teacher from Austria who has been teaching in the Oswego School District since January, will leave Oswego this week to return to Austria.

The Oswego School Board is conducting a “Name the Elementary School” contest to name the new elementary school at the east end of Long Beach Road in Boulder Hill. The new school is innovative in shape, design, and function.

Feb. 23: The Oswego School District will conduct a special election on Saturday, March 18, 1967 for the purpose of increasing the Educational Tax Rate from 1.60% to 2.00% on the full, fair cash value as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue.

The board said the referendum was necessary due to insufficient current revenue sources, increasing enrollment, the need for new teachers, and the competition to hire qualified staff members.

Two members of the board of Junior College District 516 will be elected Saturday, April 8, 1967. Board members whose terms expire are Dale VonOhlen, president; and Dr. Gustafson, secretary.

Carl Friebele drove to Tucson, Ariz. with his son when Charles returned to Davis-Monathan Air Force Base. Carl visited with Henry and Gertie Heffelfinger at Pomerene, and met vacationing Jeff and Margaret Rogerson and Art and Myrtle Gray, former residents of Oswego who now live in Tucson.

Lee Winckler, president of the Fox Valley Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association will be the speaker at the Feb. 27 meeting of the Oswego Women's Civic Club. M. Winckler has been dressing hair for the past 20 years, 17 of which he has been owner and manager of his own salon in Aurora.

The ninth grade Oswego wrestling team racked up a perfect 14-0-0 record in dual meets under coach Erv Beckett.

March -- 1967

March 2: Myron Wormley of Oswego announced he is seeking reelection as Oswego Township Supervisor. Wormley was appointed to the post following the death of township supervisor Wayne Fosgett in 1960. As the township's representative on the Kendall County Board, Wormley led the effort to establish the Kendall County Forest Preserve District and was instrumental in acquiring the district's first 195 acres of land.

Two Oswego High School students were involved in an incident in which one boy polished the shoes of the other with a small American flag. One of the boys was suspended for three days by high school principal Douglas Moews. Superintendent T.L. Traugher said the matter will be turned over to the school board for further action.

State's Attorney Robert Ohse has stated that to his knowledge there is of state law covering punishment for this type of offense.

Oswego High School students named Illinois State Scholars included Steven Bramhall, Charles Dauwalder, Sandra Fiscus, Donna Gephard, Sue Kohler, Donna McKittrick, Sue Morey Elizabeth Nelson, Amy Randall, Sherril Smith, and Bruce Wolf.

With residents still reeling from heavy snows and high winds, "Cold Spell Clyde" charged into Northern Illinois and delivered his best sub-zero punch on Thursday, Feb. 23 in the wake of a blinding snowstorm, sending the mercury in some areas diving to 20 degrees below zero.

Alvin Chrisse of Oswego High School went all the way to the finals in the State Wrestling Meet at Champaign last weekend. In the finals, Chrisse lost 5-4 for runner-up position against Rich Bobus of Addison Trail.

March 9: Word has been received that Marine Pfc. James F. Leigh is headed back to the States and may arrive at the Great Lakes Hospital this week. A telegram was received last week informing his wife and parents that Jim had "sustained a missile wound and compound fracture of the upper right arm while involved in hostile enemy action" in Vietnam. Jim is a graduate of Oswego High School and Aurora College.

The Oswego School Board voted to take no further action other than to support prior action taken by school authorities in the recent incident concerning the polishing of one boy's shoes by another boy using the American flag.

March 16: Oswego Village Board members approved the plat of Shore Heights Subdivision on Route 31 at their March 6 meeting, with a few alterations. Also approved was a request from the owners of Windcrest Subdivision to change the plat providing for at least a 40-foot setback as required by the county to the village's 30-foot setback.

The Oswego High School Varsity Wrestlers had another outstanding season with a 14-1 team record, two conference champions, five district champions, and a state tournament runner-up. Top wrestlers included Wes Robinson, Fred Mang, Jim Cumpata, Dave Kellogg, Alvin Chrisse, Bill Rowand, Jerry Powers, Chuck Dauwalder, Paul Kulbartz, and Bob McCauley.

March 23: In the special Oswego School District election held Saturday, voters approved an Education tax rate increase 363-212.

A total of 194 entries were submitted in the contest to name the new elementary school in Boulder Hill, according to school superintendent T.L. Traughber. The official name chosen for the school is "Long Beach Elementary School."

David Rogerson, owner of Dave's Standard Service at the junction of Routes 71 and 34, will be closing the station on March 22. Dave has owned the station for three years. About May 1, Dave is planning to open the new Dave's Service and Repair, a repair shop for cars and trucks. It will be located in a new building to be built near McDowell's Welding Shop on Route 71.

Roger Schillinger of Oswego will be the new owner of the Standard Station

The 1,000th subscription to the Oswegoland *Ledger* has been received at the *Ledger* office. Richard Chamberlain of 24 Woodcliff Drive, Boulder Hill, will receive a check for \$25 this week for being the 1,000th subscriber.

The name Waubensee Community College was selected as the official name for Illinois Junior College District 516 at a regular meeting of the board on March 14.

Mrs. Ruby Collins, chairman of the Name the College Contest, has announced the winners of the contest as Patricia Anne Dillon of Batavia and Susan Miller of Aurora, whose winning entries were postmarked at the same hour.

The name Waubensee, the spelling agreed to by the Board, is both unique and appropriate. It is appropriate in that Wau-bon means "dawn" or "early day." The name itself is a forecast for the new school, as the character of the Indian chief himself might well be, for he was a Pottawatomie chief, notable enough to have been included in a big pow-wow of Indian leaders called by President Jackson in 1835.

RETRACTION: Due to an error in last week's *Ledger*, it was reported that Mr. Ed Price of Yorkville had died. The article should have read that Mr. Harvey Price of Yorkville had died. We sincerely regret the error.

March 30: A bill authorizing a feasibility study for construction of a state park in Kendall County will be heard before the Senate appropriations committee Thursday, March 30. The bill is co-sponsored by Sen. Robert W. Mitchler, R-Oswego, and Sen. Denis J. Collins, R-DeKalb.

Sylvia Matile sent in the "Recipe of the Week," for "Orange Cottage Cheese Salad."

April -- 1967

April 6: Republican Myron Wormley of Oswego easily outpaced Democrat Anthony Sustaric of Boulder Hill in the race for Oswego Township Supervisor, 832-291.

The Illinois General Assembly's Appropriations Committee passed a \$50,000 appropriation to study engineering feasibility for a possible lake in the area of Reservation Road. This old lake bed bisecting the junction of the Minooka and Marseilles moraines contains some of the headwaters of Morgan Creek, flowing northwesterly to the Fox Rive, and the Aux Sable Creek, flowing southerly to the Illinois River.

Because of the recent increased row cropping and drainage improvements in the uplands, the agricultural flatland in the region of the lower Aux Sable Creek has been subject to increasingly serious flood damage. Preliminary findings here indicate a favorable potential for a lake with at least some park lands around it. According to Richard Young, county zoning inspector who has worked on this project, "results of this detailed engineering survey are being awaited hen and if the bill is passed by the legislature and signed by the governor. In the meantime we are encouraging small impoundment areas in private developments and where practical requiring it as a condition to certain zoning changes.

Our sympathies to Mr. Eugene Schultz and sons Larry and Gary on the death of their wife and mother, Mrs. Agnes Schultz on March 31.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Boulder Hill held their re-dedication service Sunday, April 2. The church has been lengthened by several feet, the office removed, and new pews carpeting, alter, and other furniture added. Phase two of St. Luke's building program this year calls for the completion of the new education building.

April 13: Wesley F. Gross has been named executive vice president and cashier of the Oswego Community Bank, replacing Richard C. Reschke, whose resignation was reluctantly accepted by the board of directors.

Mr. Gross comes from the Bank of Lisle, where he has served in a like capacity since 1960. He is a graduate of North Central College in Naperville. He also graduated from the Southern Illinois School of Banking and is currently attending the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin.

Mr. Gross and his wife Diane and two children, Katherine Kay and Steven, will soon be moving to the Oswegoland area.

The Oswego School System will lose another veteran teacher at the end of this school year. Grace Burgess Jones will retire after 31 years of teaching. Nineteen of those years have been served in the Oswego District. Mrs. Jones' career spans 46 years.

April 20: The Post Office Department is seeking competitive bids to build and lease the new post office at Oswego, Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien announced.

Elected to full four year terms on the Oswego Village Board in the Tuesday, April 18, election were Milton Penn and Joe Otto, both incumbents; and William Crimmin. Jack Olson, incumbent, was elected to fill an unexpired two year term. A total of 113 voters turned out for the election, down considerably from the 178 who voted in the 1965 election.

The bill to appropriate \$50,000 for a feasibility study of a state park in Kendall County was proceeding through the Illinois General Assembly. Plans have been in the making for some time for a multi-purpose reservoir on the Fox River and the headwaters for Morgan and Aux Sable creeks in Kendall County. Seward Township in Kendall County embodies many of the water resources adaptable to construction of a large lake, which would be part of the state park complex, if approved.

April 27: The Waubensee Community College Board authorized employment of architects at its meeting on April 18. The Geneva firm of Frazier, Raferty, Orr & Fairbank will be employed in association with Caudill Rowlett and Scott of Houston, Tex. The two firms were selected from a field of 12 interviewed.

"From the Supervisor's Desk:" Official announcement was made last week of bid invitations being let for the new Oswego Post Office. This makes a milestone in achievement for the community. This office has a thick file of correspondence with pictures showing the inadequacy of the old facilities.

After the post office is in operation, it undoubtedly would be a great benefit if the community will attempt to meet the necessary minimum requirements to obtain door-to-door delivery of its mail in the incorporated area and the nearby surrounding unincorporated subdivisions.

May -- 1967

May 4: Park Place Baptist Church in Montgomery will be celebrating its 110th anniversary during the week of May 6-14

Wesley Boyd of the Billy Graham Team and his wife, Margaret, will perform as speaker and soloist.

This school year the Oswego Community High School has been undergoing a self-study of the evaluative criteria in preparation for a visit from the North Central Association. The North Central Association is the Midwest regional accrediting agency for secondary schools and colleges.

After a slow start, the spring flowers are blooming in profusion at Waa-Kee-Sha. This weekend you will be able to see squirrel corn, marsh bittercress, trillium, hepatica, spring beauties, swamp buttercups, Virginia bluebells, wild ginger crinkle-root, blue and yellow violets, wild phlox, and many others.

The Oswego Village Board published "An Ordinance Regulating the Operation of Taxicabs in the Village of Oswego."

May 11: Word was received from Sen. Robert W. Mitchler, R-Oswego, that the Illinois State Senate on Monday voted to grant authority to the Kendall County Board of Supervisors to issue bonds for construction of a bridge over the Fox River south of Plano. The vote was 52-0. Lester Cunningham, R-Belvidere, is sponsoring the bill in the House.

Mary Jill Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Peterson of Oak Hill Drive, Oswego, is one of 10 coeds at MacMurray College named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." Peterson is a physical education major, is a member of Orchesis, the modern dance club; a cheerleader; president of Jane Hall; and vice-president of the literary society, Belles Lettres.

Mill Mary Mickle, Oswego, has been chosen to represent Oswego Unit 675 of the American Legion Auxiliary at the 27th Annual Session of Illini Girls State, to be held June 13-20 at MacMurray College, Jacksonville.

Mrs. William S. (Rachel) Anderson has been named to the steering committee of a citizens' council which is supporting plans for a campus for Waubensee Community College. Appointment to the committee was made by the board of Waubensee College.

At its regular meeting of May 2, the Board of Waubensee Community College set the date and amount of a bond referendum necessary to build a college campus. Saturday, May 27, was designated as the day for the citizens of College District 516 to cast their ballots on the \$10.13 million measure.

Waubensee Community College will field varsity teams in both basketball and baseball in the first year of its operation it was announced by Dr. James Nelson, college president.

An Editorial: Sen. Robert W. Mitchler has filed a bill in the Senate to expand the current laws prohibiting the University of Illinois from extending the use of its facilities to subversive, seditious, and un-American organizations, to include any state supported institutions of higher learning

It scarcely seems to come within the realm of reality to sanction the use of facilities which you and I support with out tax money, groups intent of the overthrow of our form of government.

May 18: A3C Larry P. Lakeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lakeman, Oswego, has finished his basic training for the Air Force at Lackland Air Force Base Texas. He is a 1965 graduate of Oswego High School and attended Northern Illinois University until his enlistment in the Air Force.

Jack Johnson Appliances of Oswego has moved to their new location on Main Street from their old location in the Helle Building at Main and Jackson. The store is now located in its much larger quarters in the building formerly occupied by Denney's Grocery Store.

Sally L. Luettich of Oswego is one of 23 University of Illinois students conducting an experimental camp in outdoor living with approximately 125 Champaign-Urbana children aged 8-12 in Illini Grove on the Urbana campus.

Waubonsee Community College was unanimously accepted for membership in the Northern Illinois Junior College Conference at a formal meeting held May 10. This membership will allow the college to compete for conference titles in athletics beginning with the 1968-69 school year.

The Oswego High School Prom was held May 6 in the high school gym. The prom court included Marilyn Johnson, Beth Nelson, Geri Ode, Jacquie Bolin, Sue Kohler, Queen, Al Chrissie, King, and Eric Ebersole Gordon Walker, Steve Mathers, and Richard Johnson.

The Oswego Village Board seated members elected recently at their May 1 meeting. Joe Otto, Milton Penn, and William Crimmin, who have been elected to four-year terms and Jack Olson, who has been elected to a two-year term, took their seats.

A community TV antenna system was discussed. President Fuller and Attorney Ohse reported on their meeting with representatives from the Consolidated Cable Utilities, Inc., purpose being to install a TV antenna in the community. The matter was deferred until the June meeting.

The Clerk's estimated budget for the fiscal year from May 1967 to April 1968 totaling \$176,000 in disbursements was presented and accepted.

May 25: David F. Ford has been appointed administrative assistant to the president of Waubonsee Community College with primary responsibility in the area of publicity and publications. Ford began his duties on May 15, coming from North Central College in Naperville where he had served as director of publicity and publications for the past six and a half years. Prior to going to North Central College, he spent three and a half years as a reporter and photographer for the Beacon News. Ford and his wife, Gail, live on Benton Street, Oswego, with their three children, Jeffrey, Randall, and Amy.

Mrs. Grace Burgess Jones will retire from teaching on June 2. Mrs. Jones is completing 31 years of teaching, which began in 1921. She will be honored Sunday, May 28, at an open house in the music room of East View School.

Mrs. Jeffrey Rogerson, better known to us all as Margaret, has comfortably secured an office of her own at the Kendall County Courthouse. Mrs. Rogerson has been juvenile probation officer for the county for many years.

At their new home at Route 25 and Boulder Hill Pass, Zentmyer Ford received awards from Ford Motor Company. Earl J. Zentmyer received one of the plaques from Dick Chambers, representative of Ford Motor Company, in honor of 50 years of contribution to the success of the automobile industry. Dr. Curtis Bowman received the other from Jim Zentmyer in honor of taking delivery of the first Ford camper from the new Zentmyer Ford Sales.

June -- 1967

June 1: One hundred and thirty-three Oswego High School Students will receive their diplomas at the annual graduation ceremony this Friday, June 2. Raymond Lubbs, Jay Gossett, and Gerald Dauwalder of the board of education will present the diplomas. Speakers for the evening will be valedictorian Elizabeth Nelson and salutatorian Amy Randall.

June 8: Doris K. Thompson, formerly of 96 Washington Street, Oswego died at her home June 4. She was born Jan. 5, 1907 in Peoria. She is survived by her husband, Reeve; two daughters, Katharine of Washington, D.C. and Susan of the University of Illinois Medical Center, Chicago; two brothers, Carl Whitehouse, Galva, and William Whitehouse of Champaign; and three nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Thompson taught English and Latin in the Oswego High School for 23 years. She was a member of the Oswego Presbyterian Church from where the funeral was held Wednesday. Burial was at Lincoln Memorial Park.

Bob Walper of Oswego American Legion Post 675 announced the Kendall County Council has selected Larry Dodd Jr. of Oswego to go to Boys State. The 32nd Annual Session of Boys State will be held June 18-24 at the Illinois State Fair Grounds in Springfield.

The Oswego High School Panther baseball team wrapped up their season as co-champs of the Little Seven Conference; winners of the District and Regional tournaments; and runner-up to eventual state champion LaGrange in the Sectional Tournament. The Panthers had a 21-5 record on the season, going 8-2 in the conference.

June 15: Emmett M. McCauley, 63, of rural Oswego died Saturday at Copley Memorial Hospital in Aurora. He was born March 10, 1904 at Rowley, Ia.

Mr. McCauley is survived by his wife, Margaret; four sons, William of Oswego, David of Boulder Hill, Neil of Naperville, and Robert of Oswego; three grandchildren; one brother, Francis, of NaAuSay; and one sister, Mrs. Robert Devereaux of Oswego.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rod and Eliza McCauley; and by one son, Rodney.

Mr. McCauley was a member of the AuSable Grove United Presbyterian Church, the Raven Masonic Lodge of Oswego, and the Shrine of Aurora. He was president of the Kendall County Board of School Trustees. Mr. McCauley was in the farming and trucking business in the Oswego area for over 40 years.

The funeral was held Tuesday at the AuSable Grove United Presbyterian Church with interment at the NaAuSay cemetery.

Richard B. Ogilvie, president of the Board of Cook County Commissioners, will be the featured speaker at the June 19 picnic of the Kendall County Women's Republican Club.

Nine students from Oswego have been accepted to attend for fall enrollment at Waubesa Community College. The students will comprise a portion of the first class to enroll at the new school when classes begin on Sept. 11.

Oswego area residents who have been accepted include Kent Becker, Gregory Carlson, David Chally, Thomas Gilmour, Wesley Robinson, Tim Rutsay, Donna Schmidt, Eric Ebersole, and Michael Hand.

June 22: A proposed program of urban renewal for downtown Oswego was presented by Mr. Robert May of the Businessman's Association of Oswego at a meeting held Monday night at the Oswego Community Bank. Mr. May suggested the project would cost approximately \$1 million. The proposed plan recommended the emergence of a new shopping center in the downtown area with off-street parking facilities. This would, over a period of several years, require the removal of existing structures and the development of a planned, coordinated series of buildings. By better utilization of the space available, therefore, more store area would actually be available for use by a much larger number of merchants.

A committee of three men, Robert May, Richard Tripp, and William Miller will contact within the next few weeks several shopping center planning firms to determine the cost of a feasibility study of the project.

A raging fire of undetermined origin destroyed the barn at the Myron Wormley farm on Route 31 Sunday night despite the efforts of the Oswego, Yorkville, Bristol and Montgomery fire departments. The barn contained hay, equipment, and antiques stored in the loft owned by Myron Wormley, Brad Smith, and the Reppy Brothers. According to Fire Chief Forrest Wooley, the loss of the building and contents is estimated at \$20,000.

Alvin Chrise, a member of the Class of 1967, has been named the winner of the Norman Harvey Memorial Award at Oswego High School. This award is presented annually to the outstanding male athlete in football and wrestling. Previous winners of the award were Bill Pranga and John Foose.

June 29: Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien announced today that a contract has been awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Montgomery of Somonauk to build the new post office in Oswego and lease it to the Post Office Department. When fully operational, the additional space and more modern equipment will more than offset the extra cost involved in producing more efficient handling of the mail.

“This project is in accordance with our policy of building new post offices only where they are urgently needed,” Mr. O’Brien said.

The new building on the northeast corner of Madison and Jackson streets will represent an estimated total investment of \$77,000 by the successful bidder. It will be leased to the department for ten years with renewal options running through 20 years at an annual rental of \$5,700 for the basic term.

The new one-story building will be air-conditioned and will have an interior space of 2,989 square feet

The post office is expected to be completed on or about July 1, 1968.

Mr. O’Brien explained that the department’s capital investment is limited substantially to postal equipment. The building will remain under private ownership with the owner paying local real estate taxes.

Mary Lou Weiss, Senior Girl Scout from Oswego Troop 230, won an industrial grant to beautify a part of the Illinois Prairie Path. Illinois Prairie Path, Inc., a non-profit organization, is turning the right-of-way of the Chicago, Aurora & Elgin Railroad into a hiking, biking, and horseback riding thoroughfare.

July -- 1967

July 6: Waubensee Community College has relocated its administrative offices. The new location has been announced recently as 15 South Lake Street, Aurora. The move has been made for two primary reasons. First was the limited space available at the former location and second was the need for a more centralized location.

Kendall County officials attended the signing of SB-688 by Gov. Otto Kerner. The bill allows Kendall County to issue bonds to build a bridge over the Fox River at a cost of approximately one-half million dollars.

The first girls’ softball team ever to be in existence in Aurora has been providing plenty of excitement and fun for its spectators and participants alike. The league, which has just begun its second round for the season, plays its games at Green Field in Aurora.

July 13: Mr. and Mrs. J. Stanley Drew, having just returned from Jamaica, will be leaving again the end of July for Japan. Mr. Drew travels for Barber Greene Company, Aurora.

Gas lights down Jackson Street and completed landscaping will enhance the new building, which is being added to the Jacqueline Shop, Oswego. The addition is a two story building 68x24 feet, designed by Ken Thelan of Thelan Associates of DeKalb. The original structure was built in 1845 and Mrs. Jacqueline Pickerill, owner, says the new addition will have an old English look. A parking lot to the rear of the store will enable customers to walk directly into the building.

A new addition going up on Route 34 Oswego, will provide additional working space for those at Riverview Heights Veterinary Clinic.

July 20: Wesley F. Gross, executive vice president of the Oswego Community Bank, announced today that his institution and more than 1,000 other Illinois banks have begun distributing commemorative medals and medallions in association with the Illinois Sesquicentennial Commission.

The Administrative Office of Oswego Community Unit District 308 is compiling a rooming and or apartment list for teachers of the school district who will be looking for places to live during the coming school year. Such places may be either in the school district or within commuting distance of the schools where they will be teaching.

July 27: Gisa Kost, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wolfgang Kost, Schwablsch Hall in Southern Germany, is spending the next year with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pinnow, Carla, and Bryce of Madison Avenue Oswego. Gisa arrived in Oswego July 15, and will be a senior at Oswego High School. In 1965 she was an exchange student in France and last summer was employed in England on a student program.

The staff of Camp Quarry ledge, Oswego is preparing for the seventh week of resident camping for girls. The camp is located on the Fox River off Route 31.

A group of Oswego Jaycees has been working hard for the past several weeks cleaning up the cemetery on Minkler Road. Jaycee Larry Christian and his crew have just about cleared all of the underbrush and will soon start cutting down the dead trees. It might be interesting for those of you that have driven by that weed patch and wondered what it was, to stop by and look around. There is quite a bit of history there. Some of the monuments date back a hundred years and more.

August -- 1967

Aug. 3: The third meeting of the Oswegoland Park District Advisory Planning Group was held July 27 to discuss the preliminary layout and floor plans of the proposed community building and swimming pool to be brought up for a referendum this fall. Mr. William Neil, of Neil and Wennlund Architects, discussed the proposed plans with the park board and members of the advisory council and answered a number of questions.

Preliminary plans call for a swimming pool with 6,510 square feet of water surface and 16,463 square feet of deck area. The community building, which would contain the bath-house facilities for the pool as well as one large meeting room and three smaller meeting rooms, plus auxiliary rooms such as a small kitchen, storage, etc., would be approximately 11,850 square feet in size. Members of the planning council suggested that the amount of the referendum be raised enough to include the development of the west parking lot with a portion of it depressed so it could be flooded and used of rice skating during the winter months. Part of the bath-house could be used as a warming shelter.

The community pool and building would be placed on a 9.3 acre site located on the northerly part of Unit 3 of Cedar Glen and the southerly part of Unit 17, Boulder Hill. It would be fronted on Ashlawn Avenue. More than 80 percent of the total population of the district lives within a three mile radius of the site.

Oswego Senior High cheerleaders recently returned from Cheerleaders Camp at Williams Bay, Wis., where they won several trophies and ribbons. This year's cheerleaders are Laurie Bieschke, Sue Svob, Cam Toalson, Lael Valbert, and Kathy Freeman.

The Oswego Village Board approved the preliminary plat of Unit 17, Boulder Hill, following minor changes, which included making Harold Court a through street to join with Windcrest Subdivision. Ordinance 1967-7 was presented and passed annexing properties owned by Ernest and Amanda Pfund and Wesley and Diane Gross.

Ordinance 1967-8 was passed rezoning from R-1 to B-2 and from R-1 to B-1 and from R-1 to M-1 certain real estate recently annexed to the village. The properties involved include Ebert Motel, Stonier property, Hansisak Golf Supply, McDowell Welding, and Fox Bend Golf Club.

The appropriation ordinance 1967-9 in the amount of \$177,725 for the fiscal year 1967 was adopted.

As a result of legislation signed by Governor Kerner, Illinois State University has a new name for the second time in three years. In 1963, the legislature approved a bill changing the institution's name from Illinois State Normal University to Illinois State University at Normal. In a bill signed by the governor this week, the "at Normal" was deleted and the official name of ISU became Illinois State University.

The word Normal was originally removed from the names of all the former teacher colleges because of its connotation of two-year teacher education programs.

Aug. 10: The Oswego Plan Commission drafted and sent to the District Office of the State of Illinois Highway Department a letter opposing creation of a highway rest stop on Route 34 east of Oswego, across from the Fox Bend Golf Course. The commission suggested the property could be better developed as a site for private housing and that establishing a rest stop in an area that was likely to be soon surrounded by residential neighborhoods was not a good use for the land and did not comply with the village's comprehensive plan.

LaVina and Kay Wilkening, new owners of the Oswego Greenhouse, Oswego, are in Chicago taking a special course of instruction at the American Floral Art School.

U.S. Sen. Howard H. Baker Jr., R-Tennessee, son-in-law of Senate Minority Leader Everett McKinley Dirksen, R-Illinois, will be the honored guest and featured speaker on Aug. 16 at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield.

Aug. 17: An article by Oswego Township Supervisor Myron Wormley recounted the reply received from the State of Illinois to the Oswego Plan Commission's letter objecting to the proposed Route 34 rest area. According to Wormley, William R. Stahl, district maintenance engineer, wrote that "The land use as a rest area at that time seemed to have the approval of the community leaders...A contract was awarded on July 7, 1967 to construct this rest area and the contractor has scheduled work to start on this project on Aug. 14, 1967."

Wormley contended the site was chosen, purchased, and development begun with no consultation with local, township, or county officials.

"As a township officer, elected as an independent party candidate, I hesitate to implicate any political party to this \$35,000 (or more) fiasco, but I am sure that I speak for the multitude of

county, township, and community leaders who would like to join in unison and ask who are the community leaders who gave approval of this site.”

At the Oswego Village Board meeting Aug. 7, final approval was given of the Shore Heights plat. Approved also was the final plat of Don Dise’s Boulder Hill Unit 17. A preliminary plat of Wormley’s Century Estates was presented and approved.

Mr. Carl Friebele requested a special use permit to repair cars at his residence. No body work would be involved and no sign would be hung.

A second special use permit was authorized for James Zentmyer to repair and sell antiques at his residence on Route 25. The request for a small sign was approved providing that it was of an ornamental nature and met with specifications and that a license for same be obtained.

Aug. 24: Robert B. May, Charles Shuler, Richard Tripp, and Gerald Rucks recently spoke with Mr. Ron Bussey of the Larry Smith Company to discuss a market survey for the redevelopment project of downtown Oswego.

Mr. Bussey advised the committee that Oswego has many things in its favor--good population base, large industry, and new housing. All of these things point to the need for a larger retain business district with modern stores.

An Editorial: \$35,000 for a proposed rest area would seem a great deal of money to spend for such a project--particularly when it is spent so foolishly.

To begin with, what rest area can possibly be that costly? A beautiful home, complete with all modern conveniences on a lovely to can be built almost anywhere in this area for that price. Why must it cost the same amount for the state of Illinois to acquire land, put in a drive, a few picnic tables, and possibly a source of water and toilet facilities?

Letter to the Editor: Does anyone really think that Oswego needs someplace to eat a quiet picnic lunch under trees near a small stream? Do we really need someplace for kids to just sit in the summer instead of being forced to join this activity or that activity? I say that they do. So far, we have a swamp for a park and an old dump for a proposed park--both too far from Oswego to walk. Why don’t we support this little bit of unorganized greenery? I know that no friend or relative of a member of the village board owns the property, but just this once couldn’t we make an exception?

Roger A. Matile  
129 Polk Street  
Oswego

Mrs. Esther V. Campbell, former Defense Contract Audit Agency employee, has been appointed to a GS-14 financial manager position in the Post Office Departments’ Bureau of Finance and Administration.

Mrs. Campbell is a younger sister of Woodrow “Woody” Boone, who barbers in Oswego and lives with his wife and son at 4 North Main Street, Oswego. Their mother, Mrs. Jerome Perkins, lives at 629 E. Erie Street, Spring Valley, Illinois.

September -- 1967

Sept. 7: The Oswego Community Schools' enrollment total is up again this year 253 students, or 9.54 percent, over the 1966-67 year. Last year the increase was 167 students, or 6.72 percent over the 1965-66 school year.

Enrollment this year by schools is as follows: East View, 879; Boulder Hill, 608; Long Beach, 332; Junior High School, 579; Senior High School, 506.

Thirty-two students from the Oswego-Boulder Hill area have been enrolled on a full-time basis for fall semester classes at Waubensee Community College. The students, who will be members of the first class to enroll in the new school are:

Boulder Hill: Jeffrey Wilson, Donald Kroening, James Vogel, Robert Elliott, Daryl Davis, Jerry Yuvan, Lawrence Smith, Rodney Robinson, Jeffrey Goodendorf, James Foreman, Michael Hand, Eric Ebersole, Steven Jess, Richard Beebe, Elizabeth Kroening, and Susan March.

Oswego: Eugene Lamb, Richard Silvius, Ramon Kohler, Cathern Madox, Paul Kulbartz, Donna H. Schmidt, Marlys Silvius, Roberta Watson, Timothy Rutsay, Wesley Robinson, Opal Hauser, Michael McCort, Bruce Shoger, Thomas Gilmour, Michael Weiss, and David Chally.

Sept. 14: The Kendall County Zoning board of Appeals met Tuesday morning, Sept. 12, at the Wolf's Crossing Road property owned by R.N. Herren and Robert and JoAnne Gilmour to hold a hearing on the petition filed by the owners asking for a Special Use Permit to mine gravel on those premises.

On June 20, the Zoning Board of Appeals had denied the owners a permit to mine rock. In the new appeal a larger buffer strip had been provided plus a smaller area of actual mining operation. After hearing all the representing attorneys, the Zoning Board unanimously passed a motion to deny the hearing of the petition.

Sept. 21: Two polling places have been designated for the Oswegoland Park District referendum on Saturday, Oct. 7, 1967. The referendum is being held to determine if a community building and swimming pool should be built. Polling places will be established at the Oswego Township Hall on Washington Street in Oswego and at Boulder Hill School on Boulder Hill Pass in Boulder Hill.

Letter to the Editor signed by a dozen area residents: We were newcomers to Oswego three years ago and were much impressed with the friendliness and war acceptance that was shown to us. It is because of this that we are very concerned and disappointed to hear of all the opposition to the new community center.

It is certainly true that the facilities could be utilized by ALL the community, both young and old, and the tax increase would only be \$6 on a now \$300 bill. It seems to us that the community would be getting a much-needed addition for very little extra cost.

Mrs. William Musselman, 37 Hampton Road, who broke her left wrist in a household accident, is out of the hospital now and recuperating nicely.

The Oswego Village Board decided to have Oliver Leppert attend the Sewer Plant Operators course operated by the State of Illinois.

Ordinance 1967-15 granting authorization to Consolidated Cable Utilities, Inc., to construct and maintain a community antenna television system in the village was adopted by a vote of 5-1.

Sept. 28: Fox Bend Golf Club, a new golf course located on Route 34 in Oswego, will hold its first major tournament on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 14-15.

Leon McNair, pro at the club, stated that the Fall Classic will be a 36-hole medal play event for all male amateurs in the area.

Doris Elizabeth Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest S. Miller of Riverview Heights, became the bride of Airman Second Class Thomas Earl Adkins, son of Mrs. Norma J. Adkins, on Sunday, Sept. 23.

State Sen. Robert W. Mitchler, R-Oswego, announced that he favors repeal of the Inheritance Tax Act amendments when the General Assembly returns to Springfield Oct. 16. The amends were enacted in to law and signed by Governor Kerner during the recent session of the General Assembly.

October -- 1967

Oct. 5: Oswegoland Park District voters will go to the polls on Saturday, Oct. 7, to decide on the proposed community center building and swimming pool, which will serve all of the people of the area.

Eligible voters are all residents of the Oswegoland Park District who are legally registered voters and who fulfill the residency requirements of one year in the state, 90 days in the county, and 30 days in the Oswegoland Park District.

The total amount of the bond issue is \$410,000, to be paid off over a 15 year time period. The money will be used to build a "Z" shaped swimming pool with a total of 6,510 square feet of water surface and a concrete deck area of 16,463 square feet, plus a kiddie's spray pool; also a community center building of 11,850 square feet, which will contain the bath house units for the swimming pool, one large meeting room, three smaller meeting rooms, kitchen facilities, and storage.

The site for the building is an 8.8-acre park located on a part of the 3rd Addition to Cedar Glen and a part of Unit 17 of Boulder Hill. It is midway between the southern village limits of Oswego and the northern limits of Boulder Hill [sic: should be northern village and southern Boulder Hill limits].

The cost of the bond issue will be \$7.50 per \$10,000 of assessed valuation or about 2 percent of the total tax bill.

This bond issue is the end result of a detailed study of the recreational and leisure-time needs of the Oswegoland area by the park commissioners and a 50-member advisory council.

The annual election of district representatives of the Boulder Hill Civic Association will be held Wednesday, Oct. 11. The Civic Association was formed in 1959 to provide a voluntary-type limited government to represent the residents in contacts with the developer, the township, and county officials on problems affecting the Boulder Hill community.

“On the first play of the game Sept. 30, the Cary Grove Trojans got a touchdown on about a 65 yard run around our left side,” wrote sports reporter Bert Gray, “But they didn’t get the extra point.” The Panthers rebounded, however, the beat Cary Grove 46-6.

#### Oct. 12: PARK DISTRICT VOTE PASSES

A total of 1,235 votes were cast in the Bond Referendum held Saturday by the Oswegoland Park District giving the park district the go-ahead for the new community building and swimming pool, which are to be built between Upper Cedar Glen and Boulder Hill.

In Boulder Hill, there was a total of 590 votes cast, 156 “No” to 434 “Yes.” At the Township Hall in Oswego, 645 voters turned out, 234 votes “Yes” and 404 voted “No.”

The final tally was 668 “Yes” and 560 “No.”

Some confusion occurred at the Township Hall poll when many would-be voters had to be turned away due to the fact that they were not residents of the Oswegoland Park District. Those who felt they had been charged taxes for the park district were asked to check their previous tax bills. Much of the confusion stemmed from the fact that those students within the school district are eligible to attend the Park District summer program, even though their homes are not within the park district boundaries. This is done in return for the use of the school facilities during the summer program.

Richard W. Brightman, 12 Lyncliff Drive, Oswego and Theodore Tilton, 501 W. Ridge Yorkville, have co-authored a book, “Data Processing For Decision Making.” It is primarily designed to be used as a text for introductory courses in data processing. Brightman is chairman of the business division at Waubensee Community College.

Oswego residents were saddened by the sudden death of Ernest Pfund on Sunday. Ernie had been engaged in landscaping and excavating business for 30 years. He was a member of the Oswego Presbyterian Church, a charter member and the first president of the Oswego Lions Club, and also belonged to the Fox Bend Golf Club. Surviving are his widow, Amanda; a son, Jack; and six sisters and one brother.

Oct. 19: David Krahn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Krahn of Oswego received his Eagle award, the highest rank in Boy Scouting Monday night at the court of awards held by Troop 31 of Oswego.

The homecoming court at Oswego High School is Kathy Freeman, Judy Nixon, Cam Toalson, Teri Twait, Pam Toalson, Dawn Denney, Heidi Wagner, Jim Cumpata, Ron Gimble, Kevin Irby, Bernie Knuth, Rich Doty, Jeff Harvey, and Rick Anderson. The homecoming game on Friday night under the lights will be played against Geneva. The homecoming dance will be held Saturday in the high school cafeteria. The Jim Hilliard Orchestra will play.

“Last Friday night, the Oswego Sophs invaded West Chicago and came out on the top of the pile once again, 32-6,” reported *Ledger* sportswriter Dave Krahn.

Oct. 26: T. Loyd Traugher, superintendent of Oswego schools, will be among the 129 school superintendents, principals, and teachers participating in a comparative education seminar,

“Contrasts in Education” in Yugoslavia, Greece, Russia, Poland, and East Berlin. Mrs. Traughber will accompany her husband on the tour.

State Sen. Robert W. Mitchler, R-Oswego, sharply criticized the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities for hiring Staughton Lynd to work at Chicago State College. Mitchler said he intends to call for a full investigation.

Lynd is a controversial figure because of his anti-war statements and a trip to North Viet Nam without government authorization. Lynd made the trip to North Viet Nam with Herbert E. Aptheker, the chief theoretician of the Communist Party of the United States.

Jeff Harvey and Heidi Wagner were chosen to reign as king and queen of the Oswego Community High School's homecoming events of last weekend.

November -- 1967

Nov. 2: St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Boulder Hill is celebrating its tenth anniversary as a congregation in November.

Northern Illinois Gas Company announced plans to honor nearly 300 of its long-service employees. They will be feted Nov. 9 at the company's annual Service Recognition Dinner to be held at the O'Hare Inn in Rosemont. Oswego employees invited to the affair are Christopher Baumann, Charles Garrison, and Roy Skogler.

James Zentmyer, owner and president of Zentmyer Ford, Inc., of Boulder Hill and Owner of Z.Z. LeaZing of Aurora, addressed the National Automobile Dealers Association meeting in Harrisburg, Pa., Tuesday, Oct. 24. He has been a speaker at many meetings of General Motor's dealers, Ford marketing institutes, and advertising and promotion outings.

Nov. 9: Earl J. Zentmyer was honored with a surprise party on Thursday evening at the conclusion of the Oswego Township Library Board meeting. Forty guests were present. Dr. Arthur DeVol, vice-president of the Oswego Community Library Association presented a plaque to Mr. Zentmyer, which was inscribed: "Presented to Mr. Earl J. Zentmyer for the inspiration he has given by his example of selfless interest in the cause of the Oswego Township Library."

A mid-December referendum is foreseen for Waubensee Community College. The board, in concurrence with the college advisory council, was ready to plan for 5,000 full time equivalent students by 1980. The referendum would provide the district's share of capital outlay funds to build facilities.

The Oswego High Sophomore Football Team won the co-championship of the Little Seven Conference, the first LSC soph conference win in Oswego High history.

Nov. 16: The Rev. William A. Kucenski pastor of Immanuel Lutheran, Hinckley, will be the guest speaker this Sunday as St. Luke's Lutheran of Boulder Hill continues a month-long

celebration of their tenth anniversary. Rev. Kucenski serves as counselor for the circuit of which St. Luke's is a member.

The Waubonsee Community College Varsity Basketball Squad has been preparing for the opening game against Kendall College of Evanston on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at the East Aurora High School gym. The Chiefs have scheduled a 22 games.

The Oswego Pet and Hobby Shop has opened on Main Street, offering a complete line of hobby and pet supplies to area residents. Owner Ralph Ross is pictured with his son and daughter, Jeff and Cynthia, who help in the shop.

Nov. 23: This fall, there has been a lot of activity and clean-up work going on at the Harris Forest Preserve and the adjacent six acre parcel purchased separately by the Kendall County Recreational Association. Last year, the forest preserve district and the association signed contract purchase agreements with Mr. Harris for the land.

This 90 acre wooded parcel lies on the rolling summit of the Marseilles Moraine about one mile south of Yorkville.

The area is rich in early settler history and the remains of an old maple sugar plant where maple syrup was processed are still visible in the dense woods which covers about 2/3 of the ground.

At the Oswego Village Board meeting on Nov. 6, the request by Gene Herren and Lacy Cook to rezone property on the corner of Main and Van Buren from R-2 to B-1 was approved. Also, the final plat of Wormley's Century Acres was presented and approved.

Nov. 30: Mr. and Mrs. Omer C. (Wanda Penn) Horton of Oswego announced the birth of their second child, a girl, born Friday, Nov. 24, at Copley Memorial Hospital. She weighed in at 6 pounds, 9 uncles, and has been named Laura Suzanne.

December -- 1967

Dec. 7: No news

Dec. 14: Boulder Hill's Festival of Lights will be observed on Christmas Night from 6-9 p.m. The route of the festival will be the entire length of Briarcliff Road, starting at Route 30 by-pass and Fernwood Road.

Waubonsee Community College expects an estimated 5,000 full-time students by 1980, according to Mr. Ed Fauth chairman of the advisory council on physical facilities. At present, 1,600 are enrolled in ten rented buildings throughout the college district.

The Waubonsee College Board plans to bring a \$7.5 million bond referendum before the citizens Saturday, Dec. 16. Citizens will be asked to vote on a permanent campus for the college.

Albert G. Anderson, 79, a lifelong resident of Oswego Township, died Dec. 6, 1967 from injuries received in an auto accident in Wheatland Township. He was a member of the Wheatland United Presbyterian Church and the Kendall County Farm Bureau.

Surviving are one sister, Mrs. Jessie price of Oswego Township and several nieces and nephews.

Dec. 21: Kent Smith has risen to the top of the 4-H success ladder. The 19 year-old University of Illinois sophomore from Oswego capped his 4-H career this fall when he was named a national dairy winner at the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. J. George Smith, Kent was not the first person in his family of six to receive the coveted award. Kent's father beat him to the honorary by copping it in 1936. His sister, Nanette, received the same award, the highest 4-H can bestow on a dairy project member, in 1961.

At the Boulder Hill Civic Association's last meeting, Ernie Spiller presented plaques to the outgoing officers in recognition of their service, including Ray Tanner, Bob Weilert, Charles Kemmer, and Wally Tanner.

Dec. 28: No news

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January

Jan. 4: Charles Heriaud, 84, of Oswego died Dec. 25 at Copley Hospital. He was born Sept. 29, 1883 in Victor Township, Ill.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Clifford (Ethel) Butler of Big Rock and Mrs. Ralph (Genevieve) Ross of Oswego; two sons, Earl of Oswego and Raymond of Boulder Hill; 21 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was a member of the Modern Woodmen and the Kendall County Farm Bureau. Burial was in Lincoln Memorial Park.

Allan Wilson, 19, of Oswego died Dec. 28, 1967 at St. Charles Hospital in Aurora he was born April 8, 1948 in Aurora.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Helen Wilson, five brothers, Louis and Thomas of Yorkville; Michael with the U.S. Army in Germany; and Lester and Joseph of Oswego; four sisters, Mrs. Donald (Patricia) Mueller of Chicago and Mrs. Justin (Helen) Larson of Yorkville and Mary Jo and Donna Wilson of Oswego.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lester Wilson in November 1965. Burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

November 1967 marked the closing of Kendall Farmer's Oil Company's 40th fiscal year, also marking the highest sales in company history.

Jan. 11: Heidi Wagner of Oswego has been named as Oswego Community Senior High School's DAR winner. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wagner of Oswego.

The *Oswego Ledger* office is now open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Jan. 18: At the Oswego Village Board's Jan. 2 meeting, a petition requesting rezoning in Bolin Addition was referred to the Zoning Board acting as a Zoning Commission.

In other board action, due to the resignation of A.M. Shuler as village collector, a motion was made and approved that Charles Shuler be appointed and that an increase of \$10 per month be made.

Steve Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Smith of Polk Street, who is with the Seabees in Vietnam, is now in Leatherneck Square doing construction work for the marines. He wrote home to tell his folks of having had dinner on Christmas Eve with Premier Ky, President of the Republic of Vietnam. A quote from Steve, "He is a pretty good guy, but very military. Our cook whipped up a good meal, considering."

Second Lt. James T. Wormley, a cost analyst with the U.S. Army Material Command in Washington, was recently promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant while serving on temporary duty with the U.S. Army Project anger in Warren, Mich.

Lt. Wormley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Wormley of Oswego.

Jan. 25: The Oswego Community Bank Board of Directors at their annual organization meeting Jan. 15 reluctantly accepted the resignation of Earl J. Zentmyer as president of the bank.

Zentmyer has served the bank in this capacity since January 18, 1960. His diligent effort and hard work played a major role in getting the Oswego Community Bank started on Aug. 28, 1958. Prior to that time, Earl was the owner and proprietor of Zentmyer Ford Sales, a business which he started in 1922. Zentmyer is also retiring Feb. 1 from his daily activities with the bank.

Jerome Nelson, a partner in the law firm of Puklin, Nelson and Dunn of Aurora, was elected president to succeed Mr. Zentmyer.

On Jan. 1, 1968 after more than 30 years of service to his community, Mr. A.M. Shuler sold his drug store to his son, Charles Shuler.

Mr. Shuler has been active in many other community groups over the years. He served several terms on the village board, was president of the Oswego Lions Club, member of the Oswego High School Board and the Oswego Businessmen's Association, chief of the Oswego Volunteer Fire Department and was a member of the original Oswego Recreation Committee, which predated the Oswegoland Pak District. He has also sponsored local basketball, baseball, and bowling teams.

The new owner, Chuck, was graduated from Oswego High School in 1959 and from Drake University College of Pharmacy with a B.S. degree in pharmacy in 1963. He completed his apprenticeship in the drug store and received his registration in August 1963.

Following a year of study, the KeDeKa Area Council and the Chief Shabbona Council of the Boy Scouts of America have consolidated into the Two Rivers Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America. It consists of an area including all of Kendall and DeKalb counties, and Kane County with the exception of the northeast five townships.

Craig Johnson, husband of the former Pat Jurgelonis, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Johnson of rural Oswego, and Richard Michelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Michelson of rural Plattville,

are next-door neighbors in Vietnam. Both boys were stationed together at Ft. Leonard Wood, and moth left O'Hare Field together Nov. 30. They are with the 35th Engineers at Phu Cat, north of Quin Nhon. This group maintains Route One to the DMZ. The boys live in tents close to one another so they have a chance to discuss all the news from home. They have both been under sniper fire. Craig works in personnel and Richard works on maintaining Route One.

It has been decided by Waubensee Community College that \$2,000 per acre is too much to pay for the proposed college campus site.

The land which has been selected and approved for the campus is owned by the Howard Huntoon family and is located one and one-half miles north of the intersection of Business 30 and Illinois 47.

Because of the inability to settle on what the board regarded as a fair price for the land, the attorney has been instructed to begin condemnation proceedings to acquire the site if a lower price per acre cannot be obtained by Feb. 1.

February -- 1968

Feb. 1: Waubensee Community College is considering the expansion of its technology programs to include the training of automotive technicians.

Feb. 8: Following the successful referendum on Oct. 7, the Oswegoland Park District commissioners instructed the architectural firm of Neil and Wennlund to proceed with preparation of blueprints and specifications on the pool and building in accordance with the preliminary drawings.

The district is planning on holding the bid letting the latter part of February.

Oswego High School's varsity wrestlers will compete Saturday, Feb. 10 in the varsity conference meet at Sycamore High School. They enter the meet with a 6-0 conference record.

Miss Hattie M. Pogue, 95, of Evanston died Sunday at Memorial General Hospital in LaGrange. Surviving are several cousins. She was a former resident of Oswego. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Milton Pogue. Burial was in the Oswego Cemetery.

Feb. 15: Mr. and Mrs. Gordon "Tub" Wormley have moved from their home on Park Street Oswego to the apartment above Carr's Department Store. They are building a new home in Brookside Manor, which will be ready for occupancy in the spring.

The newly established Waubensee Community College library is using an IBM 1401 computer to improve its services to students and staff. As new books are processed for the shelves, a shelf list card is prepared and given to the college's keypunch operator. She punches the information into the card. When 250 titles have been processed a list is run by computer for students and faculty use.

The Oswego High School Varsity Wrestling Team placed third in the Little Seven Conference tournament held last Saturday at Sycamore.

Feb. 22: Everett McKeown of the McKeown Funeral Home, Oswego, announced the addition of William F. Dunn to his firm. Bill is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Richard F. Dunn, Oswego. Dr. Dunn is the plant physician for Caterpillar Tractor Company. Bill attended Marmion Military Academy but graduated from Ottawa Township High School and from Worsham College of Mortuary Science. He also attended Bogan Junior College in Chicago, Aurora College, and the U.S. Armed Forces Institute.

Bill moved to Oswego in December 1965 just prior to entering the U.S. Army's Medical Corps, from which he was honorably discharged on Jan 18, 1968.

A member of St. Anne's Parish, Bill is a member of the Oswego Jaycees, a deputy coroner for Kendall County, and a licensed funeral director.

The board of Waubensee Community College recently approved the purchase of the 183.5-acre Huntoon Riding Academy as the permanent site of the college.

The purchase price agreed upon was \$1,800 per acre with provisions that the college not pay for any land within Route 47 which borders the future campus. This represents about seven acres and reduced the total cost by \$12,600. Agreement was also reached concerning revenue from mineral rights on the farm. Gravel remaining in the pit will belong to the college on March 1, pointing to another savings estimated at \$30,000. The total savings reduced the purchase price below \$1,600 per acre, the professional estimate of the site's value.

Feb. 29: At the meeting of the Board of Education of Oswego Community Unit School District 308 Monday evening, T. Loyd Traughber tendered his resignation as superintendent effective as of June 30, 1968. Mr. Traughber is completing 20 years of service to the community and stated that it was with a real sense of personal regret that he had reached this decision upon advice that he somewhat curtail physical activities and tension. Traughber came to the Oswego schools from Lee Center in 1948, with a total of 22 years of experience in the field of education as teacher, coach, assistant principal and superintendent. At that time there were 13 country schoolhouses still being used and the high school faculty numbered only 10. These 13 grade school districts were consolidated into District No. 8 in 1948, and Traughber served as superintendent of both the grade school district and the high school district with a total enrollment of 453. A major step was accomplished in 1961 when the present Oswego Community Unit District No. 308 was formed. School enrollment had reached 1,768 at that time. Currently, the district is providing education for 2,965 students. To provide facilities for this vastly increased number of students, all of the present schools have been built during Traughber's administration.

Kendall County Coroner Everett M. McKeown has announced that he will seek the Republican nomination for reelection to the office in the primary election to be held on June 11.

March -- 1968

March 7: "To be or not to be" will be the theme of the hearing at Plano on March 13 when the wild river plan for the Fox River is discussed.

A plan to retain a section of the Fox River in its natural beauty has been proposed by interested citizens and nature groups.

Oswego Implement Company, Oliver farm equipment dealer in Oswego, was host to farm families from the surrounding area at an Oliver Farm Fair on March 6. Two of the new Oliver farm machines for 1968 were featured.

At the Oswego Village Board's meeting Feb 5, a request by the Post Office Department for steps to be constructed in front of the new office building on the Route 34 side was agreed to by the board.

Appointment of Dave Rogerson as patrolman was approved by the board.

March 14: Investigation is continuing in to the homicide of Richard Tripp, 28, of Oswego, who died of gunshot wounds inflicted last Friday night, March 8 between approximately 8:55 and 9:45 p.m., when he was shot at the N.M. Tripp Insurance Company on Washington Street in Oswego. He had worked for the family firm with his father Norval and brother Robert for the past several years.

According to information provided by law enforcement agencies, at 8:50 p.m. on March 8, Mr. Tripp called his father to state that he was nearly done working and would pick up his son from his father's home in about 20 minutes. At approximately 9:15 p.m. Mrs. Richard Tripp called the insurance office and received no answer. At about 10:20 the Oswego Police Department was called to the office by Norval Tripp, who had gone to investigate his son's continued absence, and had found his body there.

In the meantime, the Montgomery Police Department received a call at 10:05 p.m. that a car had been seen in the Fox River by the overpass at Bereman's curve on Route 25. They investigated and found the car owned by Richard Tripp abandoned at that place.

A diamond ring that Tripp was wearing was missing. The office files had been rifled, but the safe containing money had not been opened.

Kendall County Sheriff Vic Frantz said the investigation was continuing.

A meeting of state and local officials to determine plans for construction of a dam in the Fox River north of the Oswego bridge was held March 8 in the offices of the Fox River Valley Pleasure Driveway and Park District in Aurora.

Engineering studies for the Oswego dam were temporarily delayed following a meeting Nov. 29 when members of the Oswego Plan Commission met with state officials to present a suggestion for a larger dam to be constructed south of Oswego; this plan was determined to be unacceptable at this time.

Appropriations have been authorized for construction of a dam at Montgomery, now completed; a lock at that location; a dam at Oswego; and dredging of the Fox River upstream of the Montgomery dam to the EJ&E railroad trestle. This would turn approximately 8 miles of the Fox River into a navigable recreational area. The Fox River would have a minimum depth of five feet and would reach depths of 8 to 12 feet in some locations within the developed section.

The state estimated the cost of the lock at the Montgomery dam at \$225,000; the Oswego dam, \$450,000; and dredging work at \$80,000.

A new telephone improvement will be put into operation in Oswego on March 13. Illinois Bell Telephone Company will switch the area to Automatic Number Identification. The telephone number of Oswego customers will be recorded automatically when they dial outside their toll

free calling area. No longer will it be necessary for an operator to come onto the line and ask for the caller's number.

Private funeral services for Richard Tripp, 28, who died as the result of gunshot wounds, were held Monday. Burial was in Lincoln Memorial Park.

He is survived by his widow, Nancy; one son, Michael; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norval Tripp; and a brother, Robert, all of Oswego; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Nellie Tripp of Rockford; three nephews; and several aunts and uncles.

March 21: The Mary Carter Paint center will hold its grand opening Thursday through Saturday, March 21-23 in its new facilities at the junction of Routes 34 and 71 in Oswego. The store, which operates on an exclusive franchise for the Kendall County and Aurora area, is owned and operated by Bob and Millie Ebert, who also own the motel at the same junction.

The Oswego Community Bank, 25 Main Street, has announced the appointment of Warren H. Vickery as assistant cashier. Vickery began his duties as a loan officer on March 4.

Steve Holley, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Holley, a ninth grade student at Oswego Junior High School is a state champion wrestler. Steve won the 112 pound Novice Weight Class title on March 10.

March 28: Four lie tests have been given so far in the continuing investigation into the death of Richard Tripp of Oswego on March 8. All four were passed. According to Kendall County Sheriff Vic Frantz, four more are scheduled to be given in the next week.

The Oswego Coffee Shop opened Monday of this week under the ownership of Robert A. Glen, owner of Scotty's Restaurant. Rose Lurz, manager of the Coffee Shop, has been in the restaurant business most of her life and has worked for Scotty's for the past eight years.

Mr. Glen has owned Scotty's Restaurant in Oswego for eight years. Prior to that he was the chef at the Colonial House in Naperville for eight years and a mess sergeant in the army for nine years.

Lacy H. Cook Jr., doctor of chiropractic, has recently the opening of the Oswego Chiropractic Center, 57 W. Van Buren.

Mrs. Mary Kathryn Bridges, 28, of rural Oswego died Sunday as the result of a horse riding accident in Oswego Township while riding a horse borrowed from Ron Wackerlin.

The inquest into the death of Mrs. Alice H. Larson, 50, of Briarcliff Road, Boulder Hill, has been continued by Kendall County Coroner Everett McKeown, pending an investigation by the Sheriff's Department. Mrs. Larson's body was discovered March 23 by her husband, Glen Larson, in the garage of their home. The apparent cause of death was carbon monoxide poisoning, according to the sheriff's department.

Mr. Arthur Trambly, 47, of Route 25, Oswego died of a gunshot wound to the head March 24. The death was investigated by the Kendall County Sheriff's Department. Their report showed the death was not a homicide.

Mr. Trambly is survived by a wife and three children.

April -- 1968

April 4: Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James Aird (Evelyn Gepford), Oswego, on the birth of a boy, John Gepford, born March 27 at Copley Memorial Hospital. They have a daughter, Chris, who is 7 years old.

April 11: Waa-Kee-Sa Park will open for the season on Saturday, April 13 and remain open daily from dusk to dawn until late in the fall.

Lute Larson, 84, of Oswego died April 2 at his home. He was born Sept. 26, 1883 in Mission Township, LaSalle County. Surviving are Mrs. Anna Anthenat of Somonauk, his sister; Charles Larson of Plano, a brother; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Minnie, and one infant son.

He was a retired farmer and lived in the Oswego area for 40 years.

April 18: Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert LeClercq (Shirley Lantz) on the birth of their third boy, John Patrick. He was born April 10 at Copley Memorial Hospital in Aurora.

April 25: Ground has been broken and construction is underway on the Oswegoland Park District community building and swimming pool. President Ralph Wheeler announced that the general contract for the construction has been awarded to the lowest of four bidders, Perkins Builders, Inc. of Yorkville.

Completion date is set for 180 days after the signing of the contracts on April 8, which will bring it to the middle of October 1968. The building will be ready for use this fall for community groups and organizations, and the pool will be opened next season.

At the Oswego Village Board's meeting on April 1, the Oswego Jaycees requested permission to hold Oswego Days on the village street July 11-13 and to close Main Street except for a fire lane between Jackson and Jefferson Streets. The request was approved pending proof of insurance by either the Jaycees or the carnival operator.

The board of trustees were briefed on the use of plastic pipe for drains in future construction.

After a demonstration and discussion, a motion was approved to modify the plumbing section of the building code to allow use of plastic pipe for drains.

Trustee Otto, chairman of the Law and Order Committee, presented to the board a request that an increase to \$2.50 hourly be approved for patrolmen and an increase of \$50 monthly be approved for the chief of police, effective March 1. The motion was made and passed.

Robert C. Woodard, 65, of Cassadaga, Fla., formerly of Oswego, died at Manchester Veterans Hospital, Manchester, N.H. on Sunday, April 14.

Surviving are his widow, Mary; a son, Robert; three grandchildren; and a brother, Charles, of Florida. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Martha.

Mr. Woodward was a veteran of World Wars I and II and served as a Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy. He was also a former sheriff of Kendall County serving from 1938-1942; was a retired police officer; and was a former commander of Oswego American Legion post 675. Burial was in the Oswego Township Cemetery.

Paul C. Baumann, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Baumann of Oswego was among 256 Beloit College students recognized during the College's 118th commencement exercises April 22.

Paul received a B.S. degree in biology. He plans to attend graduate school in the fall. While at Beloit he was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. He graduated Cum Laude.

May -- 1968

May 2: St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Boulder Hill dedicated their new education-administration building in special services on April 21. The event marked the continuation of a tradition at St. Luke's According to Rev. Thomas W. Wilson, pastor, every major dedication service for the congregation's facilities has been held on the first Sunday after Easter. The dedication of the original church building was held on April 21, 1963. The remodeled church was dedicated April 2, 1967.

May 9: Twenty years of service to his community will be honored on Sunday, May 26, when members of the Board of Education, School District 308, will honor superintendent T. Loyd Traughber.

Commencing at 2 p.m., the board will hold an open house at the Oswego Community High school.

During Superintendent Traughber's service to the community, he has guided the school district from one of many country school and a single grade-high school with but a few hundred students to many improvements. He has seen to the institution of special remedial programs as well as programs for the more talented students. He is responsible for the institution of the kindergarten in the Oswego schools.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Kuney Jr. of Aurora announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Ann, to Robert A. Plaskas, son of Mrs. William Sargent of Texas City, ,Tex. and the late Mr. Joseph Plaskas.

May 16: Oswego Village Board members voted to install a street light in the 400 bloc of Douglas street at the request of residents in the area.

The board approved the annual request of the Oswego American Legion to hold a Memorial Day parade.

The final plat for Unit 3 of Brookside Manor Subdivision was approved as was the plat of Windcrest Unit 2.

At its May 10 meeting the Illinois Junior College Board unanimously approved the master plan for Waubensee Community College.

Tax bills in Kendall County will be late this year. They will also be late in Grundy County and Will County. Every four years, all counties in the state must reassess all real property. This was done in 1967 for taxes payable in 1968.

Most areas of Kendall County will experience a great increase in their taxes this year. In the Oswego School District, you can expect an increase of 18 to 21 percent in this year's bill.

May 23: A tornado swept through Oswego Township the evening of May 13, destroying buildings, and damaging construction sites. The new community center under construction in Boulder Hill suffered about \$1,500 in damage when one wall was lost in the storm.

May 30: Dr. Robert I. Boggs, currently of Chicago Heights, was appointed superintendent of Oswego Community School District at a board meeting Monday, May 20. Dr. Boggs will begin his duties in Oswego July 1.

Drag racing fans will be happy to see the new \$20,000 facelifting of the Oswego Drag Raceway just in time for the big Memorial Day racing program slated for Thursday, May 30. Paving trucks from Aurora Blacktop Company laid down the asphalt pavement both widening and resurfacing the 3,500 foot racing facility making it the most modern as well as the safest track in the country. Oswego Drag Raceway will continue to operate through October on a Sunday and holiday schedule with races beginning at 1:30 p.m.

William Prince, a teacher at Oswego Junior High, was recently installed as president of the Oswego Teachers Association. Serving with him next year will be John Thorne, vice president; Phyllis Best, secretary; and Robert Olson, treasurer.

Richard B. Ogilvie, Republican candidate for governor, will be hosted at a "Breakfast with Ogilvie" at the Pine Village, Routes 47 and 34, Yorkville, on Friday, June 7.

June -- 1968

June 6: One hundred and forty-one Oswego High School seniors are looking forward to Friday night, June 7 1968 when they will graduate from high school. Oswego High School's gymnasium will be the scene for the largest graduating class in the history of the Oswego schools.

Speakers for the commencement program will be the class valedictorian, Christine Frazier and the salutatorian, Robert Wessley. Miss Dale Hornyman, president of the Class of 1968, will give the welcome.

The Boulder Hill Civic Association will again this year sponsor a mosquito control program for the residents of Boulder Hill.

A contract has been signed with the Clarke Outdoor Spraying Company of LaGrange, who will spray the Hill via helicopter. This new method will permit spraying in the uninhabited areas surrounding Boulder Hill, which should give the Hill maximum protection.

Patricia Ann Pearce and William F. Dunn were united in marriage Saturday at St. Mary's Church, solemnized by Rev. John Kraemer with Rev. Clifford Brier as soloist. Patricia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Pearce of Aurora and Bill is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Richard F. Dunn of Oswego.

June 13: Word has just been received that Pvt. 1st Cass Michael Scott Haines, 21, son of Mrs. Paul (Joyce) Widell of Yorkville and James C. Haines of Aurora, was killed in action in Viet Nam on Thursday, June 6. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mitchell and great grandson of Mrs. Libby Strothman, all of Oswego.

At the Oswego Village Board's meeting on June 3, correspondence was received from Dr. M.R. Saxon requesting a special use permit for property located on Route 71 for the purpose of erecting a nursing home with 50 to 150 beds. A motion was made by Trustee Penn that the request be referred to the Oswego Plan Commission.

William Henry Holzhueter celebrated his 80th birthday on Wednesday, June 5. He was born in 1888. At the age of 16 he started working for the Burlington Railroad as a carpenter, building boxcars. He was married in 1909 to Mabel Lantz and they had four children, Sylvia (Mrs. Clarence Matile), Earl (deceased) Evelyn (Mrs. Milton Penn), and Gerald.

In 1920 he began farming in Wheatland Township where he remained until his retirement in 1957 when he moved to 125 Chicago Road. He lived there until 1959 when he built his present home at 15 Park Ave.

He has eight grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. He is still very active and doing carpentry work.

June 20: Myron L. Wormley of Route 31, Oswego has announced that he is opening a real estate office at his home. Mr. Wormley has been associated with Farm Investments, Inc. of Aurora for the past eight years and has broad experience in farm, rural, and general real estate sales.

Dr. and Mrs. Lacy Cook will hold an open house at the Oswego Chiropractic Center at the corner of Main and West Van Buren on Sunday June 23.

Milton Penn of Oswego will attend the convention of the Northern Illinois District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod June 23-26 at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. Mr. Penn is attending as the voting lay delegate from St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Boulder Hill.

June 27: The first week of the Oswegoland Park District summer recreation program drew a total of over 4,700 boys and girls for all events, a record daily average of just under 950 youngsters.

Officers and board members of the Sports and Social Club of Boulder Hill attended the Civic Association meeting and announced the expiration of their charter. Only three residents responded to a letter sent to all Boulder Hill residents asking for adult participation. Considering the growth of the Hill it was decided to let the organization be dissolved. No longer registered with the state, they will not be able to sponsor the fireworks display on the Fourth of July this year.

U.S. Sen. Charles H. Percy, R-Ill., said today that 95 percent of his mail last week was on the topic of gun legislation.

“Never before has a single issue ever commanded such a high proportion of the mail I receive,” Percy said.

Percy said that 95 percent of the letterwriters favor strict gun controls and only 5 percent of the writers opposed controls.

New officers of Oswego American Legion Auxiliary Unit 675 are president, Mrs. Herb Schaedler; first vice president, Mrs. Walter Irish; second vice president, Mrs. Glen Panikis; treasurer, Mrs. Larry Dodd; secretary, Mrs. Oliver Pierce; chaplain, Mrs. Clyde Johnson; historian, Mrs. Jeff Rogerson; color bearer, Mrs. Vern Smith; Sergeant at arms, Mrs. Edgar Gilbert.

A tentative completion date of October 1968 has been announced for the new Shuler’s Drug Store by Chick Shuler. The brick structure will be located in the northeast corner of Main and Jackson streets in downtown Oswego.

The building, which will be owned by Earl Zentmyer, is 80 feet long and 42 feet wide and the rear stock area 20x40 feet.

Off-street parking will be provided on the north side of the store for 19 cars.

July -- 1968

July 4: The Oswego Jaycees have scheduled Oswego Days downtown this year for July 11-13. There will be rides, games, and food sold by the Jayceettes and soft drinks served by the Lions Club Thursday night from 6-9 p.m.

The summer papaw nature trail is now open at Waa-Kee-Sha Park featuring the bright colored flowers of summer, grasses, trees, and shrubs. One of the highlights of the trail is the papaw patch, one of the few areas in which this shrubby tree grows in this area of Northern Illinois.

The campaign for voter approval of a constitutional convention got a boost today from Chicago’s Mayor Richard J. Daley. Daley formalized his endorsement of ConCon in a letter to the Illinois Committee for Constitutional Convention.

July 11: The Oswego Plan Commission will have a public hearing Tuesday, July 30, in the Village Hall at the hour of 8 p.m. on the request of the Main street Trust for a special use permit covering nursing home facilities. The property designated in this request is south of Route 71 within the Village limits.

July 18: The Sheriff’s Committee of the Board of Supervisors recently set up regulations with regard to the traffic problems created by the operation of the Oswego Dragway.

These regulations included the following:

1. Contestants at the Dragway are not to leave the grounds until they have finished their competition.

2. The ticket for participating will bear the information on the back that the consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on the grounds of the Dragway.
3. All policing of the grounds shall be done by the operators of the Dragway.
4. At the time of the issuance of the first racing permit in any calendar year the licensee shall furnish to the County Clerk the names and address of all persons and firms having concessions at that race or event.

Mr. and Mrs. Gill Garman, the former Rita Bell, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Sheldon Bell, both law students at the University of Iowa, recently passed the Iowa State Bar spring examination and were admitted to the bar in June. Rita and Gill will receive their Juris Doctorate when their law studies are completed in August.

July 25: St. Anne's will break ground for their new church in Windcrest at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 26. This day was chosen since it is the feast day of St. Anne, grandmother of Jesus and the church's patroness.

The site of the new church is near Orchard Road and the Boulder Hill Pass entrance on Route 34. The present plans were designed by William F. Neil of Oswego. The building will seat 700 people. The general contractor for the building will be Perkins Builders of Yorkville. At the present time there are about 500 families in the parish for a total membership if 1,883.

Jim Detzler and Jim Zentmyer opened a motor sales lot this past week at the corner of Jackson and Madison streets in Oswego. The lot will feature "pre-driven" automobiles, according to Mr. Detzler.

August -- 1968

Aug. 1: No news to speak of.

Aug. 8: Oswego Community Schools will open the 1968-69 school term with a faculty worship scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 29, and Friday, Aug. 30. The first day of student attendance will be Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Aug. 15: Goeff Cooper defeated Dick Abramson 2 up for the Match Play Championship at Fox Bend.

Aug. 22: Wednesday, Aug. 28, will mark the 10th anniversary of the Oswego Community Bank. In commemoration of the event, the bank will hold an open house on Aug. 23-24.

The 91st Annual Wheatland Plowing Match Power Show and Fair will be held Friday and Saturday, Aug. 30-31. The Plowing Match will be held on the Lew Tower farm three miles north of Plainfield on Route 59.

Aug. 29: The sign and shrubbery at the corner of Routes 31 and 34, Oswego, represents the work and efforts of many of the citizens of this community.

An Oswego Civic Club project, one of the members commented, "It appeared to many people the project had been abandoned, but it was not. It was all done by volunteers and this always takes a little longer."

Mr. James Little searched lumber yards for days trying to find the proper posts for erecting the sign. Those you now see on the corner are cedar and will be allowed to weather. They had been at the lumber yard for 50 years. Mr. Little assembled the sign and was assisted by members' husbands in digging the holes and erecting the sign.

Mrs. Eloise Cooper of rural Oswego is a key volunteer in the campaign of State Sen. Paul Simon, the Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, in charge of Kendall County.

State Sen. Robert W. Mitchler, R-Oswego, called the Democratic National Convention to be held in Chicago this week a disgrace.

"We criticize the Soviet Union for invading Czechoslovakia with tanks but fail to see the forest for the trees in our own country," Mitchler declared. "It is a national disgrace that the City of Chicago must be turned into an armed camp in order that a national political party can conduct its affairs in accordance with constitutional rights."

September -- 1968

Sept. 5: Construction of the new Oswegoland Community Center and Swimming Pool complex is on schedule, according to a progress report by Ralph Wheeler, park district president. It is anticipated the building will be ready for use by the middle of November and an open house is being planned for that time.

Sept. 12: Dr. Robert Boggs, superintendent of the Oswego Community School District, has announced an enrollment increase of 7.5 percent for the district this year. Last year's enrollment was 2,861 students. This year's enrollment is 3,077. The overall increase was 216 students.

At their meeting Sept. 3, the Oswego Village Board approved rezoning property on Route 71 owned by the Main Street Trust to be used for a new nursing home.

Scouts from Boulder Hill Boy Scout Troop 48 tapped out by the Order of the Arrow included John Stein, Mike Watson, Larry Skaggs, Steve Enright, Brian Knoll, Bert Gray, Tom Wade, Dale Rogers, and Tom Edes.

Sept. 26: Principal D.H. Moews has announced that David Poker of Oswego High School has been named Semifinalist in the 1968-69 National Merit Scholarship Program.

October -- 1968

Oct. 3: Funeral services were held Saturday for Ernest H. Spiller, Kendall County Tax Assessor. Mr. Spiller, who was 69, died Wednesday at Copley Memorial Hospital. He was born May 27, 1889 at Langley Green, England

Mr. Spiller was at one time co-owner of the Aurora Airport. He was a member of Aurora Moose Lodge 400, the Aurora Bachelor Cub and the Boulder Hill Civic Association. He is survived by his widow, Ruth; and by three sisters.

Oct. 10: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Peterson of Oswego announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Jill to David Christopher Burt of Wellesley, Mass, son of Mrs. Robert E. Burt and the late Dr. Burt.

Burt is a graduate of Bates College, Lewiston, Maine and is now attending Union Theological Seminary in New York City. His fiancée is a 1968 graduate of Mac Murray College, Jacksonville, Ill., and is presently teaching at Cathedral School in Garden City, Long Island. A June wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. J. George Smith of rural Oswego announce the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl Beth, to Lt. James T. Wormley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron L. Wormley of Oswego. A January wedding is planned.

Oct. 17: Oswego High School's homecoming court consisted of Lael Valbert, Judy Blackman, Ann Fennell, Rayna Lubbs, Linda Hopper, Laurie Bieschke, and Kathy Hoff along with Mark Leigh, Greg Stafford, Mark Pranga, Jim Becker, Joe Myers, Wade Palmer, and Steve Distler.

Oct. 24: The beautiful new sign in front of the Oswego Senior Community High School was recently erected with the aid of funds established through the Doris Thompson Memorial Fund. The sign adds to the beauty of the building and was designed by the building architect, Mr. Ken Unteed. It is hoped that the sign will be an everlasting memory to one of Oswego High School's outstanding teachers, Mrs. Doris Thompson.

Mrs. Thompson taught for many years in the Oswego High School and because of the many contributions made in her honor it was decided that a permanent type structure be erected in her memory.

Dedicating the sign were her husband, Reeve R. Thompson, her daughter, Susan Thompson, Raymond Lubbs, president of the Oswego Board of Education, and Douglas Moews, principal of Oswego High School.

Oct. 31: John Stein and Bert Gray, members of Boulder Hill Boy Scout Troop 48, received their Eagle badges, Boy Scouting's highest award.

November -- 1968

Nov. 7: Illinois Bell Telephone has begun construction of a new telephone building to serve the Oswego area. The approximately 5,500 square foot one-story structure is being built on the southwest corner of Washington Street and Ill. Route 71. It is scheduled for completion in April of next year when the Western Electric Company will begin installing new telephone switching equipment. When cut into service in early 1971 the new building will replace the present telephone central office at 108 South Main Street.

Mrs. Janis Hoch, Oswego was the recipient of the "Best of Show" award Sunday, Nov. 3, for her watercolor, "Fred's House," at the Joliet Artists' League 31st Annual fall exhibit.

Nov. 14: Chuck Shuler stands ready to fill all prescriptions at the drug counter in the new Shuler's Drug Store at the corner of Main and Jackson streets in Oswego. The old store closed Sunday at 1 p.m. after 31 years. The new store opened its doors at 8:30 a.m. Monday morning. The new store features enlarged departments for prescriptions, cosmetics, jewelry, and other sundry items.

Nov. 21: The *Oswego Ledger*, which celebrated its 20th birthday just two weeks ago, will soon be moving to new quarters. The announcement was made today by its owners, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Krahn.

For the first time in its history the *Ledger* will operate from offices on Main Street in downtown Oswego. The building which formerly housed Shuler's Drug Store has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Krahn and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Combs of Combs Real Estate. Tentative plans call for enlarged office and shop space for the *Ledger*, Silent Secretary (it's parent firm) and Ad Age, an advertising agency subsidiary of Silent Secretary.

The *Ledger* offices have been located in the Krahn home since they bought the paper in 1965. Originally located on Riverside Drive, the offices were moved to their present location at 306 Forest Avenue in Brookside Manor two years ago.

At their meeting Nov. 4, the Oswego Village Board voted to vacate the west end of Tyler Street at the request of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dodd.

December -- 1968

Dec. 12: The Aurora Kicker Soccer Club has nearly completed work on its clubhouse on an historic piece of land on Douglas Road at Route 34. The Kickers have rebuilt and remodeled the old schoolhouse [Squires School] on their property covering  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an acre.

Dec. 19. The Oswegoland Park District Civic Center is expected to open its doors Jan. 2. To date, 15 organizations have requested use of the Civic Center for meetings, totaling over 350 individual meeting dates for 1969.

In ice skating rink for citizens of the Oswegoland Park District is now being prepared at the new Civic Center according to Supt. Ford L. Lippold. The blacktopped parking area is being flooded and if the weather is cooperative, skating could possibly begin on Saturday, Dec. 21.

1969

January

Jan. 9: The regular monthly meetings of the Boulder Hill Civic Association will be held in the new Oswegoland Park District Community building, located on the corner of Ashland and Circle Drive West in Boulder Hill. Mr. Myron Wormley, member of the Kendall County Board of Supervisors, will attend this meeting and explain the purpose of black-topping sidewalks in certain areas of Boulder Hill.

David C. Young, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Young, Route 34, and a freshman at North Central College in Naperville, will join 43 fellow members of the NCC Concert Choir Jan. 5-25 for a five-state, 3,000 mile concert tour.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Hood of Oswego announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Jenny Kay, to Stephen Scott Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer L. Parker of Boulder Hill. Both Jenny and Steve are graduates of Oswego Community High School and are attending Northern Illinois University.

Mrs. Tina E. Hafenrichter, 91, of Aurora died Jan. 1 at Copley Memorial Hospital She was born Dec. 17, 1877 in Oswego township.

Mrs. Hafenrichter is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Sherman (Ada) Burkhart of Boulder Hill, Mrs. Arthur (Mercedes) Davis of Oswego, Mrs. Albert (Belinda) Dittman of Antioch, and Mrs. Robert (Fern) Noggle of Plainfield; two sisters, Mrs. Reuben (Ella) Hafenrichter of Yorkville and Mrs. Henry (Edna) Soltau of Minneapolis, Minn.; 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward E. Hafenrichter in 1949; one son, Owen; and two daughters, Melicent and Eunice.

Mrs. Hafenrichter was a member of the Oswego Prairie United Methodist Church.

Funeral services were held Saturday. Interment was at Riverside Cemetery, Montgomery.

Jan. 16: Ford L. Lippold, Superintendent of the Oswegoland Park District, has announced that the warm shelter at the community Center is not open. There may be ice skating this coming weekend, but to check on this, call 896-2016.

Alexander A. LeCuyer, 84, of Oswego died Jan. 10 at Copley Memorial Hospital. He was born Dec. 22, 1884 in Aurora.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. John (Grace) Carr of Oswego and Mrs. Whitfield (Anna Mae) Campbell of Fox Lake; six grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Almada Schneider of Yorkville; and two brothers, DeSire of Aurora and Joseph of Kankakee.

Mr. LeCuyer was a member of St. Anne's Church of Oswego. He was formerly employed at Stephens-Adamson Mfg. Company for 45 years. He had made his home with his daughter in Oswego since 1962.

The funeral was held At St. Anne's Church Monday. Burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

The marriage of Miss Diane Mary Kellogg and Robert Craig Stewart took place Dec. 22 at the AuSable Grove Presbyterian Church.

Diane is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Kellogg of Yorkville and Craig is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Stewart, also of Yorkville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Luetlich of Oswego announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Lynn, to Leo F. Froelich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Froelich of Piper City.

Miss Luetlich was graduated from the University of Illinois and teaches at the Boulder Hill Elementary School. Froelich attended Southern Illinois University and is employed by the Alexander Lumber Company in Oswego. A March 8 wedding at St. Anne's Church is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. William N. Denney of Oswego announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Dawn Annette, to Steven W. Jess, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jess of Boulder Hill. Both are graduates of Oswego High School and attend Waubensee Community College. A Feb. 2 wedding is planned.

Jan. 23: The schools of Kendall County filed a cooperative Title I Elementary and Secondary Education Act project. The amounts available for Title I projects are determined by the number of students whose parents reported less than \$2,000 per year income.

A number of new programs for residents of the Oswegoland Park District are now in the planning stages. The completion of the new Civic Center, located at the intersection of Ashland Avenue and Circle Drive West, opens up a whole new field of possible programs and activities, according to Park District President Ralph Wheeler. He stated that the primary function of the programming of the building facilities will be to offer recreational and leisure-time activities for Oswegoland residents of all ages.

One of the first of the new programs will be a teenage drop-in center. Other programs being planned include classes in arts and craft for adults and youngsters; square dance classes; a series of activity nights for young women, which would include opportunities to learn how to play pool, ping pong, volleyball, badminton, shuffleboard, and other semi-active and active games. An open house is planned for Sunday afternoon, Feb. 9, at which time all persons in the community are invited to drop by and take a look at the new Civic Center. The Fox Valley Art Guild, an Oswegoland Park District group, will have an art exhibit on that date and coffee and cookies will be served.

Larry Lakeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lakeman, is home on a 30-day leave from a year spent in Pakistan.

Stephen Foster, a helicopter pilot, has returned from Vietnam and is spending two weeks visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schlapp and family. He will then go to Fort Hunter, Ga., to be a helicopter instructor.

Jan. 30: Route 71 southwest of Oswego is to be resurfaced! The announcement was made Friday in Springfield. The resurfacing will cover 4.81 miles, beginning approximately three miles southwest of Oswego and continuing northeasterly. The apparent low bidder was Geneva Construction Company of Aurora. Their bid was submitted in the amount of \$220,508.

A December 28 service at Park Place Baptist Church, Montgomery, united in marriage Patricia E. Whitnel and James E. Yuvan.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Almas C. Whitnel of Boulder Hill. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Yuvan, also of Boulder Hill.

Rev. William Diehl, uncle of the groom, officiated.

Jerry Yuvan was his brother, s best man. Groomsmen were Glenn Young and James Williams, Jody Shepherd and Roger Matile were ushers.

The bride was graduated from Oswego High School and is now employed at the Aurora Beacon-News. Her husband, also a graduate of Oswego High School, is now a senior at Aurora College.

Capt. and Mrs. James Wormley were married Saturday, Jan 25, in the Oswego Prairie United Methodist Church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. George Smith of rural Oswego and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Wormley of Oswego.

Following a two week honeymoon in the Virgin Islands, the couple will reside in Washington, D.C. where Jim in a captain in the Army.

Homer B. Vickery, 70-, of Minooka died Jan. 16 at Copley Memorial Hospital. He was born Oct. 20, 1898 in NaAuSay Township.

He is survived by his widow, Alice E.; one son, Donald of Minooka; one brother, Clement of Plano; two nephews; and one niece.

Mr. Vickery was a member of the NaAuSay United Presbyterian Church; Raven Lodge 303 AF & AM of Oswego; and the Kendall County Farm Bureau.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the McKeown Funeral Home. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Montgomery.

February -- 1969

Feb. 6: All residents of the Oswegoland Park District are invited to an open house to be held in the new Civic Center Sunday, Feb. 9.

If the parking lot is still being used for ice skating, visitors are asked to park on the west side of Ashlawn Avenue and in the auxiliary parking area directly to the south of the parking lot.

Scott Atkins, a senior at Oswego High School, died Jan. 31 at St. Charles Hospital.

Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Stoner of Aurora, had been critically injured in a traffic accident on Dec. 7, 1968.

Scott is survived by his parents; a brother, John Stoner, of Aurora; Sgt. Judy Stoner of Hawaii, a sister; and his grandmother, Mrs. Florence Stoner of Aurora.

The funeral service was held Monday at the Claim Street Baptist Church in Aurora with burial in Lincoln Memorial Park.

Scott was born July 15, 1951. He was a member of Claim Street Baptist Church and was a member of the chorus and the band at Oswego High.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sims and family from Malta were in Oswego on Sunday attending church services at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Their daughter, Lori, had spent the weekend visiting friends.

A report on the cause and plans or the correcting of the blacktopping of the sidewalks in areas of Boulder Hill will be given at the Feb. 12 meeting of the Boulder Hill Civic Association. The meeting will be held in the Civic Center on Ashlawn Avenue, Oswego.

The Oswego Chapter of the Red Cross has finally disbanded after 50 years of service. The few remaining members decided to cease their monthly meetings and donate its remaining money to the Aurora Chapter of the Red Cross for use with "Voices from Home" recordings and to the Valley Haven School for Exceptional Children in Oswego for the purchase of a doll house complete with furniture and dolls. What materials were left over were sent to the Wayside Cross Mission.

It had been with a great deal of regret that they decided to conclude their meetings, but it had become physically impossible for these 14 remaining members to continue. Age and places to meet made the activities cease. The remaining 14 members are Mrs. Edith Cherry, Mrs. Mary Bickford, Mrs. Mary Colbert, Mrs. Anna Krug, Mrs. Mabel Lippold, Mrs. Bertha Nutt, Mrs. Emma Shoger, Mrs. Orma Shoger, Mrs. Jessie Smith, Miss Barbara Richards, Mrs. Fern Grate, Mrs. Eva Wooldridge, Mrs. Hattie Thompson, and Mrs. Clara Walters.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Henderson of rural Plainfield announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Mary to Bruce Benstein of St. Charles. They will be married Feb. 15 in the Bruce Henderson home.

Mary is a 1967 graduate of Oswego Community High School and Bruce is a 1961 graduate of St. Edwards in Elgin. They are both employed by Liberty Loan Corporation in North Aurora.

Recently Miss Judy Durand became the bride of Steven Gaw. The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Homer Durand of Oswego. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Chippewa of Plano.

Mrs. Amelia Hummel, formerly of Oswego, died Monday at Copley Memorial Hospital. She was born July 16, 1886 in Silver Creek, Wis.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Vernon (Loa) Ament of Bristol and Mrs. Robert (Althea) Johnston of Plano; one son, Merlin of Oswego; and 12 grandchildren.

Mrs. Hummel was a member of the Aurora Bethany United Methodist Church, the Prairie United Methodist WSCS, and the Wayside Cross Mission Auxiliary.

The funeral service will be held Thursday at the McKeown Funeral Home. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Montgomery.

Feb. 13: Last Saturday, Oswego walked away with the conference meet with a score of 105 to second place West Chicago's 76 points. Oswego had 10 wrestlers going into the semi finals. Rick Neal, Al King, Greg Stafford, Mark Pranga, Gary Smith, and Tim Closson all received first for Oswego.

One senior at Oswego High School has been named a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program this year. David Poker is one of 15,000 seniors across the country to be so honored.

Marine Sgt. Donald C. Leppert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Leppert and husband of the former Sharon Curtis of Parris Island, S.C., is serving with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 314, Marine Aircraft Group 12, First Marine Aircraft Wing, at Chu Lai Marine Air Base in Vietnam. The squadron has been in Vietnam since 1966.

Elmer C. Vickery, 57, of rural Minooka, died Saturday at Copley Memorial Hospital. He was born Aug. 16, 1911 in Seward Township. He was a member of the AuSable Grove Presbyterian Church, Aurora Moose Loge 400, and the Italian-American Club. He is survived by his widow, Marcella; four daughters, Mrs. Joel (Kay) Masur, Mrs. Glenn (Gal) Renner, and Mrs. Gwen Stewart all of Aurora, and Mrs. LaVerne (Donna) Peterson of Oswego; a sister, Mildred Vickery of Oswego; a brother, Walter of Minooka; one niece and one nephew; and 13 grandchildren. Funeral services were held Monday at the Healy Chapel. Interment was t AuSable Grove Cemetery.

Miss Susan Speerly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond P. Speerly of Oswego, was married Saturday, Feb. 1, to Jay Allen Stabler, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Stabler of Aurora. The bride is a graduate of Oswego Community High School and is employed by Eagle Foods, Inc, Aurora. The bridegroom is a graduate of Western High School, Buda, Ill. He served with the U.S. Marines and is employed by IBM Corporation, Aurora.

Feb. 20: Purchase of videotape equipment for the Kendall County Sheriff's department has received federal approval. The equipment will record the actions of a motorist suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol. The tape may be played back as evidence in court proceedings.

Five positions in the village government are to be filled at the April 15 election this year. The position of village clerk is being sought by Marilyn Olson and Woodrow Boone. Floyd Foss and Jack Olson, incumbents, will seek reelection. Those seeking first terms include James Detzler, Ralph Ross and Donald Krahn. The Oswegoland Park District Board election will be held the same date as the village elections. Incumbent Richard Law will be seeking reelection. Those seeking first terms include William Penn, Walter Brill, and W.J. "Jerry" Martin.

Mr. Phillip B. Boehmer, 53, of Oswego died Feb. 11, 1969 at Cook County Hospital in Chicago. He was born Feb. 17, 1915 in Portland, Ore. Surviving is his widow, Marietta N.; a son, Gordon B. Boehmer of Oswego; a daughter, Mrs. Norman (Catherine) Cuny Jr. of Aurora; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Boehmer of Portland, Ore; four brothers, G. Robert of Portland, Kenneth E. of Fairfax, Calif., Bernard F. of Santa Anna, Calif., and John of Foster City, Calif.; one sister, Miss Lois Ruth Boehmer of Portland; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Saturday from the Healy Chapel and St. Anne's Catholic Church. Burial was in Lincoln Memorial Park.

Last Friday night and Saturday, Oswego captured the District wrestling title by beating out West Aurora by one point, 98-97. Rick Neal, 103; Al King, 112; Greg Stafford, 127; Mark Pranga, 133; Gary Smith, 138; and Bill Lowry, 145 all captured first place. Kipp Johannsen took second. These seven boys will go to Joliet East Friday and Saturday for the Sectionals.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Peterson of Oswego on the birth of a girl, Angela Jean, born Saturday, Feb. 8, at Copley Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs., 10 oz.

Feb. 27: Oswego placed fourth in the Sectional Wrestling Meet at Joliet East last weekend. Rick Neal at 103 pounds and Mark Pranga at 133 pounds each placed second and will compete in the state tournament in Champaign on Feb. 28 and March 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wolf had their baby son, Peter Anthony, baptized Sunday at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lakeman are now residing in Omaha, Neb. following a month's leave, after serving a year overseas, Larry, with his wife Karen, drove to Omaha where he will be stationed at Offutt Air Force Base.

Clarence E. Parkhurst, 83, of Aurora, former Oswego resident, died Monday at St. Joseph Hospital in Elgin. He was born Nov. 26, 1885 in Kendall County.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. John (Gladys) Lasswell of Ottawa, Mrs. Mildred Peterson of Batavia, and Mrs. Robert (Alice) Hill of Carpentersville; two sons, Melvin of Vienna, Ill. and Stanley of Aurora; 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; and one brother, Raymond, of Yorkville.

Mr. Parkhurst was preceded in death by his wife, Lillian; one daughter; and three sons. One son, Stuart, was killed in the Battle of the Bulge in 1944 in World War II.

Mr. Parkhurst was a member of the Oswego Presbyterian Church and served as Oswego Township assessor for ten years before his retirement.

Funeral services were held at the McKeown Funeral Home Feb. 20. Burial took place in Cowdrey Cemetery.

On Saturday, Feb. 15, Miss Mary Henderson became the bride of Bruce Benstein at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Henderson. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Benstein of St. Charles.

Bruce is assistant manager of Liberty Loan at North Aurora and Mary's also employed there as a secretary.

March -- 1969

March 6: The long-awaited Oswego Post Office opened Saturday. The building is located on the northeast corner of Madison and Jackson, at the old Red Brick School site.

Roger Miliano, a former resident of Oswego, has joined the staff of WKKD, Aurora.

Roger was born in Jersey City, N.J., and moved to Mt. Morris with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Miliano, in 1953. They moved to Oswego in 1956 where Roger attended Oswego Junior High School and was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Roger's sister, Mrs. A.J. (Joyce) Loeffel and her husband reside in rural Plainfield. Roger's parents have since returned to Mt. Morris. He comes to WKKD from radio station KOWL at Lake Tahoe, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Niles Jr. and family have moved onto the Lloyd Qually farm on Woolley Road. They moved here from Millbrook. They have three sons, Barry, Richard, and Walter, who

is married. He and his wife both attend college in Spokane, Wash. Mrs. Niles is the former Genevieve Phelper.

Bill Miller, who owns the old post office building [Schickler Building at Main and Washington] told the Oswego Village Board on Monday of his plans to landscape and beautify his corner of town and had a few questions about responsibilities regarding curbing and sidewalks. The Board happily referred him to the State.

Al Probst presented a revised plat of Unit 20 of Boulder Hill, which provides for some manmade lakes and rearrangements of lots backing up to them. The Village Engineer, George Griffin, gave his opinion that the plan was sound and the board approved.

John Carr, representing the Planning Commission, presented a revised plan by the new developers of Marina Terrace (and which the Planning Commission approved), in which they desired a buffer zone of two-family residences between the single family homes already built and the apartment buildings already on the plat. This was also approved.

Motion was made, seconded, and approved that we pay \$1,000 down on the purchase of property at the Red Brick School location. And if you don't know where that is, friend, welcome to our town.

Margaret Stone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R Stone of Boulder Hill, became the bride of George A. Carpenter, son of Mrs. Lydia Carpenter of Oswego and the late Mr. George Carpenter on Feb. 15 at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Mrs. Shirley Gengler and Martin Habyan were married Feb. 8 in the chapel at the Oswego Presbyterian Church.

March 13: The third and final phase of a three-month moving program will see its completion this week when the offices of the *Oswego Ledger* are moved from their present location at 306 Forest.

The first phase of this moving program saw the letterpress shop moved between Christmas and New Years. Phase Two was the relocation of the offset shop and darkroom, which took place during January and February.

The office portion of the new location required extensive remodeling. A new suspended ceiling, paneling, and carpeting have been installed as well as new wiring and entryway.

Next Monday, the *Ledger* will be open for business at 68 Main Street.

Saturday evening Miss Sherril Adele Smith married Thomas Giles at the Oswego United Presbyterian Church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Smith of Oswego. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Giles of Woodland Hills, Calif.

Sherril is a graduate of Oswego Community High School and attended George Williams College in Downers Grove. She is employed by the YWCA and YMCA of Aurora. The bridegroom also attended George Williams College and is on the staff of the Valley View Boys' School of St. Charles.

A ceremony was performed at St. Anne's Church officiated by Rev. Clifford Brier of St Anne's and Rev. Frank Closson of the Church of the Good Shepherd, uniting Susan Lynn Luettich and Leo F. Froelich on Saturday.

Susan is a graduate of the University of Illinois and is a teacher at Boulder Hill Elementary School. Leo attended Southern Illinois University and is employed by Jean A. McCoy and Son, Inc. of Pontiac. The couple will reside on Park Street Oswego.

March 20: At the Oswego Township Library, book circulation has steadily risen since 1967 when the number of books loaned out in the month of February was 2,513. It increased to over 3,700 last month and there was a total of 197 reference questions asked.

March 27: The Oswego Business Association, downtown planning committee, called a special meeting last Wednesday evening at the Civic Center. Those groups represented included the Business Association, Oswego Township, Oswego Community Bank, Village of Oswego, Planning Commission, Oswego School District, Oswego Fire Department, and the *Oswego Ledger*.

The problem which the Downtown Planning Committee was faced with was the rumor that the Oswego Community Bank was to be moved from the downtown area.

William Miller, representing the committee, opened the meeting and explained the rumors as the association had heard them. He then turned the meeting over to Wesley Gross, representing the bank.

Mr. Gross explained that the bank now had 1,760 square feet of floor space in their present building and needs between 5 and six thousand square feet. He stated the bank had no intention of leaving the downtown area unless there was no other recourse. They discussed various sites which might be available downtown and explained why each would be unsuitable.

He then displayed a sketch of a proposed bank building on the side of the Red Brick School, explaining this would still leave room for village and township offices.

Many problems presented themselves in connection with the proposal.

First the village had sent a check for a down payment on two lots in this municipal block to the Township. The township had to return the check because the matter had to be voted upon first at a Town meeting. Myron Wormley, township supervisor advised the village board members that this in no way meant the village could not have their two lots (which two were not specified when down payment was made), it only meant a delay until the entire matter could be handled properly.

The question also arose as to whether either the bank or the township had an obligation to share the profit (cost to the bank over purchase price paid to school by township when the site was sold a few years back) with the school district, since the two taxing bodies do not encompass quite the same area. Dr. Boggs, superintendent of schools, stated that he felt there was no legal obligation to do so. One board member didn't agree with Dr. Boggs, and stated he felt the profit should be shared.

The question of a possible fire barn on the site was also brought up, since this had been discussed over the years.

Since this was an exploratory meeting, no commitments were made. Various groups planned meetings of their organizations to discuss the matter further.

Jerry Powers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Oleson of Chicago, is taking his basic training at Ft. Polk, La.

At the Oswego School Board meeting Monday night members discussed the announcement that Oswego Township was considering the sale of much of the balance of the former Red Brick School site to the Oswego Community Bank as a site for their new building. The bank would very much like to build there and has offered to buy the north half of the block. Before the representative Village Board members has apoplexy, it was pointed out to them that this would leave room for the village hall between the bank and the post office.

One very good argument is that the township can sell that half to the bank at a profit, add the profit to the \$20,000 they have earmarked for such a building, and get to building it. This they would offer to the village on a buyback lease type f arrangement.

If you'll remember, after razing the Red Brick School, the school district sold the land to the township at a very reasonable figure because it was to another taxing body and earmarked for "public improvements and public purposes." The board had no objection to the bank at that location. However, they did wonder if the township id not have a moral obligation to share any profit with the school district, not because they felt any distinction between the taxing bodies, but that the school district did include two other townships who would not benefit from the tax income from the bank. However if the profit were shared would there be enough money to build the village hall?

The question was also raised as to whether the township could legally sell without a public auction to a non-taxing body.

Paul G. Hawley, 83, of Aurora died Saturday at the St. Charles Hospital, Aurora. He was born May 7, 1885 in Oswego.

He is survived by his son, Frank P. Hawley of Aurora; four grandchildren; and two nephews. Funeral services were held at the Healy Chapel. Burial was in the Oswego Cemetery.

Thomas C. Collins, 84, of Oswego died March 19, 1969 at the home of his son. He was born Nov. 2, 1884 in Oswego.

He is survived by two sons, Maxwell of Oswego and Harlan of Milwaukee, Wis.; one daughter, Mrs. Leon (Lathelle) Haag of Aurora; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was a member of the Oswego Presbyterian Church and the Kendall County Farm Bureau. He was a lifelong farmer in the Oswego area.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathryn in 1965.

Funeral services were held at the Oswego Presbyterian church. Burial was in the Oswego Township Cemetery.

April -- 1969

April 3: A difference of 14 votes told the story on the liquor referendum at the township election Tuesday. 285 yes votes as opposed to 271 no votes kept the liquor laws as they now stand, that liquor may be sold only in liquor stores and not from open bottles as mixed drinks as the law would have read had the voters decided to change it.

In the major race in the township election, Bob McMicken with 591 votes, David Hefele with 564 votes, and Dave Kennedy with 514 votes were elected town auditors. McMicken and Kennedy were incumbents.

Howard Shoger was reelected assistant supervisor with 760 votes. Darrell Gaar was named assessor with 749 votes, and Ted Gerry again won the seat of town clerk with 746 votes. All were running unopposed.

Olive Campbell was named Cemetery Trustee again with 729 votes. Charlotte Herren, William Becker, and Judith Larson were named to the library board.

A motion was passed at the town meeting Tuesday night to consider with the Oswego Community Bank the possibility of the sale of four lots in the municipal block to the bank for a new building. The motion, made by William Miller, a member of the Business Association Downtown Planning committee, carried with a counted vote of 44 in favor and 14 opposed.

Spec. 4 Robert C. Rogers, 21, rural Plainfield, died March 19 in Vietnam. He was born Feb. 3, 1948 in Aurora.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Rogers; one sister, Linda; and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Neva Rogers, all from Wheatland Township; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Engleman of Plano; and several aunts and uncles.

Spec. 4 Rogers was active in the Wheatland United Presbyterian Church. He was a member of Will County 4-H Club and Boots and Saddle Club of Plainfield.

He graduated from Oswego High School in 1966 and was drafted into the army on April 10, 1968. He received his basic training at Ft. Polk, La., and went overseas in September of 1968. He was killed by mortar fire in Vietnam.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Wheatland United Presbyterian Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

April 10: The Oswego Township Library board held their regular monthly meeting Thursday, April 3. This meeting was the final board meeting with their president, Mr. Earl Zentmyer. Mr. Zentmyer has been president of the board for the three years of its existence. Previous to that, he was the president of the Oswego Community Library Association, an organization formed to raise money to construct the library building.

Mr. and Mrs. John Scent from Des Moines, Ia., spent a few days visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scent.

Dick Foster has been released from Great Lakes Naval Hospital and on Saturday he flew from O'Hare Field to Travis Air Force Base and on Sunday left for the Philippines to join his ship, the Enterprise.

Bill Crimmin, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Crimmin, was recently named to the Dean's List at Southern Illinois University. Bill, who has majored in automotive technology, will graduate in June.

Carol L. Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Young of Oswego, will attend North Central College in Naperville. Miss Young, a senior at Oswego High School, and her parents will attend one of several orientation sessions at NCC.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney S. Simmons (Carol Flory), Oswego, have a little boy born April 6 at Copley Memorial Hospital.

April 17: Unofficial results turned into the *Oswego Ledger* office Tuesday night showed the following election results:

#### Village Election

Harry Fuller for president, 252. For village trustee, Jack Olson, 160; Jim Detzler, 158; Ralph Ross, 138; Floyd Foss, 119; Don Krahn, 80. For Village Clerk, Marilyn Olson, 207; Woodrow Boone, 51.

#### Park Board

Richard Law, 92; Walter Brill, 177; William Penn, 181; Jerry Martin, 61.

The Citizens' Advisory Council for the Oswego Community Unit school District 308 held their organizational meeting at the school's administration center Monday evening, April 7. The council's function was defined as being one of study to determine the educational objectives, to project future enrollment, to survey the physical facilities available, to consider the financial position, and then to seek solutions which are both educationally sound and acceptable to the residents of the school district.

Miss Janet LaGow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles LaGow of Oswego, has completed her training course as a United Air Lines Stewardess at Mt. Prospect. She will be stationed at Kennedy Airport, New York.

Nov. 17, 1949--an important date in the history of the *Oswego Ledger*. It was on that day that Ford Lippold first published the *Oswego Ledger*.

On April 1, 1965, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Krahn put out their first edition of the paper after buying it from Lippold.

Some of the other changes included a change from 8-1/2 x 11 sheet to 10x14 sheet on July 8, 1965 and from there to its present tabloid size on Nov. 11, 1965; a change to a new typeface and size on Sept. 14, 1967; and a change from give-away to subscription newspaper on Sept. 1, 1966. The original office for both the *Oswego Ledger* and the Silent Secretary (the parent firms of the *Ledger*) after the Krahns first purchased the *Ledger* was in the basement of their home on Riverside Drive. There the facilities consisted of a 10x14 room. After selling the home on Riverside Drive, a new home was purchased at 306 Forest. Two rooms were designed in the new home specifically for the *Ledger*, an 11x22 office and a 12x20 print shop.

Within two months, business had increased to the point where the large two-car garage was also converted into more work area for printing. It was shortly after this that a large 14x20 graphic arts camera was added, a Linotype machine, and another press to handle the increased workload. In December 1968 the building which formerly housed Shuler's Drug Store was purchased and remodeling plans were put into effect. By the first of this year, the back portion of the building was completely remodeled and the letterpress shop was moved to the new location. Within another month, a new, larger darkroom and offset portion of the print shop and the camera facilities were also moved to their new location. March 12 was designated as moving day for the office and on March 17 the new office was officially opened for business.

Lawrence J. Dodd, mason contractor, first started in business in partnership with Roy Deane in September 1958. The partnership continued until 1964 when Mr. Deane left and became

involved in the excavating business. Within the past few months, Mr. Dodd has completed the construction of a new warehouse-office on Harrison Street in Oswego.

The Village of Oswego, while not to be classified as a business, can be proud of its growth. The population of 1,500 is a far cry from the one family occupying what is now Block 20 in the village in the year 1834.

There have been at least 60 new homes constructed in the village in the past four years. These are to be found in Herren's Brookside Manor and Windcrest subdivisions. Both developments have had new property annexed to the village for future homes.

The village can boast of a new post office building, drug store, pet shop, and car wash. We also have a golf club, our first in this locale since 1935.

Burkhart's Garage has been in business for over 40 years. It opened on Sept. 1, 1925 and has been owned and operated by Ralph M. Burkhart since that time. Since 1934, they have sold and serviced the Pontiac car.

Five years ago, Shuler's Drug Store was located at 68 Main Street, in the same location where A.M. Shuler had started the business in 1937. The year 1967 marked the 30th anniversary of the drug business in Oswego for Mr. Shuler.

On Jan. 1, 1968, Mr. Shuler sold the business to his son, Charles "Chuck" Shuler, who is the present owner.

Early in 1968 the need for expansion and better facilities was felt due to the rapid growth of the community. Plans were begun for a new building to be erected on the northeast corner of Main and Jackson streets in Oswego. construction was begun in the spring, and Nov. 1 the building was completed.

On Nov. 11, 1968 the doors were opened for business for the first time. The new 40x80 foot building is of modern design inside and out.

Chuck is assisted by two full-time pharmacists, Ron Anderson of Plattville and Bert Brown of Aurora.

Chuck is a hometown boy. He graduated from Oswego High School in 1959 and from Drake University, College of Pharmacy in Des Moines, Ia. He received his registration papers the year he finished college in 1963.

Lynwood Subdivision was started in 1958 and now has 91 homes. It also has a park for children called Clifford Heap Memorial Park, and the Lynwood Baptist Church is planning to build in the spring of 1969 on the acreage they own on the north side of U.S. Route 34. They are now meeting in the church building which will be converted to a manse when the church is built. Originally, 118 lots were planned for the subdivision and less than 20 remain to be sold. Plans include another park on the river with shelter and picnic tables for family picnics and summer outings.

A comparatively new company is KR&G Excavating of rural Oswego. It was established in 1968 by Keith Kellogg, David Rogerson, and Paul Garbleman. John and David Kellogg are also co-owners of the business.

In 1957, the Howard Herren property that lay inside the village of Oswego was surveyed and Unit 1 of Brookside Manor was plotted. Since that time three units have been developed and Unit 4 is nearing completion of the improvements and construction is ready to begin. Unit 3 included three, four-apartment townhouses that are providing much-needed rental space. Unit 4 includes a number of apartment-zoned lots and duplex-zoned lots along with 11 acres of commercial business property.

The groundbreaking for the first church building of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Boulder Hill was held May 20, 1962. The pastor at this time was Rev. William Keturkat, now deceased. The first building provided for approximately 160 worshipers, an office, a working sacristy, a kitchen, and a large basement for educational and fellowship programs.

In the fall of 1965, St. Luke's entered into a dual-parish agreement with Zion Lutheran Church, Wheatland Township, Plainfield.

In January of 1966, as a dual-parish, the Rev. T.W. Wilson was called, accepted, and became pastor Jan. 16, 1966.

In May 1966, ground was broken for the parsonage, which was completed and ready for occupancy in the fall of 1966.

In December 1966 the existing church building was remodeled and an education-administration addition constructed. When completed, facilities seated approximately 300. The educational addition provides nine classrooms, a youth room, an educational office, church office, and pastor's office.

On Jan. 1, 1967, the dual-parish agreement was terminated, and Rev. Wilson was installed as pastor of St. Luke's

As the congregation grows, new organizations are added. Sunday School enrollment is over 200, as is Vacation Bible School enrollment. The eighth grade weekday school has an enrollment of 89 and a staff of 12.

Rev. William A. Kucenski was installed as pastor on March 9, 1969.

From a dream...a thanksgiving...a small beginning with 45 communicant members, St. Luke's has grown to approximately 300 confirmed and 475 baptized members.

April 24: Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. David Breitwiser (Roxanne Schlapp), on the birth of a son born April 10 at St. Joseph Hospital in Joliet. They have named him Bradley Joseph. He has a four year-old sister, Brenda.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mooney (Delores Delaney), Oswego, on the birth of Teresa Louise, born April 15, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Aurora. She has two brothers and two sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Petkus (Valerie Kraft) are the parents of their first child, a son, James Edward, born April 17. Mr. and Mrs. Petkus are former residents of Oswego and now reside in Marion, Kan.

William H Holzhueter, 80, of Oswego died April 21, at his home. He was born June 5, 1888 in Aurora.

Surviving are his widow, Mabel; two daughters, Mrs. Clarence (Sylvia) Matile and Mrs. Milton (Evelyn) Penn, both of Oswego; one son, Gerald of Plainfield; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. George (Mary) Senft of Aurora.

He was preceded in death by one son, Earl.

Mr. Holzhueter was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Boulder Hill. Funeral services were held Wednesday at St. Luke's Church. Interment was in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery in Montgomery.

Miss Pam Petkus, Culver City, Calif., and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Petkus, Oswego, is touring the Far East, including Hong Kong and Bangkok. Pam is a graduate of Oswego High School and is now a stewardess for Continental Airlines.

Thomas Adkins has returned from his tour of duty with the Air Force, having served 18 months in Panama at the Albrook Air Force Base. he and his wife Doris live in the McKeown apartment. Tom works for Carpetville in Joliet.

May -- 1969

May 1: PFC Dave Simmons was home on a weekend pass April 12. He was between assignments, having completed the first half of his training in guided missile electronics at Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

Vin Chrisse, son of Mrs. Paul Porter, and David Chally, son of Mrs. Dean Smith, have enlisted in the Army under the Buddy Plan and both are now stationed at Ft. Bragg, N.C., where they are taking their basic combat training.

Four building permits were issued with a value of \$68,500 during the month of March in Oswego.

Miss Jay Dee Bevis and Frank L. Johnson were united in marriage April 12 at the Church of the Good shepherd in Oswego.

May 8: An election of officers for the Oswego Township Library Board was held Thursday, May 1. The following were elected: President, Richard Chamberlain; vice president, Robert Gray; secretary, Ruth Devereaux; treasurer, Charlotte Herren.

Mrs. Fennel, the librarian, reported a circulation of 3,818 books for the month.

The Kendall County Movement to Restore Decency will show the filmstrip, "The Pied Pipers," on May 12-14 at the home of Janet Beck, Gastville. This 30-minute film deals with the prevalence of drug abuse in our country today, its effects on our youth, and what can be done to combat it.

Roger Poole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Poole, has returned home following his tour of duty, spending 13 months in Vietnam.

Spec. 5 Richard Carlson, son of Mrs. Frances Carlson, arrive home Monday from Vietnam following three tours of duty, serving in Nha Trang, Saigon, and Cam Rhan Bay.

Mrs. Winifred Carlson, 82, of Oswego died April 29 at Sandhaven Nursing Home, Sandwich. She was born April 5, 1887 in NaAuSay.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

She was married to Charles Carlson on Feb. 17, 1914 and he preceded her in death in 1935. She was a member of the Oswego Presbyterian Church and Lorraine Chapter 90, Order of the Eastern Star.

Funeral services were held at the McKeown Funeral Home Friday. Burial was in the NaAuSay cemetery.

Scotty's Restaurant at U.S. Route 34 and Ill. Route 71 was advertising steak, eggs, potatoes, toast and coffee, served at any hour, for \$1.39.

By the year 2000, Oswego area residents may be using the telephone to do a lot of things besides talk. The next quarter of a century could see housewives ordering their groceries, paying family bills, reading the news, or cooking dinner with the help of television-equipped phones. Oswego school students may be calling computers instead of listening to teachers, and hobby buffs will be enjoying the best of information and exhibits from the comforts of living room easy chairs. A great deal of progress has been made since the first telephone came to Oswego on Dec. 11, 1897, when it was installed in a drug store owned by Scott Cutter on Main Street near Washington Street. The installation joined Oswego with the newly built telephone line extending to Sandwich in DeKalb County.

The Bell Telephone Laboratories is conducting a final trial of improved see-as-you-talk Picturephone service, now slated for limited commercial introduction in the early 1970s.

In Oswego, a revolutionary electronic telephone switching system, which promises faster, more reliable, more versatile telephone calling, is scheduled for introduction in 1971.

The electronic system will be installed in the new building on the northwest corner of Washington Street and Ill. Route 71, which will serve over 1,600 subscribers.

The new building, at which cornerstone laying ceremonies will be held Thursday, May 8, is a modified L-shaped structure, 84 feet wide and 69 feet at its deepest point. The reinforced concrete structure, which will include a cable vault below ground level, has a face brick and stone trim.

Miss Corliss Cutler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Cutler of Warrenville, was united in marriage with Mr. Ronald VanEtten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert VanEtten of Oswego.

The simple ceremony took place at the bride's home.

The young couple will live in Aurora.

May 15: The Oswego High School chorus will present its annual spring concert on May 16, consisting of a variety of both sacred and secular numbers.

The chorus is under the direction of Mr. Reeve Thompson. This will be Mr. Thompson's last concert at Oswego.

Crank calls are being made to women in this area. The male caller uses the name of the Jacqueline Shop and requests the to model for the shop, No one is authorized to make any calls for the Jacqueline Shop, and if you receive any calls by a male caller using the store name, hang up immediately and notify your local police department and telephone office.

Thomas N. Usry, Kendall County Chief Deputy, was a winner of the Aurora Post "G" Travelers Protective Association Safety Award for 1969. Ted Brattin, chairman of the group's safety contest, said Usry has devoted much time, both on and off duty, to the promotion of safety.

Second Lt. Charles Eberhard was a visitor of his grandparents the Fred Claassen's, on Tuesday He has just returned from Ft. Belvoir, Va., where he finished his basic, He will be stationed at amp McCoy, Wis. for 10 months following his leave.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Donald G. (Marsha Morgan) McGee of rural Oswego on the birth of a girl, Lisa Dawn, born May 10 at Copley Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wheeler, stationed at Imperial Beach, Calif., are the proud parents of a baby daughter, Jennifer Marie, born Jay 7 at Copley Memorial Hospital. She has a two year-old brother, Keith. Mike, who is with the Seabees in the Navy, is here on leave for three weeks. The proud grandparents are the John Freemans and the Ralph Wheelers.

The Oswego Village Board was told the flashing light at Route 25 and Chicago Road (U.S. Route 34) is not working property. Village Board Member Jim Detzler said he would follow up. Also, the old school crossing lights at the post office do not work and are confusing to strangers coming through the community. They will be removed and the poles painted and stored for some future use.

Ingrid Darlene Wendt of Fresno, Calif., became the bride of Ralph James Salisbury of Eugene, Ore. on April 23. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Wendt of Oswego and his parents are Mrs. Charles Salisbury and the late Charles Salisbury of Arlington, Iowa.

The outdoor, double-ring ceremony was held at Sahalie Falls in the Cascade Mountains of Oregon.

The bride has a B.A. from Cornell College, Ia., and an M.F.A. from the University of Oregon and is affiliated with Phi Beta Kappa. She is a professor of English at Fresno State College and a published poet.

The groom has a B.A. and M.F.A. from the University of Iowa. He is co-director of Creative Writing University of Oregon and editor in chief of Northwest Review and a published poet. The couple will reside this summer in Eugene, Ore. where the groom will teach. In September, they will move to Fresno, where both will teach in the English Department of Fresno State College.

A reception for the couple given by the bride's parents will be held in Oswego June 14.

May 22: Reeve Thompson, vocal director of Oswego Community High School, has announced is plans to retire at the end of this school year. He has given 39 years of service to the Oswego schools and has served the teaching profession for more than 44 years.

Mr. Thompson received his bachelor of music degree from McPhail School of Music in Minnesota. In addition to his attendance there, he attended River Falls State Teachers College in River Falls, Wis. Graduate credits were gained at both Illinois State University at Normal and Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington.

At the May meeting of the Oswegoland Park District commissioners Ralph Wheeler was elected president for the ninth consecutive year. Wheeler, who has been a member of the board of commissioners since the district was formed in 1950, is now entering his 20th year of service on the board.

Also reelected was Glenn McKittrick, Boulder Hill, as vice president. The board also reappointed Ford L. Lippold as secretary and John T. Carr as treasurer. C. Robert Ohse is the board attorney and Mrs. Joyce Stoecker is office secretary.

New board members attending their first official meeting after being successfully candidates at the April election were Walter Brill and William Penn. The fifth member of the board is Mrs. Marguerite Chrise Porter, who is currently serving her second six-year term.

John Hafenrichter, with the U.S. AID Education program, with offices in Saigon, was a visitor in this area a few days last week, visiting his brother and sisters, the Everett Hafenrichters, the William Leighs, and the Bruce Hendersons.

Mrs. James Phillips, Delreen Hafenrichter, is appearing in the Mozart opera, "Idameneo," singing the soprano role of "Ilia," being presented at the Zeller-Boch auditorium at the University of California on the Berkeley campus this week.

Miss Marilyn Shoger will be giving her senior recital in voice at the Music Auditorium on campus at Illinois State University May 25. She will graduate on the 7th of June with a degree in Music Education.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene R. Cain, Wilmington, Del., announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane Ruth, to Warrant Officer Stephen Allen Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Schlapp of Oswego. Mr. Foster attended Northern Illinois University and has recently returned from a tour of duty in Vietnam. He is now an instructor at Ft. Stewart, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Anderson of Oswego announce the marriage of their daughter, Sandra Louise, to David Edward Reid, which took place March 24. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Reid of Boulder Hill.

Both Sandra and David are graduates of Oswego High School. Reid is serving with the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Boyd. The newlyweds are living in San Diego, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. August Seidelman are the proud grandparents of a new grandson, born May 12 to Mr. and Mrs. Joey Seidelman of Aurora. He has been named Joey Michael Jr.

May 29: A bill authorizing a re-appropriation of \$1.180 million to construct a lock at the Montgomery Dam in Kan county and a dam in Oswego in Kendall county was approved by a subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee. The bill is sponsored in the Senate by Sen. Robert W. Mitchler, R-Oswego.

If approved and released by the governor, the dam and lock could be constructed during the fiscal year 1970, thereby creating almost seven miles of navigable waterway on the Fox River between Oswego and the EJ&E railroad bridge south of Aurora.

Mitchler explained that the new dam at Oswego and lock at the existing dam at Montgomery is part of a long-range plan to create a navigable waterway on the Fox River from the McHenry Dam downstream to Ottawa, where the Fox River joins the Illinois River. The recreation area to

be created will be tremendous, Mitchler said, and it is something necessary for the citizens of Illinois.

The annual Memorial Day Parade, sponsored by the American Legion, will assemble at 9:30 a.m. and move out promptly at 10 a.m. Friday, May 30. It will proceed down Polk, turn right on Monroe street to Jefferson, then left across Route 34 to Main street. It will then proceed down Main street to the Oswego cemetery.

Village President Harry Fuller will be Parade Marshal. Services this year will be conducted by the newly erected plaque and flagpole.

This will be our first occasion of flying our American flags from the light standards in downtown Oswego.

Kim Zentmyer has been elected as the delegate to the 1969 session of Illini Girls State, to be held June 17-24, in the MacMurray College campus at Jacksonville. She will represent Oswego Unit 675, American Legion Auxiliary. Kim's mother, Mrs. Doris Olson, is a member of Unit 675.

Lt. and Mrs. Ray Kohler and baby daughter are now settled in their apartment in Colorado Springs, Colo. Lt. Kohler was transferred from Georgia to Ft. Carson, where he is an instructor.

Paul Kulbartz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kulbartz, is now taking his basic training in the Army at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mos.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Leon McNair of Fox Bend Golf Club on the birth of their second boy, James Gerald, born May 21 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. He has a brother, John, who will be two in October.

Also to Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Collins on the birth of a little girl, Dawn Michelle, born May 16, at Sandwich Community Hospital. She has a three year-old brother, Douglas.

June -- 1969

June 5: Georgia Ann Anast, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Anast of Oswego, and David Brian Poker, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Poker of Oswego, have been named as the valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively of the Class of 1969 at Oswego High School. They will be the featured speakers for the high school commencement exercises to be held June 6 in the high school gymnasium.

John W. Brickert, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.V. Hall of rural Oswego, is in the Army Engineering Corps.

Nanceylon Swanquist, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Swanquist of Oswego, will graduate from the University of Illinois College of Nursing with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. Miss Swanquist graduated from Oswego High School and attended Wheaton College before entering the University of Illinois.

Our new policeman, Mr. Reed, put in 206 hours last month, the Oswego Village Board learned at their meeting Monday night. He had hoped to be able to hold down another job to supplement his salary but the hours he works makes this impossible. Motion was made and approved that we raise his salary from \$475 to \$525 a month.

Raise hands every householder who has to run his home on this or less a month. But the risks? If you don't think our policemen have to contend with some wild stuff, you ought to listen to the police reports. A real near thing with a gang from Aurora and our own little angels in a stand-off at the Dairy Boat. Repeated fights there.

Dairy Boat management has requested special police supervision (reimbursing the village) and Foxy's, although not yet open is planning supervision too.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael D. Gossett were married at the Boulder Hill Church of the Brethren May 10.

The bride is the former Patricia Louise Gray daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gray of Boulder Hill. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Gossett of Boulder Hill. They are residing in Virginia.

June 12: Eleven Oswego junior and senior high students will leave July 4 for an "Ambassadors Abroad" tour of six European countries. Accompanying them will be Mr. Marion Stoerker, a science teacher from the Oswego Junior High School.

Barring any unforeseen complications, the Oswegoland Park District swimming pool will open Tuesday, June 17.

Pool manager Charles Potts has completed his staff of guards. Ted Dickerson will be serving as head guard. Regular guards will be Barbara Freeman, Mary Lou Weiss, Allyn Lloyd, Cindi Fowley, David Krahn, James Wessely, and David Ebersole. Fill-in guards will be John Miner and Jerry Pranga.

Average teacher salaries in Illinois are third highest in the nation at \$9,107. Average Oswego teacher salary (on the \$7,000 base) is \$8,704. Average teacher salary throughout the nation is \$7,685.

St. Peter's Catholic Church in Geneva was the setting May 31 or the marriage of Miss Jane Diane Accario to Bradley Todd Palmer. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas E. Accario of Geneva and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Palmer of Oswego. After a short trip the couple is residing in Geneva.

The bride was graduated in May from Aurora College with a B.A. degree in English and sociology. The groom is also a May graduate of Aurora College with a B.S. degree in sociology.

Mr. and Mrs. David Kellogg were recently united in marriage at AuSable Grove Presbyterian Church. They have just returned from their honeymoon in Florida.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Nixon of Oswego and David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Kellogg of Yorkville.

Ernest J. Songer, M Sgt. (Ret), USAF, 52, of Carleton, Mich., and a former Oswego resident, died May 28 in St. Vincent's Hospital, Toledo, Ohio.

Funeral services were held at the Rupp Funeral Home in Monroe, Mich. Military services were conducted by Monroe Post 1138, Veterans of Foreign Wars. The body was taken to Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. for burial.

The son of Al and Flora Songer, Mr. Songer was born in Cornell, Ill. Oct. 28, 1917. He entered the Navy in January 1938 and after being discharged from the Navy entered the Air Force in 1947. He retired from the Air Force in 1960 and has been employed since that time.

Surviving are his mother of Oswego; a brother Richard of Oswego; three sisters, Mrs. Marie Hauser of Aurora, Mrs. Cebelle LeRette of Oaklawn, and Mrs. Dorothy Krush of Oswego; and several nieces and nephews. A brother and father preceded him in death.

James H. Bell of Main Street died June 5 at his home. He was born May 6, 1890 in Seward Township.

Mr. Bell was a member of Raven Lodge 303 AF & AM for more than 50 years. He was past master of the lodge, a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a charter member of American Legion Post 675, Oswego. Mr. Bell served with the United States Army during World War I.

Surviving are his widow, Jessie; three daughters, Naomi Hemphill of Rochester, N.Y., Mrs. Gene Hegland of Yorkville, and Mrs. Clay Rank of York, Pa.; six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the McKeown Funeral Home. Military graveside services were conducted by American Legion Post 675. Burial was in Oswego Township Cemetery.

June 19: Town Meeting June 30

By Myron Wormley

In this issue of the *Ledger* is a legal notice announcing a special township meeting on Monday, June 30 at the new community building at 8 p.m. At this meeting the township voters will determine whether the northerly four lots of the municipal block (old Red Brick School site) should be sold to the Oswego Community Bank. The bank is interested in erecting new, larger facilities on the site.

A review of the background of events leading up to this meeting might be in order at this time. In April 1965 at the annual town meeting the voters voted that the township would purchase the school building and site for \$40,000 as a location for a new post office and future municipal buildings (i.e. Town Hall, Village hall, Fire station, Park District). To date, the township has expended a total of approximately \$48,525 for the original purchase and razing the building, grading, seeding, and other necessary legal publication and survey fees. The Post Office Department, as lessee on behalf of their future building owner, took an option for \$6,400 for a 70x150 foot lot, which was, of course, later exercised and the new building built. The park district chose to ask for and receive from the voters a referendum to build a new community center on the nine acres of Ashland Ave. and Circle Drive. The fire district has given a written statement that they are not interested in using the block for a building.

If the voters approve the sale of the four lots to the bank, it will leave two full lots and adjoining alleys (closed) measuring approximately 280.5' x 82.5' minus a 4' x 150' strip off one lot (sold to the post office) plus a 66' x 130.5' lot in back of the present post office site for future building needs the village or the township might have.

The proposed sale has the informal approval of the village, township, fire, and park authorities to date, but must have the approval of the voters of the township.

The township has obtained appraisals of the subject site from qualified appraisers in the Fox Valley area (contents of which are available for inspection in this office) and after discussion on their contents with the township and village board offices, the bank has made an offer of \$35,000 for the four lots in question.

The above matter is all that can be legally discussed at the special town meeting under the statutes of township government.

Since this is one of the few remaining places in our governmental system where the individual voter can cast his vote directly on such a matter, and considering the relative importance of the matter to the future plans of the community, it is the hope of everyone concerned that there will be an excellent turnout at that meeting. All eligible voters of Oswego Township are invited and asked to participate.

The Oswego United Presbyterian Church was the setting of the wedding Saturday evening in which Miss Sue Ann Kohler became the bride of Wilbur C. Jessee. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Kohler of Oswego. He is the son of Mrs. Clara B. Jessee of Aurora and the late Mr. Wilbur C. Jessee.

St. Anne's Catholic Church was the setting for the wedding Saturday of Miss Nancy Susan Lorang and Chester Dale Romans. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard G. Lorang of Oswego. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Schaffner of North Aurora.

Oswego area residents will have an opportunity to obtain a free chest X-ray when the mobile X-ray unit of the Tuberculosis Association of Kane, DeKalb, and Kendall counties visits their community on Wednesday, June 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scent attended the graduation June 1 of their son, John, from Drake University in Des Moines, Ia. John received a B.S. in pharmacy and has accepted a job with the May Drug Co, in Bloomington, Ill., where he and his wife will live.

June 26: The Marclely Oil Co. of Aurora has recently purchased the Norval Tripp property at the intersection of Jefferson street and Chicago Road. Plans call for an ultra-modern Mobil service station.

The sale was handled by cooperative brokerage through the Tripp office and the firm of Hatch and LeCuyer. John Carr, real estate broker with the latter office, arranged for the sale.

Charles C. Friebele, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton H. Friebele, Oswego, has been promoted to Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force.

Sgt. Friebele recently spent a week with his parents enroute to McCoy AFB, Orlando, Fla., where he will be stationed for four months. He is with the 100th Organizational Squadron of the Strategic Reconnaissance Wing.

He graduated from the Oswego High School in 1965 and joined the Air Force in March 1966.

Airman Jon J. Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Cunningham, Oswego, has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas. He has been assigned to Kessler AFB, Mississippi for training as a personnel specialist. He is a graduate of Oswego High School.

At a buffet supper Saturday, June 14, Linda Heller graduated from St. Joseph Mercy School of X-ray.

Mrs. Maxine Staley and Brooks Wilson were married on Saturday, June 7, at their country home in Sugar Grove.

Foxy's Burger Bar on Jefferson Street between Madison and Main, announced their grand opening celebration set for Saturday and Sunday, June 28-29.

Miss Linda Heller became the bride of Boyd L. Wilkinson of June 21. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Les Weiss of Oswego. His parents are Mrs. Charles Bower and the late Stanton Wilkinson.

The bride is a graduate of Oswego High School and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital School of X-ray. She is now employed by Dreyer Clinic in Aurora. The groom is also an Oswego High School graduate and is employed by Geneva Construction.

The marriage of Zan Kay Fuller and William Merrill Vanderlinden took place Saturday at the Oswego Presbyterian Church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne L. Fuller of Oswego; the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Vanderlinden of Aurora.

Carol Jean Trambie and David Allen Nussle exchanged wedding vows Saturday, June 14 at the Oswego Presbyterian Church. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Arthur Trambie of Oswego and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Nussle of North Aurora.

A graduate of Oswego High School, the bride also attended Waubensee Community Junior College and is employed by Anchor Brush Co. Her husband, a West High School graduate, attended Oregon State University and Waubensee Junior College. He is employed by the Van Dee Manufacturing Co.

The Henry Steeles and the Clarence Schraders are the proud grandparents of a grandson, Bradley Charles, born to Mr. and Mrs. John Steele of Brownsdale, Minn.

Miss Andrea Kay Weidert became the bride of Richard Andrew Carlson during a Saturday evening service at the Oswego Presbyterian Church. Andrea is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Weidert of Oswego. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carlson of Batavia.

July -- 1969

July 3: At the special Oswego Township meeting June 30, voters approved selling lots on the municipal block to the Oswego Community Bank, 56-13. The bank's offer is \$35,000. Those opposing the sale to the bank were, for the most part, not objecting to the sale itself but the manner in which it was being done. One or two voiced the opinion that the land should be opened up for public bid.

Also was brought up that the Tripp property (the handsome white house at the corner of Jefferson and Chicago Road) had been sold for \$62,500. This is B2 zoned. The reason given by the appraisers for not considering this sale in their appraisals was that oil companies are well able and many times willing to pay three to four times market value for land they really want.

The L.W. George Realty Company announced Warren A. Hull as a member of its staff. Mr. Hull is a graduate of Winona State College.

The Oswego-Boulder Hill area has been the home of the Hull family for the past six years. During this time, both Mr. and Mrs. Hull have been employed by the Oswego School District as teachers. They, and their daughter, Laurie Ellen, are presently living on Creve Court, Boulder Hill.

Airman Michael R. Linden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Linden, has completed his basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas. He has been assigned to Lowry AFB, Colorado for training in the supply field. Airman Linden is a 1964 graduate of Oswego High School and attended the University of Iowa.

U.S. Air Force Sgt. Stanley Shoger, son of Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne H Shoger of Oswego has arrived at Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

Sgt. Shoger, assigned as a machinist with a unit of the Pacific Air Forces, was previously stationed at Minot AFB, N.D. Sgt. Shoger is a 1962 graduate of Oswego High School and attended NIU. He had the honor and distinction of repairing the air conditioner on President Nixon's plane while on a stopover at Hickam on his way to Midway.

St. Peter and Paul Church, Waterloo, Ill. was the setting June 13 for the wedding of Miss Judy Siegfried, daughter of Mr. and Ms. Seldon Siegfried, Waterloo, and David Eberhard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Eberhard, Plainfield.

The bride, a June graduate of Illinois State University with a B.S. in education, will be teaching first grade at Highland Hills School in Lombard. The groom graduated from Illinois State University and is a teacher at Glenbard East High School.

July 10: The May-June issue of Illinois Parks, the official publication of the Illinois Association of Park Districts, carried a three-page feature story about the new Oswegoland Park District Civic Center and swimming pool.

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, Davenport, Ia., was the setting July 5 for the wedding of Miss Sharon Ann Barta, Davenport, to Robert Emmett Fennell, Clemson, S.C.

The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Barta of Davenport and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Fennell of Oswego.

The bride graduated from Assumption High School, Davenport, has a B.A. in mathematics from Marycrest College, and attended graduate school at the university of Iowa. She is a former director of the computer center, Marycrest College, Davenport.

The groom graduated from Oswego High School, has a B.A. from Bradley University and an M.S. and PhD. in mathematics from the University of Iowa. He formerly taught at Grinnell College, Iowa.

In the fall, he will be an assistant professor of mathematics at Clemson University in Clemson, S.C., where the couple will reside after the honeymoon.

At the Oswego Village Board meeting, Bill Monier presented the proposed street lighting for Windcrest. Motion was made to accept same, subject to the village engineer's approval. Also,

motion made to pay \$3,000 on the balance owed Mr. Monier on the difference between the 18” and 12” water mains put into Windcrest. Request was made that the one remaining lot in Windcrest, which has not been annexed, be taken into the village.

Frank Gengler, 91, of Sheridan, a former Oswego resident, died July 4 at Sandwich Community Hospital. He was born July 14, 1877 in Sandwich.

He is survived by two sons, Howard of Yorkville and Donald of Oswego; four grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the McKeown Funeral Home Monday. Burial was in Newark-Millington Cemetery.

July 17: T. Loyd Traughber announces a new real estate agency for Oswego and vicinity. Warren Norris will be an associate salesman in the Traughber agency.

From 1948 to 1968, Mr. Traughber was superintendent of Oswego Community Schools.

Warren Norris has lived in the Oswego community all his life. He formerly operated his own farm in Oswego township, was a partner in the Oswego Implement Company, and has been active in community and church groups. He lives at 57 Grant Street.

John E. Foose, Seaman Apprentice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel O. Foose, Oswego, has completed recruit training at Great Lakes, Ill, and has been assigned to Submarine School at New London, Conn.

John graduated from Oswego High School in 1966 and attended the University of Illinois for two and a half years.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Schor (Janet Annis), Cedar Glen, on the birth of a boy, Eric Christopher, July 7, at Copley Hospital. His sister, Valerie is eight years old.

July 24: Someone entered the Oswegoland Park District pool manager’s office last Friday night and made off with six of the guards’ warm-up jackets and one small transistor radio. It is suspected that entrance was gained by use of a key that was taken from the office prior to the break-in.

RM2 James Ode, son of Mrs. Emily Ode, is aboard the USS Hornet, the ship that will be picking up the Apollo 11 astronauts on July 24.

July 31: Gudrun Kohn, a International Christian Youth Exchange student from Germany, arrived July 19 and will live with her host family, the Robert Noggles, for one year. She will be a senior at Oswego High School with her American sister, Jodeen Noggle.

Barbara Mary Davis became Mrs. Cleo Andrew Davis in a July 26 ceremony at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Davis of Oswego. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Davis of Greenview.

The bride has been employed by All-Steel Equipment, Inc. Davis is a Caterpillar Tractor Co. employee. Following a short trip to Wisconsin, Mr. and Mrs. Davis will reside near Sugar Grove.

Hanford, Calif., is to be the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lee Foster, who were married July 26. The former La Jeania Cook is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Cook Sr. of Oswego. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Foster of Oswego.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster are both Oswego High School graduates She is dental assistant for D. Arthur DeVol. Foster was employed by Lyon Metal in Montgomery. He is now serving with the Navy, stationed at LeMoore Naval Base, LeMoore, Calif.

Before moving to California, Mr. and Mrs. Foster will honeymoon in Shelby Forest State Park, Tennessee.

August -- 1969

Aug. 7: Thirteen classmates and two former teachers were on hand to mark the 30th anniversary of the Class of 1939 of Oswego High School. Members of the class, their spouses, and former teachers met at the Blue Lantern Restaurant, Route 65, in Aurora on Saturday, July 26.

Classmates who came from Oswego, Bristol, Aurora, Addison, and Homewood were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ament (Loa Hummel), Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Briet (Gertrude Buckley), Mr. and Mrs. John Carr, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Gerry, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hafenrichter (Marjorie Woolley), and Mr. and Mrs. James Harvey. Also, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hubbard (June Pahaly), Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Victor May (Leona Eberhard), Mr. and Mrs. Russell Pierce (Esther Stephens), Mr. and Mrs. William Pearce (Maxine Herren), Albert Shoger, Mr. and Mrs. John Young, and Mr. Bert Allen and friend Jane Sitts.

The two former teachers were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ditman of Antioch and Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Marquardt, Goshen, Ind.

Escorted to the altar by her uncle, Thomas Bloomer of Chicago, Terri Lynn Wagner became the bride of Jack Clark Weis Saturday at Bethany Lutheran church, Batavia.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rhode of Wisconsin. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Weis of Oswego.

The bride will graduate from the Moline Lutheran Hospital School for Nurses in August. Weis, a graduate of Northern Illinois University, is employed by Walter E. Deuchler Engineering Associates in Aurora.

The Church of St. Gregory the Great, Osawa, Canada, was the setting for the Saturday wedding of Faye Marie Bieschke and Danniell George Farrow.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Marcella Bieschke of Oswego and the late Mr. Wenschel Albert Bieschke. His parents are Mrs. Helen Farrow of North Aurora and Carl Farrow of Aurora. Mr. and Mrs. Farrow are both graduates of Oswego High School. She also attended Waubensee Community College and will attend Toronto Teacher's College. Farrow also attended the University of Illinois and O'Neil Collegiate and Vocational Institute. He is employed by Robson-Lang Leathers of Osawa.

Following a wedding trip to Barbados, Mr. and Mrs. Farrow will reside in Osawa.

Jeanette Gaworski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Gaworski of Oswego, became the bride of Ralph Anton in a Saturday ceremony at St. Peter's Church, Aug. 2. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Anton of St. Louis, Mo.

Anton is recreation director at the Illinois School for the Deaf. Mrs. Anton is on the school's faculty.

Harold G. Bower, 62, of rural Oswego, died July 31 at Copley Memorial Hospital. He was born Feb. 28, 1907 in Oswego Township.

He is survived by his widow, Margaret; two daughters, Mrs. Gerald (Elaine) Hix of Aurora and Mrs. Betty Boyd of Oswego; four grandchildren; one brother, Arnold of Oswego; and one sister, Mrs. Everett Hafenrichter of Oswego.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bower; and one brother, Howard. He was a member of the Oswego Prairie united Methodist Church, Batavia Moose Lodge, Batavia Boat Club, Tiger Athletic Club, and the Friendly Circle.

Funeral services were held Monday at the McKeown Funeral Home at 1:30 p.m. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery.

Earl O. Heriaud, 57, of Bristol Township, died July 27 at his home. He was born Feb. 20, 1912 in Victor Township, Somonauk.

He is survived by his widow, Loraine; five daughters, Mrs. Robert (Vernice) Beach, Mrs. Richard (Carlote) Jacobs, Adeline Heriaud, June Heriaud, and Nan Heriaud, all of Aurora; eight sons, Albert, Eugene, Thomas, Lee, Neil, James, and Edward, all of Aurora and Joseph, serving with the U.S. Army in Germany; eight grandchildren; two sisters, Ethel Butler of Big Rock and Mrs. Genevieve Ross of Oswego; one brother, Raymond of Boulder Hill; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Fredrick C., who was killed in Vietnam in 1965.

Mr. Heriaud was a former member of the Kendall County Farm Bureau and was a farmer his entire life.

Funeral services were held at the Church of the Good Shepherd on Saturday. Burial was in Lincoln Memorial Park.

Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Jerry Sorensen from Washington, D.C. are spending a week visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sorensen of Riverview Heights.

Aug. 14: Schools in Oswego District 308 will open Sept. 2 at 8:30 a.m.

Football practice at Oswego High School will begin Wednesday, Aug. 20.

The 92nd annual Wheatland Plowing Match, Power Show and Fair will be held Friday and Saturday, Aug. 29-30.

Miss Mary Ann Kulga became the bride of John C. Cumpata on July 12 at St. Raphael's Church in Naperville. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Kulga of Naperville and John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Cumpata of Oswego.

The groom is a graduate of Oswego High School and Southern Illinois University and is currently working on construction in Aurora.

The bride is a graduate of Sacred Heart Academy and Moser Secretarial School and is a private secretary for the U.S. Gypsum Company in Chicago.

Miss Barbara Jean Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William K. Miller, Oswego, was recently graduated from the United Air Lines stewardess training center near Chicago. Miss Miller has been assigned to the company's stewardess base at Denver, Colo. She graduated from Oswego High School and the University of Colorado before starting the five week stewardess training course.

Aug. 21: Oswego Chief of Police James Vinson today announced that his police force would begin to wear as part of their regular police uniform the national flag of the United States. The chief said, "The police officer today stands for law and order in this community. He is the symbol of freedom, justice, and protection for the law abiding. It is therefore very appropriate for us to wear and display our nation's flag as part of our uniform to remind our citizens of the role we play in the defense of their homes and life.

This is part of a program sponsored by the American Federation of Police, which has made these emblems available to police departments throughout the United States. The idea started in Macon, Ga., where it has been acclaimed a great success.

Oswego Unite 675 of the American Legion Auxiliary met Monday evening, Aug. 18, at the Legion Home. The president, Rosemary Schaedler, conducted the meeting. Members voted to erect a memorial to our veterans that will include a "Flame of Freedom" torch in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the American Legion.

The Oswegoland Jaycees will hold their second annual steak fry and corn roast on Aug. 23 at the Route 30 Bypass entrance to Boulder Hill. Last year, the Jaycees served over 400 sandwiches and close to 850 ears of corn in their first corn roast. Proceeds will go into a special fund for a Civil Defense and Emergency Warning System for Boulder Hill. Kendall County authorities say that the sirens could possibly be in operation by November of this year.

Waubonsee Community College is completing interim campus construction work for the opening of classes on Sept. 15. The 183-acre site is located on Ill. Route 47 at Harter Road north of Sugar Grove.

The administrative offices have already been moved to temporary quarts in the technology center, which is the old remodeled show barn of the former Huntoon Riding Academy.

Also under construction are five interim facility buildings, which will provide classrooms and office space.

Gov. Richard B. Ogilvie's freeze on state construction funds has been in effect since early February. At the time, WCC had planned to go to bid for the first phase of its permanent building construction plan.

It is expected that the interim facilities now being completed will be used for a considerable period of time since it appears that permanent construction funds will be released very slowly.

At the Oswego School Board's meeting Monday night, substitute teachers got a little boost in pay. From \$21 to \$25. Makes us about average in the area.

The board voted to authorize a tax sheltered annuity program for teachers desirous to participate in same. Cost to the district in time and money? None.

Department heads as such eliminated. Seemingly, our junior and senior high schools are not really large enough to justify the titles. Savings? \$2,900. Losses? Teacher prestige. Not so good, but depends on the teacher.

Welcome to Mrs. Irma Heiser, who has moved into her home, the former Varga residence on Park Street. Mrs. Heiser is Mrs. Dorothy Denney's mother and is formerly from Plainfield.

Aug. 28: Barbara Simmons is the owner of the "Creation," a new gift shop on Main Street. The "Creation" features many unusual gift items, which were previously not available in this area, as well as candles, records, belts, and jewelry.

The Oswegoland Park District swimming pool will be closed down for the season at 9 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 1. Although the reports have not been completed, present figures indicate that between 45,000 and 50,000 will be the total attendance for the season in spite of the late start at the beginning of the season.

[The east side of] Oswego's Main Street gets a face lifting as work progresses on the new sidewalk. The new walk, which will soon be completed, will be considerably lower than the old one and will hopefully eliminate the many dented bumpers which were incurred as a result of parking at the old high walk.

Mr. and Mrs. James Burkard and family, who formerly lived on Chicago Road, having moved here from Herscher, now reside in their new home on Locust Street in Brookside Manor.

The family of Mrs. Flora Songer of Oswego held a reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester C. Gebauer Sugar Grove, on Aug. 17.

John and Roger Poole and Bill Crimmin spent a week at Cocoa Beach and Daytona Beach, Fla., where they enjoyed swimming in the ocean. They also stopped at Cape Kennedy and enjoyed the tour and lecture and seeing the pad that the Apollo 11 was on.

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Sept. 4: The Oswegoland Jaycees and the Parents Group for Children with Learning Disabilities are inviting you, parents and teachers, to attend a special program about children with learning disabilities with the need for special education teachers. Mr. Wallace Pierce, Grundy and Kendall County Special Education Director, will speak on the subject. The meeting will be held Sept. 8 at the Civic Center.

Sept. 11: State Sen. Robert W. Mitchler, R-Oswego, issued a statement on the death of Sen. Dirksen: "Illinois has lost a great leader. Not only our nation, but the entire world will mourn the death of Sen. Everett McKinley Dirksen. He was a master of politics to the extent that he could rise above partisan issues and become a statesman in resolving issues of national and world concern."

Have you noticed the lettering that proudly states "Oswego Township Library?" A big thanks to the 19th Century Club for their 1969 community project.

A representative from the Mobil Oil Company (who are going to build the new gas station on the Tripp property) was there [at the Oswego Village Board meeting] with a request for a change in the set-back requirements. He was referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

A European honeymoon including visits with the bridegroom's family in Holland followed the Saturday wedding Aug. 9 of Arlynn Marie Hem and Henri Richard Manasse. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver J. Hem of Oswego. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Henri D. Manasse of Chicago.

The bride, a graduate of Oswego High School and the University of Illinois College of Nursing, will be in public health nursing in Chicago. Manasse, a Lane Technical High School and University of Illinois College of Pharmacy graduate, is employed at the College of Pharmacy at the medical center, Chicago.

Elizabeth Ann "Betty Ann" Wilson, formerly of Oswego, was united in marriage to Thomas D. Blackwell of the U.S. Navy in a quiet evening ceremony on Sept 10, 1969 at Christ Lutheran Church in San Diego, Calif.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. William B. Wilson Aurora and the late William B. Wilson. She is a graduate of Oswego High School and the Northwestern University School of Physical Therapy. She is employed at Scripps Memorial Hospital, La Jolla, Calif.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Blackwell of Reliance, Wyo. He is a graduate of Superior (Wyoming) High School and is currently serving with the U.S. Navy in Ground Air Control at Coronado, Calif.

Sept. 18: The Oswego Panthers made the first game on their new home field one to remember as they outbattled St. Francis of Wheaton, 31-27.

The game was marked by a controversy concerning the last play of the game on which St. Francis scored a touchdown as time ran out, only to have the six points nullified by a penalty. The officials' ruling set off the great debate of the gridiron, Spartan coach Gen Hartwich claiming the Spartans should be given an additional play, believing the game could not end on a penalty. The teams left the gridiron only to return ten minutes later, much to the delight of the St. Francis fans and to the amazement of the Oswego rooters. A bewildered crowd looked on as the officials made clear to St. Francis that the game was concluded and no additional down would be forthcoming. The game was not protested as had been previously reported.

Principal D.H. Moews has announced that David Blair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Blair of Oswego, has been named a semifinalist in the 1969 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Shirley Jean Silich became the bride of Ronald Wayne Light at a ceremony on Saturday at St. Anne's Catholic Church. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert J. Silich of Oswego. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Russell Light of Boulder Hill.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Light are graduates of Oswego High School. She attended Northern Illinois University and is a secretary for Armour-Dial, Inc, Montgomery. Light served for two years with the army in Germany and is now employed by Illinois Bell Telephone Company.

Wheatland United Presbyterian Church was the scene of the marriage of Martha Jane Paydon and William Pranga recently. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen A. Paydon of Plainfield. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Casimir Pranga of Oswego.

The Oswego School Board learned Monday evening that enrolment is up as expected. Around 260 additional pupils this year. We will be getting about \$50,000 more than expected in State Aid. By increasing the class loads all the way up the line, we are getting along with three less staff members than last year, savings of around \$20,0.

From the figures given out regarding enrollment by school, it is very easy to see that we will soon be in a real bind for classroom space.

In a ceremony at Cherry Point, N.C., Sept. 12, 1969, Sgt. R.D. Ringberg was presented with the Naval Achievement Medal with Combat "V." He received it for his service in Vietnam.

The citation reads in part, "Sgt. Ringberg performed his duties in an exemplary and highly competent manner...He displayed outstanding professionalism and initiative despite extremely adverse conditions and difficulties of a combat environment...Sgt. Ringberg's outstanding professional ability, untiring determination, and steadfast devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself, the Marine Corps and the Naval service."

Sgt. Ringberg is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ringberg of Oswego. Sgt. and Mrs. R.D. Ringberg reside in Havlock, N.C.

Edward L. Walters, 81, former Oswegoan, retired 50-year veteran of Stephens-Adamson Mfg. Co., died Sept. 8 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital While at S-A he was a foreman and safety engineer.

He and his wife, Clara, who survives him, celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary in August. Mr. Walters was born May 5, 1888 in Detroit.

Besides his widow, he is survived by four sisters, one brother, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers.

Funeral services were held at St. Luke's Church in Boulder hill where he was a member, Rev. Wm. Kucenski officiating. Burial was in St. Paul's Cemetery, Montgomery.

Former Oswegoan Grant Conklin of Port Charlotte, Fla., died Sept. 9 in Port Charlotte. He was born June 15, 1889 in Earlville. He worked at Northern Illinois Gas C. as a leak surveyor in the operating department for 30 years. He retired in 1954.

Funeral services were held Thursday at Kay's Funeral Home, Port Charlotte. Burial was in Westlawn Memorial Cemetery in Port Charlotte.

State Sent. Robert W. Mitchler, R-Oswego, reported that Gov. Richard B. Ogilvie has approved Senate Bill 99, which is the Anatomical Gift Act. This is a bill Mitchler introduced during the recent session of the 76th General Assembly. The bill authorizes the donation of all or part of a human body after death for specified purposes.

Sept. 25: The dress code committee for the Oswego junior and senior high schools plans to hold its last meeting Thursday before submitting its recommendations to the board of education for final action.

In talking with Mr. Ralph Ross, chairman of the committee and principal of the junior high, it was learned that at this time the only agreement reached by the committee was the recommendation for hair styles. Acting on the clothing portion of the dress code was expected at the Thursday meeting.

A petition circulated among parents, students, and teachers has been presented to the committee and is being taken into consideration.

The body of Joseph C. O'Connor was found last Friday in the state rest area on Route 34 east of Oswego. According to Kendall County Coroner E. McKeown, Mr. O'Connor was apparently overcome by carbon monoxide poisoning.

The body was found by David Little, a truck driver from Palatine. He notified the Kendall County Sheriff's Department at 7:45 a.m. Mr. O'Connor resided in Orland Park. He was 48 years old.

Pvt. Craig Allen Moyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Moyer, Oswego, was awarded the military rating of Cartographic Draftsman and received his diploma upon successfully completing the Cartographic Drafting course in the Department of Topography at the United State Army Engineer School.

Pvt. Moyer is a 1967 graduate of Oswego Community High School and attended Stout State University in Menominee, Wis.

A candlelight service at All Saints Greek Orthodox Church I Joliet was the setting Saturday evening, Sept. 6, for the wedding of Gail Caldwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Caldwell of Montgomery, to James Calamaras, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Calamaras of Paramount Heights, Oswego.

After a wedding trip, the couple will reside in Albany where the bridegroom is stationed with the U.S. Navy.

The vows of marriage were recited by Joyce May and Larry Coleman at St. Anne's Church in Oswego by Rev. Clifford Brier.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victory May, was escorted to the altar by her father. Larry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coleman, Paducah, Ky.

October -- 1969

Oct. 2: A warrant for the arrest of Michael Johannsen, 18, charging him with drag racing and driving under suspension, has been issued according to Sheriff Vic Frantz.

The warrant has been issued in connection with the accident Sept. 14, in which a car driven by Robert Pulfer, 18, of Oswego ran into a car driven by Mary L. Bryant, 18, of Boulder Hill. The collision occurred on Plainfield Rd., just south of Oswego.

During the past few days, one of the main topics of conversation around our town has been the "Big Chase," which occurred recently when a woman from Indiana drove through Oswego at a high rate of speed, followed by squad cars from various law enforcement agencies.

The chase began at Naperville when this woman from Indiana nearly ran down a police officer directing traffic. She was pursued by a Naperville squad car. Naperville requested assistance by telephone in their pursuit of a green Oldsmobile with Indiana license plates.

Two more squad cars joined the chase in Oswego, one a village car, the other a state squad. According to police reports, no squad traveled in excess of 60 mph through the village. Sirens were used and no shots were fired.

Roadblocks were set up at the junctions of Rt. 47 & 71 and 126 and 71, both of which she drove through.

The Oswego Teachers Association, by a 94 percent vote, rejected the salary schedule presented to the coaching staff for the 1969-70 school year. The election was held Tuesday, Sept. 30.

Letters of Commendation honoring them for their high performance on the 1969 National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test have been awarded to six students at Oswego Senior High School. Those names are Steve Benson, Patty Conover, Gary Dickerson, Linda Heap, Debra Law, and Susan Lutter.

Waubonsee Community College has received the green light to go ahead with the bidding for Phase 1A of permanent campus construction, according to Dr James H. Nelson, WCC president. The development of permanent campus construction has been delayed since February when Gov. Richard Ogilvie froze state funds for junior college construction projects.

Phase 1A includes the learning resources center, engineering building, central plant, utility extensions, and related parking. The budget cost for Phase IA is \$4,232,000. The state will pay \$3,174,000 and local moneys will make up the other \$1,058,000.

Construction will begin as soon after the awarding of contracts as weather conditions permit.

Mrs. Julia M. Sergerson, 54, of Plainfield died Sept. 28, 1969 at Copley Memorial Hospital. She was born May 11, 1915 in Tennessee.

Mrs. Sergerson is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Roy (Betty) Taylor of Michigan and Mrs. Donald G. (Linda) Bealm of Plainfield; two sisters, Mrs. Wm. (Opal) Pierce of Oswego and Mrs. J.R. (Jeannette) Stubblefield of Union City, Tenn.; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Woodrow, in 1965; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Brown; two sisters; and one brother.

Mrs. Sergerson lived in the Oswego area for 26 years before moving to Plainfield after her husband's death.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Overman Chapel in Plainfield. Burial was in the NaAuSay Cemetery.

Charles Martin Given took Karen Laura Hafenrichter as his bride in a Saturday ceremony at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Oswego.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl G. Hafenrichter of Oswego. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Given of Carmi.

The bride has received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in music education from the University of Illinois. Given has both a bachelor's degree in political science and a law degree from Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Given will reside in Springfield, where he has accepted appointment as a legislative intern.

A new Pontiac ambulance purchased from Burkhart Pontiac Sales in Oswego then custom converted by the Pinner Coach Company of Memphis, Tenn. for ambulance use, was delivered to McKeown Funeral Home recently.

The ambulance is equipped with a resuscitator for drowning or any non-breathing cases where forced breathing is required, an oxygen inhalation for heart or breathing difficulty cases, air splints for fractures, and all other first aid equipment. All of these pieces of equipment are special built-in components in the ambulance as well as an overhead linen compartment for extra blankets, sheets, and linens.

October 1 marked the beginning of the 32nd year that McKeown Funeral Home has served the Oswego Community with ambulance service. They now have two ambulances available for emergencies both property equipped, fully insured, and with radio communication.

Word has just been received from Alvin Chrissie and Dave Chally that they are now stationed at LZ Grant Camp near Tay Ninh, Vietnam, where they are connected with the First Air Cavalry Division.

John Foose, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Foose, has returned to his duties aboard the submarine USS Marlin following a 13-day leave. John received his basic training at Great Lakes and his submarine training at New London, Conn. The submarine home base is at Key West, Fla.

Mary Hafenrichter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hafenrichter, is a freshman attending the U of I majoring in home economics.

David Poker, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Poker of Cedar Glen is attending U of I majoring in physics.

Oct. 9: At the June 12 commencement of the University of Illinois at the Medical Center in Chicago, Gerald D. Meetz received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the Department of Anatomy. A former Oswego resident, Dr. Meetz, he son of Quinlen Meetz of Oswego and the late Beatrice Meetz, was a member of the Class of 1955 of Oswego High School.

The Citizens Advisory Council for the Oswego Community School District met recently to hear the report of the educational facilities evaluation committee.

Because the enrollment at the beginning of the 1969-70 school year this fall exceeded that projected at the beginning of the summer by the enrollment trends subcommittee, a revised projection of probable enrollment over the next ten years was presented to each council member. Because the assessed valuation is a basic factor, the council voted to recommend to the appropriate authorities that they actively seek suitable business and industry to locate in the area, thus increasing the assessed valuation in the district.

At the Oswego Village Board's meeting Monday night, lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 at the Red Brick School location were awarded a B1 zoning so the bank can build there if it's still of a mind to. It was recommended that we apply to the state for traffic lights at that corner.

Mr. Eugene Marcley of Marcley Oil was there with Mr. Foote, his attorney. The board had received a letter from the planning commission recommending the board refuse the variance requested, which was to do away with the 10-foot side yard usually required if a business property abuts on a residential. This was because two neighbors had objected. However, it seemed best from the information brought by Mr. Foote to seek a special meeting with the neighbors next Monday night before any definite decision be made. [The controversy involved Lot 1 of the Park Addition, where Mobil Oil Company was proposing to build a service station on the former Norval Tripp property.]

A study of towns comparable to Oswego in size shows that we underpay our police chief by about \$120 to \$125 per month. Motion was made that we increase his salary by \$50.

Oct. 16: The Citizens Advisory Committee last night, presented the Board of Education its recommendations based on the studies made by the various subcommittees.

The recommendations as set forth by the committee include the following:

1. That the K-6-2-4 plan be implemented in the district.
2. That the board move ahead with plans for a bond referendum for construction of a K-6 school in the Cedar Glen area and an addition to the high school.
3. That the Ag shop be moved to the high school and the present shop be converted to classrooms.
4. That new facilities be constructed to be easily expandable and flexible for current and future trends in education.
5. That facility needs be reviewed periodically.
6. The lunch program in the elementary schools be eliminated except for those bused to East View and the Annex, or those living more than a mile from school.
7. The education fund tax rate limit be raised through referendum to meet our indebtedness.
8. The scope of the guidance counseling services be improved.
9. Remedial reading programs be carried through the 12 grades with priority given to the elementary level.
10. The kindergarten aide system be retained and present personnel be given a time limit to complete necessary certification
11. Curriculum for the non-college bound student be brought more in tune with the needs of modern society.
12. Consideration be given by the board to the continuing use of citizens advisory groups.

Homecoming events at the high school are already well under way, with the Mr. Irrestible contest, color day, and the auction on Tuesday. Plans for Thursday evening include the traditional snake dance and bonfire. Friday afternoon the scene of activities will once again be the village streets as the annual homecoming parade winds through the village. 12:30 Saturday is game time. The sophomores will meet Plainfield first, followed by the varsity game 20 minutes after the close of the first game.

At a recent gathering of citizens, Chief Deputy Tom N. Usry announced that he will be a Republican candidate for Sheriff of Kendall County in the March 1970 primary election.

Rev. Frank Closson officiated Oct. 4 at the wedding of Josefa (Maria) Che and Herbert J. Lantz Jr. at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Music was provide by Leonard Hafenrichter.

The bride is a high school graduate of Malaga, Spain, and attended the University of Madrid for two years. She was employed by the University of Illinois. The bridegroom is a graduate of Oswego High School, the United States Naval Academy, and the University of Illinois College of Law. He also served three years as an Air Force officer and two years with the Army Corps of Engineers overseas.

The Oswego School District Board at their Monday meeting was asked to sign the School District Annual Report. Dr. Boggs said that in all honesty he could not claim in answer to one question that our girls get nearly as much attention as boys when it comes to intramural activities. Girls Athletic Association is about the only thing they are offered. Another instance of that oldest of prejudices, ladies!

Mr. and Mrs. William Knuth of Oswego announce the engagement of their daughter, Deborah Ann, to Paul L. Kulbartz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kulbartz of Oswego.

Leslie W Morse, 68, of Oswego died Friday at his residence. He was born Oct. 22, 1900 in Oswego.

He is survived by his widow, Margaret; one daughter, Mrs. Robert (Caryl) Brubaker of State College, Pa.; one granddaughter and one grandson; two sisters, Mrs. Howard Shoger of Oswego and Mrs. M.C. Marquardt of Goshen, Ind.; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Morse was a member of the Oswego Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the Oswego volunteer fire department for 25 years and was associated with the Oswego Implement Company as secretary and treasurer.

Funeral services were held at the McKeown Funeral Home on Monday, Burial was in Pearce Cemetery.

Oct. 23: Donald R. Gengler, Kendall County Treasurer, has announced he will be a Republican candidate for Sheriff of Kendall County.

Jacqueline Bolin and John Spenader exchanged marriage vows Sunday afternoon in the Oswego Presbyterian Church.

Jacqueline is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Bolin of Oswego. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spenader of Amboy.

The bride graduated from Oswego High School and attended the University of Illinois. The groom graduated from Amboy High School and received his B.S. degree in civil engineering from the University of Illinois. He is employed by Penn Central Railroad.

Oct. 30: Eighth grade football players were honored Monday night at a banquet held at the Oswego Civic Center. The team, which has an impressive record of five wins and only one loss for the season, is coached by George Hayner and Sid Simmons.

This year, Oswego High School has added a "Student Commons" to its general curriculum structure. The commons. Located in the cafeteria, is open at present to all students. It is supervised by the student council and their adult sponsors.

The student commons by design is a place for students to go and relax with their friends during their free periods.

A candlelight ceremony performed by Rev. rank Closson at the Church of the Good Shepherd Saturday, Oct. 11, united in marriage Carol Wheaton and James Borneman. Following a short trip to Mammoth Cave in Kentucky, the couple is at home on Benton Street, Oswego.

Staff Sgt. Don Leppert, on leave following his return from Vietnam, is visiting for a few days in the home of his parents, the Oliver Lepperts. From here he goes on to New York to join his wife and family and get acquainted with his baby son he has never seen. Then the family will go to Beaufort, S.C., where Don will be stationed.

On Saturday, Oct. 25, Karen Ellwood became the bride of Michael Weiss in a candlelight service at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Karen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Bentz of Batavia and of Mr. Edward Elwood of Aurora. Michael's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weiss of Oswego.

The bride was employed by Dr. Charles Roof, and the groom is employed by Paramount Heights.

November -- 1969

Nov. 6: Oswego Fire Chief Jim Detzler presented former fire chief Forrest Wooley with a plaque in recognition of his ten years of service prior to his retirement. The hat, mounted on the plaque, is the one worn by Wooley during his service.

The Oswego Teachers Association, by a 64 percent vote Monday, accepted the original proposed coaching salaries for the 1969-70 school year. There was a 10 percent "No" vote and 26 percent abstained.

The dress code for the junior and senior high schools in Oswego has been approved by the school board.

Navy Ensign John N. Zahnen Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Zahnen Sr., Boulder Hill, completed on phase of his aviation training with Training Squadron 10 at the U.S. Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fla. At the completion of his training, he will be designated a naval flight officer. He is married to the former Miss Judy Hunter of St. Elmo, Ill.

Mr. Pickerill, high school teacher and coach, has asked to be relieved of his duties as of Jan. 22 next year. The board accepted his resignation and proposed we start looking for a replacement. Mr. Pickerill has done a fine job over the yeas and many boys will remember him with respect. The school lost another faithful employee recently. Jeff Rogerson, who has worked on grounds and maintenance for the last 14 or so years, has retired. He was presented last week with a plaque and many thanks from the school district.

Some land has been purchased by a Mr. Hedrich within our school district for the purpose of developing a trailer court to accommodate 750-800 people. Since no real estate tax will be derived from the trailer owners, yet an average of 1-1.5 children per trailer will be added to the

school rolls, it was agreed that the school board obtain legal counsel to prevent rezoning if possible.

The Oswego Panthers completed their 1969 football season with a thrilling 20-16 victory over the Cary Grove Trojans. The triumph lifted the Panthers into a third place tie with Kaneland in the final Little Seven Conference standings.

The Panthers' win closes out the football coaching career of Ken Pickerill, who has submitted his resignation to the school board. Pickerill has been coaching for the past 18 years.

Victor G Frantz, who is presently serving his first term as Sheriff of Kendall County, has announced that he will seek the Republican nomination for Kendall County Treasurer in the primary election, which will be held on March 17, 1970.

Joe Jurgelonis was named Monday night to both the offensive and defensive 1969 Little Seven All-Conference football team.

Kurt Moyer was named as guard on the defensive team. Steve Dean tied with Tom Finn of Sycamore for offensive guard position. All three boys are seniors at Oswego High School.

The Oswego Village Board accepted a letter from the planning commission recommending that the village okay Unit 1 of the Commerce Industrial Park, located on 8.5 acres along Light Road and the Burlington right of way. First to be there will be a fertilizer plan. The village gave their okay.

The wooden floor of the Adams Street bridge is very much rotted and will have to be replaced. Mr. Bowker got the bid to do the job for \$617.

Donald H. Sebby of rural Yorkville has announced that he will be a Republican candidate for the office of Sheriff of Kendall County.

Nov. 13: Ken Pickerill, retiring athletic director of the Oswego Community High School, was honored Friday night by the Oswego Athletic Booster Club. Presenting Coach Pickerill with a plaque was Chuck LaGow, first president of the club, which was founded by Pickerill. William Knuth, the club's 1969 president looked on as LaGow presented the plaque.

State Sen. Robert W. Mitchler announced his candidacy for the Republican party nomination as State Senator in the 38th Senatorial District in the March 17 election.

Jo Ann Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Peterson is a junior in nurses training at the James Ward Thorne School of Nursing at Passavant Hospital in Chicago.

Jill Peterson, another daughter of the Edward Petersons, has joined the Peace Corps and is teaching in Africa. Her address is: Jill Peterson, PCV, Women's Teachers Training College, Port Loko, Sierra Leone, West Africa.

From Betty Grimsaw's "Public I" column: I got to thinking of the day's momentous "happening" at the high school. It was the moment of truth (Dress Code Day) when Miniskirted Minnies and Hairy Henrys "bearded" the Establishment Dragon in his dusky den. Their protest was made and duly noted and probably most will be back in school before too long. The rumor mill has it that

the students most incensed about the lack of respect shown their civil rights have written the Civil Liberties Union for legal aid. Now I'm all for civic indignation over wrongs perpetrated upon individuals or groups, but only in proportion to the greater good it will obtain. Suppose you kids win the right to attend school attired and haired like Lady (or Lord) Godiva, what then have you really accomplished in alleviating suffering in this good old world you are falling heir too? And I'm not talking about narcissistic suffering. I can't help thinking about all our boys imprisoned in North Vietnam (and there but for the grade of God might you be), utterly isolated from friends, family, or any hope of help. Howa bout some letters, tons of letters, floods of letters to the North Vietnamese higher-ups, protesting the inhumane treatment of these men and demanding publication of prisoner lists and adherence to the rules of humanity (if not the Geneva Convention). I'll bet the Viet Cong doesn't care if our fellows get their hair cut or have enough clothing to cover their wherewithal. Now that's a protest worthy of the effort!

Nov. 20: The marriage of Constance Rose Mitchell to Chief Warrant Officer Roger Lee Eichelberger, U.S. Army, will take place Dec. 13 at Indiana Central College. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice R. Mitchell of Beech Grove. His parents and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. Eichelberger of Oswego.

The bride to be was graduated from the Indiana Central College and attended Purdue University graduate school. The future bridegroom is a graduate of Oswego High School and is stationed with the Airborne group at Ft. Bragg, N.C. He just recently returned from 13 months in Korea.

The first wedding ceremony performed in St. Anne's new Catholic Church on Nov. 1, united Debbie Phillips and Larry Theiss. Rev. Clifford Brier officiated.

Nov. 26: Mrs. Gill Garman of Danville, the former Rita Bell, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Sheldon Bell, has been appointed an assistant state's attorney by State's Attorney John Unger of Danville. Mrs. Garman will be in charge of prosecutions in county divisions of Circuit Court, including juveniles and non-support cases. She is the second woman lawyer to hold his post in Danville; the other was in 1967.

Mrs. Garman was a staff attorney with the Vermillion County Legal Aid Society before accepting this position. Mr. Garman is a lawyer with a Danville firm.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Henderson are now living in Lakewood, Colo., where they will be for the next year while Mr. Henderson attends a school for gunsmithing. Mrs. Henderson is teaching in the school system there in Lakewood.

John L. Precup, 47, of rural Oswego passed away Nov. 19 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. He was born Feb. 13, 1922 in Aurora.

He was a member of the American Legion and St. Paul's Lutheran Church. He had been a business agent of the Kane and Kendall County Electrical Workers.

He is survived by his widow, Shirley M. (Kling); two sons, George at Home and Lon, studying for the ministry in St. Louis, Mo.; six sisters, Mrs. Ivan (Tess) Barrow of Aurora, Mrs. Walter (Mary) Anderson of Warren, Mich., Mrs. Ever (Julia) Bollaert of St. Charles, Mrs. George (Lillian) Gilhover of Idaho, Mrs. John (Helen) Kallan of Royal Oaks, Mich., and Mrs. Attila (Bernice) Big of Aurora; and two brothers, Gorge and Robert of Aurora.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

Funeral services were held Friday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Burial was in St. Paul's Cemetery.

At the November meeting of the Boulder Hill Civic Association, Michael Uchytel was reelected president. Robert Hanna will be vice president, with Charles Colegrove serving as secretary and Richard Haussmann again serving as treasurer.

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Dec. 4: Jean P. Brady, Kendall County Clerk, has announced that she will seek reelection on the Republican ticket at the March 17 primary.

The Adams Street bridge has been replanked. Sounds a lot better now when the car rolls over it. In the spring the last two years, it was best to sort of creep slowly over the bridge early in the mornings so as not to scare off the Great American bitterns. Last year there were quite a few that nested there on the creek.

Oswego Township will pay to install a streetlight at the west end of the Oswego Bridge.

Royal C. Hettrich, 84, of Oswego died in Honolulu, Hawaii, Nov. 28, where he was spending the winter as he has in past years. He left Oswego on Nov. 4

He was born July 7, 1885 in Oswego Township.

He is survived by two sons, Laird and George, both of Oswego; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Katherine, in 1933; one son, Gordon in 1959; and one sister, Verna in 1914.

He was a member of the Oswego Presbyterian Church, the Kendall County Farm Bureau, and was engaged in farming in Oswego Township prior to his retirement.

Funeral services will be held at the McKeown Funeral Home Thursday. Burial will take place at Spring lake Cemetery.

Dec. 11: On December 1, Owen Kane, President of Owen Kane Ford Sale, Owen Kane Auto Center, and O.K. Leasing of Aurora, acquired the former Zentmyer Ford dealership at Zero Boulder Hill Pass.

Hazel L. Prickett announced she is a candidate for the Republican nomination for the office of Kendall County Treasurer in the Primary election to be held on March 17, 1970.

Newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Spencer Jr. have moved into their new home at 38 Cebold Drive, Boulder Hill. Mrs. Spencer is the former Mary Keller, who resided with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Hank McDowell of Oswego. Spencer is employed as an electrician with Pierce Electric in Aurora.

"Public i" column: Life is full of surprises. Actually had my mind changed. I hadn't expected to have it swayed in the least, considering that I'm usually willing to listen to reason if it coincides with mine.

What am I talking about? The dress code of course. There hasn't been this much excitement in Oswego since Kristy knitted the candle. 65-70 students, parents and teachers attended the meeting. Student Council VP Noel DeKing made the presentation, saying it was the Student Council's duty to report the sentiments of the majority of the student body.

They asked that the school board change the code to a recommended code, leaving it up to the individuals and more importantly their parents to decide whether they would follow it or not. They asked that a very basic, simple code be evolved which would take into consideration the safety of the wearer (clothing around shop machinery, for instance), personal hygiene, or dress that would drastically interfere with the educational process. All this to be controlled administratively.

After an executive session the board replied that the code was a recommendation by an advisory group composed of students, teachers, and parents and the board had accepted the recommendations as being something the students could live with for a year.

Young people, may you never lose the beauty of high ideals, boundless vitality, and indignation over wrongs.

Your behavior was adult. Your appearance good (I think I'm getting used to seeing boys in long hair--it's not bad if it's clean.) Your presentation won me over. But surely the dawning of a new age deserves more than a personalized dramatization of our constitutional process.

Dec. 18: Miss Diane Ruth Cain and Stephen Allen Foster were married Saturday, Nov. 29, in the Marshallton United Methodist Church, Marshallton, Del.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene R. Cain of Marshallton and Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Schlapp of Oswego.

The bride is a graduate of Thomas McKean High School and was employed by the DuPont Company.

The groom attended Northern Illinois University and is an instructor pilot at Fort Stewart, Ga. Following their wedding trip, the couple are now residing in Savannah, Ga.

Miss Kathy J. Kneller and Douglas K. Leigh were married Dec. 13 at the Oswego Prairie United Methodist Church.

Kathy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kneller of rural Aurora and Doug is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Leigh of Plainfield.

The bride and groom are both graduates of Oswego High School. The bride also attended NIU and has been employed by Norb Kornak Oldsmobile. Leigh served in the Marine Corps and is employed by Caterpillar.

Dec. 24: Mr. and Mrs. Everett McKeown celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary and Evelyn's birthday Saturday evening at the Highway Lounge in Aurora.

Dec. 31: At the Oswego School Board's last meeting, they upheld the dress code in a 4-3 vote. That shows, I think, that the school board is a pretty good balance of the conservative and liberal. However, I imagine this will only make the students that much more intent on showing that they can't be bossed around. Too bad we don't have more of that old Chinese skill of leaving the opponent some way to save face.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Eichelberger of rural Oswego will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 4 with an open house.

Recently, Northern Illinois University football coach Doc Urich announced the recipients of the most valuable player awards for the 1969 season. Honored were Jim Patterson, a graduate of German Valley High School in Leaf River and Steve Parker, Oswego High School. Parker was the Huskie quarterback for 1969 and completed 85 of 181 passes for 817 yards and five touchdowns, rushed for 281 yards and five touchdowns.