

News items from the *Kendall County Record*, 1930-1949:

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January

Jan. 1: Mrs. Will Quantock was in Aurora last week with her father, Mr. Brockway, who was very seriously ill and who died at the St. Charles hospital.

A large number of Oswego farmers enjoyed the Farm Bureau meeting and dinner at Yorkville on Dec. 27.

Maramech Farms Golden Guernsey Milk, cream, butter and buttermilk delivered every morning--our milk delivered same day produced and is nearly one-fifth cream--phone Yorkville 219 for sample bottle.

Jan. 8: Leslie Morse has accepted a position with the Sinclair Oil Company at Waukegan. Mr. Morse has been with the company for eight years.

The young people have returned to their respective colleges and the schools in this vicinity have reopened after the holiday vacation.

Rachael Woolley went to Iowa State college Jan. 5 to do post-graduate work, aiming for a master's degree in home economics.

Tom Collins had an unpleasant experience Sunday while at work doing the night chores in the barn. He fell from the haymow onto a cement floor, receiving a severe shaking up and a number of bruises, but no bones were broken.

Yorkville: From all appearances, Kendall county political circles will become heated centers of much discussion in the next few months until the primaries. Rumor has it that there will be aspirants to every office open. If all these contenders file, a very interesting election should result.

At high noon today, Miss Margaret McMichael, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McMichael, became the bride of James H. Goudie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Goudie of Oswego, in the presence of some 40 relatives and guests, with the Rev. Homer Mitchell of Bay City, Mich., brother-in-law of the bride, officiating.

After a wedding trip south to New Orleans, Mr. and Mrs. Goudie will be at home on Springmere farm, NaAuSay. The bride attended Rockford college and was graduated from Northern Illinois Teachers college at DeKalb and has since been an instructor in the Rockford schools. Mr. Goudie attended the University of Illinois. --*Rockford Republic*, Dec. 28.

Jan. 15: The Busy Bee club held their annual family meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson on Friday, Jan. 10. A good program was given following an excellent picnic dinner.

Old Man Winter pulled all the levers and gave us rain and snow, sleet and cold winds during the past week.

As five men were going to work at the Lyon Metallic Company one of the icy mornings last week, the auto driven and owned by Peter Jacobson slipped into the ditch on Route 18 and turned over. The car was demolished but the men were able to go to work except Earl Hibbard, who was so bruised and cut that he lost one day's time.

Mrs. Albert Woolley saw a robin in their yard last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Campbell have another little daughter, born Monday, Jan. 13.

Yorkville: We were rather disheartened last week to find Chicago in the hands of the pacifists. The school board voted down the ROTC units in Chicago schools. Their grip didn't last, however, for patriotic organizations brought their influence to bear and the appropriation was allowed.

Jan. 22: The official temperature Saturday morning, Jan. 18, was 15 degrees below zero, but local thermometers ranged much lower.

Many who were attending social affairs on Friday evening had frozen automobiles, causing much work and trouble in the sub-zero temperatures.

What might have been a very serious fire occurred in the basement of the W.J. Morse home Tuesday morning, Jan. 14. Smelling smoke, Mrs. Morse and daughter, Marjorie Shoger, hurried to the basement and on opening the furnace room door found the coal bin partition in flames and the floor above scorched. Mrs. Morse turned a hose on and extinguished the flames before the fire department arrived with chemicals. It was thought to have started from spontaneous combustion in a basket of refuse used to start the furnace fire.

The sophomore class and the teachers of the Oswego high school enjoyed a party at the home of Inez Skeen Wednesday evening, Jan. 15. The senior and junior classes had sleigh ride parties last week with refreshments at Seaton's soda shop.

Glen Smith played trombone solos at the I.O.O.F installation at Aurora Wednesday evening, Jan. 15.

Fifty neighbors attended a farewell party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Collins and family Friday evening, Jan. 17. Following an enjoyable evening, refreshments were served, after which Mr. Havens in behalf of the friends, presented Mr. and Mrs. Collins with a pull-up chair to enjoy their new home to which they are moving on the east river road near Yorkville.

Oswego has several new citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Bauman have a baby boy, born Dec. 6, named William Fred; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Campbell's baby girl, born Jan. 13, named Mary Louise; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Shoger have a baby boy, born Jan. 14; and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Denny have a little Girl, Anita Mae, born Jan. 15.

Yorkville: It is high time that Kendall County had a representative of its own in the State Assembly. Millions of dollars are voted in taxes down at Springfield and the taxpayers of Kendall county must help pay the bill although out county has no direct representation. Representatives from industrial counties are apt to be more

influenced by their immediate constituency and may sometimes forget the needs of a smaller rural county.

This year, the 14th district, Kane and Kendall counties, will have an opportunity to vote for a well-qualified candidate for the Republican nomination who is a resident of Kendall county in the person of Mrs. Roy F. Hoadley.

Jan. 29: Residents of Oswego were saddened by two deaths recently, that of the wife and father of Andrew A. Peterson. Mrs. Peterson, who had been in the hospital about a week, was decidedly worse on Saturday and passed away Sunday Jan 26. The aged father, Olaf Peterson, who had lived in or near Oswego for many years, died Saturday night, Jan. 25, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Schmidt on the West River Road.

Mrs. Oscar Shoger and infant son Ross came home from the hospital Jan. 21. Mrs. Wayne Denney and Mrs. Allen Campbell with their baby daughters also returned to their homes last week.

The Frank Collins family are moving to their new home near Yorkville.

Mr. Ernest Biesemeier broke his right leg below the hip Monday evening when he slipped and fell on the ice at the depot. He was going for the 5 o'clock mail when the misfortune occurred.

The original manuscript of "Black Hawk," written by the Rev. J.R.E. Craighead of Creston, Ia., formerly of Oswego, is now in the hands of the critics and when their work is completed the story will be published in book form.

While out hunting recently, Lester and Howard Johnson saw a fox. Though they tracked it for some distance they were unable to get it.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmerson Macy, living out on the Grove Road, have a baby son, named Theodore Robert, born Jan. 24. Mrs. Macy's mother from Missouri is here with her.

Basketball at Plattville Armory Saturday night, Feb. 1, Co. E vs. Joliet Wirwells.

Yorkville: The spirit of “get through” characteristic of the rural mail service was exemplified last Saturday when Miss Myrtle Belden, carrier on Yorkville Route One, arrived at the Post Office at 6:35 after a day of bucking snow drifts and mechanical breakdown. From the smile on her face at her arrival we thought it was a chicken dinner that delayed her, but found that it was hard luck. How many men could display the same spirit of cheerfulness in a similar circumstance.

February -- 1930

Feb. 5: The pupils of the Walker school staged a surprise party for their teacher, Catherine Coselman, for her birthday Jan. 31. After the regular Friday afternoon programs given by the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades, popcorn and candy were served; then a freezer of delicious ice cream and cake and frosted crackers made a birthday party enjoyed by all.

Slade Cutter was home from Elmhurst College for the weekend.

There was much excitement Saturday east of Oswego when Frank Skeen shot and killed a wolf on the Arthur Hummel farm. Another wolf was seen several times but although many hunters patrolled the roads Saturday and Sunday they were unable to shoot the second one.

The service of music regularly held on the first Sunday evening of each month at the Presbyterian Church was much enjoyed by a large audience.

Yorkville: Every week we must disappoint someone by not setting up and printing some lengthy manuscript representing either some selfish whim or a real desire to help as the case may be. We are only too glad to publish something that will be of general interest but we cannot put our machine on it the first three days of the week. If you send in some article after Friday, don't call us up the following Wednesday and read us the “riot act” for not printing it. We must have time.

For several months, we have been interested listeners of that firebrand, W.K. Henderson, who is the owner and operator of radio station KWKH located at Shreveport, La. Mr. Henderson, during that time, has conducted a remarkably able campaign against the Foreign Chain Store Menace.

The stock and fixtures of the Merrill Starkweather store at Lisbon Center will be sold at public auction commencing Feb. 10, continuing until all is sold.

Feb. 12: Dr. and Mrs. Weishew have gone west on a business trip.

Dan Figge is expected home from California about March 1.

Howard Mitchell is slowly regaining strength and is able to get out of doors after a long siege of pneumonia. He lost 65 pounds during the weeks he was ill. Mrs. Mitchell is slowly recovering from serious burns but is still in bed.

Yorkville: "Babe" Ruth must realize that he is going downhill. His demand for an \$85,000 a year salary on a three year contract would point out to us that the "Bambino" realizes that he soon will not be the idol of thousands of baseball fans and wants to be sure of an income in case of decline. If he is worth \$85,000 a year to his team, the salary of his teammates should draw would look like the national debt.

Feb. 19: Mrs. Allen Cutter from the Y oil station near Yorkville returned the first of the week from the east where she was called by the sudden death of her father. Her little daughter, Jean, has been staying with Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Underhill during her absence.

Miss Mary Leadbetter and Clarence Johnson were married Jan. 22 and are returning to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson this week, where they will make their home this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Meyer have a 9-pound baby boy added to their family. Robert Donald came on St. Valentine's day, Feb. 14.

Ted Youngman sustained a severe loss when more than 60 of his sheep were killed one night last week, supposedly by dogs.

#### Womanless Wedding to be Staged Here

The XIX Century club of Oswego have procured the services of the Sympton Levi Producing company of Bardstown, Ky. to stage "The Womanless Wedding," which has been put on so successfully in our neighboring towns. The dates will be March 17 and 18.

The Grove Road Farmers club met Thursday, Feb. 13, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Smith. A nicer winter day and roads could not have been asked for.

Feb. 26: John Russell attended a big road meeting held at Urbana last week.

Gladys Schilling and Carl Ode were married Tuesday Feb. 11 by the Rev. J.G. Fuecht in their own new home on the corner of Douglas and Evans avenues.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Claassen have a baby daughter, born Feb. 19, named Virginia May.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kuhns have moved to the L.D. Judd farm near Sugar Grove. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Meyer and family have moved into the place vacated by the Kuhns.

Luella Burdick and Kenneth Tripp were married by the Rev. J.L. Klein at the Presbyterian manse Feb. 15. Mrs. Tripp, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Burdick of Sandwich, is a graduate of Sandwich High school and had been employed in the Sandwich gas office. Kenneth is an Oswego boy, a fine mechanic, employed for some time at the Burkhart garage. They will reside in the Churchill cottage on Washington Street after March 1.

#### March -- 1930

March 5: News has been received that Walton Perkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Perkins, has sold a patent on a recording machine for

\$78,000. The invention was sold to the Chromatron corporation. It is to be used by teachers, in private studios and homes.

The girls' and boys' basketball teams from the Presbyterian church played the teams from the Prairie church at the high school gym Monday evening.

Oswego has a bakery, located in the rooms beside Bell's ice cream parlor. The bakery is run by E.J. Eide and is a neat little place with good things to eat. The family is living in the upper flat in the Croushorn house.

Mr. and Mrs. C.G. Ricketts and daughters are moving this week to Charles street on the west side in Aurora. It is regretted that this well-known and well-liked family are leaving Kendall county.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson and family have moved to Plainfield and Mr. and Mrs. Gillow and family from the Cowdrey farm will occupy the Collins farm on the Plainfield road, vacated by the Petersons.

The marriage of Miss Dorothy Gladys Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Scott of Fourth Avenue, Aurora, to Kenneth Ricketts, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.G. Ricketts of Oswego, took place Saturday evening at the home of the bride's parents.

Yorkville: A great radio program is announced for Wednesday evening, March 12, from 9:30 to 10:30 with Will Rogers, America's favorite "wisecracker," as master of ceremonies, Sousa's Band to play "Stars and Stripes Forever," and other world famous pieces, and Louise Homer to sing the home ballads which have endeared her to music lovers. Advance notices say that this will be the outstanding radio event of 1930 so far.

Spring has been known since time immemorial as the season of building and general resumption of activity after bleak winter. Man as well as nature's other folks receive a burst of ambition and all are busy in their scheme of things.

This will prove a blessing this year for "things are not as they should be." Business is unusually slow and for some time has shown no signs of picking up, we are not pessimistic, either.



We don't believe any amount of legislation will do any good toward relieving the situation but do think that if everyone would do their own pondering of the problem with the object in view of giving employment to as many as they can in the situation would be cleared. In any case, do not stretch your credit to do this, as credit appears to be the cause of all our trouble. Private citizens, businessmen, towns, cities, and states could do their part by getting building and repairing programs under way. The building and repairing of homes, business houses, roads, and so on would do wonders in relieving the unemployment problem.

March 12: Wednesday, March 6, when Mrs. Gabel and Mrs. Oliver Burkhart returned to their home on Main street from calling on Mrs. Glen Gabel at an Aurora hospital, they smelled smoke and upon investigation found one room in the basement filled with smoke and a kitchen cabinet burning, scorching the beams overhead. The fire department was called and neighbors gave prompt assistance; the fire was soon extinguished.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Krueger and little daughter have moved from Aurora to the Morrison house on Madison street.

The body of Mrs. Stella Hopkins Sanderson was brought here from Pasadena, Cal, and buried in the Oswego cemetery Friday, March 7. Mrs. Sanderson was a daughter of Harper and Susan Wormley Hopkins and years ago their home was on Washington street on the site now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Willis. The deceased was accompanied by a son, brother, and sister from California and relatives from Chicago, who were entertained at the home of Mrs. George Wormley.

A large number of the Oswego members of the Pure Milk association attended the luncheon given by the Kiwanis club at the YWCA. Glen Smith was on the program with a trombone solo.

"The Womanless Wedding" given by prominent men of Oswego March 17 and 19 in the school gym. A scream from start to finish. Who's the bride?

Yorkville: A black-bordered box on the front page of the *Record* mourned the death of former President William Howard Taft.

Sheriff C.T. Carlson drove to Juneau, Wis. Monday and returned with one Albert Schiradelly, who has been long sought for his connection with the disappearance of Dickerson's turkeys.

March 19: There was an accident on Route 18 near the Schickler farm last Sunday. An Aurora auto and a Somonauk auto collided, completely demolishing the autos. No one was seriously injured, but a little boy from Aurora and it was now known how seriously his injuries would prove to be.

March may have time to "rage" yet, but there have been a number of beautiful spring-like days. The grass is getting green, the buds are swelling, and farmers are beginning to work in the fields.

A number of the members of the Pure Milk Association attended a meeting in Chicago March 11.

Mrs. George Bower is taking radium treatments in Chicago.

Wayne Moenkameier, a pupil of the Harvey school, has scarlet fever but is recovering rapidly.

A number of the pupils in the Squire's school have whooping cough. David Shoger was one of the "whoopers," and his two months' old brother, Ross, contracted it from him, but they are thought to be over the worst of it.

Yorkville: John R. Marshall, editor of the *Kendall County Record*, has been appointed postmaster of Yorkville post office, it was announced Saturday. Mr. Marshall succeeds Postmaster W.C. Ohse, who resigned some time ago.

March 26: Doris Pahaly, Helen Dysart, and Mary Light were home from State Normal several days last week for the spring vacation.

Mrs. Mabel Burkhart Wolf of Climax, Mich. is spending the week visiting her sisters and other relatives in Oswego.

Miss Winifred Miller, who directed "The Womanless Wedding" in Oswego, has gone to La Dora, Ia. to stage a similar event there.

"The Womanless Wedding" has passed into history. It was one of the most talked of and enjoyable events in Oswego for some time. Many were unable to obtain seats. The parts were very well taken.

Junior bargain night! The junior class of Oswego high school is sponsoring an entertainment April 10 at the high school auditorium. It is composed of two one-act plays, "jerry," and "Forty Miles and Hour," and some individual stunts. Everyone is invited.

Mrs. Weeks and son and daughter have moved to Aurora, leaving the Kohlhammer bungalow on Madison street vacant.

William Ode is building a six-room bungalow on Tyler street, beside the Ernest Hoch residence.

The Red Cross meets all day Friday, March 28.

The first and second grades of the Oswego school are working on an operetta, "Spring Glow," to be given at the high school auditorium April 4.

Yorkville; Some people are trying to cloud the issue slightly in this legislative campaign. The wet and dry issue is dead so far as the Illinois legislature is concerned. The dry law is written in the United States Constitution and its enforcement is in the hands of Federal officers, State's Attorneys and Sheriffs. It may be an issue from the standpoint of the election of enforcement officers such as those named above, but certainly the Illinois legislature does not have the power to affect the situation in the least. Voters of Kendall County, do not be deceived. The vital issue in Kendall county is whether we are to have a representative.

April -- 1930

April 2: Arlene Mae Peshia, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Peshia of Oswego, passed away at the home of her parents on Wednesday, March 26.

She was born in Red Lake Falls, Minn., May 2, 1910, and came to Illinois with her parents when three and one half years old.

Besides her parents, she is survived by one sister, Darlene; and three brothers, Harlan, Wilbur, and Burton.

private funeral services were held from the home of her parents in Oswego Saturday afternoon. Burial was in Riverside cemetery.

Mrs. Dan Bickford has been substituting in the Oswego school for Mr. Ralston, who has been ill.

Many are ill with severe colds or throat trouble. Among those the first of the week were Arlene Collins, Tom Collins, and Mrs. Arthur Williams.

A committee from the XIX Century club gave a party for all of the men who participated in "The Womanless Wedding," at the club rooms Monday evening, March 31.

The Will Quantock home is quarantined for scarlet fever.

Yorkville: The population and agricultural census will start on the morning of April 2, 1930. The Enumerator appointed for District No. 6, Oswego Village and Oswego Township, Nellie Pahaly, Oswego.

April 9: As a treat for excellent lessons, Mrs. Irwin Wolf took her Sunday school class of boys and girls to visit the Marion Avenue Baptist Sunday school in Aurora last Sunday, and took them to the "Y" for dinner.

The census enumerator in Oswego township will soon be through taking the town census and requests the farmers to have their farm census questions ready when she calls at their homes.

Ernest Kneller has been a patient at the Aurora hospital for nearly two weeks.

The school operetta was a great success; the little folks took their parts very well and looked extremely sweet.

Mr. Robert Jolly died in Oswego April 7 at the age of 85 years. Mr. Jolly was a resident of Oswego for 50 years and was a GAR veteran.

Yorkville: Chicago daylight saving time, the bane of hundreds of commuters residing in the Fox valley cities, will be ushered in Sunday, April 27, the last Sunday of the month. The extra hour of sunshine will remain until the last Sunday in September when the clocks, by Chicago ordinance, will be set back to central standard time. Suburban trains and the third rail lines operate on the daylight schedule while through trains are operated on central time.

April 16: Mr. and Mrs. Newton Woolley are the parents of a baby girl, born Sunday. The baby has been given the name Cleora Louise.

There are a number of whooping cough cases, mumps, and measles around Oswego.

J.D. Ebinger was elected school trustee last Saturday.

Yorkville: More than 2 million bass and pickerel, from small fish up to many weighing five pounds and over, were released into the Fox river from the state fish hatchery and game farm at Yorkville Sunday, it was announced by William Reed, in charge of the hatchery.

Mr. Reed declared that the fish would swim north so that anglers would find the stream around Aurora as full of fish as downstream. The fish usually swim north around May.

The 2 million bass and pickerel represent the hatchery's total output since its establishment six years ago.

April 23: We buy dead animals. C. Walter Ewing, Plattville, 29-R.

A quintet from Wheaton college will be present at the Presbyterian church Sunday, April 27. One will preach the sermon and they will sing the gospel message.

Miss Eleanor Whitehouse from Normal visited her sister, Miss Doris, at the Morse home two days last week.

Miss Burk, from Rochelle, a former Oswego teacher, visited at the W.J. Morse home last week. Miss Burk expects to sail for Europe June 13 and will see the Passion Play at Oberamgau.

The Supervisor of Census at LaSalle, Illinois states that the official census of Oswego is 932, as compared with 676 10 years ago.

The Glen Leigh family have been afflicted with the mumps.

Robert McLaren, who lived in the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John McMicken, died Saturday, April 19. Private funeral services were held April 21 from the home.

Mr. McLaren has been an invalid for some time. Mrs. McLaren preceded him in death by several years.

He is survived by a daughter, Jeanette McMicken; two granddaughters; a sister; and three brothers.

Yorkville: The excited groups of men about radios doesn't signify that television has become popular, but that the baseball season is in full swing. From the way some games have gone, if your husband is late for supper, don't worry; he has his head in a loud speaker, finding out how the 15th inning came out.

April 30: Glen Smith secured first place in the trombone solo section at the state contest at Urbana last week. Mrs. Royce Smith accompanied her son to Urbana.

Joyce Myrtle Smith died Wednesday, April 23 at her home in Oswego township. She was born Sept. 6, 1929. Besides her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Smith Jr., she is survived by one sister, Elaine Ethel; two brothers, Junior George and Virgil; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Ebinger of Oswego and Mrs. and Mrs. George W. Smith of Aurora. Several uncles and aunts also survive. The funeral was held April 25 from the home and from the Oswego Prairie church.

Amos J. Parkhurst, one of the oldest residents of Oswego, died Sunday afternoon. Mr. Parkhurst was born on the old Parkhurst farm near Oswego June 17, 1841. He was married in 1877 to Miss Alice L. Head of Oswego. To this union were born six children, Mrs. Royce E. Smith, Mrs. Allen Woolley, Raymond and Clarence Parkhurst, all of Oswego, Reuben Parkhurst, Aurora, and A.J. Parkhurst of Ocala, Fla.; and a nephews, James Allison of State Center, Ia.

Mr. Parkhurst leaves to mourn his loss his wife, Mrs. Alice Parkhurst; his six children; and 29 grandchildren, besides a host of friends and acquaintances.

The funeral services will be conducted April 29 from the Oswego Presbyterian church. Burial in the Cowdry [Cowdrey] cemetery.

Yorkville: There is no doubt in our mind that the greatest question before us today is the prohibition amendment. Since the beginning of prohibition, crime and lawlessness has steadily increased. All ages have contempt for the law.

There are two things to be done about the 18th Amendment. It must either been enforced or repealed. It cannot go on as is. We believe even the most ardent dry would rather see it repealed than have the country's laws all ignored. It is up to us to determine whether or not we made a mistake. If so, we should rectify it even though we must sacrifice our pride. A heroic attempt has been made to attain an ideal and is admittedly a failure.

May -- 1930

May 7: Mrs. Emma Inman and Mrs. William Dwyre visited Mrs. Charles Davis at Amboy last Sunday. They were accompanied by Edward Inman and Miss Clayton, who called on friends at Roanoke.

Tom Ferguson has been promoted and transferred from Aurora to the office of the National Refining company at Joliet and he and Mrs. Ferguson are moving to Joliet this week.

The Alexander Lumber Company of Aurora has bought out the Oswego Lumber Company.

The funeral of Mr. Amos Parkhurst on April 29 was attended by a large number of people, among those from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. David White, Jim White, and Mrs. May White Furr of Ottawa; Mr. and Mrs. Will Topping of Elgin; Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Coop and Mrs. Alexis Walstrom of Minooka.

May 14: The remains of Mrs. Lydia McConnell of Washington, D.C. were brought to Oswego for interment Friday, May 9. The remains were accompanied by a daughter, Mrs. Myra Adkins of Washington, D.C., and a number of relatives from Chicago were present at the funeral services at the grave in the Oswego cemetery. Mrs. Golda Strom of Oswego is another daughter. Mrs. Adkins is visiting her sister, Mrs. Strom and Miss Etta Roberts. The girlhood home of Mrs. McConnell, as Lydia Stoutemyer, was on Main street, and she was a member of the Old Schoolmates association of Oswego, although it is nearly 50 years since she left here.

Billie Pearce is one of the latest mumps victims. Too bad to break his school record. He hadn't been absent nor tardy this year.

The new Braille typewriter for the Oswego branch of the American Red Cross has arrived and is very satisfactory. Mrs. Mary Bickford, Mrs. Mildred Dwyre, and Katherine Butler can use this typewriter in the copying of short stories and articles for the blind.

August Korte has purchased the Croushorn corner lot and is building a service station.

A new Oswego Cemetery association has been organized with George M. Croushorn as president and Mrs. Emma Inman as secretary.

Peter Jacobson is breaking ground for a new residence on Tyler street near the bungalow that Will Ode is building.

Mrs. Jennie Lake and son Donald Lake of Chicago were calling on Oswego friends last week. Mrs. Lake sails for Europe May 21 with the Gold Star Mothers [Archie Lake, a Marine, was killed in action during World War I and is buried in the Oswego Cemetery].



Mrs. Andrew Olson passed away at her home Saturday, May 10 after many weeks of illness. Maggie Morrison was born in Oswego Aug. 18, 1875. She was joined in marriage to Andrew Olson Feb. 17, 1896. Three children were born to this union, two dying in infancy. One daughter, Mrs. Anna Kruger; one granddaughter; one brother, C.E. Morrison; and her husband are left to miss her love and kindness.

The funeral was Sunday May 11 at the Presbyterian church. Burial in Oswego cemetery.

By virtue of excellence in scholarship during the past year at the university of Illinois, Herbert Norris has achieved the distinction of membership in the group of students to hold recognition at the annual honor day convocation. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Norris received an invitation to attend.

May 21: Mrs. Susan Lindemier is gradually growing weaker. She is unable to take any nourishment except buttermilk.

Winifred Miller visited Mrs. Raymond Campbell over the weekend. She will be in Bondurant, Iowa this week directing a "Womanless Wedding."

A number of the rural schools near Oswego had their seventh and eighth grade examinations Friday, May 16, at the Oswego school.

Mrs. Coselman, teacher in the Walker school, treated her pupils to ice cream, cake, and nabiscos on Thursday, May 15, at the close of the eighth grade work.

Robert Herren is manager of the Oswego Todd Grain company, having been transferred from Aurora.

The intermediate grades of the Oswego school will present "The School Fair," an operetta, Friday night, May 23, at 8 p.m. at the Oswego high school auditorium.

Yorkville: Census reports for Kendall county are not yet complete, but according to the figures that have come in, the county has

gained 531 persons since 1920. The population, as it stands at present, is 9,040, compared with 8,509 for the year 1920. The population of Oswego township outside of Oswego village is 982. Ten years ago it was 863. Although the census numbers for Oswego have not been received, there are reports that the town has gained one-fourth in population since 1920. Nine hundred and 15 farms are included in this county, which is given through the courtesy of John J. Masseion, Supervisor of the Census, LaSalle, Ill.

May 28: The eighth grade graduating exercises of the rural schools of Oswego township will be held at the Oswego school Wednesday evening, May 28.

Glen Parkhurst Smith, age 18, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Smith and a senior at East High school, Aurora, won the national championship in the trombone division at the national high school solo contest held May 21 at Flint, Mich. Glen was placed second in last year's national contest at Denver but this year won first place in the local, district, state, and national contests.

Many beautiful flower gardens are seen in Oswego. Mrs. Lewis Schilling, Mrs. Janie Vaughn, and Mrs. Pearl Shortman have each over 50 varieties of iris besides other beautiful flowers. Mrs. August Korte has turned their back yard into a miniature park with many interesting features. Other fine guards noted are those of Mrs. Clint Burkhart, Mrs. Olive Voss, Mrs. Oliver Burkhart, Mrs. Isaac Tripp, Mrs. Frank Walker, Mrs. Minnie and Floi Johnston, Mrs. W.J. Morse, Mrs. Charles Simons, Mrs. Will Denney, George Bower, Walter Manning, and Truman Johnson.

On May 30 at 10 a.m. a Memorial Day address will be given at the Oswego school house.

On Sunday evening, June 1, the high school baccalaureate services will be held at the Federated church.

On June 5, the high school commencement exercises will be held at the high school. The address will be delivered by Maj. Norman Inrie of Culver, Ind.

The wedding of Agnes Burkhart and Earnest Ploger will take place at the Burkhart home on Wednesday, May 28.

June -- 1930

June 4: A fire was discovered Tuesday night in the barn on the W.H. Davis farm near Oswego. Help was called from Oswego, Aurora, and Bristol, but by the time the trucks arrived it was too late to do more than keep the flames from consuming the garage and the house. The barn, a large shed, and the crib were burned and in the barn were five horses, two cows, and a calf, which could not be gotten out. Two hogs were also lost, as was hay, corn, and numerous implements and tools.

The cause of the fire is not known. The loss is very great and except for the wind blowing the flames away from the house and garage, the loss would have probably been much greater.

The Oswego school will close Saturday, June 7, after a most successful year's work. June 5 the high school commencement exercises will be held in the high school auditorium. The class roll is Lillian Bohn, Arnold Bower, Ruth Feucht, Alexander Harvey, Orville Skeen, Robert Silvius, Cyril Tregillus, William Tregillus, secretary, Elmer Vickery, Walter Vickery, president, Dorothy Hibbard, Rush Schmidt, Helen Willis, treasurer.

Class motto is "make the Best Better." Class flower is the American Beauty Rose. Class colors are brown and gold.

Eighth grade commencement exercises will be held June 6 in the high school auditorium. Arthur P. Campbell will deliver the address. The members of the class are Robert Brown, Albert Harvey, Mary McGowan, Margaret Rance, Gertrude Wagner, Mary Wolf, Lloyd Collins, Opal Jackson, Edris Olsson, Harold Robinson, Charles Weiss, Evelyn Friebele, William Jessup, Wilbur Peshia, Edwin Tuer, and Ollie Woolley.

J. Harry Obmann died at the home of his mother in Oswego May 28 after a lingering illness. His wife, Laura, his bother, two brothers, and two sisters survive him.

The death of Otto Haag occurred at his home in Aurora Thursday, May 29. Mr. Haag was a former resident of Oswego. Three of his six children are residents of Oswego and vicinity, Mrs. Lida Bower, Mrs. Gertrude Mundsinger, and Myron Haag.

Starting a furnace fire with kerosene last week, Mrs. Emma Wormley was knocked down by the force of the explosion and slight, but not seriously, injured.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shoger are the proud parents of a fine baby boy born Sunday, June 1.

John Lindlay was hurt in an auto accident last week.

The teacher of the Wormley school, Mrs. Mary Kennedy, the pupils, and their mothers enjoyed a trip to the Field Museum in Chicago May 28. The Wormley school closed June 3 with a picnic at Phillips Park.

Eleven rural schools in Oswego and NaAuSay townships held their seventh and eighth grade graduation at the Oswego school gymnasium on May 28. Pupils from several of the school participated in the program and the diplomas were presented by county superintendent A.N. Barron. Katherine Boucher won first place in eighth grade examinations and Felix Moyer and Howard Clawson second.

In the seventh grade, Junior Smith [J. George Smith] won first place with these schools and second in the county. Stewart Shoger and Stephen Paydon placed second in seventh grade. Those having a perfect attendance for the past year, having neither been absent nor tardy, were John Schlapp, Marysville school; Kathleen Russell, Russell school; Dorothy Van Etten, Grove school; Elizabeth Kreyer, Gaylord school; Gordon and Frances Schobert, Union school; and Bessie Walker, Walker school, who also has it to her credit that she has never been tardy during her eight years in the grades.

William Grubel of Chicago was killed and his companion, Stanley Peterson, was injured when their car plunged off Route 18 about a quarter of a mile west of the Oswego bridge Friday night.

Yorkville: Two daring daylight robbers entered the rear door of the Plano post office, bound Mr. Jay, who was on duty, and ransacked the office of all valuables. After completing their labors, the stick-up men made good their escape.

The condemnation suit, Anfinson vs. State of Illinois, which lasted four days before Judge Reck of Ottawa in the county court at Yorkville, resulted in judgment and damages amount to \$10,457.68 in favor of the complainant.

The engineers are now hard at work on Route 47 from Warburton's corner south to Morris. The condemnation of the land having gone through, the right of way is now clear to Morris.

June 11: If the school picnics bring rain, we certainly vote for picnics and graduations. It was a wonderful and much-needed rain that fell the latter part of last week and on Sunday, June 8. The dirt has settled and the crops will respond to the needed moisture and warm weather.

During the rain storm Friday afternoon, June 6, Dr. Churchill was in a serious automobile accident near Plainfield. A small car coming from a side road locked wheels with the doctor's car, wrecking it. The doctor was thrown through the top, and although no bones were broken, his body, especially his back, was severely bruised, necessitating his lying in bed with much suffering.

The "Old Schoolmates," a small group of people who were pupils in the old stone schoolhouse about the year 1870, will hold their annual reunion with Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Roberts on Saturday, June 14.

Mrs. John Hummel, age 84, died at her home in Aurora Saturday evening, June 7. Mrs. Hummel was for many years a resident of Oswego township. Three of her children, Mrs. Tina Hafenrichter, Mrs. Amanda Hafenrichter, and Arthur Hummell, are still living in this vicinity.

The Oswego high school Alumni banquet was held in the school gym Monday evening, June 9.

Mrs. Susan Lindemier was born in Stark county, Ohio, Aug. 1, 1841 and died June 5, 1930. Mrs. Lindemier was the daughter of Samuel and Mary Ann Ingle. She came to Illinois with her parents when she was four years old. They traveled in covered wagons, driving their stock along with them

At the age of 15 years she joined the Prairie Evangelical church and attended the meetings regularly.

On April 16 she had a stroke of paralysis but was able to be up and around until about the last week when she was taken to her bed.

The only nourishment she had was buttermilk and ice cream.

She was united in marriage of Charles L. Lindemier Feb. 13, 1864.

To them were born 11 children, eight of whom are still living. There are 26 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. For the past 30 years she has made her home with her daughter, Mary, of whom she has always had the tenderest care in sickness and health. During her last illness, her daughter Margaret was with her and gave her the best care possible.

Yorkville: "Little Kendall" has had her share of misfortune in the past few weeks. Fires, deaths, and accidents have been in great numbers.

We've been at this job a year now and have made our mistakes, due largely to inexperience, but start the second year with a better understanding of the business at hand. We thank our friends for their help and patronage.

June 18: Mrs. Helen Gould of Long Island, N.Y., came to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Josie Smith, and will spend some time with the Tregillus family.

Mrs. Homer Brown and daughter Ruth have light cases of scarlet fever. Mary Armbruster has the mumps.

On account of the mail train arriving in Oswego one half hour earlier in the morning, the schedule of the rural routes will be one-half hour earlier beginning June 16.

The Benthien reunion will be held at the Walker school June 28.

The Old Schoolmates' reunion held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Roberts Saturday, June 14, was saddened by the death of one of their members, Mrs. Josie Smith, at noon on the day of the reunion.

Sidney Woolley, in the marine aviation unit at Brown field, Virginia, is on a 15 day leave and is visiting Oswego relatives and friends.

The Oswego Cemetery association has recently announced that there will be a penalty for persons fond taking any flowers and plants from the graves.

We were well pleased with the way the Wheatland Oswego Mutual insurance company settled our loss We have our check by 10 o'clock next morning after fire.

Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Davis

The funeral of Mrs. Josie S. Smith was held Tuesday afternoon at her late home in Oswego. Interment at Elmwood cemetery, Yorkville. Josephine Samse Smith was the daughter of the late Lucinda and Charles Samse, and was born in Oswego March 6, 1853. She was married Oct. 21, 1878 to Henry G. Smith an passed her entire lie at Oswego, with the exception of two years' residence at Montgomery following her marriage.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Helen Gould of Little Neck, Long Island; one step-daughter, Mrs. Lou C. Young of Oswego; four nephews, Charles Fuller of Portland, Ore. Roy Samse of Los Angeles, Calif., Ansel Huyck of Little Neck, Long Island, Franklin Huyck of Wauseon, Ohio, and two nieces, Mrs. Karilla Karrigan of San Diego, Calif. and Mrs. Rilla Tregillus of Oswego.

Yorkville: The population of the County of Kendall, State of Illinois, as shown by the preliminary count of the returns of the Fifteenth Census, taken as of April 1, 1930, is 10,549 as compared with 10,074 on Jan. 1, 1920. The 1930 figures are preliminary and subject to correction.

There were 1,138 farms enumerated in this area at the Fifteenth Census.

JOHN J. MASSIEON  
Supervisor of Census.

June 25: Scott Cutter has been enjoying a fishing trip. Meet him and hear some good stories.

Six Oswego young folks graduated from East Aurora High school, Aurora on Friday evening, June 20: Elsie Ruth Armbruster, Dorothy Herren, Lucille Osborne, Ellen Woolley, Fred Cutter, and Glen Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. John Herren are building a new house on the old Henry Wormley homestead. The old house, occupied by Ed. Friebele and family, has been moved back to be used during the summer.

More than 100 members and guests enjoyed the East Oswego Farmer's club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Pearce on June 19.

Paul Malloy, the radio artist, and Mrs. Malloy, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tregillus last Saturday evening.

James Gowran, village clerk, has opened an office in the Municipal building.

Dan Cherry, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Clarence Cherry, has secured a very fine civil engineering position with the State Road Construction company in the surveying unit at Moline through the efforts of Mr. Gus Voss of Oswego.

Harley Shoger Jr. suffered a painful cut while playing in his wagon when he ran a rusty nail into his foot. Margaret Meyer was unfortunate in running a sliver into her foot.

There are numerous new cases of measles at the south end of town.

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July 2: Eleven former school mates, pupils at the Walker school nearly 40 years ago, with members of their families attended the ninth annual Benthien reunion at the Walker schoolhouse on Saturday, June 28.



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Farrar and Miss Luella Graf of Chicago were out to see about summer camp at Happiness House on Saturday. On July 1, Miss Graf came with several girls from the Campbell Park church to spend two weeks in the country.

Word has been received from Ralph Kesselring, a former resident of Oswego, a graduate of East High in 1926 and of North Central college in 1930, that he has signed a contract for four years to teach in an American school in China. He sails from New York on July 9 and will tour Europe during the summer.

Yorkville: We are very glad to see the work going on Route 47. The contractors feel that their work will be through by fall and are working toward that goal. The truck drivers are so imbued with the spirit of the thing that they made a race track out of our main street until cautioned by the village.

When Yorkville and Morris are connected by a cement road, a dream that our people have cherished for many years will become a fact. Many more people will pass through our town. Whether or not that will make more business is a matter of conjecture, but it will advertise us.

Regional bank protection plans were discussed and formulated last Thursday night in the Geneva headquarters of the Fox Valley Federation at a joint meeting of Kane, Kendall, DuPage, and McHenry sheriffs, with officials of the Illinois Bankers' Association, neighboring police chiefs, leading bankers and citizens, and peace officers representing regional and local law enforcing bodies. Last Wednesday's bank robbery at Virgil, the recent Geneva bank robbery, DeKalb county's experience with post office robbers, McHenry county's bank robbers in which one bandit was killed, and many other cases were used as examples for perfecting effective plans to combat such crimes. Secret signal systems, silent alarms, inexpensive gas, electric and automatic radio wave protection systems were found to be in quite general use. The lack of such systems in places successfully robbed was emphasized.

July 9: Nels Olsson and his two daughters who were injured in an auto accident on July 4 are recovering at their home on Main street. The auto was badly wrecked.

August Korte opened the new Tydol oil service station at the corner of Jackson and Madison streets on July 1. This beautiful new building of English type architecture, erected this summer by Mr. Korte, is quite an addition.

Nearly 50 came out from the Campbell Park church, Chicago, to visit Luella Graf and her girls at the summer camp at Happiness House on July 4.

About 150 attended the Presbyterian Sunday school picnic at Norris' woods on the Waubonsie creek on July 4.

The weather man held the rain back until Saturday morning. The Fourth was an ideal day.

"Lutz" White and daughter Cecil of Aurora have rented the Waubonsie lodge of Mrs. Minnie Johnston.

Lew Figge had the misfortune to receive an injury to his right hand last week, so he is unable to do heavy work just at this busy season of the year. He had a colt injured in a pasture, necessitating its being shot and the gun kicked, lacerating the fleshy part of his hand.

L.A. Thomas, the genial driver of the rural bakery and fruit truck, spent several days recently at his old home in Indiana.

Yorkville: The Chicago Motor Club has evolved a plan for relieving the traffic congestion within a radius of 100 miles of Chicago. Their plan is to make four lane traffic roads of the existing two lane roads out of Chicago. Among the several routes included in their plan is Route 18 [modern U.S. Route 34], the one we are interested in. They desire to make Route 18 a 40 foot pavement, which will accommodate four traffic lanes.

As a time-saver, a four lane arterial highway into Chicago could not be equaled except by a road still wider. Haulage costs would be

decreased and we private citizens would not have to trust to chance to arrive at our ball game, theatre, business engagements, and what not, on time.

Another road problem that we in Kendall county should push to a rapid completion is the paving of Route 65 from Oswego to Plainfield. This route would save all of us time and annoyance when driving east. Truckers and passenger cars would not have to run the gauntlet of Aurora stop lights and other traffic conditions. Route 65 is already on the Bond Issue and if pressure can be brought to bear with the proper authorities, it should be a fact by all.

July 16: The new iron cemetery fence is finished and presents a very neat appearance.

The little school, as it is called in Oswego, formerly the Methodist church, is being remodeled being divided into two rooms with a door and steps in the rear, and being resided with shingles. There will be two teachers with three grades there next September.

Mrs. Blanche Long Irvin, age 45, died at her home in Oswego July 12 after a lingering illness. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, and five sons. The funeral was held from the Croushorn Undertaking rooms Sunday, July 18, with burial in the Cowdrey cemetery.

Charles Simons was born July 21, 1885 in Logansport, Ind., and died July 10, 1930 in his home in Oswego.

Nov. 3, 1917 he married Elizabeth Shaw of Yorkville, who with two daughters, Margaret and Jean, and a son, Duane, and two sisters, Mrs. Walter Byers and Mrs. William McCleabe of Logansport, Ind., are left to mourn his loss.

The funeral was held at the homes July 13. The burial was in Elmwood cemetery, Yorkville. The pall-bearers were associates from the electrical department of the CB&Q.

Yorkville: Early Thursday morning, Sheriff C.T. Carlson was called to a point just the other side of Oswego on the east side of the river to take custody of the body of a negro who had been murdered and left on the road by the assassins.

Marshall Bruns of Aurora and a friend who were parked near by in a place concealed from the road, saw the main parts of the tragedy and reported it to the Aurora police, who in turn called on Sheriff Carlson.

He found the body of an unidentified negro man laying on the road dead, his head beaten to a pulp, From the character of the wounds; it was known that an automobile could not have caused the injuries. The body was removed to the O.C. Knudson undertaking rooms, where coroner F.M. Groner held an inquest. No clue could be found to identify either the unfortunate or his assassins.

Immediately after he inquest, several Aurorans identified the body as that of Cicero Bassett of Aurora.

A "ride" victim found in the confines of our county and a battle between the police and rum runners in Aurora all within the few hours of each other make us quake with the fear we aren't safe. The splendid spirit displayed by those two brave Joliet officers bolster up our yellow streak and we feel that we really have nothing to fear at all. These two men rode two tricky motorcycles through the night at a speed of over 80 miles an hour and having shotgun slugs whispering a song in their ears that we would heed, but these men rode on until they had stopped the car, losing the criminals in the darkness. Joliet should be proud of these members of their police force.

July 23: (Front page missing from microfilm.)

Beverly Ann, the second little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Woolley, was born at the Aurora hospital Thursday, July 17.

Quite a number of Oswego people enjoyed the play, "All on Account of Polly," given by the young people at the NaAuSay church July 18.

After several days of record-breaking heat, everyone enjoyed the cooler breeze on Monday afternoon, July 1.

Dr. Russell Armbruster is located at Pontiac and leaves Oswego to begin his practice on July 23.

July 30: Luella Graf from Happiness House spent a part of last Friday and Saturday in Chicago.

Clare [Clarence] Parkhurst, the village marshal and the deputy, Mr. Crossman [Crosman], captured the two convicts who escaped from the Joliet penitentiary last week. Being convinced that two men walking on the paving near the bridge were the convicts they planned to take them, and driving along, the convicts asked for a ride and they were given one--direct to police headquarters in Aurora.

Clareta Walker is in Crown Point, Ind., this week, having accepted a position as advance agent for the United Chautauqua of Des Moines, Ia.

The heat last week was intense, caused much suffering and illness, the few local showers failing to cool the atmosphere. The early corn and potato crops are damaged. Sunday, July 27, was another record-breaker, the afternoon and early part of the night being insufferably hot, but cooler breezes Monday morning cooled the air considerably. The harvest is finished, and threshing will begin in many of the neighborhoods this week.

Mrs. George Sawyer of Wood Lake, Neb., who as Maud Morse was a teacher in the Oswego school a number of years ago spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Morse.

August -- 1930

Aug. 6: Little Lewis Heap spent last week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heap at Plattville.

Mrs. Anna M. Boessenecker, aged 91, died July 31 at her home on South Fourth Street in Aurora. She was born in Germany and has lived in Aurora the past 32 years.

She is survived by four daughters, Julia, Clara, and Mrs. J.L. Haag of Aurora, and Mrs. F.C. Ebinger of Oak Park; a brother, Lawrence Hafenrichter, of Yorkville; a sister Mrs. Elmira Faust of Aurora; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral, held from the late home Sunday, was private. Interment in the Oswego cemetery beside her husband, Phillip Boessenecker, who preceded her in death 20 years ago. Mrs. Boessenecker was for many years a resident of Oswego township.

John Huntoon from Glen Ellyn is spending a part of his vacation running the blower in a threshing ring east of town.

To date, Aug. 4, the exceeding dry, hot weather continues, causing much suffering and illness. A great deal of damage has been done to the corn crop. Reports from the threshing rings of fairly good yields of clean, bright oats and wheat come in.

Your correspondent wishes the *Record* subscribers would telephone her some news items.

Mrs. Helen Gould, who has been in Oswego since the death of her sister, Mrs. Josie Smith, has gone to the home of her son, Franklin at Wauseon, Ohio.

Mrs. Arthur Wormley and son Myron are visiting this week at the home of her parents at Elaston, and at her brother's home in Springfield.

Mrs. Mary Shoger has sold her farm on Route 18 to Clarence Schickler.

Yorkville: A mass meeting is to be held in Plano at the public library on Thursday evening, Aug. 7. The subject is "Rural Fire Protection." Everyone living within the following named district should arrange to be present at this meeting: All of Little Rock township except the City of Plano, that part of Big Rock township bordering the section line of Little Rock township, the northeast section of Fox township, territory between the CB&Q railroad and the Fox River, the west section of Bristol township from Route 18 north.

The election to decide whether to unite the contiguous villages of Yorkville and Bristol has been postponed until a later date. The

villages are to hold elections on the same date instead of on different dates as was originally planned.

Aug. 13: Walter Ahrens on the Grove Road met with an accident while threshing at Myron Herren's on Aug. 8. The handle of a pitch fork pierced his side, necessitating a hurried trip to the hospital, where he stayed one day. He is improving this week and is able to get around. It was a very close call.

While threshing last week, Carl Hafenrichter had the misfortune to run a tine of a pitch fork through one heel, causing him to take a vacation from work for several days.

The new barn in construction on the Wally Davis farm was damaged by the wind Aug. 9.

During the storm Saturday afternoon, Aug. 9, lightning struck a large straw stack at the farm home occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Sorg. With a great deal of work, the buildings were prevented from catching fire.

It isn't that there is little news this week, but "we" are threshing at our place. Yes, we finished this afternoon with a good yield of clean, heavy oats. On many farms, the yield of small grain is above the average.

The rain Saturday afternoon, Aug. 9, bringing with it cooler weather, was very welcome, although the wind, which accompanied it did considerable damage. Cornfields were laid almost flat and many trees were blown down.

Aug. 20: Capt. and Mrs. Towne and two sons, Miles and Allen, from Park Ridge were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Burkhart last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bower have a second little daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Haag and Mrs. Will Rink are among those who left on the Prairie Farmer tour for the Pacific coast Saturday night, Aug. 16.

Paul Shoger is attending the State Fair school at Springfield.

Registration for all high school pupils who failed to register last June will be held Saturday, Aug. 30 at the Oswego high school building. Supt. John L. Clayton will again superintend the work of the Oswego Consolidated schools as he has done for the past three years.

With its high accredited standing and exceptionally well-trained faculty, the Oswego Consolidated high school offers the youth educational opportunities of unusually high standards. A special invitation is extended to the eighth grade graduates to enroll this fall in the Oswego high school where they can share the advantages of a course of study administered by a faculty second to none in a school of this size.

Marvin Marquardt, who came to Oswego first in 1928 to teach science and coach athletics, will return this fall in the same capacity. Miss Doris Whitehouse of Normal, Ill., will again return as English instructor. She has worked in the Oswego schools for the past two years.

Miss Lucille Hill will teach the social sciences in Oswego during the coming year. During the past two years she has been employed in the high school at Albuquerque, N.M.

Forest O. Blake of Louisville, Ky., will have charge of the seventh and eighth grades. Miss Rachel Winebrenner of Freeport, Ill, will teach grades 6 and 5a. Miss Ila Harrison of Mendota will again return as teacher of grades 4 and 5a.

Miss Virginia Crossman of LaMoille, Ill. will teach grades 3 and 2a. Miss Isabel Rubel of Roanoke, Ill, will again return as teacher of grades 1 and 2b.

Miss A.R. Dewey will again have charge of the music in the school. She is a graduate of the Chicago Music college.

Four Oswego students have made plans to continue their education in higher institutions of learning this fall. Ruth E. Feucht, class of '30, will attend North Central college. Carl Hafenrichter, class of '29, will attend North Central college. Gordon Wormley, class of '29, will attend North Central college. Roswell Howard, class of '30, will attend the Aurora Business college at Aurora.



The Oswego Board of Education has had the primary school [Little White School] completely remodeled during the past three months. Another room has been added so that the first three grades may all be accommodated in this building.

Aug. 27: Kenyon Palmer drove from his home at phoenix, Ariz., arriving in Oswego Friday, Aug. 22, and starting on the return trip Monday morning, Aug. 25, accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schobert spent several days at the farm home in NaAuSay last week while their son and wife attended the State Fair.

John Herren was in Kansas City last week looking for cattle to put on feed.

Glenn Smith won first place in the trombone solo contest at the Chicago Music festival sponsored by the *Tribune* last week.

Yorkville: The noble experiment, prohibition, has had a long period in which to prove its worth. Long enough to show those who are interested whether or not it is a success.

The wets and drys both claim that the majority of Americans are in favor of their side. Meanwhile, enforcement continues to be a joke. It is rather half-hearted. No one knows how the other fellow feels. At Springfield last Friday, a plank was made in the Republican platform in respect to a referendum. This starts the ball rolling and when the motion ceases, we'll know something definite about the status of the 18th Amendment.

An election to decide whether to unite the contiguous villages of Yorkville and Bristol will be held Tuesday, Sept. 2. Residents of Bristol will cast their votes at the Bristol Fire Station and those living in Yorkville will vote at the hose house.

On Sept. 2, we are asked to vote on a very important question, to unite the North and South side into one corporation. It has been rumored by uniting the two towns it would increase your taxes. This is not true, as the election has absolutely nothing to do with taxation. The taxes depend entirely upon the management of

the village and the management depends entirely upon us. And, after that there is nothing to fear. Therefore, I kindly ask everybody to vote in favor of this proposition. Why? Because we have absolutely nothing to lose and everything to gain.

J. NADING

The Sandwich Fair, which opens today and will continue through Aug. 26, is expected to be one of the best in recent years, and those in charge are doing their utmost to put on an entertainment that the patrons will not soon forget.

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Sept. 3: The tenant house on the Mundsinger farm caught fire last Sunday forenoon, supposedly from a kerosene stove. The back porch, kitchen, and dining room and some of the furniture burned. The Oswego, Bristol, and Aurora fire trucks responded to calls. There is insurance on the house and furniture. Mr. and Mrs. Will Stanton are staying with Harry Mundsinger for the present.

A series of terrific electrical storms visited this vicinity Monday, Sept. 1, continuing from dark until well towards daylight and causing several fires.

Mrs. Alice Parkhurst has received word from her son, A.J. Parkhurst, formerly of Ocala, Fla., that they are moving to Greenville, S.C., where he will be superintendent of grade schools in a city of 60,000.

Miss Luella Graf left Tuesday morning, Sept. 2, closing Happiness House for this season.

Many from this vicinity attended the Chicago air races, the Sandwich Fair, and the Central States Exposition recently.

Yorkville: At the special election held Tuesday, Sept. 2, to decide whether or not to unite the villages of Yorkville and Bristol, the vote was as follows:

Yorkville

68 for union, 42 against union. There were 11 votes cast in Yorkville with one vote defective and not counted.

Bristol

In Bristol, there were 147 votes cast, there were 101 against union of the two villages with 46 in favor of union.

As a result of this election, it will evidently be some time before the contiguous villages of Yorkville and Bristol will unite under the name of "Yorkville."

The paving work on Route 47 from the county line south toward Morris is progressing rapidly and daily there is a large number of spectators at the works, watching the new and modern machinery which is in use.

Trompeter & Son, contractors on the job, have finished pouring concrete from the Saratoga cemetery north to the Warburton corner, and are now moving their camp to Church road, from which point they will continue to work the south end of the road.

The new paving laid in Kendall county from Central north to the end of that laid last season is now open to traffic and there is no doubt that the concrete road from Morris to Yorkville will all be in use by early November.

Sept. 10: Gordon Hettrich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hettrich, has passed the crisis in a very serious case of infantile paralysis. The paralysis is in the lower limbs.

Mrs. Oscar Shoger and Mrs. James Curry received premiums on flowers at the Aurora fair.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hafenrichter are entertaining their uncle, John Habermeyer, from Hannibal, Mo.

The Parent-Teacher association will hold a reception for the teachers at the high school Friday evening, Sept. 12.

The 4-H club boys did very well with their stock at the various fairs this fall. Logan Harvey won 14 firsts, 3 seconds, and 4 champions at Sandwich fair. He showed a Guernsey cow and several calves and took premiums in several different classes. Junior [J. George] Smith took first and second on Holstein calves at the Aurora fair. Myron

Wormley was given third place in the county and tenth in the state on Poland China pigs.

Sept. 17: The Oswego High school has a good increase in attendance this fall. There are 86 pupils at the present time. The Oswego grade school shows an increase of 15 pupils over last year. The present attendance is 181.

A band has been organized in the Oswego schools made up of 25 members. They made their first appearance last Friday evening, when they played several numbers at the Parent-Teacher meeting.

Mr. Thompson has organized a Girls' Glee club in the high school. Forty girls have joined and are working under his direction.

The pupils in the primary school are enjoying new playground equipment. The little school [Little White School], remodeled inside and out, is a credit to the town. It was formerly the Methodist church building.

A large number from this vicinity attended the Wheatland plowing match on Sept. 13. There was a record attendance at this annual event.

Dick Young had two slight strokes last week. He is improving nicely at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Leslie Peshia.

Leslie Peshia has resumed carrying mail on Route 2 after a 15 day vacation. Mrs. Peshia is the able substitute.

Yorkville: More than 12,000 men, women and children gathered at the R.J. Patterson farm near Wheatland Saturday, Sept. 13, to witness the annual Wheatland plowing match.

Homer Lapp of Plainfield, the winner of two previous matches, again proved his skill in handling a plow by carrying off first honors. Mr. Lapp drove a three-horse team.

Frank Boardman of Wheatland won first place in the manufacturer's division of the plowing match and came in second in the grand sweepstakes, won by Lapp.

A championship plowing match will be held at Big Rock Saturday, Sept. 20. Mr. Lapp, the Wheatland winner, will be among the contestants in the tractor-drawn plowing event. Big Rock championships will be awarded in both horse and tractor drawn events.

Sept. 24: The teachers in the Oswego schools enjoyed a 6 o'clock steak fry Sept. 18 at Maramech Hill. Later in the evening returning to the home of Professor and Mrs. Clayton.

The Oswego high school football team will open their season Sept. 25 when they will play Plainfield high school at Oswego.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hettrich and Gordon wish to thank all those who sent fruit and flowers and cards or in any way remembered them during Gordon's serious illness. The house was fumigated and Larry came home from Elgin where he has been staying with his grandparents. Gordon is able to sit in a chair in the yard, in the sunshine, and is showing light improvement. Electric treatments are being used.

Yorkville: Last week, the state men removed the signs placed at the intersections of Route 47, and replaced them with the regulation state stop signs. There is no excuse for not coming to a stop at these intersections. When Route 47 is completed and the increased amount of traffic begins to flow through Yorkville, we are liable to have numerous accidents unless we start now to make operators of motor vehicles obey traffic rules and regulations.

Mrs. Mary Herren, the widow of the late Christian Herren, died at the home of her son, C.C. Herren, near Oswego Tuesday.

Mrs. Herren was 82 years of age and was very well and favorably known all through the community.

Mrs. Herren's obituary will appear in next week's *Record*.

October -- 1930

Oct. 1: Rob Herren is a delegate at the state Supervisors' meeting at Springfield this week.

The Oswego football team won their first game Sept. 25 by the score of Oswego, 6; Plainfield, 0. Oswego will play Plano at Plano Friday, Oct. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gray have purchased the H.B. Read residence and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Beasley, who have been renting the house, have moved to Millbrook.

Dr. Bell is to be married and will occupy Mrs. Julia Richards' furnished house.

Oswego and vicinity was well represented at the Big Rock plowing match last Saturday.

The large amount of water the fell during the rain storm on Thursday will be a great help in fall plowing. The rain was followed by much cooler weather with a frost Sunday morning, Sept. 28.

Leslie Peshia was ill last week and had an enforced vacation from delivering the mail on Route No. 2.

Word has been received by friends here of the sudden death of the wife of Rev. Frederick Peggs, recently located at Detroit. The body was cremated and the ashes sent to Mrs. Peggs' girlhood home in England. Rev. Peggs was the Congregational minister here in 1920 when the Congregational church burned and assisted in federating the Congregational and Evangelical churches.

Mrs. Matthew Jefferson passed away at her home in Oswego Friday morning, Sept. 26. She was born in Leeds, Yorkshire, England in 1845 and had resided in Oswego 24 years, the past 11 years with her daughter, Mrs. I.C. Wagner.

Mrs. Jefferson is survived by one son, William Jefferson of Aurora and three daughters, Mrs. William Sheaffer, Chicago; Mrs. Frank Wollenweber, Aurora; and Mrs. IC. Wagner, Oswego. Her husband preceded her in death 23 years ago.

Funeral services were held at the Federated church in Oswego. Burial in Oswego cemetery.

The funeral services of Mrs. Mary A Herren, wife of the late Christian C. Herren, were held at the Oswego Presbyterian Church Thursday Sept. 25, Rev. Klein officiating. She passed away at the home of her son, Christie Herren of Oswego, Sept. 23. She was born in Kent, England Sept. 1, 1848, coming to America in 1853 and settling in Oswego where she has since been a resident. She was married to Christie Herren in 1866. She was the mother of seven children, Freddie, Anna, Ida, Clara, Sam, Mary, and Christie. Of these, two survive her, Mrs. Mary Friebele of Chicago and Christie Herren of Oswego. There are eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Yorkville: The meeting of the Kendall County Detective Association was held at the courthouse Saturday evening. The Illinois State Detective Association, of which the Kendall County unit is one of the largest, is composed of law-abiding citizens banded together for mutual benefit and protection. It is specializing at the present time against the chick and auto thieves.

Oct. 8: Gordon Hettrich is getting stronger and is doing his school work at home, but as yet he has not use of his lower limbs.

Ruth Woolley, Ruth Feucht, and Gordon Wormley were home from North Central college; Doris Pahaly from Normal; and Glenn Smith from Wheaton over the weekend.

A number of Oswego Boy Scouts accompanied the Aurora Scouts and Scout Executives to Chicago last Saturday. They saw the Chicago and ribbon all game and points of interest in the city.

Oswego High School and Plano High School played to a 0-0 tie in their football game at Plano Friday.

The Boy Scouts from Oswego Troop 31 were the guests of Coach A.A. Stagg at the University of Chicago football game last Saturday in Chicago.

Yorkville: The terrible fate meeting the crew and passengers of the R-101 over France is to be greatly deplored. This dirigible was the

largest ever attempted and several times during its trial flights exhibited unmanageable characteristics.

Heavier than air craft have an 'edge' on the lighter than air craft in our estimation. Trouble in a dirigible puts it at the mercy of the winds. An airplane can be "put down" without a huge landing crew and in a very small field if necessary.

#### ELIZABETH RUSSELL

Elizabeth Clark Russell, a well known resident of Oswego, passed away at her home after an illness of a few hours Oct. 1, 1930. Her funeral was conducted from the Oswego Presbyterian church Saturday afternoon, the Rev. J.E. Klein officiating. Interment was in the Oswego cemetery.

Mrs. Russell, daughter of Henry A. and Margaret Seegers Clark, was born March 1, 1867 in NaAuSay township and had lived in this community her entire life. As a girl, she attended Oswego high school and Jennings Seminary at Aurora, later she taught in neighboring schools. On Feb. 23, 1888, she united in marriage with John D. Russell of Oswego, County Superintendent of Highways. To this union were born three children, Henry, who passed away in infancy, Harold Clark, who resides on the farm near Oswego, and Ruth Madeline Reed of Wauwatosa, Wis. One brother, Dr. Charles A. Clark of Oswego and three grandchildren are also left to mourn her loss, Jean Phyllis and Kathleen Russell and James Russell Reed.

Mrs. Russell was active in civic organizations and at one time was president of the Nineteenth Century club, also of the Kendall County Federation of Woman's clubs. She united with the Presbyterian church in September 1909, and was a member of the Ladies' Aid and at one time was president of that organization.

#### SIX SCHOOLS MADE STANDARD IN YEAR

Six Kendall County rural schools have been made standard schools the past year, recognized as such by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction by the presentation of a diploma and schoolhouse marker. These are the Squires, Millbrook, Kendall, McCauley, Fourth Ward, and Jones schools.

A standard school is one which meets the requirements for a good school with the sanitation requirements met and with the right kind of a house, the right kind of furnishings and equipment, the right



kind of teaching, and the right kind of behavior and work by the pupils. A superior school is one which has gone farther in its efforts to offer something better to the community.

Several other schools are very close to meeting the requirements. Among them are the Wormley, Boomer, Needham, Union, Bronk, Weeks, Scofield, Naden, Keck, Stephens, Pletcher, Plattville, Cassem, Brown, Wynne, Bell, Fox Cutter, Walker, Willow Hill, Bethel, and Lisbon Center. Some of these schools lack only a well or some equipment, which will be secured this year.

A few schools are well equipped and have been made as good as practicable but are handicapped by an old style building, which is too small or with too low a ceiling to be made right. The Russell, Grove, Faxon, Marysville, Lisbon, Bristol, and Gaylord are such schools.

Oct. 15: The Oswego football team, playing with Mooseheart Oct. 10 lost 20-7.

A colt kicked Ray Woolley in one leg and he was not able to work much all last week.

A Chicago man is building a house on the beautiful building spot just beyond the old Henry Cutter farm.

Cyril Tregillus had the misfortune to have his left ankle broken in a collision between an auto and his motorcycle Wednesday evening. Oct. 8.

The Oswego High School and several of the grades with their teachers expect to take an educational trip to Chicago Oct. 17 to visit the Field Museum, the Shedd Aquarium, and the Adler Planetarium.

#### RAID MOONSHINERS' STILL ON ROUTE 18

Four federal prohibition agents made a raid upon a huge still which was on what is known as the Independent Farm, about a mile east of Plano within a quarter of a mile of Route 18, on the old Plano Road Tuesday evening.

The raiders made their approach at about 6 o'clock in the evening and took two young men, Charles Tracy, Age 21, and W.F. Pennelo, 24, into custody.

On the farm, which the federal men proclaimed one of the largest which they had uncovered, they found six mash vats of 7,000 gallons capacity each, along with about 4,000 gallons of alcohol ready for transportation, jollification, or consumption; two boilers; and a very large amount of yeast.

Kendall County always has a reputation for being one of the cleanest in the state--and now look at the "durned thing." And that's not a crack at the Sheriff of Kendall County, either.

Oct. 22: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tripp will occupy the lower apartment in the Croushorn house after Nov. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gengler and little son John spent Friday, Oct. 17, at Hammond, Ind.

A beautiful wedding was solemnized Wednesday, Oct. 15, when Miss Catherine Buck of Monmouth became the bride of Earl Schlapp of Oswego. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Buck.

Mr. Schlapp is an industrious young farmer and regret is expressed that he is leaving Kendall County.

Mary Elizabeth Olah of Aurora and Merrill Cherry of Oswego were very quietly married by the Rev. John E. Klein at the Presbyterian manse Oct. 18.

The groom, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Cherry, has always lived near Oswego except one year when he attended high school at Pasadena, Calif. Immediately after graduation from East Aurora High School he became an employee of the Lyon Metal Products Company, in which he has been advanced to a responsible position, being a studious, industrious young man. Both bride and groom are employed in the office of the Lyon Metal Products Company.

Over 150 cases of diphtheria are now being reported weekly in Illinois.

Oct. 29: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schlapp returned from their wedding trip Oct. 25 and will spend a few weeks here before going to their home in Monmouth.

Yorkville: After seeing one of those signs in which a car's lights reflect with a brilliant red we get to thinking how nice it would be to have one at the Yorkville "Y" right at the point where 18 and 47 join. A light of this type with "Route 47" and an arrow would do wonders to keep traffic informed as to the turn.

November -- 1930

Nov. 5: The Russell School, with Margaret Murley teacher, held a Hallowe'en party with the Cherry School, where Jane Goudie teaches, last Friday afternoon.

The score of the football game with Plano last Friday was 6-0 in favor of Oswego. Roy Jennings and one of the Plano boys received injuries.

Dr. Bell brought his bride to Oswego last week and they are housekeeping in Julia Richards' residence.

Word has been received from phoenix, Ariz. on the birth of a baby boy to Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon Palmer. The little fellow was given the name of Alan.

Bertha Burghart Douglass was born in Oswego and passed away at her home in Joliet Oct. 26, 1930 at the age of 52 years. She was the youngest child of George and Katherine Burghart, pioneer residents of Oswego. Beside her husband, Ralph Douglass, she is survived by three sons, Ralph Jr., John, and Clarence; and one daughter, Mrs. Carrie Meader. She also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Mary E. Young of Oswego; Mrs. Lei Book of Sumner, Ia., and Mrs. W.P. Gher of Montgomery; and one brother, Fred Burghart of Aurora.

Yorkville: ROUTE 47 NOW OPEN

The new concrete from Morris to Yorkville has been in use for several days, and already there is a noticeable increase in traffic through the village.

At present there is a short detour within the village limits due to a stretch of unpaved road, but workmen are busy on this now and it won't be long before this will be opened also.

Nov. 12: Come to the Junior Frolic given by a high school cast Friday, Nov. 14 in the high school gym. The program consists of four acts, "La Feria," "Gypsy Sweetheart," "Human Billboard," and a play, "Not Quite Such a Goose."

The Oswego football team defeated the Yorkville football team at Yorkville 7-0 Thursday.

Yorkville: Burlington Railroad forces have united in a system-wide relief movement for the benefit of the road's former employees, who may be in temporary need, now or later on, due to the unemployment situation.

To an emergency relief fund, each of the 38,000 individuals in the Burlington service will be offered an opportunity and solicited to pledge a voluntary contribution in money each month between now and the first of May 1931, such contributions to be deducted from salary or wages and utilized for the purchase of food, clothing, fuel, or other requirements of the unemployed or their families.

Nov. 19: Mr. and Mrs. Scott Cutter received word last week of the birth of a nine pound boy, the second child of Mr. and Mrs. Max Cutter of Chicago.

The Korte service station reopened Monday morning, Nov. 17, with Will Shortman in charge.

Friends and acquaintances of August H. Korte were shocked to hear of his death from a heart attack early Thursday morning, Nov. 13, 1930. Although not in his usual health for several weeks, Mr. Korte had been on duty at his oil station all day Wednesday until 9:30 in the evening when he closed the establishment and went to this home where he soon complained of feeling ill and died shortly after midnight.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mabel Goldthwaite Korte, and five sisters and one brother.

Mr. Korte had been in the automobile business in Oswego and Aurora for many years and had made many friends by his friendly and courteous service. The first of the year he built a fine new service station on Madison street [at Jackson] and had a good business established.

The funeral services were held at the home Nov. 15. The services at the grave in the Pearce cemetery were conducted by the Knights of Pythias, Rowena lodge No. 535 of Batavia, of which Mr. Korte was a member.

Oswego relatives attended the funeral services for Clinton Dobbins in Aurora on Nov. 13. The bereaved young wife, Vera Shoger Dobbins, older daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shoger, formerly lived with her parents near Oswego.

Yorkville: The next time we go to see and hear Maurice Chevalier in a "talkie," we're going to take an interpreter. The silent pictures weren't so bad after all.

Final warning is hereby given that passengers of automobiles must ride on the inside of the vehicle. This warning is specially for the children riding on the sides of cars to and from school at noon and night.

#### ALL PAVED AND OPEN

The last strip of unpaved road on Route 47 has been completed and motorists can now enjoy clear sailing on this fine new highway from Yorkville to Morris.

The barricades were removed and detour signs taken down Tuesday morning. This improvement will, of course, greatly increase the flow of traffic through the village, and therefore it will be necessary for motorists to be more careful when driving through Yorkville.

Nov. 26: A number of the college young folks will be home for the thanksgiving holiday.

Oswego friends received the announcement from the Rev. J.R.E. Craighead of Creston, Ia. that his book, "Blackhawk," has been finished and published and is now on sale.

Yorkville: As soon as we return to good times, the few business houses that are left, we feel sure, will go on a strictly cash basis. It may not be then, it may be sooner.

There would be less worry and enmity between the business man and customer in the business world if credit were abolished.

December -- 1930

Dec. 3: Mrs. L.R. Inman and son Edward [Edwin] were at the home of her mother, Mrs. Edward Haines, for Thanksgiving.

Charles Cherry's new bungalow on Grant street in the Park addition is completed. It will make a fine little home.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Herren and son Stanley from Elkhorn, Wis. were here for Thanksgiving.

Two basketball games were played Monday evening, Dec. 1, at the school gym by members of the teams from the United Presbyterian, Prairie, Federated, and Oswego Presbyterian churches.

Thirteen major letters and four minor letters were awarded Oswego high school football players at the annual football banquet Nov. 25. Major letters were won by Captain Pearce, Captain Elect Peshia, Robert Schmidt, Roy Jennings, William Lamb, Glenn Shoger, Paul Shoger, Clifford Songer, Donald Lippold, Ford Lippold, Clyde Johnson, James Vinson, and Fred Hausler; manager Earl Henley, Leonard Hausler, Roland Jensen, and Wilbur Peshia were given numerals.

More than 100 attended the banquet.

Dec. 10: Beatrice C. Friebele and Quinlen B. Meetz were quietly married Nov. 26 at the Presbyterian manse.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schlapp, who have been here since their return from their wedding trip, motored to Monmouth on Saturday where they will make their future home.

Allen Woolley has lost seven of his feeding steers with stockyard fever. They were insured so are not a total loss.

Coach Marquardt's Oswego tossers played a fast, clever basketball game on their own floor Friday evening and as a result defeated the Plainfield high school team, 24-15. Oswego took an early lead and was never in danger. The score at the half was 14-4.

Dec. 17: Leslie Morse has leased the Korte service station and took possession Monday morning, Dec. 15. He will be pleased to meet his friends and all may be assured of prompt and courteous service.

Mrs. Scott Cutter recently visited at the home of her son, Max, in Chicago to see the new grandson, William Stanton Cutter.

Cyril Tregillus, 22, older son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tregillus, died Friday, Dec. 12, after a short illness.

OSWEGO HIGH LOSES;  
TOWN TEAM WINS

Leland and Oswego staged a thrilling tangle Friday night. Leland finally getting the verdict, 19-18. Leland held the lead to just before the end of the game and then Oswego heaved a basket to take command. With only a few seconds to go and with the crowd almost in hysterics, J. Stratton, the Leland right guard, let the ball fly and it dropped into the bucket just as the final gun popped.

Town Team Wins

The Oswego Pirates opened their season Thursday night with a victory over the Naperville Seminary five, 26-22. The game was fast throughout, Oswego leading at the half 15-10.

Dec. 24: Lucy Teller Brunton of Denver, Colo., passed away on Dec. 18, 1930, with pneumonia. She leaves her husband and two sons. Mrs. Brunton spent her girlhood days in Oswego in her home beside the old Congregational church.

Leota Anderson and George Woolley are home from Park College at Parkville, Mo. for the holidays. Mr. John Anderson and Leota motored to Purdue University the first of this week to bring home Clark Anderson and Thomas Condon.

Rachel Woolley came home Dec. 21 to spend the holidays. She is teaching at Harrisburg, Mich.

Herbert Norris and Clement Burkhart are home from the university of Illinois.

Yorkville: Three well dressed and well armed bandits, between the ages of 35 and 40 entered the First State Bank of Plano last Wednesday afternoon, drew guns, and forced the bank employees and customers to lie flat down on the floor while they helped themselves tot \$3,000 in currency.

The trio then returned to their awaiting motor, a 1930 blue Buick sedan bearing Wisconsin license plates, where a fourth member of the party was stationed. They made their escape, presumably by way of the north cemetery road. The bank was amply ensured to cover the loss.

Dec. 31: Marvin Marquardt, coach in the Oswego high school, was ill and unable to go to his home in Minnesota for Christmas.

Charlie Roberts is unable to attend his duties delivering milk on account of quite serious trouble with his spine.

Dr. and Mrs. Sheldon Bell spent the day, Christmas, with her parents at Joliet.

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Jan. 7: Mrs. Ernst Biesemier died at her home in Oswego Sunday morning. Mrs. Biesemier attained the age of 72 years.



She is survived by her husband and seven children, Mrs. Thomas Hopkins of Davenport, Ia., Mrs. Frank Smith, Rockford; Mrs. Guy Hopkins, Shabbona, Henry, Aurora; and Mrs. Frank Woolley, Ben and Mabel of Oswego; a sister, Mrs. Gustie Meyer Barrington; one brother, William Botke, Elgin; two sisters and one brother in Germany; and 10 grandchildren. A daughter, Mrs. Earl Simpson, died in 1919.

The annual dinner for the Red Cross Bell Call workers will be given at the Red Cross rooms on Friday, Jan. 9.

The pupils of the eighth grade of 1924 enjoyed a reunion at the home of their teacher, Miss Wells, in Aurora Tuesday, Dec. 30.

The teachers returned to their school duties the first of the week and the young folks returned to their respective colleges.

Jan. 14: Max Cutter from Chicago spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Cutter.

Ralph Smith is attending Farm and Home Week at the University of Illinois this week, taking the course in dairying prospects, and expects to attend a tractor school there next week.

George Osborne, who was so frightfully burned starting a fire with kerosene on Dec. 12, died Tuesday, Jan. 6, after weeks of intense suffering.

George Osborne was born in Kewanee Nov. 13, 1896. He was united in marriage Dec. 11, 1907 to Margaret Todd at Kewanee.

Margaret, his wife; three daughters, Mrs. Doris Burton, Lucille and Margaret; a son, Marion, all of Oswego; one brother, John, of Greeley, Colo.; a sister, Mrs. Towne of Oswego survive him. Interment in Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: Late Tuesday afternoon the jury impaneled to hear evidence in the case of The People vs. C.E. Mackey entered the jury room to deliberate as to the future of Mr. Mackey.

C.E. Mackey was indicted for the murder of Cicero Bassett, both of Aurora, late last year. Mr. Bassett's body was found early in the

morning of July 10, laying on the concrete highway on the east side of the river, just north of Oswego.

Late Tuesday evening, Mackey was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment by Judge John K. Newhall.

After a new jury is chosen, the other men involved in the murder of Cicero Bassett will be tried at the court house in Yorkville.

Jan. 21: Inez Schlapp is spending several weeks with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schlapp at Monmouth.

Charlie Schultz and Carl Bohn were numbered among the thousand who attended the Eveready Radio tube banquet in Chicago Wednesday evening, Jan. 14.

Mrs. Amos Parkhurst left for Greenville, S.C., Jan. 16 to spend several months with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Parkhurst. Mrs. Royce Smith accompanied her mother as far as Chicago. A.J., a former Oswego boy, is superintendent of grade schools at Greenville, a city of 165,000.

Mr. Ernest Biesemier and daughter Mabel have moved to Aurora.

Jan. 28: Harry Clark's new stock truck arrived last week. It is almost as large as a freight car and has stalls to accommodate nine head of horses.

There were many sleigh ride parties last week. The freshman class of the high school enjoyed a sleigh ride ending with a party at the home of Mary McGowan, where her mother, Mrs. Fred Van Deventer, served refreshments. The sophomore sleigh ride ended with a party at the home of Leonard Hafenrichter, and there were several others of which we have no report.

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Katherine Russell Judd of Winnetka, which occurred Jan. 24 at the Presbyterian hospital, Chicago, after a lingering illness.

Mrs. Judd, a sister of John Russell and Mrs. Martha Goudie, was born in Oswego 74 years ago. Her girlhood was spent here later leaving to teach in the Chicago schools. She was united in marriage to Charles F. Judd of Chicago in 1899. Mr. Judd died four years ago.

Mrs. Judd leaves one daughter, Mrs. Charlotte Mosser, and three grandchildren. Burial in Rosehill cemetery.

Yorkville: The [Yorkville High School] Maroons took an exciting game from Oswego last Friday evening at the Yorkville gymnasium. The Yorkville lads made some wild plays at the opening whistle, thus Oswego scored the first and seemed to have the upper hand. Soon, however, the Maroon shots and passes became true and Yorkville began to pile up that score which defeated Oswego, 21-10.

A count of the prisoners in the Minnesota state penitentiary shows that bank robbers now outnumber bankers, 26-24. It used to be the other way around and does not represent much of a margin, but we hope it means a trend toward less robbing of banks from the inside.

#### DROUGHT RELIEF FUND ASKED

Whereas, severe drouth has brought disaster and famine to many of our people, thereby exposing them to hardships and rendering many thousands destitute, making immediate financial aid necessary, and

Whereas, the National Red Cross has sent out a call for immediate relief, the national quota being \$10,000,000, now

Therefore, we appeal to the citizens of our county to aid financially in this urgent cause.

If you are not personally solicited, please make your payment to Arthur G. Larson, chairman of Disaster Committee at Yorkville. Your local chapter will receive credit for your payment. The quota for Kendall County is \$300.

Kendall County Red Cross Chapter  
Disaster Committee

February -- 1931

Feb. 4: Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Thompson and sons moved the first of the week from the Kohlhammer house to the Curry residence on Chicago road.

Edward Wormley, son of Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Wormley, formerly of Oswego, who is a designer of fine furniture for the Berkey & Gay Co., has been transferred from Grand Rapids to New York.

John Herren has recently purchased the elevator and coal pickets from the Northern Illinois Lumber Co., and will run it under the name of the Oswego Grain & Supply Co., with Robert Herren Jr. manager.

Word has been received that Ralph Blackman will be on the faculty at East High, Aurora, the coming school year. Ralph, formerly of Oswego, but whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Blackman now live at Morris, was a graduate of East High in 1926 and is now a senior at Park College, Parkville, Mo. He will teach English and public speaking at Aurora.

#### Oldest Man in Oswego Dies

William S. Dwyre, born Oct. 6, 1836 at Antwerp, N.Y., died at his home in Oswego Jan. 29, 1931.

When a young man of 24, he came with his family and settled on a farm in NaAuSay, later moving to Oswego where for over 40 years he was a livestock buyer for the firm of Wollenweber, Knapp & Dwyre, riding a good horse or driving a fine team over the surrounding territory and known as "Bill" Dwyre, over the entire county. He was the oldest shipper on this CB&Q division.

Mr. Dwyre leaves to mourn his wife, Nellie Rice Dwyre; two daughters, Mrs. Mattie Cutter of Wilmar, Minn. and Helen Dwyre of Oswego; four sons, James of Mason, Wis.; Dr. Raymond Dwyre of Dixon, and Thomas and Paul of Oswego. Four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren and one sister, Elizabeth of NaAuSay, also survive. Burial in the Oswego cemetery.

Feb. 11: Mrs. Clarence Hobson (Esther Kohlhammer) left Monday evening, Feb. 9, to join her husband at Leavenworth, Kan.

Unknown thieves stole a valuable set of Thompson's Encyclopedias and an old clock from the Walker school on Feb. 2.

Fred Kohlhammer is tearing down his house on Washington street and will build a new one on the lot this spring. This old house was occupied by Judge Fridley and family as far back as 1855.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Cutter and their children, Diane and baby Billy, recently visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Cutter.

Herbert Norris was home from the University of Illinois over last week for the semester vacation.

Russell Rink and Ralph Smith with two other farmers from Naperville motored to Racine, Wis., Feb. 5, where they made a tour of inspection through the tractor plant of the Massey-Harris company.

The Red Cross emergency drive has been completed in Oswego and the total contributed was \$189.25.

Mrs. Minerva English was born in New York on Nov. 10, 1841 and died at the Soldiers' Widows' home at Maywood Feb. 4, 1931. When a young girl, Mrs. English came to Oswego with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Chapman and attended school in the old stone schoolhouse. She was married to LeRoy English and the latter part of their married life was spent in Oswego. Mr. English died about 15 years ago. An unusual circumstance in Mrs. English's life is that she had outlived all her own generations, leaving only nieces and nephews and grand nieces and grand nephews. Interment in Oswego cemetery.

Feb. 18: A number of farmers are shelling corn. The price is like "way back when."

Mr. and Mrs. John Warren will occupy Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cherry's bungalow, recently built in the Park addition.

Miss [Doris] Whitehouse and Miss Ruble entertained the Oswego teachers at a Valentine party Saturday evening, Feb. 14, at the home of Mrs. Emma Wormley.

Helen Dranir and Arthur Davis entertained the senior high school class at the Davis home Saturday evening, Feb. 14.

Members of the Gaylord Community club and the threshing ring surprised Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schusler at their home last Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Schusler and family are moving to a farm between Naperville and Wheaton and the neighbors gave them a rocking chair and a lamp for parting gifts.

Yorkville: Clarence Hobson, a former resident of Plano and a guard at the federal prison in Leavenworth, Kan., was recently cited for bravery as a result of a hand to hand fight with an ex-convict of the Kansas State prison.

Feb. 25: Edna Gilmore daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gilmore, and Walker Findley of Joliet were married Feb. 18 at the United Presbyterian parsonage in Wheatland. They visited several days with relatives at Sterling previous to occupying a farm home south of Tamarack corners.

The Tom Condon, John Anderson, McLaren brothers, the McMicken families, the Gaylord school and the neighbors south of them toward the Bethel school have recently had electric lights installed from a high-line.

#### MILLBROOK BANK ROBBED OF \$200

The Farmer's State bank of Millbrook was robbed of \$200 cash on Tuesday noon by two young men who drove up to the bank in a new car, entered and drew guns, ordering Mr. Ralph Wittie, treasurer of the bank and the only occupant at that time, to lie on the floor while they helped themselves to \$200 and made their escape. This is the second time the Millbrook bank has been held up within the last year.

March -- 1931

March 4: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hummel opened their home to the members of the Hummel and Wolf threshing ring and their families on March 2, and they had a farewell dinner for the Will Geske family who are moving to a farm near Elgin and the Charles Schark family, who are moving to North Aurora.

The Busy Bee club meets with Mrs. Howard Gengler on Wednesday, March 4.

Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Morse motored to Chicago Heights Feb. 22 to be present at the opening of a new store in the Middle West Grocery Store chain of which their son, Merrill Morse, is the manager.

Miss Virginia Crossman spent last Sunday at her home in LaMoille.

Herbert Norris was home from the University of Illinois last Saturday and Sunday.

Billy Williams, with a neat wagon and horse, is carrying the U.S. mail to and from the depot.

A crowded auditorium enjoyed the sacred concert by the Westminster Glee club of Oswego and a string quartet from East High school, Aurora, at the Presbyterian church March 1.

The Loeffel brothers are moving from the Ebinger farm to the Pritchard Stewart farm. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ebinger and children will occupy the Ebinger homestead.

Yorkville: Donald Carpenter, 25, of Humboldt and Harold Younger, 26, of Charleston, were identified Saturday as the two men who held up the Farmer's State Bank of Millbrook on Tuesday, Feb. 23, and escaped with about \$200 in currency.

They were arrested in Charleston and taken to the county jail at Champaign. Sheriff Hextell was notified and together with Deputy Sheriff William Hayden, brought the two men to Yorkville where they are now lodged in the county jail.

Carpenter is a married man with a wife and three children and had until recently been employed as a day laborer on farms in the vicinity of Millbrook.

March 11: On Saturday, March 7, came the first blizzard of the winter, continuing into Sunday, March 8. About 15 inches of snow fell, with a strong north wind but the temperature was mild. Many were the exciting stories told of those who were snowbound away

from home; of autos left in the snowbanks over Sunday; and the many hours spent in shoveling snow. By Monday the sun shown bright and warm and the snow began to melt.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Peshia shopped in Chicago March 3 and attended a shoe repairers convention at the Hotel Sherman.

Elmer Dranir and Harry Fisher worked Sunday and all Sunday night shoveling the snow to open the snow blocked roads.

Bernard Bohn spent last week in Michigan on a week's vacation from his duties at the Schultz grocery store.

On Thursday morning, March 5, when Mrs. Wilton Woolley arose she found a smoke filled house and hurrying downstairs discovered the kitchen was burning. Mrs. Woolley lowered her daughter to Mr. Woolley who had been working the in barn. He was unable to reach the telephone through the burning rooms so Mr. Woolley had to take his auto and go a mile to his neighbor's to call the Oswego fire department and summon neighbors through the telephone operator, Miss Floi Johnston.

By the time help arrived it was too late to save anything except a few pieces of furniture, one bed and the bedding, a dresser and two bed blankets.

The farm house has been in the possession of three generations of Woolleys, the elder Mr. and Mrs. George Woolley and family moving there in the 1860s. Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Woolley and family are living temporarily in the Royce Smith tenant house.

Mr. Dan Figge, who has been touring Florida for several weeks, returned on Friday and in time to enjoy the blizzard.

The Oswego service station on Route 18 owned and operated by Mr. George Wilson, was completely destroyed by fire on Monday morning at about 8:40.

Mr. Wilson, who lives just across the street from the station, had left it for a few minutes while he shoveled snow from the walk in front of his residence. His wife noticed smoke coming from the building and called Mr. Wilson, who secured a fire extinguisher and hurried



to the burning station, but by the time he arrived the flames had spread to the attic and all efforts to extinguish the fire were futile. The damage was considerable. Besides the building, which was burned to the ground, two barrels of alcohol and eight or nine barrels of gasoline were destroyed and his complete stock of auto accessories, cigars, and candy.

Mr. Wilson had no idea what the cause of the fire could have been unless there was a crack in the chimney in the basement.

March 18: Half of issue missing from bound volume.

March 25: Doris Pahaly was home from Normal university over Sunday Gladys Ditto from the Normal Art department visited Oswego friends over the weekend.

Mrs. Harold Van Etten passed away on Monday evening after an illness resulting from an infected ear.

The members of the basketball teams of the Wonder league held a banquet at the YWCA in Aurora Monday evening, March 23. [The Wonder League was comprised of teams from eight rural churches.]

A movie under the auspices of the XIX Century club of Oswego is to be shown Wednesday evening, April 1, in the high school gymnasium. Popular prices. One show, commencing at 8 p.m.

The Oswego boys belonging to the 129th Infantry of Plattville what were sent to Joliet on Wednesday to assist in guarding the prison were Clifford Songer, Kermit Lippold, Melville Leigh, Allen Schlapp, Donald Gengler, and Roy Jennings. They returned on Thursday evening.

Yorkville: The first mixed jury ever selected in Kendall county concluded its first case in the circuit court at Yorkville on March 17, without being given the opportunity to arrive at a decision. The case was the \$15,000 damage suit of Theodore E. Ferrier, 63, of Millington against the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern railroad growing out of an accident at the Lincoln highway crossing between Plainfield and Aurora on Feb. 5, 1927 when one man was instantly killed and another fatally injured.

Judge John K. Newhall, before whom the case was heard, ordered the jury to return a directed verdict in favor of the railroad company.

The jury consisted of four women and eight men. The women on the jury were Mrs. Louise Barkley of Yorkville, Mrs. Alice Akerly of Plano, Miss Margaret Foss of Newark, and Mrs. Mildred Dwyer of Oswego. The men were Charles Hemm of Bristol, John Gottberg of Plano, Thomas Penman of Yorkville, Martin Behrens of Yorkville, Stanley Ott of Newark, Earl Hibbard of Oswego, Kenneth Darfler of Oswego, and Fred Page of Plano.

April -- 1931

April 1: Joe Sierp of Aurora was calling on old Oswego friends last Sunday afternoon.

The little house by Arthur White's used as a home by Mr. and Mrs. Grover Wheeler and two children was burned with all the contents early Friday morning, March 27. The family lost everything including Mr. Wheeler's discharge papers from the World War and other papers.

The Oswego XIX Club is sponsoring a moving picture, "The Silent Enemy," to be shown in the high school gymnasium on Wednesday, April 1, at 8 p.m.

On Saturday, March 28, the remains of Mrs. Ralph Terry, wife of Ralph Terry, Elmhurst, were buried in the Oswego cemetery. Mr. Terry will be remembered as the son of Mrs. Roqua Minard Terry, who years ago lived in Oswego.

George M. Croushorn and his son-in-law, J. B. Thorsen, recently opened a new funeral home in the Oliver Hebert homestead, one of Oswego's landmarks built in 1852. They have as fine a commodious and thoroughly modern a funeral home as can be found anywhere in the country.

The entire first floor is given over to service rooms and another floor to the display of funeral merchandise of all kinds.

There will be a formal opening of the home on Saturday, April 11, and Sunday, April 12, when the public may come and inspect the home.

April 8: Oswego friends sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stewart and family who lost their home and all of the furnishings from the second story by fire on March 31.

Myron Wormley entertained 12 of his East High schoolmates at his home on Route 18 last Friday evening.

Miss Doris Whitehouse spent Easter with her parents at Normal.

Mr. and Mrs. John Constantine and little Bobby spent Easter Sunday with her parents in Aurora.

April 15: John Hafenrichter of Aurora, a retired farmer formerly of Oswego township, died at his home on Concord street Sunday, April 12. The funeral was held Tuesday April 14 from the Healy chapel. George Hafenrichter of Oswego, one of the sons, has frequently attended his father lately.

Misses Whitehouse and Rubel, Rob Herren Sr., Reeve Thompson, and Marvin Marquardt attended the Passion Play given at Bloomington April 12.

Mrs. Kenneth Tripp and little son Herbert LaVerne, returned from the hospital last week.

At the consolidated school election on April 11 Fred Willis, Tom Collins, and Leslie Woolley were reelected directors, and Royce E. Smith was elected treasurer.

Between three and four hundred people attended the opening of the Croushorn & Thorsen funeral home April 11-12. Mr. MacCorsin of Evanston, a traveling salesman for the National Casket company, said this funeral home would do credit to a town of 10,000 population. The former Hebert house has been redecorated inside and out and presents a very neat and appropriate appearance. One

front room is reserved for funeral services, one for an office, and in other rooms caskets are on display.

Let's have a spring clean-up in Oswego. The village has secured a location to dump rubbish near the disposal plant. Please do not include papers in the rubbish.

April 22: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gast and family spent last Sunday with friends at their former home near Crown Point, Inc.

Howard Wald was very seriously injured in an auto accident while driving Harry Clark's Reo truck last week in Michigan.

Yorkville: The CB&Q Railroad company has at last challenged the various bus lines and is offering tickets at a rate of about one cent a mile. This makes riding the train very inexpensive and as it always was more comfortable to ride a train than a bus many will doubtless choose the rails for their means of travel while this rate is in effect. The railroads, having become very hard-pressed by motor and air transportation are staging a rally. Maybe they can repeat their victory over the canal boat. Who can tell?

April 29: Ten Iowa State College engineering students have been awarded keys symbolic of the engineering profession in recognition of their service to the engineering division. Among those honored is Dan Cherry. Dan is also president of the student branch of the American Ceramic society at Ames. He will graduate from a Ceramic engineering course in June.

Mr. and Mrs. John Herren attended an insurance convention banquet at the Hobbs Hotel in Juliet April 21.

The morning trains on the CB&Q have returned to nearly their former schedule so the rural mail is later now.

Mr. Lowman is excavating for a new residence at the corner of Van Buren and Washington streets.

The Oswego high school is putting out a very creditable paper each month. The cover designs are clever and well drawn; the news is good; and the ads are reliable.

Francis Campbell and William Anderson drove to Purdue university last Sunday to see Clark Anderson and Thomas Condon.

The three little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. William Orr are having a light attack of scarlet fever.

On May 1, the senior class of Oswego high school will present Martin Flavin's delightful comedy entitled "Broken Dishes" at the high school auditorium. Cast members include Alice Lippy, Helen Moyer, Joyce Lindley, Helen Dranir, Arthur Davis, Franklin Pearce, Stanley Peterson, William Lamb, Roy Jennings, and John Hauslef.

Yorkville: During the past winter men have been busy tearing, pounding, and hauling away the timbers and boards that were called the Lisbon Center church. Many people look with sorrow at its passing thus out of their lives although it did not seem possible it could be used for a church edifice any longer in the community. The church was built in 1867, eight carpenters doing the work. These men were boarded in the homes of Arundales, Shaws, Fletchers, and Litseys.

It was dedicated in 1867. It was a beautiful country church with its high arched ceiling and tall spire. Unfortunately, this spire was struck by lightning and had to be replaced by a spire, which was not so high. At a later date the church was struck by lightning for the second time, this being the chimney. The colored glass windows were also replaced by white glass at a later date, thus changing the building.

During the year 1901 the church was closed and reopened in 1903. However, the church was then again closed. In 1921 the church was reopened by the Rev. Frickie. At this time it was repaired at a cost of \$3,600 having electric lights, new furnace, and piano and the building painted and redecorated.

The people of Millington are now in possession of this church, which was purchased for several hundred dollars and as it seemed an expensive proposition to move it as a building, it was torn down,

hauled away, and is now being rebuilt joining the Millington Methodist Episcopal church.

May -- 1931

May 6: Mrs. Walter Barker received word of an injury to her son, Fred, at Memphis, Tenn., where he is employed in the freight yard. He is in the hospital but not seriously injured.

Clay Cutter crushed two fingers on his right hand at the Illinois Sand and Gravel pit last week.

Carl Johnson has been building an addition to his home and William Tobey has improved their residence by shingle siding. Our little town never looked cleaner or prettier. More interest is shown in shrubs and flowers than formerly.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Campbell wish to thank all who responded so quickly to a call for assistance when their chimney burned out, threatening the loss of their home.

Mr. and Mrs. N.G. Olsson and daughters have moved to Aurora from the Margaret Woolley residence on Main street and Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Morse and Billy from Chicago Heights will occupy this home.

The senior class play, "Broken Dishes," was very creditably given at the Oswego high school last Friday evening. The cast took their parts in a very realistic manner. Much credit is due Miss Whitehouse who directed the play. In gratitude, the class presented her with a bouquet of flowers and Kodak.

The Parent Teacher association of the Bronk school will meet in the schoolroom Friday evening when the annual election of officers will be held.

The Parent Teacher association of the Tamarack school will meet in the James Anderson home Tuesday evening, May 12. Committee for refreshments consists of Mrs. Edward Trent, Mrs. Frank Lambert, and Mrs. John Brown.

The Parent Teacher association of the Gaylord school meets in the Otto Johnson home Friday evening, May 15. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson have charge of serving refreshments.

At the Kendall County Board of Supervisors' April 13 meeting, they established a reward of \$100 to be paid for proof sufficient to convict any person or persons of burglarizing a school house or feloniously stealing books of reference, encyclopedias, or other school supplies in Kendall County.

May 13: Herbert Norris a junior at the University of Illinois, was initiated last week into the Pi Mu Epsilon, a national honor society for high grade math students.

Yorkville: Several days ago work was started on State Route 47 north of Yorkville. Some men were hired from Yorkville and worked two or three days and were laid off. Why? Because they didn't have a small pasteboard card stating that they had paid so much to keep some union leader in health, wealth, and happiness. The man in charge knew that violence would surely follow the warning of the union. Life and property mean nothing to these outrageous men.

May 20: Oswego might be called the "Tulip Town." There are certainly many beautiful and choice varieties in many gardens. Someone destroyed some on the G.H. Voss lot last week.

Doris Pahaly was called home from Normal university last Saturday on account of the death of her grandmother, Mrs. Minnie Burkhardt.

Mr. and Mrs. S. [Septa] Peshia arrived in Oswego last Saturday morning from California. They have enjoyed California life for several years, making the trip back and forth several times, but intend now to make this their home. They are staying at the home of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Peshia.

Thieves attempting to enter the Harvey schoolhouse were recently caught by Charles and Courtney Smith and Frank Waite. There were three men and one woman belonging to this gang and they live on the south edge of Aurora near the EJ&E tracks. Their home was

“protected” with a smallpox quarantine sign so only one man was on trial last week. They claimed they had only entered two schoolhouses, but during the past winter a large number of the schools in Kendall county have been robbed of valuable encyclopedias and other furnishings. There was a reward offered for the capture of the thieves.

Although Mrs. Minnie Leigh Burkhart had been seriously ill at her home for more than a week her death came unexpectedly Saturday, May 16.

Mrs. Burkhart was born Sept. 1, 1863 near Oswego and has lived in this vicinity all her life. she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Nellie Pahaly of Oswego and by three sons, Benjamin and Mort Leigh of Aurora, Grant Leigh of Oswego and by nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The funeral was from the Presbyterian church. Burial is in the Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: Complete obituary of Charles E. Lane, a former staffer of the *Kendall County Record*, printer, and newspaperman.

May 27: Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Denney and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Herren enjoyed an auto trip to Wisconsin last Sunday.

Mrs. George Wormley received word that her grandson, Edward Wormley sailed from New York for Europe on May 21, expecting to spend several weeks sight seeing and getting new ideas for his vocation, that of the designing of fine furniture.

Rachael Woolley came home from Harrison, Mich. the first of this week, having finished a successful year's teaching.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Armbruster and Carl Hafenrichter were among those who saw the airplane maneuvers in Chicago May 21.

Memorial Day services will be held at the Oswego high school Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fowler Denney of Oswego announce the marriage of their daughter, Doris, to Fred G. Betz of Albany, N.Y. May 18.



Mr. and Mrs. Betz will reside in Anderson, Inc. Mrs. Betz has always made here home here and was one of Oswego's most charming young women.

John D. Russell, age 70, died at the St. Charles hospital in Aurora Friday, May 22, from injuries received from a fall the day before. His wife preceded him in death, dying suddenly on Oct. 7 last year. Funeral services for Mr. Russell were held at the Presbyterian church May 25.

#### COL. JOHN D. RUSSELL

Col. John D. Russell of Oswego, superintendent of highways for Kendall county, died at S. Charles hospital, Aurora, May 22, 1931. Col. Russell had previously been commissioner of highways and later supervisor for Oswego township over a period of many years. In these capacities he made a thorough study of road building. When the law creating the office of Superintendent of Highways became effective, Col. Russell was appointed by the Board of Supervisors to fill that office. He carried out the work in a most thorough and efficient manner.

As an authority on rural building and as a frequent contributor to road building magazines, Col. Russell was widely known, often delivered addresses on the subject. He was a public-spirited citizen, and was active in local, county, and state politics.

Mr. Russell was a pupil of the historic Duffy school and a regular attendant at the reunion picnics. Col. Russell was a past master of Raven Lodge 303, A.F. & A.M., at Oswego.

John D. Russell was born at Oswego Nov. 6, 1860 and is survived by one sister, Mrs. James H. Goudie of NaAuSay; one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Russell Reed of Wauwatosa, Wis.; one son, Harold C. Russell of Oswego; and one grandson, James Russell Reed of Wauwatosa. His wife preceded him in death, dying suddenly on Oct. 1 of last year. Funeral services were held from the home and the Presbyterian church. Burial in the family lot at the Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: Those who saw the Army Air maneuvers in Chicago and the eastern cities during the past week couldn't help but see the passing of former methods of warfare. What the 600 planes that took part could do if fully armed defies the imagination. Fleets would be wiped out, armies destroyed and large cities laid waste. Of

course anti-aircraft batteries would no doubt take their toll of the sky raiders but the fact remains that the airplane represents a type of defense and offense that may put other types of fighting in the discard.

June -- 1931

June 3: Twenty seven eighth grade pupils and a number of seventh grade pupils from the rural schools held graduation exercises at the Oswego high school auditorium Friday, May 29. Miss Janet Brown from the Gaylord school was in charge, and short talks were given by the Rev. Nansen and the Rev. Godfrey. County Superintendent A.N. Barron presented the diplomas. The pupils furnished the remainder of the program singing, readings, dialogues, piano and trombone solos.

The baccalaureate service for the 20 Oswego high school graduates held at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening, May 31, was an exceptionally fine service.

Mrs. Marcius (Elizabeth Brown) Richards, 86, died at her home on South Broadway, Aurora Friday, May 29. Mrs. Richards is the mother of R.E. Richards on Route 18 and she and her husband recently deceased, were pioneer residents of Oswego Interment in Oswego cemetery on Monday, June 1.

Mrs. Watts Cutter passed to her heavenly home Tuesday morning from her home in Oswego. Since her very serious operations in 1918 and 1919 she has been practically an invalid, but always she has kept up her interest in everything around her. At this trying time she took up the study of her family lineage and April 14, 1917 was accepted as a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was born in Ann Arbor, Mich. Oct. 4, 1841. Her people were pioneers and many made places for themselves in history. At the age of 11 she moved with her parents to Freeport, Ill., and many times has gone back to visit the friends of her girlhood. In November 1880 she came to Oswego with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Colgrove. Mr. Colgrove came as pastor to the Methodist

church here and also held a service each Sunday in the Montgomery church.

On Feb. 1, 1882 she married Watts D. Cutter in the home now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lindemier in Oswego. Already plans were being made by Mr. and Mrs. Cutter to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary if they could be spared to Feb. 1 next. After their marriage, they went to live on the farm where their son, Watts C. Cutter now lives and their three children were born, Gretchen, who died in infancy; Mary Cutter Bickford; and Watts C. Cutter.

In the fall of 1911 they moved to the present home in Oswego, leaving their son on the home place and their daughter, Mary, has been with them ever since.

Mrs. Cutter was an active member of the XIX Century club for many years.

At the time of the World War she first attended Red Cross meetings in Aurora and seeing the need and good it was going, helped organize the branch in Oswego, and was its first chairman.

She was a member of the Congregational church and when it was destroyed by fire and with many of its congregation became a member of the present Federated church in Oswego.

Yorkville: The state started an active campaign against seiners Monday when Mr. Gast and Mrs. Haberkorn arrested five men seining in Big Rock creek near the Five Mile bridge.

Those who fell into the net were Sam Lindenberg, Aurora; Harry Hiskey, Yorkville; Andrew Meade, Aurora; Edward Chamberlain, Plano; and John Bangus of Aurora. These men were tried in Magistrate Skinner's court and fined \$50 and costs or 30 days in the county jail.

If you have any desire to take fish illegally, you had better fight it back or you will lose valuable time while under the care of Sheriff Hextell.

June 10: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson recently lost 100 baby chicks that disappeared between dark and daylight, supposedly by a two-legged thief.

The Walker School with Mrs. Merrill Coselman as teacher closed with a picnic Friday, June 5.

Ralph Smith, the boys' 4-H leader, and Paul and Stuart Shoger, Wilson and Donald Haag, Myron Wormley, Maxwell Collins, and Logan Harvey are expected to attend the 4-H club meeting at the University of Illinois this week.

Fred Cutter has gone for the vacation months with an orchestra to a summer resort at Eagle River in northern Wisconsin.

The Russell and Grove schools closed with a picnic at Phillips Park June 5.

The Oswego teachers will go to their respective homes this week, expecting to return here in the fall. Miss Crossman expects to attend summer school at Boulder, Colo.

The annual alumni banquet was held at the high school auditorium Monday evening, June 8.

Graduating exercises for the 16 pupils from the eighth grade of the Oswego school were held at the school auditorium Thursday evening, June 4. These pupils, together with those who will come from the rural schools will form a large freshman class next fall.

The obituaries of Andrew John Enger, Leslie Earl Scott, Arthur Ward Williams, and Mrs. Martha Franks were printed.

The high school commencement exercises were held at the high school auditorium on Tuesday evening, June 2. Following is the class roll: Lathelle Collins, Clarence Arthur Davis, Helen Dranir, Ramona Evangeline Feucht, Mary Marjorie Gourley, John G.F. Hausler, Roy Orion Jennings, William Bernard Lamb, Joyce Anna Lindley, Alice Louise Lippy, Caroline Meyers, Carolina Meyers, Daisy L Moenkemeier, Helen Margaret Moyer, Franklin J. Pearce, Stanley R. Peterson, Arlene J. Pierce, Robert Hl Schmidt, Margaret K. Schomer, Glenn A. Shoger, and Lucile Helen Shoger.

June 17: The Oswego-Dwight-Burkhart reunion will be held at Gould's park, Morris on June 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitehouse came from normal last week to take their daughter, Miss Doris, home for the summer vacation.

Mrs. Emma Pearce Van Doozer died at her home in Aurora June 11. She was born in Oswego Jan. 10, 1864 and is survived by one daughter, one son, and one sister, Mrs. Olive Voss of Oswego and five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Burial in the Pearce cemetery, Oswego.

Yorkville: New York's busiest midtown zone will soon be the scene of the greatest adventure in city rebuilding ever attempted in America. Three great rectangular blocks, the equivalent in area of eight or 10 ordinary city blocks are now being cleared and on this plot will rise the \$250,000,000 "Radio City," a monumental group of 10 buildings designed to be the future entertainment capital of the nation. The project, backed by John D. Rockefeller Jr. and the radio interests, will include three great theaters for opera, dramatic and musical productions, and sound motion pictures, with provisions made in the latter for presenting television reproductions of different events when television is sufficiently developed to permit of its commercial application.

June 24: Mrs. Lucy Pearce sold five acres along the Waubonsie to a family from Glen Ellyn who will occupy the Russell residence while their home is being built.

Dan Cherry graduated from Iowa State college on June 15 and is located at Rockford supervising road building for the state.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Clayton will leave for Madison, Wis., Saturday where Mr. Clayton is enrolled in the graduate school at the University of Wisconsin.

Lada Burkhart has started a dancing class in the Oswego Progressive club hall and she has a nice little class. She teaches interpretive, ballet, acrobatic, and social dancing.

The business houses of Oswego will be closed every Thursday afternoon from now until the first of September.

Miss Gladys L. Wheeler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wheeler of NaAuSay, and Ralph B. Schlapp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schlapp of NaAuSay, were united in marriage Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Schlapp are both graduates of East High school, Aurora. Mrs. Schlapp, after her Normal training, taught the Kendall school near Yorkville for four years. Mr. Schlapp is engaged in farming south of Oswego. After returning from an auto trip to Yellowstone Park, the young couple will make their home in Oswego

July -- 1931

July 1: Owing to the extreme heat and humidity of the past week, there has been much suffering for both human beings and livestock. Many horses died in the fields. Some of the farmers tried getting into the fields at daybreak and cultivating in the cool of the day.

The tenth annual reunion of the Benthien pupils of the Walker school was held Thursday, June 25, on the Walker school grounds. Twelve of the scholars of 40 years ago, pupils of Miss Elizabeth M. Benthien, with their families enjoyed a picnic dinner and the reading of letters from absent members.

July 8: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bohn have a seven and one-half pound baby boy born July 2 at the St. Joseph Hospital in Aurora. Mother and child are doing well.

A serious auto accident occurred on Route 18 near Oswego Friday evening July 3, when one driver tried to pass another car. A man had one arm broken in two places. His wife suffered an injury to her back and three children were injured, the baby most seriously. They were attended by Dr. Weishew.

Yorkville: Acting on what he called a "tip," Sheriff Martin N. Hextell of Kendall county raided a corn crib on a farm three miles southeast of Yorkville on Friday night and confiscated 2,000 gallons of alcohol. It is said to be one of the largest seizures of bootleg liquor ever made in this section.

This confiscation followed by a week a raid on the farm of Arthur Finley four miles east of Plattville in NaAuSay township, where Sheriff Hextell and his squad destroyed a still with a 1,000 gallon a day capacity and 40,000 gallons of mash.

July 15: Mrs. Mary Frances Schmidt, 49 years, died at her home on Main street on Tuesday, July 7, 1931. She was born in Detroit, Mich., and has lived in Oswego for 30 years. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Julia Mitchell and Grace Schmidt; one son, Albert; and a granddaughter, Betty Schmidt, all of Oswego.

Yorkville; MILLINGTON BANK IS ROBBED

3 BANDITS CAPTURED, 2 ARE SHOT

Millington Bank Held Up Tuesday Morning at 10:15 and Robbed of \$1,300; Three Bandits Flee South to Newark Where Bank Guards Open Fire, Wounding Two and Capturing All Three. Loot Recovered.

July 22: The East Oswego Farmer's club, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Woolley, met in the school auditorium Thursday evening, July 16.

George Hettrich's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hettrich and daughter from Grand Island, Neb., are visiting here. The daughter is Mrs. Perry Herring.

A reunion of the Hettrich families was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Willis on July 19. Besides the Nebraska guests, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bower from Aurora were from out of town.

The wind did considerable damage at the Erwin Wolf farm July 15. Seven trees blew down and buildings were damaged and crops in that vicinity flattened to the ground.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Vilven of Geneva, employees of the Western United, have purchased a lot in Herren's Riverview addition and will immediately begin the construction of a bungalow.

Yorkville: To Put In Grade Crossing

The State Division of Highways has been authorized by the Illinois Commerce Commission to extend state bond issue Route 47 at grade across the tracks and right-of-way of the CB&Q railroad at a point one mile southwest of Bristol Station, Kendall county.

Route 47 extends from Bondville, Champaign county, north through Dwight, Morris, Yorkville, Woodstock, and other communities to the Wisconsin state line.

The order sets forth that it is understood that the grade crossing authorized is to be a temporary measure and "that a grade separation shall be constructed in lieu of the proposed grade crossing as soon as the petitioner and the respondent railroad company are able to arrive at an agreement as to the manner of separation and the distribution of the expense involved."

The following fines were meted out as a penalty for prohibition violators. Sheriff Hextell's recent raids on "blind pigs" and stills brought the offenders to trial. Following is the name and the amount of fine and costs assessed to each: July 13: Gunwald Benson, \$145.45; July 15: Jim Pemberton, \$320.15; July 15: Roy Emerson, \$530.15.

July 29: Watts Cutter and daughter, Mrs. Bickford, spent several days last week attending to business in connection with their farm near Elgin.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Burkhart motored to Grass Lake to visit the lotus beds one day last week.

John Young, 9 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Young, fell from a tree Thursday and broke his right arm.

The harvesting is finished and threshing is next in order. The oats are light and the price is very low.

Mrs. Frank Graffley died at her home in Chicago on July 22 following a long illness. Mrs. Graffley will be remembered as Safronia Obman, daughter of Mrs. Julia Obman of Oswego and her girlhood was spent at her home on Madison street.



August -- 1931

Aug. 5: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ohm recently became the parents of a second little daughter. Little Mignonette now has a sister, Jonquil.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gates and family have moved from Monroe street to the Morse house on Madison street.

Mrs. Emma Inman, Mrs. Annie Haynes [Haines], and Mr. and Mrs. John L. Clayton and daughter attended the Inman-Clayton wedding at the S.J. Clayton home near Plattville Thursday evening July 30.

Mrs. Florence Hall and children are moving in with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Ebinger this week.

Mrs. Frank Hawley from New York is spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Emma Wormley.

John P. Schickler, age 62, died suddenly early Saturday morning, Aug. 1, at the home of his son, Clarence. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Wolfe of LaSalle and one son. The funeral was held from the home and St. Nicholas church in Aurora Monday morning, Aug. 3. Burial in Mt. Olivet cemetery.

Yorkville: Before a court jammed with people from all parts of the county, the alleged Millington bank robbers were arraigned Monday morning before Circuit Judge John K. Newhall. After a short, rather uninteresting session during which the three men, Jack Sullivan, Jerry Fitzgerald, and Tom Harper, entered pleas of not guilty and Atty. R.R. Leitch of Plano was appointed by the court to defend the men, a formal motion to quash the indictment was argued and overruled. The cases were continued until Thursday.

The robbing of the First State Bank of Millington took place July 14. All available currency was taken and the bandits sped away toward Newark but were met by town guards outside of the town in response to a warning telephoned by Roy W. Scroggin of the Millington bank. Harper was struck in the back by one of the guards' bullets and was taken to the Sandwich hospital where he was cared for until he could be removed to the county jail at Yorkville. Another bullet grazed the scalp of Fitzgerald.

The marriage of Miss Jennie Clayton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S.J. Clayton of Yorkville, to Mr. Edward L. Inman, son of Mrs. Emma Inman of Oswego, took place Thursday evening, July 30 at the home of the bride's parents.

The bridegroom is employed in the accounting department at Mooseheart and the bride has been teaching for several years, having taught during the past year in the Roanoke grade schools. Mr. and Mrs. Inman left on a motor trip into the Arrowhead country in northern Minnesota and after Aug. 15 will be at home to their friends at 424 Pennsylvania Ave., Aurora.

Aug. 12: Oswego is grateful for the two identification signs put on the bridge over Waubonsie creek on the east cement highway just out of Oswego toward Aurora. It is through the kindness of Mr. William Bretthauer at Yorkville, state highway patrolman, that this famous little creek received the markers. It is famous for the Indian who was friendly to the white man in this section.

After weeks of extremely hot weather, the temperature dropped on Aug. 10 making living much more comfortable.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Woolley announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachael, to Wayne L. Fosgett of Harrison, Mich. The wedding will take place this month.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Clayton are the parents of a baby boy born Monday, Aug. 10 at the Copley hospital. The little fellow has been given the name of John Duane. Little Donna Mae is with her grandparents at Polo, Ill.

Yorkville: The actual work of pouring cement on the state Route 47 between Sugar Grove and the Yorkville "Y," officially known as Route 47, began Thursday and at this date approximately one mile of road has been laid.

Whereas grading operations necessitated the employment of upwards of 40 men since the latter part of May and the use of 45 horses, grading implements, and the building and maintaining of a camp west of Bristol Station with bunk houses, kitchen equipment, and tents have ceased, cement filling work has only just begun and

driving over the road will probably not be possible until the middle of September.

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Great Night Show, Grand Circuit Harness Races and Auto Speed  
Events Features.

Aug. 19: About 25 ladies attended a linen shower given Rachael Woolley by her aunt, Mrs. Royce Smith, on Thursday afternoon, Aug. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hoch are the proud parents of a baby boy, James LeVern, born Aug. 12 at the St. Joseph hospital. Mother and child are doing well.

Yorkville: One of the projects mentioned to assist in relief efforts is that of enacting immediately a great income tax which would fall only on the rich and carrying out of such a plan by Sen. LaFollette or anyone else would, it is though, cripple industry. Whether the crippling of industry could permanently be affected by the taxing of large incomes is a question. On the contrary, it is probable that social legislation is a coming matter and that capital will have to learn to adjust itself to the condition in the same way that the poorer classes of people have for untold generations been forced to accommodate themselves to almost impossible cheap ways of living.

The so-called flight of capital from this to other countries need not be especially feared because other countries present less stable conditions for the working of capital than does our own.

Aug. 26: Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fosgett left Tuesday for their home at Harrison, Mich.

John Herren went to Kansas City the first of the week to buy cattle.

Frank Herren and Alfred Hupachs have been remodeling their homes.

The Future Stockmen of Oswego 4-H club won recognition at the Central States fair. Paul and Stuart Shoger won eight and ninth place on hogs in the open class and third on litter in 4-H work. Paul had fifth place and Stuart eight place on Guernsey calves. Junior [J. George] Smith had first in 4-H and second in open class on Holstein calves and Donald Haag had tenth in 4-H calves.

The Oswego Consolidated schools will open Monday, Aug. 31. An added feature in the school curriculum this year will be the new commercial course. Miss Hilda Johnson of Geneva has been secured to teach this work.

Following is a list of teachers for the coming year: John L. Clayton, superintendent, social science, Oswego; Miss Doris Whitehouse, English, foreign language, Normal; Miss Lucille E. Hill, history, English, Washington, D.C. Marvin Marquardt, science, mathematics, athletics, Paynesville, Minn.; Miss Hilda Johnson, commercial work, Geneva; Reeve R Thompson, upper grades and music, LaCrosse, Wis.; Miss Rachel Winebrenner, intermediate grades, Freeport, Ill; Miss Ila Harrison, intermediate grades, Mendota, Ill; Miss Virginia Crossman, primary department, LaMoille; Miss Isabel Ruble, primary department, Roanoke, Ill.

September -- 1931

Sept. 2: Among the old settlers who attended the Old Settlers' picnic at Phillips park Aug. 27 were Mrs. Clarissa Barker, Mrs. Anna Rickard, Miss Lizzie Pearce, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Smith.

Carl Hafenrichter spent several days last week with John Clayton at Madison, Wis. enjoying a short vacation sightseeing while Mr. Clayton finished the term of summer work.

A large number of the farm families attended the Farm Bureau picnic at the Sandwich Fair grounds Aug. 29.

The teachers returned over last week and the Oswego school opened Monday, Aug. 31. A commercial course has been added to last year's subjects, with Miss Hilda Johnson of Geneva as instructor. A number of graduates are taking the course.

Miss Leota Anderson has been enjoying a visit from Miss Marjorie Eckman of Hammond, Ind. and on Saturday evening the Anderson young folks entertained a number of other young people who were college mates at Park college.

Yorkville: Monday saw the opening of the half a hundred or more so-called country schools of Kendall county with their approximate enrollment of 1,200 pupils. Now the routine of swinging dinner pails, textbooks, the "getting off to school" is well started and in every section of the county the buildings dead and abandoned during the summer have been awakened.

Frederick E Murphy, publisher of the Minneapolis *Tribune*, advertises what he terms a new plan for making farms pay. It consists of raising three or four crops instead of one and of raising also many kinds of livestock. A third feature of the program is the developing and carrying on of cooperative marketing schemes. In Kendall county, it seems that most of the farmers and those who are financially able, follow the editor's plan in the first two particulars. The matter of marketing is not, we suppose, as fully worked out as it can be.

Sept. 9: Mrs. Raymond Campbell is opening a kindergarten Sept. 14. The little folks are to meet at her home between 9 and 11 a.m. Anyone interested call 97-M.

Mr. and Mrs. James R.E. Craighead, enroute from Creston, Ia., to their new home in western Pennsylvania, stopped In Oswego the night of Sept. 1. Their friends gave them a reception at the Presbyterian church. It happened to be their wedding anniversary.

James Campbell met with a serious and very painful accident last week. While assisting in taking the pipes down from a silo, a rope with a pulley attached swung and struck his left eye, causing hemorrhages from the eyeball. After a number of treatments by an

eye specialist, considerable improvement was shown and the sight of the eye was spared.

L.L. Knight attended the National Rifle match at Camp Perry, Ohio the first of the week.

Many of the farmers are filling silos.

Yorkville: Between 2,500 and 3,000 people attended the Kendall County Farm Bureau picnic held Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Sandwich Fair grounds.

The American Federation of Labor proposes the most concrete plan for doing away with unemployment yet thought of. Strangely, it is no longer a method to be considered drastic or radical but is one which has been long suggested by sociologists. Cutting down of the labor week to five days, and shortening each day to six hours is the program, which the federation thinks will do away with unemployment in short order.

Approximately 104 teachers are now fulfilling their duties in the public schools of the county and 17 preachers are back on the job in their respective parishes. It is impossible to estimate definitely the value of the work which these people do in the county, but their influence is certainly of a very positive nature.

Sept. 16: Miss Frances Churchill is attending the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago.

From Oct. 19 to Oct. 23, there will be a [Sunday School] teachers' training course at the Oswego High school. Enrollment is \$1. There will be courses in junior and young people's work, Old Testament history and story telling. Anyone may avail themselves of this opportunity for study.

Glenn Smith will return to Wheaton college this week and Herbert Norris to the University of Illinois. Ruth Woolley is living with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ferguson in Joliet, attending the Joliet Junior college.

Charles Churchill will enter Princeton Seminary at Princeton, N.H., and George Woolley will go to Middlebury college at Middlebury, Vt., to obtain a Master's degree in Spanish.

Many from Oswego and vicinity attended the Wheatland Plowing match.

Yorkville: A large part of the everyday news of the past month has had to do with the failure of banks. Most have failed from legitimate causes; others have been closed after downright criminal dishonesty in management was discovered.

At the present time, seven farmers' clubs have expressed a desire to enter a drama and music tournament and committees have been appointed in several of these clubs to select suitable plays. More details in regard to this tournament will appear in a later issue of the *Record*.

Sept. 23: A terrible accident happened Sunday afternoon about one-half mile north of Oswego on Route 18 when two Chicago cars crashed head-on, injuring six persons and completely wrecking one car. The other burned up. The injured were immediately taken to a hospital.

Harry Chapin of Spokane, Wash., an employee of the Aetna Insurance company, on his return from a convention at Hartford, Conn. was a dinner guest of the Misses Harriet and Edna Walker last Sunday.

W.B. Roberts of Kansas City visited his uncle J.W. Roberts the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Schmidt have moved into the Winsor house on Monroe street.

Miss Luella Graf has closed the summer camp at Happiness House and is spending a week with Mrs. Jane Vaughn and Miss Troll before returning to her work at the Campbell Park church in Chicago.

One day last week a large negro stopped his auto in front of J.W. Roberts' fruit and vegetable stand at his home on Route 18 and bought a watermelon, asking Mr. Roberts to break a 10 dollar bill. Roberts said he could not change the bill and after some discussion the negro produced a one dollar bill, paid for the melon and drove on but returned later accompanied by another negro and asked to buy some sweet corn and drawing a revolver told Mr. Roberts that they would take the sweet corn, and his money bag, which they did, escaping with \$7 after throwing Mr. Roberts backwards in his vegetable house.

Yorkville: The Kendall County Detective association will meet at the Sheriff's office in Yorkville Tuesday evening, Sept. 29, 1931 to elect officers and two delegates to the 44th annual meeting to be held at Marseilles Oct. 8-9, 1931 and to transact what other business may come before the meeting.

James Campbell  
President  
W.H. Arundale  
Secretary

Paul Shoger, Charles Pope, William Rushton, and George Heap are Kendall county's 4-H champions for the 1931 season. Paul Shoger will represent the county in the Dairy division; Charles Pope in the Baby Beef; William Ruston in the Pig division; and George Heap in the Sheep division.

Sunday was a record-breaker for hot weather. It was the hottest Sept. 20 in the history of the Aurora weather bureau. Apparently there is not a great reliability in the change of the seasons; we seem uncertain after last summer, last winter, and the summer just past to know just when rain will come, cold, or intense heat.

Sept. 30: The morning train to Chicago that used to be known as the "9 o'clock" is now due in Oswego at 7:52.

John Clayton is having the barn on the rear of his lot torn down and will build a garage.



Glenn Smith was home from Wheaton college last Saturday and Sunday. He played trombone solos at Elgin Sunday.

Agnes Gowran is ill with diphtheria. Her father, James Gowran is caring for her at their home.

While playing football on the Oswego school grounds last week, Stuart Shoger had the misfortune to get his right collarbone cracked.

Oswego will meet the Plano football team at the new athletic field east of town on Friday, Oct. 2. [This field was on the location of the 1950 high school and the former Traughber Junior High.]

Fred Kohlhammer has finished the new house on Washington street. It will be a beautiful home for someone. It is modern in all the appointments: hard wood floors throughout, paste plaster downstairs, smooth plaster upstairs, fir board woodwork finished with walnut stain, steam heated, and a beautiful rock fireplace in the living room.

William Winser of Aurora has purchased the vacant lot on Monroe street of John Clayton and expects to build on it next spring.

Yorkville: Announcement of wage cuts in all basic industries resulted in an immediate rise in their stocks Thursday. Labor asks United States Steel Corporation why a cut of 10 percent in its wages was necessary with a \$400 million dollar reserve on hand. President Hoover is mentioned as not so much interested in the preservation of wage scales as in the maintenance of the standard of living, the latter an impossibility without the other.

From the activities of the stock market, steel quotations on which had remained abnormally low until the wage cuts were made, it may be deduced that people with money to buy stocks are not so much interested in good wages for labor as in high dividends for themselves.

A petition was filed Sept. 22 with the Illinois Commerce commission by the Western United Gas and Electric company asking authority

for the company to change the heating value of its gas and authority to reduce the present rates for gas.

The company proposes in its petition to serve gas, which will be a mixture of natural and artificial gases, and under the new rate schedule the average cost of gas to the residential consumer would be reduced by nearly 3 percent.

The natural gas which will be furnished will be taken from the lines of the Continental Construction company, which brings the gas from Oklahoma and Texas by pipeline.

The change from the use of artificial gas to a mixed gas will necessitate adjustment of customers' appliances. This will be done entirely at the company's expense.

October -- 1931

Oct. 7: Jim Campbell is on jury service in Chicago this week.

Regular Red Cross meeting Friday, Oct. 9, at the Red Cross rooms [in the Oswego Township Hall].

Eight or 10 loads of members of the Dairy Herd Improvement association enjoyed a tour through the county Sept. 30. Among the farms they stopped to inspect the herds and barns at were farms of the Wheelers in NaAuSay and Royce E. Smith of Oswego.

About 40 men from Oswego township and vicinity enjoyed a trip to the Union Stockyards in Chicago on the Livestock Marketing tour Friday, Oct. 2. The trip was made in Harry Clark's big truck converted into a "chair car," and the boys had a lot of fun.

Ground has been broken for a new home for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Light and daughter Mary in Herren's Riverview Park subdivision. They will build a stone house.

Yorkville: The passing this year of Sir Thomas Lipton, Mr. Mickelson, and the illness of Thomas Edison impresses us sharply with the realization that the breaking up of the old order might very well be at hand. It speaks well for the arrangement of the world that its

progress will go unmarked, if abated, by the death of these public benefactors.

President Hoover is represented as taking the position that until some workable way of distributing beer can be found which will not bring about the return of the saloon, he will not even consider a change in the present governmental [prohibition] police.

Undaunted by depression, DeKalb county is planning to put before its voters at the next April election the formation of a county forest preserve commission similar to that of Winnebago county, and to begin the task of salvaging woodland for county parks.

Oct. 14: Jim Gowran and daughter Agnes are out of quarantine. Miss Agnes is recovering nicely from diphtheria.

Mr. Edward Jenkins died Sunday, Oct. 11, at his home south of Oswego. He had been in poor health for a long time and his wife is helpless, having suffered a paralytic stroke last winter. They have been cared for by their daughter Frances, and son Roy, who have kept the home for several years.

Mrs. Leslie Peshia, the general substitute on rural Route No. 2, left here Oct. 12 for an auto trip to California accompanying a cousin from DeKalb and another cousin who has been visiting here from California.

Yorkville: Fox river, on either side of which Kendall county is laid out to the greater enjoyment of its 10 thousand inhabitants, is once again in its annual state of fullest beauty. The water, passing over dams and beneath bridges in seeming quietness, is rich in dark shades of colors that in summer were gay. Mornings, the sun is reflected in splashing brilliance from a surface broken by projecting rocks and islands which are green, red, yellow and brown. Another fall has come to the Fox River valley.

From the report of the Annual Meeting of the Kendall County Board of Supervisors, held Tuesday, Sept. 8, 1931:  
Supervisor Grimwood presents and reads the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Kendall County, State of Illinois at its meeting this 8th day of September 1931 that there be hereby appropriated the sum of Two Hundred Dollars from said County Motor Fuel Tax Allotment of 1931 for the payment of additional right-of-way procured in Section 16, Bristol Township, required for the construction of a detour across the main line of the CB&Q Railroad on State Bond Issue Route No. 47.

The County Superintendent of Highways is hereby authorized to send a statement of such costs of additional right-of-way to O.N. Lamb, District Engineer, Elgin, Illinois, with a request for payment from aforesaid Motor Fuel Tax Allotment.

H.W. GRIMWOOD

ROBERT HERREN

ALVIN CHRISTIAN

Resolution Committee

Supervisor Grimwood moved the adoption of the resolution.

Seconded by Supervisor Herren.

On call of the ayes and nays, those voting aye were Supervisors Christian, Grimwood, Herren, Hollenback, Miler, Morrison, Ohse, Whitfield, and Churchill. Those voting nay were none.

Thereupon the Chair declared said motion carried.

Oct. 21: Mr. and Mrs. William Heffelfinger of Aurora, formerly of Oswego, are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Oct. 12 at the St. Joseph's hospital.

Earl Schlapp took his mother and sister to Joliet last Saturday where they had a good view of the giant dirigible Akron as it passed over.

The Oswego Mothers' club is sponsoring a series of clinics for the prevention of diphtheria. Dr. Van Wormer, a state public doctor of the Chicago district, gave the Schick test Monday, Oct. 19, at the Oswego school.

The Gates and Austin families, numbering 68, assisted Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Collins to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Oct. 17.

The Yorkville high school varsity beat Oswego 20-6 last Friday afternoon.

Oct. 28: Leslie Morse will take charge of the new service station built on the corner lot of the late Ellen Smith property on Madison street [the "Five Corners" intersection of Ill. Route 25 and U.S. Route 34], Nov. 1. It is now owned by Miss Olive Orr of Yorkville.

A clinic with toxoid administered for the prevention of diphtheria, sponsored by the Mothers' club was held Monday afternoon at the schoolhouse. The local doctors administered the "shots."

Mrs. Mabel Korte has disposed of her household goods and moved to Berwyn on Tuesday, Oct. 27. Her house on Madison street is for rent. The Tydol oil company rented the Korte service station [at Jackson and Madison Street] and Mr. Kaluso is in charge of it.

Miss Hattie Dell Trieves of the Wayne P. Sewell company of Atlanta, Ga., is coaching the musical comedy "Rose Time," sponsored by the XIX Century club. The play will be given Nov. 2 and 3 in the Oswego High school gym.

Mrs. Marion Brown died Sunday morning, Oct. 18, in the home of her daughter, Mrs. C.A. Miller, Joliet, after a lingering illness due to a complication of ailments.

Marion Findlay Brown, daughter of the late Thomas and Janet Findlay, pioneers of the Scotch settlement, those who tilled the soil for the first time, was born Aug. 11, 1849, the first white child born in Wheatland and the last of that family to be called to rest. A brother, David, died about 23 years ago at Saskatchewan, Canada; a brother, John, died about nine years ago at Blodgett; and another brother, James died in Wiggins, Miss., about two years ago.

Mrs. Brown had lived all her life in Wheatland except the past few months, which she spent in the home of the daughter after the infirmity of old age had rendered her unable to care for herself. She married William Brown on March 7, 1882. To this union three children were born, John died in infancy, Thomas lives at Normantown, and the daughter, Jennie Miller in Joliet and a grandson, Donald Miller. Mrs. Brown was preceded in death by her husband, who died in May 1912.

Mrs. Brown became a member of the Presbyterian church when a girl and was active in its work until too frail to be so.

The body was taken to the Sonntag funeral home where services were held Tuesday afternoon. Burial was in the family lot in the United Presbyterian cemetery in Wheatland.

Yorkville: Among the very scenic downriver roads to which we have fortunate access are those converging on the Maramech hill country, and on the villages of Millbrook and Millington. One of the most scenic roads in the whole section is the one which stretches out southwest from a point near the Millbrook bridge.

Christian ridge near Pavilion and the "four corners" south of Yorkville are elevations from which the finest and most expansive views can be obtained. The former's view is best in the late afternoon, that of the latter being more striking when accompanied by the rising mists of the morning.

An army of 500 specially trained service men of the Western United Gas and Electric company will start work in the downriver towns including Montgomery Oswego, Bristol Yorkville, Plano, and Sandwich on Friday, Oct. 30, making the necessary adjustments on gas burning appliances to utilize natural gas.

The 500 men, all picked from the Western United territory, were carefully selected for qualifications and experience.

According to the company, "Customers will know when the new gas arrives, because it will burn with a longer and slightly yellowish flame."

November -- 1931

Nov. 4: Newton Pearce, an old Oswego boy, professor of chemistry at Iowa City, recently underwent two operations for the relief of a ruptured appendix.

Announcements were received by Oswego friends of the marriage of Mrs. Mabel Korte to Walter Darnby in Chicago Oct. 28. They will live in Berwyn.

Herbert Norris from the University of Illinois and Glenn Smith from Wheaton college were home over last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Towne from Park Ridge recently spent several days with the Oliver Burkhart family.

Yorkville: After 148 years, Lt. Col. U.S. Grant III, director of Public Buildings and Public Parks, announces that a lighting plan has been worked out for illuminating the Washington monument and contract awarded to the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company.

Nov. 11: Many farmers are buying cattle to feed during the winter.

Gordon Hettrick, who was the victim of infantile paralysis a year ago is able to walk with canes and recently attended the School Fair and went to Sunday School last Sunday.

Harry Schlapp had a financial loss last week in the death of a pure-bred Holstein cow and calf, a purebred heifer and a yearling, in part due to eating frosted alfalfa when a gate was accidentally left open.

Fred Cutter, a student at the University of Arizona at Tucson, writes to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Watts C. Cutter that "I can easily see why this place is such a health resort. About 350 days out of 365 are what you dream about back in Illinois. It's the nearest place to heaven I have ever been in."

Yorkville: Income tax, corn financing and lower interest rates will be topics under discussion when Kendall county farmers meet at Yorkville on Nov. 18.

The Oswego varsity football team played the Yorkville team to a scoreless tie.

Nov. 18: The five Wheaton College boys who were on the program at the Presbyterian bazaar were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Smith the night after the bazaar.

Mrs. Joe Wirth motored to Dwight Thursday, Nov. 12 to visit her husband at the U.S. Veterans' hospital. Mr. Wirth, who has stomach trouble, does not show much improvement.

William F. Denney, born in Aurora June 20, died at his home in Oswego Saturday evening, Nov. 14, 1931. He had been a resident of Oswego for 28 years, formerly employed as an upholsterer for the Chicago, Aurora & Elgin railroad company but had been an invalid for the past year and a half and seriously ill the last five weeks. Mr. Denney was a quiet, retiring man, with a wealth of love for his family and home.

He is survived by his wife, Mae Jeneson Denney; two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Pillasch and Mrs. Doris Betz of Anderson, Ind.; one son, Wayne Denney of Oswego; two grandchildren, Billy and Annette Denney; two sisters, Mrs. Lydia Newbert of Beverly Hills, Calif. and Mrs. Mary Osborne of Aurora; and one brother Joseph of Columbus, Ohio. The funeral was held Nov. 17 from the home of Garfield avenue. The burial was in Spring Lake cemetery in Aurora.

Yorkville: A golden eagle, a bird that is not common in any part of the United States and is even less common east of the Mississippi than elsewhere, was shot Thursday morning by George Campbell not far from his home south of town, while it was in the process of devouring a duck. The eagle has a wingspread of 75 inches. As in the case of all golden eagles, the legs are feathered to the toes and the naps of the neck and back of the head boast a golden yellow speckling.

Nov. 25: A number of Oswego young married folks enjoyed a picnic dinner last Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Elnathan Wheeler in NaAuSay. A large goose and other Thanksgiving "fixin's" were served.

Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Dwyre of Dixon, formerly of Oswego, have adopted a tiny baby girl named Marla Rae.

Mrs. M.J. Richards of Aurora passed away very suddenly in Oswego Monday morning. She and her daughter had come to Oswego for medical treatment when suddenly she was stricken and passed away almost immediately. She is the sister in law of Mrs. G.H. Voss of Oswego. Surviving her are two daughters and one son besides her husband, M.J. Richards. Funeral services will be held from the Croushorn & Thorsen funeral home Wednesday.



Abraham Robert Cherry, born Nov. 11, 1868 in NaAuSay township, the oldest child of the late Moses and Amelia Schell Cherry, died Friday evening, Nov. 20, 1931.

Mr. Cherry had not been in good health for several years and after suffering a sunstroke the past summer had only recently regained his strength so as to be able to resume his work on his farm. His death came very suddenly while outdoors doing his evening work. He is survived by his wife, Harriet Cooney Cherry; one son, Merrill; one little grandson, Merrill Culver Cherry; a sister, Sarah and brother, Charles of Oswego; and a sister, Kathryn Austin of Washington, D.C. and by several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Cherry was a member of the Oswego Presbyterian church and of Raven Lodge AF&AM. The funeral was held Nov. 23 from the Croushorn & Thorsen funeral home and the Presbyterian church. The burial was in the family lot at the NaAuSay cemetery beside the little daughter, Harriet, who died in 1913.

Yorkville: Premier Mussolini, in a signed article, says that the leadership of the world is safe in the hands of the United States, and that the world is indeed fortunate to have the leadership vested in a country of such peaceful intentions. We in America hope that if we really possess such a leadership as Mussolini flatters us with that no nation will ever force us to use it for other than peaceful purposes.

The Fox Valley Federation met Friday afternoon in the Circuit Court room at Geneva to discuss plans with Congressman Frank Reid for the introduction at the next session of Congress of a bill appropriating money for equalizing the water level of the Fox river. To some disinterested persons, it would perhaps be difficult to perceive why such work should be paid for by the federal government, but those living near the river who can remember when the Fox river was deep, clear and wide would be glad to see it once again restored to its former state.

Citizens of Kendall county are warned by Sheriff Martin N. Hextell that a large number of "confidence men" are at work in the country. Remember that legitimate inspectors of the government, state or federal, have credentials which they are glad to have you ask to see. Sheriff Hextell warns the people to examine these credentials closely

and if any doubt exists as to authenticity, to call him and he will conduct an examination.

Somewhat lower taxes are one of the results of lowered assessed valuations are to be expected in many townships of Kendall county next year, according to a preliminary survey of the tax situation in the county.

In the seven corporate villages of the county, Newark, Bristol, Yorkville, Millington, Lisbon, Plano, and Oswego, the total valuation place on the lots by assessors in 1930 was \$333,805. That on improvements in the villages was rated as \$1,287,695.

The assessments of lots as fixed by the Board of Review for the year of 1931 comes to a total valuation of \$300,190 with \$1,120,460 for improvements. The two together make a sum \$200,850 lower than that for 1930.

The average value of an acre of land with improvements in the county in 1930 was assessed at \$61.86 and that for 1931 \$51.71, \$10.15 lower, approximately 20 percent reduced.

December -- 1931

Dec. 2: Mrs. Leslie Peshia returned from her California trip on Nov. 26, and on Nov. 28 Mr. and Mrs. Peshia celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

House cleaning day at the Red Cross rooms Friday, Dec. 4. Also sewing is to be finished.

To the Citizens of Oswego:

Never before has Oswego needed the cooperation of its citizens as now, and the committee on Unemployment and Relief appeals to all to help.

There are many ways in which this can be done.

If you have any repair work, making sewer connections or work of any kind, don't put it off until spring. Lots of this work can yet be done this fall and surely will do a great deal of good. Now is the time! Just notify one of the committee and in turn they will see to it that the job goes where it will do the most good.

We have an encouraging start and our activity will be confined to just how much cooperation we receive from the citizens of Oswego  
Yours very truly,

The Committee  
Henry Heffelfinger, Chairman  
Gladys Weber  
A.J. Hettrich  
W.W. Henning  
Maryon Morse  
Roy Roalson

A big paving job, part of it for Kendall county, was expected to have been let yesterday subject to final checking from reported low bids announced by the state highway department office at Springfield to the Suburban Paving & Improvement company of Chicago for the construction of 5.34 miles of paving which is to connect Oswego in Kendall county and Naperville in Route 65 south and southeast of Aurora.

A bid of \$121,018 by the Chicago concern was accepted by the state. The pavement, when completed, will be a great help to those driving on Route 18 and will cut off a great deal of traffic between Oswego and Naperville by cutting out Aurora.

Dec. 9: On Wednesday, Dec. 2, fire destroyed the barn on the rear of a lot on Chicago road in Oswego owned by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Curry of Aurora and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Thompson and family. In the barn was stored old furniture, mostly antiques owned by Mrs. Curry. The garage, close by the barn, was damaged but no other buildings burned. The Thompsons got their auto and dog out of the garage before any harm has been done to them. No one has any idea how the fire originated. The Oswego fire department was called and the Currys called the Aurora department. Insurance was carried on the building.

The first game of the season of the Basketball league was played Monday evening, Dec. 7, at the Bardwell school gym. The Oswego Presbyterian team will play at the Oswego high gym Dec. 14.

Yorkville: Hearings on the writs of habeas corpus filed in the state supreme court at Springfield in behalf of John H. Bain and Robert H.

Bain, the two sons of the head of the Chicago banking houses which crashed last June, were to be held yesterday.

The section of Circuit Judge Feinberg in committing these men to the county jail on charges of obvious contempt of court and repeated lack of good faith in the making of statements is to be praised.

Dec. 16: Joe Wirth returned recently from the U.S. Veterans' hospital at Dwight. He was in the hospital for more than six weeks but returned with only a slight improvement.

Mrs. Elizabeth Simons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Shaw of Yorkville, and James Gowran of Oswego were married on Thanksgiving day, Nov. 26, 1931 at the Federated church in Yorkville. Mrs. Gowran was formerly a resident of Oswego and is well and favorably known here. Jim is town clerk and also a very genial salesman and is well known throughout the country.

Clifford Olson, Lloyd Wormley, and Robert Palmer, who have been installing lickens for the Lyon Metal company the past few weeks in the adjoining states, have returned to their homes.

Virginia Schlendecker, formerly of Montgomery, and Clyde Havens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Havens of Oswego, were married Dec. 8 at Massilon, Ohio. Clyde holds a good position in a stainless steel company at Massilon.

Helen M. Dwyre died at her home in Oswego Dec. 14, 1931 after a lingering illness. She was born July 20, 1891. Her mother, Nellie L. Dwyre, four brothers, James of Mason, Wis., Thomas, Paul of Oswego, R.R Dwyre of Dixon, and a sister, Mrs. S.F. Cutter of Helmar, Minn. survive.

Yorkville: The evergreen on the courthouse lawn which has had the distinction of having been lighted each Christmas season for the last decade will again be dressed in its holiday attire beginning with next Saturday night, if the wishes of the local Woman's club committee, which has the lighting of the tree in hand, come to fulfillment. The lighted tree will furnish a background for carol singing and other activities of the holiday season.

The lighting of the tree is done annually at a cost of about \$10, which is distributed among the different service clubs of the community, each donating about \$1 to make the project possible.

With Fox river flow relief receiving slightly less general attention than was the case during the summer season of extremely low water, Congressman Frank R. Reid is now in Washington working on plans providing federal funds for such relief requirements.

Dec. 23: Mrs. Jack Cherry and little son Donald Francis returned from the hospital to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Matlock of Yorkville, where she will spend Christmas before returning to her own home on the Grove road.

Miss Ruth Manning entertained her Sunday school class and teacher, Mrs. Jeff Rogerson, Saturday afternoon at a Christmas party.

The Oswego teachers will leave their duties Wednesday for the holidays.

After several years of suffering and weakness, Helen May Dwyre quietly went to sleep to awaken in a better land Dec. 14, 1931. Miss Dwyre was born July 20, 1891. She was a graduate of Oswego high school and had a very wide circle of acquaintances as she was employed in the W.J. Morse store for 15 years and for several years in the local telephone office. She was a member of the Lorraine Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Miss Dwyre is survived by her mother, Mrs. Nellie Dwyre; two brothers, Paul of Oswego and Raymond of Dixon; and a half-sister, Mrs. Matie Cutter of Wilmar, Minn.; and two half-brothers, James of Mason, Wis. and Tom Dwyre of Oswego.

The funeral was held Dec. 16 at the Croushorn & Thorsen funeral home. Burial was in the Oswego cemetery beside her father, who died last January.

The first annual Music and Drama tournament engaged in during the month of December by representatives of eight of the 10 Farmers' clubs in Kendall county, came to a close Thursday evening, the third and last of the presentation nights. Programs had been given in the high school auditorium at Yorkville on the evenings of

Dec. 7, 12, and 17. Approximately 120 persons assisted in the productions before audiences totaling about 1,500. The Kendall county tournament was held in mutual cooperation with eight other counties of this section of the state as well as tournaments of many other county Farm Bureau organization.

The East Oswego Rural Progressive club was given first place by the drama judges in presentation of the play, "Neighbors," a smoothly acted, well cast play, the lines of which, written by Zona Gale, made it an exceptionally "good play of its class." The cast follows: Mrs. Stella Woolley, Mrs. Edna Wolf, Courtney Smith, Robert Pearce, Margaret Norris, Mrs. Gladys Burkhart, Mrs. Myrtle Smith, and Miss Carry Ellsworth. Director was Doris Whitehouse.

Three plays tied in the judges' opinion for second place. They were the Bristol Progressive, Grove Road, and Fox and Long Grove clubs. Good things were said by the judges about each of these plays and also of the Southern Kendall, NaAuSay, and Countryside clubs' plays.

Dec. 30: There were many family dinners on Christmas day, one of the largest being at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Shoger, the children and grandchildren of Mr. George Woolley.

Aurora talent will assist at the song service held regularly the first Sunday evening of each month at the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening, Jan. 3.

Mrs. Margeurite Pierce Plaskas died at her home in Oswego Sunday morning. Mrs. Plaskas was born in Oswego Aug. 29, 1899. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Pierce. She is survived by her husband, John; a small son; one sister, Mrs. R.R. Webster of Aurora; and four brothers, John of Aurora; Henry and Andrew of Oswego; and Frank of Youngstown, Ohio. Funeral services will be held from the home and from St. Mary's church Aurora Wednesday. Burial in Mt. Olivet cemetery, Aurora.

Yorkville: if there is an upturn toward prosperity in 1932 it will be partly the result of the more complete application and appreciation on the part of the whole people of old-fashioned first principles of conduct. Honesty is not a small point in these principles and

honesty in advertising, in propaganda, in purpose, and in financial affairs will do much toward recreating prosperity.

A totally new realism will be necessary in the New Year. An ability and desire to face facts as they are, to sense the definite limitations of life, to study carefully the causes of our present troubles with a view to making drastic corrections, these will be our duties and preoccupations for 1932.

In probate court: Estate of Robert Stewart Jolly, Deceased. Mae J. Denny, Administratrix. In re: Sale of Real Estate to pay debts. Additional bond filed and approved. Certificate of publication and certain appearances filed. Petition granted as per decree entered.

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January

Jan. 6: The U.P [Scotch] Church of Wheatland will hold an annual pancake and sausage supper Friday, Jan. 8, from 6-9. Music and entertainment will be furnished by the young people from Wheaton college.

Miss Ruth Woolley went with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fosgett, when they returned to their home in Harrison, Mich., after the holidays.

The PTA of Oswego is featuring a talkie, George Arliss in "The Millionaire," Jan. 15, at the school gym at 3:30, 7:00, and 9:00 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schlapp of Monmouth spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schlapp and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Woolley.

It was with sorrow that Oswego friends learned of the death of Mrs. Charles Newman of Aurora on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 3.

Mr. Georgia Robinson, who had so many friends in Oswego, passed away at her home in Rochelle Saturday night, Jan. 2. Mrs. Robinson had been visiting in Oswego and Aurora for several weeks and

became ill Sunday night, Dec. 27, at the home of her niece, Mrs. Al Arnesen in Aurora. Her daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Kittler of Rochelle were called and took her home Dec. 28. Pneumonia developed and she passed away Jan. 2.

The marriage of Miss Gladys Ditto, daughter of Mrs. Eva Ditto of Monmouth and Ralph Edward Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Smith of Oswego, took place Saturday, Jan. 2, at the Smith homestead.

During the afternoon, the bride and bridegroom left on an auto trip for Daytona Beach, Fla., intending to stop over at Greenville, S.C., to visit their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Parkhurst.

The house in which the wedding took place is to be the future home of the happy young couple. The farm was originally purchased from the government by Justin Lee in 1845, deeded to James R. Gibbs in 1849, and in 1853 Horace and Clara Royce Smith, pioneers from Massachusetts, bought the farm on which their great-grandson and his bride will now make their home. The house has been remodeled inside and out, making it a cozy, modern home.

A 1927 model Chrysler sedan fully equipped and the gasoline tank partly filled with gasoline was abandoned in front of Scott Cutter's pharmacy in Oswego last Tuesday, Dec. 29. The owner has not yet put in his appearance nor been located.

Yorkville: Finland votes out prohibition and there are some, undoubtedly, who would like to see the United States tag after her in the matter. Most of the people, however, would prefer to have our country continue truly American on this as well as other points.

The year 1931 now gone, we are already well started on the new year. Let the bad luck of 1931 but not its lessons be forgotten.

Fox River region surveys by federal and state engineers have been carefully and comprehensively coordinated through the foresight of the Fox River Valley Federation to completely cover all general information which will be called for by Congress in considering the Federation's Fox River bill.

The bill introduced by Congressman Reid of Aurora for the improvement of the Fox river merits the support of Mississippi



valley congressmen. It is proposed to construct a series of dams and locks to impound the flood waters in the lakes and rivers in Wisconsin and Illinois through which the river flows. These waters will be gradually released through the dry months. The improvement will be of great commercial advantage to the industries and agriculture of the Fox river valley.

Jan. 13: Word received from the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith, say that they are having a wonderful trip through the south and visited several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Parkhurst at Greenville, S.C.

The abandoned Chrysler found in front of Scott Cutter's drug store recently was put in Burkhart's garage by the sheriff. The license number had been issued for a Ford in a little town near Champaign. The auto also carried a Chicago city license.

Mary and Hazel Wolf spent last weekend with the young folks in the Dauwalder family in Wheatland and attended the pancake and sausage supper at the United Presbyterian church on Jan. 8.

Many Oswego friends attended the funeral of Mrs. Nellie Newman at the Healy chapel on Jan. 6, and the burial in the Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: The early part of his week furnished the first skating of the winter. Shallow ponds were frozen over to the extent of permitting the regular sports on the ice.

The Fox River Flow Relief bill, fathered by the Fox Valley Federation and expertly prepared by Congressman Frank R. Reid was introduced in the House by him on Dec. 17.

Jan. 20: Mr. and Mrs. Lou Young, who have been home since New Year's eve, again are staying with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Young in Aurora, assisting in the care of a new grandchild. Mrs. Dwight Young and children have been ill with the grippe.

Following the freak thunder and lighting storm Thursday evening, Jan. 14, the home occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Aarvold and three children caught fire and burned with practically all of its

contents. The parents had only time to get the two older children from their upstairs bedroom. Mrs. Aarvold's sister, Mrs. Carl Sorg, lives across the road and the family was cared for in that home, later locating in rooms at Wolf's crossing with Mrs. Aarvold's mother, Mrs. Seurd.

Kendall County carried on the honors in the state contest of the Music and Drama tournament held at Urbana Jan. 14. The East Oswego Farmers club and the Countryside mixed quartet placed first in their division. Mrs. Milton Hem, Mrs. Myron Haag, and Mrs. Oscar Shoger accompanied their husbands on the trip to Urbana. The fourth member of the quartet, Herbert Norris, is a student at the University of Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Cutter of Yorkville are the parents of a baby boy, Scott Clay Cutter Jr., born Jan. 7. Clay is an Oswego boy, making his home with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Scott Cutter until his marriage when he located in Yorkville. Mrs. Cutter and the baby are in the St. Charles hospital, but are expected home this week.

Yorkville: It is hard to imagine that the credit of the wealthiest nation on the face of the earth and of one with a yearly income of a hundred million dollars could in any way become impaired. However, Secretary Mellon pointed to the possibility of such a condition when he gave the House ways and means committee last week a new treasury plan embracing drastic cuts in government expenses and a raise in the income tax. To pay up old debts, and to maintain the government from year to year without running into debt further, it will be necessary for taxes to be raised to the point where paying them will hurt.

A 1927 Nash big six sedan rests in Maier's garage. The car caught fire or was set on fire a week ago Saturday night near Wolf's crossing. Evidently the car was set on fire, for the license plates had been removed and though a farmhouse was near by, no one called for help or for a lift to town.

It was found that the car had been sold to a dealer in Indiana. The dealer then sold the car, but the man to whom he sold it has moved away and no further facts have been found out at this time.

The motive for burning the car is very much a mystery. If it had been a "hot" or stolen car, why not just leave it? If burned to get the insurance, why take the license plates? One thing is certain--the car is a total and complete wreck.

The Farmers' State bank of Newark failed to open its doors Wednesday morning. The board of directors reached their decision to suspend operations at a meeting Tuesday night when the bank's condition was reviewed.

Jan. 27: Sherman Lombard very nearly lost all his chickens Saturday night. There were no lights in the yard when Ted Youngman drove by and saw a car parked in front of the home. He took the keys from the parked car and turned his lights on the yard. Two men, who were filling sacks with chickens, dropped the sacks and ran. The thieves had rented a car which was left there over the weekend. One man was arrested Sunday and taken to Yorkville.

Aurora business owner Joe Sierp, an Oswego native, had begun getting the ball rolling to celebrate the Oswego centennial in 1933.

The Nineteenth Century Club held its regular meeting Jan. 21 in the club rooms with the president, Mrs. Paul Dwyre officiating. At the business session, Dr. A.H. Churchill spoke for the Law Observance Department on the adulteration of cigarettes with the drug hashish, giving its effects on the human system and its use in medicine.

On Sunday morning, Jan. 24, the house on the farm known as the Wilcox Farm caught fire from a gasoline lantern used to heat a brooder in an upstairs bedroom. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Schomer, who rent the place, smelled the smoke and when they opened the door the room was so full of smoke they could do nothing. They had no telephone so Mrs. Schomer took their auto and drove about a half mile and called Raymond Gilmore, who had a chemical extinguisher and he and his hired man and Albert Anderson did some quick work so that the fire was put out before the Oswego fire department arrived. The fire was mostly confined to the one room, burning a hold in the floor and in the wall, and it is indeed a wonder that the whole house didn't burn.

A minstrel show coached by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tregillus, is to be given Feb. 3 and 4 in the Oswego high school gymnasium under the auspices of the Nineteenth Century club.

Gus Voss, Kendall county chairman of Governor Emmerson's unemployment relief commission, distributed checks totaling about \$50 to heads of unemployment committees in Plano, Yorkville and Oswego Friday. The committee members appointed about two months ago by the mayors of the respective villages, in cooperation with the relief commission's plan are: Plano: Dr. O.E. Nelson, Mrs. Harry Nichols and Mrs. Virta Oleson; Yorkville, Miss Edythe Payne, Mrs. Nannie Thurber, C.W. Beecher, Charles Hardekopf, and Fred Bretthauer; Oswego, Henry Heffelfinger, A.N. Pierce, Earl Henning, J. Hettrich, and Misses Marian Morse and Gladys Weber. The first named on each committee is its chairman.

Miss Edythe Payne, Kendall county Red Cross nurse, was especially commissioned by Gov. Emmerson to have general charge of relief here. "There have been between \$13 and \$15 received from the state each month for the different townships of the county outside of Little Rock," Miss Payne said. "This money has been used for buying milk and for supplying small articles of clothing wherever necessary."

For the most part, the money disbursed by the governor's unemployment relief commission has come to it from the salaries of state employees, each of whom at the request of Mr. Emmerson, pledged one day's salary per month to the uses of the commission. Among the state employees who are contributing to the fund in this county are: Lloyd Johnson, superintendent of the state game farm; Gus Voss of the Illinois board of pardons and paroles; Will Bretthauer of the Illinois state highway division; Dr. R.F. Hoadley, member of the state commission for the eradication of bovine tuberculosis; and Archie Barkley, state highway policeman.

Yorkville: In front page articles, John R. and Robert F. Marshall, sons of Hugh R. Marshall, announced they were turning day-to-day operations of the *Kendall County Record* over to Lloyd P. Smith. Smith leased the paper from the Marshalls, who said they would still maintain interest in the newspaper.

Friedberg's Dry Goods store on the corner of Bridge and Hydraulic celebrated its 30th anniversary on Friday, Jan. 15.

Owing to bad business conditions, Mr. Friedberg has been forced to sell out his complete stock of high class merchandise at a great reduction in prices. The sale continues until all merchandise is disposed of.

February -- 1932

Feb. 3: The East Oswego Farmers' Club presented the play, "Neighbors," for the 4-H clubs of Wheatland Jan. 29, at the United Presbyterian church of West Wheatland. Music was furnished by the Hafenrichter young people and the 4-H club team, which won the first prize at the farmers institute, repeated their demonstration.

The Presbyterian basket ball team will play the team from the church of Christ of Aurora at the Oswego gym Friday, Feb. 5.

Glenn Smith was home for four days between semesters from Wheaton college this last weekend.

The Oscar Arvold family have moved to the Pierce house in Oswego.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tripp have moved in with Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Tripp.

Allen Graham and his bride moved into the Figge cottage this week.

Feb. 10: Mrs. Margaret Woolley of Aurora expects to return to Oswego to make her home and is thinking of staying with her niece and nephew, Earl McVicker.

Yorkville: This is the third edition of the *Record* since the assumption of its management by the new publisher. It is the first issue which has anything like the appearance and content which is desired and for which the force is at present striving. But it is to be hoped that each succeeding number will show definite improvement and that your paper may become, week by week, of greater interest to you and a more indispensable part of our country life.

We are indeed fortunate in Kendall County that most of the worst which can occur here has happened, and that people are forcibly ready to accept conditions as they are and to make the best of them. The stress in the towns is teaching us a new democracy. We are now quite ready to cooperate with all and with anything to improve conditions. Bankers, merchants, teachers, laborers have all been brought to the realization, new to many of them, that their services are worth little or nothing and that they have not made any great success of their work in the past and are more than likely to bungle it in the future.

Feb. 17: The Helmar Ladies quartet and the East Oswego men's quartet participated in the Heartwarming Sing at the Federated church last Sunday evening.

Four of Leda Burkhart's dancing pupils, Ruth Pearce, Mary McGowan, Betty Talmage, and Dorothy Songer, will furnish the program for the progressive club next Saturday night.

Yorkville: The depression needs not to be so depressing to those who have enough to eat and a place to sleep according to Bishop Wise in a series of Lenten sermons. If this truth were believed by a larger number, we should have a finer and better community in which to live. There would be more happiness and less disappointments.

Yorkville beat Oswego in basketball 26-24 in three overtimes.

Feb. 24: About 25 friends of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gilmore surprised them Thursday evening at their home in recognition of the fact that they are moving to a farm near Plainfield. The Raymond Gilmores have lived in Oswego for 11 years.

The Oswego branch of the Kendall County chapter of the American Red Cross, with the help of the Oswego mothers' club, were privileged to enroll 193 members for the Red Cross from Oswego Township last fall, according to Mrs. Mary Young, secretary.

Surveyors are making a plat of Oswego for the purposes of selecting a desirable location for the Oswego-Naperville paved road.

Harold Manning is building a cream and poultry station just back of the CB&Q depot and will be ready for business about March 1. He solicits your business.

Frank Woolley has received the appointment as postmaster for Oswego and with his family is moving this week into the Burkhart residence on Chicago Road.

Oswego won a basket ball game in which the lead changed hands several times. Oswego whipped Plainfield 23 to 19. Top scorer for Oswego was Ford Lippold. The Plainfield seconds won by a score of 19-8 in the opener.

Yorkville: The death of George Manley, Civil War veteran, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jessie Bong in Aurora, Feb. 16, leaves but one surviving member of the Yorkville post of the Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Manley was 92 years of age at the time of his death and had lived in Yorkville for 55 years, going to Aurora six years ago. He was a corporal in Co. M, Third Regiment of the New York artillery in which he served for three years. The one surviving member is Barney Phillips of Plattville.

Three men of the Rosemary Trucking company of Chicago were held up and robbed a half mile east of Route 47 on the gravel road leading to Plattville Monday afternoon at about 3 o'clock. They were relieved of approximately \$400, they told Deputy Sheriff Leslie Hextell sometime after they had arrived in Yorkville.

March -- 1932

March 2: Are Moving

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Harmes are moving from the W.H. Davis farm near Oswego to one of the Stewart farms in Wheatland.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Yoesie of Plano are moving to a farm owned by Frank Collins on the Oswego-Plainfield road near Oswego.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Jay are moving from the Henry Burkhart farm to the farm owned by the John D. Russell estate.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Plocher of Naperville will move soon to the farm owned by her father, Henry Burkhart of Oswego, where she resided until very recent years.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Schwab will move from the Joe Darfler farm near here to one near Bristol.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gillow and family moved on Friday Feb. 26, from the Oswego-Plainfield road to the Matt Campbell place in NaAuSay.

The Red Cross will hold their regular meeting Friday, March 4.

The teacher and pupils of the Wormley school are preparing a program to be given at the Oswego gymnasium next Tuesday evening, March 8. Miss Florence Felgar is coaching the pupils in their play and other numbers on the program. Mrs. Florence Updike has charge of the music and the Misses Helen Hoadley, Lucy Houston and Irma Wyss are in charge of the makeup. Cast members include Myron Wormley, Phil Schickler, Mary Light, Ralph Perkins, Evelyn Hooper, Ethel Heriaud, and Herman Friebele.

Yorkville: March came in rather inconveniently Tuesday with a rain, sleet, and ice storm, which put out most of the telephone service and extinguished electric lights throughout most of Kendall county.

Unemployed men were put to work Friday clearing the Illinois river bank in Ottawa in preparation for the deep waterway. Men from Ottawa and Marseilles were among those employed.

Part of the Fox river banks in Ottawa and up river will be denuded of brush trees, bushes, dead wood, rubbish, and all other materials, which might be expected to lodge in the Illinois river and become a menace or hindrance to navigation. Huge trees which have stood for many years along the river are being cut down, sawed up, and piled in a heap and burned. A portion of the Fox river banks in Ottawa will be flooded when the gates are closed in the Starved Rock dam next June.

March 9: COLD GRIPS OSWEGO  
SATURDAY MORNING



The cold and snow levers were the ones which Old Man Winter pulled Saturday morning, March 5. The rain changed to snow and the wind rose toward the "high" making almost a blizzard of the snowstorm. The temperature dropped more than 30 degrees in less than 24 hours.

People in general were entirely unprepared for the cold wave, which followed the comparative warmth of the winter and the ice storm of the first days of March left in its wake hundreds of broken telephone poles and wires, uprooted trees, and shrubs and broken branches. At every residence, telephone service was put out, and electric lights were temporarily extinguished at that time. The telephone service outside of the towns had not been fully restored this morning.

Yorkville: Plans for the construction of a hard road to connect Sycamore and Pontiac through Sandwich and Newark were heard by interested citizens and others at a mass meeting of some 400 persons at Newark Monday afternoon. The meeting was held in the Newark town hall, which was filled in spite of the cold weather, with representatives from the different parts of Kendall county and from the towns which would be affected by the building of the proposed highway. There were also contingents from DeKalb, Aurora, and Batavia.

March 16: Forty-five young people of the Presbyterian church and their guests surprised Ellen, Clifford and Charles Woolley at their home on Friday evening, March 11. The trip was made in Parkhurst's stock truck with Herman Fienete, driver, and a jolly load it was.

Rev. Murphy, who travels throughout the country doing evangelistic work at the prisons and jails, gave an interesting talk to a crowded house at the Presbyterian church last Sunday evening and showed over 100 pictures relating to his work.

Oswego Home Bakery, Hot Cross Buns, @ 20 cents per dozen.

Plattville: The Swastika Club met on Friday at the home of Mrs. Minnie Day.

Yorkville: The members of school boards for one and two room schools throughout Kendall county had an interesting meeting with County Superintendent of Schools A.N. Barron Thursday, March 5.

The hiring of teachers, as always at this annual spring meeting, assumed importance in the discussions of the directors.

It was generally agreed by the assembled directors that teachers' salaries throughout the county should be somewhat reduced but only reasonable cuts should be made.

The minimum average salary at the peak of good times in Kendall county for nine months' teaching was \$900. A 20 percent cut from that figure as was proposed by some directors would bring the minimum salary to a new low of \$720, with deserved increases for fully prepared teachers at from \$900 to \$1,000--just 20 percent below the recent normal.

In addition, Supt. Barron said, that teachers of schools with very large enrollments should receive somewhat larger salaries and for a second year of service a teacher should have an increase in her salary. Superior teachers should be rewarded wherever it is possible for their work, and the general tendency should be toward the gradual elimination of the "poor" teacher.

A federal grand jury returned indictments last Wednesday charging 11 men, here of them from Plano, with conspiracy to operate a still on a farm near Plano, raided last summer.

Those named are Carl Moser, Stanley and Charles Van Kirk, and Fred Eva, all of Plano; John Tezak, Joseph Dunn, J.L. Sweeney, Rudolph Roston, and Julius Shellensky, all of Joliet; George Anderson, Chicago; and George h. Miller, no address.

The still, located on the Fred Eva farm 2-1/2 miles south of Plano, was raided last June 24 by special agents working under the direction of Daniel Anderson, assistant U.S. district attorney. Two men, Eva, the farm owner, and Anderson, said by agents to be a known associate of the Meyers-Blumberg-Capone liquor syndicate, doing a \$10,000,000 alky business sin four years, were arrested and 40,000 gallons of mash dumped into the corn fields.

The raiders were led by Chief Special Agent C. Edson Smith, ace of the Chicago prohibition staff, and Agents Paul Shoop and L.B. McNally. They found Eva in bed a short distance from the hog shed which housed the still, one of the biggest ever seized in this locality.

He protested he had rented the place to a group of men. Anderson was arrested two hours later when he arrived for work. The confiscated still had a capacity of 650 gallons of alcohol daily.

March 23: The marriage of Miss Cebelle Songer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Songer of Oswego, and Earl Darland of Montgomery, took place Monday afternoon at the parsonage of the Methodist church of Geneva. The bride's many Oswego friends extend congratulations.

Friday afternoon, March 18, when Mrs. Archie Price and two daughters and Dorothy Hibberd were returning from Aurora in the snow storm, their Ford coach skidded on the wet pavement and rolled over twice at the side of the road. With great presence of mind, Mrs. Price shut off the ignition and with assistance the ladies climbed out of the car. No one was seriously injured but the auto was considerably damaged.

Miss Doris Whitehouse spent last weekend with her parents at Normal. Miss Rachel Winebrenner went to her home at Freeport, and Miss Virginia Crossman spent the weekend with her sister in Chicago.

The pupils of the Cutter school have sent out neat little invitations on a paper rabbit for an operetta, "Peter Rabbit," which was to have been given this week, but on account of the death of the music teacher's husband, Archie Dewey, it has been postponed.

While enjoying roller skating with other young matrons one evening last week, Mrs. Robert Herren fell and broke her right wrist.

Service was resumed on most of the telephone lines last week after two weeks of broken wires and poles resulting from the ice storm the first of the month.

Spring was ushered in by a thunderstorm followed by snow and a strong northeast wind.

Mr. Frank Wooley succeeded Mrs. L.R. Inman as postmaster at Oswego Monday morning, having received his commission from

Washington Saturday. Mrs. Inman has held the office since the death of her husband about two years ago.

The new postmaster and his wife moved from the farm home of Woolleys to the home of the late John Stewart on the Chicago road in Oswego the first of March.

March 30: Miss Hilda Johnson, the teacher of the commercial courts in the Oswego school, spent last weekend at her home in Geneva.

Mr. Reynolds, from the Cromer & Reynolds Chevrolet garage in Aurora, has rented the Kohlhammer new house.

John L. Clayton arranged a sleigh ride party for his pupils and teachers in the high school on Tuesday evening, March 22. There were five bobsled loads and the pupils had a hilarious time, which was ended by games and refreshments in the school gym.

"Thanks a lot--Col. E.J. Hoyule, M.B.N.S. Guam. M.F." and much longer messages were received by the Oswego branch of the Kendall county chapter of the American Red Cross some time ago. These cards were in thankful acknowledgment for the bags containing useful articles which were sent to the men last Christmas.

#### Yorkville: MANY RELIEF AGENCIES AT WORK IN THE COUNTY

A survey of the winter's work in providing for the poor and unemployed in Kendall county shows that a large number of official and volunteer relief organizations have been continuously busy trying to cope with this problem. Up to the present time there has been no let-up in the calls for aid, and it is expected that more help will have to be given through the summer this year than ever before. At least a hundred families are being helped in the county, many of them unofficially.

The aid given by the supervisors in behalf of their respective townships has always reached the largest number of people and been the most effective. \$6,000 was expended during 1931 in one township of the county and a total of about \$12,000 may have been disbursed throughout the county as a whole. One township, almost entirely rural, appropriated \$200 for aiding the poor, but received no call. The county pauper levy for 1931 was \$4,000. This, with the

township levies, makes a total of tax money disbursed to the unemployed and poor of perhaps \$16,000.

April -- 1932

April 6: Lester James Galvin, Republican candidate for nomination to the office of State Representative, calls attention of Kendall county to the fact that he owns property in Oswego township, where he plans to build a home in the future. Mr. Galvin, an ex-service man, 44 years of age, was born in the Fox River valley and lived in Oswego when a boy. He was married to Miss Fern Cliggitt of Oswego and they have two children.

Mr. Galvin worked his way through Chicago Kent law school and was later elected as the youngest Justice of the Peace in the United States. He is a member of the American Legion, 40 and 8, Elks, and Moose.

Lester Galvin served in the machine Gun Company, 41st Infantry, during the World War, honorably discharged with disability. His slogan is "Carry on for clean government with Lester James Galvin."

Glenn Smith, accompanied by Aurora friends, heard Paderewski at Orchestra Hall, Chicago, on Friday, April 1.

According to a report of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, the March storms cost \$70,00 in Kendall county and a total of 500 poles were broken down. Several miles of wire had to be replaced.

April 13: Little Bobby Truitt, son of Mrs. Ella Truitt of Madison street, throwing rocks into the creek with some other boys, lost his balance and fell over the railing on the main street bridge, a fall of about 20 feet. Besides getting serious bruises and being wet, he received a cut in the scalp, necessitating stitches, and a broken bone in the wrist. He is a brave little three-year-old and doesn't seem to mind his injuries much.

A five passenger Buick driven by a hunter found to be partially intoxicated, skidded on loose gravel on the road near the entrance to the Pearce cemetery Saturday afternoon, April 9. It slipped into the ditch and caught fire. The driver, whose name was not learned,

was from Aurora on his way to shoot clay pigeons at Arthur Hummel's. He had his shotgun shells in his pocket, but escaped from the accident without injury. Chemicals from the Oswego fire department engine were used the and front tires of the machine were burned.

Yorkville: Motorists driving on 40-foot highways during the touring season now about to open must use the outer or right hand lane, except when passing, or face the possibility of arrest.

In village elections set for April 19, the slate included James Gowran, village clerk; and Dr. A.H. Churchill, Edward Obman, and C.T. Carlson, village board. Members not up for election were village president A.M. Pierce and board members Henry Heffelfinger, Lute Larson, and Fred Cooper. Appointed officers serving included Ida Wood, treasurer and Clair Parkhurst, city marshal.

April 20: The Nineteenth Century club met in the club rooms Thursday afternoon, April 14. Mrs. Harold Tregillus, chairman for the afternoon program, introduced her husband, Harold Tregillus, who gave a recital of music, singing in his well known charming manner with Mrs. Tregillus playing his accompaniment on the piano.

Mr. Tregillus gave a brief history of music, dividing it into three parts: The folk song, church music, and the blending of the two.

From among the 35 students enrolled in the commercial course of the Oswego high school, several will compete in the sub-district contests of the state high school commercial competition. It being the first year in which a commercial course has been provided by the Oswego schools, the entrants will be placed in the first year group. The sub-district contests will be held at DeKalb Saturday, April 23, with the district contests at the East Aurora high school sometime during the weeks immediately following. Those who will compete in bookkeeping will be Genevieve Brown, Stella Clauser, and Leonard Hafenrichter. Ford Lippold is the alternate who has been selected for this group. In the typing division, Lon Ruhs, Inez Skeen, and Stella Clauser will compete, and Leonard Hafenrichter has been selected for the alternate. Miss

Johnson, teacher of the commercial course, and Supt. John L. Clayton of the Oswego schools will accompany the pupils to DeKalb.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Norris and Margaret and Warren spent last Sunday with Mrs. Norris' sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Thorsen at Leland.

Mrs. Lydia A. Sutherland, 80, widow of the late Earl T. Sutherland and one of Oswego's oldest residents, died at 11 Tuesday night at her home.

Her husband, the late Earl Sutherland, was one of Oswego's leading merchants for more than 40 years. Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland were well known in this village.

She is survived by four sons, William and John of Oswego, Harry of Elgin, and Fred of Centralia, Wash.; five daughters, Mrs. N.J.

Dillenberg and Mrs. J.H. Slayton of Aurora, Mrs. J.F. Widdifield of Montgomery, Laura Obmann and Mrs. J.H. Bell of Oswego. Twelve grandchildren and eight great grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held April 15 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J.H. Bell on Main street, Oswego, the Rev. John E. Klein officiating. Interment was in the Oswego cemetery.

Miss Edith Bertha Cutton died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Robert Henley April 13. She was born at Mineral Point, Mo., July 3, 1883.

Miss Cutton is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Robert Henley and Mrs. Earl Lohman, both of Oswego. Funeral services were held April 15 from the Croushorn & Thorsen funeral home, the Rev. John Klein officiating. Burial was in the Lincoln Highway cemetery.

Those who enjoy horseback riding and have not indulged themselves recently because of inability to find suitable saddle horses are cordially invited to visit the Maple Lane Riding academy, located on the Christy C. Herren farm, midway between Oswego and Yorkville on the east side of the river.

Ten horses are kept on the farm. They are fine sleek animals, and Howard D. Huntoon, who has charge of the academy, will be glad to have you drop in and look over the horses and also the fine natural bridle path, extending four miles along the beautiful banks of the Fox river. Work on the grounds of the academy has not been completed, though the grove of trees on the river side of the

grounds has been trimmed and the undergrowth entirely cleared out, preparatory to making a picnic ground.

Further work will be carried on finishing up the bridle path along the river. The grounds themselves will be made into a regular playground for use while waiting for horses. A croquet court will be installed; also a tennis court will be presented for the use of patrons with time to spare.

The Maple Lane Riding academy is a new kind of venture in this vicinity.

Yorkville: Recent notification has been received by the superintendents of the high schools of the county of the accrediting of their institutions by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Those high schools in Kendall county which meet the requirements for accrediting with the North Central Association are Plano Community high school and Yorkville Consolidated high school.

April 27: Harry Dell's highly amusing stage success, "The Family Upstairs," will be presented next Friday night, April 29, in the auditorium of the Oswego high school beginning at eight o'clock.

The East Oswego Farmers' club met at the Nineteenth Century club rooms Thursday evening, April 21, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gast.

Mrs. Margaret Bower Helle, one of the oldest residents of Oswego, died Saturday morning, April 23, 1932. Born in Bavaria, Germany on Nov. 20, 1843, she came to Oswego with her parents when a young girl and was married to Henry Helle at the age of 16, spending her entire married life in Oswego.

A baby boy died in infancy, and Mr. Helle preceded her in death 20 years ago. Mrs. Helle leaves no immediate relatives, but many nieces and nephews.

She was a member of the old Lutheran church and of Loraine chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Helle had a keen mind, alert to all current events, and a wonderful memory for the history of early Oswego days.

The funeral was held at the Croushorn and Thorsen funeral home April 25, Rev. Haehlen officiating. Burial was in Oswego cemetery.



Mrs. Mary Bower died at her home in Madison street April 21. She was born April 19 1868. Besides her husband, Fred, she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Cora Rance of Oswego; and two sons, Alvin and Walter of Aurora, one son, Marvin, having been lost at sea and a brother, John Wolf of Wheatland. Three grandchildren also survive. Mrs. Bower had been more or less of an invalid for many years. She was a member of the Oswego Evangelical church. Funeral services were held April 23 at the Boyle funeral home in Aurora, Rev. A.P. Johnson officiating. Burial was at Riverside cemetery, Montgomery.

Mrs. Anna Reiger died April 21, 1932 at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Aurora. She was born in Oswego Aug. 25, 1856. She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. William Kelch of Dwight, Mrs. Henry Schobert and Mrs. John Friedlein of Oswego; four brothers, Robert Lippold of Crystal lake, Layton, Otto, and Theodore of Oswego. She was preceded in death by her husband, John, who died in 1907. Funeral services were held from the Croushorn & Thorsen funeral home. Burial was in the NaAuSay cemetery.

Yorkville: Eight of the majestic maple trees in the square occupied by the Kendall County court house were cut down last Wednesday after having graced the grounds there for many years with their gently swaying branches and green, rustling leaves. "Some of the trees were as large as three feet in diameter at the base," said Curtis Smith, who did the cutting. The reason for cutting the trees down was that a large number of the branches were dead and rotting away, and the trees felled before a branch should fall and do damage to some passerby. We were talking to County Clerk Edward Budd Thursday morning, and he said that it was the intention to plant 11 elm trees to replace the eight cut down.

Virginia Crossman and Rachel Winebrenner spent last weekend with Miss Crossman's parents at LaMoille.

May -- 1932

May 4: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnson have moved to Chicago, where he is employed.

Charles Havens lost a good cow last week, death caused by eating poisonous weeds.

The senior class play, "The Family Upstairs," presented Friday evening, April 29, was a success in every way. Much credit must be given the cast and Miss Doris Whitehouse, who directed the play, for the excellent work in this, one of the most difficult home talent dramas.

May 11: Betty Walker entertained the sophomore class of the Oswego high school at a roller skating party on Friday evening, May 6. The class, accompanied by two teachers, Miss Hill and Mr. Marquardt, roller skated in an empty hay mow and played games in the yard until forced into the house by a severe electrical storm.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl McVicker recently adopted a two-months old baby boy. He was given the name John Edmund McVicker.

John Herren and Frank Skeen went to Chicago last Monday with cattle.

Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Morse put flowers on his mother's grave at Dundee and called on relatives at Elgin last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Emma Inman spent Mother's day with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Inman, in Aurora.

Yorkville: As a part of the diphtheria prevention program being conducted through the schools of Kendall county this year under the direction of miss Edythe Payne, Kendall County Red Cross nurse, a diphtheria clinic was held in the gymnasium of the Yorkville high school May 10.

The clinic was divided into two parts. On Tuesday, the children received Schick tests to discover if they are susceptible to diphtheria. The children taking the tests will have to return to the clinic on May 13 when results will be recorded.

Diphtheria clinics were held in cooperation with the state health department and the Oswego schools in October.

May 18: The Grove Road Farmers' club met with Mr. and Mrs. Glen Leigh near Oswego Thursday evening, May 13.

Mr. Watts Cutter and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bickford spent several days last week making improvements on Mr. Cutter's farm near Elgin.

Oswego people grieve with the rest of the world over the tragic death of the Lindbergh baby.

Postmaster and Mrs. Frank Woolley, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Peshia, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cherry attended a district meeting of Rural Mail Carriers at Yorkville last week.

The annual Junior-Senior banquet of the Oswego high school was held Friday evening, May 13, at the Hotel Aurora in Aurora.

Regular annual examinations for the seventh and eighth grades in schools of Kendall county were held Thursday and Friday of last week under the general direction of the county school superintendent.

Now is the time to lock your hen houses. These nice spring evenings seem to call out the chicken thieves. Royce Smith lost 30 hens last week and only a few weeks ago, Mrs. Elmer Bally lost 175.

Charles Churchill has returned to his home for the summer from Princeton, N.J., where he has been attending a seminary.

Yorkville: County Farm Adviser Harry Kelley of Kane county recently appeared before the Board of Supervisors of that county and offered a resolution to the board asking for its active cooperation in assisting the Farm Bureau in successfully carrying out a Junior Fair this fall at the Central States fair grounds, as the officers of this association had decided not to hold an exhibition this fall.

The golden eagle which was shot Nov. 12 by George Campbell in the chicken yard of his home south of Yorkville while in the process of

devouring a duck now rests in all the dignity of its mounting in the window of Bretthauer-Moore's grocery and meat store in Yorkville. The mounting was done by Arthur J. Coleman, a taxidermist, of the Joliet penitentiary.

May 25: Field Day for the Oswego school, which is a combination of school picnic and track meet, will be held June 3d with the Parent-Teachers' association in charge and will be the last day of school there.

The alumni banquet will be held in the high school auditorium Thursday, June 2.

The annual baccalaureate service will be held Sunday evening, May 29, at the Federated church with the Rev. John Klein of the Presbyterian church delivering the sermon.

Those listed for graduation from the Oswego consolidated high school next week are Stella Clauser, valedictorian; Grace Rance, salutatorian; Margaret Norris, Inez Skeen, Alice Parkhurst, Harlan Peshia, Gerald Weeks, Carrie Murrell, Gerald Seaton, Roland Jensen, and Rose Marie Young.

Oswego's union Memorial services will be held Monday, the 30th, in the high school gymnasium.

Mrs. Minnie Shoger, 76, died at her home in Aurora May 19, 1932.

Mrs. Shoger was born in Kendall county April 26, 1856, and has lived in Aurora for the last nine years. She is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Pauline Figge, Mrs. Clara Clark, and Mrs. Lillian Parkhurst, all of Oswego, and Mrs. Estelle Robinson and Mrs. Carrie Leigh, both of Aurora; one son, Charles H. Shoger of Aurora; 10 grandchildren; one great grandchild; a sister, Mrs. Frank Eberly of Aurora; and a brother, Julius Sorg, also of Aurora.

Funeral services will be held from the Healy chapel Saturday afternoon. Burial in the Oswego cemetery.

Mrs. Shoger and her family lived in this vicinity for many years. The husband and father died Jan. 14, 1894.

Mr. Paydon on Jefferson street, has been confined to his bed for several weeks.

The senior class of the Oswego high school had a wiener roast in Schlapp's woods Monday evening, May 23.

Yorkville: A faulty carburetor, which had been troubling since the locomotive left Ottawa Tuesday morning, caused a scorching fire when the motor backfired upon being started for the trip from Yorkville to Oswego

The engineer of the gas-electric locomotive, Emil F. Miller, tried to start the big six-cylinder Winton motor when it backfired. The carburetor caught fire and gasoline started to run onto the floor and sides of the engine, enveloping it in flames, which escaped from the confines of the engine room and leaped five feet in the air above the train. Mr. Miller got out through the open door in back of his seat and turned off the gasoline supply, which flows from a big 200-gallon tank about the middle of the car. In the meantime, the passengers were warned and detrained to a place more remote from the scene of the blaze, and the Yorkville and Bristol fire departments were summoned, coming hastily to the depot.

The damage was mostly caused by the intense heat and after several days the engine will be repaired and the train put back on the Fox River run.

Assessed valuation of Illinois farm lands and improvements were cut more than \$296,000,000 in 1931, the Illinois Agricultural association reports.

This means that the total assessed values of farm lands in the state, excluding Cook County, are now 15.9 percent below 1930 values. The reduction in Kendall county was 16.43 percent.

June -- 1932

June 1: Miss Rachel Winebrenner took her classes on a picnic hike last Saturday.

George Wormley, who is attending Middlebury College at Middlebury, Vt., has been made a member of the Sigma Delta Pi, a national honorary Spanish fraternity.

Rev. and Mrs. Johnson and two sons moved from Oswego to their new location in Chicago on Saturday, May 28, where Mr. Johnson is pastor of the Lockwood Avenue church.

Preliminary high school registration will take place Thursday afternoon June 2, at 1 o'clock. All pupils who expect to attend the Oswego school next fall are asked to come at this time.

About 7:15 p.m. last Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Woolley and daughter Marjorie were in a serious automobile accident just at the edge of Oswego where the Grove road joins the Oswego-Plainfield road. Two cars, one a Desoto, driving very fast, stirred up such a cloud of dust that Peter Feltes and his brother of West Chicago, who were unfamiliar with the road and were blinded by the dust, struck Wilton Woolley's car on the curve in the road. Neither one of the drivers of the two cars were to blame, the dust being so thick they did not see each other until they were within a few feet. Mr. Feltes was driving a new Oldsmobile that was damaged so that it had to be taken to a garage. He carried insurance. Mr. Woolley's car was demolished and he had let his insurance lapse.

The graduation of 45 pupils in the Oswego area rural schools took place in the auditorium of the Oswego high school Monday evening, May 22. There were 25 pupils graduating from the eighth grade and 20 who graduated from the seventh's grade. The names of the teachers whose schools pupils were graduated were as follows: Mmes. Shceilreaz, Smith, Kennedy, Heffelfinger, Casselman, Cowles, Woolley, and Misses Henning, Murley, Knee, Brown, Goudie, Whilton, and Schell.

Yorkville: Illinois now has one-eighth of all the high-type paved roads in the state highway systems of the United States, according to information forwarded to the state department of public works and buildings by national authorities. The state ranks first with a total of 10,322 miles of highways made of Portland cement concrete, bituminous concrete, or brick. New York is second with 6,962 miles and Pennsylvania third with 6,661 miles.

June 8: The Oswego schoolteachers all expect to come back the last of August for a new year's work. Superintendent John L. Clayton will

study this summer at the University of Wisconsin. Mr. Marquardt will spend six weeks at the University of Iowa. Miss Johnson goes to Normal for six weeks. Miss Harrison is undecided what she will do during her vacation. Miss Hill has gone to her home at Leona, N.J.; Miss Whitehouse to her home at Normal; Miss Winebrenner to Dixon; Miss Crossman to LaMoile; Miss Rubel to Roanoke; and Mr. Thompson to his home at Maiden Rock, Wis.

While walking around in the Oswego cemetery on May 29, Miss Kate Cliggitt fell, breaking two bones in her right wrist. Although very painful at first, the break is mending nicely. Miss Cliggitt, one of Oswego's oldest residents and a teacher for many years in the Oswego school, has a host of friends who sympathize with her in her affliction, knowing that she was always busy, beautiful braided rugs being her specialty.

Annual commencement exercises of the Oswego consolidated high school were held in the high school auditorium Tuesday evening, May 31, 11 seniors being graduated before an audience of 300. The graduates were Stella Charlotte Clauser, valedictorian; Roland Wendell Jensen, Agnes Caroline Murrell, Margaret Evelyn Norris, Alice M. Parkhurst, Harlan R. Peshia, Grace Mae Rance, Gerald W. Seaton, Inez Monell Skeen, Gerald W. Weeks, and Rose Marie Young.

Commencement exercises for the eighth grade of the Oswego schools were held Wednesday, June 1. Those promoted to the high school were Alice Joy Boffenmeyer, Muriel G. Cather, Marian A. Gast, Delmar D. Gates, Lee W. Hafenrichter, Florence M. Harvey, Wilma E. Hem, Oliver J. Hem, Robert E. Jay, John J. Leigh, Harold Martinek, Marjorie J. Obman, Ruth E. Ode, Margaret E. Osbourne, Dale F. Patton, William E. Pearce, Alice M. Pierce, Myra R. Pierce, Arthur H. Schmidt, Charlotte, A. Weeks, and Frances C. Wolf.

Yorkville: Claims for tuition by 14 high schools for pupils from the non-high school districts of Kendall county have been filed with the non-high school board and amount to a total of \$43,500 it is announced.

Since the non-high school districts of the state were created by a law of the General assembly at Springfield in 1917, there has been a steady increase all over the country in the number of students

attending high school. In that year, there were 129 pupils attending from the non-high school district of Kendall county as against 291 for the year about to close. At the same time, the non-high school district is much smaller now than it was when first created, a number of consolidations with high school districts of the county having been made by adjoining grade districts, as in the cases of Yorkville, Plano, and Oswego. The non-high school district of Kendall county includes all of the county which is not consolidated with a high school or does not have a high school of its own. Students from the non-high school district desiring to attend a certain high school may make their own choice of school, but they must satisfy the board as to the desirability of their attending at that particular school.

Otto L. Miller of Newark, John Holt of Minooka, and W.C. Cutter of Oswego are the members of the Kendall county Non-High School district.

The Kendall County Farm Bureau is cooperating with Sheriff Hextell in trying to put a stop to the chicken thievery which has recently become so prevalent in Kendall county.

Special deputies are being appointed in the various townships and a list of their names will be published so farmers will know who to call for quick action.

#### DRY WOMEN TO MEET IN CHICAGO JUNE 10

The "Loyalty Convention" of the WCTU, a get-together meeting of dry women, will be held June 10-13 in the Third Presbyterian church at Ashland and Ogden avenues, Near the Stadium, in Chicago.

June 15: In memory of the Old Schoolmates, who have held their annual reunions since 1900, eight elderly people who were scholars at the Oswego school between 1860 and 1870 met with Mrs. Lavina White on Saturday, June 11. A pleasant time was spent in reminiscence of other years.

Lewis W. Figge died at the St. Charles hospital, Aurora, Thursday, June 9, after two years' illness. Besides his wife, Valena, he leaves two sons, Cass of Twin Falls, Id. and Frank of Aurora; three



grandsons; and also a sister and brother, Mrs. Augusta Shoger and Dan C. Figge of Oswego.

The funeral was held June 11 at the home on the Oswego-Plainfield road. Burial was in Riverside cemetery, Montgomery.

The Busy Bee club of ladies from around the Gaylord school picnicked at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Woolley at their new home north of Plainfield.

Yorkville: Bids from 21 companies on furnishing steel for next year's motor vehicle license plates are being tabulated in the office of A.M. Daily, state purchasing agent. For the first time in Illinois history the 1933 license plates will be made at Stateville penitentiary pursuant to the state-use system of prison products decreed by the 1931 legislature. The metal for the plates is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$45,000.

Although dedication of private property to the use of the state for right-of-way in constructing state Route 69 [modern U.S. Route 52] have in a few cases been temporarily held up, the first mile and one-half of cement has been poured and work is being pushed for completion of the whole route in Kendall county by fall, it is announced. Pouring of cement began at a point slightly west of Lisbon last Thursday and work of grading the right-of-way as it extends through Big Grove township will be entirely completed this week.

Route 69, when completed, will pass through the southern part of the county and through Lisbon and Big Grove townships from a point on Route 23 north of Ottawa to Joliet.

Under the present policy of the state highway department, counties must secure their own right-of-way for state roads. In this county, the state roads have, for the most part, been routed over so-called state aid roads and the one-cent per gallon gasoline tax returned to the county by the state has been sufficient to pay for all rights of way purchased.

Van Emmon street in Yorkville was badly torn up Tuesday when the village officials started to remove the tracks of the F&IU [Fox & Illinois Union].

A 5-ton caterpillar type tractor was used to haul a scarifier up and down the road to get at the rails. The rails were pulled out by brute power. The street is only being cleared for one block at the present time.

June 22: At a meeting of 19 former service men June 14, preliminary steps were taken toward organizing a post of the American. The following officers were selected: Post commander, Ray Ness; vice commander, Harold Manning; adjutant, Dwight S. Young; sergeant at arms, Lewis Tower; historian, Clarence Reppy; chaplain, Fred Claassen. The next meeting will be at the community building Tuesday, June 28, at which time application for a charter will be made.

Superintendent and Mrs. John L. Clayton and family will leave Saturday for Madison, Wis., where Mr. Clayton will begin on his last nine weeks of residence work leading to the degree of master of philosophy, for which he has become a candidate.

Several young married couples at a picnic supper with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shoger Thursday evening, June 15, later attending the baseball game at the Wheatland U.P. [Scotch] church.

The 11th annual Benthien reunion will be held at the Walker school house on Saturday, June 25.

Yorkville: We have noticed a number of the new products of Henry Ford on the road lately, and they seem to give satisfaction. But, for some reason or another, we always think of what a friend of ours said when he saw his first new one: "No matter how they change it around and doll it up, it's still a Ford to me."

If all the railroad tracks in Kendall county were taken up tomorrow by permission of the commerce commission, residents here would have to assume the payment of 10 percent more taxes than at present.

June 29: On Saturday, June 25, pupils of Miss Elizabeth Benthien of 40 years ago held the 11th annual reunion at the Walker school house [at Plainfield and Simons roads, Oswego Township].

The Maple Leaf club met with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Havens and son Dale, Friday evening June 24. John Haag of Aurora, who owns the farm, is building a new barn on the place and those who cared to danced and the children in the club had a great time playing on the clean, smooth floor of the hay mow. Later, an excellent lunch was served in the house.

Yorkville: State's Attorney D.C. Mewhirter and Sheriff Martin N. Hextell of Yorkville motored to Joliet Monday morning to be present when the Millington bank robbers were brought up for parole. Due to the pressure which they brought to bear on the board, parole for the men was not granted. The chairman of the board of paroles said that they would not be eligible for parole for from 10 to 15 years.

Chicken thieves are still plying their nefarious trade in Kendall county in spite of the efforts of Sheriff Martin N. Hextell and his deputies to stop it. One of the reasons why all efforts to apprehend chicken thieves are unsuccessful is the absolute lack of cooperation shown by many of the victims of these petty thieves. Even when the thieves are seen at their work, the victim seems reluctant to call for police aid. This is not a fair way to treat the sheriff. He deserves all the assistance every law-abiding citizen can render.

July -- 1932

July 6: A number of Aurora and Oswego friends and relatives picnicked at the Fred Walker home the evening of the Fourth and enjoyed a bonfire and games in the evening.

Yorkville: The summer colony of Oak Park residents are now fully settled in the cottages along the north bank of the Fox river just east of Yorkville.

Between 25 and 30 men gathered mostly from Chicago and Joliet and purporting to represent a truckers' union, put two automobiles across the Lisbon road to Morris Saturday morning seeking to prevent trucking to the site of present operations on State Route 69

in that second of Kendall county because of the fact that contracts for trucking had been let by the state on a non-union basis.

Following the appearance of Sheriff Martin N. Hextell and Deputy Leslie Hextell of Kendall county, an agreement was reached to allow the trucking to continue. Six individual truckers carrying materials from the Morris Limestone Products company in Kendall county to Morris in Grundy county were the ones definitely blocked prior to the agreement reached.

The union's action was a part of their effort to force truckers in Kendall and Grundy counties to join their organization.

July 13: Mrs. John Brown of Normantown, which is just over the Kendall county line west of Oswego, died Monday morning at the St. Joseph hospital in Aurora from critical burns she sustained when getting breakfast. Mrs. Brown was stoking her cook stove when a tongue of fire shot out and ignited her clothing which was burned from her body. A son, John, who had gone to the well for a pail of water returned find his mother in flames.

An ambulance was called and Mrs. Brown was taken to the St Joseph hospital in Aurora in an extremely critical condition. She died Monday morning, and her daughter, Miss Janet, who has been attending the Illinois State Teachers' college at DeKalb and her son John, both members of the Lorraine chapter of Eastern Star at Oswego, being by her bedside.

Myron Wormley entertained about 20 of the Oswego Future Stockmen 4-H club at his home Thursday evening, July 7.

Mrs. Pauline Figge of Oswego passed away at the St. Joseph hospital in Aurora Thursday, July 7, 1932, 58 years old. Mrs. Figge was born in Kendall county April 5, 1874.

She is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Lillian Parkhurst and Mrs. Clara Clark of Oswego and Mrs. Estelle Robinson and Mrs. Carrie Leigh, both of Aurora; and a brother, Charles H. Shoger of Aurora.

Funeral services were held at the Oswego Presbyterian church July 9. Burial was in Montgomery cemetery.

Mrs. Figge has lived in the vicinity of Oswego for many years. She was also a member of the Eastern Star and of Tirzah lodge.

her husband, Fred Figge, died July 12, 1925.

Yorkville: It has been many years since the chinch bug was active in Kendall county. This year, however, it has made its return and many fields are being damaged by its advent into the county.

Nothing can be done toward preventing injury to small grain, but all farmers should be on guard to its injury to growing grain.

Those having injury may report to the Farm Bureau office for information as to effective control.

Continuing their custom of the last two summers, a bus load of young people from a Polish community in Chicago picnicked Sunday at the John Ford farm west of Yorkville.

Van Emon street has been torn up, smoothed graded and oiled for the extent of one block. Too bad the good work wasn't continued to the concrete at the east edge of town. Perhaps the next step will be to do a little work on the many hills of Yorkville.

Harvest time is here and the farmers are busy as bees making the most of their time. It is said that the farmer as a class is the most optimistic person in the world. If he gets nothing for this year's crop, next year he will be at it again.

One of the slogans in the Farm Bureau parade on the Fourth was "Give the farmer a price (for his product) and he'll buy the nation back to prosperity."

Nothing would bring prosperity to this world of woe as quickly as a good price for farm produce. The sooner we all wake up to this great truth the sooner we'll be back on the road to economic security.

July 20: Myron Wormley entertained the Senior Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian church at a very enjoyable treasure hunt Wednesday, July 13. The young people met at the church and were given rules and an envelope telling them the first place to go. The hunting was done in Oswego, Wolf's Crossing, and the court house steps at Yorkville. Stuart Shoger found the treasure, a large box of candy, at John Herren's.

Mrs. Emma Wormley spent last Sunday with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wormley, in Aurora. Her grandson, Edward Wormley, from Chicago, was home visiting his parents. He recently had quite an experience. Someone knocked at the door of his Chicago

apartment and the door being opened, three men entered who bound Mr. Wormley to a chair and took all his clothes except those he had on and beat him so that he had to have his head backed in ice for two days. Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Wormley are former Oswego folks. Their only child, Edward, is a designer of fine furniture.

An infant son born to Mr. and Mrs. Quinlan Metz (Beatrice Friebele) on July 13, was dead at birth. The little body was buried in the Oswego cemetery on Thursday, July 14.

Ford and Don Lippold have returned from a week's vacation with the Lippolds at Crystal Lake.

Many were made ill with the extreme heat of July 14 and 15, and everyone welcomed the cool wave following with thankful heart.

Harvesting was completed this week, with crops at the average.

Lester Peshia is breaking ground for a new residence near his old one.

Yorkville: The construction of hard roads for the season, up to June 22, added 402.78 miles of highway to the state and county system, a distance that exceeds the entire length of Illinois from Cairo to the Wisconsin line. During the year thus far, 272 miles of pavement had been completed and 130.43 miles of roads were built of gravel or macadam up to June 22.

Not long ago, we read an article about the excellent work that is being done with systems for cooling and washing air prior to its use in buildings. The work is now at the stage where systems are being contemplated for use in private homes. Theatres and large public buildings already are using cooling systems. Anyhow, we read the article and didn't think much about it at the time. But during the scorching nights last week when we couldn't sleep on account of the heat, we lay in bed and wished with all our might that we had such a cooling apparatus in our house. Another case of "Born 30 years too soon," evidently.

Organized drys of Illinois will open a new offensive against repeal or modification of prohibition next Sunday when the Chicagoland dry assembly opens an eight day session at the DesPlaines camp ground under the auspices of the Illinois Conference of Associations Supporting the Eighteenth Amendment.

July 27: "Doc" Woolley of Aurora, but well known here, had a toe amputated at the St. Joseph hospital last Monday morning.

August Klomhaus, 50, died at his home in Peoria Tuesday, July 19. He is survived by two sons, Rynhold and George of Chicago; one sister, Mrs. Justine Fleicher of Chicago; five brothers, Gustav of Oswego, Fred of Plainfield, Ray of Hinckley, Peter and John, both of Chicago.

Mr. Klomhaus was a resident in this vicinity for a number of years, five years being spent on the Lewis Rickard farm.

The body was brought to the Croushorn & Thorsen funeral home where the funeral services were held. Burial was in Plano cemetery Saturday afternoon.

George Woolley has been spending a week with college mates in Evanston.

Mr. and Mrs. John Constantine and Bobby were among those who were guests of their aunt, Mrs. Almira Hafenrichter Faust on Sunday, July 24, when she celebrated her 83rd birthday.

The Williams residence on the farm on Route 18 has been remodeled into a modern home and Ed Williams and his sisters from Aurora have come there to live.

The residence on Monroe street adjacent to John Clayton's being constructed for William Winsor of Aurora, is up and enclosed. One distinctive feature is the large flagstone chimney running from the ground to the top of the house on the south side.

Threshing has begun in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. L.L. Knight have gone north on their vacation trip. Mrs. Knight has charge of the telephone exchange at Oswego.

August -- 1932

Aug. 3: When the Fox River Grain and Separator company went to get their threshing machine out of the shed in Cutter's woods, they found that so many parts had been stolen from the engine that it took several days to make repairs.

Threshing is in full swing in all the different neighborhoods.

The farmers rejoiced in the gentle rain of Aug. 1. The corn was beginning to show the effects of the continued hot, dry weather.

Wilson Haag, Junior [J. George] Smith, and Paul Shoger, a dairy judging team, and Maxwell Collins, Myron Wormley, and Everett Parkhurst, a general judging team, were at the University of Illinois on Aug. 1 attending judging contests. They were accompanied by their 4-H club leader, George Smith.

Watts C. Cutter returned from the hospital last week. Mr. and Mrs. Cutter's oldest son, Slade, from the Annapolis Naval Academy, and the second son, Frederick, a student at the University of Arizona, are home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schultz and daughter Charlene have returned to Oswego to live. They are located in the apartments over his store.

"Doc" Woolley, who recently had an infected toe amputated, is getting along very slowly. He suffered a great deal last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cherry attended the Rural Letter Carriers association at Danville July 28, 29, and 30.

John McLaren, who with his brothers and sister, lived near the Gaylord school, died July 31, after lying in a coma for a week following a stroke on July 23.

Yorkville: The county board of supervisors has made a formal request to the Illinois Emergency Relief commission for a minimum



of \$2,000 to carry on necessary relief in Kendall county, and particularly Little Rock township (Plano) during the months of August and September.

The resolution reviews the unemployment condition in Little Rock township as follows: Eighty-one families have received aid during the past year, the total amounting to \$6,684. Of this amount, \$727 was paid for rent, \$4,541 for food, \$466 for medical services, \$548 for fuel, and \$401 for clothing. The resolution estimates the amount of unpaid rent of unemployed families to be in excess of \$3,000.

The number of families which have to be helped necessarily mounts with the progress of winter. The \$2,000 requested in the present resolution would be available for expenditure in the next 10 or 15 days and would be used to provide for 50 families now definitely in need of aid. A family of five is regularly allotted \$4 a week.

The needy are of several classes. First, there is the man with a family who has been shifted out of work by the pure force of economic conditions. The man who has been a renter on a farm for many years but must give place to his landlord who, because of the reduced farm prices, finds it impossible to live on rents alone and has to go back to working his farm himself. These families have had hard going for three or four years and at last are unable to sustain themselves further unaided.

There is the man who worked in the factory before it closed or laid off men. After a year of living on savings, he and his family find it inescapable that they should ask relief. They are back six months or a year on their rent.

There is the ex-service man. Probably most of the families who apply to organized relief committees for aid are large, with five, six, or more children.

Aug. 10: An auto accident occurred last Sunday evening in front of Turtle Rock Inn on Route 18 when four Chicago ladies driving north collided with a car going south after that car had slowed down to allow a resident in the neighborhood to drive into his own driveway. The Chicago lady admitted she was going too fast.

Miss Etta Keihl died Aug. 4, 1932 at the Copley hospital in Aurora where she had been a patient for 11 weeks. Miss Keihl was 67 years old and was an old resident of Oswego, although many years were

spent as a governess in Evanston and New Jersey, where she was greatly beloved and respected.

The only remaining member of her family is a brother, August Keihl, of Plainfield.

The funeral services were held from the Croushorn-Thorsen funeral home Aug. 6. Burial was in the Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: Governor Emmerson has approved plans that eventually will lead to a faithful reproduction of Old Salem, the village in which Abraham Lincoln lived from 1831 to 1837. Reconstruction of the shops, cabins, and stores as the Emancipator knew them will be well under way this season and will round out a four year program of Lincoln shrine preservation undertaken by the governor in 1929. The construction plans were made possible by a \$50,000 appropriation of the 57th General Assembly.

Aug. 17: Charles Cherry is a delegate representing the Kendall county Rural Letter Carriers' association, and Mrs. Cherry is a delegate of the local Auxiliary to the Carriers' national convention at Baltimore, Md.

Robert and Arthur Schmidt went on the boat trip to St. Joe and Benton Harbor on Aug. 9 and enjoyed the entertainment by the WLS radio artists.

Alex Harvey Jr. and Clark Anderson, in company with Bob Stewart and Morrison Anderson of Wheatland are delegates from the United Presbyterian church in Wheatland to the Young People's national convention at Silver Bay, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heffelfinger are spending this week in the north woods in company with another young couple.

The threshing will practically be all finished this week. If the price was as good as the yield, the farmers would be well satisfied.

Yorkville: Detour signs have been put up through Lisbon guiding the tourists off Route 47 over the short stretch as yet unpaved road to Hewson's corner from which Route 69 is now open all the way to Ottawa. This is the result of a summer's work on the part of the

construction company to which this particular section of road was let.

Threshing season was concluded last week, the annual cooperative effort of many rings having cleared the grain fields of Kendall county during the two weeks of weather that were, for the most part, very well adapted to the work.

Farmers and their wives both are breathing more easily. For although threshing by rings which almost yearly are decreasing in size with smaller and more machines being bought the work of feeding the threshing "gang" is still a matter requiring energy and careful planning.

Governor Louis L. Emmerson has approved the purchase of Apple River canyon for conversion into an Illinois state park. The canyon is located in the northwest part of the state, five miles from Stockton.

Aug. 24: Mrs. Gladys Weber, teacher in the Bardwell school, Aurora, arrived home Friday evening from a most interesting tour of eight important nations of Europe, including England, Scotland, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany and Italy.

Last Sunday morning, Oscar Shoger of Oswego couldn't find one of his horses that should have been in the pasture; and after some searching he decided it must have been stolen or have strayed away. In the afternoon, however, he found it mired in the creek with only its head above water. It had probably been there all night. It was rescued with a tractor and ropes and although stiff and exhausted, it was expected to recover if pneumonia did not develop.

One of Fred Walker's chickens was so greedy for grain the other day that she flew into the threshing separator and took a ride of over a mile to the neighbor's farm.

Farming is just a gamble after all. Ralph Smith went out to do the chores on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Smith last Saturday evening and found 13 of the spring pigs dead and before 12 hours had passed, nine more had died. The veterinarian, Dr. Clark, pronounced the cause salt poisoning. The largest and best pigs of

the lot were the ones that were lost. But as Mr. Smith said, "it might have been something worse."

A general invitation was sent to Oswego folks to attend the Old Settlers picnic held at Phillips park Thursday, Aug. 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Herren and son Stanley have moved to Aurora and are located in an apartment on Blackhawk street.

Dr. and Mrs. Bell are about to move into the Mundsinger cottage on Park avenue.

Charles Wildermuth of Plano, a teacher in the Walker school seven years ago, died at his home in Dakota last week. He had typhoid fever for seven weeks followed by double pneumonia. He leaves a young wife and several little children.

The Oswego Board of Education is pleased to announce that last year's corps of teachers will all be back again this year. Also that the commercial course, instated for the first time last year, will be continued during the terms about to begin. In fact, this work proved so successful last year that it is destined to become an integral part of the work of the Oswego schools.

Yorkville: Kendall county road committees were informed by District Engineer Lamb of the northern district of the Illinois Highway Division that things were "favorable" to beginning work on Route 65, the Naperville-Oswego double width highway, late this fall or winter. About four miles of the right-of-way for this highway will be within the boundaries of Kendall County and county highway officials have been spending the bulk of their time during the past weeks in securing dedications of right-of-way. The work of securing the dedications, although made somewhat intricate where releases of mortgages are necessary, is going forward swiftly.

Work on Route 69 east of a point near Lisbon in the southern part of the county to the county line together with a two mile piece in Will County going into Joliet promises with the exception of some work on bridges and culverts to be put off until next year. The

responsibility for this delay does not rest with Kendall county's road authorities, however. [Route 69 is modern U.S. Route 52]

Aug. 31: Watts D. Cutter and his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bickford, entertained the Cutter reunion at their home on Main street Sunday at a cafeteria supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Watts D. Cutter's sons, Slade and Frederick, will return to their schools about Sept. 4, Slade to Annapolis, Md., and Frederick to Tucson, Ariz.

In the absence of their pastor, a number of the NaAuSay church people attended the Oswego Presbyterian church on Aug. 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Campbell moved on Aug. 29 from Park avenue to the Barnard house on Main street.

September -- 1932

Sept. 7: TWO SENIOR ELDERS  
OF OSWEGO DIE SAME DAY

George Woolley Sr. and Charles Weber  
of Presbyterian Church Passed Away  
Wednesday and Were Buried Saturday  
Following Double Service.

It was coincidence indeed that Mr. Woolley and Mr. Weber, old friends and old residents of Oswego, and senior elders in the Presbyterian church, should both pass away on the same day. When this did happen, however, on Wednesday, the families of the deceased arranged with the Croushorn and Thorsen undertakers for a double funeral, which was held Saturday, Sept. 3 at the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Woolley was buried in the Oswego cemetery and Mr. Weber in Elmwood cemetery in Yorkville.

Charles Weber

Charles Weber, son of Henry and Anna Weber was born Nov. 3, 1853 in Wittenburg, Germany. He came to America at the age of 3 with his parents in a sailing vessel, which took nine weeks to make the passage across the Atlantic. They settled in Yorkville, where he spent the early years of his life.

After his father returned from the Civil War, they moved to Dwight, where they took up a Civil War veteran's claim

Later, the family returned to Yorkville where he learned the milling trade at the John Scheets mill. In Yorkville, he operated the Scheets' mill and the Blackberry mill.

After a few years spent in Chicago, he settled in Yorkville where he spent the early years of his life.

Always a hard and faithful worker, he retired from active business in Oswego about four years ago. He died Aug. 31, 1932, leaving to mourn his loss his wife, Catherine; two sons, Roy H. of Oswego and Charles A. of Plano; a brother and a sister; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

George Woolley Sr.

George Woolley Sr. was born on a farm near Oswego April 7, 1845. On March 14, 1872 he married Sarah Jenkins of Joliet and they remained on the same farm until 1903 when they moved to Aurora. His wife preceded him in death Feb. 24, 1912, at which time he again returned to the country to live with his daughter, Mrs. L.F. Shoger, where he resided until his death Aug. 31.

He is survived by two sons, Albert and Allen; two daughters, Mrs. L.F. Shoger and Mrs. R.J. Parkhurst; also 17 grandchildren and four great grandchildren, all of Oswego; also, one brother, L.M. Woolley of Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith motored to Monmouth Sept. 2 to take Mrs. Ditto, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Smith for two weeks, home to spend the Labor day vacation.

Many attended the Farm Bureau picnic at Sandwich and the Junior Fair at Exposition Park in Aurora last week.

The Oswego school teachers have returned and the Oswego school and the rural schools opened Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Roswell and Frederick Howard left by auto on Sept. 4 for Los Angeles where they will attend the University of California (the U.C.L.A.) Myron Herren and Winston Wayne went the first of this week to enter the University of Illinois.

Slade Cutter returned this week to the naval academy at Annapolis. Frederick Cutter returned to the University of Arizona at Tucson, and Glenn Smith for his junior year at Wheaton.

Yorkville: United States Route 6, which connects with Boston, Providence, Scranton, Cleveland, Chicago, Davenport, Des Moines, Omaha, and Colorado points will, according to the expectations of officials of the Roosevelt highway, be routed over State Route 69, passing through the southern townships of Kendall county, according to information obtained from state highway officials. U.S. 6 will equal the Lincoln highway in importance.

A warning to property owners to vote for the \$20,000,000 Emergency Relief Bond issue in the November election to be paid for out of gas tax funds, or else suffer the consequences of an extra \$25,000,000 levy on property was issued last week by the Illinois Agricultural association.

"A bond issue to cut down property taxes is something new in the State of Illinois," said John C. Watson, director of taxation for the association. "But it is a fact in this case. Unless the \$20,000,000 Emergency Relief bond issue carries in the election next November, \$18,750,000 of tax warrants purchased by the banks to provide poor relief funds in Illinois must be redeemed out of funds derived from an additional levy on 1933 valuations of property."

Early in February 1932, a series of bills enacted into law provided relief for residents of the state who were destitute by reason of unemployment or otherwise.

Sept. 14: Robert E. Richards Succumbs While Reaching for Tools in Back Seat of Car He was About to Drive to Work.

Bert Richards, who lives on Route 18, was found dead in his auto in the garage Saturday morning, Sept. 10. He had seemed as well as usual that morning, had shaved and had eaten breakfast and went to the garage to get the car out to go to work. Some time passed, the family not seeing him drive out, the daughter went to see what the trouble might be, and found her father had passed away.

Mr. Richards had had one heart attack recently and at the inquest held at the Croushorn & Thorsen funeral home Saturday, the verdict

was heart failure. The engine of the auto in which he was lying was not running.

The body was taken to Chicago for cremation.

Robert E. Richards, age 56, leaves his wife, Helen Roberts Richards; one daughter, Barbara; and two brothers in Aurora.

Last Sunday evening the Oswego Presbyterian church, Glenn Smith gave a very interesting account of his western trip with the Wheaton College quintet this summer. He told of beautiful drives on the Columbia highway and through the California redwoods and of the ideal climate everywhere except when passing through the desert.

Charles W. Smith, all his life a resident of Oswego and vicinity, died at his home in Oswego Thursday, Sept. 8, being buried in the Lincoln Highway cemetery Sunday following appropriate services at the Healy undertaking parlors in Aurora. He was born in Oswego Aug. 8, 1872.

Besides his wife Isabella, the deceased is survived by one son, Courtney C. Smith of Oswego; one daughter, Mrs. Rhoda Smith Hubbard of Chicago; one brother, George W. of Aurora; two sisters, Tillie of Aurora and Mrs. George Haag; and three grandchildren.

Charles Churchill returned to Princeton Theological seminary on Sept. 18.

Frances Churchill has gone back to the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago and Loretta Condon and Leota Anderson leave for DeKalb Normal on Sept. 17.

Yorkville: Cuts in valuations of 10 percent on all farm lands in Kendall county and 10 percent on town lots and 20 percent on buildings on farms and in villages known as "Improvements," were declared by the board of review in their final meeting last Wednesday morning at the courthouse. The board was waited upon at that time by a committee of 20 men presenting a resolution of the Kendall County Farm bureau.

The total valuation of property in Kendall county before the reduction effected by the board of review a year ago was \$16,491,341. The 20 percent reduction on farm lands and the 10 percent reduction on town lots and buildings reduced the total taxes



of the county by more than \$50,000. It is expected that the valuation cuts voted last week mean an added reduction of approximately the same amount.

The total valuation of property in Kendall county for the year 1929 was \$18,671,868; for 1930 it was lowered to \$18,491,341, and last year it was cut to \$15,828,996.

Approval of the county superintendent of schools is necessary before pupils in a three-year high school district may change and attend a four-year community high school in another district, but in the same township.

After a weekend of final gaieties, the Oak Park families which make up the summer colony of cottagers situated on the north bank of the Fox river just east of Yorkville are back again in their winter homes from which they will not again venture in a regular way until the close of school next spring. Because of the tardy opening of the schools this fall, it was possible for them to remain in the country longer than usual.

These families, who have used cottages summers for from four to nine years, will enjoy weekend functions through the fall and once in a while during the winter.

Sept. 21: It is estimated that about 1,000 people in 250 cars attended the horse show at the Maple Lane Riding club at Chris Herren's farm on the east [sic: should be west] river road Sunday afternoon. Twenty-five horses were shown, including five five-gaited horses, several three-gaited horses, and three or four high jumpers. The feature of the afternoon was a quaint and charming couple, Dorothy Herren and Jack Pierce of Chicago, who rode in an ancient surrey drawn by an old white horse. An Aurora orchestra played "Put on Your Old Gray Bonnet" and "The Old Gray Mare." Horses from Sugar Grove, Montgomery, Aurora, Yorkville, and two trick horses belonging to Miss Cynthia Lons of Plainfield were included in the 25 shown.

The classes of Oswego High school elected their officers Tuesday, Sept. 12, with the following officers elected:  
Freshmen: President, Alice Pierce; secretary, Robert Jay; treasurer, Billy Pearce.

Sophomores: President, Dorothy Schobert; secretary, Stuart Shoger; treasurer, Robert Quantock.

Juniors: President, John Schlapp; secretary, Evelyn Friebele; treasurer, Wilbur Peshia.

Seniors: President, Paul Shoger; secretary, Opal Daily; treasurer, Ford Lippold.

Members of the Westminster club will meet all day Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Presbyterian church basement to can fruit and vegetables for the needy for the winter. Donations are requested of fruit and vegetables and especially of fruit cans. Anyone who is willing to assist will be welcomed.

Ed Friebele lost three of his feeding cattle last week. Their death is thought to have been caused by licking out some paint cans thrown in the junk pile.

Revival meetings will be held at the Federated church this week.

Yorkville: Because emergency relief funds in many counties of the state have been or shortly will be depleted, Gov. Louis L. Emmerson today issued a call for a special session of the General Assembly to convene Sept. 7.

In his proclamation, Gov. Emmerson cited the fact that the Reconstruction Finance corporation of the Federal government, which has loaned Illinois a total of \$9,000,000 for relief, has indicated that no additional money will be allotted to the state unless the state, counties, and municipalities make further efforts to raise funds of their own.

Sept. 28: Many Oswegoans attended the Big Rock plowing match on Saturday, Sept. 24.

Oswego defeated Plainfield on the Oswego field Saturday afternoon, 20-6 before a large crowd. Oswego will meet Plano at Plano next Friday afternoon, Sept. 30.

Evangelical meetings are being held this week at the Prairie church conducted by the Rev. Haehlen of Cedar Falls, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cliggitt have moved to Chicago from their recent home on Main street.

Yorkville: Many ill-advised people are condemning President Hoover because they had heard that he called out the troops to forcibly eject the Bonus Expeditionary Forces from Washington. They further state that in this move some lives were taken and many injured. Such a statement is entirely false and without any foundation. When this country was founded it was to be governed by the people. Mob rule had no place whatever in the make-up of the nation. The "BEF" was a group of veterans, not a representative group, who failing to receive their bonus by other means, and legal means, decided to camp in Washington in a body to try to intimidate the federal government into paying the bonus. We are not arguing as to the merits of the bonus. If times were normal we would favor the immediate payment, but the government is at present in no condition to pay it.

October -- 1932

Oct. 5: BANDITS TAKE \$1,500  
FROM OSWEGO BANK

President George D. Ament and Miss Ida  
Wood Forced to Lie on Floor While  
Men Raid Cash Drawer and Vault Friday.

Bank bandits halted in Oswego Friday morning, stopping long enough to rob the local bank of about \$1,500 in currency [\$24,800 in 2011 dollars]. The whole process took only a few minutes and happened without the knowledge of any of the store keepers or other downtown business people of the community.

It was about 10:15 when two men entered the bank without any demonstration, one of them advancing quickly to the cage while the other remained stationed at the door. Low words were spoken by the one at the cage to President Ament, who busy at his desk did not immediately look up at the "customer." When he did look up he had no difficulty in understanding what was wanted, since he looked directly into the muzzle of a gun which protruded from behind the man's coat.

From that point on things progressed fairly rapidly and without loss of movement. Mr. Ament was commanded to lie on the floor and Miss Ida Wood, cashier, was told to do likewise. Myron Haag, who entered the bank while the robbery was still going on, was prodded with a gun and ushered into the bank private room, the culprit having him in charge trembling "like a leaf," Mr. Haag said. Money was scooped from the cash drawer and from the safe, making \$1,500 in all. An envelope of notes which had they been taken would have caused difficulties in bookkeeping were at the request of Mr. Ament thrown on the floor.

A 1932 model Desoto sedan brought the robbers to the scene of their crime, letting them out at a spot some distance up the street and coming down in front of the bank after sufficient time had elapsed so that the work would be finished. They drove off and along the Wolf Crossing road over which they were seen to pass by L.F. Shoger. Mr. Gus Voss also reported seeing party shortly after the robbery. Collins and Gengler, two Oswego youths, saw the outfit before the robbery was committed, the man in the Desoto yelling at them not to obstruct his free passage past the post office.

Descriptions of the three men engaged were vague.

As soon after the departure of the bandits as possible, the alarm was spread. President Ament and the others on the scene doing everything possible to pave the way for the robbers' capture. Sheriff Martin N. Hextell of Yorkville was notified immediately. Within an hour after the robbery was reported, the Illinois Bankers' association offered a thousand dollar reward for the capture of the bandits, dead or alive.

Oswego's water tower now gleams in the sun as if it were brand new. Men from the Aurora tower service company have recently finished with a repainting job during which the tower was sandblasted, painted, and finally coated with aluminum.

Oct. 12: On Oct. 9, the second Sunday of the Spiritual Advance campaign at the Presbyterian church, there was a large audience at both the morning and evening services and over 300 at Sunday school.

Fred Manley, 82, passed away on Oct. 7 at the St. Joseph Mercy hospital following an emergency operation. Mr. Manley was born

Sept. 26, 1850 at Ontario, Canada. Six years of his young manhood were spent in the employ of the railroad and for 35 years he conducted a general store at Plattville, retiring and moving to Oswego in February 1914.

Mr. Manley is survived by his wife; one daughter, Ethel; one son, William; one grandson, Manley Dibble; a brother and sister in Ontario, Canada; one brother in Los Angeles; and by several nieces and nephews. Funeral services held To. 13 from the Croushorn-Thorsen funeral home. Burial will be in the Oswego cemetery.

On Friday afternoon, Oct. 7, the funeral of Guy Hopkins of Aurora was held at the Croushorn-Thorsen funeral home.

Mr. Hopkins was formerly an Oswego boy and his wife, who survives him, is Laura Biesemier Hopkins, also from Oswego. Mr. Hopkins also is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Glenn Hines of Gary, Ind.; and one son, Henry of Holland, Mich.; a sister in California and two brothers, Newton of Aurora and Thomas of Davenport Iowa.

The Masonic Lodge No. 374 of Shabbona had charge of the funeral services.

Yorkville: In his address on Oct. 4 at Des Moines, Ia., President Hoover said he has laid the foundation for recovery. He knows the way to complete the structure and has the necessary measures either at work or planned to complete it. To stop the construction at this point would be a fatal mistake, for we can't rely on the plans of Governor Roosevelt. Gov. Roosevelt has no plan and we doubt if he could formulate one.

The safest thing for the American people to do is to reelect Herbert Hoover to the Presidency.

Oct. 19: The hall above the Kломhaus garage has been rented to the Loyal Social Club which will hold clean old-fashioned dances every Saturday night. Dale Haven's orchestra will play and Charles Haves will call for the dances.

We have had a few beautiful fall days which everyone enjoys. The scenery has taken on gorgeously varied colors typical of the autumns in the Midwest. But we know that this lovely weather will soon become cold and disagreeable and we must provide for it. George Bernard Shaw says: "Those that can--will..."

It is hoped that those people who have cast-off or outgrown clothing will pass it on to the needy Please consider this an urgent call. The things may be left at Morse's store.

The Wayside Cross mission asks for donations of canned fruits and vegetables. New jars will be given in return for the filled jars.

Superintendent John L. Clayton, Mr. Marquardt, and 20 of the Oswego high school boys attended the North Central-Wheaton game at Naperville last Saturday.

A run from the West High line to the 10 yard marker by Paul Shoger after he had received a pass started Oswego off on its first touchdown in the opening game played recently. On the next play, Vinson drove to the one-yard line and then Stuart Shoger went over for the tally followed by running around his end for the extra point. In the second quarter, West High came back. In the last period, Oswego proceeded to win the game by tossing a sleeper pass from Paul Shoger to Ford Lippold, left end, who was lurking along the sidelines. Shoger also ran the extra point.

Yorkville: There is an unfortunate fact making itself known during this campaign and that is that some voters are going to vote their hates instead of their honest and studied convictions. Some refuse to listen to any side of the issues or read up on the subjects. These same people say to their friends, "it can't be any worse; we need a change." Such a citizens isn't fooling anyone but himself.

If Illinois people do not vote "yes" on the \$20,000,000 bond issue, it will mean an increase of \$55,000 on state taxes in Kendall county next year. For this reason, the Kendall County Farm Bureau believes every taxpayer in Kendall county should urge every voter to vote "Yes" on the separate ballot, which will be presented at the voting precincts on Nov. 8.

As a means of bringing textbooks up to date, especially in language and history, about 400 pages of mimeographed material have been put into the hands of teachers in the rural schools of Kendall county--the result of careful group study and planning of courses as carried on by the teachers during the past year.

Oct. 26: Mrs. Christian Hemm, widow of the late John Hemm, died Saturday morning at her home on Simms street, Aurora at the age of 72 years.

Mrs. Hemm was born in Oswego Feb. 1, 1850, and moved to Aurora 27 years ago. She is survived by two children; three brothers; and a sister.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Healy chapel Oct. 25. Burial was in Spring Lake Cemetery, Aurora.

John Leonard Hoch, 76, died at his home in Woodstock Oct. 22 from pneumonia. He is survived by his wife, Frederica; and the following children: Mrs. Hilda White, Reka, John, George, and Elmer of Woodstock, Mrs. Carrie Stanek of Crystal lake, Mrs. Edith Kesslinger of Sugar Grove, Leonard of Chicago, and Ernest of Oswego.

Before Mr. and Mrs. Hoch purchased their farm at Woodstock, they were Oswego farmers and the children attended the Gaylord school. Coincidence in the passing of these two former Oswego people is that they were neighbors years ago on the Oswego-Plainfield road and they died on the same forenoon.

L.M. "Doc" Woolley, 82, formerly of Oswego but for some years a resident of Aurora, had his leg amputated to within a few inches of the knee yesterday morning at the St. Joseph's hospital.

"Doc" Woolley's trouble began some months ago when it was necessary to remove two of his toes. Last evening he was getting along as well as could be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dwyre and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lindemeir motored to Maquoketa, Ia. Friday to visit Marshall Lindemeir and family. Mr. Dwyre says the further west they traveled the more they saw of depression. There were many unemployed standing on the street and such low prices for farm products--spring chickens for 9 cents, for example.

In a contest sponsored by the Chicago Daily Times, Miss Floi Johnston won a prize for an amateur snapshot of four kittens. The picture was printed in last Sunday's edition of the Times.

Robert Herren, in company with Hugh and James Goudie Jr. of NaAuSay, was in St. Paul the first of this week buying cattle.

George Woolley attended the Indiana-Chicago football game at Chicago last Saturday in company with his friend, Ralph Blackman of Aurora.

Yorkville: Not only do we see that Governor Roosevelt is no one to preach economy, but that he is totally unfit to be trusted with the financial situation at any time. His colleagues in the House of Representatives showed all the characteristics that the governor has. Team these two up and our debts would assume such proportions that no mathematician would be able to grasp the immensity of them.

November -- 1932

Nov. 2: No Oswego column; see next week's column.

Yorkville: How Kendall county property owners will be burdened with a boost of around 35 cents in the state tax rate next year and an additional state levy of approximately \$55,000 unless the emergency relief bond issue carries on Nov. 8 was revealed in estimates of state tax increases received from the Illinois Agricultural association by the Kendall County Farm Bureau recently.

Approval of the bond issue by a majority of the voters on Nov. 8 will remove a load of nearly \$20,000,000 borrowed and spent for unemployment relief from the property owners of the state and make it possible to redeem this debt with funds derived from each county's share of gasoline tax money in proportion to the expenditure of state relief funds therein.

Farm property in this county alone, the Farm Bureau points out, will have approximately \$37,000 additional taxes levied against it to help redeem the unemployed relief loan unless the bond issue carries.

Nov. 9: Front page headline: ROOSEVELT--GARNER ARE ELECTED  
Roosevelt, Garner, Horner sweep to overwhelming victory



Roosevelt and Garner Carry Country in the Greatest Democratic Landslide in 75 Years--Kendall County Fails to Fall Into Line--Goes Republican by None too Comfortable Margin--County Candidates on Republican Ticket Elected--Horner and Ticket Sweep State in Overwhelming Victory.

Oswego Correspondent's note: Your correspondent regretted the omission of the Oswego items last week due to the rush of election materials. A six and one half year record of regular weekly correspondence was broken. Editor's note: We regretted the omission of the Oswego items and humbly apologize.

Intended for last week: The Rev. Maurice Haehlen officiated at the funeral of Harlan Frank, age 14, on Monday, Oct. 31. Harlan was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Frank who live near the Lincoln cemetery. He had not been well during the summer and was very ill the past few weeks. He was taken to the St. Joseph hospital last week, where he died on Thursday, Oct. 27.

"Doc" Woolley, who had one leg amputated at the St. Joseph hospital To. 25, is able to sit up in a chair and says he suffers no pain as he has for so many weeks.

The pupils of the Cherry school with Miss Jane Goudie teacher invited the pupils of the Russell school and their teacher, Miss Margaret Murley, to a Halloween party last Monday afternoon.

Oswego defeated Plano 12-0 at Oswego Friday afternoon. The Oswego team played well despite the fact that their star tackle, Klein, was out with a sprained ankle.

Yorkville: Funds from the Reconstruction Finance corporation are now available to Kendall county livestock farmers for the purchase of feeder cattle, breeding cows, and feeder lambs for feedlot requirements.

Yorkville defeated Oswego last Thursday by a score of 6-0. The game was played on Oswego's home field and a good crowd turned out for both sides.

Nov. 16: Elmer Nolte of Yorkville, 26, driver of the Cedardell milk truck which makes daily deliveries on an early morning route from Plano to Oswego was knocked on the head with a milk bottle and robbed of \$60 about 5:15 yesterday morning. The robbery took place one and one-half miles south of Oswego on the east river road shortly after Nolte and been shunted into the ditch by a large sedan which curved in front of him across the road blocking his passage.

Miss Elsie Ruth Armbruster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman E. Armbruster of Yorkville and Mr. and Mrs. Louis P. Dieterich of the River road, were united in marriage Saturday afternoon at the First Presbyterian church of Oswego.

Arthur Wormley went to the University of Illinois over last weekend for Dad's day, accompanying several auto loads of fathers from Aurora. They attended the Indiana-Illinois game, and the banquet for the dads given by the Alpha Chi Rho fraternity, of which Myron Wormley is a member.

A.S. Paydon, who has been ill for months at his home on Jefferson street, was worse last week.

James R. Fitzgerald of Aurora died at the Coplay hospital Saturday, Nov. 12, after weeks of suffering. He was born at Chemung, N.Y. Oct. 3, 1850. A retired farmer, he lived in the Aurora and vicinity for the last 50 years. He is survived by his widow, Ida; two daughters, Mrs. May Montgomery and Mrs. N.L. Pearce, both of Aurora; three sons, Clifford C. and Harold L. Both of Aurora, and W. Norris of Pittsburgh; two brothers, William and Fred; one sister, Miss Belle Fitzgerald of Elmira, N.Y.; 10 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald and family lived near Oswego for many years.

Among those farmers who attended the national husking contest at Kewanee last week were W.H. Davis, Walter Hazelwood, Franklin Pearce, Charles Havens, Dale Havens, Roy Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Woolley, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith.

Nov. 23: Oswego basketball practice has begun. The first game being scheduled Dec. 2 with Minooka at Oswego.

Having accepted a cut of 10 percent on salary contracts signed for the present year last spring, teachers of the Oswego public schools voluntarily slashed an additional 10 percent from their pay at a meeting held in the high school Monday evening. The action is said not to have been necessary because of the slow [tax] collection in the county since there is sufficient money on hand to pay all of the salaries. The reduction was made to meet with current conditions, it taking the form of an agreement to teach for one month for nothing. Bus drivers and janitors volunteered similar decreases in their pay.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Woolley received a telegram announcing the birth of a seven pound girl at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Wayne Fosgett at Harrison, Mich. on Nov. 20.

Little Genevieve Heriaud was ill with a feverish cold over last weekend.

Herbert Norris accompanied the Oswego teachers to the state High school conference at the University of Illinois Saturday, Nov. 19.

Yorkville: The tangles connected with securing right-of-way for state Route 69 from Route 47 to the Will county line in Kendall county and Route 65 from Oswego to Route 22 have been virtually straightened out, acting Highway Commissioner J.J. Hollenback said Saturday. He added that in all probability the letting of the contract on 69 would be made about Dec. 15 and that construction would begin shortly after that date. [Route 69 is modern U.S. Route 52; Route 65 is modern U.S. Route 34 from Oswego to Naperville; Route 22 is modern U.S. Route 30]

With the departure from Havana on the Illinois river of two barge loads of corn bound for the Pacific coast on an all-water route, the corn growing section of Illinois has been placed near a "seaport." The two barges, carrying about 1,000 tons each, will transfer their cargoes to steamships at New Orleans. The ships will pass through the Panama canal.

Nov. 30: Charlene and Evelyn Dauwalder of Wolf Crossing visited at the Irwin Wolf home last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hettrich are having the rooms in their entire house redecorated.

The I. Tripp and Kenneth Tripp families have moved into the George Croushorn house and Mrs. Daisy young has moved into the house vacated by the Tripps, leaving her cozy little house arranged for two families for rent.

December -- 1932

Dec. 7: Hamlet Cowdrey, older son of the late George and Kate Cowdrey, took his own life in his rooms in Aurora on Friday, Dec. 2. Crippled for years due to an accident when he was a motorman on the CA&E third rail, he spent his days in a wheelchair. It was while saving three girls from serious injury that he lost the use of both legs and an arm.

"Ham," as he was known by his numberless friends, was city market master for several years, and later conducted an auto parking place on Holbrook street. Years ago he lived in Oswego and was one of the popular young men of his generation.

The deceased was born at Oswego Feb. 9, 1872 and is survived by a sister, Mrs. Albert Arneson; and a brother, Myron. Funeral services were held from the Healy chapel in Aurora. Burial was at Oswego.

Slade Cutter, son of Watts C. Cutter of Oswego, played center throughout most of the Army-Navy football game Dec. 3 and was important in the Middies' attack and defense. Young Watts [sic] has been a student at Annapolis since his appointment a year ago and during that time has become especially capable in the sport.

Cutter replaced Harbold, the regular, midway in the second period and also was put in during the third. It was when the Cadets had advanced to the four yard line that Watts [sic] broke through and smeared the Army interference and ball carrier and the Army was ultimately repulsed and held for downs.

The basketballers of Oswego defeated Minooka in two thrilling games at the local court Friday night.

Last Sunday evening, Jimmie Vinson was run into while driving in Aurora. The driver of the other car received a broken arm and nose.

Dec. 14: Mrs. Amanda Hafenrichter died Friday morning, Dec. 9, at the Copley hospital. Born in NaAuSay May 14, 1884, she later moved to Oswego township, but since her marriage had been a resident on a farm in Wheatland township.

Besides her husband Reuben, she leaves four children: Uarda, Everet, Glenda, and John Lee; one brother Arthur Hummel of Oswego township; three sisters, Miss Ella Hummel of Aurora, Mrs. Ed Hafenrichter of Plainfield, and Mrs. Henry Soltan of Minneapolis. Mrs. Hafenrichter was well known as an active church member. She was a member of the Benthien club of the Walker school. The funeral was held Dec. 11 from the Healy chapel. Burial was in the Lincoln cemetery.

Mrs. Leticia Gillespie Hawley, widow of the late Frank O. Hawley, and a resident of Aurora for 35 years, passed away last Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W.K. Sherman (Emily Hawley), of Chicago. Her two daughters and one son, Mrs. Sherman, Mrs. C. Faber of New York, and Paul Hawley of Aurora, were with her when she died.

Mrs. Hawley was born in Ohio Sept. 18, 1851 and in October 1874 she was united in marriage to Frank Hawley of Oswego. Besides her three children she leaves two sisters, Mrs. George Wormley of Oswego and Mrs. Lysander Hord of Chicago, formerly of Montgomery.

Tommie Collins came home from the hospital Saturday, Dec. 10. The doctor pronounced him out of danger from his recent gunshot wound and he is slowly improving under the care of his mother, who is a trained nurse.

About 20 young people charivariated Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Dieterich Saturday night about midnight. They were asked in and given popcorn, cake, and apples.

Intended for last week: Biesemeier & Hettrich have remodeled their store, taking out the old show cases and putting in a new floor and shelves on both sides. The refrigerated meat show case remains in the rear of the store as before. They have put in a new supply of groceries, which are moderately priced in keeping with the times.

Mrs. Lizzie Updike of Canada is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Harley Shoger.

Yorkville: For three terms a popular sheriff of Kendall county, Samuel Normandin of Plano passed away at his home there Saturday, Dec. 10 1932.

Dec. 21: At the regular meeting of the XIX Century club, a letter was read which is to be signed by the members of the club and sent to Governor-elect Henry Horner, saying that "As a club we have always endorsed the Eighteenth amend and its strict enforcement. We therefore petition you to use every means available to the Governor of Illinois for the enforcement of the law and that our state enforcement act remain on our statute books."

Mary Armbruster, 12 years old, a pupil at the Cutter school, suffered quite a severe burn on the right side of her face last Thursday when she prepared her noonday lunch. She had heated a can of soup and not waiting for it to cool, removed the cover and the contents flew up into her face. The teacher applied first aid immediately, but the burns were troublesome for several days.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, Mrs. Mary Ann Orr, 67, passed away. She is survived by her husband, Milton; daughter Olive; and son Lee of Plano. A son by a former marriage, William Orr of Oswego, and several grandchildren also survive. The funeral was held at the Croushorn funeral home Wednesday, Dec. 21. Burial was in the Oswego cemetery by the side of the youngest son, Milton, who died several years ago. Mrs. Orr was known to the older generation as Polly Smith, an Oswego dressmaker, an English lady with sweet ways and exquisite workmanship.

Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Herren of the Maple Lane Riding club were participants in the Pageant of Progress and Circus at the Chicago

stadium Friday and Saturday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Herren rode in an old surrey drawn by one horse, showing four different times. They wore old-time costumes.

Harold Tregillus recently made a business trip to New York by plane. He left from Chicago about 1 in the afternoon and came back the next night. He said it was a fine trip, the air was so clear that up at 10,000 feet those in the 10-passenger plane could easily make out the lights of the cities below. They made the trip to New York in four and one-half hours with a good tail-wind blowing. The return took longer.

Loretta Condon and Leota Anderson who have been attending DeKalb Normal begin their vacations today.

Teachers in the Oswego schools will leave their duties Thursday evening, Dec. 22 for their Christmas vacation.

Dec. 28: As a result of having a native son in the Army-Navy football game played at Philadelphia on Dec. 3, the Oswego unemployment relief committee will shortly be in receipt of \$100 with which to carry on its necessary relief work. Slade Cutter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Watts C. Cutter of Oswego township, distinguished himself as the Navy's center in the game and is responsible for the donation. Slade said yesterday that about 20 communities would receive similar sums for relief purposes, each Army and Navy player being permitted the privilege of securing a like amount for his hometown. Receipts from games for the two years prior to this have gone almost exclusively to charity, Slade explained, but this past year some alterations had been made in the accustomed expenditures. Slade, home for Christmas holidays, finds his work at the Naval academy at Annapolis "very strenuous," but also very much to his liking. This is his second year there.

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January

Jan. 4: Sidney Woolley, a former Oswego boy, now a student pilot at the naval air station at Pensacola, Fla., writes that he has finished with his seaplane instruction with a very good grade, being the first in his group to solo and the first to finish. Mr. Woolley enlisted in the Marine Air corps three years ago at Quantico, Va., and has spent some months with the American Naval squadron in Nicaragua.

Miss Maurene Baker of Cartersville, Ill, a graduate of the University in the class of 1929, took up her duties at Oswego Tuesday filling the position formerly occupied by Miss Hill, who resigned to be married.

Yorkville: Gus "Dapper Gus" Winkler, alleged robber of the defunct Plano State Bank, walked beamingly from the circuit court room at the courthouse in Yorkville yesterday morning, only the briefest of formalities having called for his presence.

The case against him had been dismissed on the motion of State's Attorney David C. Mewhirter when Charles M. Jones and Melvin Henrickson, officials of the bank, continued to feel uncertainty as to ability to identify Winkler from the witness stand.

Jan. 11: John M. Wolf was seriously injured Jan. 6 when his team ran away while he was hauling corn stalks. Reuben Hafenrichter, a near neighbor, noticed the team standing for hours in one place and upon investigation found Mr. Wolf lying in the field with one bone broken below the hip and one fractured elbow. He had been lying there for hours and here was danger of pneumonia. He is in the hospital.

The Mothers' club will sponsor a meeting on Thursday, Jan. 12, at the school assembly for any children who took the Schick test and were found positive and for any children who have never had the toxoid treatment for the prevention of diphtheria. Dr. Weishew and Churchill will be the doctors.

Yorkville: Contracts for construction of state Routes 65 and 69 in Kendall county have been let for some time and highway dedications are being secured for Route 66, J.D. Hollenback, acting county superintendent of highways, said last week. Route 66 is to be



a 20-foot pavement from Plainfield along the circling road to Route 47 at a point just south of Yorkville.

Concerning a possibility that construction of the highway would be delayed or interrupted because of a change in state administration, Mr. Hollenback said that the road having been mapped as a part of the \$100,000,000 program, its construction would not be affected. [Route 65 is modern U.S. Route 34 from Oswego to Naperville; Route 69 is modern U.S. Route 52; Route 66 is modern Ill. Route 126]

Flags were flown at half staff throughout Kendall county Saturday in mourning of the passing of Ex-President Calvin Coolidge, whose burial took place in the family lot at Plymouth, Vt.

Jan. 18: Members of the XIX Club adopted a report supporting the bill before the general assembly for the prevention of blindness, which was brought before the club by Mrs. Homer Brown. The proposed law requires that every physician, midwife, or nurse attending at the birth of a child shall instill into the eyes of the baby within one hour after birth a one percent solution of silver nitrate, or some other equally effective prophylactic, approved by the state department of public health.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gengler are the parents of a baby boy [Stanley] born Sunday, Jan. 15 at the Copley hospital Four-year old John is staying with his grandparents in Sandwich.

Jan. 25: Melvin Parkhurst, Merrill Wolf, Wilson Haag, Bob Schmidt, and Franklin Pearce, who started on a trip to Florida on Jan. 3, returned Sunday Jan. 22, having traveled 4,650 miles with only one flat tire. Melvin Parkhurst furnished the auto, the other four boys pooled \$25 each and bought all the food and gasoline. They came home with six dollars each left from their fund. They carried their tent and bedding and cooking outfit and lived well, they said. Most of these boys had been Boy Scouts and the training stood them in good stead.

Two men from Burlington, Ia., who are friends of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Etsinger, and one a salesman for the Burlington Basket company, met with a serious accident at the trestle on the east Aurora road just north of Oswego on Jan. 16. They made a hotel reservation in

Aurora and were driving to Oswego to dine with the Etsingers but not knowing the curves in the road and blinded by an approaching car's headlights they ran head on into the trestle in the center of the pavement. The auto was wrecked and one suffered such a severe scalp wound that he was taken to Dr. Churchill's office where it was found necessary to take 30 stitches. They went on the train to their homes in Burlington the next day.

The first semester in the Oswego high school ends Friday of this week.

Saturday night of this week, the Oswego High school basketball team will play the Sheridan high school at Oswego.

February -- 1933

Feb. 1: Mrs. Kenneth Darfler and Mrs. Walter Duncan of Aurora attended the 29th annual meeting of the American Wood Preservers' convention in Chicago Jan. 24-25.

The Presbyterian church teams from Ottawa will play the Oswego church teams in some interesting basketball games in the Oswego gym Friday evening, Feb. 3.

Miss Lucille Wilke of Aurora and Donald Gengler announced their marriage, which took place Dec. 5, 1932 at a party held last Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gengler's parents in Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Gengler attended the Presbyterian church last Sunday morning and were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Collins at dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. M.L Pearce, Aurora, announced the marriage of their daughter, Kathryn, to Walter Copicharne, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Copicharne of Chicago. The marriage took place Jan. 27 in Chicago. Kathryn Pearce was at one time a pupil at the Squires school.

Myron Wormley is home this week from the University of Illinois for the semester vacation.

Yorkville: Herb Mueller, Aurora trucker, will shortly be enjoying restricted farm life at the state penal farm at Vandalia as a sequel to the life which he enjoyed too freely Saturday afternoon while driving with a companion through a portion of Kendall county. Mueller and James Stratton, also of Aurora, ran out of gas on Route 18, about one-half mile north of Oswego, and swaggered tipsily in to see if Mrs. Walter Huffmeier, a nearby resident, couldn't do something about it. Mrs. Huffmeier, who was running a vacuum cleaner in her dining room, quickly called her husband at the Wilson oil station. The latter phoned the sheriff.

It was when Sheriff Martin N. Hextell and Deputy Leslie Hextell arrived not long after that Mueller and his companion were trying to restart their truck. An argument as to whether Mueller and his friend would or could not get into the sheriff's car for transport to the county jail was ended when Sheriff Hextell administered a straight right to the jaw and Mueller was sprawled at length on the pavement.

Mueller lost another argument Monday with Judge Larson, who handed down a sentence of five months at the Illinois state penal farm at Vandalia and set a fine of \$100 and costs to be paid before the end of the Vandalia term or to be worked out afterwards there at the rate of \$1.50 per day.

James Stratton, Mueller's companion, refused to plead guilty to a charge of vagrancy in Justice Skinner's court on Monday, the case being continued until Saturday.

Feb. 8: The ladies attending the regular Red Cross meetings had an especially fine dinner on Friday, Feb. 3. Invitations had been issued to the workers of the drive last fall, but only one worker responded to the invitation. In December they sent to headquarters 23 boys' waists, three wool sweaters, five pair of wool stockings, and one pair of mittens.

Work has begun on the new pavement connecting Oswego and Naperville, the workmen starting Monday leveling a hill near the Cob Pearce farm.

On Wednesday, Feb. 1, a number of the farmers of Oswego township met in the interest of fire protection. No definite plans were made, but a number signed up in the event that a fire truck is purchased.

Your correspondent wants to know if anyone besides herself noticed the sun early Monday morning, Feb. 6. She says it appeared almost colorless and then goes on to say: The west will tell what kind of weather the unusual looking sun portended." (Editor's Note: Snow and cold weather!)

Mrs. Jane Vaughn and Edith Troll, who have lived together for several years in their home on South Madison street, have the house ready to rent and Mrs. Vaughn is spending the winter with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cherry. Miss Troll is keeping house for a brother in Aurora, whose wife died in December.

The teachers from the surrounding territory attended the Kane and Kendall county teachers' institute at Aurora on Friday, Feb. 3.

Clareta Walker is doing substitute teaching in the home economics department of the high school at Amboy.

Yorkville: Members of the Outdoor Minute Men of North America, Kendall County Chapter No. 4, were called to a meeting at the rooms above Bell's Friday night by Scott C. Cutter, Commander of the Camp.

Dr. P.R. Blodgett of Chicago Heights, one of the founders of the organization, was present. Some of the things which came up for discussion by the members present were the following: obtaining fish to be put into the various creeks and streams and in cases where possible, in the Fox river in Kendall county, the fish to be obtained from state and federal hatcheries; the organizing of a pistol and rifle club recruited from the members; the location and building of a rifle and pistol range; and the securing of new members.

The Outdoor Minute Men of North America is an organization which was founded at Bloomington last spring. It has as one purpose the bringing of outdoor sport to the place where it can be enjoyed by all, and not only by the rich.

## Farmers Sign Pledges of Mutual Protection

Pledge cards are being circulated throughout Kendall county reading as follows: "As a citizen of the United States and a believer in justice to all alike, I pledge that I will give my moral and physical support that no person in financial distress shall be unreasonably troubled." it is reported that over 700 such cards have already been signed by farmers in this county and that more are being signed every day. Workers are active in every township in the county getting cards signed. A total of 2,000 signatures is expected. As is evident from the card, this is a move for organized neighborhood protection for farmers and business men looking toward their preservation in a time when the country's economic condition is at a low ebb. A meeting of these signers and others interested is to be held in the town hall in Yorkville next Tuesday evening, according to report.

Feb. 15: Elmer Dranir and his caterpillar tractor and snowplow and his assistants, Lute Larson, Earl Hibbard, Warren and Herbert Norris put in long days and nights last week clearing out the drifted highways. Several nights, they worked all night. Wednesday night with the mercury hovering around 20 below zero was one of the all-night jobs and no heat in the tractor cab. Some of the roads were blocked for four or five days and some had to be plowed out more than once on account of continued drifting.

If January 1933 was one of the mildest in 53 years, February 6 to 12 certainly was a record for cold and snow.

Those who sell milk had hard, cold work getting their supply where the milk trucks could pick it up. The mail carriers received a hearty welcome after four days' absence on some of the routes. School children and others unable to get to their homes stayed with friends or relatives in town and those who were home lost several days' schooling and work.

Muriel Emmerson, an employee of the telephone company at Wheaton, was home over the weekend, and her father, Hans Emmerson, took her to Oswego with a team and wagon, freezing two fingers and getting so chilled he could hardly talk.

A number of club meetings were postponed to Feb. 14 week. The ONO club meeting was postponed to Feb. 14 at the home of Mr. and

Mrs. Troyer. The Grove Road Farmers' club to Feb. 14 at the James Campbell home; the Westminster club banquet to Feb. 17.

Oswego High school defeated Plainfield on the Plainfield floor Friday night with a score of 33-26.

Oswego and Yorkville play at Oswego Friday night, Feb. 24.

Admission is 15 cents for school children and 25 cents for adults.

Yorkville: The protection meeting of farmers announced for last night will be held in the Farm Bureau building in Yorkville Friday night.

Illinois Gov. Henry Horner, in a lengthy letter to the editor of the *Record* wrote: "Many of our citizens are face to face with the prospect of losing their farms and their homes and suffering a still further decrease in their earning capacity. Unless some remedial action is taken immediately, many of these worthy citizens will become public charges and add to the already heavy burdens of caring for the unemployed and unfortunate. Neither the Governor nor the General Assembly of Illinois has the power to impair or invalidate contracts.

I therefore appeal, in this emergency, to all holders of mortgages on Illinois real estate and personal property, whether residents of Illinois or elsewhere, whether corporations or individuals, to use the utmost forbearance in foreclosing on mortgages upon farms, homes, and chattels when the farm or home owner is in such desperate financial circumstances that he is actually unable to pay. This is proposed as temporary relief only and until conditions change for the better."

Feb. 22: Mrs. Bessie B. White died Friday, Feb. 17, at her home in Oswego. At the time of her death she had lived 30 of her 56 years in Oswego.

Mrs. White leaves, besides her husband Arthur, her mother, Mrs. Fannie Johnson; a sister, Mrs. James Jones; two nieces, Mrs. Lillian Howard and Mrs. Bernice Collins of Aurora. She was preceded in death by three children.

The Rev. B.P.E. Gayles officiated at the funeral, which was held Monday from the Healy chapel, Aurora, with interment in the Oswego cemetery.

Gus Klomhaus and family attended the funeral of his brother, Ray, at Hinckley Friday.

The first of a series of community meetings will be held at the XIX Century clubrooms Friday, Feb. 24. The subject discussed will be, "Benefits and Advantages of Old Age Insurance." What is meant by employment insurance will be explained. This first community meeting will be sponsored by the Oswego Men's club.

Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Lantz of Oswego, who for years lived on a farm near Wheatland, celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on Thursday, Feb. 16. Mr. Lantz, a retired farmer, is 86 years of age and Mrs. Lantz is 84. Mrs. Lantz was born in Pennsylvania and came to this vicinity when a girl.

The Rev. William Forkel of the Wheatland Evangelical church, of which Mr. Lantz was one of the organizers, performed the ceremony. The Lantz's have three sons, Isaac, Carlos, and James, the first two of Wheatland, while James lives in Oswego. They also have two daughters, Mrs. Ida Book, Joliet and Mrs. Mabel Holzhueter of Wheatland. They have 22 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Mary L. Dwyre died at 5:30 Tuesday evening, Feb. 14 at the St. Joseph Mercy hospital at the age of 50 years.

Mrs. Dwyre is survived, besides her husband Thomas, by five brothers, Charles and Fred Lindemeyer, Oswego, Samuel, NaAuSay, David, Baldwin, Iowa, and Louis of Evansville, Ind.; two sisters, Margaret and Mrs. James Heffelfinger of Aurora.

At the time of her death, Mrs. Dwyre had resided in Oswego for 40 years and during that time had acquired a host of friends and acquaintances.

Funeral services were held from the Healy chapel Friday, the services being private. Interment was in the Oswego cemetery.

August Stephen Paydon was born in Fayetteville, Ohio Dec. 16, 1858, and passed away at his home after a long illness Feb. 14, 1933 at the age of 74 years, 1 month, and 16 days.

At an early age he moved with his parents to Hancock county, Illinois. Here he lived with the exception of a few years spent in Kansas and Missouri until he moved to Oswego in 1920.

In 1883 he was married to Tillie J. Harris. To their union were born three children, James and Joseph of Plainfield and a daughter. The daughter, Mrs. Lettie Ruhs, preceded him in death in 1918, leaving a family of six children. One of these, Lois Ruhs, has since made her home with her grandparents.

He leaves to mourn his departure his wife, the two sons, 16 grandchildren, one great-grandson, and a brother.

For 41 years he was a member of the Methodist church until making his residence at Oswego. Here he joined the Presbyterian church and was an active member while his health permitted.

The funeral was held Friday, Feb. 17. The Rev. John E. Kline officiated. The Rev. Godfrey of the United Presbyterian church of Wheatland offered a prayer. Burial was in the Pearce cemetery.

Oswego High School defeated Plainfield on the Plainfield floor Friday night with a score of 33 to 26. The Oswego seconds came off the loser by two points, 17 to 19.

Oswego and Yorkville play at Oswego Friday night, Feb. 24.

Rose Condon and younger sister Betty, were badly shaken up and their Chevrolet badly damaged Monday morning when they crashed with the vehicle driven by a colored man on his way south on the East River road to Oswego. The collision occurred just north of the village, both cars having been caught in a one-way track formed by snow. Car damage from the collision included the breaking of a front axle.

Mrs. George Michels on Route 18 celebrated her birthday on Feb. 19 by inviting her neighbors and some Batavia friends to dinner.

George Hettrich left Feb. 19 for West Baden, Indiana, where he will enjoy a few weeks at a health resort.

Yorkville: The county board, acting on the recommendation of O.E. Nelson of Plano, the chairman of the Kendall County Unemployment Relief commission, last week appropriated \$3,800 from the county's share of the gasoline tax to unemployed relief work.



Six hundred and sixth residents, included in 165 families, are at present being helped. The number applying for aid is constantly increasing.

Illinois farmers will find their taxes reduced “very materially” when the commercial trucks and motor buses now “hogging” the state’s highways are taxed in proportion to their weight and the number of miles they travel, according to a bulletin just received by the Illinois Taxpayers’ Hard Roads Association.

“Every farmer in Illinois,” the bulletin asserted, “will find his taxes reduced anywhere from 25 to 35 cents an acre as soon as we are able to make the over-sized trucks and motor buses now monopolizing our highways pay an equitable share of highway maintenance costs.”

March -- 1933

March 1: For the second time this season, the Oswego High school team scored a clean cut victory over the Yorkville five last Friday night. This time the victory came on Oswego’s home floor before a large crowd. Leonard Hafenrichter was high scorer for Oswego, with six baskets and a free throw. The score was 29-16. The second team game was won by Yorkville, 14 to 13.

Yorkville: 750 FARMERS MAKE COURT-HOUSE APPEAR BESIEGED

The courthouse in Yorkville appeared to be in a state of siege Thursday morning when farmers of this county gathered to prevent the sale of the August Wollenweber farm south of town on such terms as would allow for the entering of a deficiency judgment. The ominously serious intent of the crowd was in contrast to the lightsome spring weather and sunshine prevailing.

At a quarter after the hour for which the sale had been announced according to custom, the gorged corridor and staircases of the courthouse were cleared, Sheriff Martin N. Hextell, Master in Chancery C.A. Darnell, and officials of the Kendall County Farmers’ and Business Men’s Protective association, including President Leslie Gifford of Little Rock township and F.L. Wright of Yorkville, bringing up the rear. Wright placed a courtroom chair on the north door

steps and this was used by Gifford, Darnell, and Attorney J. Edgar Kelly, representing the Life and Casualty Agency of Chicago, as a speakers' stand in explaining the agreement arrived at during the preceding 15 minutes and in carrying forward the formalities of the sale.

Gifford spoke first. He thanked the farmers for their cooperation in bringing about an equitable settlement of the mortgage and assured them that the insurance company had met all of the demands of the association. Upon this announcement, everyone was relieved.

When C.A. Darnell mounted to the chair, he spoke of the fine behavior of the crowd, something he was assured of, he said, since he had lived in Kendall county for 31 years, during which time he had never found the people to be anything but the finest. The sale then proceeded.

Darnell went through the formality of reading a legal description of the property and asked for a bid. When no one spoke up, he inquired again. Attorney Kelly, of the insurance company, then stepped up and offered the full amount of the mortgage, interest and costs, or \$22,417.29. A gale of laughter swept the crowd when Darnell asked if anyone wished to raise the bid.

By the terms of the sale the insurance company will hold a master's certificate to the farm for the next 15 months, during which time Wollenweber will be given an opportunity to make arrangements for repurchase.

Wollenweber wishes to thank the members and committee of the Protective association for their timely aid.

March 8: The roof of the dwelling house on the farm where Mr. and Mrs. Tom Collins recently moved caught fire early Sunday morning. The family extinguished the fire with only two holes being burned in the roof.

Glenn Smith of Oswego has been awarded a place on the scholastic honor roll of Wheaton college at Wheaton. Smith's semester average was 90.00. Glenn graduated from east Aurora High school in 1930.

Yorkville: Three bandits held up the Farmers' First National bank of Minooka Thursday morning, making their escape with \$2,000 in loot in a dark colored Chrysler sedan after being a gun target for pursuers.

The holdup was announced when two men entered the bank, one of them saying bluntly to C.J. Clunon and John McKanna, Minooka residents, that "this is a holdup. Get back against the wall and raise your hands." Miss Audrey Ball, assistant cashier, and Clark Moore, bookkeeper, were ordered outside the bank to a position in line with the customers.

So far, the robbers have not been captured.

A front-page article in the *Record* carried President Franklin D. Roosevelt's proclamation declaring a bank holiday. Roosevelt's proclamation stated that "heavy and unwarranted withdrawals of gold and currency" from banks, along with speculation had created a national financial emergency. Roosevelt's proclamation closed the nation's banks from March 6 to March 9.

TO THE PEOPLE

OF Kendall COUNTY:

The banks of Kendall county wish to express their appreciation for the loyal support of their respective communities in the past and to assure their patrons that they will continue to serve them in the future. The conditions of the local banks is of the very best, but orders caused by conditions in other parts of the country have caused the present restrictions which were unnecessary locally. The banking institutions are opening the forenoons of each day for the purpose of making change and accepting cash deposits and permitting access to the safety boxes. Under present orders, we will renew full banking on Friday, March 10, and will give full service subject only to national or state restrictions.

Farmers State Bank of Yorkville

Yorkville National Bank

Oswego State Bank

Farmers State Bank of Millbrook

[Executive Proclamation 2039 issued by President Roosevelt March 5 proclaims a nationwide bank holiday until March 9 and forbids gold exports. Falling real estate values have undermined bank loans; some 5,504 banks with total deposits of \$3,432 million have closed their doors since January 1, 1930; more than 11,000 have failed or had to merge; the total number of banks has fallen 40 percent from 25,000 to 14,000; and fear of further closings has brought the

country to the verge of panic. The Emergency Banking Act passed by Congress March 6 after just one day of deliberation gives the Treasury Department control over banking transactions and foreign exchange, forbids hoarding or export of gold, and authorizes banks to open as soon as examiners determine them solvent. The president's Executive Order 2039 extends the bank holiday indefinitely, but Executive Order 6073 issued March 10 requires the banks to reopen. They begin to do so March 13, and about 75 percent are open by March 16.

<http://www.answers.com/topic/1933#ixzz1d2IvPzf6>

March 15: Mrs. Katherine Becker Hettrich, aged 36, passed away Sunday morning at the Copley hospital, Aurora. Her death followed an operation March 7, which she underwent for the removal of cancer.

She was born in Elgin but resided in Oswego township in later years where her passing causes great sorrow to her many friends.

In addition to her husband, Roy, Mrs. Hettrich is survived by three sons, Gordon Mark, Laird Becker, and George Charles; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Becker of Elgin; two sisters, Miss Ruth Becker of Appleton, Wis., and Mrs. W.W. Shaw Jr. of Glen Ellyn; and one brother, Carleton of Lombard.

Mrs. Hettrich was a faithful member of the Oswego Presbyterian church, of the XIX Century club, and of the Oswego mothers' club. The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Healy chapel. Burial was in the Spring lake cemetery.

Oswego friends heard that Mrs. Grace Pearce of Aurora was called to the home of her brother, Newton Pearce, at Iowa City, Ia., to assist in the care of Mrs. Pearce, who has suffered a stroke affecting all of one side.

The second of the series of community meetings will be held Thursday evening, March 16, at the XI Century clubrooms. Miss Maurene Baker will speak on "Socialism," and the Rev. Maurice Haehlen will speak on "Communism."

Monday, March 6, the Oswego school team defeated Plainfield in two games, the seconds winning 17-10 and the firsts copping by a score

of 26-15. Leonard Hafenrichter was high scorer for Oswego with 10 points.

March 22: Mrs. Sadie Croushorn Norris passed away early Wednesday morning, March 15, following a stroke suffered Monday afternoon, March 13.

Sadie Croushorn, born Feb. 17, 1884 on a farm three miles east of town, lived in or near Oswego all of her life with the exception of three years of her early married life when she lived at Crandon, S.D. She was united in marriage to Ralph Norris on Feb. 17, 1909. Mr. Norris and three children, Herbert, Warren, and Margaret, survive her. She is also survived by her father, George Croushorn; two sisters, Mrs. Susie Kewarell of Centralia, Wash. and Mrs. Myrtle Thorsen of Leland; and a brother, J.R. Croushorn of Aurora. Funeral services were held March 17 at the Oswego Presbyterian church. Burial was in the Oswego cemetery.

A busload of boys went to the Presbyterian Invitational basketball tournament at Ottawa on Saturday, March 18. The Oswego team did not place, but a small silver loving cup was presented to them for showing the best sportsmanship and the cleanest game. The Scotch church team won third place.

Edward Wormley of Chicago visited his grandmother, Mrs. Emma Wormley, last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Curry of Aurora were calling on Oswego friends last Sunday in the interest of the history of the old Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tripp have another son, Hayes Manning, born March 14 at the St. Joseph Hospital.

Yorkville: Banking facilities in Yorkville were 100 percent complete with the reopening of the Farmers State bank Tuesday morning on receipt of permission contained in a telegram from the state banking authorities. The Yorkville National bank resumed its full services last Wednesday morning under the new national licensing regulations. Reopening of the banks signaled an immediate improvement in business.

March 29: Forrest Wayne Clark of Oswego and Miss Nettie Steder of Aurora, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Steder of Dixon, were united in marriage Saturday March 25 by the Rev. Henry Moser at his home on Weston avenue in Aurora.

They left on a honeymoon trip to Indiana, upon their return from which they will make their home in Oswego.

Mrs. Will Denney accompanied Chicago relatives to St. Joseph, Mo., where she attended the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Lou Cramer.

Regular Red Cross meeting Friday, March 31. The ladies are sewing for local needy.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Armbruster and Jack have moved to Aurora. Mr. Armbruster is with Metropolitan Insurance.

With 20,000 Indian relics already on hand, William Ohlaver of Aurora is planning one of the finest museums of early American lore in this section. The museum, he said Friday, is at present under construction on the Waubonsie golf course, 2-1/2 miles east of Oswego [on U.S. Route 34 immediately west of the present intersection with U.S. Route 30]. The Waubonsie club takes its name from the Indian, Waubonsie, friendly to the whites, who roamed the length of the Fox and particularly the old Chicago road. According to Mr. Ohlaver the chief at one time entertained Black Hawk on the site of what is now the golf course.

John L. Clayton, Superintendent of the Oswego schools, will discuss national, state and local taxation with special reference to the local situation, at the XIX Century clubrooms Friday evening of this week. Current proposed solutions for the tax problem and general principals of taxation will be reviewed. The Oswego German band, made up of Burman Etsinger, Donald Lippold, Reeve Thompson, Alice Joy Boffenmeyer, Albert Ode, and Robert Pearce will play. Burman Etsinger will play a saxophone solo.

Yorkville: In a statement issued to newspapers across the state, Illinois Gov. Henry Horner was asking everyone to cooperate and pay the new state sales tax enacted by the Illinois General Assembly.

“While the sales tax has operated successfully in other states, it is entirely new to Illinois and misunderstandings of its provisions may arise from time to time,” Horner contended. “With the full patriotic support of all citizens for this measure, beneficial results will be obtained. Owing to the fact that many counties of the state will use the proceeds of the sales tax for relief purposes, it is imperative that collections be made with the least possible delay.”

President Roosevelt is still hard at work striving to bring conditions back to the old standard. Congress is slowing up a little, but we hope our President can whip them back into stride.

April -- 1933

April 5: The regular meeting of the XIX Century club was held in the club rooms March 23.

Mrs. Charles Holten, state chairman of the Woman’s Club Federation committee on Motion Pictures, was introduced as the speaker. Mrs. Holten said that the first motion picture shown was in 1896 and continued, “Motion pictures are both informational and entertaining and have been found to add much happiness to inmates of mental institutions.”

“We urge the parents to accompany their children to the movies so if there is some part of the picture which is undesirable or questionable, they may impress the right things on the mind of the child.”

Word has been received by a brother in Aurora of the death of Henry Adelbert Albee, better known as “Del,” at the home of his daughter at Upland, Calif. March 25.

Mr. Albee was born on the old Albee farm southeast of Aurora now known as the Lincoln Highway cemetery, in June 1847. When 11 years old, he helped to haul the brick used to build the house now used as an office by the cemetery association.

“Del” will be remembered by many of the older citizens of Oswego and Aurora. His wife was Celia Van Fleet of Kendall county, who preceded him in death several years ago.

Mr. Albee was best man at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Smith of Oswego on Dec. 9, 1874 and was the only one left except Mr. and Mrs. Smith who was in the wedding.

Funeral services for Mrs. Catherine Smith of Chicago, mother of James E. Smith of Oswego, were held at the Croushorn & Thorsen funeral home on Friday, March 31. Burial was in the Lincoln Highway cemetery.

Mrs. Emma Wormley attended the funeral of her step-sister, Mrs. Lysander Hord, at the Healy chapel Monday afternoon. Mrs. Hord spent part of her girlhood in Oswego and as Bessie Richards, was one of the popular young ladies in the early '70s. Mrs. Hord died at her home in Chicago March 30, and is survived by her husband and son, Hardin Hord. The burial was in the Spring Lake cemetery, Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Clark returned from their wedding trip last Saturday and are located in the upstairs Clark apartment.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Zentmyer have moved from Madison street to the Mary Friebele bungalow on Main street.

Scott Cutter lost \$21 from his watch pocket one day last week. Several gypsies had been in his store and it is supposed that they picked his pocket, although neither he nor any of the four customers in the store saw it done. The gypsy auto was followed to Wolf's Crossing but all trace of it was lost from there.

Yorkville: Capt. Charles Howell of Company E. Plattville, was in receipt Friday of orders for the men to be ready and fully equipped for service at Taylorville, the scene during many months of serious mine labor trouble and riots. When the orders for actual movement to the area will be received it cannot be foreseen, but farmers here are looking around for substitute hired men who can fill in during the Company's absence Since the beginning of the disputes at Taylorville, national guard companies have been sent to the area in rotation for stated periods of time.



Preliminary hearings on condemnation action seeking to obtain the final stretches of right-of-way to State Route 69 in Kendall county were held in the county court Monday. Of the three suits filed, one has been settled out of court and the two remaining have been put over to April 17.

The court action condemning this property will bring to an end a long fight for unbroken right-of-way for Route 69. State's attorney D.C. Mewhirter said yesterday that the county is fortunate that so many of the dedications could be secured without condemnation proceedings.

The election of village and city officials April 18 and the election of school officials Saturday are attracting interest in some instances.

#### Schools

Oswego--For president, A.H. Dysart (incumbent), member for three years: Mrs. Grace Harvey (incumbent), Mrs. Margaret Rogerson and Clarence Parkhurst. Member to fill unexpired term, Homer Brown and W.H. Davis.

#### Villages

Oswego--for president, A.M. Pierce; trustees, Lute Larson, Oliver Burkhart, Henry Heffelfinger, and Clarence Cherry.

#### TOWN ELECTIONS TAKE

##### CONSERVATIVE TURN

The town elections and meetings passed quietly yesterday with substantial but not record votings.

Yesterday's balloting is given below:

#### Town of Oswego

For clerk, Frank W. Herren, 64; assessor, George M Croushorn, 61, Thomas N. Boysen, 48, Orville Wormley, 1; justice of the peace, O.A. Burkhart, 16. Total vote, 64.

April 12: William "Billy" Williams, an invalid for the past seven months at the home of his sister, died April 6. The funeral services were held from the Croushorn-Thorsen funeral home April 9. Burial was in the Oswego cemetery.

Mr. Williams is survived by one sister, Lottie Williams of Oswego.

The Junior Frolic given at the Oswego school Friday evening was very well attended.

Grant Leigh had a farm sale April 6 and with his family has moved to Aurora.

The school children will attend religious services on Good Friday, April 14.

Yorkville: We printers did not live up to the reputation of the old line of printers late last week when we didn't lead the stampede for beer. The prominence given in the past month to beer is rather sickening. All other kinds of news were relegated to obscure places. This may be the reason for our reticence.

The loss of life when the "Akron" crashed into the sea was appalling. The pick of Navy airmen lost to the nation. The second major disaster in the lighter than air craft seems to point toward the failure of this means of air navigation. We have lost two dirigibles and scores of lives. This experience should be enough to cool the most ardent of lighter than air enthusiasts.

Illinois' own reforestation and land conservation program has gone forward this spring with the planting of 14,000 black locust trees to control erosion and gulying in Schuyler county it is reported. In all, there are 9,000 square miles of land in the state on which erosion is either serious or destructive.

April 19: At the recent election of officers of the East Oswego Farmers' club, Newton Woolley was made president; Ray Marsland. Vice-president; Mrs. Oscar Shoger, secretary; and George Hafenrichter, as treasurer.

Lock up your gasoline cans! Some low-down person stole a five-gallon can of gasoline from Harvey Levee's garage last Saturday evening, and later threw the can out beside the road.

The American legion of Oswego is sponsoring a boxing and wrestling match at the Oswego high school April 20 at 8 o'clock.

Roller skating at the Plattville Armory Saturday night, April 22.

Yorkville: In a conference with officials of the Public Works department in Springfield last week, Sen. Arnold P. Benson and Rep. John M. Peffers were promised that the state would light the bridge crossing the Fox river at Yorkville as soon as the district engineer can make the necessary arrangements.

Nothing has been done about the lights since the first promise by state officials.

April 26: On Friday afternoon, April 21, the farm home owned by Mr. and Mrs. Jay Updike on the Oswego-Plainfield road was completely destroyed by fire starting from a spark from the chimney. The flames spread rapidly in the high wind and the house burned so swiftly that very little was saved. The family lost all their kitchen furnishings, 300 quarts of fruits and meat and two tons of coal and most of their clothes and all of their best bedding. Some furniture from the dining room and living room was saved. They carried insurance on the house and furnishings and will build as soon as possible. The family will live in the back yard in the house on wheels that Jule Schlapp used last year.

Yorkville: Rifle Plattville Armory  
and Take Rifles; Pistols

Company E, 129th Infantry, suffered a severe loss Wednesday night, when their armory at Plattville was robbed of several rifles, pistols, and ammunition.

The chief items stolen were the automatic rifles. These are valued at \$125 each and the unofficial figures are that four were taken. It is said that 11 Colt automatic pistols, valued at \$25 each, were taken, along with several rifles, pistols, and ammunition.

It is hard for Sheriff Hextell to trace the robbers, for it is clearly a "job" of outsiders, and no clues are said to have been found. [These weapons were apparently stolen by the gang of Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker. See next week's "Yorkville" news.]

After years of teasing we White Sox fans may again talk over our team in public without being snickered at.

The United States government has asked northern Illinois to try a 5 percent mixture of alcohol in gasoline for motor fuel. Accordingly, Farm Bureaus in this part of the state are encouraging supply

companies to make the mixture available to farmers and others interested in order to see if this mixture will compare favorably with the 10 percent mix which proved so popular in the Peoria area and wherever used.

Farmers and all Kendall county people are especially interested in making this program effective in order to supply a new outlook for surplus grain and thereby increase the average price of farm products.

May -- 1933

May 3: Little Jean, two year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Woolley, tipped the teapot over at the supper table, burning her right arm and left foot with the scalding liquid.

Chris Sorensen died Saturday, April 29, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Merrill Coselman at Oswego.

Mr. Sorensen was born in Denmark Dec. 1, 1863, and was a resident of Plano and the surrounding community for the past 40 years. He has attained the age of 69 years.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Merrill Coselman of Oswego and Mrs. Emma Jessup of Freeport; a brother, John Sorensen of Maple Park; and a sister, Mrs. Mary Johnson of Chicago. He also leaves four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the Coselman home in Oswego May 2 and from the Danish Lutheran church at Plano, with burial in the North cemetery at Plano.

The juniors and seniors of the Oswego high school will have their banquet at Turtle Rock Inn Friday evening, May 5.

Yorkville: Sergeant Wilbert Henne of the 129th Infantry, Co E, brought in one of the Browning automatic rifles of the type stolen last week for our personal inspection. Shoots a clip of 20 cartridges, one by one or automatically. Hope the person who stole the four from the armory is honest; we'd hate to face these guns in the hands of a crook. [Unfortunately, the *Record* was to be disappointed. A report from federal agent J.J. Keating of the bureau's Chicago office on Oct. 19, 1933, says that the weapons ended up in the hands of

Bonnie and Clyde. "Will consult commander of Company E, 129th Infantry, Illinois National Guard, with respect to the loss of the Colt 45 pistols, and Browning automatic rifles mentioned in report of Special Agent Dwight Brantley, 9/1/33, Washington, D.C., and inform him that said firearms were taken from the Barrow gang and are in possession of the Kansas City office of this division." The weapons were recovered from the gang following a shootout in coincidentally named Platte County, Mo. at the Red Crown Tourist Court. Today, the site is inside the city limits of Kansas City, Mo. See the *Kendall County Record*, Dec. 1 and Dec. 8, 2011 for more information.]

N.J. Quimby is putting in a new Red Crown gas station. That makes five gas stations on Route 47 through the village, not to mention several not on Route 47. And then Route 47 crosses the bridge and so do school children. Drive carefully please.

The new Board of the Village of Yorkville met Monday night. The high point of the evening was the passage of the Malt Beverage Ordinance. The new ordinance classes vendors of malt beverages in four parts and has a sliding scale of license fees.

Two licenses were issued under the new ordinance, one to August Kahle and one to George Koenick.

Slashing of salaries was quite noticeable throughout the meeting.

May 10: Mrs. Emma M. Bower, wife of George M. Bower, passed away at her home at Oswego Sunday morning. Mrs. Bower was born Jan. 6, 1872 at Peotone. Surviving are her husband, George M. Bower; three sisters, Mrs. C.W. Baker of Plymouth, Ind., Mrs. Howard Thomas and Mrs. Carl Maier of Aurora; two brothers, Albert Riemenschneider of Chicago and William of Kankakee; also a stepmother, Mrs. Emma Riemenschneider of Chicago. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Healy chapel in Aurora. Interment was in Riverside cemetery.

Dr. Weishew holds office hours on daylight saving time.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ebinger have another little daughter, Sylvia Luville, born Tuesday, May 1, at the Copley hospital. The two older

children, Warren and Phyllis, are staying with their grandmother, Mrs. Agnes Schlapp, in NaAuSay.

The strange disappearance of Henry Schmidt, a farmer just east of town, occasioned much concern last week, but he returned safely after several days' absence, the absence due, perhaps, to a fit of depression.

The road gang which has been working on the new highway connecting Naperville and Oswego moved their trucks to Evanston last Saturday to do some work there while the water lowers somewhat in Oswego township.

May 17: A number of farmers attended a Farm Bureau mass meeting at Morris Wednesday, May 10. The East Oswego farmers' club quartet sang there, numbers that were very well received by the 2,000 who attended.

The senior class at Oswego High School presented a three-act play, "Applesauce." Cast members included Les Ruhs, Paul Shoger, Opal Dailey, Mildred Besch, Ford Lippold, and Leonard Hafenrichter.

The Yorkville Orioles defeated Oswego 18-7 in the first baseball game of the season.

Yorkville: Company E, 129th Infantry, left Yorkville Saturday night for Taylorville, where they will relieve the company from Kankakee and resume the guard of the mines.

The company left in special buses. A truck carried the necessary equipment for the stay. The boys will return in two weeks. Their company is the last one in the district to be called.

Capt. Charles F. Howell is in command. His lieutenants are Arthur Hubbard, first; Irwin Knutson, second; Rasmus Knutson, William Reed, Harvey Reed, Vernon Wright, Nels Nelson, Gordon Bertram, and Wilbert Henne, sergeants; and Harold Stein, mess sergeant.

Farmers, bankers, and business men of Kendall county met at the Farm Bureau office Friday evening and elected a county conciliation committee to help debtors and creditors settle farm debt problems.

This committee is in accordance with the suggestion of Gov. Horner, who has appointed a state conciliation committee to work with similar county committees in arranging satisfactory settlements between debtors and creditors.

The county committee elected consists of Fred Baker, Frank Crum, James Campbell, Edward Gutel, and Leslie Gifford.

All debtors and creditors in Kendall county who desire to confer with the committee should advise one of its members and arrangements will be made for a hearing so that if possible a settlement may be made to the mutual benefit of all parties concerned.

May 24: Herman Friebele and Dorothy Hibbard surprised their friends last week by announcing their marriage on Nov. 7, 1932. They were married by the Rev. Mohns at Sycamore.

Mrs. Julia Obmann died Tuesday afternoon, May 16, at the home of her son, Edward Obman at the advanced age of 78 years. She had lived in Oswego for 50 years and was well known in the community. She is survived by three children, Edward and Charles of Oswego, and Mrs. Norman Whitney of Chicago; also 15 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday, May 18, from the Croushorn and Thorsen funeral home.

The Oswego school play, "Applesauce," was very well received Friday evening by a large audience. The play was really funny and caused much merriment.

A number of Oswegoans attended the 85th anniversary of the United Presbyterian church in Wheatland last Sunday.

On Tuesday afternoon, May 23, a number of the mothers met at the Oswego school to sew on the capes for the new suits for the band.

May 31: Mrs. Mary E. Young and her daughters, Mrs. Leslie Peshia and Mrs. Albert Miller, attended the wedding on Saturday of Miss Helen Arretta Young and Robert E. Murdock at a Baptist church in Chicago. Miss Young, daughter of Carl Young, is a granddaughter of Mrs. Mary E. Young of Oswego. Mr. Murdock's home is in Scotland,

but he has been studying in the United States for seven years and recently graduated from the Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago. Darlene Peshia was the bridesmaid at her cousin's wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Murdock have gone to Canada and will sail for Edinburgh, Scotland, where they will make their home.

The Oswego High School Commencement will be held at the high school auditorium June 1.

Many from Oswego attended the Memorial day services at the NaAuSay church on Sunday afternoon, May 28.

Blair McIntyre from Oklahoma spent several days last week with his former collegemate George Woolley and together they attended the opening of the Century of Progress on May 27.

Roswell and Frederick Howard, who have been attending the University of Southern California, returned to their home in Oswego last Saturday night, making the trip in 72 hours. The youngest brother had previously gone to California to visit and make the return trip with them.

With this issue of *The Record*, Mrs. Fred Walker, our Oswego correspondent, completes her seventh year in that capacity.

The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction advised Oswego high School Principal John L. Clayton that the school would not be inspected in 1933. "Our committee felt there were certain schools whose condition was satisfactory as revealed through these various sources of information. It was decided, therefore, that the Oswego High school would not be inspected until next year."

Yorkville: The World's Fair opened last week in the face of a great business slump. The officials are to be congratulated for the spirit they showed in putting the thing across.

The descriptions of the Fair are most alluring, the exhibits many and different. One shouldn't find it hard to desire to attend and as the admission price is so small, all may go. The major part of the Fair can be seen for the entrance admission of 50 cents.



In order to allow more time in Chicago for visitors to the Century of Progress, the time schedule of the CB&Q Railroad will be changed. The train that now reaches Yorkville at 5:28 in the afternoon will reach town at 7:53 central standard time. It will run correspondingly later at all points. The new time schedule will be effective

A vote will be made on the ratification of the repeal of the 18th Amendment on June 5. Study the ballot well for the head is worded rather confusingly.

A total of 13 tax sales were noted in the *Record's* pages.

#### MAREMECH HILL GIVEN RADIO TRAVEL REVIEW

On a recent broadcast in his series on "Beauty Spots in Illinois," Dave Thompson, travel editor of the *Prairie Farmer*, gave an interesting discourse on Kendall county's historical attraction, Maremech Hill. He set forth some of the following data: Maremech Hill is the site of an Indian battle dating back to 1730. Although record of the battle was found in French archives, no local record was kept, and so for many years it was known in legend as "The Battle of the Lost Maremech."

Years ago, John Steward, a local boy of that vicinity, found traces of Indian occupation, even a defense stockade. Growing to manhood, he carried out researches into the historical background and bought the property, deeding it over to the Little Rock Township Consolidated Grade School Board.

The story goes back to a period from 1680-1730 when the Fox tribe of Indians was hostile to French advancement. They levied tribute on all French ingoing shipments on the Illinois River and successfully demanded portions of outgoing shipments of furs. The French strengthened by Indians of friendly tribes in 1730, aimed a drive at the vicious Fox extending over a wide territory. The harassed Fox, numbering about 300 braves and 1,300 in all, retreated to Maremech Hill and withstood siege for 23 days. They were starving and had to resort to dog meat for food. History has it that on Sept. 8, under cover of a severe storm, they tried to escape, only to be massacred by the French at the spot now known as Lake Plano.

The review by Mr. Thompson was especially interesting as the locale is so well known. A book by John Steward setting forth many more interesting facts about Maremech hill is available at the Yorkville Public library.

June -- 1933

June 7: Democrats Elect First Circuit Judge Since Civil War...Max F. Allaben, Democrat, is a close Winner. Kendall County Goes Wet. The Election Monday Shows That Kendall County Went Wet by a Total of 898 Votes for Repeal and 806 Against Repeal--A Difference of 92 Votes.

[Oswego Township voters voted against ratification of the 18th Amendment ending Prohibition by a vote of 235 against to 180 for.]

The commencement exercises of the Oswego high school were held in the school gymnasium Thursday, June 1. Valedictorian was Paul Shoger. Salutatorian was Leonard Hafenrichter.

The Oswego School Alumni banquet was held in the school gymnasium Thursday, June 1. To the strains of a march played by Ruth Shoger, the 144 guests who were assembled upstairs marched down to the gym and were seated, the 1933 graduates and their teachers, the pastors, and alumni officers at one long table, the others at little tables. The PTA serviced the most excellent dinner.

There was some damage by wind on Monday evening. The rain was welcome to soften the dry top earth and cool the atmosphere after several hot days.

A little daughter, Nancy Carol, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cherry on May 31 at the Copley hospital.

A flower show will be held at the Oswego school gym on Friday, June 16.

The Oswego country school and seventh and eighth grade graduations were held at the Oswego gym Tuesday evening, June 6.

Myron Wormley returned from the University of Illinois Sunday for the summer vacation.

June 14: The Old Schoolmates held their annual reunion Saturday, June 11, at the home of Mrs. Emma Wormley. This a group of nearly eighty-year-old women and men who attended the old stone schoolhouse in the sixties and seventies. The first reunion was held in 1900 with a large crowd from different cities and states.

Schools closed last week, the Squires and Russell schools picnicked at Phillips park on June 9; the Wormley school at the same place on June 7 and the Walker school at Collins' woods on June 9. The Oswego school had a good crowd at their field day exercises and picnic dinner on June 9. The extreme heat failed to dampen the ardor of the young folks.

The horse show held at the Maple Lane Riding club on June 10 was a great success. Over 1,000 attended and viewed the 25 saddle horses, some three-, some five-gaited; some jumpers and some high school horses. The announcements were made from an auto equipped with a loud speaker. Prizes went to Aurora, Plainfield, Morris, and Sugar Grove horses. Among the novelty features, there was a bucking mule, the source of much fun and excitement.

The extreme heat wave was broken on Sunday afternoon, June 10 by a north wind and a twenty-degree drop in the temperature. The thermometer stood at 100 degrees at noon. The heat and dry weather last week injured the fruit and small grain crop and was very hard on man and beast.

Mrs. Jennie McConnell Ferguson, a pioneer resident of Wheatland township, died at the home of her son, Robert, on Saturday, June 10. Mrs. Ferguson had many friends in Oswego, having visited her niece, Etta Roberts many times. She always attended the Presbyterian church.

Yorkville: We understand that the government airplane emergency landing field several miles south on Route 47 is to be abandoned as far as emergency landings are concerned and that the beacon light

alone will be left. Guess they're making the planes too good now so they don't need to land "emergentially."

According to Farm Advisor Miller chinch bugs are plentiful in most parts of Kendall county. At present they are most abundant in barley and the young brood is just beginning to hatch. The old bugs are now dying and it is the young ones that will go into the corn when the small grain is cut. Farmers should be on their guard at harvest time so as to protect their cornfields by making barriers. Further information may be secured at the Farm Bureau office.

June 21: The Kendall County Flower Show was held at Oswego on June 16, with 33 entries in several classes. Margaret Norris and Grace Rance sang a duet and solos and Naomi Bell tap-danced a short program. Oswego and Plano took all the prizes, as there were no entries from Yorkville or Newark.

The American Legion of Oswego Post 675 will sponsor a boxing bout Thursday night, June 29, at the high school gymnasium.

Yorkville: Much interest was shown by the local people Thursday when a practical demonstration of a Caterpillar road maintainer was put on for the Board of Supervisors. The big outfit scarified West VanEmon street for a block and then traded it down smoothly. Surprise was manifested at the size of the tires on the machine. Also the statement was heard that it wouldn't be pleasant to have to buy a new set for it. The demonstration was a great success and the county purchased the combination.

The terrific heat of two weeks ago exploded a number of places on the concrete roads. In the ravine just south of Oswego there is a dip that tends to break springs and in many places the top has exploded off the top of the concrete.

Gov. Henry Horner signed a proclamation forbidding the importation of chestnut trees or cuttings into Illinois from states where chestnut blight was rampant in an effort to save Illinois' chestnut tree population. In Eastern states where the blight was rampant it had killed virtually all the native chestnut trees.

June 28: Max Cutter and little Diane and Billy from Chicago spent last weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Cutter.

Many of the families near Oswego will entertain fresh air children from Chicago. They are coming on Thursday and Friday this week.

All interested in the Walker school in the years about 1890 are invited to the Benthien reunion to be held on the school grounds on July 4. Picnic dinner at 12:30, Central Standard time.

Mr. and Mrs. George Parker of Sperling, Manitoba, Canada visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell last week. They attended the World's Fair on Friday.

Yorkville: The Kendall County Board approved a liquor control ordinance, required after the successful passage of the 18th Amendment by county voters earlier in the year.

The Burlington's passenger traffic to the World's Fair over the past weekend exceeded the best expectations of the railroad travel experts by such a wide margin that it seemed like old times to Albert Cotsworth Jr., the passenger traffic manager of the Burlington.

Definite orders were issued June 19 by Edward Flynn, Operating Vice-President of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, for the construction of a stainless steel, motor driven train by the Budd Manufacturing company of Philadelphia.

The equipment is the last word in motorized development for railway passenger travel. The train will be a three-section articulated unit, operating on four wheel trucks instead of the normal six trucks used in a conventional three-car train.

The train is designed along aero-dynamic lines, and from the standpoint of accommodations, will weigh less than half a steam train of like capacity. It will be capable of making 120 miles per hour. It will be powered by a Diesel electric engine, the latest development in Diesel engines by the Winton Engine works, a division of General Motors. The power unit is an eight-in-line, two-cycle 600 horsepower engine.

July – 1933

July 5: Everyone was thankful for the rain that fell last weekend, breaking a drought of nearly four weeks of the hottest June weather ever recorded.

All the farmer families are talking chinch bugs, which have invaded this area as never before. They ruined much of the wheat and barley and some oats and are now entering the cornfields.

Later and more reports are coming in of the destruction of whole fields of small grain and the entering of cornfields by the chinch bug. Perhaps Illinois farm folks never realized before this hot, dry year how much they have had for which to be thankful.

Mrs. Wayne Fosgett and baby daughter Eleanor Lois, from Harrison, Michigan came Sunday evening to spend several weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Woolley.

Yorkville: Many Kendall county farmers like those of other counties in Illinois and other con belt states are in the midst of a battle to save cornfields from the worst chinch bug outbreak in many years. Creosote barriers have been run and are being kept fresh by the addition of creosote each day or more often if necessary.

On account of hard ground and lack of time, many farmers are putting the creosote in furrows instead of on ridges and are digging postholes closer together to keep the bugs from crowding and pushing each other over the creosote.

The second brood of chinch bugs will be due in late July and August and if weather conditions are favorable for the young bugs, there will be considerable damage to cornfields later on.

The only suitable crop to replace dead barley and other destroyed fields are soybeans and buckwheat. While it is too late to mature soybeans, they may be used for hay. Buckwheat usually matures seed of seeded before July 10.

The “talkies” Shown Friday night on the side of Hotel Nading were greatly enjoyed. The speaking apparatus was well adjusted and was

very clear. The Yorkville merchants invite you to attend and enjoy these pictures.

July 12: George M. Croushorn, age 79, one of the best-known men of Kendall County, died early Saturday morning, July 7, 1933. Mr. Croushorn had been in business in Oswego for more than thirty-five years, first conducting a furniture store and later an undertaking establishment, and a few years ago he converted the old Hebert stone residence into a funeral home with his son-in-law, Jake Thorsen of Leland conducted the Croushorn & Thorsen Funeral Home.

Three children survive him: Mrs. Susie Roswell of Centralia, Wash., Mrs. Myrtle Thorsen of Leland, Ill, and J.R. Croushorn of Aurora; seven grandchildren, George and Mary Roswell, Virginia and Jack Thorsen, and Herbert, Warren, and Margaret Norris; two brothers, Albert of Yorkville and J.B. Croushorn of Aurora. Mrs. Croushorn died in October 1927 and a daughter, Mrs. Sadie Norris, died last March.

The funeral was held from the Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Croushorn had long been an elder on July 10. Burial was in the Oswego cemetery.

At the reunion held July 4 at the Walker school, 13 of those who were pupils of Miss E.M. Benthien 40 years ago met for the 12th annual picnic.

A letter from Miss Benthien came two days late but was sent around to those interested.

E.J. Eide had what might have been a very serious accident Thursday when on his bakery route in NaAuSay, the auto skidded on loose gravel and overturned at the side of the road. The car was considerably damaged and Mr. Eide was bruised, and Edwin Jr., who was taking the ride with his dad to celebrate his eighth birthday anniversary, received a cut behind his right ear, necessitating several stitches. Not a very nice birthday present for a small boy.

Burman Etsinger and Don Lippold returned from their Iowa trip on July 4. They traveled 600 miles on a tandem bicycle and had a fine vacation, marred only by the extreme heat.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Zentmyer on Main street have a baby girl, born July 3.

Watts D. Cutter was up to his farm at Barrington last Friday. The crops were destroyed by the recent storm but the buildings were not damaged.

Yorkville: The first brood of chinch bugs of the summer are now beginning to fly and while they will not do so much damage as individuals they will for the next two weeks lay eggs which will hatch as the full brood and may give considerable trouble in cornfields. Farmers in Kendall County have made heroic efforts to trap chinch bugs running from barley and other grain into cornfields and have headed off considerable damage through the use of creosote barriers. Barriers will be of no avail, however, for the next brood and it will be necessary to depend on weather conditions for the prevention of serious injury.

Monday morning at about 9 o'clock two bandits walked in and held up and relieved the Sandwich State bank of approximately \$7,500 while a third man waited outside the bank in a black Chrysler sedan. Before their getaway, the bandits were obliged to exchange a number of shots with a number of bank guards and deputies who gave chase but failed to overtake them. It is believed that one of the bandits was wounded during the gun battle.

It is said that one of the girl employees, when ordered to raise her hands, with great presence of mind and coolness unobserved pushed the button on the counter which sounded an alarm to the bank guards.

We have much to be thankful for except for those chinch bugs. Nothing seems to be able to stop them. The rain only slows them down temporarily. Creosote has been used. One farmer was telling how he spread a band of creosote along a field to prevent the pests from reaching his corn. The first to reach the creosote died so did the net million or so until the creosote was covered with them and the rest walked over them into the corn. The same procedure went on when holes were dug; when the holes were filled up the little army proceeded, all of which is discouraging to the farmer, to say the very least.



July 19: Dorothy Etsinger left last Sunday morning to make the trip alone on the CB&Q to Spokane, Wash. where she will visit her grandmother for several weeks.

Many Oswego people are attending the Century of Progress exposition.

Again, a warning is given to lock doors and windows and keep a good dog. Arthur Hummel recently lost a sack of wheat and other food products from his basement, and Joe Wirth lost a five-gallon can of gasoline and a can of milk from the farm southeast of town.

Dan Figge has spent this past week on a business trip to Kansas, going by auto.

Yorkville: Kendall county has a heavier outbreak of chinch bugs this year than in any year during the memory of those now living. One of the best examples of corn protection by barriers is on the farm of Fred and Wellington Betz north of Yorkville. On this farm, even the outside rows of corn have been protected. Paul Dhuse near Oswego and many other farmers have also done excellent work and have trapped millions of bugs, which will not lay eggs to develop more bugs for the second brood, which will be due to hatch in the next two to five weeks unless the weatherman cooperates in destroying the bugs by wet weather.

Those who have not seen effective chinch bug barriers can hardly realize that from seven to eight bushels of bugs may be trapped in a half mile during one week. Since each bushel contains at least 60,000,000 bugs, it is possible to trap 480,000,000 of these insects per week in one half mile of barrier.

July 26: Friends are extending good wishes to Dorothy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Herren, and Shirley Baker, son of Harry L. Baker of Baker's Laundry, Aurora, who were married at Aurora Friday evening, July 21.

Miss Belle McLaren, age 57, who lived with her brothers Lachlan and Charles on the Oswego-Plainfield road, died at her home July 23 after several months' illness. She has been housekeeper for her

brothers for many years. The funeral was held from the [Wheatland] United Presbyterian church on Tuesday, July 25. Burial in the church cemetery.

Lathelle Collins, Ruth Woolley, and Leon Haag enjoyed a trip to Starved Rock July 18.

Postmaster and Mrs. Frank Woolley attended a state postmasters' meeting at Rockford Thursday and Friday of last week. Jessie Willis assisted Miss Peshia at the post office during Mr. Woolley's absence.

Wayne Fosgett from Harrison, Michigan came last week to join his wife, who has been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Woolley and together they attended the World's Fair for two days. Mr. Fosgett was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. William Fosgett and a friend, Harold Hughes.

Yorkville: Millbrook Bank robbed; 2 bandits captured, 3rd shot Enter Millbrook State Bank at 11 a.m. Saturday--One Bandit Dead and Two in Jail by 11 Sunday Morning--500 Armed Kendall County Citizens Aid Sheriff Hextell in Manhunt.

At 11 o'clock Saturday morning a blue Plymouth sedan containing three men stopped in front of the Millbrook State bank, Millbrook. Two of the men entered the bank and covered Ralph R. Witte, cashier, and Mrs. Oester, commanding them to lie on the floor. Resourceful, Mr. Witte, at the risk of his life, pushed the alarm button before complying. The bandits scooped up about \$300 and started for their car.

The alarm, sounding in the O.S. Hodney store, was first thought to be a false one, but Jerome Peterson, who had experienced a similar occurrence, grabbed a gun and shouted for the others to do the same. Seeing the bandits leave the bank and enter their car, Jerome started firing.

As the car started away, Mr. Dorrisman, unarmed, gave chase in his car, his idea being to keep the men in view.

Wunder Budd, in the meantime, started after the fleeing bandits after picking up Jerome Peterson, "Bud" Henning, and Jerome Hollenback Jr. Jerome Peterson stood on the running board, firing at the bandit trio.

Mr. Dorrisman gave up the chase when he found an armed car pursuing and probably persuaded by the little spurts of dust in front of his car caused by bullets fired by the bandits.

The race was fast and furious until the bandits attempted to make the short Manchester turn to the left. The speed they were traveling caused their car to overturn.

Two of the stick-up men jumped from the car and took to the cornfield, while the third, who was stunned in the accident, was taken prisoner. The money was found in the car.

Sheriff Hextell and a host of bank guards were rushing to the scene shortly after the bank was held up. The sheriff quickly organized a posse and surrounded as much of the country thereabouts as possible. Several lines passed through the field but the bandits could not be seen.

Saturday evening it was generally conceded that the two had made good their getaway. The first bandit captured gave his name as Joseph Jed, East St. Louis, Illinois, but, he said, "just to call me by." He is lodged in the county jail at Yorkville.

Gerald Matlock entered the picture early Sunday morning when he saw a stranger crossing his orchard. He called Sheriff Hextell, who left for the farm immediately. Later Gerald saw the second man and called the news to the Sheriff's office. The sheriff again organized a posse to get the now-cornered bandits.

Deputies Leslie Hextell, Gerald and Eugene Matlock captured the first of the pair in Matlock's timber. The second man disappeared. Sheriff Hextell tracked him south and directed the posse to watch the roads there.

Louis Olson, Earl Kahle, and William Moenkemeier in one car and Thor Vogen and Harry Naden in another were just starting west down the road north of the Cross Lutheran church. The Naden car preceded the other. The remaining bandit was hiding in the weeds along the road. Thinking he was safe after the first car passed, he jumped up and climbed the fence toward the church yard, evidently with the idea of stealing a car in the yard and escaping.

Just as he was climbing the fence, the Kahle car came up. Louis Olson, deputy sheriff, DeKalb county, of Hinckley, commanded him to halt several times. The bandit ran unheeding so Olson fired. The man, shot in the abdomen, fell dying a few moments later. This was about 10:45 a.m. The unidentified body was moved to the Hasemeyer funeral home.

Monday morning County Coroner F.M. Groner called an inquest. After hearing Sheriff Martin N. Hextell, Earl Kahle, Louis Olson, and Thor Vogen tell of the shooting, the jury decided that the unidentified man met his death while evading arrest after repeated warning. The jury exonerated Mr. Olson entirely and commended his action without reservation.

Kendall county has again proved to be a hard nut for bank bandits to crack. Our active sheriff and his able corps of deputies are right on the job every minute. The citizens of the county are ready to help their sheriff at any time. The fact that around 500 well-armed men were at the sheriff's disposal Saturday afternoon demonstrates this fact.

#### Bandit Identified Tuesday

The bandit shot near the Cross Lutheran church Sunday in an attempted escape was identified by his wife, Tuesday afternoon as Guy Sell Ellis of Chicago. Larson & Hassemeyer removed the body to his home at 63rd and Wentworth streets Tuesday evening.

Free talking movies at Yorkville Friday night. This free entertainment is furnished by the Yorkville business and professional men.

Friday morning, Swain Tillitson brought his powerful little Caterpillar tractor over to town, hooked a chain onto it, and with the assistance of Marty Behrens, Herman Dhuse, and several others, started pulling up the tracks of the old AE&C carline on East Van Emmon street. The tractor strained and grunted, but the track came up and now maybe Van Emmon street can be made into a street fit to travel upon.

Saturday morning three men held up the Millbrook bank. They were misguided. Anyone should know better than to try to hold up a bank in Kendall county. Ralph Wittie pushed the alarm button bringing the wrath of the robbers down on him but only verbally and the bank guards got out in force, also the farmers and a number of citizens from the villages. The robbers turned their car over; one robber was caught then. Another Saturday evening and the third and last was shot dead when he tried to steal a car at the Lutheran church south of town during the services Sunday morning. The

average in Kendall county is decidedly not in favor of bank banditry--the bandits lose.

Millbrook: Our little village was in great commotion last Saturday morning when the Millbrook Farmers State bank was robbed in broad daylight. Much credit is due our boys for bravery and quick action at the time. The robbers were followed so closely they were at their wits' end to know what to do next. Two of the robbers are in jail at Yorkville. The third man, Guy Ellis, was shot and killed. While the business men went after the bandits, their wives took charge of the homework.

August -- 1933

Aug. 2: Many Oswego residents were traveling to Chicago by train and bus to enjoy the Century of Progress World's Fair exposition in August 1933.

Oscar Strom, 58, died at his home last Wednesday evening, July 26, following an illness of a few weeks' duration. Mr. Strom leaves his wife, Golda, and two daughters, Mrs. Jessie Prather of Chicago and Mrs. Eunice Bahr of Aurora.

The funeral was held from the Thorsen funeral home Friday. Burial was in the Oswego cemetery. Mr. Strom was a glassblower by trade.

Many from Oswego attended the "Review of the Brides" at the Methodist church in Yorkville last Thursday evening. Mary Armbruster modeled her mother's wedding dress and Marjorie Hall wore her grandmother's. Mrs. Leslie Dieterich and her bridesmaids and little Jack Armbruster represented the 1932 bridal party.

Burman Etsinger played a saxophone solo accompanied at the piano by Leonard Hafenrichter, and Ted Sicler played the guitar and harmonica together at the home talent play given at the NaAuSay church on Friday evening.

Rose Condon, who is employed by the CA&E in Aurora, is enjoying a vacation and will spend several days this week visiting relatives in Chicago and attending the Century of Progress exposition.

Tom Collins, 14 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Collins, underwent an operation at the St. Charles hospital, Aurora, on July 31. He has never recovered from the accidental gunshot wound received last winter when he was hunting alone and stepped into a brush pile, discharging his gun. Tommy lives near Yorkville and is a student at Yorkville school. He used to live near Oswego.

Yorkville: Sunday was no cooler than Saturday and the thermometer in *The Record* office registered an even 100 degrees Saturday afternoon. Monday was a trifle cooler as the sky was clouded over and a gentle zephyr wafted itself through out village.

VanEmmon street is now in fine shape the result of tearing up the street car tracks, grading, scraping, and sweating.

Aug. 9: Margaret Meyer, a sophomore at Oswego high school, would like a place to share her board and room during the new school year. Margaret is a quiet, likable girl who has no way to get back and forth to school.

A number of families from the Prairie church attended a camp meeting at Naperville on Aug. 6.

Yorkville: "NRA Member: We Do Our Part. The *Kendall County Record*" proclaimed a front-page *Record* ad.

The debt adjustment committee for Kendall county met at the Farm Bureau office in Yorkville Friday night for the purpose of securing information concerning the work of the committee.

C.E. Hopkins, member of the state conciliation committee, was present to explain the details of the program and to offer suggestions in regard to carrying on the work in Kendall county. Members of the committee are Frank F. Crum, chairman; Ed Gutel, secretary; James Campbell, Fred Baker, and Leslie Gifford. Debtors or creditors in Kendall county who desire to talk over their problems should see one of the of the members of the committee, which will meet from time to time as occasion demands.

Yorkville residents regret the untimely death of Ruth York, girl parachute jumper, who lost her life Sunday when her parachutes did not open. Ruth was quite well known here; with her mother she ran the Hotel Nading not long ago, going from there to Aurora. One of the sad results of her death is the fact that her two children are now motherless.

Have you signed up with the NRA yet? We must all get behind the movement if it is to have the best results.

Aug. 16: The James and Allan Campbell families attended the picnic given by the Kendall Farmers Oil company at Lutzow's Grove near Morris on Aug. 13.

Among those who are ill are Mrs. Jennie Wormley at the home of her daughter; Mrs. Henry Heffelfinger; and Jean Leigh, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Leigh.

A letter received from Glenn Smith states that he and the others of the Wheaton College Quintet were conducting meetings in West Philadelphia on Sunday. On their trip west and east they have found many students who plan to register at Wheaton in September.

Recent Century of Progress visitors, Mrs. Jack Lemmon and Mr. and Mrs. Lemoine Duncan of Aledo, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith.

A number of young married couples enjoyed a picnic supper on Aug. 10 with Mr. and Mrs. Allan Campbell. The boys attended the ball game at the [Wheatland] U.P. [United Presbyterian] playground in the evening.

Yorkville: The boys of Plattville Company E [129th Illinois National Guard] arrived in town on the special train about 2 a.m. Sunday. They have been at Camp Grant, Rockford for two weeks.

Nearly 400 Illinois bank receivers and conservators were called to Springfield during the last three weeks to hear of the plan of the Farm Credit Administration to help open closed banks.

Aug. 23: The Oswego schools will open Tuesday, Sept. 5. All pupils are expected to come on that day equipped with a full set of books and supplies in order that a full day's work may be accomplished. An increase in enrollment of the Oswego high school is assured for the coming year. Parents in the rural territory seem to have grasped the "We Do Our Part" idea for with very few exceptions, those in the Oswego area will be sending their children to the Oswego school this fall, thus keeping Kendall county tax money in Kendall county. Each time a pupil residing in Kendall county goes outside the county to another high school, our money is sent from our own county fund over into that county fund to pay for his education.

The freshman class promises to be the largest in the history of the school. When full registrations are in, there will be perhaps a group of 40 starting in the first year.

The three upper classes will remain practically the same in number as last year.

There will be no changes in the teaching corps from last year. With one exception, all teachers employed in the Oswego schools next year will have served for at least three years in their present positions. The high school teachers more than meet the minimum requirements of 16 hours preparation in education and 16 hours preparation in each subject they teach as required by the highest accrediting authorities.

Last spring, the Board of Education worked out a budget which balances with the reduced anticipated income for the coming year. Reeducations and cuts here and there had to be made, including drastic reductions in teachers' salaries. When all figures had been presented, it was decided that instruction should suffer no curtailment, but that the athletic program would have to share its part of the burden. Therefore, no football program will be carried out this fall. It is hoped that with this balanced budget in force that the Oswego school can go through another year during these strenuous times without issuing any anticipation warrants.

Teachers for the coming year:

High School

John L. Clayton, Oswego, Superintendent, social studies; Doris Whitehouse, Normal, Ill., English and Foreign languages; Hilda Johnson, Geneva, commercial; Maurine Baker, Anna, history; Marvin Marquardt, Paynesville, Minn., mathematics and science.

Grade School



Reeve Thompson, Maiden Rock Wis., seventh and eighth grade and band; Rachel Winebrenner, Freeport, sixth and 5A; Ila Harrison, Mendota, fourth and 5B; Virginia Crossman, LaMoille, third and 2A; and Isabel Rubel, Roanoke, first and 2B.

The Oswego Board of Education is made up of the following members--A.H. Dysart, president; Mrs. Emma Inman, secretary; Mrs. Grace Harvey, Mrs. Minnie Hafenrichter, William Baumann, Leslie Woolley, and W.H. Davis.

The Rev. and Mrs. J.T. Hood and their daughter, Mary, of Cairo, Ill. were guests Aug. 17 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Smith. They report the depression so bad at Cairo that no high school will open there this fall, only the grades schools, and they with shortened terms.

A meeting of the stockholders and depositors of the Oswego State Bank will be held at the village hall in Oswego on Friday, August 25 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of talking over the possibility of reopening the bank. It is understood that the State Auditor's office is in accord with this move and will cooperate in every way possible to assist the community of Oswego in having a bank. Every depositor and stockholder is urged to be present.

Ronald Smith, formerly of Rockford, is now located in Oswego, is in charge of the Thorsen funeral home. Mr. Smith is a son of Frieda Biesemier Smith, who lived her girlhood years in Oswego.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Rink have a little son, born at the Copley hospital, Tuesday, August 15. The name chosen is Roger Russell.

Yorkville: In this issue of *The Record* is an article sent down by John L. Clayton, the able superintendent of the Oswego school, telling of the opening of the Oswego schools. It is expected that they will have larger school than ever, but it is too bad that they find it necessary to cut down on football. Oswego's football prowess is well (and regretfully) known to students and ex-students of YHS.

The Yorkville High school as well as the Oswego school opens the day following Labor day, Sept. 5.

Speaking of Oswego, have you noticed the fine new signs which have been put up in that village to guide the traveler about so he can find his way. They are a great help to strangers.

Aug. 30: Thieves broke the glass in the rear door in the Charles Schultz store some time last Saturday night, unlocked the door and took \$10 from the cash register, a box of cigars, and other small articles. At the same time, the ice cream shop was entered in the same manner and a small amount of candy, cigars, cigarettes, pies, and other items were taken.

The barn on the old Darfler farm on Route 18 burned Saturday, Aug. 26. The harness, hay, and small amount of grain were destroyed. The farm is owned by Myron Haag and the building was insured but the tenant, Mr. Bromfield carried no insurance. They have no idea how the fire started. There is only one telephone in that vicinity.

A surprise birthday party was held Saturday evening of J.A. Manning at his home on Park Avenue. The party was in honor of Mr. Manning's 82nd birthday anniversary.

Marvin Marquardt has returned for the school year. He and Reeve Thompson will room at the Oliver Burkhart home this year.

Tom Ferguson has obtained a position in Denver, Colo., and came back to Oswego last week, starting on the return trip to Denver Monday accompanied by his wife and her sister, Ruth Woolley.

Yorkville: Harold Witt, alias Henry Sonenschein, was returned from Joliet prison to appear before Judge W.J. Fulton. Witt asked that the hearing be postponed until he could arrange for a lawyer.

Witt is serving a life sentence under the habitual criminal act. He was returned to prison under a heavy guard after the hearing. Joe Jed, his accomplice, pleaded not guilty and his trial was set for Oct. 30. His attorney hinted that Mr. Jed's friends would post a \$15,000 bond shortly.

These two men, it will be remembered, are on trial for the holdup of the Millbrook State Bank. The third member, Guy Ellis, was shot and killed by a member of the sheriff's posse.

Wilfred S. Reynolds, executive secretary of the Illinois Emergency Relief commission, has advised the Kendall County Emergency Relief committee that emergency relief funds available for the remainder of 1933 will be inadequate to meet the needs of the state unless marked reductions in relief costs are effected.

September -- 1933

Sept. 6: Oswego will celebrate its centennial September 12-17 by big homecoming festival. Many entertainment features being planned.

Oswego people are looking forward to a week of festivities in celebration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the village. There will be a free entertainment and street carnival each night. Relics and articles of historical value will be displayed at the school gymnasium in the charge of Marvin Marquardt. On Friday, September 15 there will be a homecoming picnic on the school grounds. Bring sandwiches and a dish to pass and enjoy a good time. Old timers will play ball at the picnic and there will be music by the school band.

The town school teachers came back to Oswego over last weekend and all the schools opened September 5.

Myron Wormley leaves for the University of Illinois Friday.

George Woolley began his duties at East Aurora High school Tuesday, teaching classes in English and Spanish.

Mr. and Mrs. Watts Cutter's boys, Slade and Fred, who have been home on vacation, have returned. Fred is a sophomore in the University of Arizona at Tucson and Slade for his third year at Annapolis.

There will be a meeting of the Outdoor Minute Men of North America on Friday evening of this week at the home of Commander Scott C. Cutter in Oswego. There are a number of things to be

considered. Each member is asked to pass the word of the meeting to another member.

Yorkville: Our neighboring town of Oswego celebrates its centennial from Tuesday, Sept. 12 to Sunday, Sept. 17, inclusive. There will be a large number of things to interest everyone during these five big days, and everyone is to be made to feel welcome. Congratulations to your Oswego! May your celebration be a huge success.

The residents of Oswego were surprised to read in a Chicago paper of the finding of a man's body near Oswego by a farmer. Neither the body nor the farmer had ever been heard of.

Sept. 13: Much interest is being shown in the Oswego centennial. Old heirlooms and relics are brought out. Many plan to attend the homecoming picnic on the school lawn on Friday, Sept. 15. The Miss Oswego contest is on. The stores are decorated and all are looking forward to a pleasant week.

Marshall Young, breeder of Layers Lane Barred Rocks, won in the standard Barred Rock class at the Sandwich Fair, winning prizes as follows; First breeding pen, first and second hen, first and second pullets, first cockerel, and second cock.

Victor Mather of Oswego, who would have been 89 years old on Sept. 9, died Sept. 8 at the home of relatives at Brandon, Vt., where he always spent the summer months.

Mr. Mather lived for more than half a century in Oswego. His wife, who was Anna Hopkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Hopkins, died 25 years ago.

Mr. Mather's body was brought to Oswego and funeral services were held at the Thorsen funeral home Sept. 12. Burial was in the Oswego cemetery. Mr. Mather was tall and straight and did not look his age. He will be greatly missed by Oswego friends who met him down town every day.

There are 175 pupils in the grades of the Oswego school and 112 in high school. Forty of the high school pupils are in the freshman class. School will be dismissed at noon Friday, Sept. 15, on account of the centennial homecoming picnic.

Max Cutter of Chicago, accompanied by his little daughter, Diane and son, Billy, enjoyed a few days' vacation last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Cutter.

Yorkville: The Bertram School near Bristol Station was broken into Monday night and robbed of curtains, curtain rods, pencil boxes and brooms. It is also thought that some cobs and coal were taken. It is suspected that it is a local "job." The pupils, of whom Leota Anderson is teacher, were very much upset upon finding their pencil boxes stolen when they arrived at school Tuesday morning.

Sept. 20: A homecoming celebration wrapped up Oswego's centennial celebration on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 16-17. The celebration included a large parade. The village officials, the mayor and several commissioners of Aurora, a 4-H club, the Oswego school band, the Aurora Historical society Fife and Drum corps, a little German band of Aurora, the Rainbo Bread trucks, the Walker laundry truck, the Clark and Parkhurst stock trucks, a number on horseback from the Maple Lane Riding academy, and many others made up a colorful and interesting parade.

The first prize on floats was awarded to the Mothers' club; second prize was presented for the tally-ho. Harry Clark, driving a little donkey with a goat tied behind, was the best comic entry. Esther and Ethel Schlapp as the circuit riders were awarded the first prize in costumes; the second prize going to Caroline Meyer and Donald Walper in their old-fashioned clothes, and a third went to Richard Songer on an old high-wheeled bicycle. The Joliet Auxiliary drill team, commanded by Captain Pearson, won the drill team contest with a Maywood team second. The contest before the judges' stand was a beautiful sight.

The store and office windows were filled with Oswego relics and heirlooms, a wonderful exhibit that would fill columns to describe. One of the best was the Kломhaus window, decorated by Joe Sierp. The evening entertainments drew large crowds. The Ferris wheel and merry-go-round in the carnival were popular places for the younger folks. A community church service was held on Sunday at the Federated Church including a choir made up of members of three area churches.

The body of Maggie Bunn Durand was brought here for burial in the Oswego cemetery Monday. Mrs. Durand was an Oswego girl in the 70s, and is remembered by a few of the older residents.

The Oswego Rural Mail carriers will entertain the Rural Mail Carriers of Kendall and surrounding counties Wednesday evening. A picnic supper will be served at the Masonic Hall dining room at 5:30 p.m., which will be followed by a program.

Edward Redfield, 40 years of age who was office secretary for the Illinois Sand & Gravel company at the Yagan plant between Oswego and Yorkville was found dead at his desk at 10 o'clock Monday morning. He had gone to work in the morning apparently in the best of health. At the time death came, he was alone in his office at his desk reading when an attack of heart disease claimed him. Mr. Redfield is survived by his wife, Florence, of Oswego; and his two children, Mary Lou and Teddy.

Yorkville: The gods did not smile propitiously upon the Oswego centennial celebration from Tuesday until Sunday. After a long spell of hot, dry weather which would have been nearly ideal for our Oswego neighbors came the end of the heat and drought and rain and cold weather descended upon Kendall county. Which did not tend to draw big crowds to the centennial. Saturday afternoon, however, the temperature rose somewhat and the sun smiled down benignly upon Oswego and the anniversary of its 100th birthday. Many happy returns, Oswego.

Sept. 27: The Oswego centennial, held from Sept. 12 to 17 was a huge success. Everyone said so.

Scott Cutter said it was a success and anyway it put Oswego on the map.

Other merchants said if the weather had been as good all the week as it was on Saturday their trade would have been very good. Each merchant devoted one window of his store or shop to the exhibit of old time relics and heirlooms and it was a grand display.

Joe Sierp of Aurora, formerly an Oswego boy, took a great deal of interest in the centennial. He brought his hand-carved exhibit of old time ox teams and carts, plows, and covered wagons, a replica of the old stage coach with the six horses and two drivers was used to

travel from Ottawa through Oswego to Naperville and Chicago. The floor space in the Klomhaus Chevrolet showroom was filled with his exhibit, old documents, old clocks, and pictures of old Oswego people and buildings. Mr. Sierp hopes that some day Kendall county will have a museum and says if anyone will donate pictures, he will put them under glass.

The American Legion, who sponsored the centennial, not only made a social success of it, but a financial success as well as the community put it over with \$100 to spare.

They do say Lloyd Wormley traveled a thousand miles in his auto to get it started. Success to him in all his ventures!

Mr. Klomhaus took the freshman class of the Oswego high school to A Century of Progress Sept. 23. A few others accompanied them.

Mrs. Celia Carney Davis, widow of the late Wallace Davis and a pioneer resident of Oswego, Passed away at her home Sept. 23 at the age of 82 years.

Mrs. Davis was born in New York state and moved to Oswego when she was 7 years of age. She had been a resident of this county for 75 years.

She leaves to mourn her departure two sons, John and Fred Carney of Oswego; three daughters, Mrs. Lena Parkins of Aurora, Mrs. Nell Andrew, and Mrs. Edith Nadelhasser of Clinton, Ia.; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. Lena Cleveland of Evanston.

The funeral services were conducted Monday from the Thorsen chapel, Oswego. Burial in the Oswego cemetery.

A number from Oswego attended the funeral of James Goudie at the Healy Chapel in Aurora Sept. 22

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Schultz moved last Monday into the Kohlhammer house on Washington street.

A number from Oswego attended the Big Rock plowing match on Saturday. The ideal day drew large crowd. The weather man was kind and sent rain to Big rock and vicinity on Friday so everything was fresh and clean and the dust was settled.

Yorkville: The new proprietors of the Nading Café have installed a bar where they serve Schlitz beer. They have the interior of the old hotel fixed up nicely.

October -- 1933

Oct. 4: Mrs. Minnie Schultz and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Van Volkenberg, who had attended the wedding of their grandson, LaVerne Schultz, at Michigan City, Ind. and were just driving out of the city on their way home on Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 26, were halted in the traffic directly across the street from the Indiana state prison. It was just at this moment that 10 prisoners made their escape after shooting a clerk. Four of the prisoners came directly for Van Volkenberg's auto and in less time than it takes to tell, pulled Mrs. Schultz and Mrs. Van Volkenberg from the car, throwing a large travelling bag after them and seating themselves in the auto, one in the front seat with Mr. Van Volkenberg.

A convict poked a gun in Mr. Van Volkenberg's side and ordered him to drive on and be (censored) quick about it. Out of the corner of his eye he could see the glint of a gun barrel behind him.

Continually urging more speed the convicts forced him to drive for about a mile and then, as he drove too slow to suit them, they ordered him to stop and get out. As he slowed up, he accidentally killed the engine. They swore and told him to start it again, which he did and one prisoner stepped out from the back seat and taking Mr. Van Volkenberg's arm with one hand and holding a gun in the other, helped him to the pavement, throwing Mrs. Schultz's little suitcase containing clothes and money after him.

Mr. Van Volkenberg ran to some laborers, meanwhile trying to flag down two autos. The first, he learned later, was the chief of police and he did not stop, but the next, also police did, and asked Mr. Van Volkenberg if he was the man who drove the car for the prisoners. Receiving an affirmative answer, they took him and drove to Gary, continually on the lookout for Van Volkenberg's auto, but found no trace of it. Mr. Van Volkenberg was taken back to Michigan City and in a day or so his daughter, Mrs. Biesemier and Mrs. Paul Dwyre of Oswego, drove there and brought the Van Volkenbergs and Mrs. Schultz home.



In the Van Volkenberg auto was another small traveling bag and hanging in the car was the coat to Mr. Van Volkenberg's suit, a \$6 sweater, and some hats.

There was not insurance on the auto at the time.

"The King of Kings," Cecil B. DeMille's outstanding motion picture dramatization of the life, ministry, suffering, death, and glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, will be presented at the high school gymnasium in Oswego Friday, Oct. 13, commencing at 7:30 p.m.

Synchronized music will follow the picture throughout.

Children under 15 must be accompanied by parents or other adults.

Yorkville: And now we see that the radio is going to become a real newscasting outfit and broadcast news direct from the scene. The main trouble with the radio as a news agency is that announcers have to keep talking to hold the interest of the listeners, and sometimes they say things that the impassionate newspaper reporter would never think of putting in a story.

Many corn fields in Kendall county are injured by grubs this year, from 50 to 100 percent. According to word which Farm Advisor Miller has received from the University, most of the injury has resulted from what is known as the Brood A grub, which may give some trouble early next year, but will not be troublesome again until 1936.

Oct. 11: Mr. Van Volkenberg returned last Sunday afternoon with his Oldsmobile, which the escaped convicts from the Indiana state prison had used in their getaway. The car was found near Brownstown, Ind., over 200 miles from Michigan City. Six convicts got out of the auto at the edge of a swamp but near a schoolhouse so the teacher reported it and the authorities went for the car and sent word to Michigan City. Richard Schultz went with his father-in-law from Michigan City and they found the auto in good condition, though perhaps not as quiet as formerly and with a bullet hole in the trunk. But outside of that, the car was not damaged and not even very dirty. The convicts had taken the keys and the sweater and a hat from the auto but left Mr. Van Volkenberg's coat and in the trunk were found six suits of convict garb.

On Thursday evening, fire completely destroyed the house on the farm belonging to the Charles Smith estate, located across the road from the Prairie church. The house, an old one and built with many heavy timbers, burned slowly and most of the furniture was saved with the exception of the electric washing machine and a stove. There was insurance carried on both the house and personal property.

Mrs. Clara Kneller and her 18 year-old son, Howard, who are working the farm, are staying with neighbors for the present. Mrs. Kneller has had much sorrow and trouble, having lost in death her husband and three children, and having lived previous to this on two different farms where the barns burned.

The Oswego library will be open Wednesday afternoon and evening beginning Oct. 11.

Many of the farmers are hulling clover, harvesting soybeans, and a few are shelling corn.

A number of Oswego Legionnaires attended the convention in Chicago.

The paving on the new state road to Naperville has been completed to Oswego as far as the Ralph Norris farm with the exception of a stretch where the road crosses the Lincoln highway and the EJ&E tracks. It will soon be open to traffic.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Peshia have been having a little vacation trip visiting relatives. Marshall Young is the substitute mail carrier on rural Route 2 and was taking Mr. Peshia's place over the past week.

Dan Cherry has gone to California with a group of men, where he expects employment in his engineering line in opening a road to a mine.

Yorkville: The Yorkville Theatre opened Saturday and played to a packed house. So large was the crowd that some could not be seated until the second show.

Next Saturday, the building will be heated and still greater improvements will be made in the sound system.

Oct. 18: Schultz's store was robbed one day last week--local talent.

Mr. and Mrs. Mungerson, of the Oswego restaurant, are moving into the W.J. Morse tenant house on Madison street, and Mr. and Mrs. Eide of the Oswego bakery will occupy the old Bartlett house on Main street, vacated by the Mungersons.

Stanley Drew, a student at Illinois State Normal, visited with Oswego friends Sunday. Mr. Drew had been attending the National Press Association of College Newspapermen at Chicago on Friday and Saturday.

Oct. 25: The Junior Frolic held at the Oswego school on Friday evening, Oct. 20, was a great success. The auditorium was crowded. Each high school class put on a stunt, that of the sophomore class under the direction of Mr. Marquardt, "progress of Transportation," winning the silver loving cup.

About 30 of the old friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mrs. Olive Voss on Monday afternoon for a farewell party for Miss Kate Cliggitt, who is soon leaving her home on Main street to spend the winter with a niece, Mrs. Lester Galvin, in Aurora. For many years, Miss Cliggitt took a prominent part in educational affairs in Oswego and taught both in the Old Stone Schoolhouse and in the present school building.

Last week while Herman Armbruster was trimming the hoofs of a horse, the horse stepped sideways and crushed Mr. Armbruster against the side of the barn, breaking a rib from the chest bone.

Yorkville and Oswego marksmen will indulge in a rifle shoot at the Yagan [gravel] pit [between Yorkville and Oswego] Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m., weather permitting. Those who wish to shoot will please report, Oswegoans to Clay Cutter, Yorkvilleites to Bob Marshall. Contestants must live within the city limits of the two villages. No prizes, just for the sport of the thing.

About two inches of rain fell on Friday and Saturday. On Saturday, one thunderstorm followed another and the rain fell in torrents.

Harry Schlapp lost one of his best cows when it was killed by lightning during the lightning storm Saturday.

November -- 1933

Nov. 1: Charles W. Bower, 68 of Aurora, formerly of Oswego township, died at his home on Saturday, Oct. 28. He was born in Oswego Oct. 16, 1865 and had lived in Aurora for 14 years. He is survived by a daughter, Miss Elda E. Bower of Aurora; a sister, Mrs. Minnie Hafenrichter of Wheatland; two brothers, George and Fred of Oswego; and several nieces and nephews.

Hog cholera has broken out in Oswego township. Ed Friebele lost nearly all of his 75 fine shoats; Lawrence Ode lost a lot; Myron Herren and Albert Woolley have lost a few and have others sick with the disease. Many of the farmers had their pigs and hogs vaccinated last week.

The annual Hallowe'en Fair, sponsored by the Parent-Teacher association of the Oswego school, was a grand success. About 200 were served at the supper. There was fortune telling; a fish pond; and a bakery and candy booth.

Helen Dysart and her pupils of the Russell school, and Mary Light and the scholars of the Cutter school enjoyed a wiener roast in Andrew Maier's woods last Tuesday night.

A.J. Benjamin of Aurora has bought the Mungerson Soda shop and together with his sister will run the business.

Yorkville: The case of The People versus Jack Dean, alias Joe Jed, for connection with the robbery of the Farmers State Bank of Millbrook in July is now being heard before Judge Fulton. Many of those who reported for jury service were turned down because they had already formed an opinion of the case.

Monday and Tuesday of this week, one of the new type stainless steel air-conditioned trains was running between Chicago and Aurora. The train was built for the Texas & Pacific railroad. It is said to be capable of over 75 miles an hour and it is thought possible that more of its general type might be put into commuting service between Aurora and Chicago on the Burlington if tests prove satisfactory.

3,500 voters of Kendall county signed the tax reduction petition recently circulated by the tax committees of the Farm Bureau. This program is part of a statewide endeavor to get the antiquated Constitution of Illinois changed so income from labor and intangible property can be taxed to bear its share by one-half.

Nov. 8: Dr. Sheldon F. Bell was one of the victims of the bandits during the 10 holdups in Kane and Kendall counties on Wednesday evening, Nov. 1. He was robbed of about seventeen dollars on Route 22 near Normantown. Dr. Bell was accompanied by his wife, who was not molested. All the robbers wanted was money, rejecting the bill fold and the papers it contained.

One day last week two men entered the W.J. Morse store. One asked for some samples of coat lining and the other walked along the center counter where wearing apparel was neatly displayed in boxes. After the men had left the store, Mr. Morse noticed one empty box. Apparently the thief had snatched and hidden the contents, seven or eight pair of children's silk bloomers.

A number from here attended the state corn husking contest at Granville on Friday.

Gus Klomhaus, driver of the school bus, took a bus load of Oswego pupils to A Century of Progress Thursday.

The weather record for October 29, 30, and 31 and November 1 and 2, 1933 may well be handed down to your grandchildren as the most beautiful summer days for that time of year that were ever known. And the fall foliage was beautiful, too.

Yorkville: Jack Dean, alias Joe Jud, was found guilty by the jury last Thursday of robbing the Millbrook State bank on July 22, 1933. Dean, with Harold Witt and Guy Ellis, held up the bank. Dean was captured when the car overturned at Manchester's corner. Witt was captured and Guy Ellis was shot and killed while evading capture. Witt was returned to Stateville penitentiary near Joliet to serve out a sentence unfinished because of his escape.

Nov. 15: The dust storm Sunday night was one of the worst dust storms experienced in this vicinity in many years. It was just too bad for all the good housekeepers who had finished their fall housecleaning. Even in the homes with doors and windows tightly closed the dust-laden air was disagreeable to breathe. The dust is said to have been blown here from as far away as the Dakotas, where a 70-mile-an-hour wind did considerable damage.

Myron Wormley was home from the University of Illinois last Sunday, having come to Chicago with the football team on Saturday.

The Legion and the Auxiliary held a short service on the school grounds at 11 o'clock on Armistice day.

Yorkville: Considerable interest is evident in Kendall county following the announcement that an anti-rat campaign will be held on Nov. 28, says Farm Adviser Miller. Apparently a good many people have rats to contend with and welcome this opportunity of working with their neighbors in ridding the community of the pests.

Members of the Farm Holiday association have approached a number of the elevators in Kendall county the past week asking them to stop buying grain until the farmers are able to cut a better price for their products. Thus far, the elevators have remained open, seeing no justifiable reason for closing.

Repeal is here and early next month the eighteenth amendment will be a forgotten thing. The great question now is where and how is liquor to be dispensed. Will the saloon come back? Will liquor be served in an establishment similar to our present beer parlor.

Our highways will be unsafe if liquor can be purchased and consumed anywhere. If the liquor must be taken home to be opened, many a wife will act as sort of a damper on over indulgence and many a needed pay check will probably go toward necessities. We think also that sometime in the future, we will wish that the Eighteenth amendment had remained and liquor left as nearly buried as it was. The only whoopee we'll make is to dry our film negatives in grain alcohol, heretofore unpurchasable.

Nov. 22: In last week's *Record* there was an item about forged checks having been passed at Oswego and Plano but no mention was made of W.J. Morse as he turned his in on his gas and electric bill and it was two days before it was returned to the Yorkville bank on which it was supposed to have been issued. It was a woman who passed the forged checks and the merchants trusted her as they should not a man, and did not investigate the authenticity of the names on the checks. She bought about \$3 worth of groceries at Schultz's and a wood and cotton blanket at Morse's priced at \$3, receiving the remainder of the \$11.10 in change. No trace of the forger has been found so far.

The marriage of Arlene S. Collins, and younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Collins, and George M. Cohn of Aurora, took place at the parsonage of the American Lutheran church on Tuesday evening, Nov. 14. The newlyweds are making their home in Aurora.

On Wednesday when the little folks were out at play at the first and second grade school in Oswego, Mark Etsinger and Jackie Olson were running around the schoolhouse in opposite directions and came together in a head-on collision. Jackie wasn't hurt--much--but Mark's forehead was cut to the bone above the right eye, necessitating a surgeon's care and the use of four clamps. Mark lost several days of school but the wound is healing nicely.

Ted Sickler has purchased an acre of land from the Calvin Pearce farm at the first curve in the new Oswego-Naperville route and will have a service station and a little home built on it. [Modern intersection of U.S. Route 34 and Ill. Route 31]

Marie Gerry has scarlet fever but is not very ill. She is a pupil at the Willow Hill school, and it is not known how she contracted the disease.

The OHS open the basketball season Wednesday, Nov. 22, playing Sugar Grove at Oswego.

Yorkville: The Civil Works Administration has announced that its quota for Kendall county unemployed is 224. Out of this number, 112 men, or one-half the quota, must first be taken from the relief. These men will work on projects which have been submitted to and approved by the Civil Works administration in Chicago. Work has already started under this administration, employing 10 men from Plano and Oswego. They are widening a county road north of Millington. Common laborers will receive 50 cents per hour and work 30 hours a week. Jobs through the Civil Works will last until about the middle of February.

In a letter received by Eugene Hopkins from the production Credit corporation of St. Louis, we learn that Kendall county will not have a credit association of their own, which many farmers of the county had hoped for.

Nov. 29: Oswego relatives received the sad news of the death of Miss Rosemary Pearce of St. Paul, Minn. Miss Pearce was the daughter of Roy Pearce, now of St. Louis, Mo., and a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pearce of Aurora. A brother, Sheridan Pearce, lives with his grandparents in Aurora and he and his aunt, Olive Pearce, went to St. Paul to attend the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bazan have a new baby, a boy, born Wednesday, Nov. 22.

The Welfare committee will sponsor a program at the Oswego school gym on Friday evening, Dec. 1. All home talent. Community singing. Free. Come and bring your friends.

Watts Cutter Jr. went east on Nov. 22 to see his brother, Slade, play football in the Army-Navy game on Saturday. From Philadelphia, he



went with his brother to Annapolis and will visit Washington, Baltimore, and Mt. Vernon before his return home this week.

Myron Herren has had the misfortune to lose 16 good Hampshire shoats, not with cholera, but lost, strayed or stolen. Fifty pigs broke out of a field, but Mr. Herren found all but 16.

Yorkville: Registration of the unemployed of Kendall, Bristol, Fox, and NaAuSay townships, which started yesterday, are continuing at the courthouse at Yorkville today for employment under the Civil Works administration.

Kendall township is speedily getting a project under way for the beautification of the island in the Fox river between the bridge and the dam at Yorkville. Oswego township has received the approval on one project from the CWA, whereas Little Rock township has three projects, which have been approved.

The six members of the re-employment committee of Kendall county are; Mrs. R.F. Hoadley, Kendall township; C.H. Dixon, Bristol; Glynn A. Jones and Melvin J. Henricksen, Little rock; Dana Cryder, Seward; and Mr. Morris of Oswego township.

December -- 1933

Dec. 6: James P. Curry of Oswego received the federal appointment as appraiser and agent for the Home Owners Loan Corporation for Kendall county. The main office for this district is located at Peoria.

Miss Marian Palmer of Aurora, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Palmer of Oswego, and Arthur Stark, also of Aurora, were married Dec. 2 at the parsonage of the Aurora United Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Stark are residing in a bungalow on South Lake street. The bride has been an employee of the Sencenbaugh store several years and Mr. Stark is employed by an oil company.

The marriage of Alberta Harvey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Harvey to Arnold Bower, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bower, took place on Thanksgiving day, Nov. 30, at the parsonage of the Evangelical church. The couple are living for the present at the home of the groom's parents.

Myron Wormley entertained twelve boys from Oswego and Aurora at his home last Saturday evening.

Members of the farmers' clubs are busy practicing their plays for the music and drama tournament to be held this month at the high school gym at Yorkville.

Marie and Ted Gerry are recovering from scarlet fever. The family is hoping little Frances will not contract the disease.

The community free entertainment on Friday evening was a very enjoyable affair.

Yorkville: Have you all your old whisky cocktail, and wine glasses all polished up for the return of the prodigal? We were married after prohibition, so will have to buy all new. That won't help the unemployed much for our 60-cent dollars will go toward something more lasting and palatable.

Dec. 13: Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Smith, married Dec. 8, 1874, entertained their children and several grandchildren at dinner Dec. 9 for their 59th wedding anniversary.

On Friday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Harvey gave a reception for their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bower, who were married on Thanksgiving day.

#### FIRE

The farmers and property owners within a radius of eight miles of Oswego, realizing the danger of fire and the urgent need of a modern fire truck for farm fires, have appointed the undersigned committee or organize what is to be known as the Oswego Community Fire District and are accepting applications for membership. The farmers and property owners in the district are virtually without the services of a fire truck. Oswego, Plainfield, and Aurora refuse to answer calls due to financial conditions and the refusal of property owners to reimburse the cities for expense of services rendered. Naperville Community fire truck serves members only; Bristol Fire company has established certain lines and will

operate within those lines only. If you have not made applications for membership, you had better do so at once. The charter will close Dec. 167 at 9 p.m. The committee will meet at that time in the village hall at Oswego and declare the charter closed. The community Fire Truck, once purchased, will serve members only, regardless of party of person in need of service.

JOHN HERREN

W.A. BOWER

W.H. DAVIS

C.T. CHERRY

Committee

Death claimed Joe Sierp, former resident of Kendall county, Sunday afternoon. He died while alone in his shop on Water street, Aurora. Mr. Sierp was a collector of antiques and ancient history of Kendall county in general and Oswego in particular. He played a large part in the Oswego centennial last summer with his display of miniature replicas of pioneer implements, prairie schooners, and numerous other relics.

Mr. Sierp was 64 years old and leaves to mourn his loss two sisters, Mrs. George A. Law and Mrs. C.W. Ashworth, also several nieces and nephews.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Herren wish to thank the men who put out the fire in their kitchen Friday morning.

Yorkville: We of the *Record* office force, after a little debate, have decided not to accept any liquor advertisements. We have, as our forbears, strived to publish a paper than can be read in any home by any person without any sensational news or advertisements that might affect the person reading them.

Dec. 20: Charles Churchill is home from the Princeton Theological seminary for a short vacation.

Glenn Smith will have three weeks' vacation at home from Wheaton College.

Myron Wormley will be home this week from the University of Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Watts Cutter expect their oldest son, Slade, home from the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., visiting for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Cutter and family expect to spend Christmas with Mrs. Cutter's folks at Moline. Fred Cutter, at the University of Arizona, will spend his Christmas with a fraternity brother at his home in Los Angeles.

The Grove Road Farmers' club held a day meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Leigh Friday.

The East Oswego Farmers' club met in the Oswego school gym Thursday evening, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Woolley.

Charles Hunt, born Oct. 13, 1856, died at his home in Aurora Dec. 15. The funeral was at the Healy chapel Monday, Dec. 18, with burial in the Oswego cemetery beside his wife, Carrie McKinney Hunt and little daughter. Mr. Hunt was a former Oswego man. Surviving him is one sister, Ella Hunt Wheeler; and several nieces and nephews.

Yorkville: The county superintendent visited six rural schools and four village schools during the past two weeks.

The McCauley school, which has been standard for several years, is a modern building well equipped. There are separate apartments for the boys and girls, which include cloak rooms and wash rooms with sinks and toilets. Other conveniences are a library room and a basement where the Parent-Teacher association serves lunch when meetings are held. Miss Evelyn Olson, the teacher, has succeeded in teaching the children unusually well in their art work, besides doing their other work thoroughly.

The Bronk is a progressive school. The superintendent enjoyed listening to a practice of the orchestra during the noon hour. This orchestra is told about in the four-page magazine published regularly by the pupils. It is called "The Bronk Tattler."

Dec. 27: The Wilcox school district held an enjoyable Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McMicken. A picnic supper was served at 6:30 followed by a school program sponsored by the teacher, Mrs. Henry Heffelfinger.

Clifford Heap had the misfortune to injure himself while splitting wood last Tuesday. A small piece of the wedge hit him below the knee, requiring medical attention and incapacitating him for several days.

The Oswego teachers went to their respective homes for the holiday vacation. School closed Friday, Dec. 22, after a Booster day dinner and musical program by the McElroy entertainers and school parties in the various rooms.

The country schools closed for the vacation with Christmas programs and treats for the pupils and mothers.

Yorkville: Few of us want to start 1934 with anything but a firm belief that the new year holds better things for us. We shouldn't start the new year with a feeling that things will be worse. To do this will insure a bad year. Throw out your chest and with our chin up face the new year with a resolution to put more energy in your daily tasks than last year. Success is a result of your own efforts so if 1934 proves a disappointment, look to your own efforts before blaming anyone else for your bad luck.

We went over by the Blackberry bridge the latter part of the week to watch the local CWA boys at their labor. There's no doubt about it, the CWA brought Christmas into many homes that would otherwise have been gloomy, and we're glad for the boys that they have this opportunity to earn some money for the necessities of life.

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Note: Route 18 was U.S. Route 34 from Oswego to Yorkville; Route 65 was U.S. Route 34 from Oswego to Naperville.

January

Jan. 3: A \$19,000 water project has been obtained by Oswego. The government will furnish part of the necessary money, the remainder to be paid in long-term payments. This is not a CWA project and will

provide work for many men for a number of months as new water mains will be put in throughout the whole town.

The first, second, and third grade school building [the Little White School] will not be finished and ready for school until January 6. The little folks will have a nice basement for an indoor play room and new toilets when the work is completed.

Ambrose Darby, a pioneer resident of Oswego, born April 7 1853, died on Dec. 22. The funeral was held at the Thorsen funeral home on Saturday, Dec. 23. Mr. Darby had been a sufferer for several years. The Oswego unit of the Red Cross takes this opportunity to pay tribute to the memory of one who served them so well during the World War assisting and supporting the work whenever possible.

Word has been received of the serious illness of Miss E.M. Benthien of Bellingham, Wash. She is suffering with paralysis, especially of the optic nerves and must be under the influence of a mild opiate.

The group of young married couples who get together every month for a picnic supper enjoyed a chicken feast with all the trimmings and a Christmas party with gifts for the children at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Armbruster in Aurora.

Many of the farmers in Oswego township attended the annual Farm Bureau meeting at Yorkville on Thursday.

Yorkville: Winter is a time when all of our game and wild life need the maximum of our protection.

By law, we have attempted to make our rivers and streams fit for game fish life by having sewage disposal plants. Many towns have these plants and keep them running. We have heard that the plant between Oswego and Aurora is not running at the present time and has not run for several weeks. This is a mistake and should be corrected.

To stop a sewage disposal plant from running at this time of the year signs the death warrant for countless numbers of fish and game fish at that. It costs those who purchase licenses money to stock our streams with game fish and they don't want to see these fish killed by shutting down a sewage disposal plant.

Jan. 10: The milk strike affecting northern Illinois and the adjoining states was felt in Oswego and vicinity. The Oswego Pure Milk association members were on picket duty for several days and nights to prevent milk being trucked into Chicago.

The tenant house on the Elmer Rickard farm burned early Sunday morning, Jan. 7. The people occupying the house, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Henricksen, were awakened by the crackling of the flames. The kitchen was burning, the fire apparently starting from a pile of kindling on the south porch. A truck driver, and an auto load of men who were out to hunt stopped and quickly carried the house furnishings to safety. All the furniture except that from one bedroom was saved. The Bristol fire department was called but it was too late to save the house, which was burned to the ground. There was insurance carried on both house and furnishings.

Miss Harriet Hall, 89, a pioneer resident of Oswego, died at her home on Madison street in the night of Dec. 31, 1933. Miss Hall was born at Trenton, N.J. Dec. 13, 1844 and moved to Oswego at the age of 8 years, residing in this vicinity the remainder of her life. She is survived by her sister, Mrs. Lavina White of Oswego and several nieces and nephews. The funeral was held Jan. 3 from the Thorsen funeral home. Burial was in the Oswego cemetery.

The sun disappeared with the old year and at the present writing has only peeped out once to see what the new year looks like.

Yorkville: William Fonda, Plano, was indicted by the grand jury Monday for first degree murder. Fonda is charged with the murder of Joseph Kohout in a shooting affray at a tavern in Plano Dec. 6.

As Norman Colby drove a truckload of cream for the Beatrice Creamery Company in Yorkville to Naperville on Route 18 [U.S. Route 34], he was stopped between Oswego and Naperville by two carloads of men and the \$275 worth of cream he was carrying was dumped into the ditch. Colby said he thought he could get by with his load because it consisted of cream and not milk. He did not recognize the men, and they took his writing materials so he was

unable to get license numbers. After the cream was dumped, the men volunteered to help Colby load the empty cans back into his truck, but he angrily refused their help.

Wading in cream three inches deep over the pavement, Colby loaded up the empty cans and returned to Yorkville. It is thought that the insurance carried on the truck will cover the loss.

Jan. 17: The mixed quartet and the male quartet of the East Oswego Farmers' club won first place at the sectional tournament Jan. 12, and with their accompanist, Mrs. Tregillus, will compete at the state tournament at the University of Illinois Jan. 18.

The East Oswego Farmers' club mixed quartet is composed of Oscar Shoger, Miss Margaret Norris, Mrs. Oscar Shoger, and Herbert Norris. The East Oswego Farmers' club male quartet is composed of Milton Hem, Oscar Shoger, Robert Ebinger, and Herbert Norris. Harold Tregillus coached the two quartets from Oswego.

The Red Cross society, which met Jan. 12, have a new assignment of work sent them: Twenty bedside bags for the ex-soldiers.

Yorkville: This year has already written into its history another great flight. This flight of those Navy planes to Hawaii. This is a great feat and shows that such a flight can be made in a business way. It pleases us that the American navy can equal General Balbo's flight of last summer.

It should be out of our line to advertise anything free of charge, but we can't help but tell you of a thrill that awaits you every Saturday evening at 9 o'clock over station WBBM, namely the Byrd broadcast. When you hear the sound of the whistle of the ship 10,000 miles away from your radio it will cause the chills to run up and down your back or we miss our guess.

Jan. 24: The mixed and male quartets of the East Oswego Rural Progressive Farmers' club won first place at the fifth annual state Music and Drama tournament held at the University of Illinois on Thursday evening, January 18. Four auto loads of Oswego people motored to Urbana for the event.



Nearly \$35 was realized from the entertainment at the Oswego gym last Saturday evening. The proceeds and expense were equally divided between the PTA and the Grove Road Farmers' club.

The men of the school board and the men teachers of all the high schools of Kane and Kendall counties attended a dinner Monday evening at the Geneva high school.

Yorkville: The basketball game of last Friday evening was a distinctive affair due to the efforts of the Oswego High School band. They played in a professional manner, keeping a sharp, even tempo, which the Editor, who leans very much toward band music, thoroughly enjoyed and the crowd most certainly applauded. Congratulations, Oswego, on your splendid band. We hope to hear it again.

The Bristol Rural Fire department, organized ten years ago, have drawn lines for a proposed fire district under the state law. The members of the present organization, under the new plan, will be paid back the money they paid for the purchase of the fire truck. The plan provides for a two and one-half mill tax on the assessed valuation within the district lines. This tax is so insignificant it will not be felt by anyone and will give the people of the district free fire protection. Those living outside the new zone have asked to be included.

Jan. 31: After nearly a month of mild weather a sudden cold wave appeared on January 28. The thermometer dropped over 40 degrees between daylight and dark and the fall was accompanied by a northwest gale and a little snow.

It is reported that there is whooping cough in the Cutter school district.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hattersley and family have moved from Park Avenue to Montgomery where he is employed by the Lyon Metal Products company.

After a week's illness, your *Record* correspondent says:  
I wish I were a little rock

A sittin' on a hill  
Doin' nothin' all day long  
But just a sittin' still  
I wouldn't eat  
I wouldn't drink, wouldn't even wash  
I'd just sit still a million years  
And rest myself, by gosh!

Bristol: School was closed last week Thursday on account of an epidemic of measles. Five of the Manning children, the Ihme family, Janet Bertram, Lucille Bridge, Floyd Wood, Elmer Bohn, and James Whitley have all been victims of the disease.

Yorkville: Morris, our city neighbor to the south, is in an uproar over the demand of the federal government that the old iron bridge over the Illinois river be demolished early this spring.

The bridge must be removed because it interferes with the passage of watercraft under it. Many of the craft are forced to unload their cargo to smaller vessels because they are too high to pass under the bridge.

This seems to be rather high-handed of the government, but the new bridge was to have been built last summer. A dispute in Morris over the location of the bridge led to an injunction holding up the construction.

The removal of the bridge presents a deep problem to the residents of the section. A ferry is the only solution which will prevent a 24-mile detour for those desiring to reach Morris from the south.

February -- 1934

Feb. 7: Any person suffering from deafness, or who is deaf and dumb, may register with the field representative at the Aurora CWA headquarters, in Illinois Free Employment office on Island avenue, for possible employment in Civil Works administration.

John C. Conway, 69, retired manager of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company of Aurora, died Feb. 2 at his home on Seminary Avenue, Aurora. Mr. and Mrs. Conway were former residents of Oswego and he is identified with the early telephones in Oswego and vicinity. He

is survived by his wife, Belle VanDoozer Conway; and daughter, Margaret; and several sisters and brothers. The funeral was held from the Healy chapel Feb. 5 with burial in the Oswego cemetery.

Lucius Wormley, 81, died at his home on Marion Avenue, Aurora, on Sunday, Feb. 4, after ten days' illness. Mr. Wormley was a brother of the late Myron Wormley of Oswego and the last one of his generation. He is survived by a niece and nephew, Mrs. John Herren and Arthur Wormley of Oswego. The funeral was held from the Marion Avenue home Tuesday, Feb. 6, with burial in the Spring Lake cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fuller of Wheatland have a daughter, Betty Ann, born Jan. 24 at the St. Joseph's hospital, Aurora. Mrs. Fuller was formerly Effie Pearce of Oswego.

Mr. and Mrs. F.L. Siegel from near Plattville have rented and moved onto the Figge farm on the Oswego-Plainfield road.

Myron Wormley was home from the University of Illinois for the semester vacation last week. He, with Aurora friends, attended the auto show in Chicago on Feb. 3.

Dr. and Mrs. Weishew attended the funeral of Mrs. Weishew's father, John E. Miller, in Aurora on Thursday.

Floyd Parkhurst, one of the Oswego pupils at East High, had the misfortune to be injured at the Church league basketball game at Ottawa Feb. 2, receiving a fractured collarbone, but was able to drive the school load to Aurora on Monday.

Yorkville: We drove on the East River road out of Aurora the other night and hardly knew the road. The work of the men on the CWA has made a real highway out of it. Some bad curves have been made safer by leveling off the banks on the side of the road. Good work, men.

It seems rather a shame that the states must spend so much money to transport the Dillinger gang from Arizona. Countless guards must

protect the quarry. Nice little wooden boxes are the best things to use for such notorious desperadoes.

It is our belief that the only fair way to tax a man is to tax him by his ability to pay and it follows that the way to find a man's ability to pay is through his income. Hence, income tax seems to be the fair way, to us at least. The man who makes the most should pay the most and the man who makes the least should pay the least.

Louis Green, itinerant, was committed to the Elgin asylum for the insane Saturday by Judge A.G. Larson.

Green was apprehended in Oswego early in January, where he had been breaking into business houses. He was tried and sentenced to the county jail in Yorkville on Jan. 12.

Sheriff Hextell noticed signs of insanity in his charge and instituted the hearing. The unfortunate was taken to Elgin Monday morning by Sheriff Hextell.

Feb. 14: An unusual celebration, that of the sixty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Lantz, will be observed at their home just north of town, on Friday, February 16. A dinner will be served at noon with their children and grandchildren attending. In the afternoon from 2 to 5, Mr. and Mrs. Lantz will be at home to their many friends.

Mr. Lantz was born in Erie county, Pa., in 1846. Mrs. Lantz was born in Schuylkill county, Pa. in 1850. In the year 1850, Mr. Lantz, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lantz, moved to Wheatland township and settled on the old homestead, now the Isaac Lantz farm. It was at this place in the year 1869, that he was married to Miss Amelia Minnick. The wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. John M. Syddinger of the Wheatland Evangelic church, which Mr. Lantz helped to organize. On October 1, 1908 they retired and moved to their present home. They are the parents of five children, Isaac Lantz, Carlos Lantz, Mrs. Mabel Holzhueter of Plainfield, Mrs. Ida Book of Joliet, and Jams Lantz of Oswego. There are 21 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Thomas W. Lewis, 76, died Feb. 11 at his home in Aurora. He was born in NaAuSay July 7, 1857. He was the oldest member of Raven Lodge AF & AM of Oswego, which had charge of the funeral services

held Tuesday afternoon at the Healy chapel in Aurora. Burial was in the NaAuSay cemetery.

Mr. Lewis is survived by his wife, Emma, whom he married in England on Sept. 24, 1891; a son, James; a daughter, Anne; and a grandson, Dean Lewis, all of Aurora.

Yorkville: The Yorkville high school basketball quintet spent a profitable week, last week, taking two games, the first on Tuesday night from Sheridan in a lopsided contest, 33 to 19, and the second Friday from Oswego with a score of 33 to 29.

Feb. 21: It snowed all day Sunday. The temperature dropped and stood at zero on Monday morning, but the previous week was mild and nice, with several snow showers. One of the showers was a kitchen shower for Mrs. Elmer Vickery given by the Condon sisters at their home on the Oswego-Plainfield road on Saturday.

The marriage of Miss Vivian Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Anderson of Oswego to Elmer Vickery, son of Ernest Vickery of Minooka took place Friday at the Wheatland United Presbyterian church parsonage. Mr. and Mrs. Vickery will reside for the present with the groom's father.

Neighbors gathered Saturday evening for a farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Hans Emmerson, her mother, Ms. Enser, and Miss Muriel. They were presented with a fine gift. The Emmersons will soon move to a farm near Wheaton.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bohn have moved from Ashland avenue to the Hattersley residence on Park Avenue.

Mrs. Harold Van Etten, formerly a missionary in New Mexico, spoke at the evening service at the Federated church on Sunday, telling some of her experiences in an interesting way.

Feb. 28: Many enjoyed sleighing parties last week. Seven bobsled loads of pupils and teachers from the Oswego school were out one evening, returning to the schoolhouse for lunch and games. The town streets were smooth and slippery but the snow had blown from the country roads forming deep snow banks on the sides.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sorg are moving to Somonauk. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bazon will be located on the farm they left, and a family from Sugar Grove will come to the George Bower farm vacated by the Bazons.

Feb. 28: Miss Libbie Alden of Aurora, a cousin of the late S.E. Walker of Oswego, passed away Sunday, Feb. 25, after a three weeks' illness at the home of the Misses Harriet and Edna Walker.

Miss Alden was a direct descendant of John and Priscilla Alden of early history in the 13 Original Colonies and was born at Belchertown, Mass. on Aug. 21, 1851. She came to Illinois with her parents when only a girl and has lived in Oswego, Aurora, and vicinity for more than 60 years. She was a member of the Old Schoolmates' Association of Oswego, the schoolmates of the old stone schoolhouse of 1870.

The funeral was held from the Healy chapel in aurora on Tuesday afternoon; the interment in the family lot in Hope cemetery at Belchertown, Mass. Miss Alden is survived by two nieces and three nephews living in Michigan and several cousins.

Many enjoyed sleighing parties last week. Seven bobsled loads of pupils and teachers from the Oswego school were out one evening, returning to the schoolhouse for lunch and games. A party of the older people enjoyed a ride followed by refreshments and games at the home of Orville Skeen, and many others went out with toboggans, etc. The town streets were smooth and slippery but the snow had blown from the country roads forming deep snow banks on the sides.

Frances and Roy Jenkins and their niece, Irene Vickland, were invited to supper at the Myron Herren home on Tuesday evening and in the evening all the neighbors came in for a farewell party for them before they move to a farm near Naperville.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sorg are moving to Somonauk. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bazon will be located on the farm they left, and a family from Sugar Grove will come to the George Bower farm vacated by the Bazons.

Mr. and Mrs. Havens and Dale are going from the John Haag farm to the old homestead once occupied by the "Doc" Woolley family. Billy

Anderson will work the land on the Haag farm on the Oswego-Plainfield road. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Clayton are moving into the big brick house on the farm owned by Mr. and Mrs. Scott Cutter.

Yorkville: A truckload of four Plymouth automobiles, driven by Eddie Eberle of Detroit and Verne Hopkins, Des Moines, Ia., was badly wrecked at about 2 o'clock Wednesday morning. The truck caromed off the CB&Q signal post at Bridge street and the tracks, hurdled the sidewalk by Dick Houcks', nicked Fred Ohse's grocery store, crashed through the Puterbaugh building, and plunged into the river. The men emerged unhurt. The four new cars were badly damaged and the truck itself was a sad looking affairs. The truckload of cars was bound from Detroit to Ottumwa, Ia.

Kendall County was featured in last Sunday's issue of the "Graphic" of the Chicago *Tribune* when that paper carried a story of the work being done by Clarence Thurrow on the *Tribune's* experimental farm just west of Yorkville.

March -- 1934

March 7: Dr. C.H. Cutter, 76, a well-known Aurora physician for 40 years, died suddenly at his home in North Aurora Sunday morning following a heart attack. He was one of Aurora's best-known doctors and a member of the well-known Cutter family of Oswego.

Dr. Cutter was born at Oswego June 1, 1857, and as a boy attended the old Cutter school. Completing his studies there, he entered Jennings Seminary, Aurora, and continued on to the University of Illinois, taking up the study of medicine.

Later, he entered Rush Medical college and received his degree in 1881. He started practice in March 1881 at Trempealeau, Wis., moving to Aurora in 1893. He retired 15 years ago.

Dr. Cutter is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hattie Billings Cutter; four daughters, Mrs. H.C. Keller of Norfolk, Va., Mrs. Everett Beckwith of Aurora, Mrs. Stewart Watson of Geneva, and Mrs. E.F. James of Denver, Colo.; three brothers, Scott and Watts of Oswego and Slade of Minnesota; a sister, Mrs. Blanch Hatch of Oswego; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Daleiden chapel March 6. Interment was in the Oswego cemetery.

What might have been a serious accident occurred near the Ted Sickler service station [Routes 25 and 34] Monday afternoon when the school children were on their way home from school. One of the little Lauder boys was running across the street between crossings and was knocked down by an automobile, driven by a woman who immediately picked up the little fellow. He was bruised but not seriously injured. The driver took him home. The little school boys walk and play in Madison street not realizing the danger from traffic which has been unusually heavy since the coming of the direct highway to Naperville."

On Sunday evening, Lawrence Ode lighted a match to see if he needed more water in the radiator of his car. A flash of fire came out, burning his face, but not seriously. The explosion came from the alcohol solution.

March 14: The Grove Road Farmers' club had Poultry day at their regular meeting held Friday, March 9, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Rink east of Oswego.

Local clubs meeting during the coming week included the Wigwam Club, Westminster Club, Mothers' Club, Supper Club, and Birthday Club.

The pupils of the Wormley school and their teacher, Mrs. Mary Kennedy, will present the operetta "Molly be Jolly," Thursday evening March 15. There will be two specialty numbers between the acts.

Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Baker of Aurora are the parents of a son, born Wednesday, March 8. The little one has been given the name Neal. Mrs. Baker before her marriage was Dorothy Herren of Oswego.

Dr. and Mrs. Sheldon Bell were in Joliet several days last week. Dr. Bell's sister, Mrs. B.G. Wilcox of that city, passed away leaving four children.



The second annual Presbyterian invitational Basketball tournament was set to be held in Oswego on Saturday, March 17 at the Oswego Presbyterian Church's gym. Teams invited were from Oswego, Earlville, Grand Ridge, Ottawa, Aurora (First Presbyterian and Hungarian Presbyterian), NaAuSay, and the Scotch Church.

Seward: Mrs. Frank Johnson was hostess to members of the Busy Bee club in her home Wednesday with 16 members and two guests, namely Mrs. Ledbetter and Mrs. Wheeler, present.

The annual business meeting was held. Election of officers resulted: president, Mrs. Frank Gengler; vice president, Mrs. Mary Johnson; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Frank Johnson. Mrs. Jay Updike had charge of the program being assisted by her daughter, Miss Genevieve Updike. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Octa Gengler and Mrs. Ellen Woolley.

#### March 21: Presbyterian Invitational Tournament

There was a good crowd all day Saturday at the basketball tournament in the Oswego high school gym. In the finals, Ottawa won over Oswego 34-24. Oswego received a trophy for second place and the consolation banner went to Earlville. An all-tournament team was chosen from the outstanding men of each team and Warren Norris and Paul Shoger were chosen from Oswego.

The American Legion celebrated the 15th Legion anniversary at Legion Hall Thursday evening.

Kenneth Tripp returned to his home March 18 after four weeks in the hospital with a drain for each lung. He is somewhat improved and is able to sit up a little each day.

Herbert Norris has secured a position near Champaign and began work Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Herren and Stanley are moving back into the Frank Herren residence on Washington street.

Yorkville: In the next few weeks a vote will be made to determine whether or not the townships and villages in the county will be wet or dry. The balloting, as we understand it, will be cast in a very

unique way. Those living outside the corporate limits of a town or village may vote in the township ballot and those living within the corporate limits may vote only at the polls for the village. In other words, those in town may only vote to determine the status of the village and not the township and those outside the town vote only for the status of the township.

In case a village goes dry and the township in which the village is situated goes wet, it would look like liquor might be dispensed outside the village limits. This is a point which voters should take into consideration before casting their vote.

We see by the paper that Slade Cutter of Oswego, who is a midshipman at Annapolis, has been offered an opportunity to enter the field of professional boxing. A large figure has been offered to secure his services.

Mr. Cutter has made quite a mark at Annapolis. He is a star football player, boxer, and musician. To keep all these activities and keep up studies requires a lot of work. The people of Oswego are rightfully proud of this young man.

#### March 28: League Standing

The final standing in the W-O-N-D-er Church Basketball league is as follows:

	W.	L.	Pct.
Oswego Presbyterian	7	0	1.000
Salem Evangelical	5	2	.715
Wheatland Lutheran	4	3	.572
NaAuSay Presbyterian	4	3	.572
Scotch Presbyterian	3	4	.429
Oswego Prairie Evangel.	2	5	.286
DuPage Presbyterian	2	5	.286
Oswego Federated	1	6	.143

Mrs. Minnie Mundsinger, 72, died at her home on Main street Saturday morning, March 24. She had been an invalid for several years. Mrs. Mundsinger was born at Bristol Aug. 31, 1861 and had been a resident of Oswego for 15 years moving here with her husband and daughters from a farm northwest of Oswego. She is survived by her husband, Fred; two daughters, Mrs. Alex Crossman [Crosman] of Oswego and Mrs. Harry Peterson of

Montreal, Canada; a son, Harry of Oswego; and three grandsons, Harlan, Glen, and Allen Mundsinger. The funeral was held from the Healy chapel, Aurora, Tuesday. Burial was in the Oswego cemetery.

An organization meeting of the Future Stockmen 4-H club was held Thursday March 22 at the home of the leader, George Smith. The annual election of officers was held with the following results: President, George Smith Jr.; vice president, Floyd Parkhurst; secretary, Leonard Hafenrichter; chairman of publicity committee and reporter, Robert Jay; recreational chairman, Oliver Hem. The club will meet the first Thursday evening in each month.

R.B. Stevens is driving his auto with only a skeleton top. On Saturday evening, March 17, a boy from the St. Charles home took the auto from the street in Oswego and it was found the next day at Morris, overturned with windows broken and the top stripped of all covering.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Village of Oswego on or before 7:30 o'clock P.M. Central Standard Time on April 16, 1934 at the Village Hall, Oswego, Illinois, for the proposed water main installation in accordance with the specifications furnishing all labor and materials complete in place.

April -- 1934

April 4: John Friebele, age 85, died Thursday, March 29, 1934 at the home of his daughter, rms. William Ode. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Ode; two sons, Albert and Edward, all of Oswego; 20 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

The funeral services were held Saturday at the Thorsen funeral home with burial in the Oswego cemetery.

Six new members were taken into the Auxiliary unit, No. 675, of the American Legion last Monday evening following a potluck supper.

Bettye Walker spent her vacation week March 23-29 with her sister in Amboy. She was accompanied by her little niece, Cleora Woolley.

Yorkville: George O. Bollman, Nokomis, has been appointed social service director of the Kendall County Emergency Relief committee, chairman C.A. Darnell announced. Mr. Bollman is an experienced welfare worker. He started his duties March 28 with headquarters in the First State Bank building, Plano.

April 11: The farmers have begun working in the fields with renewed hope that this year's crops will at least afford them a living and cash for taxes and interest on their debts.

The numerous candidates have returned to their customary work, most of them with hope deferred, after the April primaries.

Oswego library has a new coat of white paint, the work of the CWA.

Yorkville: Word reached us Wednesday morning that the judges and clerks of election in Oswego precinct are counting the ballots over again. Reason for this action was not advanced. It may mean a change in the result of the primary and may not.

April 18: Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Smith were guests Sunday, April 15, of their grandson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Edward Smith at their home on the old Smith homestead. Mr. Smith was 86 years old on April 14 and it was fitting that he should celebrate his birthday at the old home (now recently modernized) to which he came from Massachusetts 80 years ago with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Smith.

Al Benjamen of the Benjamen café was the unfortunate victim of an accident on Saturday when riding horseback. The horse stumbled, throwing Mr. Benjamen in such a manner that he received a double fracture of the left wrist.

Miss Winebrenner [later Rachel Anderson] and Miss Crossman [later Virginia Campbell] spent last weekend at the home of the latter at LaMoille. Miss Hilda Johnson went to her home at Geneva.

At the Oswego school election on Saturday, Mr. Dysart and W.H. Davis were reelected and Milton Hem was elected as directors.

Diane and Billy Cutter from Chicago spent last week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Cutter.

Yorkville: Approximately 1,021 farmers out of the 1,080 eligible in Kendall county have now signified their desire to take part in the corn and hog adjustment program in 1934 and become eligible for their share of the \$40,00,000 to be distributed in benefit payments in Illinois by the AAA.

April 25: Oswego people were shocked at the news of the death of Harry E. Hanson Wednesday, April 18. Mr. Hanson was found in a summer cottage near his beautiful home on Main street where he had committed suicide by shooting himself in the temple. The motive for the act was not known. Mr. Hanson was president of the Hanson Woolen company of Chicago and has been a commuter from Oswego for 16 years.

Mr. Hanson, age 52, is survived by his wife, Mrs. Eva Hanson; his mother, Mrs. David Hanson of Chicago; and two sisters and a brother. The only child, a son, died a few years ago when a student at Dartmouth college. Mr. Hanson was a member and the first reader of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Aurora. The funeral was held April 21 in the Healy chapel, with burial in Oak Ridge cemetery, Chicago.

Mrs. Mary E. Towne died Sunday, April 22, at the Elgin state hospital at the age of 53 years, following a short illness of pneumonia. She was born at Blades Springs, Va., July 27, 1880 and had lived most of her life in Oswego. She leaves a husband, Charles of Kewanee; and three sons, Charles L. and George E. Towne of Oswego, and Cecil Robinson, a son by a former marriage. Funeral services were held April 24 at the Thorsen funeral home. Burial in the Oswego cemetery. Mrs. Towne was a sister of the late George Osborne, and was the woman who, with her son, lived on an island in the Fox River near Oswego.

Even old timers say they never remember such wind and dust storms as are being experienced this spring. The ditches along some roads are filling up with dirt as they fill with snow in the winter time. The farmers and their teams in the fields are choked with

dust; the housewives, especially those who house-cleaned early are desperate; the dust sifts in everywhere.

At the village election April 17, three new members were elected on the board of trustees, Howard Mitchell, Earl McVicker, and L.L. Knight. Also, Ase Foster was elected to fill the unexpired term of Oliver Burkhart and J.W. Jerney, justice of the peace. James Gowran, village clerk, was reelected.

Holdover officers who were elected last year were Justice Burkhart, Mayor A.M. Pierce, and Henry Heffelfinger and Lute Larson, members of the village board. Their terms, as will the terms of those elected Tuesday, will serve only one year, after which all officers will be elected for two year terms. As a result of the change effected by a new election law passed by the state legislature, it will necessitate the holding of village elections only once every two years, which will save money for the taxpayers.

May -- 1934

May 2: It has definitely been decided that Route 65 [now U.S. Route 34] at Eyre's crossing, will be constructed over the EJ&E railroad and under Route 22 [now U.S. Route 30]. Hundreds of trucks of freight, many from Iowa, pass over this route each week.

The town board passed a daylight saving ordinance for Oswego last Saturday night, which was to take effect immediately. What the farmers say about it need not be repeated, but why cater to the farmers anyway?

The Walker school will sponsor a roller skating party at the Plattville Armory Saturday night, May 12. The public is invited 8 p.m. Margaret Murley, teacher.

May 16: The junior class of the Oswego high school entertained the senior class at a banquet Friday evening at the Hotel Aurora. Following the dinner, the group attended the theatre.

Friends in Iowa sent a clipping from a Centerville, Ia., newspaper stating the death of Arthur Elliott, who for the past 28 years has

made his home with his sister, Mrs. J.J. Taylor of that community. Mr. Elliott was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Will Elliott, who formerly owned and lived on the farm now occupied by Paul Dhuse. Born at Oswego March 15, 1868, Mr. Elliott is survived by two sisters, Sadie Elliott of Aurora and Mrs. Taylor, at whose home he died.

The roller skating party sponsored by the pupils and teacher, Miss Margaret Murley, of the Walker school last Saturday night at the Plattville Armory, was a happy occasion. Other schools were represented so there was a good crowd and with the home made candy sale enough was realized to finish paying for the school piano.

Myron Herren took a truckload of horses to New York over last weekend

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Clayton [superintendent of Oswego schools] motored to Ames, Iowa May 9 hoping to secure a new teacher from the Iowa state college.

Yorkville: The estimate of W.P. Flint, state entomologist, that chinch bugs would be five times as plentiful this spring as a year ago has come true. Damage to wheat fields and even oats by dry weather and chinch bugs is causing many farmers to plan re-seeding some of their grain fields to soybeans.

The chinch bugs which have wintered over are now laying eggs which will hatch in two or three weeks, depending on weather conditions.

In cases where small grain fields are plowed and seeded to beans, according to Farm Adviser Miller, it will probably be better to postpone this work until most of the eggs have been laid in order that they may be plowed under.

Authentic reports from a national source indicate that in 1922 370,000 new homes were built in the United States; in 1925, 500,000 homes were built. The average number per year from 1921 to 1930 was 361,000 homes per year.

In the year 1933 there were less than 30,000 new homes built in our nation. This is an alarming figure, not only because there are so few

new homes available, but that many thousands of older houses have been allowed to fall into disrepair.

May 23: All those interested in the Oswego school, both the grade and high school, are invited to attend the annual school exhibit next Friday, May 25. Visitors are especially invited to come to the school during the day and view the work which will be on display. In the evening, a display of actual classroom teaching will be given. At the close of the exhibit, motion pictures will be shown.

Mrs. James Gowran announces the engagement of her daughter, Margaret Simons, to Albert Ode. The wedding will take place soon. Miss Simons has been making her home with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Shaw of Yorkville.

Mrs. Charles Havens' mother, Mrs. Abner Funk, died May 19 at the home of her son, Grant, at Plainfield. Mrs. Funk, with her late husband, was a pioneer resident of this vicinity and was well known by the older generation. The funeral was held from the Plainfield Methodist church May 20.

A.J. Pitman of Downers Grove has been secured to deliver the high school commencement address on Thursday evening, May 31.

Fred Seidelman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Seidelman and Ruth Allen, a daughter of Mrs. Robert Stevens, were married May 12. Both are employed at Sandwich.

A number of showers have been held for Miss Isabelle Ruble, first and second grade teacher of Oswego, who will be married to Gerald Spockman June 7. They will live in a cottage on Madison street. The teachers of Oswego had a miscellaneous shower for Miss Ruble last Tuesday. Mrs. Harold Tregillus entertained for her Saturday afternoon at a luncheon and the mothers of the first and second grade pupils entertained the bride-to-be Friday afternoon and presented her with an electric mixer.

Miss Pearl Betts of Osslan, Ia., a graduate of the University of Iowa, has been employed to teach the new home economics course and social sciences in the Oswego school during the coming year. Miss



Betts is an experienced teacher who comes to this school with the best of recommendations.

Yorkville: You have the opportunity to witness the Zephyr streak across route 47 if you will drive up route 47 to where the CB&Q main line crosses it. The Zephyr will cross at that point at about 4 o'clock this Saturday evening.

The Zephyr should present quite a sight at this time, as it will just be finishing its non-stop run from Denver to Chicago. Railroad officials expect to make the thousand mile run in less than 15 hours.

Frederick Edward Graham, 62, of Oswego died suddenly of heart failure at about 1:15 Monday afternoon.

Mr. Graham had been employed at the Illinois Sand and Gravel company pit, but was forced, because of ill health, to leave their employ. He was visiting with friends at the pit Monday afternoon and seemed to be in good spirits. He was joking with his friends as to the manner of laying ties. They placed a tie and looking up saw that he had fallen on his face.

Dr. Weishew was called and meeting the party bearing Mr. Graham to Oswego he conducted an examination, pronouncing him dead.

Dr. F.M. Groner impaneled a coroner's jury. The jury found that Mr. Graham had died of heart failure.

Frederick Graham was born in Chicago May 12, 1872. He was employed with the Illinois Sand and Gravel company for the past several years. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Margaret Graham, and two sons to mourn his passing.

May 30: [No Oswego column -- see next week.]

Yorkville: The Burlington is to be congratulated for the fine showing their Zephyr made in its successful attempt to break all records for speed on steel rails.

We were agreeably surprised by the train as it passed us near Bristol. We expected to be almost deafened by the train but a mere whisper announced its passage. It glided on through the evening hours silently and gracefully toward its goal in the Century of Progress grounds.

A non-stop trip of 1,017 miles in 13 hours and 5 minutes on land is a marvel of speed and the record will doubtless stand for a long time.

Another amazing feature of the trip is the fact that the fuel cost was slightly over \$16. Some 400 gallons of furnace oil were used at a cost of 4 cents a gallon. One can hardly drive an automobile as cheaply as that.

There are rumors that the state of Illinois is to install a state radio system for police purposes. This is a thing that has been needed for years and would soon pay for itself in reducing the operations of robbers.

June -- 1934

June 6: Thirteen graduated from the Oswego high school in the annual commencement exercises held Thursday evening. Miss Gertrude Wagner is the valedictorian of the class, and Burman Etsinger, salutatorian. Members of the class of 1934 were Lloyd Collins, Burman H. Etsinger, Evelyn C. Friebele, Mary H. McGowan, Wilbur L. Peshia, Bessie M. Quantock, Margaret M. Rance, Edith May Schlapp, Gertrude M. Wagner, Mary A. Wolfe, and Ollye V. Woolley. A special diploma was given Genevieve Haag. The class motto was "We finish to begin."

About 160 members and guests of the Oswego Alumni association enjoyed the annual banquet, which was held Friday evening, June 1, in the high school gymnasium.

The marriage of Miss Arlene Pierce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pierce, and Lester Ramsdell, son of Fred Ramsdell of Aurora, took place Saturday at the parsonage of St. Peter's church in Aurora. Following a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Ramsdell will reside in Aurora, where he is employed by the Trindl Company and the bride is employed by the Chicago-Aurora Tailoring company.

Glen P. Smith of Oswego is graduating with the class of '34 from Wheaton college. For two years an honor student, Glenn made music his chief interest at college.

Miss Margaret A. Simons and Albert E. Ode were married Monday afternoon June 4 by Judge Arthur G. Larson. Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Shaw, the grandparents of the bride, attended the ceremony. The bride and groom went immediately to their new home in Oswego.

Intended for last week: Two hard frosts last week worked havoc with the fruit and gardens. The corn, just nicely started, turned brown in many places and potatoes froze to the ground. Many farmers are planting over.

A number of Oswego people were among the thousands who caught a fleeting glimpse of the Burlington Zephyr on the trial run from Denver to Chicago. All available parking places along the Burlington track were lined and in some places jammed with autos.

Many Oswegoans attended the Memorial day exercises at the NaAuSay church Sunday afternoon, May 27. The Oswego school band furnished the music.

June 13: On Thursday evening, June 7, the marriage of Isabel Ruble and Gerald Spockham took place in the little cottage on Madison street in which they will live.

The marriage of Mrs. Laura M. Sodt of Elgin to William H. Hendrickson of Richmond was solemnized June 2 in the home of the Rev. Thomas Ream of Elgin. The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Church of Barrington. The groom is a prominent citizen of Richmond.

Mrs. Sodt has many friends in Oswego where she lived with her former husband, Ed Sodt, of the business firm of Sodt & Morse, and their three daughters.

George J. Hettrich, aged 75, died Friday night, June 8, 1934 at the Copley hospital. He had been in ill health for several months. He was born Feb. 15, 1851 in Oswego and has spent his entire life here. Mr. Hettrich is survived by one son, Roy; and three grandsons, Gordon, Larry, and George Hettrich of Oswego; two brothers, John of Lincoln, Neb., and Otto of Grand Island, Neb, and several nieces and

nephews. Funeral services were held Monday, June 11, at the Healy chapel. Burial in the Spring Lake cemetery.

Fred Falk, age 65, well known in the real estate business in Kendall county, died Thursday, June 7, at the St. Joseph hospital, Aurora, after months of suffering. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. A.J. Hettrich of Oswego and Mrs. Harry Beeman of Glen Ellyn; one son, Leslie Falk of Madison, Wis.; and four grandchildren, Virginia Hettrich, Patsy and Nancy Beeman, and Bruce Falk; and a sister, Miss Minnie Falk.

The funeral was held from the Presbyterian church June 9.

Charles Arian Doud passed away at the home of his daughter Mrs. James Durland of Winona, Minn. Thursday, May 17 at the advanced age of 81 years.

Mr. Doud was born in Oswego May 25, 1853. He spent his early life in Oswego and in that vicinity, living southwest of town. He moved to Winona 39 years ago, where he was connected with the Doud Cooperage and Lumber company for a number of years.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Grace Rance, daughter of Mrs. Clara Rance, and Herbert Norris, son of Ralph Norris. The ceremony will be performed at the Presbyterian church Saturday, June 16

At the mass meeting held June 5 in regard to connecting Route 34 with Route 65 through Oswego a committee was appointed to confer with the highway officials. The opinion of the people was to build a new bridge where the old one now is, but to route the heavy traffic around the town.

Stuart Walker Woolley, an 11-pound boy, came to make his home with Mr. and Mrs. Newton Woolley on Saturday, June 9. Mother and baby are at the Copley hospital where they are doing nicely. There is one other child in the family, 4 year-old Cleora.

Oswego young people graduating from the East Aurora high school on Wednesday evening, June 13, are Dorothy Leigh, Bettye Walker, Gladys Price and Floyd Parkhurst.

Mr. Klomhaus took his school bus load on a picnic at Phillips park June 11. This is an annual affair and a very enjoyable one for Mr. Klomhaus and his 30 young people.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Smith attended the commencement at Wheaton college June 11 when their son, Glenn, was a graduate.

Measles have broken out among the little folks in Oswego.

(Intended for last week): The first hard rain since April 7 was welcomed by everyone in Oswego and vicinity Sunday afternoon following an oppressively hot day. Only those who have watched their crops and fruit and gardens drying up can realize with what thankfulness the soaking rain was received.

May 31 and June 1 were record-breaking days for heat Monday afternoon, June 4, another dust storm with high winds came suddenly up from the south, followed by light rain.

During the storm last Sunday afternoon the buildings on the Walter Gast farm were damaged by the wind.

Yorkville: The Kendall County Farm bureau together with other farm bureaus in northeastern Illinois, the IAA, the Pure Milk association and the University of Illinois have been cooperating on a program of relief for northern Illinois farmers.

The change in requirements for contracted acres has already been accomplished and word is expected immediately providing funds for the purchase of seed, hay, and grain. Large amounts of grain and hay are being purchased for dairy farmers.

Agencies asked to furnish this emergency relief are Agricultural Adjustment Act, Illinois Emergency Relief Commission, Farm Bureau Federation, and Rural Relief Rehabilitation.

Except where there have been heavy rains, the record hordes of chinch bugs have not been thinned out by recent rainfall, and barriers therefore are still the one hope of farmers in protecting their young corn against the first brood bugs, according to W.P. Flint, chief entomologist of the college of agriculture, University of Illinois. Thousands of miles of barriers have been built as a result of demonstrations staged by county farm advisers, the extension

service of the college of agriculture and the Illinois State natural History Survey. Throwing up barriers will protect corn against the first-brood bugs marching from fields of destroyed barley, oats, wheat and rye to continue their destructive feeding in nearby corn fields. Later on the second brood bugs may destroy corn of poor stand on weak ground even though it is protected by barriers, but these second-brood bugs will not begin appearing until about the middle of July.

This month marks the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the first permanent Norse settlement in the United States. The celebration will be held in Ottawa June 22-24.

The Norwegian settlers were a hard working and thrifty lot. Their descendants inherited the characteristics of their forebears and today form the backbone of the vicinity. They are good citizens with the same pioneering spirit of the men who first settled Norway and Stavanger.

The Kendall County Emergency Relief committee will administer such drought relief funds as may be made available to this county through the Illinois Emergency Relief commission.

Each farmer who is in need must make a personal application for assistance before he can be added to the program. These applications will be received at the Plano office of the Kendall County Emergency Relief committee.

To be eligible for drought relief, a farmer must be in need of feed and seed with which to maintain himself and family, and must be unable to supply them for himself.

“Because of this regulation, only a small percentage of the farmers in Kendall county will probably make application for this assistance,” said relief committee chairman C.A. Darnell. [More than 200 farmers were granted relief; see next week.]

June 20: The marriage of Grace Rance, daughter of Mrs. Clara Rance, to Herbert Norris, son of Ralph Norris, was performed by the Rev. John E. Klein at the Presbyterian church at 8 o'clock Saturday evening, June 16, 1934. Preceding the ceremony, Miss Margaret Stewart of Plainfield, a cousin of the bride played several organ selections.

Free [movie] shows are given each Wednesday night, sponsored by the merchants of Oswego. Last Wednesday evening more than 600 attended.

There are to be two weddings in Oswego Saturday, June 23. Ruby Woodridge of Aurora will become the bride of Douglas Collins of Oswego at the Presbyterian church and Mildred Bartlet of Oswego and Patrick O'Brian of Chicago are to be married at noon at a home wedding.

George Woolley and Ralph Blackman attended the wedding of Melvin Attig, a fellow member of the faculty of East Aurora High school at Champaign on June 16. Mr. Blackman was best man at his friend's wedding.

Charlie Schultz and Carl Bohn saw the Cub-Boston ball game in Chicago last Sunday.

Yorkville: The Kendall County Emergency Relief commission has been very busy distributing soybeans, feed, and hay to many Kendall county farmers who are not able to purchase seed and feed to take care of their livestock.

Approximately 200 farmers have received benefit of this nature and many others are receiving aid from emergency loans, which are made to relieve the present tense situation in regard to feed.

Kendall County farmers are making good use of the free chinch bug oil which is supplied by the federal government. More than 13,000 gallons have been received through Farm Adviser Miller, who has charge of the distribution.

From 30 to 50 gallons are required to maintain 80 rods of barrier, and while the material is free, it has been suggested that farmers use it conservatively in order that it may go as far as possible.

June 27: The barn on the old Cowdrey farm, now owned by Ed Lippold of Dwight, burned Monday noon. The cause is not known, possibly lightning. There was insurance on the building. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Collins are tenants.

"The Covered Wagon" will be the feature picture at the free movies tonight (Wednesday) and the comedy will be "O What a Kick," with Slim Summerville, also episode 2 of "The Indians are Coming."

W.J. Morse and sons Leslie and Merrill enjoyed a three day fishing trip near Tomahawk Bay, Wis. last week.

The ladies of the Busy Bee club in the Gaylord school community held a picnic at Phillips park on Wednesday last.

The marriage of Miss Maxine Louise Wooldridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wooldridge, Aurora, to Douglas Collins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Collins of Oswego, took place Saturday afternoon at the Oswego Presbyterian church.

The bridegroom graduated from East High school in 1930 and is employed at the Richards-Wilcox Company. Mrs. Collins graduated from East High school in 1931 and has been employed at the R. and M. Kaufman Company.

Yorkville: Although the free chinch bug oil furnished by the government was not sufficient to supply Kendall county's needs, it gave a list to more than 300 farmers in helping to hold in check the hordes of chinch bugs which are making inroads on Kendall county crops.

According to Farm Adviser Miller, who places orders, the 20,000 gallons received was a saving of more than \$4,000 in purchase price to farmers and helped in many cases where farmers would not have been able to maintain barriers entirely at their own expense.

The movies, or rather, the "talkies," are under fire by the churches and justly so. The producers have most certainly shown some poor excuses of plays.

July -- 1934

July 4: The funeral of Mrs. Lucy A. Pearce, formerly of Oswego, was held in the Federated church Monday afternoon, July 2. Born April 8, 1846 at Niagara County, New York, Mrs. Pearce died at her home in Pasadena, California on Wednesday, June 27. On October 26,



1870 she was united in marriage to Colvin Pearce and they lived on the old Pearce homestead on Pearce road that is now Highway 65, for many years, later making a home in Pasadena. To their union were born two daughters, Mrs. Dora Pearce Cooney and Miss Bernice Pearce, both of Pasadena.

A crowd estimated at 1,200 attended the movies given by the Oswego business men on June 27. This week they were presented on Wednesday evening. "The Lost World" was the feature; the comedy, "Mum's the Word" closing with the third episode of "The Indians are Coming."

Yorkville: Although the chinch bug oil furnished by the federal government is all gone, the Illinois Emergency Relief Commission, realizing the need for continued battle against chinch bugs, is allowing a supply of creosote for use of Kendall County farmers. This oil is available during the present week, approximately one carload coming each day. The creosote is being distributed by the Kendall County Farm Bureau.

A July Diamond Ball Tournament at Grocer's Field in Yorkville beginning at 1 p.m. on July 4 was advertised in the *Record*. Eight Kendall County teams were to play. "Admission price of 10 cents will also entitle you to free admission to the evening game between the Ohse Grocers and the Colored Monarchs," the ad read.

July 11: The Benthien picnic, an annual reunion of the pupils of Miss Elizabeth Benthien or of those who attended the Walker school about 1890, was held on the Walker school grounds on July 4. Thirty-three sat down to a bounteous picnic dinner.

There will be a barn dance on the Fred Walker farm Friday evening, July 13 at depression prices. {Ed. Note: Free]

A.J. Shoger returned from the St. Charles hospital last week. He is recovering from an injury received at the gravel pit.

Clyde Johnson was quite seriously burned on the arm and face last week when the washing machine engine on which he was working backfired.

Route 34 to Route 65 has been connected by a macadam road through town from the bridge to the corner of Washington and Madison streets and north to the paving near the Norris Farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dauwalder and two sons are spending two weeks' vacation at Olney. Mr. Dauwalder is an employee of the Western United.

July 18: Russell Campbell was badly hurt on Tuesday of last week while helping to wreck the old barn at Emmett McCauley's. Starting to fall, he jumped from the top, injuring both feet, breaking several bones in one foot.

The fourth annual Kendall County Tennis Tournament opened Monday morning on the Federated Church tennis court at Yorkville, when players from Yorkville, Plano, Newark, and Oswego entered into competition.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gengler had their baby boy, Duane, baptized at the Presbyterian church last Sunday morning.

Bob Pearce is spending a part of his vacation from the Lyon Metal Products company with relatives in Michigan.

Plano: Eight Plano Boys Leave  
For CCC Camp Duties

Eight young men left Monday for Fort Sheridan where they will go into training for their duties of camp work, remaining there for two weeks before leaving for some distant stage. The following boys went from Plano: Wilmet Baines, Vernon Bauer, Robert Dwyer, Allen Faxon, Lewis Needham, Wendall Taxis, and Carl Walters.

Yorkville: Milton Orr, 74, died at his farm home between Yorkville and Plano July 12 after a lingering illness. He was born at Harrisburg, Pa., in 1857 and came to Oswego at the age of 11 years. Later he married Mary Ann Smith, who preceded him in death about two and a half years ago.

Mr. Orr is survived by three children, Lee of Plano, William of Oswego, and Olive Orr of Plano; also three grandchildren survive.

Funeral services were held from the home Saturday afternoon. Interment was in the Oswego cemetery.

July 25: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cherry attended the state convention of Rural Letter Carriers' Association at Belleville on July 18.

Myron Garbelman, a member of the Oswego Future Stockmen 4-H Club lost his 4-H club calf last week. This was a serious loss for the young man. The animal, a Swiss heifer, was well trained for the exhibit at the annual Farm Bureau picnic to be held late in August and was one of the best in its class. The calf ate a small feeding of alfalfa hay and sickened and died before a veterinarian could be of any assistance.

August -- 1934

Aug. 1: Mrs. Howard Blackman received the sad news of the death of her brother, Les Johnson, in an auto accident, Monday morning.

Threshing will be in full swing this week but will not take long if the weather isn't good as the grain is very light. In one neighborhood, three jobs are finished in one day.

Dr. and Mrs. Weishew are on a three weeks vacation in Wisconsin.

Aug. 8: Jay Updike, 80 years of age, passed away at his home on the Plainfield road Sunday afternoon, August 6. Mr. Updike had lived all his life in the same neighborhood and was well and favorably known. He is survived by his wife, Ida Cherry Updike, two daughters, Mildred and Genevieve, three sons, Marshall, Lester, and Harold, and two grandchildren.

A fire and the usual damage of smoke and water damaged the rooms occupied by the Ted Sickler family on Madison street Tuesday evening of last week. The fire department and neighbors by their prompt assistance prevented the fire from spreading. Insurance covered the loss.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith and daughter and two sons, Leonard Hafenrichter and Floyd and Everett Parkhurst motored to Urbana Monday. The young people represented Kendall County in the general livestock judging contest in 4-H Club work.

Aug. 15: Mrs. Chloe Brownell Perry passed away at her home in Oswego last Saturday afternoon. The funeral was held at the Townsend funeral home.

Henry Heffelfinger, Bill Tregillus and Al Knight spent last Saturday and Sunday at the Illinois State Rifle match at Fort Sheridan.

Mrs. Fred [Clara] Walker, the Oswego correspondent for the *Record*, is enjoying part of this week in Chicago with her daughter, Clareta.

The Maple Lane Riding Club will have another chicken fry this Thursday evening at the C.C. Herren farm.

The regular Wednesday night free movies under the auspices of the Oswego merchants had an added attraction, the Kendall County Band, under the direction of Milo Heap of Plattville and a comic parade by the Maple Lane Riding Club.

Yorkville: Anna S. Kellogg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Kellogg, was born in NaAuSay Township April 26, 1849 and passed away Saturday morning, Aug. 11, 1934 at the age of 85 years. On April 26, 1876 she was united in marriage with Timothy S. Howell. Mrs. Howell's parents were early settlers in Kendall County. Her father, George Washington Kellogg, came to Kendall County in 1835 from Rutland County, Vermont. He settled in Oswego township, where he acted as a pioneer educator. He gave up teaching in 1855, entered land in NaAuSay Township, and engaged in farming. The Kellogg family are still progressive agriculturalists in this vicinity.

Practically earless cornfields resulting from the summer's unusual heat and drought need not be considered as a total loss by Kendall county farmers. In fact, such cornfields may have as high or a higher feeding value for livestock than a normal crop, says Farm Adviser Miller.

The extremely hot, dry weather that has been so prevalent throughout the county in recent weeks will often blast the pollen of corn plants. This corn, of course, will not produce grain on the ears, but when harvested in the form of silage or fodder it does have a considerable value as feed for livestock.

Aug. 22: On Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 15, the Rev. Charles O. Churchill, son of Dr. and Mrs. A.H. Churchill of Oswego, was united in marriage to Miss Janette E. Nord, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred A Nord of Jamestown, N.Y. The ceremony took place on the shore of Lake Chautauqua at the summer home of the bride's parents. The Rev. Churchill was born and spent his boyhood in Oswego. After graduating from East High school in Aurora he attended Wheaton college, graduating in 1930. In May of this year he graduated from the Princeton Theological seminary, Princeton, N.J. The bride is a graduate of the Jamestown high school, 1926, and of Wheaton college, 1931.

After spending a few days at the A.H. Churchill home in Oswego, the young couple went to Brimley on the south shore of Lake Superior. From there they will go to their new home at Pickford, Mich., where the Rev. Churchill is pastor of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. and Mrs. Watts C. Cutter are enjoying a visit from their sons, Slade, a student at the Annapolis Naval Academy and Fred, a junior at the university of Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Norris are now residents of Bristol where Mr. Norris will teach at the beginning of the school year in September.

The Oswego Consolidated schools will open Tuesday morning, Sept. 4. Work in both the high school and grades will begin on that date in order that a full day's work may be accomplished. A large increase in the high school enrollment is anticipated during the coming year since a small senior group graduated last June and a large freshman class has already registered. An ever increasing number of pupils living in non-high school territory are taking advantage of the fully accredited course of studies offered by the Oswego high school. Last year, 56 percent of the enrollment was made up of pupils living in non-high school territory. Any pupils

who have not selected a school for the coming year are invited to consider the Oswego schools before making a decision.

Pupils entering the grade school from any district other than District 1 must bring with them enough money to pay their tuition for at least the first half year in advance. Tuition for grade school children will be charged at the rate of \$30 per year. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

During the past summer months, the Oswego schools have been repaired and rearranged to meet the requirements of the new course of study. The room which was formerly occupied by the seventh and eighth grades will in the future be used as a classroom. The eighth grade students will be included with the high school group.

A revision of the course of study during the summer by Superintendent John Clayton has made it possible for these children to receive the added advantages of a departmentalized system of teaching. The seventh grade will be grouped with the lower grades. This new system of instruction will mean a decided saving to district Number 1, as it will enable the school to operate during the coming year without seeking a classroom outside the school and will be able to cooperate without hiring another high school teacher.

Two new studies, sewing and biology, have been added to the high school curriculum. Last September, one new study, business training, was started.

The teaching force will be changed somewhat from last year. Miss Ora Olson of Minooka will be the new teacher of the primary grades. She will enter the Oswego school with six year's successful teaching experience.

Miss Pearle Betts will be the only new teacher on the high school staff. During the past summer, Miss Betts has been attending the University of Iowa where she has been completing the work required for her Master's degree.

The following is a list of teachers:

Superintendent John L. Clayton, social studies, business training, and physiography.

Marvin C. Marquardt, mathematics, physics, chemistry, and athletics.

Doris Whitehouse, English and Latin.

Hilda C. Johnson, bookkeeping, typing, and shorthand.

Pearle Betts Grimes, domestic science and biology.

Reeve R. Thompson, junior high, band, glee club, and social studies.  
Rachel Winebrenner, grades seven and six.

Ila Harrison, grades five and four.

Virginia Crossman, grades 2B and three.

Ora Olson.

William Toby will serve as janitor for the seventh consecutive year.

The board of education of the Oswego schools is made up of A.H. Dysart, president; Mrs. Emma Inman, secretary; William Baumann, Milton Hem, Minnie Hafenrichter, W.H. Davis, and Grace Harvey, members.

Yorkville: The payment of a 45 percent dividend amounting to \$45,370, to the depositors of the closed Oswego State Bank of Oswego has been authorized by Edward J. Barrett, Auditor of Public Accounts State of Illinois.

Mr. O'Connell stated that dividend checks would be ready for distribution Thursday, Aug. 23. This dividend payment is being made from funds acquired in the ordinary course of liquidation together with funds obtained from a Reconstruction Finance corporation loan.

All depositors who filed their claims are requested to call in person at the Oswego State bank for their checks.

Aug. 29: J.A. Manning of Park avenue celebrated his 83rd birthday anniversary on Aug. 26.

On Labor Day at the Oswego ball park the Old timers will play the Youngsters. The game begins at 2:30 daylight saving time.

Hazel Blackman, who has been doing secretarial work at Park college since her graduation there last June, is home visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blackman.

(Intended for last week): Dogs killed seven hogs for Myron Herren a few nights ago. Other hogs have been killed in that neighborhood. A few dogs have been identified and killed.

Yorkville: Capt. C.E. Merrick, aged 78 years young of Los Angeles is here renewing old acquaintanceships. Capt. Merrick is still a very

energetic man and moves about with surprising ease for a man of his years.

When a boy of 11, Capt. Merrick ran away to join the Union forces in the Civil War. He served as a member of the infantry, later becoming a drummer boy and then drum major. He attained rank of captain in the Spanish-American war.

The captain was born in Kendall county and returns at every opportunity to see his friends here. He attended the Old Settlers' picnic Thursday at Millbrook, and made a short speech.

September -- 1934

Sept. 5: Mrs. Margaret Schwartz, 82, died at her home Tuesday Aug. 28 after months of illness. She had been a resident of Oswego for 76 years. She had no immediate family living; her husband, who was a carpenter, died many years ago.

The continuous rain during the Labor Day weekend vacation was a great disappointment to many people and changed numerous plans.

Charles Herren of Madison street, was instantly killed Saturday afternoon, Sept. 1, while loading hay with his brother, Frank, on his farm at the south edge of town. Both men were on the load when the horses started, giving the wagon a sudden lurch and both men fell, Charles breaking his neck and dying instantly.

Sept. 12: Little six year old Marilyn Rogerson celebrated her birthday anniversary with a number of little friends Saturday afternoon.

Melvin Parkhurst and Myron Wormley left for college at the University of Illinois last week.

Marriage licenses: Wilfred C. Lantz of Oswego and Alice Ingraham, Aurora.

Sept. 19: All of the Kendall County schools are to have United States flags and flag raising ceremonies are being conducted at the various schools.



Ed Rink narrowly escaped serious injury or perhaps death last Saturday when attacked by a bull. Mr. Rink and his hired man, Bill Agler, were herding the cattle just east of their buildings when the bull turned on Mr. Rink, knocking him down and rolling him along the ground.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bohn are spending a few days with her folks at Shenandoah, Iowa.

Sept. 26: Mrs. Fanny Hunt, age 90, who has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Robert Pogue at Paw Paw, died at the Waterman Hospital Sept. 23. Mrs. Hunt was the wife of the former Bissell Hunt, a merchant in Oswego years ago. The couple were prominent in Oswego society, but her generation has nearly all passed away.

Alva E. Cooney, 71, a resident of Oswego until he moved to California 15 years ago, died at Pasadena Friday, Sept. 21. He was born in NaAuSay Township, Kendall County, Aug. 30, 1863.

Only a comparatively small crowd attended the plowing match this year on account of the rain. The grounds became almost impassable with mud and water.

John and Howard Wald ran the car they were driving into the river near the Bereman farm. In the accident Howard was cut seriously across the back of his hand and suffered from loss of blood.

October -- 1934

Oct. 3: Richard Irving [Irvin], colored, age 75, a long time resident of Oswego died Sept. 5, 1934. His wife and two children preceded him in death, but he is survived by five children, two daughters and three sons.

Mr. Irving [Irvin] had a wide acquaintance. He was a mason by trade and many fine pieces of cement work and brick laying are his work in this community. He was born in slavery in Tennessee 75 years ago.

The funeral was held from the Thorsen funeral home with the Rev. R.E. Gayles of the Aurora A.M.E. Church officiating. Burial was in the Cowdrey Cemetery.

The body of Alva Cooney, who died Sept. 24 at his home in Pasadena, Calif., was brought to Oswego for burial Thursday and rested at the Thorsen funeral home until the funeral on Friday afternoon. The large number of relatives and old friends at the funeral and the beautiful floral pieces attested to the esteem in which Mr. Cooney was held. The Rev. John E. Klein officiated. Burial was in the Pearce cemetery.

Mrs. Cooney, who came east with the body of her husband, will stay during October to visit relatives and old friends.

Yorkville: Yorkville is a beehive of industry these days. Concrete mixers shatter the usual pastoral calm, carpenters' hammers and saws add their bit to the din, and paint brushes slither over faded surfaces restoring lost beauty.

The Dickson building is having the basement poured; the Masonic hall is getting its last touches. Friedberg's store is being redecorated and rearranged, and Russell Hughes' residence shines in new paint, as does the Clarence Schulter home.

It has been suggested that one of them there "stop and go" lights be erected at the 'Y.' It may seem foolish but if we have many more crack-ups out there we might take the proposition up in earnest.

Oct. 10: On Saturday morning, Oct. 6, the wedding of Rose Condon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Condon of the Oswego-Plainfield road, and John McGuire of Chicago was solemnized at the St. Mary's church in Plainfield.

Mrs. McGuire is a graduate of West Aurora High school and has been employed at the Aurora office of the CA&E railway company for seven years, driving to and from her home. Mr. McGuire is an electrician employed by the Chicago City Railway company. They will make their home in Chicago.

As one of the relief projects in Oswego, the school gymnasium is being remodeled this week.

Harlan Peshia has secured a position at the Walgreen Drug company in Aurora.

Intended for last week:

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lantz mourn the loss of their son, Carl[os] Lantz, age 55, who was killed by an infuriated bull at his home in Wheatland on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Morse and little sons Billy and David moved from Main street to an apartment at LaGrange on Sept. 28.

NaAuSay: The marriage of Miss Margaret Elizabeth Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Stewart of Willowgate farm near Plainfield to Hugh Hunter Goudie Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Goudie of NaAuSay, took place Monday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Oliver C. Johnson of Prairie du Sac, Wis., a former resident of NaAuSay and an intimate friend of the bridegroom's parents.

After their honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Goudie will be at home in the home of the bridegroom's parents on the Giran Mains farm in NaAuSay.

Yorkville: Advertisement: Attend the Second Annual *Kendall County Record* Shoot, Sunday, October 21, 1934 at the Yagan Gravel pit halfway between Oswego and Yorkville on the South River Road.

Oct. 17: Wilbur Peshia who is stationed at Fort Sheridan, was home over last weekend to visit his parents.

Ted Sickler will start grading on the triangle of land they recently purchased just east of town preparatory to building a gas station. [Modern intersection of U.S. Route 34 and Ill. Route 71.]

Mrs. Maria Lions of Main street, one of the oldest residents of Oswego, suffered a stroke Saturday and is in a very serious condition.

Yorkville: A movement is on foot to survey the Fox river with the intention of building a system of dams to keep the level of the river as nearly constant as possible.

The Fox river should be a beauty spot. It was, in the past, but unfortunately it became a "dumping ground." Naturally it became more of a cesspool than a river. In the summer, its condition is disgraceful due to its shallowness and the warm summer sun. It is to be hoped that the efforts of those striving to clean up the Fox and keep its level constant are successful.

Although a large number of chinch bugs have been killed during the last wet weather by the white fungus disease, there are plenty of bugs going into winter quarters to do damage to 1935 crops.

A number of farmers have reported considerable injury to their chinch bugs but it will be very difficult for weather conditions to be of considerable advantage in destroying the large number of bugs which are not healthy and moving into winter quarters. There are fully as many bugs generally going into winter quarters as was the case last fall.

Oct. 24: The Junior Frolic presented in the Oswego school on Friday evening was a big success and represented a great deal of preparation on the part of the 130 pupils in the school who participated and their teachers under whose supervision they prepared the stunts, songs, the one-act play, and other entertainment. The silver loving cup was won by the freshman class.

Mrs. Maria Louise Lyon, age 96, pioneer resident of Oswego died Friday, Oct. 19 at her home on Main Street. She had been a resident of Oswego for 60 years. She was united in marriage to James Lyon March 4, 1861. Mr. Lyon enlisted in Company H., 89th Illinois Infantry Aug. 9, 1862. He preceded in his wife in death on Dec. 18, 1904.

George F. Pearce, 42, died at his home east of Oswego Saturday afternoon Oct. 20 after months of suffering and illness. Mr. Pearce is survived by his wife, Florence; two sons, George Jr. and Robert; his mother, Mrs. Ella Pearce of Aurora; his father, Fred Pearce of Rockford; and a brother, Dr. Arthur Pearce of Chicago. Funeral

services were held from the Healy chapel Tuesday afternoon. Burial was in the Pearce cemetery.

At a tryout in Chicago on Friday, Glenn Smith won second chair with his trombone with the Civic Symphony orchestra.

We picked violets in our garden this (Monday) afternoon. The weatherman seems to be trying to compensate for the unusually severe heat and drought and dust of the summer with a perfect October. No hard frosts as yet and lawns and the fall flowers are beautiful.

Mr. and Mrs. David Jones and family from Aurora are now located in the Margaret Woolley residence on Main street recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Morse.

Earl Graus from Elvaston went to Chicago to the stockyards with a truckload of cattle and attended the fair. He also visited his sister in law and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wormley, over last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Agler have moved to Montgomery and Mr. and Mrs. Woodard and family are occupying the rooms in Mrs. Charlie Johnson's home vacated by the Aglers.

Frank R. Jericho, a well known farmer in Kendall county, formerly of Aurora, died suddenly Friday night, Oct. 19, at his home four miles south of Oswego at the age of 60 years.

Mr. Jericho was born at Mt. Pleasant, Ia., July 17, 1874 and moved to Aurora in 1891 entering the employ of the Western Wheeled Scraper company. Several years later he moved to a farm near Bristol Station and took up the occupation of farming. He moved to his late home 26 years ago. This farm lies partly in the townships of Oswego, NaAuSay, and Kendall.

Surviving are his wife, Clara Smith Jericho, formerly of Bristol Station; his mother, Mrs. Mary Anna Jericho of Mt. Pleasant, Ia.; four sons, Glenn, Aurora, Ralph, Oswego, Frank Jr., of Detroit, and Richard, who lives at the home. One daughter, Mrs. Lulu Marvin of Oswego; three brothers, Edward of Aurora and George and Bilbert both of Mt. Pleasant; and three sisters, Mrs. Bertha Lobenfells of

Burlington, Ia., and Mrs. Lulu Rougarber and Miss Minnie Jericho, both of Mt. Pleasant; and five grandchildren also survive. The funeral services were held from the Oswego Federated church Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 23. Interment was in the Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: Unless the \$30,000,000 bond issue carries in the Nov. 6 election, farmers in Kendall county will have their 1935 taxes increased \$45 on the average 160 acre farm. The measure was titled: "An Act to provide for an issue of bonds of the State of Illinois for the relief of indigent persons and for the redemption of notes issued in anticipation of taxes levied for that purpose."

Oct. 31: The Hallowe'en fair given by the Oswego school Friday evening, Oct. 26, was a grand success.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ode have moved into Mrs. Daisy Young's residence on Madison street, recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boysen.

Postmaster and Mrs. Frank Woolley and the rural carriers and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cherry and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Peshia, attended a rural carriers' meeting of the 20th Congressional district at DeKalb Saturday evening.

Hazel Blackman, a member of the faculty at Jennings seminary in Aurora spent last weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blackman.

Have you seen the large electric clock in Charlie Schultz's front store window? It will give you the correct time, day or night.

The Russell and Cutter schools are having a Halloween party at the Russell school Wednesday evening.

Yorkville: Farm and homeowners in Kendall county need have little fear that their elm trees are in any immediate danger of being killed by the Dutch elm disease in spite of apparently prevalent reports to the contrary, says Farm Adviser W.P. Miller.

At present the tree disease is confined entirely to an area about 25 or 30 miles wide around the port of New York with the greatest concentration of infected elms in the vicinity of East Orange, N.J. The only known means of control is the destruction of the diseased trees, it is explained.

November -- 1934

Nov. 7: Wilbur Peshia, from Fort Sheridan, spent last Sunday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Peshia. He is a fine looking young man in his uniform.

Max Cutter of Chicago and Scott Cutter hunted geese near Putnam Nov. 4. Ask them about their scores.

The Grove Road Farmers' club will meet at the Klomhaus hall in Oswego on Thursday evening, Nov. 8, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blackman.

The Oswego America Legion post is to observe Armistice day in the Oswego school Friday afternoon, Nov. 9, and on the high school grounds Saturday morning at 11, in honor of the dead and disabled.

Yorkville: LARSON, MORTENSEN, CHRISTIAN, MAIER AND VANDEVEER WIN COUNTY OFFICES

Entire Kendall County Republican Ticket Goes Through Tuesday's Election With Exception Of A.N. Barron, Who Loses In Three-Cornered Race; Vandever Becomes First Democrat To Hold County Office in Years; Maier Heads Ticket As All Returns From County Art Totaled. Democratic Landslide In State.

Nov. 14: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parkhurst were surprised at their home Saturday evening, Nov. 16, the occasion being their 25th wedding anniversary.

Ten friends from Aurora and St. Charles surprised Mrs. Clarissa Barker at her home last Tuesday in honor of her 91st birthday anniversary.

Mrs. Leslie Dietrich of the East River road visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Armbruster Thursday.

Mrs. George Pearce and sons will leave their farm and Frank Gerry has rented it for next year.

it is rumored that Ralph Norris will quit farming and with his daughter and younger son reside in town.

Harry Clark and Myron Herren returned from Minnesota Monday with a truckload of horses.

Yorkville: We are still trying to see through the mass of Democratic votes cast a week ago Tuesday. A landslide it was termed, but an earthquake might suit the thing more closely. Well, it's two years until we can gird our loins again and wrestle with politics. Until then, all we can say is that Kendall county stayed in the right column.

We had a letter from our aunt, Mrs. Charles Read, the first of the week which contained a clipping from the Baltimore Sun concerning an Oswego boy who is attending Annapolis. Mayhap you have heard of him--we refer to Slade Cutter and we quote part of the story which describes the football game between the Middies and Notre Dame: "only twice in all the 60 minutes of play did the machine of Buzz Barries, Bill Clark, Slade Cutter, Bob Dornin, Rick Burns, Lou Robertshaw, and the rest have a chance to score on a hapless Notre Dame team that piled up 14 first downs to their three yet swift and blasting as six-inch guns at point blank range, Navy cut loose both times for a 19-yard field goal from Cutter's big boot and as the second period opened, Cutter dropped back and kicked the field goal." So it seems that our young friend from Oswego is making a name for himself way down east.

Nov. 21: Honors have just been conferred upon Junior George Smith, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of Oswego as one of the eight most outstanding members among the 1,686 farm boys and girls of the state who were enrolled in the 4-H dairy judging.



Honors have been conferred upon Alvin Hubbard, 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hubbard of Plattville as one of the two most outstanding among the 225 Illinois farm boys and girls who were enrolled 4-H club during the past year and his name has been placed on the state honor roll of two members.

Paul Blackman returned from a trip of a month to California on Nov. 13. He drove the auto for his aunt, who resides in Aurora. There were two other passengers. They had no car trouble except flat tires on the 6,000 mile trip and enjoyed the scenery at Yosemite Park, went to Oakland, Pasadena, Hollywood, and Long Beach, came through the petrified forest on the way home and stopped at the Diamond refinery at Tulsa, Oklahoma the largest single refinery in the world with its 840 acres of machinery.

Myron Wormley, manager of the University of Illinois football team, was home last Friday night, going from her to the game at Madison Saturday, where Illinois lost its first game of the season.

Yorkville: The Fox River has become a raging torrent. The rains of the weekend have swelled the river so that there are about six inches of water flowing over the [Yorkville] dam. The river will have a good flushing out and should be a good deal cleaner than it was. In the past few weeks a green scum has formed over the surface. This is all gone now and the Fox again resembles a river.

Nov. 28: George Franklin Randall, 13 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Randall of Aurora died Nov. 21 at the home of his parents. He was born in Oswego Oct. 6, 1933 and had never been very well. The family recently moved to Aurora from a farmhouse south of Oswego. There are three sisters, Fern, Ruth, and Hazel, and three brothers, Warren, Jack, and Roy, and the parents surviving. The burial was in the Oswego cemetery.

Friends sympathize with Mrs. Clara Kneller in the death of her father, Mrs. Lapp of Wheatland last week.

Martin Garbleman has had three serious attacks recently affecting his heart.

Inez Skeen entertained Saturday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skeen for Stella Clauser, who will become the bride of Carl Smith of Aurora on Thanksgiving Day.

Yorkville: *The Record* office is assuming some degree of order after its partial renovation. The new [orange tile] front, erected by A.L. Collins, assisted by Art Thanepohn and Henry Behrens, is practically completed. The veteran carpenter, Chris Christian, put in the finishing touch Saturday afternoon when he hung the new door.

Movement is on foot to make a four lane highway of Route 34, also known as old Route 18. The fact that the traffic on this route merits a larger right of way is indisputable. There are a large number of accidents on this road caused in the greater part by the congestion. The widening would relieve the congestion and reduce the number of accidents.

December -- 1934

Dec. 5: From the Baltimore Sun: "Natives of Oswego, a thriving town of 1,000 souls, thrust out their chests with pride today. Their champion flute player, Slade Cutter, had blown a sweet note for them and the United States Navy and a sour one for the Army mule. Almost every person in Oswego jammed into Scott Cutter's drug store today to hear the broadcast of the Army-Navy football game, hopeful that Scott's nephew would get his name mentioned occasionally at least. When the Oswego youth kicked the 19-yard field goal in the first period the crowd around Uncle Scott's radio became almost delirious, cheers broke out and everyone shook Uncle Scott's hand when the game ended with Slade's boot providing the winning margin.

"Well, beamed Uncle Scott, "Slade did it. Oswego is on the map at last. Wonder if he had his flute tucked in his moleskins."

Slade once passed up football to become the national flute-blowing champion of the United States in the high school class Although built along the lines of a husky football player, Slade wasn't interested in the game when he entered East Aurora High near Oswego. Instead he joined the high school band, doing unheard of tricks with his magic flute. In 1928 he entered the national high

school contest and blew his way into the flute championship without half trying.

After matriculating at Annapolis, Slade gave up his flute and picked up a football. Kicking up a football is a little more accurate. He became one of the finest kickers in Midshipman football history. He also campaigned in the amateur heavyweight division and won the Eastern title two years running.

"His last fight was a Syracuse," said Uncle Scott. "After he had flattened his man, a New York promoter offered him a three-year contract for \$50,000 to fight professionally. Slade turned that down, naturally. He loves the Navy and intends sticking there."

Oswego friends rejoiced over the fine place kick made by Slade Cutter in the Army-Navy Game at Philadelphia. His kick, the only score of the game, defeated the Army 3-0 for the first Navy victory since 1921. Slade's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Watts Cutter and brothers motored east to see the game.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wright and two children start this week for the state of Washington with an auto and trailer. A friend has promised Mr. Wright employment there.

Mrs. Emma Inman entertained her mother, Mrs. Haines, her son, Edward Inman and wife and baby, and Mrs. May Deny on Thanksgiving Day.

The marriage of Miss Stella Clauser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Clauser of Oswego, to Carl Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Smith of Aurora, took place on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 29, at the home of her parents.

The Oswego high school basketball team won its second game of the season Wednesday night when they defeated a fast Hinckley team on the Oswego floor.

Yorkville: Kendall county is proud of her son, Slade Cutter of Oswego, who kicked the field goal at the annual Army-Navy game, which defeated Army 3-0.

Midshipman Cutter has had other honors, too, in football. He has been named on the NEA "All American" squad.

Besides being a fine football player, Slade is a musician of note and a boxer of repute.

Imagine the thrill Slade's folks experienced when they sat in the midst of a huge crowd and saw their boy defeat the Army with a skillful kick.

Dec. 12: Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Smith quietly celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 9. They were married on Dec. 9, 1874 at the home of the bride in Oswego and began farming three and one-half miles southeast of Oswego the following spring, and lived and worked on their farm for 32 years, retiring to Oswego in 1910 when their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Edward Smith took charge of the farm. Mrs. Smith was born in Whitehouse, N.J. Aug. 19, 1848, coming to the little village of Oswego in 1854 with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I.F. Reed and her sisters. Mr. Smith was born April 14, 1848 and came from Belchertown, Mass. when but four years of age with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horrace Smith and sisters and brothers and the following year settled on the homestead now occupied by their grandson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Edward Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have two children, Mrs. Fred [Clara] Walker and Royce E. Smith; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The entire community was shocked by the unexpected death of Mrs. Sherman Burkhart. Mrs. Burkhart died early on Monday morning, Dec. 10, at the Copley hospital after only a few days illness. Mrs. Gladys H. Burkhart, 37, died Monday morning at 6:45 at the Copley hospital. She was born in Bonfield, Ill. Dec. 14, 1896. Her husband, Sherman, and a daughter, Carol Jane, survive her tragic death.

Mrs. Susan Eudora Gates, 75, passed away Tuesday night, Dec. 4, 1934 at her home in Oswego. She was born Feb. 25, 1859 in NaAuSay Township, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orin P. Austin. She married Robert Douglas Gates Feb. 22, 1882 at NaAuSay and resided on the same farm near Yorkville for 40 years. In 1922 they moved to Oswego at which time their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Grate, moved onto the farm. Besides her husband, Mrs. Gates is survived by five sons, Charles G., Los Angeles, Calif.; Orin P., Paynes Creek, Calif.; Robert, Oswego; Tracy, Aurora; Albert J., Yorkville; three daughters, Mrs. Edith Collins, Oswego; Mrs. Ida M.

Pierce, Aurora; Mrs. Fern Grate, Yorkville; 18 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. One daughter, Anna Susan died in 1893. Two sisters, Miss Effie Austin, NaAuSay; Mrs. William Willie, Udall, Kan., and one brother, Frank Austin, NaAuSay.

Dec. 19: A large audience appreciated and enjoyed the singing of the "Messiah" by the Presbyterian choir last Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Eide, our Oswego baker, were very fortunate when their car skidded into the ditch from the icy pavement Saturday, that no one was seriously injured. The auto was considerably damage, including a broken wheel.

Mrs. John Warren died Dec. 17 after only a few days' illness following a stroke on Dec. 14.

We saw some people with a horse and cutter with bells on our street last week. It looked nice and sounded nice--but give us a heated automobile when the mercury hovers near zero.

Yorkville: "Bloody 34" has claimed two and perhaps three more lives. We will soon realize that either the trucks must go or the highway must be built to have a separate lane for trucks.

The depression has increased the horde of sharpers, men and women, who live by their wits and without conscience. Their plans, if you are foolish enough to listen, will save you a lot of money or get you something your neighbor paid twice as much for. These people cheat the public of thousands of dollars yearly and it is up to the public to stamp the cheaters out.

Dec. 26: The Oswego High School glee clubs gave a Christmas Cantata concert in the high school auditorium on Thursday, Dec. 20 under the direction of Reeve Thompson. The auditorium was effectively lighted with candles.

The third series of games in the W-O-N-Der church basketball league were played Monday evening in the high school gym. In the first game, the Scotch team defeated the Oswego Presbyterian five, 21-12,

and in the second game the Prairie quintet nosed out the Federated team, 19-17.

Mrs. Hattie E. Warren, age 71, died Dec. 17 at the St. Joseph hospital following a stroke suffered at her home the week before.

Mrs. Warren was born April 29, 1863 at East Orange, N.J. Besides her husband, John, she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. A.A. Simpson, Twigley, Ia., and Mrs. S.M. Heberling, Denver, Colo.; two sons, Carl of Crawfordsville, Ind., and John of LaGrange; 11 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the Thorsen funeral home Dec. 19. Interment was in the Oswego cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ferguson are moving to Michigan City, where he has employment.

Yorkville: An advertisement invited readers to enjoy "The National Guard in Pictures" on Thursday, Jan. 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the Yorkville Theatre. The event, sponsored by Company E., 129th Infantry of the Illinois National Guard promised that visitors would "See the National Guard at camp. Accompany them on their march to Chicago, the greatest peacetime military maneuver in history. A Sound Picture. Admission 10 cents and 15 cents."

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January

Jan. 2: Announcement has been made of the engagement of Irene Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Mitchell of Aurora, to Carl Friebele of Oswego.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Etsinger and family have moved into their new home on Route 34 the second house north of Turtle Rock Inn. Mr. Etsinger and son, Burman, have done most of the work on the residence, which is yet to be finished after they move in. Ralph Norris has moved into the Klomhaus bungalow on Madison street vacated by the Etsingers.

The grippe is making its winter visit. The Constantine and Jack Cherry families are among those afflicted.

G.H. Voss one of the directors of the Tri-State Short Line Association, spent Thursday in Mendota in the interest of this association, whose objective is a direct straight highway through Illinois, Iowa, and Nebraska to Cheyenne. The subject of the widening of Route 34 and the connecting Route 65 was also discussed.

Yorkville: There are sportsmen in the county who have indicated a desire to find out how many foxes will be killed in Kendall county this season. We will undertake to list the number of those taking a fox will mail or call in the fact that they have killed one of these animals.

The foes have grown quite numerous and fox hunts are becoming very popular with strong-limbed men

If you take a fox, let us know and we will see how many of the pelts are taken this winter.

Jan. 9: Mary Frances Murphy, niece of Dr. and Mrs. W.L. Murphy of Aurora, and Roswell Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Howard of Oswego, were married Jan. 3 at the parsonage of the Holy Angels church, Aurora.

Mrs. Howard is a graduate of the St. Clara academy, Sinsinawa, Wis., and Mrs. Howard has attended the University of Chicago and the University of California.

Following a wedding breakfast, the young couple left for Santa Monica, Calif., where Mr. Howard has accepted a position.

Oswego friends received the news of the death of Robert Pogue of Paw Paw Saturday. The funeral was held there Jan. 8 with burial in the Oswego cemetery. Mr. Pogue and wife, Maude Hunt Pogue, were both residents of Oswego when they were young people.

The Oswego High School Basketball Team defeated the Leland five before a big crowd from both schools Friday night. The final score was Oswego 26, Leland 24.

Oliver A. Burkhart of Oswego has been named Conciliation Commissioner for the Department of Justice, United States District Court. R.O. Letch, who previously held the position, resigned.

Jan. 16: In the basketball games at the Oswego school gymnasium Friday evening, Oswego won over Yorkville 28-19 and won by one point Saturday evening at Kaneville.

Following the mild weather of last week, when all the snow and ice melted away, a soft wet snow fell Saturday night followed by a cold wave Sunday.

The East Oswego ladies' quartet, Mrs. Oscar Shoger, Mrs. Herbert Norris, Margaret Norris, and Sylvia Tregillus, who placed first at the Music and Drama tournament at Sugar Grove on Jan. 11, will go to Urbana on Tuesday, accompanied by their pianist, Mrs. Harold Tregillus.

The Glen Leigh home is quarantined for scarlet fever. Jean, the younger daughter, a student at East High, has a slight case of the disease.

Plattville: The Swastika Club was entertained Friday in the home of Mrs. J.A. LaForge with all members present.

Yorkville: The New Dealers conquered the Senate and the House and thought they had the Supreme Court under control up to the moment. Now it appears that the Supreme Court will not countenance any further attacks upon the Constitution. The makers of the Constitution had just such a case in view, no doubt, when they created the Supreme Court. We are glad that this group will stand for American principles.

The maroon and white of Yorkville were defeated by the powerful Oswego cagers on the upriver floor Friday evening before a crowd that found handholds on steam pipes and any other place of vantage.

Jan. 23: Robert Herren Sr., supervisor of Oswego township for 12 years, died Sunday night, Jan 20, at the home of his brother, John



Herren, where he has been living since his return from the Mayo Brothers Clinic in December. Mr. Herren was born in NaAuSay on May 19, 1865. He retired from farming 14 years ago and has since made his home in Oswego. He is survived by three brothers, John and Frank of Oswego and Walter of Van Nuys, Calif., and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Jan. 24 at the Thorsen funeral home and at the Presbyterian church. Burial will be in the NaAuSay cemetery.

The Courtney Hem family is quarantined for scarlet fever, the daughter, Wilma, a pupil at East high, having contracted the disease. The Glen Leigh family expect to be out of quarantine the latter part of the week. Jean, the youngest daughter, has recovered from scarlet fever.

The Oswego basketball team has one more game to their credit, having defeated Plainfield at Oswego Friday night.

Jan. 30: Courtney Smith, the farm census enumerator in Oswego Township, is busy at the work.

A Civil war veteran, Thomas L. Potter, aged 94, who died at his home in Zion Jan. 26, was buried in the Oswego cemetery Jan. 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Smith attended a concert given by the Civic Symphony orchestra Sunday afternoon at Orchestra hall, Chicago. Glenn Smith plays trombone in this orchestra.

Graeme Stewart, science teacher at Batavia High School, had an appendicitis operation at the Copley Hospital.

The orange and blue team of the Oswego High School won their 12th victory of the season when they defeated Serena 37-19 on the Oswego floor last Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hendrickson on route 34 have a baby boy, Dean Henry, born at the St. Joseph hospital Friday, Jan. 25.

February -- 1935

Feb. 6: The barn dance show sponsored by the America Legion Saturday had an attendance for the three nights of about 1,500. The Legion was much pleased with the results and the community enjoyed the fun.

The Oswego basketball team lost its second regular game when they were beaten by Yorkville on Friday night.

Mrs. Henry Heffelfinger sprained an ankle in a fall on the basement stairs, so there was no school in the Wilcox school last week.

John Pahaly, James and Allan Campbell spent most of the past week attending the IAA convention at Quincy. Allan Campbell, Oswego salesman for the Kendall Farmers' Oil company, was one of three high salesmen in Kendall county.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin and children have moved into the Agler house on Garfield avenue.

Warren Norris has secured a position with the International Harvester company in Chicago. He began work Monday and will work five days a week.

Yorkville: Ralph Farren, a member of the CCC was home over the weekend; at least he came in to see us Saturday morning. Mr. Farren reports that he likes the CCC very much.

Bob Arnold was also home from the CCC camp at Buffalo Rock near Ottawa over the weekend.

The Aurora automobile show is now in session at the Aleon ballroom, and if you were not fortunate enough to see the Chicago show, we recommend the Aurora show as the next best thing.

Paul Henne and Richard Hayden were the outstanding stars on the maroon and white team Friday night when the Oswego quintet was turned back in seeking their 13th win of the season. The Yorkville lads made 13 unlucky for Oswego by collecting 47 points to 29 for Oswego.

[Stuart] Shoger, Oswego guard, made 4 goals from the melee; [Lee] Hafenrichter, the dead-eyed Oswego center, tied with [Harvey] Lippy forward for second honors with 7 each.

The barn dance show given by local talent in impersonating WLS radio stars at the Oswego high school gymnasium on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights of last week was a decided hit with all who saw it. The show played for three nights and the total crowd was over 1,500 people, and even standing room was at a premium.

Feb. 13: Talks given by three men at the school gym Friday evening, Feb. 8, under the auspices of the Oswego post of the American Legion were fine indeed. The department commander, Paul Armstrong, talked on the bonus and said that it was not a bonus but what really belonged to the soldiers and if ever they needed it, they needed it now, and that it would help speed up prosperity. Dr. Sharpe, the child specialist from Chicago, talked on child welfare and particularly stressed the idea of getting the children in the Soldiers' and Sailors' orphanage at Normal into homes where they would have a father and mother's love and care. Charles Edwards of Aurora gave a splendid talk on patriotism, and told how communism is creeping into schools and colleges.

The mothers of the young people in the Oswego school band served them a chicken pie supper in the school gym Wednesday evening, Feb. 6. There were 32 band members at the table. Mr. Clayton presented the band letters to those who had been members of the organization for one year. Several of the mothers and Stuart Shoger, president of the band, gave short talks.

Friends of Mrs. Howard Blackman from the Scotch church neighborhood surprised her at her home Feb. 5, bringing with them a potluck dinner. The guests presented Mrs. Blackman with a beautiful electric lamp for her new home. The Blackman family will move south of Yorkville March 1.

Mrs. Erving [Irvin] Haines received the news of the death of her brother, Don Thomas Davis of Richmond, Va., on Feb. 8. The body was brought to Batavia, the home of his parents and brothers, for burial.

About 80 friends and neighbors surprised Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hazelwood Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Hazelwood and little boy left for their new home in Kentucky Feb. 9. Their going was hastened by a telegram telling of the death of Mrs. Hazelwood's mother at her home in Danville, Ky., and they expect to arrive in time for the funeral.

Mr. Hazelwood is a colored man but he has lived and worked in this vicinity for 21 years and has the respect and friendship of all who know him. Mrs. Hazelwood has only been here a few years but those who knew her admire her many good qualities.

Yorkville:

Volney Davis, Kidnapper,  
Flees from Federal Agents

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Bremer Kidnaper Leaps Through  
Window of Leech Tavern and Makes  
Story-Book Escape from Federal Agents

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Volney Davis, 33, wanted for the kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul Minn. on Jan. 17, made his escape from United States Department of Justice officers here last Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

Davis, in custody of two federal operatives, was being brought by plane from Kansas City, Mo. Wednesday afternoon to Chicago. The plane, flown by Joseph Jacobson, reached Chicago but Jacobson was unable to locate a landing field because as the pilot said, it was "smoggy" in Chicago. The plane circled several times and then headed west, finally landing just about dusk in a stubble field on the E.L. Matlock farm.

The prisoner was shackled at this time. Bill Ford, near whose place the landing was made, hastened out to meet the plane and the agents asked where they were and if Ford would take them to Yorkville. When he brought his car the agents got in with their prisoner and removed his leg-irons. On the way in they explained to Ford that they had to get in touch with Chicago, whereupon Ford suggested that as he and Sheriff Bill Maier were good friends, Davis be put into the Kendall county jail until the arrangements for his

trip to Chicago were completed. "We don't want any sheriffs in on this," was the reply.

A short distance from Yorkville the handcuffs were likewise removed from Davis and with the two agents, believed to be Garrity and Trainor, he went into the Leech tavern where Trainor entered the public phone booth to call his superiors in Chicago. This first telephone call was made at 7 o'clock. Davis and the other agent, Garrity, stood at the bar and ordered beer. Chuck Leech served them and as Garrity lifted his glass to his lips, Davis, who was standing on his right, hit him knocking him over a bar chair and to the floor. Turning, the prisoner made a running leap head-first through a nearby window. Garrity leaped to his feet drawing a revolver and ran to the window from which he fired three shots at the fugitive, who headed west after hurtling the iron fence, which borders the hotel lawn. Trainor dropped the phone and joined his partner.

A search was started at once by the federal men and those of the townspeople who were within call. About half a block west of the hotel they found the blue overcoat, which had been discarded by Davis, but no other traces were discovered. Davis evidently dodged through an alley and headed southwest through the back yards until he arrived at the H.D. Webster home, three blocks south and one block west of the scene of his getaway. Harlan Bretthauer's Ford V-8 was standing in the yard of the Webster home, with a full tank of gasoline and the keys in the lock. Entering the car, Davis headed west on the Fox road without turning on his headlights, and started back toward where he had landed in the plane. Fred Ohse saw him leave as he was driving down town and yelled to ask Brett, "Why don't you turn on your lights?" That was the last trace of the fugitive and car until the next morning when the automobile was found abandoned on a gravel road about 10 miles east of Wheaton. The next telephone call was put in to Chicago an hour after Davis' sensational escape. Two carloads of federal men were soon in Yorkville searching for a trace of the fugitive about whose identity they were very close-mouthed, to say the least. Police were asked to be on the lookout for a man in a stolen silver Ford V-8 sedan, and later they were given the information that the man was Jess Doyle, also wanted in the Bremer case. A dispatch from the INS the next day reported Doyle captured and lodged in jail in Kansas City. On Friday and Federal Department of Justice sent photographs and a

description of Volney Davis to postmasters in the territory. Leech could not positively identify the photo as that of the fugitive but a truck driver, Peasley, who was in the tavern at the time of the escape, identified him as the man and Ford said he was quite sure the photo was that of the fugitive,

Davis had been a resident of Aurora for several months last summer, according to Ted Smith, a tavern keeper on River street. He knew him as "Curley" Hansen, a free-spender who said he was following the horses. Wednesday night, Smith said, Hansen came into his tavern and asked for 10 dollars, an overcoat, and a gun. Smith gave him 50 cents but no overcoat and no gun. Hansen said he had been in an auto wreck at Naperville and asked Smith to bind up a cut on his hand, evidently injured when he made his escape. All trace of Hansen or Davis was lost from that point on, although the federals in their round of the bars and taverns in a large area, arrived about half an hour after he had gone.

The federal agents were uncommunicative, to say the least. It was impossible to find out who the two agents were who had custody of Davis except by guesswork, and it was not known who the fugitive was until Friday when Peasley and Ford identified the photograph sent out by the Department of Justice. No trace of Davis has as yet been found through it is believed he is in Chicago. Federal men looked in on taverns and other possible hangouts all night in a vain search for him.

Davis is described in the Bulletin as: Age 33 years; born Jan. 29, 1902 at Tahlequah, Okla.; height, 5 feet 8-3/4 inches; weight 123 pounds; build, slender; hair, light chestnut; eyes blue; complexion, fair; scar, vertical cut scar above eyebrow. His record is as follows: As Volney Davis arrested by the police department of Tulsa, Okla. on a charge of grand larceny and was turned over to Tulsa county. As Volney Davis, alias V.E. Davis, received at the state penitentiary at McAlester, Sept. 28, 1919, from Tulsa county, grand larceny, three year sentence. As Volney Davis was received at the state penitentiary at McAlester Feb. 3, 1923 from Tulsa, Okla., for the crime murder with life sentence. He escaped Jan. 8, 1925. As Roy Green he was arrested by the police department of Kansas City Jan. 21, 1925 for investigation found to be a fugitive from justice and was returned to the penitentiary. As Volney Davis was returned to McAlester on Jan. 25, 1925. On Nov. 8, 1932 he was granted leave of

absence to July 1, 1933; leave extended to July 1, 1934; leave canceled and Davis is now a fugitive from justice.

Davis is wanted for the kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minn. on Jan. 17, 1934. An indictment was returned by the federal grand jury at St. Paul Jan. 22 charging Davis and others with the kidnapping.

A Chicago and Southern Airways plane was forced down Monday evening on the Morley Norman farm about 5 miles west of Yorkville. The pilot John B. Lynn, and a passenger, a reporter on a Memphis newspaper, were unhurt in the forced landing.

The plane was bound from Memphis to Chicago and over Millington the instruments failed to function and ice formed on the wings forcing the pilot to land.

In landing the plane's landing gear was carried away when it struck a hedge fence. Skidding over the icy ground, the plane came to rest leaning on one wing about 100 yards from the fence. Evidently the plane hit first in one field and then "pancaked" across the hedge, just barely missing the hedge with the fuselage, but losing its landing gear.

Two propellers were bent, and landing gear a total wreck, and one motor damaged. The plane, a Stinson tri-motor, was covered with fabric and it is fortunate that fire did not start after the landing. The pilot and passenger commandeered the automobile of Albert Thurrow and with Albert driving took the mail to Aurora to be forwarded to Chicago.

In his weekly "Around and About" column, *Record* Editor J.R. Marshall remarked: "Yorkville is becoming a regular hangout for airplanes which can't find the Chicago airport...what we'd like to know is: If they can't find a place the size of Chicago, then how in the dickens can they ever manage to locate a place as small as Yorkville?" Concerning the Davis escape, Marshall wrote: "The whole affair seems careless to us...they might at least have tied Davis up with a piece of string. but these Federal Department of Justice men are really smart and no doubt they had good reasons for doing as they did."

The Kendall county office of the National Re-employment service has been moved from Plano to new quarters in the courthouse in Yorkville. C.M. Busey is in charge of the county unit.

Feb. 20: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blackman and son Paul were surprised by their neighbors and the members of the threshing ring Tuesday evening at a farewell party.

George Smith, leader of the Future Farmers' 4-H club, is organizing a health club and desires to have the boys of the 4-H club join. Dr. Churchill and Dr. Bell will give their services free.

The meeting held in the village hall Monday evening for the purpose of discussing ways and means of providing better fire protection for the community and the building of a township community building was largely attended. Mayor A.M. Pierce called the meeting to order and explained why the village fire truck is unable to answer fire calls from out of town. The truck is meant only for use in the village and if the truck left town, the town would be entirely without fire protection.

A motion was made and seconded that a committee of three be appointed to solicit farmers for funds to purchase a modern new fire truck for rural use. The motion carried and Wesley Bower was appointed as chairman with Clarence Cherry and John Herren on the committee to inquire into the matter. The truck will be housed and maintained by the village, which will also furnish a driver. In return for the housing, etc., the village will have the use of the truck. The old truck will be held in reserve for emergencies. The question as to whether a community building would be desirable was discussed. Each one present was of the belief that the community needed someplace where anyone could go for recreation. Oliver Burkhart explained ways and means by which the place could be financed through taxation and PWA funds. A motion was made and carried that a committee be appointed to investigate the needs and approximate cost.

Last Friday, the Oswego High School basketball team defeated the Somonauk High School Team for the 14th victory of the season. The game was played at Oswego and was rather one sided, 38-9.



Feb. 27: Mrs. Olive Voss, in company with other old schoolmates in Chicago, attended the funeral of William Foster Young on Thursday last.

Postmaster Frank Woolley was one of the ill last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Woolley and children have moved from the Fred Bower farm to the farm with his father, Albert. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bartlet will move to the Bower farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blackman and Paul will move south of Yorkville to the farm that was her father's place, the George L. Johnson farm. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Armbruster and family from Yorkville will move to the Walker farm vacated by the Blackmans.

William Foster Young, 67, died of heart trouble in New York on his way with his wife from Florida to their home in Chicago. His only brother, Arthur, lives in Aurora. Mr. Young's mother and her two sons formerly lived on Main street in Oswego and the boys were pupils in the Oswego school. Mr. Young is survived by his second wife, Pearl Potter Johnson Young, and three sons, Arthur, Philip, and William Junior. At the time of his death, Mr. Young was president of Benjamin H. Sanborn & Company, an educational publishing concern in Chicago. The funeral was held Feb. 21 in Chicago.

There are many cases of measles both among the children and the adults. Some are quite seriously ill with them.

Yorkville: An appropriation of \$2.5 million for the control of chinch bugs during 1935 has been approved by the House Appropriations sub-committee on agricultural operation.

March -- 1935

March 6: Emphasize Need for More Adequate Fire Protection  
Starting from sparks from the chimney, the roof of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Garvey caught fire last Sunday afternoon. The Garveys were unaware of the fire until someone came to the door and told them of it.

The Oswego fire truck and one from Aurora responded to the call and the fire was extinguished after burning a hole 10x20 feet in the roof. Meanwhile a crowd gathered and carried furniture from the house and after the fire was extinguished carried it back. With two roof fires within a week, one in town and one in the country, it would seem that it was a warning that a new fire truck should be purchased soon. It is a good time for the committee to get busy and get subscribers.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Collins have moved to Oswego on Washington street. They formerly lived in Aurora and are both employed there.

The Oswego fire department was called out to a small roof fire on the Burkhart farm occupied by the Frank Woolley family on Thursday. Not much damage was done except that a hole was burned in the roof.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Friebele have moved into the downstairs flat in the Croushorn house and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lippold in the second story flat.

Following tests and observation at the Copley Hospital, the disease from which Gracie Foster is suffering was diagnosed as typhoid fever.

In a close game, Oswego won from Leland on Friday. The score was 40-39 and the game was played at Leland. Oswego plays Yorkville at the tournament at West High tonight, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woolley and son and daughter have moved from town to their farm home. Ralph Smith will work the land on Mr. Woolley's farm.

Yorkville: The New Deal celebrates its second birthday this week. After two years of rule, opinion varies as to the merit of the Roosevelt administration, but it takes no sage observer to chronicle the fact that the strength of the New Deal is waning. The huge outpourings of cash from the government stimulated support for a time, but such spendings reach an end in due time

and then the recipients cease to be as attentive to the demands of the donors.

Warning Illinois farmers against misleading propaganda emanating from processors of agricultural products regarding pending amendments to the Agricultural Adjustment Act, Earl Smith, president of the Illinois Agricultural Association asked for the united support of Illinois agriculture behind the amendments designed to make the AAA program fully effective in maintaining pre-war parity prices for farm products.

March 13: Everett Parkhurst, older son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parkhurst died May 5 after a few days' illness with diphtheria. He was born at his farm home two miles south of Oswego on May 8, 1915, and since his graduation from East High school, Aurora, had helped his father with the farm work. Everett had been a member of the Future Farmers 4-H club and was a fine Christian young man, a member of the Oswego Presbyterian church.

Besides his parents, Everett is survived by five sisters, Sarah, Alberta, Leta, Reta, and Emily; and one brother, Floyd; his grandmother, Mr. Alice Parkhurst; and many other close relatives. Private funeral services were held at the grave in the Oswego cemetery on Thursday, March 17.

Mrs. May Smith, age 67, a resident of Oswego for more than 50 years, died March 6. She is survived by a brother, Charles Dano of South Dakota; a sister, Mrs. Smith Braley of Milan, Mo.; and several nieces and nephews. Her husband, Eaton, died many years ago. Funeral services were held from the Thorsen Funeral home March 8. Interment was made in the Oswego cemetery.

Burglars robbed the Oswego Elevator company of about \$1,800 worth of checks and not more than \$150 in cash on Monday night, March 4. Many of the checks were recovered the following morning on the Mill road, where the burglars had evidently discarded them as unpassable.

All pupils of the Oswego school had to present a health certificate before they could enter school last Monday morning.

Oswego lost to Yorkville at the Aurora tournament last Wednesday evening by one point, 22-23, following a determined last half drive by the orange and black team, which nearly toppled the Yorkville lead.

Warren Norris is driving a new coupe, purchase from Kломhaus & Son.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Peshia, Darlene, and Burton visited Wilbur Peshia at Fort Sheridan March 5. It was Regimental day, celebrating the 34th anniversary of the organization of the 14th Regiment, U.S. Cavalry. Wilbur, a graduate of Oswego High school in 1934, has passed an examination from the motor transport school and is now driving an armored scout car.

Slade Cutter came home from Annapolis to spend this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Watts C. utter.

George Smith Jr. of Oswego has been selected by the Holstein-Friesian association of America as the State Champion 4-H Holstein boy for 1934.

Yorkville: The Yorkville boys played very well indeed at the Aurora tournament, winning from Oswego by one point in their first game. The following night, they were taught how Oswego felt by losing their next game to Geneva by a one point margin.

Schools in Kendall county have overdue and in default from the state common school fund a total of \$25,675.13. This shortage is caused chiefly by delinquencies in Cook county on state taxes formerly levied on property.

On top of this comes a second deficiency. The state is running eight months late on its state school fund paid out of the sales tax. These two sums make a total of \$25,672.13 due Kendall county.

March 20: On Wednesday evening, March 20, the mothers of the basketball boys will serve them a banquet in the school gymnasium. The cheer leaders and the high school teachers are also guests.

The Ray Parkhurst family are out of quarantine. Leta and Reta, who had been staying with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. L.F. Shoger, returned to their home last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alec Mongerson and sons moved March 18 to Bartlett.

Residents adjacent to the Federated Church heard a concert last Sunday night but not one of the enjoyable kind. A truck load of hogs stood in front of the church until they were transferred to another truck at 2 o'clock and they sang all night.

Stanley Peterson, who has been one of the drivers of Parkhurst's trucks for the past 17 months, has secured a position with the International Harvester company in the Farmall department at Rock Island.

March 27: The basketball banquet served by the mothers of the boys at the school gym on last Wednesday evening was a very enjoyable affair.

Miss Hilda Johnson gave a short talk on finances of the athletic association. Mr. Klomhaus, the school bus diver who has taken the boys to so many games, was introduced and cheered. The captain of the team, Carl Klein and his father were next introduced. Mr. Marvin Marquardt, coach, in a short talk gave the names of those entitled to awards. Major letters were presented by Mr. John Clayton, superintendent, to Stuart Shoger, Robert Quantock, Harvey Lippy, Carl Klein, Melvin Lamb, Gale Barrett and Lee Hafenrichter. Several minor letters were awarded to those who had been out for basketball all season. Managers' awards were presented to Delmar Gates and Wilbur Campbell, and cheer leaders letter to Helen Myers, Harriet Ringberg, Mildred Pierce, and Hazel Wolf. Lee Hafenrichter was announced as captain for next year.

Twenty-seven pupils from the Oswego high school and two of the teachers, Miss Hilda Johnson and Miss Pearl Betts, spent March 21 in Chicago. They visited the Chicago Board of Trade and the National Broadcasting studios and had explained to them the dial system at the downtown office of the Illinois Bell telephone company.

Superintendent Clayton and Mr. Marquardt each took a load of basketball boys to the University of Illinois on Thursday to witness the finish of the basketball tournament.

The Thorsen funeral home is now equipped with ambulance service.

Yorkville: An Emergency Relief program was given at the courthouse Saturday afternoon. Miss Thieman, local Red Cross nurse, gave a talk on most nutritious foods in the less expensive class. A similar party was held at the town hall in Oswego Tuesday afternoon.

High schools in Kendall county held tuition claims against non-high school [elementary] districts for 1934, unpaid on Jan. 1, totaling \$3,571.86. Inasmuch as Kendall county has due from the state to its common school fund a total of \$25,672 now in default, its harassed school system has due it and in arrears from all the above a grand total of about \$29,000.

Emergency bills are now before both the senate and house to bring about payment from the sales tax fund of the \$7 million deficiency due the elementary schools Unless this \$7 million is paid on or before Sept. 30, 1935, owing to the wording of the original bill, it will lapse and never be collectible. Kendall county's share of this, in danger of forfeit, would be about \$10,800.

Powerful and self-centered interests are now lobbying to halt the correctional legislation. "Corporations have no children." Opponents of the bill prefer to spend this \$7 million elsewhere than for the benefit of the schools.

Back in 1856, the state school fund carried 65.8 percent of the educational burden. This was down to 17.2 percent by 1866; down to 11.8 percent by 1876; down to 8.4 percent by 1920; and further reduced for fiscal year ending June 30, 1934. This indicated how the state is shifting its recognized burden steadily more and more upon the shoulders of the local districts and small taxpayers.

Contracts for six highway improvement projects were approved last Thursday by the State Department of Public Works and Buildings. Among the approved contracts are Route 47, consisting of structure for subway under the CB&Q railroad north of Bristol in Kendall County, Ferguson Construction Co., Rockford, \$33,998.28; and. 34

miles of repaving on Route 47 approaches to the CB&Q subway near Bristol, Edgar D. Otto Inc. Downers Grove, \$54,289.98.

New Bridge to Cross Fox  
River at Oswego, Route 65

County Supervisor Robert N. Herren, as chairman, headed a committee that conferred with State Commissioner of Public Works Kingery at Springfield last Friday, March 22. The other members of the committee were A.M. Pierce, mayor of Oswego; County Supervisor Alvin Christian of NaAuSay; B.L. Henning, County Highway Commissioner; C.W. Schultz, Gus Voss, A.J. Hettrick, and A.O. Burkhart.

As stated by Mayor Pierce, the object of the meeting was to speed up the construction of a new bridge across the Fox river at Oswego to replace the inadequate structure now to connect State Route 65 with U.S. Route 34.

Mr. Kingery informed the committee that the project is at this time under consideration and is slated for construction during the coming summer. He discussed with them their choice as to location and went over the surveys already made. The first, second, third, and fourth choices of those present were, respectively, Washington street, Jefferson street, Van Buren street, and some point farther southwest.

The Commissioner said that there is to be a meeting between himself and the State highway department at Springfield March 26-29, at which time he expects the location and the time of starting construction to be decided.

April -- 1935

April 3: A diphtheria clinic, sponsored by the Oswego Mothers' club, will be held in the high school assembly Thursday, April 4. Toxoid shots for those not immunized from diphtheria will be given by local doctors.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Grosslags of Aurora announce the engagement of their daughter, Mildred, to Norval Tripp, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Tripp Oswego.

Mr. and Mrs. F.Z. Winebrenner of Freeport announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel, to William S. Anderson of Oswego. Miss Winebrenner is a teacher in the Oswego school.

#### Election Returns

##### Oswego Township

Supervisor--Scott C. Cutter, 398; R.F. Herren, 368; Albert Potts, 67.  
Highway Commissioner--Elmer Dranir, unopposed.

Wilbur Peshia and his chum, Derrick Brown, from Fort Sheridan, spent last weekend with the Leslie Peshia family.

Oswego is assured of a new bridge over the Fox river. The location is not yet definitely decided.

The CB&Q R.R. is putting in new trestle supports where the railroad crosses the pavement just north of Oswego. There will be no posts in the center of the pavement as heretofore, and the road is being straightened to avoid the sharp turn at the incline. Altogether, this will be a wonderful improvement and much safer.

Mr. and Mrs. John Constantine are driving a new Chevrolet purchased from the Klomhaus garage.

Watts C. Cutter passed away at his farm home south of Oswego Monday afternoon after a lingering illness.  
Funeral services will be held today, Wednesday, from the home.  
Interment will be in the Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: The emergency seed and feed loan program has been anxiously awaited by Kendall county farmers, is now available, according to Farm Adviser W.P. Miller, who has received a supply of seed for this purpose. The loaning privilege is designed for those who are in need of seed, feed and fuel and cannot secure a loan from the Production Credit corporation or other sources.  
State Emergency Relief officials designate who is eligible for these emergency loans, according to Farm Adviser Miller.

April 10: Check bound volume



Watts C. Cutter died at his farm home

Mr. Galvin of Aurora has purchased the house on Main Street that was Miss Kate Cliggitt's home and is having it remodeled and an outside finish of brick veneer put on.

Harry Clark has moved his trucking business to the former Amos Parkhurst farm where he will use the barns.

Earl Zentmyer is tearing down the buildings adjacent to his service station and will build a two-flat building with a Ford show room on the first floor, and a residence in the upper flat.

Yorkville: The Kendall County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday at the courthouse for the reorganization of the board. Otto L. Miller of Big Grove township was reelected chairman of the board. There were three new supervisors at this meeting, Russell Naden of Lisbon township; Jacob Armbruster of Kendall township; and Scott C. Cutter of Oswego township. These new members were appointed to their various committees. Business taken care of, the meeting was adjourned. Russell Naden and Scott Cutter, two of the new members, were in to see us during the past week and were most welcome.

We were shocked to hear of the death of Watts C. Cutter last week and sympathize with his relatives in the loss of this gentleman. Watts was the father of Slade Cutter, who made such a name for himself against Army in the football game last fall.

Advertisement: Bread and Rolls Fresh Every Day At Your Grocer's Oswego Home Bakery.

April 17: Jean Elizabeth Pierce, the youngest daughter of Mayor and Mrs. Andrew Pierce, died April 13 at the St. Charles hospital. She was born in Oswego March 3, 1925. Besides her parents, she is survived by four sisters, Marian, Alice, Mildred, and Ruth, and one brother, Andrew Junior, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Kackert of Aurora. The Rosary was said at the Thorsen funeral home Monday evening. Funeral services were conducted April 16 at St. Mary's church in Aurora. Interment in Mt. Olivet cemetery.

The senior class play, "The Hobgoblin House," was well given in the school gym Friday evening, April 12.

Royce Smith and John Anderson were on the jury in Yorkville several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Dietrich of the East River road are the parents of a son, Thomas Armbruster Dietrich, born at the Copley hospital April 13.

Bobby Constantine has been ill with the red measles.

A quartet of Oswego young people, Margaret Norris, Dorothy Price, Herbert Norris, and Glenn Smith, sang at the pre-Easter meetings at Sugar Gove Tuesday evening.

Several Oswego folks enjoyed a trip on the CB&Q Zephyr last Saturday.

The Oswego school closed for the forenoon and the stores from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday during the funeral services for Jean Pierce, youngest child of Mayor and Mrs. Andrew Pierce.

Yorkville: The writer availed himself of the opportunity to ride on one of the new Burlington "Zephyrs" last Saturday and needless to say he was quite pleased with the comfort and speed of this new train.

The "Zephyr" starts and stops without jar or jolt; it is immaculately clean; and very quiet. The seats of the train are as comfortable as they are colorful. The windows are wide, of safety glass, and give a wide, unobstructed vision. A small lunchroom is built in the front car, made of stainless steel, highly polished. It looks like a very capable restaurant. The kitchen, too, is a well-planned part of the train.

The "Zephyr" designers have anticipated every need of the modern traveler and planned a most comfortable and fast method of travel. Their good work will increase the passenger travel over the railroads.

The manager of the State game farm, Lloyd Johnson, received notice last week that he was relieved of his duties and a man from Indiana would resume the management of the farm.

This announcement came as quite a shock to local Democratic leaders as well as Mr. Johnson's many friends in the county. Mr. Johnson was a Republican holdover, but as his ability is high, it was thought best to keep him in harness.

We do not at present know anything about the new manager except that he is from Indiana. We hope he proves as capable as Mr. Johnson has been.

April 24: Note the change in train time. The rural carriers will leave the post office 15 minutes earlier each morning.

An operetta, "And it Rained," will be given by the Mixed chorus of the Oswego high school on Friday, May 3, at 8 p.m. The cast includes Bob Weathers, Ruth Bauman, Sam Foster, Dorothy Etsinger, Lucile Bower, Muriel Cather, Stuart Shoger, Bob McMicken, Harvey Lippy, Forest Woolley and Bill Pierce.

Clement E. Morrison, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Morrison died April 16 at the St. Charles hospital. He was been ill for some time, Mr. Morrison was born May 14, 1879 in Oswego and had lived here all his life. He was a cement block contractor, the only business of its kind in Oswego. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Emma Morrison; a niece, Mrs. Anna Kruger; and seven step-children, all of Oswego.

May -- 1935

May 1: Fire destroyed the roof and attic of Turtle Rock Inn on Friday afternoon, April 26. It is not known how the fire originated but it seems to have started in the attic or roof. The inn and the owners, Mr. and Mrs. James Curry, are well and favorably known for the many society events that have been held in this beautiful inn. Mr. Curry's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Oakley Curry of Chicago, have planned to make their home at the Turtle Rock Inn and Mrs. James Curry had removed her bedroom equipment and clothing from a three-room upstairs apartment to the attic and everything burned

including many antiques from both Mr. and Mrs. Curry's family homes.

The downstairs rooms and furniture were not destroyed. A truck with Mr. and Mrs. Oakley Curry's goods was unloading at the time the fire started but quickly drove out of the yard. The Aurora and Bristol fire departments responded to calls for assistance and saved the lower part of the house. The Turtle Rock Inn will be remodeled; the work beginning as soon as the insurance has been adjusted.

Turtle Rock Inn was an old stone barn built in 1834 at the north end of the Oswego bridge. Mr. and Mrs. Curry bought the building and property from Route 34 to the river in 1927 remodeled the building and landscaped the grounds, beginning their occupancy there in 1929.

Everett Hafenrichter, who has been seriously ill with scarlet fever, is improving.

There will be a meeting of the United Farmers of Illinois at the Oswego school gymnasium Monday evening, May 6. Fred R. Wolf, state president, will be the speaker. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stark of Aurora have bought the residence on Washington street owned by Mrs. Stark's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Palmer. The Starks will remodel the house, moving sometime in May.

Yorkville: White Sox fans, who for 17 years have held secret hopes for their team, are openly solemnly shaking hands and murmuring, "This might be the year."

Chevrolet has announced the introduction of an innovation in transportation units called the Carryall Suburban model, which can be used interchangeably for the hauling of merchandise or as a passenger vehicle seating eight persons.

Special steps will be taken by the Kendall county Relief committee in order that full advantage may be taken of the present potential demand for agricultural labor.

Under instructions from the Illinois Emergency Relief commission, the county committee is authorized to transfer relief families "who ordinarily work on farms at this time of the year" from the work relief projects to direct relief and to insist that they seek employment on the farm if any is available.

All employable members of relief families have been asked to register at the National Reemployment Service office, Yorkville, and prospective employers and farmers in need of agricultural labor are urged to apply at the reemployment office for help.

May 8: The operetta, "And it Rained," given by the Oswego school Glee clubs Thursday and Friday evenings was, as one of the audience expressed it, "Just grand." The members of the cast were very well suited to their individual parts. The music the chorus and the speaking parts, the dancing, and all were splendid. Much credit is due the director, Reeve Thompson, those who coached the dancing, and all who assisted in any way.

Nearly 30 of the members of the Presbyterian Missionary society surprised Mrs. Frank Howard at her home last Wednesday carrying with them a delicious dinner. The Howard family expects to go to California this summer to make their home.

Charles Ture Carlson died at his home in Oswego May 1, 1935 after an illness of two years. He was born in New Britain, Connecticut April 28, 1885. Surviving are his wife, Winifred; and a sister, Mrs. Helen Leigh, both of Oswego.

While a mere baby, his parental home changed from the east to Joliet where Mr. Carlson lived through his boyhood. As a young man of 20, he joined the United States Navy in which he served for four years. During this term of service, it was his privilege to see much of the world. In 1909 he came to Kendall county and settled on a farm, which he worked until 1914.

Feb. 18, 1914 he was united in marriage to Miss Winifred Wheeler with whom he has lived these 21 years. After his marriage he moved to Oswego where he worked as a decorator and later as a mechanic. In 1926, the citizens of Kendall county chose him as their sheriff and for four years he made his residence in the county seat, Yorkville. Following his term as sheriff he returned to Oswego where

he has resided these past five years. He was a member of the Masonic lodge and a member of the Ancient Order of the Gleaners. He was a patient sufferer through all the long months and was grateful for all favors shown him.

Funeral services were held from the Healy chapel May 3. Burial was in the NaAuSay cemetery.

Yorkville: The Yorkville Village Board voted at its meeting Monday evening to adopt Daylight Saving time effective immediately. The courthouse will go on daylight saving time, it is announced.

The next question as seen by Ye Fourth Estate is, have you a watch? Or what time is it? This leading question is the result of the Yorkville Village Board voting to have daylight saving time in our beautiful little village. And a measure which many of our merchants seem to be "agin," inasmuch as they have an advertisement in *The Record* that they will open on standard time. *The Record* office is on daylight time, but like the Yorkville stores, we will remain open as long as there is any business.

May 15: Check bound volume

On Friday evening, May 10, LaThelle Collins, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Collins, became the bride of Leon Haag, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Haag, in a pretty home wedding at the Haag home.

By excellence in scholarship during the past year, Myron L. Wormley has achieved the distinction of membership in the group of students to whom recognition was given at the 11th annual Honor Day convocation held in the university auditorium at Champaign on Friday. Myron is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wormley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith have a boy, born May 8, at the Copley hospital. Mrs. Smith and baby came home from the hospital May 12 and are being cared for by their friend, Miss Edith Carmichael of Rochelle, a nurse. This baby, named Ronald Edward, is the fourth generation of Smiths with the Edward in his name. Edward A., now 87, came with his parents from Massachusetts and settling on the farm now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith in 1853.

There will be a meeting at the Oswego schoolhouse Friday afternoon at 4 p.m. daylight saving time, of the 4-H Foods club.

(Intended for last week)

Miss Ruth Feucht of Pontiac for grades two and three, and Miss Uarda Hafenrichter for grades six and seven, are two of the new teachers for the coming year.

Do you remember the record-breaking days we had in the hot May of 1934? And this year the temperature has been 40 degrees or below on all the May mornings so far.

Word has been received of the death of Mr. Oehler of St. Paul, a cattle commission man, well known around Oswego. Mr. Oehler's mother was a sister of Dan and Solomon Hem.

Joe Wirth, who has been a patient at Hines Memorial hospital for three months, came home last week. After undergoing treatment for several weeks, he submitted to a serious operation for ulcers of the stomach and has since improved in health. He is one of our World War soldiers, who has suffered for years but with the help of his competent wife, "carried on" with the heavy work of a farm to support his family of growing girls and boys.

Several Oswego men have been on the jury at Yorkville recently in the suit of Mrs. Tillie Leigh against the Chicago Sand & Gravel company for damages to their farm from seepage of water from the gravel pits.

May 22: Everyone should make an effort to attend Memorial Day services in memory of departed ones. After an address by Dr. John W. Holland in the high school auditorium, a parade will form and march to the cemetery where the school children will decorate the graves of soldiers and sailors and the American Legion firing squad will fire a salute and taps will be sounded by the bugler.

Those who remember Jack Reynolds when he lived in Oswego will be interested in the little son at his home in Chicago. The child bit off

the mercury end of a thermometer and swallowed the contents. A hurried trip was made to a hospital where the stomach was emptied of the poisonous substance.

Mrs. Kate Kolf, born in NaAuSay on Jan. 17, 1868, died at the St. Charles hospital in Aurora May 19, 1935 at the age of 67 years. She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Mary Kusmaul and Mrs. Emma Wald of Oswego and Mrs. Lizzie Porter of New York, and two brothers, Joe Cridler of Elgin and Harry Cridler of Oswego, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held from the Thorsen funeral home Tuesday May 21. Burial was in the Oswego cemetery. Mrs. Kolf's husband died many years ago and she has lived alone in her home near the Cutter schoolhouse, working, when able, to support herself.

Truman Johnson, born Aug. 6, 1885 in NaAuSay, died Saturday, May 18, at the Copley hospital. He is survived by an aged sister living in Montour, Ia., and a niece, Mrs. Trout of Clifton, Id.

Mr. Johnson, who had never married, lived alone in his home in Oswego, but spent his younger years on a farm in NaAuSay. He was very fond of flowers and had beautiful varieties around his home. In his younger years, he was a fine tenor singer.

Funeral services were held from the Thorsen Funeral home Tuesday, May 21. Interment was in the NaAuSay cemetery.

Robert Cherry was a guest of Myron Wormley at the University of Illinois over last weekend and attended the annual state high school track and field meet.

Herbert Norris has again been elected to the teaching position in the Bristol school, which will be divided. Miss Margaret Corneils will teach in the lower grades.

Mr. and Mrs. G.H. Voss attended the meeting of the Joliet Sunday Evening club in Joliet last Sunday night. The speaker for the evening was Frank A. Vanderlip, prominent financier and banker.

Mr. Voss was invited into Mr. Vanderlip's room in the afternoon where he enjoyed a half hour's visit with his former schoolmate.



On Sunday afternoon, May 19, Miss Ida Wood and Lloyd Wormley, both of Oswego, were married at the home of their intimate friends, Mr. and Mrs. George Scholl of Plano.

The bridal couple left soon after the ceremony for a short wedding trip. Mrs. Wormley is well and favorably known, having been in the Oswego bank for a number of years. Mr. Wormley is the proprietor of the Main confectionery. They will reside with Mrs. Jane Heffelfinger, with whom Miss Wood has made her home.

The annual school exhibit is staged for Friday, May 24, day and evening, closing with motion pictures for the pupils and parents.

Mrs. Hilda Johnson of the Oswego faculty has accepted a position as commercial teacher in the Geneva school.

The Oswego bank is paying a five percent dividend. This will make a total of 50 percent paid.

May 29: The Oswego Community High school commencement exercises will be held in the high school gymnasium May 29 at 8:30, daylight saving time. The class motto is "Effort Brings Success." The class colors are silver and blue. The class flower is the white rose. Salutatorian was Dorothy Schobert. Valedictorian was Harvey Lippy.

The Oswego High School band and the high school Girls' trio, Lillian Lamb, Dorothy Etsinger, and Muriel Cather, and their accompanist, Mary Ann Olson, participated in the memorial services at Plattville on Sunday.

Plans for the coming Memorial day services in Oswego next Thursday, May 30, at 9:30 a.m., daylight saving time, have been completed. Dr. John Wesley Holland of station WLS will be on hand to deliver the address.

A large crowd is expected to attend the service. Last year, more than 500 people turned out and with Dr. Holland on the program it is hard to estimate the number of expect.

The Oswego streets will soon receive their annual coating of oil.

A typing demonstration was held in the Oswego high school gymnasium on Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J.O. Pahaly announce the engagement of their daughter, Doris Leigh, to William Ralph Mills of Topeka, Kan., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Mills of Aurora.

The crow hunters were "Up and Adam" at daylight last Thursday.

Esther June Stevens has the measles and cannot attend the rural eighth grade graduation exercises with the others in her class of the Russell school.

Bobby Constantine has a hard case of the whooping cough.

While assisting with the corn planting at the home of his son, Elnathan, in NaAuSay, Hayes Wheeler was quite seriously injured. Having one "ornery" horse on the corn planter, he was unhitching it to substitute a better one when it kicked him on the forehead making a bad wound and injuring his mouth and also one knee.

Yorkville: Six years ago, June 1, death claimed our father, the late H.R. Marshall. We sometimes wish we could call on him for advice and an expression as to how we were doing.

Reinforcements for whatever fight Kendall county farmers have to make against the chinch bug are now assured through the passage of a federal bill appropriating \$2 million for the purchase of chinch bug barrier material in the infested states.

If needed, the oil and creosote that is purchased with the federal funds will be distributed in this and other counties under the same plan as was followed last year.

June -- 1935

June 5: One hundred and sixth attended the Alumni banquet in the school gymnasium Friday evening, May 31.

More than 500 attended the Memorial day program at the Oswego school gym on Memorial day. Dr. John W. Holland, WLS radio favorite, spoke on "Remembering" the boys who never came back, the boys who did come back, and the boys of the present and future generations.

The 1935 class of the Oswego High school, the high school and grade faculty, were entertained at the home of Superintendent and Mrs. John L. Clayton Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill and daughter of Kansas have moved into Mrs. George White's residence. Mrs. White and Miss Florence White, who rented a flat in Aurora last winter to be near the daughter's work, decided not to come back to their home this summer.

Miss Frances Frye of Hersman, who has taught the Brown school south of Yorkville for the past four years, will teach in the Walker school next year and board with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Behrens.

Yorkville: The "New Deal" has struck a stumbling block in the form of the Supreme Court and its ranks are now in disorder, not knowing which way to turn. It is with a sense of relief and security that the nation greeted the demise of the NRA act. This decision of the Supreme Court is the most momentous since the Dred Scott case.

June 12: Miss Rachel Winebrenner, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Francis Winebrenner of Freeport, became the bride of William Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Anderson Friday evening, June 7, at the Presbyterian church. The marriage service was read by the bride's father. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Edgar Winebrenner.

Mrs. Anderson has taught in the Oswego grade school for five years and many who had been her pupils were in the audience.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson will reside on a farm 4-1/2 miles southeast of Oswego on the Plainfield road.

Mrs. Anna Rickard mourns the death of her brother, Lewis "Lutz" White, historical editor of the *Aurora Daily Beacon-News*, who died June 8 at the Copley hospital.

Mrs. Esther Cutter and daughter Betty, accompanied by Mrs. Cutter's mother and sister, Mrs. Sundeen and Miss Vera of Moline and sister, Mrs. Wallace of Elmhurst, motored to Annapolis to attend the commencement of the Annapolis Naval academy, where Slade Cutter was one of the graduates. Slade has been delegated to sea duty and will be located on the west coast.

Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Morse announce the wedding of their younger daughter, Maryon, to Marvin C. Marquardt of Paynesville, Minn., which took place Saturday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents. The bridal couple were attended by the bride's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shoger.

Mr. Marquardt has been on the faculty of Oswego High school for seven years. After a short wedding trip, they will be at home to their many friends in the Friebele bungalow on Main street.

Mrs. Royce Smith and Glenn Smith, a graduate of Wheaton College in 1934, attended the Wheaton commencement June 10.

June 19: Miss Doris Pahaly's friends in the Brady school, Aurora, where she has been one of the teachers, entertained at the Silver Teapot in her honor. Following the luncheon Miss Pahaly was presented with pieces of table silver. Invitations are out for the wedding to Miss Pahaly and Ralph Mills of Topeka, Kan. on June 24.

John Clayton, Lloyd Wormley, Roy Roalson, and G.H. Voss attended the Grass Roots convention at Springfield last week.

Hardy and Oscar Shoger are driving new automobiles.

Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson returned from their wedding trip Thursday and are getting settled in their farm home on the Plainfield road.

June 26: On Monday evening, June 24, the pretty country home of Mr. and Mrs. John Pahaly was the scene of the marriage of their older daughter, Doris Leigh, to William Ralph Mills, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Mills of Aurora.

They will take a short wedding trip to the Dells in Wisconsin and return to Oswego before going to their new home in Wichita, Kan.

Mrs. Mills is a graduate of East High, Aurora, and of Illinois State Normal university and has been a successful teacher in the Aurora grade schools. Mr. Mills is also a graduate of East High and of Armour institute, Chicago, and has been located at Topeka, Kan. employed by the Kansas fire Insurance Inspectors' association. He has been transferred to Wichita, where they will make their home.

The Oswego business men are sponsoring an Oswego day entertainment to begin with a parade Wednesday evening June 26, at 6 o'clock daylight saving time.

Otto Lippold died following a heart attack at his home one mile west of Oswego on Route 34 Tuesday night, June 18.

Mr. Lippold was born Dec. 15, 1875 in NaAuSay township. He leaves his widow; two sons, Howard of Batavia and Kermit of Oswego; two brothers, Theodore and Layton Lippold; and a sister, Mrs. John Friedlein of Oswego.

Funeral services were held at the Thorsen funeral home Friday with burial in the Lincoln Highway cemetery.

July -- 1935

July 3: Mrs. Amanda J. Barnard, 83, died Sunday June 30, at the home of her son, Herman W. Barnard, Aurora. She is survived by two sons, Herbert E. of Oswego and Herman W. of Aurora; also three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mrs. Barnard was born in Brookfield, N.Y. on April 8 1852, and resided in Oswego for 58 years, then moved to Aurora four years ago. She was a practical nurse and many remember her loving, efficient care. George Barnard, her husband, a blacksmith, died many years ago. A son, Clarence, and his wife, were killed in an automobile accident in the west.

Funeral services were held at the Healy chapel.

The Benthien picnic will be held at the Walker school on July Fourth.

Robert Herren and Robert Palmer are on a fishing trip in Wisconsin.

Word has been received of the birth of a baby girl to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Woolley of Fredericksburg, Va. Mrs. Woolley was formerly Miss Dorothy Arundale of Plattville. Sidney was an Oswego boy, but has been in the United States Air service in Virginia and Nicaragua for the past five years.

It is almost impossible to get news from the country this week. It rained, but that's no news. There were a few hot, sunny days, and that is news. The farmers are working long days in the cornfields, when it is dry enough, and would be haying if it didn't rain almost every day. We saw some men cultivating on the two last Sundays. Oats promise to be a bumper crop. Hay is good, too, considering the thin stand left after last year's drought. It ought to be with over three inches of rain in June and a shower on July first.

William Tobey, who has been the genial and efficient janitor of the Oswego schools, is very ill at this writing. He has been suffering with a heart ailment and other troubles for some time.

The W.J. Morse store was burglarized on the night of June 27, but the thief or thieves got very little for their trouble--a dollar from the cash register. Nothing else was disturbed apparently. Sheriff Maier was called in the morning but he was able to find but few clues.

A large crowd viewed the Oswego Day parade and entertainment on Saturday evening. The town was filled with autos and merrymakers until a late hour.

Yorkville: We have seen a number of the local youngsters heading across the river with swimming suits, and we understand that they swim in the spillway below the fish hatchery. It's a shame they can't have a better place to swim than that. With a nice river flowing right through the center of town, too. In days gone by, the river was a swell place to swim and boat, and we hope that it soon may be again.

July 10: The Benthien picnic, a reunion of those who were pupils in the Walker school 40 to 45 years ago, with Miss E.M. Benthien, then of Millbrook as teacher, was held on the Walker school grounds on the Fourth. Only seven of the original scholars attended, with 12 of

their children and four of their grandchildren, and a few other friends.

Letters were read from Emma Benthien of Bellingham, Wash., a sister of the former teacher, telling of Miss E.M. Benthien's serious illness.

Ensign Slade Cutter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Watts Cutter, who went by plane to San Pedro, Calif. Thursday, June 27, arrived safely and has reported for duty on the U.S.S. Idaho. The Idaho, used as a gunnery school, was at Monterey on the Fourth, and since Slade has reported aboard, has been docked at San Francisco and San Diego. Slade has been made assistant navigator and in times of battle would be stationed on the bridge as junior officer. Slade writes that the days are warm but the nights are comfortably cool.

William F. Tobey died July 7 at his home in Oswego at the age of 69. He leaves to mourn his departure his wife, Helen of Oswego; three daughters, Mrs. Virginia Fidler, St. Paul, Mrs. Nellie Schmidt, and Lillian of Oswego; one son, Edward of Butte, Mont., and a large number of friends.

Funeral services were held at the Healy chapel Tuesday. Burial was in Riverside cemetery.

Warren Norris saw the double-header played at Comiskey park in Chicago on the Fourth and saw the Sox win two.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Fechner from near Wolf's Crossing announce the birth of a son at the St. Joseph hospital on Wednesday, July 3.

Yorkville: Edward Gawne, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Gawne of Oak Park, was drowned at the dam at Yorkville Friday noon. The body was recovered Friday evening. Edward, a cousin, Clarence Ryan, and Miss Florence Fricke, were going from the Gawne cottage on the north bank of the river to the spillway below the fish hatchery to swim.

July 17: A picked team from the Oswego league baseball team won 5-4 over a team from LaMoille at the lighted field of the United Presbyterian church [Wheatland "Scotch" Church] last Saturday evening.

The officials and employees of the Kendall Farmers' Oil company held their annual picnic at Lutzow's grove on Sunday. Several Oswego families enjoyed the day there.

John Clayton and Leslie Morse returned from a fishing trip to Bergland, Wis. on Friday. To prove their skill as fishermen, they brought home 30 fish, which they distributed among their relatives and friends.

Ruth Shoger returned home last week from a four weeks' concert tour through the eastern states as pianist for the Aurora College Choir.

Yorkville: The rapid increase in thistle infestation is giving Kendall county farmers considerable alarm and efforts are being made to develop a countywide control program in order to get this noxious weed more nearly under control.

July 24: James, 9 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Maier, fell from their pony Saturday and broke his right arm. The boys had only had the pony three days. Too bad to spoil their summer fun.

Yorkville: ALERT SHERIFF MAIER ENDS  
FLIGHT OF BANDIT TRIO

"Wiley Bill" Maier, sheriff of Kendall county, captured a trio of bandits fleeing from the scene of an attempted robbery of a roadhouse near Gardner in Grundy county Monday afternoon. The trio drove up to the roadhouse owned by A.H. Dickens, and two of them went in. Dickens' daughter started to draw a beer for them when they informed her it was a "stickup." The girl edged back to a partition and whispered to her father what was taking place, and then emerged hurriedly into the kitchen out of harm's way. Dickens grabbed an automatic shotgun and told the nasty men to clear out before he counted to 10. He counted by twos and opened fire on them, the pellets taking effect but not seriously. They dived headlong into the waiting car, which the third member of the trio started down the road at a merry clip closely followed by additional pellets from the shotgun in the hands of the annoyed gentleman they had intended to rob. Dickens then phoned Sheriff Kay of Grundy county and gave him a description of the car, which he



claimed he had hit with several shots. Sheriff Kay spread the alarm and Sheriff Maier headed out Route 47 to see what he could see, having little hope of finding anything worthwhile because he had been out on such tips many times previously. However, while breezing down the road and enjoying the breeze, Bill saw the described Plymouth coming up the road toward him. Nothing daunted, though alone, Sheriff Maier turned about and started in pursuit of the fleeing car. Losing sight of it, he started cruising around and searching for it, finally sighting a vehicle heading west from the Yorkville "Y." The car stopped to ask directions to Chicago of a man driving a wagon along Route 34, and Bill drove on past, turned around and returned just as the bandit trio started their car up the road toward the big city. Still alone, but still undaunted, Bill jumped out of his car and ordered the car halted, hands thrown up, and whatever else a sheriff says in order to halt bandit trios. He had a revolver in his hand and possibly influenced somewhat by that as well as the menacing attitude of Sheriff Maier, the trio emerged from their car, submitted to having handcuffs snapped on, and were transported to the hoosegow. A search of their persons and their car disclosed no weapons, and it is believed they were thrown from the car during their ride. Bill's nerve cannot be questioned on that count, for there was no sign on the car saying "don't shoot, we're unarmed," and Bill took a long chance capturing them single-handed.

Investigation showed that one of the trio was wounded in the left shoulder and another in his left forearm. The car showed marks proving the confidence Mr. Dickens had in his shooting to be justified.

The prisoners were transferred later to the Grundy county jail at Morris, where they will remain indefinitely.

Sheriff Maier did a good piece of work in apprehending this trio, and he is to be heartily commended for the nerve he displayed in the performance of his duty.

July 31: Burton Peshia, 15, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Peshia, and his cousin, Dick Young, also 15, of Pipestone, Minn., met with a serious accident Saturday evening. On a motorcycle in Aurora within a half block of the Copley hospital, they were struck by a Ford sedan. In addition to cuts and bruises, each boy received a serious fracture of the left leg.

L.S. Young of Pipestone, and his three children, who were here visiting relatives, returned to his home July 29, leaving his youngest daughter, Marda, here to be near her brother.

Miss Dorothy Moffett of Morehead, Minn. has been employed to teach social science and girl's physical education in the Oswego high school during the coming year. Miss Moffett has been engaged in this same work for the past five years in the school at Brackenridge, Minn.

Miss Ethel Sphar of Champaign has been employed to teach the commercial work, formerly taught by Hilda Johnson. Miss Sphar is a graduate of the University of Illinois.

Miss Uarda Hafenrichter of Plainfield, and Miss Ruth Feucht of Pontiac, are to teach sixth and seventh and 2B and third respectively in the Oswego grade school next year. Both are four-year graduates of North Central college and have teaching experience.

William Bauman has been engaged as janitor of the school. The buildings are being cleaned and renovated.

The Leslie Morse service station [at Routes 34 and 25] was robbed of about \$60 worth of automobile accessories on Wednesday night of last week. The thief entered through a rear window. Sheriff Maier is working on the meager clues.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Eide have a new son, born July 24, at the Sandwich hospital. Mr. Eide is the proprietor of the Oswego Home Bakery and is a World War veteran.

Everett Louis Schilling of Oswego and Alma Elva Henning of Chill, Wis. were united in marriage at Chill on Wednesday, July 24. Mr. and Mrs. Schilling will live at Dayton, Ohio.

Ralph, Margaret, and Warren Norris, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Norris of Bristol, with the Thorsens from Leland, were among those who attended the Croushorn reunion at Phillips park last Sunday.

August -- 1935

Aug. 7: Mrs. Ann Anderson, 85, died at the home of her son, Albert, near Oswego Monday following a lingering illness.

Mrs. Anderson, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gilmour, moved to Oswego township from Glasgow, Scotland in 1852, and she has resided there since that time.

She is survived by three sons, Albert and John of Oswego and William of Plano; a daughter, Mrs. Jessie Price of Oswego; and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday (today) from the United Presbyterian church in Wheatland with the Rev. A.L. Godfrey officiating. Interment will be in the Wheatland cemetery.

Roy Weber was robbed of about \$25 from his coal office while he was home to dinner last Wednesday. All of the Oswego business firms are taking their turn at being robbed, one each week. Why doesn't someone do something about it?

Most of the oats harvest was finished last week. The crop was not as good as was expected earlier in the season and much of it was hard to cut, being lodged due to the rust and heavy rains. Threshing has begun in some communities. The prospects for corn are good. It has made a great advance during the past 10 days. It should, through the extremely hot days and nights and the nearly three inches of rainfall.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Herren took their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Herren of California, on a trip to the Brookfield zoo on Friday.

Merle Myers of Roseville recently spent several days with Myron Wormley. They are fraternity brothers at the University of Illinois.

Miss Margaret Norris treated her piano pupils to a trip to the Brookfield zoo on Aug. 2. Some of the mothers accompanied her. Most of the young folks went in the school bus with Mr. Kломhaus, the driver. They carried a picnic lunch and had an enjoyable day.

Yorkville: We are glad to see that the 129th Infantry, I.N.G. of Plattville, has again gone to Camp Grant for the annual two weeks of military training.

We hope the gang will enjoy their stay at Camp Grant under the guidance of Capt. Charles Howell. They have made good records during their past encampments and knowing "Timmie," we feel sure they will stand high at camp this year.

Aug. 14: The Rev. John Klein and family returned from a four weeks' vacation trip through the east. They arrived home Aug. 9, where they will remain until Aug. 19 when they expect to go to Iowa to spend the week with relatives.

Burton Peshia and his cousin, Dick Young, who were injured in a motorcycle accident recently, are doing well but will spend several weeks yet in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Sickler, the genial proprietors of the Diamond oil station, and their children, have been visiting friends and relatives in Iowa.

Miss Pear Betts has resigned her position as clothing and biology teacher in the Oswego high school and will teach in Iowa, having secured a position nearer her home.

Oswego businesses contributing towards the Old Settlers' Picnic and Veterans' reunion, to be held at Drake's Oak Grove, formerly Hellgren's Park, Plano on Aug. 22 are Alexander Lumber Co., CB&Q by L.R. Hadlock; Thorsen's Funeral Home; Attorney O.A. Burkhart; Main Confectionery; Roalson's Barber Shop; Zentmyer's Garage; H.H. Clark Trucking; Biesemier & Hettrick Grocery; Klomhaus & Son's Garage; Attorney Vern Washburn; Benjamin's Confectionery; W.J. Morse; S.F. Bell, DDS; Schultz' Grocery; Oswego Tavern; Morse Service Station; Burkhart's Garage; Scott Cutter; Sickler's Service Station; Woodward Garage; and Oswego Grain & Supply Co.

Yorkville: Radio is now serving in another way to make the life of travelers more livable. Up to the present, car radios have brought all forms of entertainment to those who use the highways. Now the Cook County Highway police will broadcast each Sunday evening information as to the best road to take into Chicago. This will distribute the traffic more evenly over the many routes into the city

and save the motorists' temper to say nothing of the accidents the congestion caused.

A very fine crowd, estimated at over 10,000, attended the GOP rally at Starved Rock last Thursday.

The Village Board had a caller at their last meeting from the PWA of the federal government. This gentleman informed the trustees that the government would furnish all the labor necessary and some of the material to build a swimming pool in Yorkville.

The village is not financially able to purchase such a site, but looking about us we can conjure up several sites available.

Yorkville needs a swimming pool and this opportunity seems to be the cheapest way to get it. Why not procure this plot and go ahead?

Black and white will be the color scheme for automobile plates in 1936, Illinois Secretary of State Edward J Hughes announced today.

Aug. 21: Mrs. Anna Gates, 78, a resident of Oswego for 46 years, died Sunday morning, Aug. 18, at her home after a lingering illness. She was born in Wilmington on April 15, 1857 and lived here since 1889.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Ella Truitt of Oswego and a son, Robert A. Gates of Maywood; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the J.B. Thorsen funeral home. Interment was made in the Oswego cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dauwalder and two daughters and two sons returned from their western trip last week. They drove to California, stopping one day in Colorado visiting relatives there, thence to Montana to the home of relatives, going to Glacier Park and over into Canada. Returning, they stopped at Yellowstone Park and visited relatives in Minnesota. The entire trip was made in two and a half weeks.

Junior George Smith and Clarence Wolf are spending a week at the state fair. Junior is exhibiting seven head of his Holstein cattle.

Superintendent John L. Clayton of Oswego announces that the Oswego Consolidated schools will open Tuesday morning, Sept. 3.

Work in both the high school and grades will begin on that date in order that a full day's work may be done.

An increase in the high school enrollment is anticipated during the coming year. An ever-increasing number of pupils living in non-high school territory are taking advantage of the fully accredited course of studies offered by the Oswego High school. Last year, 57 percent of the enrollment was made up of pupils living in non-high school territory.

Pupils entering the grade school from any district other than No. 1 must bring with them enough money to pay their tuition for at least the first half of the year in advance. Tuition for grade school children will be charged at the rate of \$30 per year.

During the past summer months the Oswego schools have been repaired and rearranged to be ready for the fall term. The curriculum will include a home management class for girls, an agriculture class for boys. Girls' and boys' gymnasium will also be conducted on an accredited basis. Beginning with this year, all credit in this work will be accepted toward high school graduation and college entrance.

The following is a list of the teachers: John L. Clayton, superintendent, social studies, business training, and physiography; Marvin C. Marquardt, mathematics, physics, chemistry, and athletics; Doris Whitehouse, English and Latin; Ethel Sphar, bookkeeping, typing and shorthand; Dorothy Moffitt, social science, library, and girls' athletics. A teacher has not as yet been employed to take charge of the home economics and biology work, which was taught by Miss Pearl Betts last year.

Reeve R. Thompson, junior high work, band, glee club, and social studies; Uarda Hafenrichter, grades 6 and 7; Virginia Crossman, grades 4 and 5; Ruth Feucht, grades 2R and 3; Ora Olson, grades 1 and 2A. William Baumann will serve as janitor.

The Oswego board of education is composed of the following members: A.H. Dysart, president; Mrs. Emma Inman, secretary; Milton Hem; Minnie Hafenrichter; W.H. Davis; and Grace Harvey.

Yorkville: Will Rogers and Wiley Post will never be forgotten by the people of the world. They have won the love and esteem of the people through their many friendly and manly acts.

Rogers' place in the hearts of the American people will never be taken by another, for Will was one of them. His pictures were all

pictures that any American could understand, for they were all about "just folks like you and me," and in them Rogers demonstrated he was a "regular fellow."

Post was a remarkable flyer and did much to advance aviation by experimental flights. His two trips around the world made him the hero of all nations. In Post we have lost one of our foremost flyers. [Rogers and Post were killed on Aug. 15, 1935 when the plain Post was piloting crashed upon takeoff from Point Barrow, Alaska.]

Aug. 28: Nona Woolley Ferguson, 28, passed away at the St. Joseph hospital Monday, Aug. 26. She has been an invalid for the past two years, always cheerful and optimistic and her death came as a shock to her family and friends.

Mrs. Ferguson is survived by her husband, Tom; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Woolley; her grandmother, Mrs. Alice Parkhurst; three sisters, Mrs. Wayne Fosgett of Harrison, Mich., Ruth and Eleanor Woolley; and a brother, Allen Jr.; and two little nieces.

The rural schools of Oswego township which are opening this week or next have the following teachers; District 2, Willow Hill school, J. Findley Paydon; District 3, Wormley school, Isabel Stockham; District 4, Squires school, Ella B. Hill; District 5, Wilcox school, Gertrude Heffelfinger; District 7, Harvey school, Mercedes Hafenrichter; District 8, Walker school, Frances Fry; District 9, Russell school, Helen E. Dysart. There are so few scholars in the Cutter school district that the school will be closed.

Arlene Jay won first prize in the Party Dress class of the 4-H dress review contest at the State fair. Besides placing first, Miss Jay won \$10 for the place. Junior George Smith, who exhibited seven head of cattle, won \$90 in prizes.

In a recent contest, Russell Rink won second place in the Pure Milk association contest for neatest farms, rating 94.66 plus percent.

The Armbruster and Campbell ring has finished threshing and put away the machine on Aug. 26. The oats are below the average in yield and weight, although there were a few good yields.

Mrs. Harold Elliott is ill with scarlet fever. She is not seriously ill, but it is inconvenient for the family to be quarantined during threshing time. The neighbors will serve the threshing dinner and Mr. Elliott has to hire a man to substitute for him.

Miss Dorothea Fluck of Champaign has accepted the position of home economics and biology teacher in the Oswego high school in place of Miss Pearl Betts, who resigned to teach in Galesburg.

The threshing rings were delayed on two and three days last week owing to the three inches of rainfall on Aug. 19 and 20.

Ronald Smith, who has had charge of the Thorsen funeral home for two years, will enter the Worsham college, Chicago, where he will complete his course in embalming and funeral directing. Norman Hollis of Ottawa will come to Oswego to take Mr. Smith's place at the funeral home.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Norris have moved from Bristol to the upper apartment in the Croushorn house. Mr. Norris is employed at the Danley Machine works at Cicero.

September -- 1935

Sept. 4: G-Men Find Body of  
John Hamilton in Lonely Grave

Oswego--After searching for three days to locate the exact spot, G-men unearthed the decomposed body of John Hamilton Wednesday afternoon Aug. 28. Hamilton, once a member of the notorious Dillinger gang, was found in a field near the CB&Q elevation over Route 25 just north of Oswego. Sheriff Maier was immediately called as was Funeral Director Thorsen who with his assistant, Ronald Smith, took charge of the body and removed it to the Thorsen Funeral Home. An inquest was held under the direction of Coroner F.M. Groner Thursday morning. After Hamilton's brothers and sisters had been located and notified and communication established, only one sister was found who was sufficiently interested to take any action. She arranged for the funeral and instructed Mr. Thorsen to proceed with the burial. Early Saturday



morning, Aug. 31, the remains were buried in a secluded spot in the Oswego cemetery, the Rev. Klein officiating. Hamilton's death is supposed to have occurred in May 1934 after he was shot in a fight with peace officers in Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fosgett, who were here to attend their sister, Mrs. Tom Ferguson's funeral, returned to their home in Harrison, Mich. Saturday.

Yorkville: Thomas D. Wayne,  
Banker, Passes at Home in Pasadena  
Thomas D. Wayne, resident of Pasadena, Calif. for 43 years and identified with banking there since 1895, passed away at a hospital Thursday, Aug. 29, 1935 at the age of 89 years. For the past three years, Mr. Wayne had been totally blind.  
He was born in Montreal Canada Jan. 2, 1846 and moved to Illinois with his family when a boy and served as a bugler in an Illinois regiment during the Civil War...Mr. Wayne became identified with Masonry at an early age, being Master of Raven Lodge, Oswego, at the age of 21. He was a charter member of National Lodge No. 596, Oswego...Surviving are his wife Mary A. Wayne, to whom he was married Nov. 11 1871; a daughter, Mrs. Mabel W. McAdam, Pasadena; a son, Albert L. Wayne, Pasadena; a grandson, Thomas Wayne McAdam, Eugene, Oregon; and a brother Joseph N. Wayne of Oswego.

John Hamilton, Dillinger  
"Brains," Found in Grave

A body was located by agents of the Federal Department of Justice in a gravel pit east of Oswego Wednesday afternoon, which was purported to be that of John Hamilton, Dillinger's first lieutenant. The agents searched in the vicinity Tuesday and Wednesday morning, finally discovering the lonesome grave Wednesday afternoon.

Hamilton was fatally wounded by peace officers near Hastings, Minn. early in the spring of 1934. It is presumed that he died during the flight or shortly thereafter and was buried near Oswego by Dillinger and his aides.

An inquest was held Thursday by Coroner F.M. Groner at the Thorsen funeral home in Oswego, where few facts were found.

The body was again buried early Saturday morning in the Oswego Cemetery following a short, secret service conducted by the Rev. John E. Klien of Oswego.

Sept. 11: Mrs. Will Holzhueter was hostess at a meeting of the Busy Bee Club in her home Wednesday with a large attendance of members and guests. The October meeting will be with Mrs. Leslie Johnson and will be on Halloween. Entertainment will be directed by Mrs. Octa Gengler. The hostess was assisted in serving lunch by her daughter, Mrs. Sylvia Matile.

Mrs. Watts Cutter and daughter Louise left Tuesday to spend a few months with her son, Ensign Slade Cutter at Long Beach, Calif. Slade is assistant navigator of the U.S.S. Idaho. Mrs. Cutter and Louise are making the trip by auto and will stop at many places of interest en route. Fred, her son, will keep the house in order.

Marion Johnson is a new operator at the Oswego telephone exchange.

One of Oswego's oldest residents, Earl Palmer, passed away last Wednesday, Sept. 4, at the age of 86 years after an illness of only two days. Mr. Palmer was born in Fowler, St. Lawrence county, N.Y. on Feb. 6, 1849, coming to Illinois at the age of 31 years, since which time he lived nearly all the time in Kendall county. He was the last of a family of eight children born to Philo Palmer and Elizabeth Willard. He was united in marriage to Mary English on Oct. 21, 1878, within several blocks of the home where he passed away.

Surviving are his wife, Mary E. Palmer; one son, F.L. Palmer of Aurora; and four granddaughters, Iris, Jean, Mary Ann, and Frances, all of Aurora.

Funeral services were held Friday at the Healy chapel in Aurora. Burial was in Riverside cemetery.

Burton Peshia is expected home and first of his week after his enforced vacation in the hospital with a broken leg.

Yorkville: We don't want to debate upon the subject of prohibition, but to air a few views upon what we feel to be evils of repeal.

Repeal, we were led to believe, would stamp out the roadhouse and the saloon. Our beliefs were soon dashed, for we found our governing bodies licensing roadhouses and saloons. The saloon is an evil perhaps, but in our county a saloon is in town, a corporated town where the 'tavern' (to be polite) can be policed and kept quite close track of. We feel that these places in Kendall county, at least, are run excellently.

The roadhouse, on the other hand, is out in some secluded spot where policing is practically impossible. The license fee is too small when compared to a license in an incorporated village. The very location of the roadhouse gives rise to many sharp practices that would not take place in a policed area.

Saloons are not halls of virtue in any sense of the word, but roadhouses constitute a menace.

Sept. 18: Sylvia Tregillus of Oswego and Dr. Albert Sabin of New York City were married Sept. 12 in Chicago. They left immediately for New York City, where they will reside.

Miss Schafer, the home economics instructor and her mother, who spent last week in Oswego, visited friends at Hammond, Ind. last weekend.

Yorkville: The writer journeyed to Bristol Sunday evening to witness the passage of the Burlington's new marvel, the diesel locomotive pulling a long string of passenger cars of the "Aristocrat."

The new power plant runs smoothly and quietly, the whistle being the only noise to herald its approach. Unlike the Zephyr the new train has no flashy appearance. Rather, it has a sturdy and powerful look. The Zephyr was built for speed trailing a short train of from three to five cars. The new Aristocrat was brought forth to handle long hauls of long trains. The new outfit is rumored to tow 20 loaded cars at a speed in excess of 90 miles an hour. It won't take a backseat for the Zephyr.

Sept. 25: The musical comedy, "Here Comes the Showboat," will be presented at the high school auditorium on Sept. 26-27 sponsored by the Oswego Post of the American Legion with all local talent.

Wilbur Peshia, enlisted in the 14th Cavalry and situated at Ft. Sheridan the past year, has been transferred to Chicago as teacher of military training and tactics at the Harper High School at 63rd and Harper Avenue Military training is being introduced in this school this year for the first time. There are 300 who will take the course.

Glenn Smith has accepted a position as teacher of music in the Greeley high school at Horace and the grade school at Tribune adjoining towns in western Kansas. There is a band of 50 pieces and orchestra and glee club work.

Yorkville: They're still building an underpass at Bristol for Route 47 under the "Q" tracks.

The cannon, which is up on the courthouse lawn, is attracting a good deal of interest. So far, we haven't examined it, but we're going to as soon as we get around to it.

October -- 1935

Oct. 2: The Wormley School Parent-Teacher Association meets Friday evening, Oct. 4, at the schoolhouse with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wormley as hosts.

Freddie Wayne underwent a tonsil operation at St. Joseph Hospital on Sept. 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wormley, accompanied by their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Al Young and son, Richard, of Riverside, visited their son, Myron, at Champaign, last Sunday. Myron Wormley, manager of the University of Illinois football team, "Zupke's Fighting Illini," leaves with the team on Oct. 7 (his 21st birthday, by the way) to meet Southern California on Oct. 12. They will stop at Tucson, Ariz. for two days' practice and after the game on Oct. 12 will have two days for sightseeing, coming back by way of the Grand Canyon.

NaAuSay: Mrs. Alvin Kellogg has resigned her position as *The Record* correspondent covering NaAuSay territory after over 15 years of

recording the news and residents of that vicinity. We are sorry to lose her good services but are fortunate in securing as her successor Mrs. Robert Devereaux.

Yorkville: Daylight saving time is over and for a while all the citizens of Illinois will find the same time on the dials of their watches and clocks.

The fiasco will go on again next year, much to the confusion of many. We sometimes wonder why the state of Illinois doesn't adopt Eastern time as Standard time and keep it the year 'round. This would put everyone on daylight saving time but instead of a few localities being on fast time, all would have it.

Lovers of good comedy welcomed the return of Jack Benny and company to the airwaves Sunday evening, Eddy Cantor also returned to greet his many admirers.

New Bridge to Cross Fox  
River at Oswego, Route 65

A new bridge and paving, which will connect Routes 25 and 65 with Route 34 at Oswego, has been approved by the state, according to C.H. Apple, district state highway engineer. The bridge and connecting highways will be constructed at an approximate cost of \$200,000. Supervisor Scott Cutter tells us that surveying of the new project will begin today, Wednesday.

The bridge will be built on the site of the old iron bridge, which has been condemned for the past three years, and will be built of steel and concrete, 300 feet long and with a 40-foot roadway. The new paving will extend from the east end of the bridge east in Washington to Madison street, north in Madison to the intersection with 65 and 25, the east river road, and then east in the old Chicago road to the Jim Pierce farm, where it will connect with the already paved road on the outskirts of Oswego.

Apple announced at the same time that work will commence soon in the viaduct southeast of Aurora, the dangerous crossing where Route 65 crosses U.S. Route 30 and a viaduct over the EJ&E tracks. This will eliminate two very hazardous crossings and also a bad stretch of gravel road, which was left by the engineers when the slab of 65 was laid.

In spite of the condemned iron bridge, nearly all the trucks headed for Chicago on Route 34 crossed the bridge at Oswego to shorten the way to Chicago and to miss the traffic of Aurora. The new bridge and crossing elimination will bring much joy to truckers and others who drive to Chicago frequently.

Supervisor Cutter and other Oswegoans have worked hard to get the bridge project approved. Several other suggestions were made for spots for the crossing of the river and every street in Oswego which led to the river was mapped and surveyed before the present site was decided upon.

All Kendall countians are glad to see Oswego will get this new bridge. The new structure will add new beauty to the old site of the county seat, which celebrated its centennial last year.

Oct. 9: Doris Ruble of Roanoke, one of the Oswego high school 1935 post graduates, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Jerry Stockham and friends here.

Margaret Norris was presented with a musician's pin at the Aurora conservatory of music, Tuesday evening for accomplishment of a given amount of work in a specified time.

Mrs. E.E. Hafenrichter was one of four contestants last Sunday evening competing in an oratorical contest at the Batavia Evangelical church. The contestants were entertained at supper at the home of Mrs. Lipp.

Mrs. Ruth Feucht, one of the teachers in the primary school, has been ill with chicken pox and Gladys Weber Goff has been substituting for the past week. Several of the little folks also have chicken pox.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Norris have moved to Oak Park that he may be nearer his employment and be able to attend night school to perfect himself in his line of work. This popular young couple will be missed in Oswego, especially in choral work and Sunday school work in the Presbyterian church.

Oct. 16: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wormley received a telegram from their son, Myron that the football team of the University of Illinois,

of which he is manager, would come through Chicago Wednesday, Oct. 18, on the way to Champaign from the Pacific coast, where they beat the University of Southern California 19-0 Saturday afternoon.

Seldom is the fall foliage more beautiful than it is this year. A trip anywhere outdoors and especially up and down the Fox River, is something to remember. And add to this the warm, quiet days and beautiful moonlight nights that we have been having recently.

Oct. 23: The East Oswego Farmers' Club met in the 19th Century Club rooms Thursday evening, guests of the Norris family.

Mrs. Anna Rickard, the widow of the late Lewis Rickard of Oswego, a sister of the late Lewis "Lutz" White of Aurora, passed away on Friday evening, Oct. 18, at her home in Oswego at the age of 80 years. She was born at Davenport, Ia., Sept. 9, 1855, but had spent most of her life in Kendall County. Mrs. Rickard was identified with one of the leading pioneer families of Oswego.

Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Underhill are building an addition to their home on Washington street, a living room with a fire place.

Myron Wormley was home from the University of Illinois for a short time last weekend.

The property known as the Cob Pearce farm has been sold to James Bereman of the East River Road, who will take possession March 1, 1936.

While cranking his tractor last week Hardy Shoger was so unfortunate as to receive a dislocated collarbone and a fracture of the right shoulder cap. Following a visit to his son-in-law, Dr. R.P. Armbruster at Pontiac, Mr. Shoger is carrying his right arm in a sling.

Cast members for the junior play during the Junior Frolic at Oswego High School included Robert Weathers, Robert Council, Dorothy Etsinger, Althea Hummel, Lucille Bower, Forrest Wooley, Hazel Wolf, and John Gowran.

Oct. 30: The Junior Frolic drew one of the largest crowds ever assembled at the Oswego school to an affair of that kind. The freshman class was awarded the cup for best stunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walker announce the engagement of their daughter, Bettye Frances to Stanley R. Peterson, son of Andrew Peterson of Oswego. The wedding will take place in the near future.

Yorkville: LEGION POSTS OF COUNTY TO  
HELP DEDICATE CANNON

The three American Legion posts of Kendall County cordially invite the people of Kendall County to attend the dedication of the field piece on the courthouse lawn in Yorkville on Armistice Day, Nov. 11.

November -- 1935

Nov. 6: Harold C. Russell, age 45, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John D. Russell, died at the St. Charles Hospital, Aurora, on Nov. 1.

Following an auto accident, pneumonia developed resulting in his death after two weeks in the hospital.

Mr. Russell was born near Oswego April 30, 1899 and had always lived in or near his native town. He is survived by his wife, Annette, and two daughters, Jean and Kathleen, of Oswego; a sister, Mrs. Ruth Read of Wauwatosa, Wis., and other relatives.

The Wilcox school Parent-Teacher association will meet Friday evening, Nov. 8, with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Matile.

Margaret and Warren Norris accompanied by other young friends, visited their brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Norris, in Oak Park last Sunday.

Following several weeks of beautiful mild fall weather and hot sunshine, it began to rain on Hallowe'en night and again on Saturday night and most of the day Sunday and Monday with a thunderstorm Sunday night. The wet weather does not please the farmers, who are anxious to get their corn husked while it is still standing straight and tall. Some soybean shocks are seen settling in water. There are many acres of beans yet to be threshed but at that



the rainfall is not as bad as an earthquake. Some farmers have cribbed a thousand or more bushels of corn, shelled and sold it to make room for the remainder of their crop.

Nov. 13: Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Schomer announce the engagement of their daughter Margaret Kathryn to Joseph N. Fidler, son of Nicholas Fidler of Virgil. The wedding will take place on Thanksgiving day.

Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell, Francis Campbell and Virginia Crossman were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Campbell near Plainfield last Sunday.

There will be a Townsend meeting in the village hall Thursday evening, Nov. 14. Myrno Schmal, president of the Townsend club of Aurora, will speak. There will be a chance to ask questions.

Nov. 20: The annual Thanksgiving service will be held at the Federated church Wednesday evening, Nov. 27.

Members of the Legion Auxiliary attended the dedication services at Yorkville, Armistice day, and in the evening served a chicken pie supper to the local Legion post. The Oswego School band also took part in the Yorkville celebration.

Yorkville: The first sectional meetings of the village and rural teachers of Kendall county were held on Saturday, Nov. 9.

We oughtta say a word or two about *Tribune* spelling. There's at least one good thing we can say about it and that is that when you run across a word in the *Tribune* that looks to be spelled wrong you can never be sure if it is spelled wrong on purpose or accidentally, so that's where they have it on us. Outside of that, though, we imagine a lot of the Tribune employees got headaches trying to learn English (?) all over again.

In the Lisbon items, Mrs. Jones tells us that five brothers husked an average of 156 bushels of corn each one day. The "boys" are all over six feet tall. They issue a challenge to any other five-brother team in the vicinity to a husking match.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT  
MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS

After visiting your schools, I am making very definite recommendations to your boards of directors that will assist them, your teachers, and myself in bringing your schools up to the standard that is required by the state department. These recommendations will be reasonable and within the financial possibilities of all the districts involved. But, if a few districts persistently refuse to listen to suggestions that are made for the sole purpose of giving their children a good common school education, there is just one alternative for me, and that is to refuse to sign checks in their favor.

There are certain sanitary conditions, supplies, and equipment that are absolutely necessary. I will not, for the next four years, sign checks for school districts that do not make any attempt to operate their schools according to the standards and requirements set up by the state department.

I find that most school boards are willing and eager to accept the recommendations; teachers doing a creditable and splendid piece of work; and pupils attentive, studious, and well behaved. These conditions tend to inspire all that are connected with the Kendall county schools.

With a friendly and constant cooperation existing between us, we cannot fail; without it we cannot succeed.

Your friend,  
CHARLES EARL VANDEVEER  
County Superintendent of Schools

Nov. 27: Arthur Wormley visited on Sunday at the home of his cousin, Kendall Ashley, in Gary, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fosgett of Harrison, Mich., have sent the announcement to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Woolley, of the birth of a daughter, Audrey, on Dec. 20. There are two older little girls in the family.

Charlie Johnston, who lived in Danvers, Minn., died last week and the body was brought to the Healy chapel in Aurora. Burial was from his former home in McHenry. Mr. Johnston's wife, who died in

1919, was formerly Maggie Walsh of NaAuSay, and both husband and wife had many relatives and friends in this vicinity.

On account of poor vision from frost on the windshield, the Henry Meyer family was in an accident when Mrs. Meyer and two daughters, Margaret and Ruth, were returning from a party at Lawrence Ode's last Friday night. They ran into a culvert and Mrs. Meyer received several bruises and cuts about the face. Ruth suffered from striking her lower lip and teeth. The car was considerably damaged.

The Oswego High school teachers attended a teachers' convention at Champaign on Nov. 22-23. John L. Clayton and Marvin Marquardt were in an auto accident, receiving numerous bruises and a badly damaged auto.

December -- 1935

Dec. 4: On Thanksgiving day, Nov. 28, 1935 Bettye Frances Walker, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Walker, became the bride of Stanley R. Peterson, younger son of Andrew Peterson.

The wedding ceremony was conducted by the Rev. John E. Klein of the Oswego Presbyterian church.

Following congratulations and refreshments, the young couple left on an automobile trip through the eastern states.

Mrs. Peterson graduated from East high school, Aurora, in 1934 and Mr. Peterson from the Oswego high school in 1931. He has recently been employed by the International at Rock Island. In the spring, the young couple will begin farming on the Louck's farm adjoining Mrs. Peterson's home.

The announcement has been made of the marriage of Fern Olson of Aurora and Gordon Wormley of Oswego at Sycamore on June 29, 1935. Mr. and Mrs. Wormley are both employed at the Pictorial in Aurora and will reside with his mother at the Korte residence during the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schilling announce the marriage of their daughter, Helen Elizabeth, to Cecil Eugene Runkle from

Montgomery. Mr. and Mrs. Runkle will reside in Oswego. Mr. Runkle is employed by the Lyon Metal Products company.

Yorkville: We see that the Kendall County Board of Supervisors yesterday passed a resolution to pay a bounty on wolf and fox scalps, which be a good thing. Foxes, especially, have become a pest in the last few years and take a heavy toll of our small game, not to mention a chicken now and then. They are wanton killers like the weasel at times. While we appreciate their beauty and sagacity as well as the next, and while we like to see our wildlife preserved, we can see no place for either the wolf or the fox in the scheme of things hereabouts.

“Stop Supporting ‘Big Biz’” a page 3 *Record* advertisement was headlined. “Big business is crafty. Misrepresentation in the form of pseudo bargains and a certain fawning attitude to trap the unwary. Big business is selfish. It is interested in you and your community only to the extent to which you expend money and when you have no more money to spend, big business is no longer interested. Big business is cruel because in its selfishness and a desire for a never-ending expansion, it would close out the economic life of every small merchant. Stop supporting this big parasite. TRADE AT HOME”

Dec. 11: The play casts among the Farmers’ clubs are busy rehearsing their plays, which will be given this week and next at the school gymnasium in Yorkville, in connection with the music and drama tournaments.

Mrs. Mary Young is seriously ill. Her daughters, Mrs. Albert Miller and Mrs. Leslie Peshia, have been caring for her.

The neighbors charivariated the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Peterson, and stayed for a visit and refreshments on Wednesday evening, Dec. 4. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson visited the Rev. and Mrs. Craighead at their home in Saltsburg, Pa., while on their auto trip east.

Several people from this vicinity heard President Roosevelt speak at the National Farm Bureau meeting in Chicago Nov. 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Smith observed their 61st wedding anniversary on Dec. 9. They are both 87 years old. Mr. Smith has been confined to his bed for many months.

Yorkville: Bob Woodard was down [from Oswego] to call on us Sunday morning. He asked us what we thought of a boxing tournament to decide the boxing champions of Kendall county, ages up to and including 19 years. Bouts are to be held in various parts of the county and the finals will be held at Yorkville, according to the plans of the sponsors, the three county posts of the American Legion.

A lot of Kendall county people went to Chicago Monday to hear President Roosevelt speak.

Yorkville: Hughes Service Station in Yorkville, the village's newest auto dealership, was advertising a new 1936 Oldsmobile--"The Big New Car that Has Everything!--for \$665.

Dec. 18: The Oswego High School Mixed chorus will present "The Christmas Vision," a cantata by Roy E. Nolte, directed by R.R. Thompson, Thursday evening, Dec. 19.

Edward Austin Smith, born in New Marlborough, Mass. April 14, 1848, died at his home in Oswego on Dec. 11, 1935 at the age of 87 years.

Mr. Smith came to Illinois with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Smith and sisters and brother when he was four years old, and in 1852 settled with them on the homestead now occupied by his grandson, Ralph Edward Smith and family. There he lived until his marriage to Anna Reed on Dec. 8, 1874, and then made a home on the adjoining farm now occupied by his son, Royce Edward Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Smith retired from the farm in 1910, purchasing the present home on Madison street, Oswego.

He was confined to his bed much of the time during the last year of his life, having suffered a stroke on Dec. 17, 1934.

He is survived by his wife, Anna Reed Smith; one daughter, Mrs. Clara Walker; one son, Royce E. Smith; six grandchildren, Winifred Walker Woolley, Lois Walker, Bettye Walker Peterson, and Ralph E.

Smith of Oswego, Charles Walker of Carlinville, and Glenn Parkhurst Smith of Tribune, Kan.; also three great-grandchildren, Cleora Louise and Stuart Walker Woolley, and Ronald Edward Smith. Funeral services in charge of Raven Lodge, AF&AM, were held at the Thorsen funeral home Dec. 13. Interment was in the Pearce cemetery.

Yorkville: The jury, which heard the case of Binder vs. the Aurora Sanitary district in the Circuit court here, before Judge William J. Fulton brought in a verdict of not guilty. The prosecution claimed that odor from the sewage disposal plant caused them damage. The defense was that a dead horse, which had been given to the hogs by Binder, was the cause of the odor. The men of the jury were out for 36 hours and it is reported that many a heated debate was held before the verdict was reached. The verdict means that the sewage disposal plant near the Binder farm was not guilty of causing odor.

A resolution from the Kendall County Board: "Whereas, recent legislation requires that the care of township charges be transferred to the counties, and whereas provision for this added burden has not been made by Kendall county, therefore be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Kendall County in Session, that the county treasurers' committee be empowered to borrow the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars for a period of six months to be used in discharging the obligations imposed by the above mentioned legislation from July 1, 1935." The resolution passed unanimously.

Dec. 25: Word has been received of the marriage of Mrs. Mabel Korte to Dr. J.A. MacPhail of Manistique, Mich.

Robert Cherry, a student from the University of Illinois, is enjoying the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cherry.

The faculty and students of the Oswego schools are enjoying a 12-day vacation from Dec. 21 to Jan. 2.

The Maple Leaf Community club, which presented "The Eve in Evelyn" at the Yorkville gymnasium, tied for first place with the Fox and Long Grove club in the Kendall County music and Drama tournament last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Zielke are the parents of a son, born Thursday, Dec. 19.

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January

Jan. 1: Kenneth Washburn, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Washburn of Oswego, died Saturday at St. Charles hospital, Aurora. Death was caused by streptococci poisoning.

Kenneth was born Jan. 14, 1920 at Morris and died Saturday, Jan. 23 at Aurora. He is survived by his parents and one sister, Molly; and by numerous relatives and friends. He was one of the patrol leaders of the Boy Scouts. He was a sophomore in the Oswego high school.

Funeral services at the Federated church Dec. 30. The Boy Scouts acted as pall-bearers. Interment was in the Evergreen cemetery at Morris.

Laurens Hull was born at Pike, N.Y. in 1861 and passed away at his home in Oswego on Dec. 23, 1935 at the age of 74 years. He had lived in Oswego since 1914, prior to which time he was engaged in the lumber business in Aurora.

Surviving are his wife, Annie; a sister, Mrs. C.H. Bogue of Pasadena, Calif.; three nieces, Mrs. Wilbur Lafean, Mrs. Robert Tonsill, both of Chicago, and Mrs. Robert Smith of Pasadena, Calif.

Funeral services were held Dec. 26. Interment was made in the Pearce cemetery.

The Circle girls of the Prairie church who met at the home of Miss Uarda Hafenrichter last Sunday filled a basket for a needy family and exchanged gifts.

Fire caused by sparks from the chimney burned several holes in the roof of the Jack Cherry home Sunday noon. The Oswego fire truck and many neighbors responded to a call for help and the fire was put out before a great deal of damage was done.

Word has been received from Moorhead, Minn. of the marriage of Miss Dorothy Moffet. Miss Moffet was the physical education teacher at the Oswego high school.

In the tournament at Yorkville, the Oswego team entered the semi-finals but lost to Lemont by a score of 39-50.

Plattville: The Swastika club will be entertained on Friday, Jan. 10, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hampson. The husbands of the members will be guests.

Jan. 8: On Friday forenoon, Jan. 3, fire destroyed the large farm house of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cherry on the Grove Road.

The fire was discovered about 10 a.m. The Oswego and Bristol fire departments answered the call as did many neighbors. Everything was removed from the burning house although the flames were beyond control and by 1 o'clock what had once been one of the finest houses in Kendall county was smoldering ashes. The loss, estimated around \$12,000, was covered by insurance.

The Cherrys plan to build in the spring and until then Mrs. Cherry and their children will stay with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Matlock of Yorkville. Mr. Cherry will stay with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cherry.

Albert Woolley and son George of Aurora returned last Sunday evening from a two week's trip to Mexico City.

Mrs. Atlee Parkhurst, 77, died Jan. 4 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Allen Woolley.

She was born in Ottawa May 3, 1858 but has lived here since she was 12 years old. On Dec. 25, 1877, she married Amos Parkhurst, who has preceded her in death five years ago.

She is survived by two daughters, Sophie Woolley and Amy Smith; four sons, Clarence and Raymond of Oswego, Reuben of Aurora, and A.J. Parkhurst of Greenville, S.C.; 23 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Mrs. Parkhurst was an active member of the Kendall County WCTU.

Funeral from the Thorsen funeral home Jan. 7 with burial in the Cowdrey cemetery.



The body of Mrs. Bessie Armstrong Long of Chicago, former resident of Oswego, was brought here Friday, Jan. 3, for burial in the Oswego cemetery.

Mrs. Long, who lived here about 25 years ago, is survived by two sons, Ralph and Russell; two sisters, the Misses Nellie and Jennie Armstrong; and one grandchild, all of Chicago.

Lee Hafenrichter, senior at Oswego high school, had his nose seriously injured by playing basketball in the school gym last Friday night.

While attempting to ski on the Raymond Parkhurst farm last Sunday, Miss Jean Grate fell and broke two bones in her right leg, just above the ankle. She was rushed to a local doctor and the bones were set. Miss Grate will be confined to her bed for at least a month.

Miss Ada Hafenrichter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Hafenrichter and Sherman Burkhardt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burkhardt of Aurora, were married on New year's day at the home of the bride. Miss Uarda Hafenrichter, cousin of the bride, sang accompanied on the harp by Miss Belinda Hafenrichter, sister of the bride. The bridal couple left for Florida and on their return Jan. 20 will reside in Aurora. The bride is a teacher at Oak Street School, Aurora; and the groom is employed at Mooseheart.

Jan. 15: Mrs. Jay Bell and Beverly Laurel returned last week from the Copley hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rink returned last week from a three weeks' trip to Florida.

Wellington Betz is under a doctor's care due to a badly burned hand caused from a fire in the basement of his home last week. Mr. Betz was filling their light plant tank with gasoline. Evidently, friction caused the explosion which burned Mr. Betz quite severely. The Bristol fire department extinguished the flames, which had started to burn the first floor walls. The damage to the building was covered by insurance.

Yorkville: Community Fire Protection

Farmers of Oswego township and surrounding community will meet at the village hall Wednesday evening, Jan. 15 to organize a Community Fire company for their own protection. The farmers of this community are virtually without the services of a fire truck and have decided to organize for the protection of their property. All farmers wanting fire protection should attend this meeting. You may need the services of a fire truck today or tomorrow--what then? Not available! Another \$12,000 fire loss when a few dollars invested in a modern truck may have saved the buildings.

Allot \$8,323 in WPA  
Funds for Road Work

Allotment of \$8,323 in WPA funds for road improvements in Kendall county has been made, according to announcement made today at the district office in Rockford. This project, to which the sponsors will add \$1,309, will be carried out in Oswego township. The work includes both repair of old gravel roads and construction of new gravel connecting roads in the township system. Roadside ditches are to be cleared and additional ones dug.

Jan. 22: L.F. Burkhart passed away at his home in Oswego Wednesday morning at about 2 a.m.

Word has been received from Dayton, Ohio that Everett Schilling, formerly of Oswego is confined to his bed.

Esther June Stephens, Marcella Haines, and Robert and Tilly Bauman are confined to their respective homes with scarlet fever.

John L. Clatyon, superintendent of Oswego schools, was in Champaign Monday.

Yorkville: Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed in the office of the county clerk of Kendall County, Illinois praying that all territory within the following described limits: [full column legal description of land in Kendall, Fox, NaAuSay, Bristol, and Little Rock townships follows] be organized as a fire protection district under "An Act to Create Fire Protection Districts" approved July 8, 1927 and amendments thereto. That said petition prays that such question be submitted to the legal voters of said proposed district.

The boundary lines for the proposed [Bristol-Kendall] Fire Protection district have recently been completed and the petition ready to file. More than double the amount of signatures necessary have been obtained.

A rough outline is as follows: All of Kendall township; a thin strip of Fox from the Fox river south including Henry Biertz; thence to Helmar along township line; thence east to the southeast corner of Kendall township including the farms along the south side of the Kentland road in Lisbon and Seward townships; part of NaAuSay township in the Ringberg-Wheeler district; thence around the Covell Sleezer farm, a small part of Oswego township across the Fox river up and around Sam Williams' farm; thence north to the north lien of Bristol township, west to the northwest corner of Bristol township, thence south to the Milton Orr farm, west around the Orr, Langhart, and Cruise farms; thence south across Fox river.

The fire district has become very popular in this section and the officers look for a large vote at the election. it means a great saving to policy holders in all insurance companies.

#### Open Forum

Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin,  
January 11, 1936

I like suggestions that accounts of events in Kendall county be a little more explicit for the benefit of us old timers, particularly the obituary notices. We would like to know when they were married and where they lived afterwards.

Last week's obituaries of the Mmes. Belle Kellogg and Alice Parkhurst, two splendid women born the same year and spending most of their lives in active service in the church and community in Kendall county, might have told much more of interest of those women. No mention was made even of their maiden names.

I knew Belle Thompson when she was a girl and rode horseback up to Kendall post office when my father was postmaster. She and Sherm Kellogg slipped over to Yorkville and were married on the quiet. That same evening they attended singing school in the NaAuSay church. They went to live on a wet farm down on the NaAuSay "flats." Under Sherm's careful management and hard work by both of them the farm was drained and otherwise improved and is now one of the good farms of that township.

Belle did her full share and saw a lot of trying times, and lived to see the results. After bringing up her own children, she cared for her sister Jane's children, and then cared for a grandson after his mother passed away.

OLIVER C. JOHNSON

Jan. 29: Leonard F. Burkhardt, 77, of Oswego township, member of one of the oldest families in Kendall county and a descendant of one of the first settlers in that section, died at his home in Oswego Jan. 22. He suffered a heart attack.

Mr. Burkhardt founded the old Oswego Banking company, now the Oswego State bank, in 1905. He was born in that community May 12, 1859 and had been one of its most prominent figures in civic and farming circles since.

His wife, Ottillie, was burned to death Aug. 27, 1927 in one of the worst tragedies in Oswego history. Mr. Burkhardt was severely burned in the same incident, being confined to his home for over 30 months before recovering. His wife had been cleaning clothes with naphtha in the basement when her skirts caught fire. The husband incurred his burns in attempts to rescue her.

Mr. Burkhardt was the father of Attorney Oliver A. Burkhardt, former state's attorney of Kendall County and present federal courts commissioner in that district. Also surviving are three other sons, Clinton L. and Ralph M., both of Oswego, and Walter J. of Milwaukee; three daughters, Mrs. E.F. Hahnenstein of Aurora, Mrs. W.W. Kelne of Berwyn, and Mrs. Herbert Papanhausen of Hinsdale; a brother, Henry G. Burkhardt of Aurora; a sister, Mrs. J.D. Ebinger; and eight grandchildren.

The funeral was held Saturday afternoon from the Federated church. Interment was in the Oswego cemetery.

The Oswego Prairie, First Presbyterian, and Federated churches were all closed again Sunday, Jan. 26, and the students of the public schools did not resume their studies until Wednesday, Jan. 29, after a 10-day "vacation" caused by a scarlet fever scare. At present writing there are two new cases, that of little Kenneth Bohn, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bohn; and Glenn Panikis, This makes a total of six cases.

The Townsend meeting, which was to have met this Thursday night has been postponed.

Arnold Bower fell off a straw stack Tuesday, Jan. 21, and broke five little bones in his right foot. He is able to get about on crutches.

Yorkville: Favorable prospects which Kendall county farmers have for prices during 1936 will not be greatly affected by the recent Supreme Court decision ruling the AAA unconstitutional, according to word brought back by Farm Advisor W.P. Miller.

While new legislation to take the place of the AAA might have some effect on prices in 1936, the present supply of agricultural commodities and general business activity should stabilize prices at least until the supply of agricultural commodities is materially changed.

February -- 1936

Feb. 5: The Oswego high school gym will be the scene of a number of amateur boxing bouts tomorrow night, Feb. 6, when a number of boys from the central and eastern part of the county will contest for the right to take part in the finals to be held in Yorkville at some future date. Ronnie Davis, northern Illinois sectional light-heavyweight champion, will be referee.

The boys who will appear in the ring are Junior LaGow, Bob Ohse, Leon Tallmadge, Melvin Utley, Charles LaGow, Clarence Christian, Ernest Songer, Jerome Utley, Bob Wollenweber, Ralph Marvin, Cyril Cather, Bob Banbarry, Bill Utley, Jack Donlan, Ed Larrabee, M. Haige, John Engh, and Russ Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bickford entertained Mr. and Mrs. Scott Cutter, Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Underhill, and Fred Cutter Saturday at dinner in honor of Watts Cutter's 76th birthday.

Myron Wormley and Robert Cherry, students at the University of Illinois, were home for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schell of the Jericho road, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Wolf and family at dinner Sunday in honor of the latter's wedding anniversary.

About 35 friends and neighbors charivariated Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Burkhart Saturday night at their home in Aurora.

Funeral services for John Lindley Sr. were held Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 29, from the J.B. Thorsen funeral home.

Mr. Lindley was born Aug. 20, 1862 in Marion county, the son of Samuel P. and Susan M. Lindley, and passed away Jan. 27, 1936 in the Cook County hospital, Chicago, following a short illness of lobar pneumonia at the age of 73 years.

During Mr. Lindley's early childhood his father was a Methodist missionary and taught colored people in Missouri where he obtained his early education. In his early manhood he served an apprenticeship in blacksmithing, which line of work he left to pursue railroading. In middle life he returned to blacksmithing as his profession, which due to physical conditions he was forced to discontinue during recent years.

On Jan. 4, 1898 he married Anna A. Schulte in Springfield. Six children were born to this union: Susan Caroline, John Frederick, Agnes Elizabeth, Robert Daniel, Ida Ruth, and Anna Joyce. Four of these children survive. Susan Caroline Van Etten passed away in 1931 and Robert Daniel in 1915. There are also 10 grandchildren and two sisters, Ida Tallmadge of Hutchinson, Kan., and Jessie Harpham of Stillwater, Okla.

During the strike at Pana in 1899 he was on active duty with Company D., Illinois National Guard. Upon discharge from the Guard he returned as an officer in the Volunteers of America. With the exception of five years, 1907-1912, which he resided in Oklahoma, his entire life was spent in Illinois. For the past 25 years he has lived in Kendall county, Yorkville, and Oswego, and during the past year and half he has lived with his daughter Mrs. Ida Cripe and family at Bellwood.

Yorkville: Kendall county received 88 applications for loans from the Home Owners Loan corporation up to and including Oct. 3, 1935, according to a report recently compiled by the National Emergency Council.

In this county, there were 19 loans closed, amounting to \$42,245 on this date and 20 applications pending for loans. The report lists 49 loans as "held in suspense," which includes applications withdrawn and applications held for further consideration.

Feb. 12: Thomas P. Condon, well known Oswego farmer, passed away on Feb. 9 at the St. Charles hospital, Aurora, following an operation. He was born Jan. 26, 1875 in NaAuSay township and has lived in this community all his life.

Mrs. Annette Russell, who has received her late husband's appointment as investigator of the occupational sales tax under the depart of finance, and her daughter, Jean, were in Springfield Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of last week on business. Mrs. Russell attended a luncheon at the St. Nicholas hotel complimentary to Gov. Horner. The luncheon was given by the Women's Democratic organization.

Mrs. Minnie Leonard, 52 died at her home in Oswego Saturday, Feb. 8, after a long illness. Mrs. Leonard, who lived her entire life in Oswego, is survived by her husband, Bernard Leonard; a son, Ronald Herren; a daughter, Mrs. Adeline Carpenter of Aurora; two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Graham and Mrs. Bert Davis of Oswego; and a brother John Friebele of Naperville.

The village has purchased an electric water thawer which will be available about Feb. 13 to anyone whose water service is frozen. In all cases where the freeze-up is in the lead-in pipe, that is, in the pipe from the main to your water meter, a service charge of \$5 per hour or any part thereof will be made.

Mrs. Agnes Schlapp of Oswego announced the engagement of her daughter, Marion, to Ralph Wheeler of Ottawa, son Of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Wheeler of Yorkville.

The Oswego High School gym was crammed to the walls last Thursday night by boxing enthusiasts of Kendall county who attended the bouts sponsored by the American Legion posts of Kendall county.

Feb. 19: Howard N. Wald, born Feb. 2, 1904, was found dead in bed Sunday morning, Feb. 16, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wald on their farm south of Oswego. At an inquest at the J.B. Thorsen funeral home the cause of death was found to be an acute heart attack.

He is survived by his parents and one sister, Mrs. Lizzie Schilling and one brother, John Wald. Burial was in the Oswego cemetery. [From the June 15, 1898 *Record*: "The Americans pronounced his name so outrageously that John Waldbillig had his name legally shortened to John Wald. Now stop calling him Wallbelly."]

At an exciting basketball game last Friday evening, the high school team defeated Yorkville 27-25 and the seconds defeated Yorkville 11-12.

Feb. 26: Fire destroyed the modern farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wormley on Route 34 north of Oswego Saturday, Feb. 22. Mr. and Mrs. Wormley and son Myron were just returning from the funeral of Mr. Wormley's brother-in-law, John Herren.

It is thought the fire started from a spark from the chimney and the fire spread rapidly through the frame building. The Oswego, Bristol and an Aurora fire department truck responded but were unable to save the house.

Mrs. Jessie Price and daughter Doris, who are enjoying the Prairie Farmer tour to Mexico, are expected home the middle of the week.

Yorkville: That communities in Kendall county may be accurately and adequately represented in the five-volume American Guide, a national tourist directory for which information is now being gathered as a WPA undertaking, several prominent citizens are serving without pay as volunteer consultants, gathering data on historic, economic scenic, and social aspects of their respective towns.

In Kendall county, those who have accepted the responsibilities for volunteer consultants are Sheridan E. Brewe, Lisbon; M.T. Monson, Newark; Mary Cutter Bickford, Oswego; and A.P. Hill, Yorkville.

March -- 1936



March 4: Oswego is proud to announce that Miss Ruth Shoger, a student at Aurora College, was declared the prettiest co-ed in the annual contest conducted by the student weekly, the Aurora Borealis.

All those who did not hear the Negro women's quartet which sang here in January will have the opportunity of hearing the group Wednesday night, March 4, at the Oswego Prairie church.

All who are interested are invited to a Townsend meeting at the village hall Thursday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m.

The train schedule effective March 1 is as follows:

Northbound, 8:45 a.m.

Southbound, 10:36 a.m.

Northbound, 4:11 p.m.

Southbound, 5:23 p.m.

NaAuSay: The marriage of Miss Marion Schlapp, daughter of Mrs. Agnes Schlapp, and Ralph Wheeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Wheeler, took place on Thursday evening, Feb. 27 at the bride's home.

After a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler will make their home in Ottawa where Mr. Wheeler is in business.

The bride is one of the talented young women of the community and has always been interested in the church and affairs of the community. For the past several years she has been the superintendent of the primary department and will be greatly missed.

March 11: Mrs. James Curry entertained 24 Girl Scouts and members of the board at her home at Turtle Rock Inn Wednesday, March 4. Games were played and a dainty lunch was served.

It is news, is it not, when farmers thresh soybeans in March? The beans are in fairly good condition considering the weather they have endured. Those from one field tested 19 percent moisture, which is good for this time of year.

All parties living in the Village of Oswego who own a dog or dogs must keep said dog or dogs on their own property or said dog or dogs will be picked up by the village officer and placed in pound for three days, then if said dog or dogs are not claimed by the owners said dog or dogs will be disposed of by said village officer.

Yorkville: The election for the proposed fire district will be held Tuesday, March 17. All persons living outside the corporate limits of Yorkville south of the Fox river will vote at the Cross Lutheran school, precinct No. 3. All persons living north of the Fox river outside the corporate limits of Bristol will vote at the town hall at Bristol Station, precinct No. 2. All persons living in the corporate limits of Bristol will vote at the fire station, precinct No. 1. Polls open from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.

March 18: Voters in the Bristol-Kendall and the Oswego Fire Protection districts heartily approved of the plan Tuesday. In both districts only some 46 votes were cast against the plan to 500 for the district.

A few chinch bugs which failed to dig in deep enough have been nipped by the record cold weather of the past winter but there are still plenty alive to cause serious damage in the heavily infested areas if the spring is dry. Central and northwest central parts of the state are at present in the greatest danger.

Two years ago the bugs did an estimated \$40 million worth of damage to corn and small grains in Illinois.

March 25: The following officers were elected for the coming year by the East Oswego Rural Progressive Farmers' club on March 18 in Oswego: President, Frank Gerry; Vice President, Harold Bower; Secretary, Mrs. Leon Haag; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Marjorie Gourley; Treasurer, Newton Woolley.

William Lamb is the new acting postmaster at the Oswego post office.

Mrs. Carl Bohn and son Kenneth left last Wednesday, March 18, with her brother Marian Bangs, who has been visiting here, for a week's visit at the home of her parents in Shenandoah, Ia.

The Harold Van Etten family expect to move into their new home on Jackson street. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Collins will move into the house the Van Ettens are vacating.

Yorkville: The fire districts in both Kendall-Bristol and Oswego townships were voted over with hardly a dissenting vote. This election assures these townships of a continuation of adequate fire protection. Under the old plan it was very difficult for the managers of the fire equipment to finance the upkeep of the equipment, let alone the added expense of replacing the fire trucks when the present ones became worn out or obsolete. Man is most helpless from the ravages of fire, flood, and wind. Flood and wind are more than a match for man's inventive genius, but man has learned to control fire to a marked degree. With modern equipment, on the spot soon enough, fire can be checked, at any time surrounding buildings may be saved from the flames. If residents will take the precaution to keep a good water supply available at all times, the fire equipment of these districts will be able to render them the most possible aid in case of fire. A water scarcity in a rural district renders the fire fighters impotent. We believe that the residents of the Kendall-Bristol and Oswego fire protection districts will never regret the formation of the districts.

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS  
CARRY WITH WIDE MARGIN

Following are the complete returns of the fire protection district election held in Oswego and the Kendall-Bristol districts last Tuesday, March 17, as compiled by M.P. Mortensen, county clerk:

**Oswego**

Precinct No.:	1	2	Total
For	118	111	229
Against	2	1	3

**Bristol-Kendall**

Precinct No.	1	2	3	Total
For	64	72	107	243
Against:	1	0	43	44

April -- 1936

April 1: Oswego was saddened by three deaths last week. Louis M. Woolley, 86, pioneer resident and retired farmer of this vicinity died suddenly of a heart attack March 28.

Mr. Woolley, widely known as "Doc," was born March 14, 1850 at Big Rock but spent most of his life farming at Oswego.

Mrs. Christina Johnson, 74, died at her home March 28. She was born May 18, 1862 in Sweden. Mrs. Johnson and her husband, Charles, who preceded her in death over two years ago, had lived in NaAuSay and Oswego townships for many years.

Mrs. Minnie Schultz, born in Germany April 12, 1854 died Saturday, March 28 at her home. She is survived by six children, Charles and Herman of Oswego, Richard of Michigan City, Ind., and Mrs. Augusta Bohn, Mrs. Minnie Reid, and Mrs. Tillie Hoch of Oswego. Mrs. Schultz has lived in Oswego 42 years.

The members of the Oswego High School band with their instructor, Mr. Thompson, enjoyed a three-course chicken dinner last Thursday evening at the school gymnasium.

Yorkville: Reports have it that chinch bugs were seen flying around last week. We had thought and hoped that the past winter's cold and snow killed them. But alas and alack, a daisy me. They seem to live through fire and smoke and flood.

April 8: A Republican mass meeting will be held in the Oswego high school gymnasium on Monday evening, April 13. District and county candidates will appear and state issues will be discussed. Music will be furnished by the Oswego school band.

Lewis M. "Doc" Woolley passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James A. Eccles of Ryderwood, Wash., March 27, 1936, where he arrived March 18 to spend the summer.

He enjoyed his 86th birthday anniversary March 14 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ora Holland of Minneapolis, then journeyed west for a lengthy visit, but due to his years and the rapid change of climate a complication of diseases set in and he soon passed on. His remains arrived March 31 and he was laid to rest on April 1 at Oswego.

Mr. Woolley was born two miles southwest of Oswego in 1850 and lived within a few miles of his birthplace during his entire life. He was widely known and had traveled extensively, mostly in the company of his old chum, Charles Quantock, now of Aurora.

George A. Shoger, 62, third son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Shoger, died April 4 at Jackson, Mich. His wife, Kate Weber Shoger, formerly of Yorkville, died six years ago. Left to mourn his loss are one daughter, Mrs. Howard Calkins; one granddaughter, Beverly Calkins; two sisters, Mrs. Jessie Gates of Menlo Park, Calif. and Mrs. Carrie Walker of Oswego; three brothers, Harley of Oswego, and Frank and Ray of Aurora. Funeral services were held April 7 at Wayland, Mich.

Ruth Shoger of the Aurora college is on a concert tour with the college choir this week.

There are two tickets for the Oswego school election April 11. A.H. Dysart, Mrs. George Hafenrichter, and Mrs. Alec Harvey are on one ticket and Mrs. L.J. Weishew, Oscar Olson, and Albert Shiffer are on the other.

The weather man pulled the wrong lever April 1 and before his little joke could be halted, six inches of snow fell. The weather stayed cool so much of the snow remained. More snow fell on April 4, with continued cool weather and a lot of rain over the weekend.

The Prairie church basketball team lost to the Elgin team in the Fox Valley tournament held at Elgin on Saturday.

Four Oswego people were laid to rest in the Oswego cemetery in four days last week Mrs. Christine Johnson, Mrs. Minnie Schultz, L.M. Woolley, and Howard Mitchell. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Schultz were buried the same afternoon, March 31, with only a few feet of space between their graves and only a few minutes' time between the burial services.

John Raymond, who died at his home in Aurora last week, had many friends in this community. He was a teacher in the Walker school

about 1880, and several here began their education under his guidance.

Yorkville: Until further notice the office of Superintendent of Public Welfare for Old Age Assistance will be open Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday morning from 9 to 12. The other days the superintendent and clerk will be investigating the applicants for old age pensions through the county. Applicants will greatly facilitate the investigation if they will have proof on hand of their birth, citizenship, and residence.

April 15: Yorkville: Rural electrification interest in Kendall and other Illinois counties is moving forward and extends to practically all parts of the county.

This program has been entered into by farm groups and the extension service and has been made available to rural people without cost of the line construction because of low interest rates, which have been made available through farm organization effort in cooperation with all agencies interested.

In order that a more unified effort and interest may be established, a district meeting is being called at Ottawa on April 23 by Dean H.W. Mumford from the University of Illinois. Farm Adviser W.P. Miller and a committee representing different parts of Kendall county will be present at this district meeting.

April 22: The Wilcox School Club met Friday evening, April 17, with Mr. and Mrs. Will Quantock.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Herren have moved from their farm residence to their house on Washington street after having it newly decorated.

On Thursday evening, April 16, the members of the Oswego high school basketball team, together with their fathers and teachers, enjoyed a fine banquet in the high school auditorium. More than 100 were present to enjoy the fine meal and program. Judge Olney C. Allen of Kane county gave a splendid talk; Marvin Marquardt spoke a few words relating to the season and Superintendent John L. Clayton presented the letters to the boys who served on the teams. Coaches Gordon Fisher and Leonard Bieber of North Central College, Naperville were guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Palmer, who have spent a year and a half in Phoenix, Ariz., returned to Oswego April 11. They are staying for the present with their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stark on Washington Street.

Yorkville: The top has been put over the road for the CB&Q trains, three tracks, one for a switch and the other two are for through traffic. Underneath these three tracks is the place where Route 47 is supposed to be. The way it looks at present, one will need a submarine to pass through. There's enough water under the viaduct to float a good sized battleship.

April 29: The Misses Ruth and Lucile Shoger entertained at a miscellaneous shower Saturday afternoon for Miss Jean Grate, whose marriage to LaVerne Shoger will take place in May.

The Rev. Maurice Haehlen, who has been the beloved and efficient pastor of the Prairie and Federated churches for the past seven years, has been transferred to the Grace Evangelical church at Naperville. He will preach his farewell sermon in Oswego on May 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Manning and daughter Ruth visited in Chicago last Sunday.

The sum of \$25.25 was collected from Oswego township for flood relief by the Oswego branch of the Red Cross and forwarded to the national organization.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Everett Whitehouse of Normal have announced the engagement of their daughter, Doris Katherine, to Reeve Thompson of Maiden Rock Wis. The wedding is to take place in June.

Miss Whitehouse and Mr. Thompson have taught in the Oswego schools for several years, Miss Whitehouse teaching English and Latin in the high school and Mr. Thompson supervising music and bandmaster. They will live in Oswego.

SHERIFF W.A. MAIER AND  
FEDERALS RAID STILL, DEPOT

Sheriff William A. Maier of Kendall county, in company with several federal agents, entered the Lippold gas station on Route 34 between Yorkville and Oswego Monday finding in a tool shed three 3,500 gallon supply tanks, two of them containing 5,000 gallons of denatured alcohol. There were also three open tanks in the shed and a copper column for a cooker, which assembled, Sheriff Maier said, would be 20 feet high.

Kermit Lippold, Joseph and Dave Garrigan were taken into custody and will be given hearings in Chicago.

According to Sheriff Maier, the plant was the supply depot for the still raided on the George Bauman farm by Sheriff and the "Feds" on Thursday, April 9.

The Bauman farm is located between Oswego and Montgomery on Route 25. There the agents found what they termed "the finest plant of its type in this territory." The plant was valued at \$20,000, and was capable of producing 50,000 gallons of 188-proof alcohol a day, using denatured alcohol to start with. The plant was within two weeks of being ready for operating, lacking the copper column found later at the Lippold station.

The size of the outfit may be realized by a description of the larger pieces: three vats 14 feet long, 10 feet high and six feet wide; 12 cracking units 5-1/2 feet high and 3-1/2 feet in diameter; four 3,500 gallon storage tanks; one cooker base 18-1/2 feet high, eight feet in diameter; one 75 horsepower boiler; an oil-burner unit; deep well pump and motor; and two tons of regular table salt. Besides these items there were motor-driven agitators and the many other small items going into a plant like this. A wrecking crew from Chicago wrecked the equipment.

Bauman was taken to Chicago for a hearing.

The federal men informed Sheriff Maier that Kendall County is clean of all stills.

May -- 1936

May 6: Poppies will be sold in Oswego on Poppy day, Saturday, May 23, for the benefit of disabled veterans.

Acting postmaster William Lamb attended the Democratic convention held at Springfield last week.



Margaret Conway of Aurora and Howard Huntoon of Geneva, who were married at the home of the bride's mother April 30, were both former Oswego young people.

A son, William Clarke, was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson on Saturday, May 2. Mrs. Anderson was formerly Rachel Winebrenner, a teacher in the Oswego school.

Mrs. John Chaplain died Saturday at her home in Plainfield. The third daughter of the late George and Sarah Collins, Alice Chaplain spent her early life in Oswego township. Mrs. Fred Cooper of Oswego with several half-sisters and brothers mourn her loss.

Sanford Chase died at an Aurora hospital Friday after suffering a stroke earlier in the week. Born in New Bedford, Mass. in 1849, Mr. Chase came to Oswego in 1869. He worked on a farm when a young man, later becoming an efficient blacksmith in the Young shop where he had a wide acquaintance from the surrounding country. Mr. Chase leaves two daughters Mrs. Pearl Shortman of Oswego and Mrs. Lois Anders of Los Angeles. Funeral services May 4 from the Thorsen funeral home with burial in the Oswego cemetery.

The Chaffe property back of the Presbyterian church, has been sold to an Aurora party.

Jewel Patten had the misfortune to fracture her left elbow.

LaVerne Shoger, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Shoger, and Miss Jean Grate, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Grate, were married at the home of the bride Friday, May 1.

The bride is a graduate of the Yorkville high school and the groom a graduate of Oswego High. Following a wedding trip to Jackson, Mich., they will be at home on one of the Simons farms a half mile east of the Walker school.

Yorkville: Work on the excavation of the CB&Q tracks Route 47 has been halted until the pumping equipment can be installed to remove the 10 feet of water flooding the roadway.

May 13: There will be a supper and reception for Rev. and Mrs. Krell and the assistant pastor, Chris Reider, at the Federated church parlors Thursday, May 14.

A lovely home wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Hafenrichter May 9 when their daughter, Mercedes Mary, became the bride of Arthur Clarence, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Davis.

The bride, a graduate of East Aurora High school and North Central college, has been teaching the Harvey school for the past four years and will continue till the close of school. The bridegroom, a graduate of Oswego High, is farming with his father.

Yorkville: PAVING ON ROUTE 69 STARTS NEAR LISBON

"The telephone line missed us; the railroad missed us; Route 69 is missing us; why, we haven't had a decent storm in 50 years," opined a Lisbon resident as paving was started on Route 69 [modern U.S. Route 52].

The work is going on, paving has commenced, and soon "69" will be paved from just west of Lisbon through to Route 47, joining 47 at the point where the older part of 69 stopped at Warburton's corners. When the road is completed, 69 will go straight from Warburton's corners, missing Lisbon by a scant half-mile.

The 14th annual Kendall County Crow Shoot, sponsored by the Kendall County Crow Club, will be held on Thursday, May 21.

May 20: Mrs. Rose Collins, born at Plainfield Dec. 8, 1851, the daughter of George and Nancy Langley Bennett, died at her home east of Oswego on May 16, at the age of 84 years. She lived in Plainfield until her mother died, when she was 13 years old and then spent most of the remainder of her long life in Kendall county. At the age of 19 she married Frank Barrie. To this union one son, Lewis Eugene, was born. Mr. and Mrs. Barrie were divorced and in 1876 she became the wife of James Collins, and they both lived to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Collins is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Marshall Young; one son, Harry Collins; and four grandchildren. Her husband died in 1928. Two daughters died in infancy and one daughter, Mrs. Anna Warner, died about 30

years ago. The son, Lewis, when a young man, was killed in a railroad accident.

Funeral services were held May 18 at the Thorsen funeral home. Interment was in the Oswego cemetery.

Albert Schmidt, who had one foot crushed in an accident at the gravel pit, is expected home from the St. Joseph hospital this week.

A collision between Oliver Burkhart's auto and Ralph Norris' truck at the Cutter school corner [Route 71 and Minkler Road] resulted in a badly damaged truck. The drivers were not injured seriously.

The Oswego American Legion Post No. 675 will be hosts to the boxing fans of Kendall county and vicinity at the Oswego high school gymnasium Thursday, May 21, starting at 7:30 p.m. Local boxers to participate include Junior LaGow, Don Weishew, Charles LaGow, Ernie Songer, Don Haag, and Jimmy Vinson.

Yorkville: There were 35 cases in Kendall county that received relief from public funds in April, according to a report to the National Emergency council from the IERC. Of these, all were resident families.

Twenty-five counties show an increase in relief cases in April over March.

The Nading Hotel and Café will open Wednesday, May 20, under the management of LA "Lefty" Peterson.

The hotel has been redecorated and furnished. The dining room and lunch counter will occupy the front of the main floor. Tables are provided for families and dinner parties, as well as a lunch counter. A tap room will be opened later in the rear of the dining room.

May 27: Memorial Day services will be held May 30 at the Oswego high school. The rhythm band as well as the high school band, under the supervision of Reeve Thompson, will be included in the program. The Legion and Auxiliary will have charge of the parade from the school to the cemetery. The school children will gather the flowers Friday, May 29, and take them to the school.

The Oswego high school graduation exercises will be held Thursday, June 4, at 8 pm. at the high school.

Leslie Peshia, mail carrier on Route 2, is having a vacation this week and Marshall Young, the substitute carrier, is taking his place.

Margaret and Marian Gast gave a miscellaneous shower for Mercedes Hafenrichter Davis on May 23.

Ruth Schmidt, one of the efficient telephone operators who has been ill for many weeks, is improving but is still unable to be up and around.

Miss Mildred B. Mickelson, daughter of Mrs. Lenn Mickelson of Newark, and Kenneth Gowran, son of James Gowran of Oswego, were married May 22 at the home of Mrs. R.V. Turner on Garfield Street. The Rev. Maurice Haehlen of Naperville performed the ceremony.

Yorkville: Last Thursday was the day of the crow shoot and 60 sportsmen signed up of which only 45 turned in points. It was a swell sort of day with a gentle wind blowing. Commander Shoger's team won the hand embroidered shaving mug by getting more points than did Wunder Budd's bunch. So far as we know, none of the boys got one of the leg-banded crows set loose in Chicago.

Don't forget that the Dionne Quintuplets are making a screen appearance at the Yorkville theatre tonight and tomorrow night. You'll be delighted with these five little Canadians, we're sure.

June -- 1936

June 3: More than 500 people turned out Saturday morning to the annual Decoration Day services held in the Oswego high school gymnasium.

Thursday evening, June 4, the Oswego community consolidated high school commencement exercises will be held in the high school auditorium.

Salutatorian is Muriel Cather. Valedictorian is Alice Pierce.

Members in the year's graduating class are Alice Pearce, Muriel Cather, Mary Schlapp, Oliver Hem, Florence Harvey, Marjorie Obman, Marjorie Wilson, Robert Jay, William Pearce, Gale Barrett, Sophia Moyer, Myra Pierce, Virgil Shoger, Lee Hafenrichter, Gustav Hausler, Verda Tarr, Clarence Ringberg, Dale Patton, and Joy Boffenmyer.

The annual Oswego high school alumni banquet will be held in the Oswego high school gymnasium on Friday evening June 5. All alumni are invited to attend.

Oswego schools will be closed Wednesday, June 17. A late closing date has been necessary this year because all the work lost due to inclement weather the past winter is being made up.

Myron Wormley of Oswego was scheduled to receive his diploma during commencement exercises at the University of Illinois on June 4.

The eighth grade exercises for the Oswego school graduates will be held Thursday afternoon, June 11.

The Oswego band will be continued during the summer months. Reeve R. Thompson, director during the regular school year, will be retained to continue the work through the summer. Community concerts are being planned along with regular band rehearsals. Much enthusiasm has been aroused by the work of the band members, which has now increased to 43 in number.

At the yard and garden contest for Oswego township, that at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kohlhammer was given first place, and Mr. and Mrs. Will Leigh's second place in Oswego; and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boffenmeyer, first and Mr. and Mrs. Verne McDole, second, both on Route 34.

June 10: A large number enjoyed the Oswego alumni banquet held Friday evening, June 5, at the school gym. Letters were read from Kenyon Palmer, Phoenix Ariz.; James Turner Hood, Edith Hebert Howe, Evanston; and Nellie Armstrong from Chicago. The new officers elected for 1937 were Leslie Morse, President; Olive

Campbell, Vice President; Alice Pierce, Recording Secretary; Mary Wolf, Corresponding Secretary; and Leonard Hafenrichter, Treasurer.

Gus Voss of Oswego is one of the 27 Presidential electors from Illinois who will represent Kendall county at the electoral college following the November election. Mr. Voss has been a Republican leader in Kendall county for years.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wormley are moving to Aurora this week. The Korte residence, which they are vacating, has been rented to Reeve Thompson.

Yorkville: Residents along the main line of the Burlington are treated each morning and evening to the sight of the Zephyr streaking by, bound for Minneapolis or Chicago. The "Mark Twain" and the original Zephyr were taken off their regular runs to take over the 16 hour trips to the Twin Cities until the new 12-car Zephyrs make their appearance, which will be about July 1.

Plano residents, young and old, will greatly enjoy their new park, constructed by WPA labor just east of Plano across the road from Helgren park. The old mill has been torn down, the ground leveled, and a fine gathering place established. There are picnic tables, a ball ground, fine shady spots that will be cool in summer, and everything has been provided to make guests comfortable. A steam shovel is digging out a swimming and wading pool, which will soon be available.

June 17: Word has been received of the death of Miss E.M. Benthien of Bellingham, Wash. on June 4, after a three-year illness. Miss Benthien was a teacher in the Oswego and Walker schools 40 years ago.

The Wilcox school closed with a picnic at Phillips park June 10. On Friday evening, the teacher, Mrs. Henry Heffelfinger, entertained the families in the school district at her home in Oswego.

Yorkville: Lots of Yorkville and Kendall county people attended the hill climb held at Plano last Sunday. Among others we saw our

sheriff, "Wild Bill" Maier, the fellow who stops cars containing gunmen and doesn't even bother to carry one himself. He subdues 'em barehanded.

June 24: Mr. Klomhaus gave his school bus load of children and all-day picnic at Exposition Park Friday.

The Oswego Public library will be open Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30.

Miss Doris Katharine Whitehouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Whitehouse, Normal, became the bride of Reeve R. Thompson, son of Mrs. Burt Thompson of Malden Rock, Wis. Sunday at the home of her parents.

Immediately after the ceremony a luncheon was served and the couple then left for a trip to several resorts in Wisconsin. They will later visit at the home of the bridegroom's parents in Malden Rock. The bride's traveling costume was green sheer crepe with white accessories. They will be at home after July 10 in Oswego where their home has been furnished.

The bride, for eight years a teacher in Oswego high school, has her degree from Illinois State Normal university and is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, national educational fraternity.

Mr. Thompson has had three years at Wisconsin Teachers college, Rock Falls, Wis., and has the degree of bachelor of public school music from McPhail's college in Minneapolis. He is doing graduate work in voice and violin at Columbia conservatory, Aurora. He is in the history department and music director of Oswego high school.

Mrs. Elizabeth Schilling died at her home in Oswego on June 19, 1936 after many months of illness. She is survived by her husband, Louis; three daughters, Mrs. Gladys Ode, Mrs. Doris Johnson, and Mrs. Helen Runkle; three sons, Everett in Dayton, Ohio and Stanley and Roy in Oswego; five grandchildren; also her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wald

Mrs. Schilling was born Dec. 20, 1888 and lived all her life in Oswego and the immediate vicinity.

Funeral services were held Monday from the Thorsen funeral home.

Ralph Norris and family attended the Croushorn reunion at Phillips park on Sunday.

Mrs. Wayne Fosgett and three little daughters, Eleanor, Elaine, and Audrey from Harrison, Mich., are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Woolley.

Yorkville: Route 47 will soon proceed under the "Q" tracks near Bristol. The roadway has all been dug out, the water drained, and now when the cement is poured, motorists can avoid one more grade crossing.

July -- 1936

July 1: A terrible tragedy occurred Sunday evening at the Mill road crossing of the main line of the CB&Q when Mrs. Harley Shoger was so severely injured that she died at the St. Joseph Mercy hospital a few hours later and Mrs. Shoger received injuries, the outcome of which cannot be determined as yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Shoger had been calling on old friends at Sugar Grove and were returning on the Mil road as the Zephyr came along on its way out of Chicago on the main line. Evidently failing to see or hear the fast train, they drove onto the tracks, then tried to back off but were struck. The car was completely demolished, being hurled some distance and rolling over several times.

Dr. Weishew was called and the Shogers were taken to the St. Joseph hospital, where Mrs. Shoger died a few hours later. Mr. Shoger lies critically injured.

Update: Harley Shoger of Oswego, who with his wife was struck by the Burlington Zephyr Sunday evening succumbed to his injuries and died Wednesday morning in the St. Joseph hospital, Aurora.

After midnight last Saturday night, Bill Tregillus and his fiancé, Miss Hibbard, accompanied by an Aurora couple, met with an auto accident east of town and the car burned. Miss Hibbard suffered some bruises and cuts, but the others were not seriously injured.



The WPA recreation program will continue for the summer months at the Oswego grade school under the supervision of Mrs. Helen Jennings and Martin Peterson.

Ten farm houses south of town have been wired for electricity and are enjoying electric service. The farmers east of town have signed contracts and work will soon be started there.

#### ANNOUNCE 10-MINUTE REDUCTION IN CHICAGO RUN

A 10-minute reduction in the eastbound running time of the Advance Denver Zephyrs has been announced, effective July 12, reducing the schedule to 15 hours and 50 minutes. Capping the climax of their sensational performance since inauguration of the service May 31, the original Zephyr on June 28 gave a startling demonstration of its reserve stamina and speed. Delayed by striking an automobile near Bristol, the Zephyr made up an hour and twenty minutes in 700 miles from Galesburg, Ill. to Wray, Colo. and coasted into Denver exactly on the dot June 29 for the 29th consecutive day to maintain its perfect record.

July 8: Oswego has a new 500 gallon booster pump fire truck mounted on a Ford V-8 chassis It is financed by the residents of the Oswego fire district, and will be paid by taxation. Kenneth Tripp is the fire chief and all fire calls should be sent to Oswego 103. All calls will be answered in the fire district, which includes all of Oswego township and a small part of Will county.

State Engineer R.H. Underhill of Oswego is quite busy with two bridges at Routes 65 and 30 east of Aurora, and expects completion by early fall. The writer would despair of ever getting the fill needed for the viaduct over the EJ&E tracks. This looks hopeless. Modern machinery and methods will make short shift of this obstacle, however. The grade separation and viaduct over the "J" tracks will make the crossing a safe one.

The new home of Mr. and Mrs. A.F. Wormley on Route 34 north of Oswego is rapidly nearing completion. This splendid farm home, will be one of Kendall county's show places.

Wayne Fosgett of Harrison, Mich., joined his wife and little daughters at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Woolley and after a few days' visit will take his wife and family home.

Many local picnics were enjoyed by Oswegoans on the Fourth.

All members of the Oswego school band are asked to report each Tuesday and Friday evening at the school for group band practice. Reeve Thompson will be at the school each weekday morning to give special individual help to all band members. Community band work is being carried on this summer through the assistance of Oswego business men and other interested persons.

Yorkville: The finishing touches have been made on Route 69 [now U.S. Route 52] between Route 47 and Lisbon. The road is now completed and ready to drive on, paved from Joliet to Ottawa.

Drake's park at Plano has been a very popular spot during the past week. The swimming pool, although not completed, has had a very large attendance daily. On the Fourth, more than 300 bathers took advantage of the pool.

Drake park is named for its donor. It is being built by WPA labor in cooperation with Plano business men. When completed, the park will be one of the beauty spots in Kendall county.

July 15: Miss Margaret Norris entertained her piano pupils July 3 with a picnic at Elgin. They made the trip with the school bus with Mr. Kломhaus as the driver.

This community, with most of the United States, suffered for more than a week with temperatures ranging above the 100-degree mark through the day.

The Oats harvest began last week but was slow work, owing to the extreme heat. Many are using tractors on their harvesters this year. Roy and Ralph Smith have a new combine.

Several Oswegoans went to Naperville Last Sunday evening to hear H. Augustine Smith, a great music leader and an instructor of music in Boston.

Oswego friends and relatives attended the funeral of Mrs. Gerald Pearce of Yorkville July 12. Interment was in the Pearce cemetery, Oswego.

Carl, Leonard, and Lee Hafenrichter accompanied Mrs. Mabel Weathers and son, Robert, to the Indiana sand dunes Sunday and enjoyed the cool waters of Lake Michigan.

Yorkville: Sheriff William A. Maier went to Beaver Dam, Wis. Friday and brought back two check forgers, Stanly Schiradelly, 16, and Donald Rahn, 18. The boys, it is said, forged a check on a farmer near Sandwich and cashed it at the Kendall Motor Sales, Plano, on a secondhand car, taking the balance of \$20 in cash. They are now at the county jail in Yorkville awaiting trial.

George Nelson of Wisconsin, Socialist candidate for vice president, will be in Yorkville on Tuesday, July 28, and will speak at the high school gymnasium at 8 p.m. Mr. Nelson is a working farmer who owns and operates a 200-acre farm in northern Wisconsin. He has been active for years in building the cooperative movement among the farmers in his locality. The fact that he has a really practical solution to the farm problem is shown by the record of farm sales in his home county. There have been no farm foreclosure sales in that area in the past six years.

July 22: Helen Willis has begun a six-months course in beauty culture in Chicago, commuting daily.

The small grain harvest will be finished this week, with harvesting during the highest continuous temperature ever remembered. Corn is tasseled and much in need of rain. Most of this community received a shower July 19, followed by cool weather.

Mrs. Oscar Weiss was one among those who were ill last week due to the excessive heat.

Salesmen from the Commonwealth Edison company of Chicago, of which Max Cutter is one, enjoyed a picnic in Cutter's woods last Sunday.

When Mrs. Mabel Weathers, who is employed at Mooseheart, came to her home in Oswego one evening last week, she found her son, Robert, very nearly overcome by the heat. He was taken to an Aurora hospital for care and recuperated after two days.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Rogerson are the parents of a boy, born at the St. Joseph hospital, Aurora Monday, July 13. Mrs. Rogerson and baby are doing fine and expect to be home the latter part of the week.

Oswego Fire Chief Ralph Burkhart posed for a *Record* photograph with the Oswego Fire Protection District's new Ford fire truck.

July 29: Evelyn Dauwalder of Oswego and Ruth V. Dickson of Yorkville were announced as the Kendall county winners of University of Illinois scholarships for 1936. The scholarships, which are good for a period of four years, exempt the holders from the payment of incidental fees amounting to \$70 per annum and the matriculation fee of \$10. The total value of the scholarships for the four year period is about \$300 each.

Fire along the main line of the CB&Q destroyed 46 shocks of grain in one of Arthur Wormley's fields last week and caught in another field on Sunday. Mr. Wormley did some plowing along the side of the fields. It is so dry it is hard to plow even with a tractor. Several of the farmers in this vicinity have plowed the grain fields along the roads.

Threshing has begun. Some small rings will be nearly finished by the end of this week if it doesn't rain. Those who used a combine have the oats in the bins in excellent condition.

Genevieve Heriaud returned last Saturday from a week's visit at the home of her aunt and uncle at Sandwich.

Lois Walker spent several days recently at the home of Miss Dorothy Montgomery in Aurora, who also entertained two other girls, all classmates at Illinois State Normal university.

Glenn Smith will leave on Saturday for Tribune, Kan., where he will resume the school band and orchestra instruction for the coming school year.

Mrs. Jessie Price and daughter Miss Doris returned last week from a three-week's tour of Alaska. They left Chicago with a Prairie Farmer tour on July 3, arriving at Seattle, Wash. July 7. There they boarded the steamship "Victoria." Reaching Alaska, they took the inland route, going as far north as Skagway. The trip through Alaska took 12 days. On the trip out, a stop was made at Rainier park in Washington, and on the return trip, a tour was taken through Glacier park in Montana.

The Oswego business men are sponsoring a band concert to be given Wednesday evening by the Oswego High School band.

Yorkville: Grading was continuing on Route 66 [now Ill. Route 126], which will join Yorkville and Plainfield.

August -- 1936

Aug. 5: Six members of the Harry Cather family and a niece were injured in an auto collision at the intersection of North avenue and Fourth street in Aurora July 30. At the latest report, the mother, Mrs. Harry Cather, was only conscious at times. She lost one eye and had one arm badly injured.

Everett Hall, son of Mrs. Florence Hall, suffered a painful injury Monday when he cut his finger so badly that the member had to be amputated.

Everett was carrying water to the men around the separator at the Robert Ebinger farm. In jumping from a wagon, a ring, worn on the third finger of his left hand, caught on the wagon, cutting the finger to the bone and fracturing the bone. Dr. Weishew was found to operate.

Yorkville: The Fox river here is at the lowest point the writer has ever seen it. Not a solitary drop of water is passing over the Yorkville dam. We noticed several boys riding their bicycles across

on the dam. It's safe enough, for the top boards are drier than the cement walks of Bridge street.

The underpass at Route 47 and the Burlington tracks near Bristol will be finished up in the next few days. Monday, the concrete for the road was being poured and traffic will soon be passing under the tracks without the usual railroad crossing hazard.

Aug. 12: The Hummel-Wolf threshing ring ended the threshing season with a ham and ice cream supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hummell. Music and games were enjoyed during the evening.

Mrs. Clara Rance spent several days this week with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Norris, at Oak park.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin of the Main street soda shop have moved from Garfield avenue to the Bauman house on Madison street.

Fire, starting from a kerosene stove, destroyed the home and all the furnishings of Mr. and Mrs. Parker Sherwin on the Jim Williams farm south of Oswego Saturday.

The Oswego fire department has been called out many times lately on account of grass and field fires, several of the fires being along Route 34. On Friday, a stubble field burned over on the farm known as the Lew Figge farm and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Lester Smith. There was considerable excitement, as it was feared the flames would spread to the buildings.

Kendall County's livestock and dairy judging team, composed of Virgil, Junior George, and Elaine Smith, brothers and sisters, won first place honors in the annual 4-H livestock and judging contest held at Urbana last Wednesday, out of a record field of 172 teams.

Yorkville: There seems to be a good deal of misinformation or misunderstand on the subject of fire calls and fire districts. Each farmer should find out whether he is in a fire district or not and learn what fire truck to call. The Bristol-Kendall fire district truck will answer calls inside of its district. The Oswego truck answers calls

inside its district. If the Oswego truck is out on a call and there is a second fire in its district, then by a reciprocity agreement, the Bristol truck answers the second call. And likewise if Bristol has two calls, Oswego answers the second one. But neither goes outside its own district otherwise. The Yorkville truck is owned by the village and cannot leave the village except to answer calls in the village of Bristol just across the river, and Bristol answers calls in Yorkville, also a reciprocity agreement.

Route 66 [now Ill. Route 126] between Yorkville and Plainfield will make even the local residents scratch their heads and wonder what road to take. The new road will make existing maps of Kendall and NaAuSay townships worthless.

The grading work is being handled by machine.

Aug. 19: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schultz and Charlene are spending this week at Lake Delavan.

Never, never again say 13 is an unlucky number, for on Aug. 13 we in this vicinity had a rain. Rain, with a capital R. Rain that made mud real good, the first for almost four months during this unusually hot, dry summer. Cisterns that have been empty for weeks were partially filled and the lawns, which seemed dead, began to show green again.

Mrs. Harry Cather and son Gale are still in Aurora hospitals following the automobile accident the last of July. They are slowly improving. The rest of the family who were injured are home. Mrs. Cather's sister, Mrs. Lefler, who came at the time of the accident, and her daughter, Maxine, who was visiting here and was among those injured have returned to their home in LaHarpe.

Charles Condon, son of Mrs. Tom Condon of Oswego, and Rosemary Wynne of Seward are to be married Aug. 22 at St. Mary's Catholic church in Plano.

Miss Julia Boessenecker, born Dec. 13, 1863 at Oswego, died Aug. 16, 1936 at the Copley hospital, Aurora. Miss Boessenecker spent her early years on the homestead near Oswego and her later life in Aurora. She was a member of the Park Place Baptist church. She is

survived by three half-sisters, Mrs. John L Haag and Miss Clara Boessenecker of Aurora, and Mrs. Nellie Ebinger of Oak Park. Funeral services were private at the grave in Springlake cemetery, Aurora.

The body of Miss Blanche Shrader, 35, Shabbona school teacher, was recovered last Friday afternoon from the Fox river along the east bank from the Aurora sewage disposal plant.

Fishermen found the body and notified Aurora authorities, who called Sheriff William A. Maier. Coroner Groner and the sheriff brought the body to the Larson-Hasemeyer funeral home in Yorkville, where an inquest was held Saturday morning.

The case first appeared as a suicide, but as testimony was taken and an autopsy performed, doubt as to the suicide theory arose in the minds of the coroner and sheriff as it seemed that Miss Shrader had met with foul play. The inquest was continued until more evidence could be found.

Miss Shrader had taught for six years in the Rockford schools. She was spending the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Shrader at Shabbona.

Aug. 26: The marriage of Lois Eleanor Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Walker, Oswego, to John Stanley Drew, of Normal, son of Mr. and Mrs. D.F. Drew, Aurora, was solemnized Aug. 24 at the home of the bride's parents.

The bride is a graduate of East Aurora high school and attended the Illinois State Teachers' college at Normal. The bridegroom is a graduate of East Aurora high school, the Chicago School of Printing, and the Mergenthaler Linotype school. In 1935 he graduated from Illinois State Normal university. While at the university he was elected a member of Kappa Phi Kappa and Theta Alpha Phi fraternities. He is employed as a linotype operator by the Daily Pantagraph at Bloomington, and after a short wedding trip he and his bride will reside at 411 Normal avenue, Normal.

Mrs. Harry Cather came home from the Copley hospital last week. She is slowly recuperating from the auto accident in which she and several members of the family were injured the last week of July. Gale, the 12 year old son, is in the St. Charles hospital waiting to recover from a leg injury.



Superintendent John L. Clayton announces that the Oswego schools, both elementary and high, will open on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

During the past months, many improvements have been made on the school building. Two new rooms have been added to the high school building, including a fine library room, also a first aid emergency room has been added, which will be of great value to the students.

The curriculum has been rearranged for the six-six plan of instruction, as both the former seventh and eighth grades will have the advantage of departmentalized work with the high school. This plan will provide for greater efficiency regarding use of schoolroom space as well as both pupils and teachers time. All work offered in the high school this year will be on a fully accredited basis. The Oswego board of education issues an invitation to pupils living in non-high school territory to investigate the opportunities offered by the Oswego high school when choosing a school to attend this fall.

Yorkville: An election will be held on Thursday, Sept. 3, at the high school assembly, Newark for the purpose of deciding whether or not a Newark four year high school will be established.

September -- 1936

Sept. 2: Many Oswegoans attended the Farm Bureau picnic held at the Sandwich fair grounds on Thursday.

Oswego friends are sorry for Mr. and Mrs. Jules Schlapp and family who lost their home and some of their furnishings by fire Saturday. This is the second time their home has burned within a few years.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wormley moved into their new residence on Route 34 last week. Their home, the Myron Wormley homestead, burned last February.

Joy Boffenmeyer has been spending two weeks in Minneapolis. She will return on the zephyr the last of this week.

Yorkville: While riding past the James H. Bereman place just south of Montgomery recently we noticed that a new home has been built, a stone foundation and first floor tipped by a wooden second story. A fine new home. We remember that there used to be deer on the fine grounds but we haven't seen them there lately.

Sept. 9: Norman Hulse entertained about 30 young people last Thursday evening at a hayrack party. The group concluded the fun with a wiener roast in Frank Gary's woods.

Marshall Young, who has won prizes other years in poultry judging and entries, made a sensational win at the Sandwich Fair this year. Showing birds in 22 classes, he took 16 firsts and 15 seconds. He entered Wyandotes, Buff Orpingtons, Partridge Cochins, and Buff Cochin Bantams.

Newark: The outcome of the school election last Thursday resulted in 261 votes for the four year high school and 222 against it.

Sept. 16: Paul and Stuart Shoger, Lois Ruhs, George Junior Smith, Gertrude Wagner, Carl Hafenrichter are registering this week at North Central College.

Several young people are attending business college in Aurora, but so many telephones are out of order it is impossible to obtain their names.

The Wheatland Plowing match in which many Oswego people are interested was postponed from Sept. 12 to Sept. 17 on account of rain. There was rain Friday night, some on Saturday, Saturday night, and Sunday forenoon, a real old-fashioned soaking rain. There was considerable wind on Friday night with many large trees and branches blown down.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harvey lost some of their White Rock chickens last Saturday night, but didn't know it until the Aurora police called them to inquire if they had lost some. One of the thieves and the stolen chickens were picked up in Aurora, and the Harveys got most of their chickens back.

C. Wayland Brooks, Republican nominee for governor, will make his only Kendall county appearance this Saturday night at Oswego. It is hoped the weather will permit the meeting to be held on the main street. However, in case of inclement weather, the Oswego high school gymnasium will house the assembly.

“Curley” Brooks is an outstanding Republican and splendid speaker.

Yorkville: There will be a special meeting of the Illinois Brotherhood of Threshermen at Yorkville on Sept. 18 for the purpose of devising ways and means of combating the License Law that was passed in 1935 compelling us to buy a license to operate the following machinery: Farm tractors, traction engines, threshing machines, clover hullers, ensilage cutters, corn shredders, corn shellers, corn grinders, hay presses, portable saw mills, binders, combines, farm machinery and implements, well drilling outfits, and farm vehicles when engaged for commercial use for hire, fees, or charges.

In the confusion of the severe windstorm and rain early Friday night, an accident occurred on the Yorkville bridge. The car of Ralph Farren proceeding north, ran out of gas and while Ralph was standing in the rear of the car pouring gasoline into the tank, he was struck by a car driven by Joseph Riemenschneider, also of Yorkville. Ralph was taken to the Sandwich hospital where x-rays showed a fractured leg and deep punctures above and below the knee. He was removed to an Aurora hospital Monday afternoon. Circulation in the leg has been impaired and he will take treatments in Aurora.

Sept. 23: Watts Cutter is another of Oswego's young people who is attending Aurora college.

Jean Leigh and Raymond Heriaud are attending the Metropolitan Business college in Aurora.

Betty Condon was home from the Northern Illinois State Teachers' college at DeKalb over the weekend.

The newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Condon, have begun housekeeping on the farm formerly known as the Suhler place.

Leonard Hafenrichter is now employed at the All-Steel Equipment company in Aurora.

Yorkville: The residents of Yorkville and vicinity were grieved to hear last Wednesday that it was necessary to amputate Ralph Farren's leg, which was badly broken in an automobile accident Friday night, Sept. 11

Sept. 30: Harlan Mundsinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mundsinger, was united in marriage to Miss Carolyn Cook, daughter of Joseph Cook of Aurora, Sept. 26 at a nuptial high mass at St. Therese's church. Mr. Mundsinger is engaged with his father in farming near Oswego, while the bride is employed in the office at All-Steel Equipment in Aurora. Following their return from a trip through northern Wisconsin, they will be at home on the farm near Oswego.

Dan Bickford's house in Joliet, which had just been redecorated, had the roof destroyed by fire recently.

October -- 1936

Oct. 7: A large number of people attended the Wheatland plowing match on Saturday. It was an ideal day for the postponed event.

The Gaylord school community club met at the home of Mrs. Mary Condon on Friday Oct. 2.

When the weather permits, the farmers continue their silo filling. Some weeks it has even been too wet to plow.

A meeting of the Oswego grade and high school teachers is to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Clayton on Wednesday evening. Mr. Clayton will be the leader of the discussion topic, "Adequate State Financial Support for Schools in Illinois."

Superintendent John L. Clayton took a number of the high school boys to Evanston Saturday to witness the Northwestern-Iowa football game, won by Northwestern, 18-7.

Miss Eva Ditto, who has been employed as housekeeper for the McLaren brothers for the past two years, has gone to Aurora where she has a position.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Schlapp of Pontiac, Mich. are here for two weeks to assist in the work on the farm of his father, Harry Schlapp.

On Friday evening, Oct. 2, Ruth Violet, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmidt of Oswego, and Glen Robert, son of Mrs. Agnes Schlapp of NaAuSay, were united in marriage by the Rev. Car J. Kress, pastor of the Oswego Prairie church. The single ring ceremony was used.

The wedding took place at the farm home of the bridegroom's mother, where Mr. Schlapp and his bride will make their home after their wedding trip.

Mrs. John Hoch of Woodstock, for years a resident of Oswego township, visited her son, Ernest Hoch and wife last week.

Yorkville: We were thrilled to tears last Friday afternoon and huge excitement pervaded the atmosphere...the cause was 'cause the New York Central streamlined steam train, which had been chartered by The Rexall company, was due to haul over the little Fox River branch of the CB&Q railroad, which if you didn't know it, has tracks running through Yorkville. About 12:54 we gathered down east of the depot and set up a various assortment of cameras and stuff, climbed around looking for advantageous spots from which to shoot the train, climbed down, back up, finally getting situated, and then waiting more or less patiently for the "streamliner" to come round the bend, which it did in due time and at no great speed and the notes of the camera shutters clicking was deafening. The train itself was a beautiful sight, nicely painted in blue and white, with "The Rexall Train" announcing the charterers. We didn't see Homer Webster's name on the choo-choo anywhere, but he is one of the Rexall druggists who handles the products of the company. In fact, "Doc" runs "the biggest small town drug store in Illinois," which isn't half bad for a town of this size.

Oct. 14: Due to fast driving, Johnny Ledbetter ran into a tree on the corner of the Grove road near Andy Myers'. The auto was quite badly damaged, but the young man was not seriously injured.

While crossing the highway between his house and barn last week Monday, Arthur Wormley was struck by a passing automobile. Watching a car coming from one direction one from the opposite way struck him. No bones were broken, but Mr. Wormley was so severely bruised that he spent most of the week in bed.

Mrs. Esther Cutter, who has spent several weeks at the St. Charles hospital, is slowly improving, and is expected home this week. Her son, Ensign [Slade] Cutter from California, recently made her two brief visits when going and returning from a business trip to Baltimore, Md.

Yorkville: Route 66 [now U.S. Route 34] between Oswego and Naperville will soon be open to traffic. The cement slab is poured and after a short period of seasoning and cleaning up, the highway will be thrown open.

The viaduct over the EJ&E tracks east of Aurora on Route 65, where Route 30 and Route 65 intersect, represents a real engineering accomplishment. The depth of the fill required is huge. There is fully a quarter mile of fill on each side. Some real labor was required for this job.

The WPA project in Kendall county sponsored by the Tax commission, is misunderstood by a number of citizens and the following explanation is in order to make it clear.

The survey deals with the sources of revenue of various local governments of which the most important is the property tax. For this purpose it is essential to have the assessments, tax rates, and taxes extended for each of the 16,000 local governments in the state and in order to show the trend of events that information is being gathered for a period of 10 years. The study continues with the analysis of tax collections and indebtedness of these local governments and a summary of their other revenue. This second stage of the project is concerned with the expenditures, and for this purpose the financial records of the townships, counties, cities, and villages are being consulted. The main objective of this work is to

being together information on the cost of our local governments and on the part of this burden borne by real estate, personal property, and railroads. This information will be printed so that citizens and others may obtain an accurate and reliable picture of conditions throughout the entire state.

According to the Kendall County Farm Bureau, some interest has been manifested in a corn husking contest for Kendall county. It will be necessary to have a number of contestants and any who are interested should report immediately to the Kendall County Farm Bureau.

Photo caption: "Doc" Webster and "Skippy" Fitch were very pleased a week ago last Thursday when the Rexall steam streamliner of the New York Central paid Yorkville a flying visit. Mr. Fitch was pleased because his tracks were favored with the weight of such a famous train and Mr. Webster because the trip showed that the Rexall Stores do all they can to help their druggist members.

Oct. 21: Free talking pictures at the Oswego school auditorium Oct. 26 at 8 p.m. The school band will furnish music. Congressman R. Ewing Thompson of Texas will deliver the principal address. Admission free. The picture will be presented at the Yorkville town hall Friday, Oct. 30.

The Mothers club held its annual Fathers' night at the club rooms on Oct. 20. Professor Hummel of North Central college gave the address on "Trees," supplementing his talk with slides.

When Mr. and Mrs. Allen Woolley returned from a visit to their daughter and family at Harrison, Mich. last week, they said there were three inches of snow on the ground when they left. Give us good old Illinois, with her green pastures and roadsides and the trees in beautiful fall colors. We have almost forgotten the very hot, dry summer and there are some vegetables in the gardens now. Several have reported finding raspberries and violets. A few farmers have begun husking corn. The fall rains made good plowing. The silos are filled, clover hulled, some soybean hay put up, and there are some soybeans to harvest.

Oct. 28: The annual Junior Frolic of the Oswego high school was held Friday night. The gymnasium was filled to overflowing and as in former years, the audience voted on the best stunt. The senior class won first place, receiving 85 percent of the votes with their stunt, "Nite Kort." the sophomores won second with "Halloween party." The freshman stunt was "Kindergarten," and the juniors presented a one-act play "Flivver Ride," using a collapsible car made of paper and cardboard.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dauwalder entertained relatives from Montana last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Clayton Louis, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Inman of Oswego, passed away at the Copley hospital Saturday, Oct. 24. Services were held Monday at 10 o'clock from the Thorsen funeral home in Oswego. Interment in the Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: Interest seems to run high in the corn husking contest in Kendall county this year and as a result of the meeting held last Saturday night, arrangements are being made for a contest to be held on the farm of Bert Kellogg next Saturday, Oct. 31. The winner of this county contest will be eligible to compete in the state contest to be held in DeKalb county on Nov. 4.

In Gov. Horner's leaflet, "You Can't Fool the People of Kendall County," circulated throughout the county the first of the week if found among the other claims in large black letters: "The Fox River Bridge at Oswego."

Our telephone has been ringing, with people calling to tell us that the new Oswego bridge cannot be found. One caller asked if we have a picture of it.

As nearly as we can find out, the new bridge at Oswego has never been even contracted for and from the number of surveying parties which have surveyed various sites no one is even sure where the bridge will be, when and if it is built.

November -- 1936



Nov. 4: On Saturday evening, Oct. 31, Miss Gladys Parkhurst, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clare Parkhurst, became the bride of John Allen Laswell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Laswell of Humansville, Mo. Following a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Laswell will make their home in Elgin where he is employed by the L.B. Price mercantile company.

Mrs. Stanley Peterson spent several days the first of the week with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Drew, at normal.

Yorkville: Roosevelt Overwhelming Victor

Kendall County Republican Mewhirter, House, Groner Win

In preliminary results of Tuesday's balloting, the *Record* reported that GOP candidate Alf Landon outpolled the Democrats' Franklin Roosevelt in Kendall County 2,787 to 2,094. Roosevelt, however, carried two Kendall County precincts, Kendall, 354-331 and Bristol, 324-255. The GOP's "Curley" Brooks, who spoke in Oswego during the campaign for Illinois governor, won Kendall County, 2,719-2,060 against Democrat Henry Horner, but lost the statewide election.

In spite of heavy rain on Monday, the Kendall county corn husking contest was staged with eight contestants.

Edward Olson of Newark was first man with a net weight of 31.3 bushels after all deductions were made. His total weight was 2,290 pounds before deducting 32 pounds and 10 ounces of gleanings. Bernard Miller of Yorkville was second; Ernest Erickson of Yorkville was third. Others competing were Russell Sauer of Yorkville; Clarence Gehrke, Yorkville; Arthur Thompson, Lisbon; Orville Boring, Plano; and Everett Casson, Plano.

The contest was held on the farm of Bert Kellogg in NaAuSay township, in corn that would yield around 75 bushels per acre.

Approval has been given by President Roosevelt to the allotment of PWA funds to four new Illinois projects, Administrator Harold L. Ickes announced in Washington last week. Among the projects is a grant of \$176,727 for the construction of a new pavement in State Bond Issue Route 66 [now Ill. Route 126] from Plainfield to Yorkville in Kendall and Will counties, consisting of 12.52 miles of 20-foot 6-

1/2 inch slab, standard state highway specification concrete pavement. Total construction cost, \$392,727.

Nov. 11: Gale Cather was brought home from the hospital in Aurora Saturday, still in a serious condition resulting from the automobile accident last July in which five members of the family were injured, the mother losing her left eye. The 12 year-old Gale has spent many of the intervening weeks in the hospital enduring much suffering.

Oswego township has been quite thoroughly electrified and many are the motors, washing machines, flatirons, radios, and other electrically operated gadgets that have been purchased, even including electric corn poppers.

Along with prosperity, winter is "just around the corner." we had a real snowstorm last Sunday so that the ground was covered all day. The farmers are hurrying to get the soybeans combined and the corn husked. Many are using husking machines with their tractors. Corn is an average crop in spite of the drought of the summer.

Roy Hettrich recently shot a fox that he saw while doing his fall plowing.

Thomas and Charles Condon have purchased a corn shredder which husks the corn and shreds the stalks and leaves, adding to that the shelled corn that would otherwise be lost and leaves it ready to feed cattle.

Nov. 18: Lock up your chickens or at least mark them and get a cross dog. Three farmers east of Oswego had chickens stolen last week. George Hafenrichter lost two or three dozen on Tuesday night, some being taken from two hen houses. Peter Pletcher lost 100 on Thursday night, and the Christoffels lost 85 roosters, which they had shut up to fatten, on Friday night. At all three places, the thieves entered through the windows. None of the chickens were marked.

Dr. James Pearce, 62, died suddenly of a heart attack last Saturday afternoon, Nov. 14, while watching the Iowa-Purdue football game.

Dr. Pearce was born Dec. 21, 1873 in Oswego. He attended Oswego high school and graduated from Northwestern university in 1896. He received the Ph.M. award in 1897. While at Northwestern he was a member of the football team and is said to have played every minute of every game the team played from 1892 to 1896. The nickname "Keg" followed him to the Iowa campus. In 1907, Professor Pearce received his Ph.D. degree from Johns Hopkins university and that fall he joined the faculty of the University of Iowa where he served to the time of his death. Funeral services were held at the grave in the Pearce cemetery, Oswego, Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. C.W. Whitman, wife of Charles M. Whitman, died at Henrietta, Okla. Sept. 27, 1936. Mr. Whitman was employed in Oswego as a tinsmith years ago.

Nov. 25: Full obit of Dr. James Pearce, including highlights of his football career at Northwestern University, on page 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dwyre will be the guests of their mothers, Mrs. Nellie Dwyre and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis at Amboy on Thanksgiving day.

Arnold Bower lost the radio from his auto one evening last week. It was stolen while the car was in the garage. Mr. and Mrs. Bower were away for the evening. Others have lost gasoline and oil, gasoline even having been drained from a tractor.

December -- 1936

Dec. 2: The marriage of Miss Frances Holaday, daughter of Mrs. William Holaday of Aurora, and George Woolley, son of Albert Woolley took place Nov. 25, 1936 at the home of the bride's mother.

Mrs. Valencia Figge of Oswego and Delbert H. Judge of Aurora were married Nov. 21 at the home of the latter in Oswego.

Miss Kathryn Marion Norris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Norris of Green Bay, Wis., became the bride of Wilson Haag, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Haag of Oswego Nov. 25.

Oliver Hem was recently recognized as an outstanding poultry club member and his name was placed on the state honor roll.

Marie Bazan, a student at the Harvey school, was the winner of the township spelling contest held Nov. 20. Teacher is Miss Leota Anderson. The township winners will represent their respective townships in the county spelling contest in the Yorkville school building on Dec. 4. The county contest winner will be given the opportunity to go to the state contest to be held in the senate chamber of the capitol building, Springfield on Dec. 28.

Dec. 9: The vote for the Community High school district on Saturday, Dec. 5, carried 501 votes for to 326 votes against.

Many from this vicinity attended the International Livestock exposition held in Chicago last week.

Motion pictures of the effects of alcohol were presented by the Anti-Saloon league at the Federated church Dec. 7.

Winter set in in earnest on Sunday. The thermometer dropped about 40 degrees Sunday and was far below zero Monday morning, with the ground partly covered with snow and ice. Looks like a "good" old-fashioned winter.

Yorkville: The Kendall County Circulating Library committee, composed of teachers from throughout the county recently met and ordered all books and also completed other arrangements for a Kendall County Circulating Library.

Thirty-seven of the rural and village schools in the county have joined, paying approximately \$380 into the fund. The cost is 65 cents per pupil for the first year and 25 cents for the following year. This membership is not compulsory, but it is enthusiastically endorsed by County Superintendent Vandever and members of the committee.

The new books ordered by the committee, together with the 100 complimentary copies and approximately 200 copies of used books from the old library will be available to the schools which have joined. A different group of books will be delivered four or five times to each school during the year.

On Saturday, Dec. 5, in Yorkville, the vote to establish a community high school district passed 246-140.

Dec. 16: The Smith trio, stock judging team, George Junior, Virgil, and Elaine, with their father, George, 4-H club leader and Farm Adviser W.P. Miller broadcast over WLS last Saturday during the noon 4-H club program.

Harold Brown, who has been a truck driver for several months making his home with his sister, Mrs. Andrew Peterson, has returned to his home at Martin, Tenn. to assist his father.

Nothing has as yet been heard of Kenneth Darfler's auto, which was stolen from the driveway alongside the house several weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shoger have a new boy, born Dec. 7, 1936 at the St. Joseph hospital. Dean Gordon is the name and he is the third child in the family.

Dec. 23: Glenn Smith, band and orchestra instructor in the Tribune, Ia. school, will spend his Christmas vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Smith. His fiancé, Marie Allen of Wheaton, will also be a guest at the Royce and Ralph Smith home.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davis have a baby daughter, Barbara Mary, born at the Copley hospital Dec. 17. The little lady came on the anniversary of her maternal grandmother, Mrs. E.E. Hafenrichter's birthday.

The Oswego school glee club sang Christmas carols at the prayer meeting service at the Presbyterian church last Sunday.

Mrs. Kenneth Gowran and baby daughter Catherine Elaine, returned from the hospital to their home on Main street Wednesday.

The Oswego grade school gave its Christmas program in the gymnasium on Friday evening, Dec. 18. The school closed on Tuesday and will open on Wednesday, Jan. 6, two whole weeks of vacation.

Dec. 30: Funeral services for Mrs. Tom Findlay of Seward township were held Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gilmore. Mr. Findlay is seriously ill with double pneumonia. Mrs. Findlay is survived by her husband and three small children; her parents, two sisters and a brother. Interment was in the Lincoln Highway cemetery. [Her husband died Dec. 31]

Lou Young hasn't been well for several weeks and is now confined to his bed, cared of by his wife at their home with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Shoger.

Superintendent John L. Clayton is a delegate to the state educational convention, formerly Illinois State Teachers' association, being held in Springfield.

1937

January

Jan. 6: Many have been ill recently with the flu, in some cases whole families have been affected. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Elliott, Ruth Mary, and five-weeks old baby James have all been ill since Christmas.

Cleora and Beverly Woolley are recovering from ear infections following the flu.

Andrew Peterson, Oswego's all-around handy man, has been confined to his home for 10 days with flue and ear trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Campbell have an eight-pound boy, born Monday morning Jan. 4, at the Copley hospital Mr. and Mrs.

Campbell have a fine little family. The older children are Patricia, Mary Lou, and David.

Many from Oswego attended the annual Farm Bureau meeting at Yorkville Dec. 31.

The country schools reopened Monday, but the village school enjoys vacation until Wednesday.

The school boards for the Yorkville and Oswego community high school districts were selected last Saturday. The results of the election in Oswego were Bert Kellogg, W.H. Davis, J. Kenneth Campbell, Kenneth Ricketts, and Robert W. Ebinger. Elected in the Yorkville district were Covell Sleezer, August Leifheit, H.E. Ament, Charles Howell, and Clarence Hall.

Jan. 13: The cold weather struck this vicinity on Saturday with a temperature of 10 degrees above zero on Sunday, gradually warming up and followed by rain and fog, but no snow nor sleet. When highways near cities as close as Freeport and Gibson City were almost impassable because of sleet and snow, this vicinity was covered with water until Jan. 10, when the temperature was again 12 degrees above zero but no snow and the highways were clean and hard.

Miss Ruth Shoger was ill with flu last week and there was no school in the Walker school where she is the teacher and no organist in the Presbyterian church.

Stephen Paydon, Oswego township, has been declared not only county winner in the Skilled Drivers' club contest but has also won the district contest, which makes him eligible to compete for state honors during the IAA annual meeting in Chicago Jan. 27-29. The Skilled Drivers' club is a part of the young people's activities of the county. This organization meets once each month on the fourth Thursday for a program of recreation and instruction.

Jan. 20: Mrs. G.H. Voss died Friday, Jan. 15, 1937 at her home in Oswego following a brief illness.

Martha Richards Voss was a resident of Oswego during her entire life, except for a short residence in Yorkville while Mr. Voss held the office of sheriff. She took an active part in the work of the Oswego Federated church, in the Lorraine chapter of the Eastern Star, in the Past Matrons' and other clubs and social affairs.

She is survived by her husband; three sisters, Mame and Grace Richards of Aurora and Mrs. Sadie Wier of Tacoma, Wash.; two brothers, M.J. Richards of Aurora and B.W. Richards of Chicago and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Jan. 18 with interment in the Oswego cemetery.

Henry Smith, who has been a patient at the St. Joseph hospital for the past two months died Jan. 13. He was born in LaSalle county and was 80 years of age. He is survived by two sons, William A. and Lester C. of Oswego; three daughters, all of Aurora; and 12 grandchildren. Burial was in Mt. Olivet cemetery, Aurora.

Fred Willis, Oswego's general repair man, was himself up for repairs last week, a victim of the flu.

Jan. 27: Lillian Lamb, daughter of Postmaster and Mrs. Will Lamb, and Howard Clawson of NaAuSay, were married Jan. 16, at Morris. Mrs. Clawson was a member of the senior class at the Oswego high school, is one of the girls' trio which sang at many entertainments. Mr. Clawson is an electrician. They will live in Yorkville.

Dr. Weishew has gone to Mexico for two weeks to rest up from the continuous day and night calls he has had to make this winter.

The womanless play, "Ladies for a Night," given at the high school gym last Thursday and Friday, netted nearly \$100 and everyone a lot of fun.

So many of the little folk are ill that it is hardly fair to mention names, but among them are Barbara and Cleora Woolley and Jimmie Shoger.

February -- 1937



Feb. 3: Word was received here last week of the death of Tom Ferguson, who dropped dead from a heart attack at Dayton, Ohio while working on some machinery for which he was a salesman and repairman.

Mr. Ferguson was born in Chicago in 1907 and in 1929 married Nona Woolley daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Woolley of Oswego. Nona died Aug. 26, 1935.

A few weeks ago, Mr. Ferguson remarried and his wife, Alice and his mother, Mrs. Margaret Ferguson of Detroit, survive him.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Lippold have a girl, born Jan. 30 at an Aurora hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dwyre have moved to the Hafenrichter house in the south part of town. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Baker, who have purchased the Constantine house vacated by the Dwyres, are remodeling the house before moving in.

Stuart Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson, a freshman in Oswego high, recently suffered a painful injury. A paper wad shot from a slingshot struck him directly on the eyeball and it was several days before an eye specialist could determine that sight could be restored.

The Yorkville varsity basketball team beat Oswego 23-18 in the Oswego gym last Friday night.

Any boys up to the age of 20 years who would like to enter the American Legion boxing tournament this year are requested to make known their desires to either Robert Woodard or L.H. "Dink" Wormley, both of Oswego.

Yorkville: According to reports issued by the State Department of Public Health of Illinois, pneumonia reached a considerably higher reported prevalence peak as the new year began than at any previous time since December 1928. For the week ending Jan. 4, 1937, a total of 1,056 cases were reported. The peak of the epidemic has passed, but prevalence is likely to continue at a relatively high level until April.

Feb. 10: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Matile have a girl born at the Copley hospital Thursday, Feb. 4.

Miss Ruth Feucht has resigned her position in the first grade in the Oswego school and has accepted a position as a tutor in Chicago.

The Legion post No. 675 is sponsoring a home-talent barn dance in March.

The Kendall County Teachers' association met for its midwinter institute at the Oswego high school auditorium on Friday.

The Busy Bee cub met Wednesday with Mrs. John McMicken. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Clarence Matile. There will be a surprise program with Mrs. Allen McMicken and Sylvia Matile as the program committee.

Feb. 17: Watch your step. A wave of serious accidents seems to be sweeping over Oswego. Following that of Mrs. Mary Weese, who is in the Copley suffering from a broken hip, which she got when she stepped off one step thinking she was at the foot of the stairs, I.C. Wagner stepped in a hole in his backyard and broke both bones in one ankle.

On Thursday, Mrs. Emma Wormley fell in her home on Main street and broke her right hip.

Little Joyce Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. ester Smith on the Lew Figge farm, fractured her collarbone last Saturday.

The George Croushorn house has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pasko.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Besch and little daughter are moving into the Senna Hafenrichter house on Madison street this spring from the farm known as the "Cob" Pearce place. Mr. and Mrs. Bromeland of Route 34 have rented the Pearce farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Herren and daughters are moving to town the first of March and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Updike have rented the Herren farm.

Lou C. Young, 71, resident of Oswego his entire life, and a prominent building contractor in Kendall county for more than 50 years, died Saturday at his home in Oswego. He was born there Dec. 9, 1865.

Surviving are his widow, Mary; two sons, Dwight S. of Oswego and Neil A. of Aurora; two daughters, Mrs. Orma Shoger of Oswego and Mrs. Aleen Sprague of Aurora; two brothers, Jay of Elgin and Dick of Oswego; a sister, Mrs. Helen Smith of Winton Junction, Iowa; and 12 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon from the J.B. Thorsen chapel in Oswego. Interment will be in Elmwood cemetery at Yorkville. -- *Aurora Daily Beacon-News*.

Feb. 24: The Oswego post of the American Legion is sponsoring another WLS barn dance show, which is to be staged in the Oswego high school gymnasium March 4-6.

March -- 1937

March 3: Myron Herren had a farm sale Friday and with his family has moved to the new home on Main street, formerly occupied by his brother, Robert and family. Howard Herren has purchased the Burkhardt residence on the Oswego-Naperville road and with his family will move there as soon as he can get possession. In the meantime they are living with his mother, Mrs. Nellie Herren.

Mrs. Paul Dhuse and daughter Darlene are recovering from their recent illnesses. Darlene will be released from scarlet fever quarantine the last of the week.

Mrs. John Cook passed away at her home on Route 34 last Saturday evening. Mr. Cook had retired and a son, John, who was at the basketball tournament at Yorkville, returned about 11 and found his mother dead, sitting in her chair.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wormley were in Chicago last week. Mr. Wormley is trying to get relief from his crippled condition, which was caused when he was struck by an automobile last fall.

“It Looks Like a Big Time Tonight” will be the opening chorus for the WLS home talent show, which is to be staged in the Oswego gymnasium under the auspices of American Legion Post 675 March 4-6.

The favorite WLS characters will be impersonated by local talent

March 10: Gail Cather, who has continually suffered from injuries received in an auto accident last July is now able to get around on crutches. He spent last week with his sister in Plano.

The WLS barn dance show at the school gym last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday drew large crowds from the surrounding vicinity.

Miss Ollye Woolley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wooley of Oswego and Roy Krug, son of Mr. and d Mrs. Theodore Krug of Yorkville, were united in marriage last Wednesday evening, March 3. Mrs. Krug graduated from the Oswego high school in the class of 1934. Mr. Krug is a graduate of Yorkville high school of the class of 1932. They left on a short wedding trip and will return this week, when they will live on the Wooley farm.

Mrs. Emma Richards Wormley, 81, a pioneer resident of Oswego died in the St. Joseph's Mercy hospital, Aurora Friday evening, March 5, as the result of a fractured hip received when she fell in her home three weeks ago.

Mrs. Wormley was born in Oswego on July 8, 1855 and had lived in or near her home town all her life. Sixty-three years ago she became the bride of George D. Wormley, who preceded her in death by 9 years. Surviving her is one son, M.J. of Oswego, and a grandson, Edward Wormley. Another son was killed when a boy. Funereal services were held from the Thorsen funeral home March 8 and the Federated church. Interment was in the Oswego cemetery.

March 17: Marian Gast, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gast, is a patient at the Copley hospital, having undergone a thyroid operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Herren have moved to their new farm home east of Plainfield.

Plano: Carl Johnson, 47, a shell-shocked veteran of the World war, committed suicide by hanging in the silo chute on the David Hjerstedt farm about a mile north of Plano last Wednesday afternoon.

March 24: The Oswego Post Office is being renovated and modernized. New lock boxes in metal with cherrywood framework are being installed, with a steel grating to the ceiling. The outer door will be open until 9 p.m. and for a short time Sunday mornings to allow the holders of lockboxes to get their mail.

Miss Mary Etta Roberts, 66, died at her home in Oswego on Saturday following a heart attack.

Miss Roberts was an ardent member and worker in the Oswego Presbyterian church.

Funeral services were held from the Presbyterian church Tuesday. Burial was made in the Oswego cemetery.

March 28 (Beacon-News): Lincoln Highway Through Aurora  
A new Illinois number, 31, is to be posted north from Oswego on the west bank of the Fox river through Aurora, St. Charles, Elgin, and through McHenry and Richmond to the Wisconsin line. Portions of this route now bear the shields of U.S. 12, 14, 30, 330, and 34. U.S. 30 and 330 will be removed from the new Ill. 31. U.S. 30, the Lincoln highway, will be routed west through Aurora seven miles to Ill. 47 and thence north 10 miles in 47 to the present U.S. 30. The U.S. 330, Roosevelt road, will be marked through Geneva ten miles west to the new intersection with U.S. 30 and Ill. 47.

April -- 1937

April 7: On Saturday morning, April 3, Irene Margurite Webber, daughter of Mrs. Agnes Webber of South Fordham, Aurora, became the bride of Thomas J. Condon, older son of Mrs. Mary Condon of Oswego. Mr. and Mrs. Condon will live on the home place, a farm on the Oswego-Plainfield road.

A meeting was held Friday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Wolf in the interest of a county home bureau. Miss Black of

the University of Illinois was present and several ladies who will work for the organization of the bureau were also in attendance.

Mrs. Emma Inman, 65, died at her home Friday night, April 2. She is survived by her son, Edward Inman; a little granddaughter, Lona Jean Inman; her mother, Mrs. Annie Haines; and a brother, I.E. Haines, all of Oswego. Mrs. Inman, a lifelong resident of Oswego, was a member and secretary of the Oswego School Board for many years. She was a charter member of the Parent-Teacher Association and the XIX Century Club. Following the death of her husband she acted as postmistress at Oswego for several years. Interment was made in the Oswego Cemetery beside her husband, Lewis Inman, who passed away March 10, 1929. Mrs. Inman's death was a great shock to Oswego friends. She had not been very well all winter but was around as usual and spent the evening with neighbors, going to her home before 11 and retiring. She evidently passed away before midnight, victim of a heart attack.

The Oswego school was closed Monday afternoon in respect for Mrs. Emma Inman who had been an efficient member of the school board for many years.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon, April 1, from the Thorsen funeral home for Ed Goldthwaite, 84, father of Mrs. Mabel Korte MacPhail. Interment was in the Pearce cemetery beside his wife, who preceded him in death by several years. Mr. Goldthwaite had been a banker and accountant for the past 30 years at the Soldiers and Sailors home at Quincy.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gengler have a baby boy, David Keith, born March 26. They have an older son, 3, Dwayne.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Norris of Oak Park are the parents of a girl born at the Copley Hospital in Aurora, March 29. Mr. and Mr. Norris are Oswego young folks. The baby has been named Louise Margaret.

April 14: Mr. and Mrs. Fay Blackman have moved into the apartment over the Schultz grocery store.

At the Oswego school election held Saturday, A.W. Lauder and Kenneth Campbell were elected on the high school board and John Pahaly and Ed Baker on the grade school board.

At the village election to be held next Tuesday, April 20, the question of whether or not to have daylight saving time in the village of Oswego will be voted on.

Ida Collins, born Jan. 1, 1870, died April 12, 1937. She leaves three brothers, Frank, Tom, and Gilbert; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held from the Thorsen funeral home Thursday and from the Presbyterian church. Burial will be in the Oswego cemetery.

Miss Collins spent her life doing for others, her parents, her brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews. Her niece, with whom she lived, was her special charge from childhood and cared for Miss Collins during her last years.

April 21: The countryside resounded with the roar of the tractors as most of the farmers began work in the fields on Monday. Horses are a back number nowadays.

About 50 neighbors and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Condon, newlyweds, Thursday evening and charivariated them and then were invited to spend the evening.

Mrs. Herbert Norris and baby Louise Margaret, who have been staying with her mother, Mrs. Clara Rance for two weeks, have gone to their home in Oak Park.

Approximately 48 miles of pavement, 36 miles of grading, 7 miles of gravel and seven bridges are tentatively scheduled for letting during the month of April by the State Division of Highways. Proposed work on which the full right-of-way has been obtained includes the Fox River bridge at Oswego, in Kendall County.

April 28: Mrs. Dan Bickford was hostess to the Wigwam club on Thursday.

The Oswego school band was on the program at the Plano Civic day, Tuesday, April 27.

On Friday evening, April 30, the physical education class of the Oswego high school will give a gym circus at the school gymnasium.

Four Oswego young people participated in a radio program over WROK at Rockford last Sunday afternoon. Leota Anderson and Stephen Paydon sang and Loretta Condon and Leonard Hafenrichter discussed "Farm Problems of the Rural Youth."

"And the next day it rains:--and the next day, too. The farmers have only has a few days to work when the land was in good condition and the oats sowing is not finished and won't be now before May 1.

The vote for daylight savings time in Oswego carried at the town election on Tuesday, April 20. All meetings of the churches and schools will be on the fast time. The Presbyterian prayer meeting on each Tuesday night will begin at 8:30.

Rural mail carrier Leslie Peshia and wife are enjoying a week's vacation in the Black Hills. They were accompanied by some cousins. Marshall Young, the substitute carrier, will be on Route 2 this week.

Yorkville: An important service of the extension department of the university is the increasing in volume of broadcasting station WILL so that farmers in all parts of the state may hear the agricultural programs. The university's farm program will be on the air over WILL, 580 kilocycles, from 12:30 to 1 each weekday and the homemakers' program will be over the same station on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 to 10:15.

May -- 1937

May 5: Mr. and Mrs. Clay Cutter's little son, Bill, celebrated his third birthday anniversary by having the chicken pox. The chicken pox was a light case. Many of the little folks of school age and under have been having it this spring.



And still it rains. It was just what we wanted--last year.

Mr. and Mrs. John Constantine, Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Hem, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hem, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hafenrichter, and Rueben Hafenrichter attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Almira Hafenrichter Faust of Aurora at the Healy chapel Monday. The nephews were pall-bearers. Mrs. Faust died Saturday evening, May 1, at the age of 87 years. She is survived by one son, Harry of Aurora, with whom she made her home; and a brother, Lawrence Hafenrichter of Yorkville.

William Palmer, 71, died at Phoenix, Ariz. April 27. Mr. Palmer was born in Wheatland Aug. 1, 1865 and had lived the most of his life in Will county and Oswego. He is survived by his wife, Grace Miller Palmer; two daughters, Mrs. Marian Star of Aurora and Mrs. Bessie Woolley of Oswego; and sons Kenyon of Phoenix and Robert of Oswego; four sisters, Mrs. Henry Oldham of Walters, Okla., Mrs. Burt Gilberts, Birmingham, Okla., Mrs. James Lewis and Miss Jennie Palmer, and one brother, Kenyon A. Palmer of Maywood. The funeral was held from the Presbyterian church Saturday, May 1 with burial in the Oswego cemetery. Mr. Palmer was a carpenter by trade and had a wide acquaintance.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Conklin and son have moved into the house on Main street purchased from Earl Herren.

The congregation of the Federated church gave a farewell supper and social evening for the pastor, the Rev. and Mrs. C.H. Relder, last Thursday evening. Paul Bishoff, a senior at Naperville Theological seminary, will begin his pastorate at the Federated church May 9.

May 12: The mixed chorus will present the annual spring operetta, "An Old Spanish Custom," May 14, in the high school gymnasium under the direction of R.R. Thompson. Cast members include June Pahaly, Dorothy Etsinger, Junior Leigh, Betty Jane Hull, Lois Hem, Don Weishew, Robert Weathers, Robert McMicken, Althea Hummel, and Burton Peshia.

The junior class of the Oswego high school entertained the senior class at the annual junior and senior banquet in the Leland Hotel Friday evening, May 7.

There is a case of scarlet fever in the P.F. Gibson family on Main street. The children attend school in Aurora.

Last Sunday morning, Merrill Cherry had such a severe cold he didn't feel up to going to church and was slowly finishing up the chores around the cow barn when he stumbled in the rough cow yard and fell directly toward the bull. The bull charged and trampled him then backed off to make another charge, and Merrill managed to get over a fence and crawled to the barn and laid down on the straw. His wife was in church but his mother, Mrs. Harriet Cherry, becoming alarmed at his absence went to the barn and found him unable to get to the house. A doctor was called and Mr. Cherry was put to bed. He was injured about the legs but it is thought no bones were broken. He was so severely bruised that ice packs were used for his relief. The bull was shipped to Chicago the next morning.

Miss Mildred Grosslag, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Grosslag of Aurora, became the bride of Norval Tripp, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Tripp of Oswego on Friday, May 7. Upon their return from a wedding trip they will reside in one of the new Lippold houses in the south end of Oswego. Mr. Tripp conducts the Herren real estate and insurance office on Main street.

Yorkville: The \$17 million damage done by grasshoppers in Illinois last year will be many times duplicated in 1937 if weather conditions favor the grasshoppers during the hatching season, according to information given by W.P. Flint.

May 19: Yorkville: The annual Kendall county commencement exercises for rural and village schools will be held in the Yorkville high school gymnasium on the evening of Wednesday, June 2. On the morning of June 2 there will be a Kendall county elementary school track and field meet sponsored by the Kendall County Education association. The chairman is Harold Kirkhus of Newark assisted by Russell Cooper of Plano and John Diebler of Oswego.

These young men are to be congratulated on the well-planned program.

Millington--Mason work was started Monday on one of the oldest buildings in town in preparation for the new location of the button blank factory owned by Fred Leonard. The building is a large stone structure built by Fletcher Meisner in 1840 for a wagon and blacksmith shop. It was later purchased by Jules Thomas, who used it as a barn. Mr. Meisner's shop was the busiest spot in town. The Wagon shop was upstairs and kept five workmen busy while three men were needed downstairs in the blacksmith shop. Mr. Meisner sent a man to Wisconsin each year, where he chose his own logs for the choice wood used in making the wagons. The original hand-operated machine for making wagon-wheel spokes is still in the building. This machine, seven feet high, is completely made of wood with the exceptions of the two knives, which cut the tenons on the spokes. A huge wooden work bench with a large wooden vise attached is also in good condition. Mr. Leonard used to drive the four horses that pulled the power. The button blank factory has not been running the past six weeks as Mr. Leonard ran out of shells. It will resume operation again as soon as a shipment arrives.

May 26: Baccalaureate services of the Oswego Community Consolidated high school will be held Sunday evening, May 20, at 8 p.m. daylight saving time in the Presbyterian church.

Following is a list of the graduates: Marcella Elaine Ammons, Henry A. Baumann, August M. Bohn, Lucille E. Bower, Billie K. Busick, Robert Walker Council, Dorothy Etsinger, Donald L. Frank, Margaret S. Frank, Gladys Rebecca Gourley, Ruth Alyce Haines, Helen L. Hausler, Betty Jane Hull, Althea Elizabeth Hummell, Junior Leigh, Bennie Lippy, John Michael McGowan, John Robert McMicken, Allen F. Mundsinger, Mary Ann Olson, Mildred Ruth Pierce, Ruth Eileen Schobert, Ernest J. Songer, Lois E. Tarr, Robert Burns Weathers, Virginia Weiss, Hazel M. Wolf, Eleanor Jean Woolley, Forrest J. Woolley, Patricia Louise Woolley, Caroline Ann Youngman, and Helen Zielke.

"Black Beauty," a talking picture, will be presented at the Oswego school gym Friday night at 8 o'clock. There will also be a cartoon and comedy.

Memorial Day services will be held on Monday morning at 9 o'clock, DST, at the Oswego school. The Oswego band will play and there will be other music.

Miss Bullard, teacher of the Wilcox school, and the pupils were guests of the Cutter school on Tuesday.

The farmers are very busy getting the corn ground ready and planting corn. Many are running their tractors late in the evening, some by the light of the moon. Please tell the weather man to pull the hot weather lever.

Merrill Cherry has so far recovered from injuries received two weeks ago when trampled by a bull that he is able to resume his duties at the Lyon Metal Products factory.

Robert Phillips, 11, died May 18 at the St. Charles hospital, Aurora. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Phillips on Route 34; one sister, Doris; and two brothers, Gilbert and Donald. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon, May 20, at the Borngrebe funeral home in Aurora. Interment was in the Riverside cemetery. A week before his death, Robert was riding his pony when a colt in the pasture kicked at the pony and struck Robert on one leg, fracturing the bone and bruising the muscles. He was taken to the hospital where he was apparently getting along well when complications set in and he passed away in a few hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis McLaren of Chicago visited their uncles, Lachlan and Charles McLaren, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Smith returned from Tribune, Jan. May 23 and will spend the summer months with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Royce E. Smith. Mr. Smith has been band, orchestra, and glee club leader in the Tribune, Kan. schools for the past two years and expects to return there in August.

The Wilcox School closes Friday, May 28, with a picnic at Phillips park. The teacher, Norma Nell Bullard, will leave for her home in Miami, Fla.

Yorkville: The county eighth grade commencement will be held Wednesday evening, June 2, in the Yorkville high school gymnasium.

Gov. Horner's highway construction program for 1937 received one more impetus with the award of contracts by the state Division of Highways. In Oswego work will include 20-foot bituminous surface treatment on Washington Street from a point approximately 700 feet south of Franklin street to Grove road, J.W. Stahl Construction Company, Somonauk, \$999.18. On Route 65, Section 650B, superstructure on existing piers and abutments for the Fox River bridge on Washington Street in Oswego, E.H. Swanson, Joliet, \$47,558.74.

June -- 1937

June 2: Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fosgett and daughter of Harrison, Mich., came to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Woolley the first of last week. Mr. Fosgett returned to his home after a few days' visit, but Mrs. Fosgett will remain to attend the graduation of her sister, Eleanor, from the Oswego high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Herren and children have moved into their new home, the former Burkhart residence on Route 65 [modern Chicago Road, U.S. Route 34]

The Russell school closed with a trip to the Brookfield zoo on May 27. The teacher, Miss Dysart, and Mrs. Myron Herren each took an auto load of children and all enjoyed the outing.

Robert E. Barnard, oldest son of the late George and Amanda Barnard, died at a hospital in West Chicago Monday, May 24. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Gladys Bloomer; a granddaughter and grandson of Chicago; and a brother, Herman Barnard of Aurora. The funeral was held from the Drake & Son funeral home in Chicago and the body cremated.

Yorkville: Reports are coming to the Farm Bureau office that grasshoppers are hatching in different parts of the county and are beginning to feed on crops of grass and small grains. The Farm Bureau has arranged for poison from the government grasshopper control program and farmers of the county may receive this poison at the Farm Bureau office for the purpose of combating either grasshoppers or army worms. All farmers are urged to check their fence rows and roadsides in order that the poisoning may be done before the grasshoppers spread into larger areas.

June 9: The Walker school, Ruth Shoger the teacher, enjoyed the school picnic at Phillips park on Monday.

Word has been received from Mrs. Dora Pearce Cooney of Pasadena, Calif., that she leaves this week for a trip around the world, to return to her home in the fall.

The farmers have done well getting their spring crops in. Ted Youngman finished his fall husking Saturday.

The octet of North Central college sang at the Federated church Sunday, June 6. They later left for a tour of the states.

Hazel Wolf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Wolf, a graduate of Oswego high school, class of '37, left Sunday evening on the Zephyr to spend a month in California. She expected to arrive in Los Angeles Wednesday noon.

Dan Bickford is painting a house at Waterman.

Meda Cooney Bayton, who spent her girlhood days near Oswego and later moved west and married George Bayton, died in Lincoln, Neb. recently. She is survived by a daughter and three grandchildren of Lexington, Neb.; and a sister of Omaha, Neb.

Yorkville: Some time ago, while on a hunting trip through the timber on the farm now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blunt in section four of the Town of Fox, in Kendall county, Gordon L. Leitich and Bruce A. Bliss, both of Plano, discovered the remnants of a forgotten grave by sheer chance. The headstone was remarkably well preserved and

bore the initials G.W.G., but the monument had been broken into three pieces and the inscription it once bore was quite difficult to decipher. After puzzling over the worn letters, they agreed the inscription was as follows: "George Wagner Greenfield. Died 1852." Below this and nearer the base of the former marble slab was a verse, which they found to be as follows: "Soon Life's Transient Comforts Fly, and Playmates Only Bloom to Die."

Upon returning to Plano, Mr. Leitch referred the matter to C.A. Darnell, president of the Kendall County Historical society and one of Plano's best-known citizens in hopes that he might assist in throwing some light upon this fine.

A few days ago, Mr. Leitch guided Mr. Darnell to the grave site and they made a more thorough investigation. The grave is about 40 rods due north of the northwest corner of the 16-acre tract known as Millhurst, and now owned by the YWCA. The location has the appearance of having once been a semi-private graveyard and the confines of the tract, perhaps a quarter of an acre, are quite easily followed. The ground shows evidence of sunken graves and in some places there seems to be telltale evidence of removal of bodies.

Mr. Darnell began a careful search of the historical files and soon found an account of his ancient burying place. He was also successful in learning the identity of the person for whom the markers were erected and stated it was the grave of George Wagner Greenfield, young son of Samuel Greenfield, whose father at the time of the burial owned the land surrounding the graveyard. Other burials in this cemetery which were revealed by a search of Mr. Darnell's records were a Scotchman by the name of Thompson, who was interred in a coffin made by hollowing out a large black walnut log; a man by the name of Frank Mitchell; and some of the children of the Post and Mihm families, early settlers of the vicinity. This man, Frank Mitchell, was an adopted son of Frederick Post and was a brother of John Mitchell, who once lived on a farm three miles south of Hinckley. He went west with Mr. Post many years ago and eventually died at Spokane, Wash.

The occupant of this long-lost grave was a brother of the grandfather of Roy W. Greenfield, now a resident of Hinckley.

June 16: The Woolley reunion was held at Phillips park Saturday, June 12. There were 60 present for dinner with more coming in the afternoon.

The La Menu Modele 4-H club met with Elizabeth Woolley May 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Reeve Thompson left Saturday, June 12, and expect to stay for six weeks in Normal while he attends summer school.

The Cutter school, Gertrude Heffelfinger teacher, held their picnic in Phillips park Tuesday.

The Kendall County Flower show will be held in the Oswego high school auditorium Tuesday of this week.

Miss Floi Johnston will represent Aurora in the annual soap-sculpture contest held at New York City, with a soap carving showing a peasant woman going to her doom on the gallows. Miss Johnston has been a student of Ruth Ann Balskey, art and craft supervisor of the Aurora playground and recreation department.

Mrs. Gordon Wormley of Aurora gave a miscellaneous shower Tuesday evening, June 15, in honor of Miss Helen Willis, who is soon to be married to Ronald Smith of Aurora.

Yorkville: A number of Kendall county farmers are much interested in the development of the cold storage locker system, which will insure them fresh meat the year around. The plan, which is becoming popular throughout the corn belt and western states, provides for a cold storage plant consisting of a chill room where the meat is cooled to a temperature of 35 degrees. It is then cut up ready to use in the home wrapped in waxed paper stamped with the number of the locker and the cut of meat, placed in the sharp freeze room with a temperature of zero or below and after complete freezing is placed in the locker room where the patron of the locker is able to get his meat ready for use at any time.

June 23: Miss Helen Willis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred V. Willis, and Ronald Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Smith, Rockford, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents by the Rev. John E. Klein, pastor of the Oswego Presbyterian church Saturday evening, June 19.



The bride is a graduate of the Oswego high school in the class of 1930 and is a graduate of the American School of Beauty Culture of Chicago and conducts a beauty shop here. Mr. Smith is a graduate of Rockford high school in the class of 1929 and is a graduate of Worsham college. He is an employee of the Western United in Aurora.

After their wedding trip through the state of Wisconsin, the young couple will reside at the home of the bride's parents.

Bobby, eight year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Constantine, fell down the back porch steps last week and broke his arm just above the elbow.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stockham took five children of the seventh and eighth grades of the Wormley school to Springfield last week. They saw several points of interest, then drove on 15 miles to the dedication of the New Salem park, which is a government project just completed. The park consists of log cabins and stores with furnishings as they were nearly 200 years ago.

Yorkville: The Burlington Trailways are adding three buses to the service through Yorkville.

Under the new schedule effective June 28, buses will leave Yorkville for Aurora at 7:01\* a.m.; and 12:31\*, 2:50, 6:01, and 9:24 p.m. Buses leave Aurora at 9:30\*, 8:05, 4:15, 2:35\* p.m. and 10:00 and 8:15 a.m. (\* Daily except Sunday)

June 30: Mr. and Mrs. Slade Cutter, who have been visiting a few days with his mother, Mrs. Esther Cutter, left Wednesday for Annapolis, Maryland to act as assistant boxing coach in summer and assistant football coach in the fall.

The Girl Scouts and officers enjoyed an outdoor picnic last Wednesday evening along the river bank at the home of Mrs. James Curry. [Turtle Rock Inn]

Marjorie Hibbard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hibbard, became the bride of Edward Cecor Saturday afternoon.

Water M. Ladd died June 13 at his home in Omaha, Neb. The remains were brought to Oswego for burial Friday, June 25. He was an Oswego boy. His parents, Dwight and Cecilia Ladd, in the 1870s, lived on a farm now owned by Wesley Bower. The family were active members in the old Congregational church. Later they were residents of Rizing City and Omaha, Neb., where Walter and his brother were in business.

Raven Lodge No. 303, AF & AM, honored G.H. Voss Monday evening at the Masonic hall by presenting him with a beautiful jewel commemorating his 50 years of Masonic membership.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Norris and daughter Louise of Oak Park spent the weekend with the latter's mother, Mrs. Clara Rance.

Yorkville: A group of county residents petitioned the Kendall County Board to establish a monument on the court house grounds in Yorkville in honor of the county residents who served during World War I. The board unanimously referred the issue to the Court House Committee.

July -- 1937

July 7: Mr. and Mrs. William Lamb Jr. moved to Yorkville last week where he is employed at the game farm.

The Marklein family from Yorkville and the Henry Meyer family picnicked at Exposition Park the Fourth.

The old Oswego bridge is being rapidly dismantled and the construction of a new bridge will start now. There will be no temporary bridge built.

July 14: Good corn weather last week and thus far this week. The oats harvest is on. There is a great quantity of cherries this year.

Two school teachers from Chicago, the Misses White, have purchased a plot of land and are building a bungalow across the road from the Hopkins stone quarry.

Yorkville: The steel bridge, which has carried traffic across the Fox river at Oswego for so many years, is being torn down and a new and more modern structure will replace it. The west span has been removed and we expect that the other two will follow as soon as possible. How many of youse gels and guys remember when the old AE&C cars ran between Aurora and Yorkville, climbed a trestle at Oswego and went across the Fox on the old bridge and then bounded along on their way? It was always our secret fear that some day the trestle would be too weak to hold the car and would break, and we always felt better when we were past that mental hazard. After automobiles and trucks became more popular and the street cars were discontinued the bridge was subjected to heavy traffic, and was too narrow to be comfortable or very safe. The new one will be built to take care of the heavy loads which it must carry.

The Naperville detour from Route 34 is through Montgomery.

No temporary bridge is being built at Oswego according to Supervisor Cutter, who says that the expense of such a structure would be prohibitive.

The date for the annual Old Settlers' Picnic and Veterans' Reunion has been announced as Thursday, Aug. 19.

The annual affair, which has proved so popular, will be held in Wunderlich's and Pope's woods near Millbrook.

The chief item of interest which is engaging the attention of Aurora citizens these days is the preparation for Aurora's 1937 centennial celebration in late August and early September.

Unique in presentation will be a complete pioneer village now under construction on Hurd's island, almost in the heart of the city.

Mrs. Josephine Knight, Kendall county chairman of recreation announces that the pool at Rock Creek park, Plano, will be guarded daily from 2-6 p.m. The horseshoe courts and tennis courts are completed and ready for use.

The craft classes continue to be held at the Plano city hall. The sewing classes are being held for the summer in the grade school daily.

The children's play center is open to all children from pre-school age to 10, and is conducted daily.

Mrs. Susan Morley has returned from the Sandwich hospital and is again giving musical instruction.

All the above activities are conducted by the federal recreation service and are open to the public.

Rumor says the Farm Bureau has purchased a lot between Joe Atkins' shop and LaRue Breese's garage and will construct a building there to house their many varied activities.

July 21: A recent letter received from Mrs. Dora Pearce Cooney, who is on a world tour, stated that she had visited the daughter of Mrs. Frank Parker, formerly of Oswego, at her home in Honolulu.

Culver Cherry, 6 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Cherry and his dog, Rin-Tin-Tin, killed a 4-foot spotted adder one day last week. Culver was out on the road herding cows and came running to his mother to tell her of the big snake. When she could get to him, he was bravely hammering the head of the snake, which the dog had shaken.

There is a carnival in town this week, parked in the main business street.

Yorkville: Plans are being rushed for the construction of the new Farm Bureau building, which will be erected on the lot east of Joe Atkins' tin shop on Van Emon street.

The building will consist of a basement and two stories. The basement will house the cold storage locker plant. The main floor will be devoted to the offices of the organization, while the second floor will be a meeting room.

July 28: By the time this issue of the *Record* is published the harvesting for 1937 will be finished. The small grain crop is good on most farms, and unusually heavy yield is expected. The threshing machines will be busy next week. Many have had their grain combined.

It is a pleasure to drive around the country and towns to see the recently painted buildings. On the Woolley road, there are five farms with newly-painted buildings in a row, and more to be painted in the fall, a record of which to be proud.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Wolf announce the engagement of their daughter, Hazel Mae, to Robert T. Hise, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hise, 2025 Pears street, Aurora.

Mrs. Mary Young returned last week from the Copley hospital to her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Shoger. She is slowly regaining strength and is able to get about the house.

Apoplexy claimed the life of Supervisor Scott C. Cutter, 62, of Oswego, Monday, July 26.

Mr. Cutter had returned to his drug store from his home and was going into the vault for a ledger when he fell dead.

Scott C. Cutter was born in Oswego township on Nov. 5, 1874, a son of Henry C. and Mary Fox Cutter. He was educated in the Oswego schools, the University of Illinois, and graduated from the Northwestern university school of pharmacy in 1895. He then purchased the drug store in Oswego from W.T. Putt, which he carried on to the day of his death.

On Nov. 16, 1898 he was married to Miss Mae Gaylord. Three children, Mrs. Vera Underhill, S. Clay Cutter, and Max B. Cutter, were born to them, all of whom survive the father.

Mr. Cutter was prominent in political circles. He served village offices and at the time of his death was serving as Supervisor from Oswego township. At one time he was a candidate for the state legislature.

He had worked for some time to assure Oswegoans a new bridge across the Fox river. Work on this bridge is now going on, but Mr. Cutter did not live to see his dream a reality.

Mr. Cutter was prominent in sporting circles, an ardent hunter and fisherman and took an active part in such organizations as the Kendall County Crow club, of which he was one of the most faithful members. He was deeply interested in all conservation work.

Funeral services will be held today at 2 o'clock Central Standard time from the home. Burial will be made in the Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: When the executive board of the Kendall County Farm Bureau planned for a cold storage locker plant in connection with the present building it was found that it would be more economical to build an entirely new building on a different site. Plans were made for this building to be situated on Van Emmon street, where very little excavation will be necessary for the building of the basement in which the cold storage locker plant will be installed. In a general meeting of the membership it was unanimously voted to proceed with the building and arrangements are now being made for its construction.

The cold storage locker plant is a development which has been rapidly increasing throughout the middle west. The state of Iowa now has about 200 such plants, and Illinois Farm Bureaus are building similar plants in various counties of Illinois.

This program enables farmers to have a supply of fresh meat on hand at all times, which is handled in the following manner: The meat is brought to the cold storage locker plant immediately after it is butchered, where it is stored in the chill room at a temperature of 35 degrees for a few days until it is thoroughly chilled. It is then cut in pieces of suitable size for table use, wrapped in a specially prepared paper, and stamped with the number of the locker and the cut of meat. It is then placed in the freezer at a temperature of zero or below where it is immediately frozen and then placed in the locker rented by the individual, where it is kept at a temperature of 15 above zero.

August -- 1937

Aug. 4: In the downtown district of Oswego every Saturday night is held one of the best little amateur shows to be seen hereabouts. Another bigger and better show is being planned for this Saturday night. These shows are given in front of Schultz's store starting at about 8:30 DST. Winners are selected by the applause of the crowd. After the amateur show, \$5 in cash is given away as a prize. Wednesday night is another gala night in the little town on the Fox river. This is the night of the free talking pictures presented in the vacant lot north of the library on the Main street downtown. An invitation is extended to everyone to go to Oswego and enjoy these evenings.

These two nights of entertainments are sponsored and financed by the Oswego Business Men's association.

The large number of friends who attended the funeral services of Scott C. Cutter last Tuesday and the many beautiful floral tributes attested to the esteem in which Mr. Cutter was held in this and the surrounding community.

Talk about summer vacations! Bobby Constantine, 7 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Constantine, has scarlet fever. All the first part of his school vacation he carried a broken arm in a cast after spending five days in a hospital and was released from the case only to be put to bed with the fever.

Each year the number of farmers who have their small grain combined increases. The men with the threshing machines are busy this week, at least a dozen machines running in the vicinity of Oswego. The yield is above the average. It is almost impossible to get help by the day. This written on Monday before the showers, which have been radioed for a week, have arrived.

The neighbors gave a farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rickard last Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Rickard were presented with a purse of money with which to purchase a embrace. They will move to their new home in Yorkville next week.

Two engagement announcements that should have been in the news items last week were those of Francis Campbell and Virginia Crossman and of Robert Silvius and Bessie Quantock, the latter wedding to take place this month.

Aug. 11: Alex Harvey Jr., a well known young truck driver, was injured in an accident when his truck was struck by an auto on Route 59 about three miles from his home. The engine of both truck and auto were demolished. The driver of the auto was not seriously hurt, but Mr. Harvey received injuries to his head causing a concussion, and torn ligaments in his back. He spent two days in the hospital and was then removed to his home where he is slowly recovering.

Mrs. Stanley Peterson, Edna Walker, and Helen Drew of Aurora are spending several days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Drew at Normal.

Yorkville: While early reports indicated that Kendall county would have some grass hopper injury in some areas, reports indicate that the damage is quite severe and is especially damaging to meadow and pasture lands and to young seedings. Farmers are urged to check up closely on their young seeding since in many cases it has been entirely destroyed by grasshoppers. The most satisfactory way of controlling grasshoppers is by poison bran bait. A check of a number of fields in Kendall county where poison had been used indicated that very satisfactory results are given.

Aug. 18: Excavations have been made for three new residences in Oswego. A.J. Hettrich will build on Garfield avenue near their present residence; Fred Kohlhammer is building a house to rent on North Jackson, and Mr. Thompson of Aurora is building a home on Park avenue.

Reeve Thompson has finished his eight weeks' course at the Illinois state normal university and with his wife is visiting his parents at Maiden Rock, Wis.

Alex Harvey Jr., who was injured in a truck and auto accident nearly two weeks ago, is just able to be up and about the house this week.

Route 65 through Oswego is being prepared for paving, connecting the paving at the north edge of town with Route 34 at the bridge. Much of the steep grade will be leveled off.

Oswego will be well represented at the state fair, but not all names are available at this writing.

Sarah and Emily Parkhurst, Jean Simons, and Elaine Smith and another 4-H girl from Plano accompanied Farm Adviser Miller to the state fair Monday morning. Emily Parkhurst, who placed first in the Kendall county 4-H club work with a blue taffeta dress with all accessories, is the clothing judge representative of Kendall county. Jean Simons is a foods judge and Elaine Smith is showing a calf. J.



George and Virgil Smith went to the fair last week with a load of 10 Holstein cattle which they are showing.

The six pound 10 ounce son born to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Schlapp Saturday, Aug. 14, at the Copley Hospital has been named Roger Lee.

Yorkville: The past week has been one of intense heat, the meters registering in the neighborhood of 95 to 100.

All Kendall county rural school pupils will register at their home schools Wednesday morning, Aug. 25. At this time all orders will be made for all school books.

Under the rental textbook system, it will not be necessary for parents to secure books for their pupils as this will all be taken care of by the local teacher.

Aug. 30 and 31 will be the dates of the Kendall County Teachers' institute held at the Yorkville high school auditorium.

All rural schools will open Wednesday, Sept. 1.

An outstanding bait casting exhibition by "Bunny" Young, Aurora Hunting and Fishing club instructor, will be featured at the second annual picnic outing of the Batavia chapter of the Kane County Sportsman's league. Young is an expert in bait and trick casting.

Aug. 25: During the storm on Thursday afternoon, lightning struck twice within 10 minutes at the Illinois Sand & Gravel company plant situated between Oswego and Yorkville on the East River road. One bolt of lightning struck a pole and ran in on the electric wires to the sub-station, setting fire to the oil switches and burning the building and two motors, one a 150-horse and one a 100-horse motor, and ruined electrical machinery. The Oswego fire department arrived and did valuable service. Superintendent S. Clay Cutter said, "The Oswego fire department is all right. If it had been for them, the whole plant would have gone." The damage is estimated at several hundred thousand dollars. None of the 30 employees was injured and all are busily engaged in cleaning up the debris and rebuilding the plant.

Only those who have watched the “firing” of their fields of corn and the drying up of the soybeans and pastures and gardens know what it is to appreciate last week’s rainfall. There was a hard storm on Thursday afternoon and much rain fell in the night on Friday, Friday night, and part of Saturday, then the weather turned much cooler and the sky cleared.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Virginia Crossman of LaMoile and Francis Campbell of Oswego. The wedding will take place at the bride’s home Aug. 29.

Oswego, not to be outdone by its sister cities, has had a strike. The employees of the McCarty Construction company of Joliet struck for higher wages. It was a not a sit down strike, as Route 65 through Oswego which they were preparing for paving was filled with water and mud.

Miss Bessie Quantock, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Quantock, became the bride of Robert Silvius of Naperville Friday, Aug. 29. The groom is employed at the Barber-Greene company in Aurora, and they will live on New York street in that city.

Yorkville: Ground has been busted for the new Farm Bureau building, which will be just east of Joe Atkins’ tin shop combined with Fred Lefheit's cream station.

The Oswego fire truck was called to the Chicago sand plant where they did good work in saving a number of buildings to the gratification of “Mud” Cutter.

September -- 1937

Sept. 1: The Rev. and Mrs. John Klein and daughter and son returned from their recent trip to Estes Park, Thursday. At the Sunday morning service, the Rev. Mr. Klein read his resignation from the Oswego Presbyterian church, to take effect in September. He has accepted a call to Denver, Colo.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bower at the Copley hospital Sunday, Aug. 29. They have one other child, little Franklin.

J.A. Manning celebrated his 86th birthday Thursday evening.

Some rural schools are opening this week. The teachers attended the county institute held at Yorkville Monday and Tuesday.

Wilbur Woolley was bruised and shaken up when his auto rolled over when he struck a pile of fresh gravel on a road near Bristol last Tuesday. The auto was considerably wrecked but not beyond repair. Motorists should beware of fresh gravel as it is very apt to throw a car that is traveling at high speed.

Sept. 8: Joseph D. Ebinger, aged 74, passed away at his home in Oswego early Saturday morning, Sept. 4, following a heart attack. Mr. Ebinger was born at Niles May 1, 1863, and had been a resident of Oswego and vicinity for 48 years, a prosperous farmer in the Prairie church neighborhood until about 10 years ago when he and his wife retired and moved to Oswego. Mr. Ebinger is survived by his widow, Julia; four daughters, Mrs. Florence Hall, Mrs. Myrtle Smith, and Mrs. Joseph Gerry, all of Oswego, and Mrs. Irene Hafenrichter of Pullman, Wash.; two sons, Robert and Theodore of Oswego; six sisters, Mrs. Martha Whildin, Mrs. Elizabeth Huntington, Miss Lillie Ebinger, Mrs. Nellie Campbell, Mrs. Myra Whildin, and Mrs. Ora Campbell, all of Chicago; a brother, George, of Climax, Mich., and 14 grandchildren

Funeral services were held Monday Sept. 6 at the Healy chapel, Aurora. Interment was made in the Riverside cemetery.

Uncle Joe, as Mr. Ebinger was affectionately known to his many relatives and friends, was a member of the Prairie Evangelical church, a consistent Christian.

Oswego relatives and friends attended the Charles Quantock funeral held from the Healy chapel in Aurora last Sunday afternoon. Mr. Quantock was known by many in this vicinity. A daughter, Mrs. Courtney Hem, and a son, Will Quantock, are residents of Oswego Township.

Apparently despondent over prolonged ill health, Joseph Foss, 51, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor at his home Saturday, Sept. 4.

Mr. Foss is survived by his wife, Clarabel, and five children, Mrs. Dora Rone, Mrs. Helen McIntyre, Joseph, Lloyd, and Melvin. The funeral services were held from the Thorsen funeral home Sunday with interment in the Oswego cemetery. Mr. Foss had been in ill health for about a year.

Sept. 15: Mr. and Mrs. Francis Campbell returned from their wedding trip last Sunday. They went through Detroit to Canada to Massachusetts, New York City, Philadelphia, Annapolis, and Washington, D.C., a delightful 2,000 mile trip.

The Wheatland plowing match was bigger and better than ever before. Many Oswegoans were in attendance Saturday.

Sept. 22: R.D. Gates celebrated his 81st birthday Friday, Sept 17 at his home on Main street.

Clarke Anderson left for the University of Illinois last week to finish his college course. Leota Anderson teaches this year at the Brady school in Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wormley, genial proprietors of the Main confectionery, vacationed in Wisconsin the past week.

The following parents presented their baby sons for baptism at the Presbyterian church Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Collins with Jere Allan; Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Shoger with LaVerne Carl; Mr. and Mrs. Allan Campbell with Richard Cherry; and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shoger with Dean Gordon.

Sept. 29: The following young people, graduates of the Oswego high school, are attending college this year:

Paul and Stuart Shoger, Carl Hafenrichter, and Robert Quantock are attending North Central at Naperville.

Robert Cherry and Forrest Wooley attend the University of Illinois. Robert Weathers and Mary Ann Olson have entered the Northern Illinois State Teachers' college at DeKalb.

Carl Klein is attending the University of Denver.

Betty Jane Hull is at the Illinois State Normal university at Normal.

Marjory Wilson is enrolled at Washington university, St. Louis.

Patricia Woolley has taken up her college career at Monmouth college, Monmouth.

Robert Council s attending Aurora college, while Dorothy Etsinger is enrolled in the Metropolitan Business college in the same city.

Dorothy Schobert and Eleanor Woolley are taking nurses' training at the Copley hospital in Aurora.

Clarke Anderson, a graduate of East Aurora is taking his last semester at the University of Illinois.

A large crowd gathered at the Presbyterian church Thursday evening for a farewell party for the Rev. and Mrs. John E. Klein and daughter Mary.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Woolley have taken little 11 year-old Mildred to live with them. She entered the Oswego grade school last Monday morning.

Many of the Oswego teachers attended the Kendall County Educational association annual social meeting held at Plano last Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Norris of Oak Park were vacationing last week and left Baby Louise with Grandma Rance. Margaret Rance went home with them to Oak Park the first of the week to stay for two weeks with her sister and brother-in-law.

Uarda Hafenrichter, an accomplished musician, has purchased a Hammond electric organ.

Many from this vicinity attended the Big Rock plowing match last Saturday. It was bigger and better than ever before.

Yorkville: We hear the Lincoln Highway will soon be routed through Yorkville instead of Aurora, in which case it will come from Plainfield on 126 to 47 and on up to Elburn to join Route 30, the present route, thus cutting out Aurora, which will be appreciated by Aurora if not by us.

NOTICE TO HIGH SCHOOL  
PATRONS OF THE COUNTY

Within recent months many patrons of high school districts in Kendall county have called, while others have been directed to call at this office and secure permits of transfer to high schools outside of their local high school district.

The 60th session of the General Assembly amended Section No. 96 of the Illinois school law to read as follows:

“104. Pupils--May attend other high school--Tuition, etc.--  
Definition.) Section 96 (A) Upon the approval of the county superintendent of schools, any high school pupil may attend a recognized high school more convenient in some district other than the high school district in which he resides and the board of education of the high school district in which said pupil resides shall pay the tuition of such pupil, provided said tuition shall not exceed the per capita cost of maintaining the high school attended; provided, further, that the transfer of such pupil shall first be approved by the board of education of the high school district in which the student resides.”

As stated within the amended Section No. 96 of the Illinois School Law, it is not within the legal jurisdiction of any county superintendent of schools within the state to issue permits of transfer, unless they are first approved by the board of education within the local high school district in which the patron resides.

CHAS. EARL VANDEVER  
County Superintendent

October -- 1937

Oct. 6: Mrs. Jessie Price and daughter Doris; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Woolley; and Mrs. W.H. Davis accompanied by her sister in law, Mrs. Seth Wheeler of NaAuSay, expect to go on the Prairie Farmer tour  
Oct. 10.

The pupils of the Walker school, with their teacher, Ruth Shoger, gave a program for the mothers last Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Henry Heffelfinger, teacher and the pupils of the Cutter school, entertained the people in the district last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Graeme Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith attended the WLS Barn Dance in Chicago Saturday night.

James Lantz, 56, of Oswego was killed Tuesday morning at about 4 o'clock on the tracks of the Burlington railroad a quarter mile north of Oswego.

Exact details of the accident are unknown. The engineer of the morning train saw what he thought was a bundle of newspapers in the center of the track but too late realized that the object was a man prone upon the ties in the center of the track. Unable to avert the disaster, the train passed over the body.

It is believed that Lantz was walking home on the track and stumbled, falling to the ground in such a way as to cause unconsciousness. From the condition of the body, it was impossible to say what happened prior to the train's contact.

Coroner F.M. Groner swore in a jury Tuesday, continuing the hearing until Wednesday to allow the trainmen to be present and testify.

Mr. Lantz is survived by his mother and father, who reside in Oswego; and three children. He had been employed by the Alexander Lumber company of Oswego and lived just north of where the accident occurred.

Oct. 13: Last Saturday evening while Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Matile, who live in the Wilcox school district, were in Aurora, someone entered their home and stole all of Mr. Matile's clothes; everything, shoes and all and their electric clock and radio.

Yorkville: The Kendall County Board submitted a list of nominees to the Illinois State Department of Public Welfare from which the Kendall County Superintendent of Public Welfare was to be chosen. Names submitted included Mrs. Helen R. Richards, Oswego; Miss Bessie Dunn, Yorkville; Mrs. Marie Zwoyer, Millbrook; and Melvin Henricksen, Plano.

Oct. 20: A boy was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tripp.

The high school teachers meet Friday in Joliet for the annual teachers' conference.

Paul Shoger, a student at North Central college, Naperville, fractured a bone in his left foot, dislocated the foot, and twisted his knee while making a touchdown for his college when playing against Wheaton college on the Wheaton football field Saturday, Oct. 9. Although his foot is on the mend, he will be using crutches for some time and will be unable to play the rest of the season.

Next Saturday, Oct. 23, is the date for the Kendall county corn husking contest, which will be held on the farm of Bert Kellogg, one mile south of the NaAuSay town hall, beginning at 1 p.m. The contest will last one hour and twenty minutes, after which the corn will be weighed, deductions made for husks and corn left in the field, and the winners announced. A field of high yielding corn consisting of DeKalb 4A and XL will be the scene of action, and those who enjoy seeing a lively contest will want to be on hand to see the boys throw "nubbins" next Saturday.

Oct. 27: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bower and family moved into their new house the first of the week. It is a beautiful modern brick house on the farm east of Oswego.

The Gaylord School pupils and the teacher, Miss Jane Goudie, presented a program of songs, readings, and dialogues at the school Monday evening.

A Halloween fair will be given by the Oswego high and grade school on Friday, Oct. 29. Supper will be served from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The menu: Baked ham, baked salmon, potatoes au gratin, butter string beans, buttered lima beans, carrot and pineapple salad, apple or pumpkin pie, fruit Jell-O, coffee or milk. There will be games between the supper hour and the program, which starts at 8.

Yorkville: Roy Johnson Wins Corn-Husking Contest Saturday

Very few contests have been staged where the returns were as uniform as the contest Saturday, the range being from 33.93 to 26.97 bushels with many of the contestants rating only by fractions.



The contest was held on the farm of Bert Kellogg in NaAuSay township, and the field was a very excellent place, the yield testing 100 bushels to the acre and the corn stood up well.

Contestants and bushels picked are: Roy A Johnson, 33.83; Ed Olson, 31.88; Art Johnson, 30.94; Harold Hage, 30.88; Russell Sauer, 30.41; Bernard Miller, 29.72; Ernest Erickson, 29.5; Orville Boring, 28.52; Delmas Cather, 27.24; Arthur Rasmussen, 27.1; and Charles Sleezer, 26.97.

The state contest will be on Nov. 1 near LaMoille.

November -- 1937

Nov. 3: Albert Woolley had the misfortune to lose the end of his first finger on his right hand on Wednesday last. While elevating corn into the crib, his glove caught in the chain running the elevator and mashed the end of the finger, necessitating its removal.

The countryside resounds to the sound of the tractor, the mechanical corn picker, and the soy bean combine. After a week of cold, rainy weather, October closed with a few warm, beautiful sunny days and the farmers hurried to get as much of their fall work done as possible. It's grand when the leaves come out on the trees, and shrubbery turns green in the spring, but it is nice, too, when the leaves fall in the fall and one can see his neighbors' homes and the cheerful lights at night. Yes, your correspondent lives in the country.

John L. Clayton, Oswego, has been honored by being appointed chairman of the executive board of the northeast division of the Illinois State Teachers' association. The district comprised the counties of Kane, McHenry, Kendall, and Will. A total of 2,500 teachers are members of the association.

Nov. 10: There will be no school Armistice day, a legal school holiday.

The PTA Fathers' night was held at the Oswego school Monday evening.

It is expected there will be a candidate for the pastorate of the Presbyterian church to deliver the sermon on Sunday. All the congregation is urged to attend.

Quite a number from the vicinity of Oswego attended the Illinois corn husking championship at Van Orin a week ago Monday. [Van Orin is located in Bureau County]

Yorkville: Armistice day will be the occasion of the dedication of the World war memorial on the courthouse lawn at Yorkville by the County Council of a Kendall county posts of the American Legion.

Nov. 17: Andrew Olson had the misfortune to fall from a husking wagon on the Roy Hettrich farm last week and suffered three fractured ribs and numerous bruises. Mr. Olson, who is getting along in years, has spent many years working on farms without such an accident as this.

The Oswego Business men's club met in the Masonic hall last night with Taylor Wilhelm as the speaker. Meetings of the club are held the third Tuesday of each month, and all men in and around Oswego are invited to join.

Elaine Bower, Jeanne Rogerson, Betty Woolley, and Beatrice Robinson were judged the winners of the essay contest sponsored by the PTA in the grand and high schools on the subject, "What is a Good Citizen." Mrs. William Anderson, Mrs. Edward Inman, and Mrs. Francis Campbell acted as judges for the grades, and Mrs. Sheldon Bell, Mrs. Mary Bickford, and Mrs. Reeve Thompson selected the high school winners.

Yorkville: The 19th anniversary of Armistice day, celebrating the cessation of the World War, was fittingly celebrated in Kendall county with a large parade, an appropriate program, and dedication of the World war memorial.

The boulder on which the bronze memorial plaque is placed stands on a concrete base on the courthouse lawn. For many years the huge stone rested in front of Dr. Frazier's office, and was used by him before Route 47 was built as a stop for his auto. Only a small portion of it was visible and one two different occasions attempts were made

to dig it up and remove it. Its size never was realized until graders working on Route 47 had to move it. The stone was then placed on the southeast corner of Route 47 and the Fox road, where it has rested since. It has now found its eternal resting place. Its size is approximately 6x8 feet, and its weight is estimated at between nine and 10 tons.

Nov. 24: The fire department was called out Monday morning to extinguish a roof fire at Wayne Denney's. Quite an amount of damage was done by smoke and by tearing out plaster to get to the blaze.

Frank Wooley and Clarence Cherry spent last weekend with their sons, Forrest Wooley and Robert Cherry, at the University of Illinois and were guests at the Dad's day banquet.

December -- 1937

Dec. 1: Dr. Alfred H. Churchill, age 64, died at his home in Oswego Saturday, Nov. 27, 1937. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Frances Churchill, of Oswego; one son, the Rev. Charles Churchill of Delmont, Pa., and a little granddaughter, Marilyn Churchill; and one brother, and two sisters.

Funeral services were held from the Presbyterian church on Nov. 29. Interment was in the family lot in the Libertyville cemetery.

Dr. Churchill was well known in Kendall county and the surrounding community for the past 38 years, having been a physician here since 1900 with the exception of a few years when he practiced in Libertyville and St. Charles.

The new Oswego bridge will be opened to traffic this week. Foot passengers were using it last week.

Yorkville: Officials of the Burlington visited in Yorkville Monday to acquaint us with the proposed change in trains passing through Yorkville.

The Burlington will ask the commerce commission to allow the following schedule of trains on the Streator branch: Leave Yorkville

1:18 p.m., arrive Aurora, 1:42 p.m. Leave Aurora 2:45 p.m., arrive Yorkville, 3:08 p.m.

This would give Yorkville two trains daily in place of the four we now have.

Since the removal of the mail clerks from the two trains by the government the railroad lost the majority of revenue earned on the Streator branch. Their move is made because economy demands it. We hate to see the trains go, but to have train service we want the railroad to make enough to keep the line in operation.

Dec. 8: Charles Cherry, rural mail carrier on Route 1 out of Oswego, resigned his position, the resignation taking effect Dec. 1. Mr. Cherry resigned voluntarily, as according to the rules of the service he could have served two more years. He carried the mail over Route 1 for 32 years and has retired on a pension, which is payable after 30 years' service. Paul Dwyre is the temporary carrier.

Donnie, five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Conklin of Main street, has been suffering with an ear infection.

Melvin Parkhurst lost his Ford truck and trailer on Wednesday, Dec. 1. They were stolen from a parking place in the Chicago stockyards and to date have not been heard from. He carried insurance. Several trucks have been stolen from there.

The Cutter drug store business has been sold to A. M. Shuler of Crystal Lake, who will conduct the store to be known as Shuler's drug store.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dwyre and her mother, Mrs. Mary Weese, have moved into the apartment over Schultz store.

Yorkville: The cold storage locker plant of the Farm Bureau is now complete and is being tested out this week by the York Refrigeration company, which made the installation. The opening date for receiving meat has not definitely been announced but as soon as the cold storage locker company is satisfied that everything is satisfactory, the plant will be opened for business. A large number of farmers and townspeople have already made application for lockers and others are waiting for the plant to open in order that

they may take advantage of this program, which has become so popular throughout the west and Midwest.

Many boys who are unemployed and in need of employment are making inquiries as to the next CCC enrollment. For the benefit of all boys who are interested in enrolling, the officials of the Illinois Emergency Relief commission state that there will be another enrollment in January 1938.

Dec. 15: The Red Cross drive in Oswego and Oswego township netted \$236.26.

Mrs. Emma Van Sickle Wormley, age 68, died Dec. 11 at her home on Route 34. She had been in ill health for more than a year. Mrs. Wormley is survived by her husband, Fred, and by two nieces and a nephew. Funeral services were held Dec. 14 at the Thorsen funeral home. Interment in the Pearce cemetery.

Yorkville: The new Farm Bureau building, which is being erected on Van Emmon street in Yorkville, is rapidly nearing completion with the carpenters finishing the offices for the various departments and the painters painting the interior.

The first floor from the street will be entirely devoted to offices, while the second floor will be used for auditorium purposes and as a recreational center for the young people's group and 4-H. The basement is devoted to the cold storage locker plant, which is now completed and is being adjusted for temperature requirements.

Arthur Z. Dickson was born in Yorkville (old Bristol) in the fall of 1859, spent his early life in and around Yorkville, moving to Chicago in the early 80s, and the rest of his life was spent there. He died Dec. 19 at the age of 78 years.

He was the last of that generation of Dixons, and the last of his own family, the rest of his own family being removed by accident. A son, Ralph, was killed by a street car in front of his home, and his wife and two daughters were burned to death in the Iroquois theatre fire of Dec. 31, 1903.

He was buried in Elmwood cemetery by the side of the other members of his family on Dec. 13.

The rural carriers and the ladies' auxiliary of Kendall county entertained the carriers of the 12th District at a dinner and program Saturday evening at the Community house. The affair was in honor of Charles Cherry of Oswego, president of the Kendall county group, who retired Dec. 1. Mr. Cherry was presented his retirement medal.

Dec. 22: The music by the glee clubs presented at the school auditorium last Sunday evening was enjoyed by a large audience.

Forrest Wooley and Robert Cherry are home from the University of Illinois for the Christmas holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Cutter attended the funeral of Mr. Renwick, superintendent of the Chicago Sand & Gravel company, held at Joliet Thursday evening. Clay Cutter is superintendent of the local plant.

Alexander Harvey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Harvey, and Lois Gilmore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gilmore of Plainfield, were united in marriage Monday, Dec. 20, at the Scotch United Presbyterian parsonage by the Rev. Melville.

Mrs. Harvey is a graduate of the Plainfield high school and Mr. Harvey of the Oswego high school. Following the ceremony, they left on a motor trip. After March 1 they will be at home on the Robert Harvey homestead.

Charles Bohn, age 37, died at the Copley hospital following an operation Dec. 18. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Ricka Bohn; two sisters, Martha and Augusta; and two brothers, Albert and Herman, all of Oswego.

Funeral services were held from the Thorsen funeral home Monday. Interment in the Oswego cemetery.

Dec. 29: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burkhart are the proud parents of a son born Dec. 24.

The book "Gone with the Wind" as been added to the XIX Century club library.

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January

Jan. 5: Ralph Smith and Joe Wirth drove their tucks to Wisconsin last week to buy feeder pigs.

The district music and drama tournament will be held at the Yorkville high school gym on Jan. 6 at 1:30 in the afternoon and at 6 in the evening. The Kendall county plays and music will be given in the evening.

Jan. 12: A fire starting in the basement did considerable damage to Leslie Peshia's new residence last Saturday evening. The fire department extinguished the blaze but timbers were charred and damage done by smoke.

Miss Marian Ode, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ode of Oswego, and Alvin Christian, son of Chris Christian of Yorkville, were married on New Year's day at the Federated church parsonage in Oswego.

On Jan. 3, a fire started in the basement of the residence occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Max Cutter and family. The fire department was called and extinguished the fire. Some damage was done by smoke and water, but insurance covered the damage.

Mary McMicken, an Oswego high school freshman, is ill with scarlet fever at her home on the Oswego-Plainfield road. Ian Christoffel and two others of that family are also ill of the disease.

There are many cases of mumps in and around Oswego.

Yorkville: The Farm Bureau moves into the new edifice on Van Emmon street Tuesday and the following Saturday will be "open house" when all of you are invited to visit and give the place your approval. The locker plant is going full blast and warrants your investigation.

We traveled over the new Oswego bridge several weeks ago and up through the town on the new highway. The bridge is a "dindy" one and the highway certainly smoothed out the bumps that were on the stretch by the railroad. Oswego business men are glad to have traffic again able to get into town and those who seek the short cut from 34 to Naperville are happy too. It is a big improvement.

Jan. 19: The play, "Who Gets the Car Tonight," given by a cast from the East Oswego Farmers' Club, will be presented at the Plattville Church on Jan. 29.

Ivan Christoffel, who was quite ill with the scarlet fever, and his brother, Glen, are recovering nicely. The other three children in the family had not contracted the disease the first part of this week.

On the advice of his physician, G.H. Voss has resigned as supervisor from Oswego township, and will spend the remainder of the winter in Florida. Oliver Burkhart has been appointed to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Voss' resignation.

Dr. Weishew is anticipating a vacation trip to the West Indies to be gone two weeks, leaving Oswego the latter part of January.

Miss Kathryn Simons of Chicago was out to her old home--the Minkler place--last Saturday and called on the James Campbell family.

Mr. Attig was able to resume his school duties Monday morning in the Oswego school after a two weeks' siege with the measles.

The little folk who had the mumps have nearly all recovered and will be back to school this week.

Yorkville: R.J. Marshall, the *Record's* "Around and Abouter," and linotype man is resting as comfortably as one can with a fractured leg at the St. Joseph's Hospital in Aurora. "Bob" was going home Saturday evening and in making the turn at the "Q" tracks at the depot, his machine skidded, pinning him beneath it. To add to his troubles, the freight train was broken for the corner and Bob was on



the tracks unable to move. Luckily Rudolph and Eton Rabe and "Heinie" Lorenz strolled by looking for feed and freed Bob. At the *Record* office, Kenneth Smith of Bloomington is pushing the keys of the "lino" and we hope to get this edition out on the regular time.

The Kendall County Farm Bureau is moving into its new quarters on Van Emmon Street today. A dozen husky farmers have volunteered to help with this moving program and it is expected that the work will be completed within the one day.

The new arrangement will make it possible for all Farm Bureau interests to be housed under one roof, including the cold storage locker program, the Kendall Farmers' Oil company, the insurance department, the Agricultural Conservation Association, and the Farm Bureau itself.

The telephone number, 212, will remain the same for the Farm Bureau.

Jan. 26: The annual alumni basketball game will be played in the Oswego high school gym Friday evening, Jan. 28.

John L. Clayton attended the dedication services of the Newark Community high school Saturday evening.

Dr. Churchill remembered the Oswego library. He gave that institution two volumes each of memoirs of Sheridan, Sherman, and U.S. Grant.

The Wilcox school district club met with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Matile on Friday evening, Jan. 21. Various games were played and refreshments were served.

Ivan and Glen Christoffel are recovering from scarlet fever and the three other children in the family have the disease in light form.

Friends of John L. Clayton are circulating petitions relative to his candidacy as county superintendent of schools.

Yorkville: More than 300 people visited the new Farm Bureau building Saturday, which was inspection day for both the building and the cold storage lock plant, which is now in operation.

February -- 1938

Feb. 2: Dr. M.R. Saxon of Chicago, a graduate of Northwestern medical school, is now located in Oswego, occupying the office used by the late Dr. A.H. Churchill.

Many are ill with mumps, grippe, and bad colds.

Below zero weather Monday morning--brrrrr!

Dr. and Mrs. L.J. Weishew left Jan. 30 for a two weeks' trip to the West Indies. Dr. Lee of Aurora is caring for much of Dr. Weishew's practice.

Oswego fared well in the distribution of the Aurora cooking school prizes. Mrs. Fritz Beach received the grand prize, a studio couch from Ward & Jones. Mrs. Harry Clark won prizes on two succeeding days, a basket of groceries and two pair of hose; and Mrs. Merrill Wolf, formerly of Oswego, won a gas stove.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Peterson spent two days last week with friends at Davenport, Ia. On their return, they had to make two detours on account of the floods of the Rock river overflowing the highway.

Yorkville: We received a postcard from ex-Supervisor G.H. Voss of Oswego the first of the week and this morning, a letter came from him with several clippings enclosed. Mr. Voss attended the annual motorcycle race held at Daytona Beach Sunday and received several thrills. He says he rather enjoys Daytona as he meets folks every once in a while whom he has met at other times and other places.

Feb. 9: Miss Virginia Ruth Kirchenbauer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kirchenbauer of Sugar Grove, and Melvin Parkhurst, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Parkhurst of Oswego, were united in marriage Feb. 5 at the First Presbyterian church in Aurora.

Miss Ruth Helen Manning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Manning of Oswego became the bride of Edward Allen Weidert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weidert of Aurora Monday, Jan 31. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents. The couple were unattended. The newlyweds will live at the home of the bride's parents. Both are employees of the Richards-Wilcox company. The bride is a graduate of Oswego high school and the bridegroom of West Aurora high school.

Robert Cherry and Forrest Woolley were home from the University of Illinois for the semester vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Parkhurst will soon be located on the farm on Route 34 where Claude Light has been farming for the past several years.

The Kleiser family from the Hanson house on Main street have remodeled and moved into the residence formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Hettrich.

A letter from Mrs. J.R.E. Craighead of Saltsburg, Pa., says that her husband, the Rev. Mr. Craighead, expects to resign his pastorate some time this year and devote his time to other Christian work and to writing.

Mail carrier Peshia and Mrs. Peshia were raised to the state of grandparents last week when Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Peshia of Aurora became the parents of a son, Feb. 3. The young man was given the name Terry Foster.

Velma Pierce, a student nurse at the Copley hospital, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pierce, last Saturday.

Hardly a family has escaped having the grippe or hard colds and the measles are following the mumps epidemic in Oswego.

Would that the weather man would kindly turn on the sunshine lever!

Yorkville: The Beautiful Fox is still high, but not dangerously so here. We are rather more fortunate than residents near other rivers. We're thinking mainly of the Rock river, which has flooded some of the towns along its banks.

Feb. 16: A large, enthusiastic crowd filled the Oswego high school gymnasium last Tuesday evening to hear the fine program arranged by the committee. Children from the Mooseheart schools gave several musical selections, instrumental and vocal.

The Oswego schools were closed Friday when all the teachers attended the meeting of the Kendall County Education association held at Newark.

Mr. and Mrs. John Constantine and Bobby attended the funeral services of Mrs. Constantine's father, George Smith, of Aurora at the Healy chapel last Wednesday.

Dr. and Mrs. L.J. Weishew returned Sunday evening from a very enjoyable winter vacation trip. Taking ship at Miami, Fla., they stopped at Haiti, at Kingston on Jamaica Island, and at Havana, Cuba, returning by way of Havana--2,000 miles on water and 2,000 miles on land in two weeks.

Sixty neighbors and friends met with Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Wolf Friday evening for a farewell party as they will leave that neighborhood for the Cutter farm next week.

Yorkville: Superintendent Charles Earl Vandever informs us that the Kendall county bookmobile has visited 43 of the village and rural schools of Kendall county during the past two weeks. A committee of pupils at each school was permitted to select books for the next two months, at which time there will be another distribution of library books.

Feb. 23: The Hot Shot minstrel, produced by the band mothers of Oswego and directed by Gale Thomas of Aurora, will be given in the Oswego gymnasium Friday, Feb. 25, at 8 p.m.

The American Legion is sponsoring a barn dance show to be held March 3-5. Miss Vivian Griffith, who twice before this directed this type of show here, will be in Oswego Feb. 25 to hold auditions and begin rehearsals.

Mrs. Edmund Rees, who has been ill at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Earl McVicker, died Feb. 15. Funeral services were held at the Healy chapel Friday. At the expressed desire of Mrs. Rees, the remains were cremated and the ashes buried in the Rees family lot in the Oswego cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Mundsinger lost their baby daughter, born Feb. 17, at the Copley hospital. The infant was buried in the Riverside cemetery.

The Oswego school won over Plano Friday night in a basketball game, 15-10, in the first game and 32-30 in a thrilling second game.

Laura Gertrude Emmons, daughter of Abram and Mary Hall Emmons, was born in a log cabin on a farm in Kendall township south of Yorkville Jan. 23, 1866, and passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Earl McVicker, at Oswego Feb. 15, 1938. After teaching in the Cutter and Minkler country schools for about five years, she was united in marriage to Edmund Rees at Oswego Feb. 25, 1894. To this union were born two children, Emmons Rees of Aurora and Dorothy (Mrs. Earl McVicker) of Oswego. There is one brother, Frank Emmons, of Amboy and two grandchildren, Billy Rees and John McVicker.

Funeral services were conducted Feb. 18 from the Healy chapel in Aurora. Interment was in the Oswego cemetery.

March -- 1938

March 2: Fred Mundsinger, who would have been 80 years old on March 22, died at his home on Main street Feb. 24. He was born in Von Bromersberg, Crallshelm, Germany, but for 54 years has been a resident of Oswego township. His wife died March 24, 1921.

Mr. Mundsinger is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Laura Crossman [Crosman] of Oswego and Mrs. Alma Peterson of Montreal, Canada;

one son, Harry and three grandchildren, Harlan, Glen, and Allen Mundsinger, all of Oswego.

Mr. Mundsinger was a member of the Federated church, where he had long held office and taught in the Sunday school.

The funeral services were held in the Federated church Feb. 27.

Interment was made in the Oswego cemetery.

Rural letter carrier Peshia celebrated his birthday anniversary recently and last Saturday evening about 30 of their friends walked in on him with a basket supper and enjoyed a pleasant social evening.

A number of women from Oswego township attended the home bureau tea in the farm bureau auditorium in Yorkville Monday.

The minstrel show given by the Oswego band mothers was a success, both as an entertainment and as a financial venture.

Dr. Horace Larsen of West Liberty, Ia., was a candidate at the Presbyterian church Sunday. There will be a congregational meeting at the church Tuesday evening, March 8, to vote on the Rev. Mr. Larsen to fill the vacant pastorate.

G.H. Voss returned from his Florida trip last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Aleck Harvey are now housekeeping on the farm known as the William Congran farm.

March 9: Mrs. Evelyn Ammons, age 32, passed away in the Copley hospital Feb. 26 following a brief illness. She is survived by her husband, Eldon and three sons, Robert, Donald, and Ronald, the latter are twins; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Hotopp of Plano; and the following brothers and sisters, William, Esther, Mary, Henry, Herman, Edna, Herbert, Harold, and Harriet. Funeral services were held at the Thorsen funeral home March 2. Interment was made in the Oswego cemetery.

The barn dance was a big success with both home and out of town talent.

An old-fashioned quilting party was held with Mrs. Allen Woolley Thursday.

Considering the weather, the icy condition of the roads and sidewalks, there was a fair attendance at the World Day of Prayer service given by the four churches and held at the Presbyterian church March 4.

Mrs. Alma Peterson, who has been in Oswego during the illness and death of her father, the late Fred Mundsinger, returned to her home, Montreal, Canada, last week. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Alex Crossman [Crosman].

Twelve year old Mary Jean Garvey, whose mother died at their home in Springfield last month, has come to make her home with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wormley, and her grandmother, Mrs. Thomas Garvey. She is attending the Wormley school.

W.J. Morse, a prominent Oswego merchant for the past 40 years, is selling out his entire stock of merchandise and will retire from the business. The sale began Feb. 25, and is being well patronized.

Yorkville: State men have completed erecting traffic signs through Yorkville. They place the business district in a 25-mile district. Signs also prohibit passing on the hills and bridges. These signs are erected that our lives may be longer and less painful. Obey them and be safe--disobey and be sorry. Chief Martyn and Judge Jeter have a nice quiet room where your story will be heard but guilt will be firmly dealt with.

March 16: Don't fail to hear G.E. Hawthorne's picture and demonstration on "Fire Prevention in the Home and the School" and "First Aid to the Injured" two subjects that are foremost in the mind of every man, woman and child. Admission is free, Monday, March 21, at the Oswego school gym, sponsored by the Oswego Fire department.

The little daughter and the two sons in the Jack Cherry family are ill with the measles.

Thursday, March 17, will be visiting day and there will be no school in the Oswego high school. Melvin Attig and Marvin Marquardt will take the basketball boys to see the basketball tournament at the University of Illinois.

At the congregational meeting held at the Presbyterian church March 10, a call was extended to Dr. Horace Larsen of West Liberty, Ia., to the pastorate of the Oswego Presbyterian church. He and his wife and family will probably arrive sometime in April.

Jams Campbell, prominent Oswego township farmer, passed away at his home east of Yorkville Tuesday afternoon. Interment will be in the Scotch church cemetery in Wheatland township.

Miss Rose LaBay, a graduate of the Oswego high school and of the Selan School of Beauty Culture, Chicago, has opened the LaBay Beauty shop in the little parlor back of the Roalson barber shop in Oswego. Miss LaBay has been employed in a modern shop in Chicago since her graduation last July.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Goudie Jr. are the parents of a son born at the Copley hospital on March 12. The little fellow has been given the name Malcolm Hunter. Mother and child are doing nicely.

March 23: After months of suffering, James Campbell died at his late home on March 15.

Mr. Campbell, born in NaAuSay on June 11, 1870, spent his entire life in Kendall county, a most respected farmer and neighbor in the different communities in which he lived.

On Feb. 16, 1893 Mr. Campbell took as his wife Grace Burnett of Oswego township. Surviving, besides the wife, are four sons, Kenneth, Raymond, Allan, and Francis; eight grandchildren, Wilbur, Carol, and Dean Campbell, Patricia, Mary Lou, David, and Richard Campbell and Raymond Campbell Jr.; also two sisters, Mrs. Wallace Ferguson and Mrs. Robert Harvey.

The funeral services were held from the late home Friday, March 18, the Rev. Thomas Melville of the Scotch United Presbyterian church officiating. Interment was in the Scotch church cemetery in Wheatland township.



On April 1, Rural Free Delivery mail routes one and two will be consolidated. Leslie Peshia will have both routes except some that is now on route 1 between Bristol and Yorkville.

Matt and Nicholas Poss, bachelor truck gardeners from Montgomery, have purchased the 13-1/2 acre field on the corner of the Grove road and the Oswego Plainfield road, and are excavating for a small house. They will put the acreage into asparagus and other garden truck.

At 2 a.m. Saturday, March 19, fire destroyed the garage and contents, the hen house, and one side of the roof of the corn crib on the old Robert Harvey farm, owned by the Stewarts. Alec Harvey rents the farm and Marshall Young rents the buildings.

Mr. Young lost his auto and most of his carpenter tools: several paint brushes, stepladder, painter's canvas, etc. The hens were saved.

Investigation later revealed that the gasoline tank in Mr. young's auto had been drained of 14 gallons of gasoline and the open door of the auto led the investigators to conclude that a thief had been looking for more to steal. There was no insurance on either the auto or the tools.

The store building on the corner of Main and Washington, recently vacated by W. J. Morse, is being redecorated in readiness for a new department store.

Robert C. Woodard's candidacy for Sheriff of Kendall county was enthusiastically endorsed by 150 Oswego businessmen and voters from all parts of the county at a meeting held in the American Legion hall at Oswego Thursday, March 17.

The Oswego grade schools, which were closed for three days last week on account of scarlet fever in several families, reopened Monday with a throat examination by two doctors of all grade pupils.

March 30: Remember the operetta, "The Wild Rose," which is being presented by the girls' glee club of the Oswego high school under the direction of R.R. Thompson, Friday, April 1, at 8 p.m.

Patricia Woolley spent the past weekend at home on spring vacation from Monmouth college.

Dr. and Mrs. Larsen and family of West Liberty, Ia. expect to move into the Presbyterian manse next week. The Rev. Mr. Larsen will preach his first sermon as pastor of the Presbyterian church on April 10.

The month of March has been something to write home about, but better to mention it until after the 31st. Mild and sunny most of the days, with some record-breaking temperatures, even the roads were passable and part of the time smooth and hard. The farmers are beginning field work the first of this week.

Word comes from California telling of the death of Mrs. Frank Parker at Los Angeles Feb. 28 after a short illness. Mrs. Parker, lovingly known to her host of friends as "Cathie," came to Oswego from Chicago when a bride, having married into the prominent Parker family. The home was established in one of the cottages near the Parker mill on the west bank of the river. Mr. and Mrs. Parker took an active part in the social life of Oswego and were charter members of Lorraine chapter, OES.

Later, the family moved to Aurora and after the death of Mr. Parker she, with her son and daughter, went to Los Angeles where she lived the past 34 years.

Her son, William A. Parker, lives in Los Angeles and her daughter, Luella, Mrs. George A. Wesson, lives in Honolulu. Mrs. Wesson has one daughter, Edith Catherine.

Yorkville: It's time for us to spring clean our Linotype machine. We're having a swell time getting too many letters when we push a key, even a double x once in a while, not to be confused with the xx in double cross.

April -- 1938

April 6: On Tuesday, April 12, there will be a meeting of the home bureau organizations for all women of the county at the farm bureau in Yorkville.

Mrs. Jennie Wormley is staying with her daughter and son-in-law, recuperating from her recent illness.

Jack Wayne, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wayne a freshman in the Yorkville high school, underwent an operation for the relief of appendicitis at the St. Joseph hospital in Aurora Saturday.

Dr. Horace Larsen, the new pastor of the Presbyterian church, and his family, will arrive in Oswego this week from West Liberty, Ia. Dr. Larsen will preach his first sermon Sunday, April 10.

Among others, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Leigh and Dorothy made the motor trip to South Pekin last Sunday to view the terrible destruction made by the cyclone last week. There was a string of autos 10 miles long in the devastated district.

Yorkville: Owing to the recent disastrous tornado in five Midwestern states, including our own state of Illinois, the National Red cross is making an appeal for funds in order to relieve the suffering of people made suddenly homeless and hungry by this catastrophe. Kendall county has never failed to do its full duty in situations like the above.

Surveying for Route 25 from Oswego west is going on, we hear, and the route being staked out. From what we can learn, the new road will follow the old Chicago road and will hit near Yorkville at the Four Corners, about a mile south of town on Route 47. If it keeps on, we're going to pave the whole of Kendall county and then the landowners can just plow up the cement where it is not necessary.

April 13: The high school election to have been held on Saturday, April 9, was postponed on account of the storm, until Saturday, April 23.

At the grade school election, Homer Brown was reelected. Edward Inman was elected president of the board and Fred Cooper the other new director.

On Friday, April 8, Mrs. Jerry Stockman, teacher of the Wormley school, took 11 of her 13 pupils to Aurora to see "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."

If 15 inches of snow fell in Chicago last week, there was that or more in this vicinity, piled into drifts three and four feet high, completely tying up traffic and blocking the roads so effectively that some who succeeded in getting to town had to leave their autos there and walk home. Teachers, scholars, and employees who drive back and forth in autos were snowbound away from home. The mailman and milkman were unable to make their complete trips and many were the teams and tractors brought out to haul out the trucks and autos tuck in drifts. Luckily, it was not very cold, the temperature ranging around 30 degrees.

Jerry Cash, of the department of dairy husbandry at the University of Illinois, here in this community supervising a new milk tester, was snowbound at the Ralph Smith home Wednesday and Wednesday night.

There is to be an Easter sunrise service on Easter morning. Meet at the Federated church at 5:15 and if the weather if favorable, the service will be held at Quarryledge on Route 34. If not it will be at the Federated church.

News is scarce this week as the proverbial hen's teeth, owing to the storm last week, but all are thankful that the storm was not as severe as in some areas.

Yorkville: Of course, the leading topic of conversation last week was the big blizzard which raged and raged, and then after a brief pause for station identification, raged even more than before. It is a sad fact that the state powers that be had decided that there would be no more snow, surely not in April, so the snowplows were all removed from the trucks and the snow got such a head start on the state workmen that it had the roads blocked to a fare-thee-well before anything could be done to remedy the horrid old situation. If you were in town, you couldn't get out and if you were out of town you couldn't get in. Many a farmer had unexpected company for a

time; in some farm houses as many as 30 were gathered. At least on Saturday night, the sun set red and the next day the thaw started and the snow has disappeared almost as fast as it bounded down upon our unsuspecting and unguarded heads.

April 20: Mrs. R.E. Underwood of Washburn, Ill. announces the engagement of her daughter, Dorothy, to Ralph E. Blackman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fay Blackman of Oswego.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Norris and little daughter Louise Margaret of Oak Park, spent last weekend with the Rance and Norris families.

On Thursday, April 145, Marvin Marquardt too a group of Oswego school students on a visual education tour to Grant park, the Shedd aquarium, the Chicago Lighting institute, and the Chicago stockyards.

Yorkville: Both Chicago teams won their opening games in their respective leagues yesterday, an auspicious opening. We hope both have good seasons and end on top. We'd like to see an all-Chicago World Series this fall.

April 27: Mrs. Songer attended the graduation exercises at the Great Lakes Naval training school April 20 when their son, Ernest, graduated from the training course. Ernest returned home with her on a short furlough. On May 25, he will leave for San Pedro, Calif., where he will ship aboard the U.S.S. Oregon, to be training for the next three years. Ernest is a graduate of the Oswego high school.

The mothers of the band pupils serving the band members and the teachers in the high school and the seventh and eighth grades a three-course banquet Tuesday evening, April 26 at the school gym. Fifteen high school and four grade school pupils received their letters, showing they have completed a two-year course in band music.

Watts Cutter Jr., who is employed by the International company, and who has been in Rockford and Aurora this winter, has been transferred to Brazil, South America. He is leaving the States April 27 from New Orleans.

On Tuesday, the weekly Bible study was held at the Presbyterian church. On Wednesday evening, April 27, the pastor, the Rev. Horace Larsen, Th. D., will be installed as pastor of the church.

Little five-year-old Marilyn Smith of Aurora, who recently lost her mother, is spending the summer months with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. John Constantine.

May -- 1938

May 4: Mr. and Mrs. Allen Troyer are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter, born April 26, at the Copley hospital. The little one has been named Toni Anne. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ode are the proud parents of a girl, born April 29, at the Copley hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Klett are the parents of a boy, born last week. Mrs. Klett was the former Margaret Murley of NaAuSay.

On Wednesday evening, a reception will be held for the new pastor Dr. Larsen, and Mrs. Larsen and family.

Kenneth Lyman Towne, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Towne, died at his home in Oswego township April 27. The funeral services were held at the Thorsen funeral home, April 28, with interment in the Oswego cemetery. There is one other child in the family.

Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Davis have bought the cottage on Park avenue, formerly the J.A. Manning home, and will move in from their farm sometime this spring. Their son, Arthur and wife and Barbara Mary, will stay on the homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carr, who are the managers of the dry goods store on the corner of Main and Washington streets, moved here from Plano and are located in the apartment over Lloyd Wormley's confectionery.

M.G. Attig was reelected principal for the school year of 1938-1939 at the meeting of the Oswego Community high school Monday.

M.C. Marquardt, Miss Hanks, J.F. Reeve, and Reeve R. Thompson were reelected to the faculty.

The resignations of Leona Scot and Vega Norby were accepted at the meeting.

Miss Dorothy Given of Paxton will teach Latin and English; Miss Jeanne Myron, Baldwin, Wis., will teach home economics and girls' physical education; and Albert Dittman, Aurora, will teach social sciences and boys' physical education.

May 11: The store building in the business block formerly occupied by Fred Willis, a shoe repair shop has been opened up, with Fabriani as manager, with a sign, "Oswego Shoe Doctor" on the door.

The pupils of the Walker school are enjoying a new slide and other playground apparatus.

At the state contest held at the Illinois State Normal University Friday, Lois Hem, a junior in the Oswego high school, won first place over 23 soprano contestants.

Paul Bishoff received his degree of Bachelor of Divinity at the Evangelical Theological seminary at Naperville on May 10. Following his graduation, he will reside in Oswego in the Congregational parsonage, pastor of the Federated church.

Orin Collins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Collins, who has been at the Mayo clinic at Rochester, Minn., the past week underwent a major operating on May 9.

The Adeste Fideles class of the Presbyterian Sunday school enjoyed roller-skating at Skateland in Aurora Thursday evening.

Edmond Gillow, for 21 years a Kendall county resident, died May 8 at his home near Oswego.

Edmond Gillow was born Jan. 11, 1861 in Kent, England. He passed away following an illness of eight months' duration. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Anna C. Carlson, and 12 children and 18 grandchildren. He was unite din marriage in 1891.

Funeral services were held yesterday at 4:30 p.m. CST at the Thorsen funeral home in Oswego. Burial was in the Oswego cemetery.

NaAuSay: The Busy Bee club met Wednesday with Mrs. Octa Gengler. Thirteen ladies attended. Mrs. Rose Mary Condon, the new president, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Eva Ditto, the secretary, called the roll. Mrs. Mary Johnson was in charge of entertainment and prizes were awarded Genevieve Updike, Sybilla Payton, Sylvia Matile, and Mabel Holzhueter.

May 18: One hundred twenty-five women attended the mother and daughter banquet at the Presbyterian church Friday evening.

John L. Clayton has accepted a position as principal of the Millford Township high school in Iroquois county, having been chosen from a field of 125 candidates for the position. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton and family expect to move to their new home as soon as the school has closed and they can dispose of their property.

White frosts and real freezing weather damaged the fruit crop and vegetables as well as the fields of barley and alfalfa on the nights of May 11 and 12. Heavy showers over the last weekend supplied much-needed moisture.

May 25: The Memorial day program will be given in the Oswego high school auditorium Monday, May 30, at 9:30. m. DST.

The Wilcox school will close with a picnic at Phillips Park on Friday, May 17. Miss Dorothy Murphy, who taught the school this year, plans to attend a teachers' college next year.

The Walker school closes this week with a picnic on Friday. Ruth Shoger has been the efficient teacher there for the past two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Norris of Oak Park and their father, Ralph Norris, have been on a fishing trip at Portage, Mich.

Truman Thompson and daughter, Miss Mabel, are moving this week into their new residence recently purchased from Fred Kohlhammer,



and Mr. and Mrs. Marquardt will occupy the Hull residence vacated by the Thompsons.

The Oswego school band will play at Bristol Monday afternoon.

The Oswego Legion and Legion Auxiliary will attend church services at the Presbyterian church Sunday.

Mrs. Nellie Boessenecker Ebinger of Oak Park has written to friends in her hometown of Oswego of the graduation of her daughter, Lois, from the St. Luke training school, Chicago, May 20. Miss Lois had the highest scholastic standing in her class, an average of 94 percent, thereby winning a six-week scholarship to the summer session at the University of Chicago. Beginning in the fall, Miss Ebinger will have charge of the "A" floor at St. Luke's hospital.

Yorkville: Commencement exercises will be held in the Yorkville Community high school gymnasium Thursday, June 2, when about 115 students of the rural schools of Kendall county will be graduated from eighth grade.

June -- 1938

June 1: The baccalaureate services for the Oswego high school graduating class will be held at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening, June 5. The Rev. Paul Bischoff, pastor of the Federated church, will be the speaker.

A number of Kendall county schools closed last week with picnics at Phillips park Friday, May 27--and it rained.

Many from this vicinity and from out of town attended the Burkhart reunion held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Plocher on May 30.

Dr. and Mrs. Saxon will move into the Mary Friebele bungalow on Main street vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Marquardt, who are now located in Mrs. Anna Hull's residence.

Mrs. Clement Morrison, 82 years of age, died May 27 at her home in Oswego.

Surviving are a son, Allie Carlson; five daughters, Mrs. George Barrett, Mrs. William Zolk, Mrs. Harry Mitchell, and Mrs. Edward Donnelly, all of Oswego, and Mrs. Steve Xeros of Chicago; besides several nieces, nephews, and grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Thorsen funeral home Sunday. Burial was in the Oswego cemetery.

J.F. Reeves, the agricultural teacher, spent the weekend holiday at his home in Barry.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Condon are the parents of a boy, born at the St. Joseph hospital May 26.

A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. John L. Clayton at the Copley hospital May 28. This is the third child in the family.

Yorkville: The baseball season of the WONDer church league has begun and there will be two games every Monday night at the United [Scotch] Presbyterian church beginning at 7:30. Teams in the league are the Oswego Presbyterian Church, DuPage Presbyterian Church, Salem Presbyterian Church, Prairie Methodist, Cross Lutheran, and Scotch church.

June 8: Graduation exercises for the Oswego Community high school class of 1938 will be held in the school auditorium Thursday, June 9, at 8 p.m. DST. Main floor seats have been reserved for parents and friends of the graduates, who may secure tickets from members of the class. The bleacher seats will be open to the general public. Salutatorian is Ruth Dhuse; valedictorian is Marjorie Hall. Members of the class are William Crimmin, Ruth Dhuse, Manley Dibble, Eleanor Foster, Marie Gerry, Marjorie Hall, Arlene Jay, Charles LaGow, Lowell Leedy, Shirley Lippold, Marilyn Miller, Jack Obmann, Margaret Olson, Maxine Patton, Burton Peshia, Frances Schobert, Phyllis Shoger, and Robert Van Etten.

Mrs. Newton Woolley spent several days last week with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Drew.

Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Schultz have moved into the residence they recently purchased on Madison street, which was known as the Jane Vaughn house.

The Gaylord school, Miss Jane Goudie teacher, closed with a picnic June 4 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Condon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wheeler and their mother, Mrs. Agnes Schlapp, entertained the others in their family last Sunday.

Mr. Reeve and 15 of the boys in his ag class will go to the university of Illinois Friday to judge stock.

Mr. and Mrs. Reeve Thompson will leave for Normal this week, where he will attend summer school at the university.

Ernest Songer left the Great lakes training school last week to ship aboard the U.S.S. Argonne at San Pedro, Calif.

Mrs. Thomas Condon and baby son, Thomas John, came home from an Aurora hospital June 5.

June 15: One hundred fifty members and guests attended the high school alumni banquet, which was held at the school gymnasium Friday evening, June 10.

After four weeks of almost continuous rains, this week was ushered in clear and bright Sunday. The farmers hope now to cultivate their corn and finish putting in soybeans.

The Al Mu 4-H club met at the high school Saturday, June 4. They discussed the 4-H tour. Ruth and Marcella Haines gave a demonstration of salads.

On Monday, June 13, Mr. Klomhaus, genial driver of the school bus, took his bus load of young folks on a picnic to Exposition park. This is an annual affair much enjoyed by those participating. Mr. Klomhaus always buys a treat for the children.

Marjorie Hall, one of the high school graduates, has been awarded from Kendall county a four year scholarship at the University of Illinois.

Eleanor Woolley is home for a three week vacation from her duties at the Copley hospital.

To Voters and Residents  
of Village of Oswego

Come to the mass meeting at the Village Hal on Friday night, June 17, at 8:30. The \$10,000 bond issue for sewer improvement will be discussed.

After building our sewage disposal plant on the bank of the Fox river in 1927, we thought we had one of the finest and cleanest disposal plants in Illinois. A year or two later, the Legislature passed a law creating a State Water Board, which has to do with the purification of streams and water supplies.

They decided to make the Fox river a stream for recreation, fishing, and swimming and required every city and village using same for sewage disposal to construct secondary sewage treatment plants in addition to the existing plants. Every city and village on the river has or is complying with the rules of the Water Board except Oswego and Yorkville. The Water Board has threatened action against the village, which means if this plant is not built the village (that means all of us) will be subject to a penalty of \$100 a day for every day we run our sewage into the river. We cannot shut off our sewers, so must comply with the order, for if we do not, the state can take over the finances of the village and levy any amount of tax it wishes and make us pay the penalty.

Now, the object of this election at this time is for the purpose of voting on a bond issue of \$10,000 to pay for our share of the construction of a secondary treatment plant. The cost of such a plant, which we have from our engineers, the Engineering Service Company of Aurora, including ground for an outlet, will run close to \$20,000, but by being able to get a grant from the government on a PWA project, or getting the labor and part of the material furnished under a WPA project, the cost to the village will be less than \$10,000. On a bond issue of \$10,000 we will have a safe margin, and if it costs less, it will not be necessary to issue all of the bonds. These projects will furnish many months' work to our unemployed

citizens and help relieve the town from the expense thereof. In this manner the money paid to these people would, in turn, be spent in the major part right at home. So by reason of the legal necessity of this construction and the relief of unemployment in Oswego, it is the patriotic duty of every citizen, taxpayer or non-taxpayer, to vote for this bond issue.

Lastly, the issuance of these bonds, payable at the rate of \$1,000 a year an interest, which will only be 3-3/4 percent per annum, will not raise the taxes of any person in the village from the present amount, for the reason that this year we pay off the last well bond of \$1,000 and the payments will go on just as heretofore.

Don't fail to vote for the Bond Issue on June 21.

#### SANITARY WATER BOARD

Springfield

Village President & Board of Trustees, Oswego, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

It has been called to our attention that a bond election is to be held at Oswego on June 20 in connection with the proposed sewage treatment additions, which are necessary to abate the illegal pollution of Fox river now caused by the village.

We trust that every effort is being made to impress the necessity of this project upon the voters. We suggest that the points raised in this letter be emphasized.

The public uses of Fox river make it essential that a very high degree of treatment be provided all sewage discharged to that stream. Accordingly, this Board has carried on a systematic abatement program for the past nine years and has made remarkable progress along the entire stream. At that time, there is but one small municipality above Oswego that is not served by a complete sewage treatment plant.

Oswego is now served by a primary treatment works, which is capable of removing the larger sewage solids making up about one-third of the total objectionable matter in the sewage. The proposed improvements will remove practically all of the remaining objectionable matter and will effect a very high removal of bacteria. As stated above, the manner in which Fox river is used requires such complete treatment.

The availability of Federal financial assistance, as well as prevailing low interest rates, makes this an extremely opportune time for this

improvement. If advantage is not taken of the Federal financial assistance, the village must bear the entire cost at a later date. This Board has been extremely liberal in the in the time allowed for voluntary development of the project involving the needed sewage treatment improvements. The Board has no desire to take action under the Sanitary Water Board law, although such action will be mandatory if the improvements are not provided voluntarily. We, therefore, are hopeful that a favorable bond vote will be forthcoming, as this will definitely avoid procedure by this Board under the Sanitary Water Board law.

We trust that the above facts will be brought to the attention of your people and we are sure that if all of the factors involved are considered fairly, a favorable vote on the bond issue will ensue.

Very truly yours,

C.W. KLASSEN

Technical Secretary

June 22: The vote in Oswego Tuesday on the \$10,000 bond issue for the purpose of raising funds to construct a sewage disposal plant to conform with the state law, carried 105 for to 6 against.

The Rev. Horace Larsen will preach at a centennial celebration at West Liberty, Ia., his former pastorate, Sunday, June 26.

The reception given to friends by Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Morse on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary on June 15 was a very enjoyable affair.

Carol June, the child of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ricketts, was born June 13. Mrs. Ricketts and the baby are expected home from the hospital this week.

John L. Clayton is in Springfield this week, one of four assistants at the Boys' State, an American Legion project attended by boys from 19 states.

Louis Georgi Sr., 78 years old, died June 15 at his home in Oswego. He was born Dec. 13, 1859 in Saxony, Germany. Mr. Georgi was a member of the NaAuSay Presbyterian church. He is survived by two daughters, Stella and Mrs. Sadie Cosgrove, and a son, Louie, all of

Oswego; also two brothers, Paul of Aurora and another in Germany. Mrs. Georgi preceded her husband in death. Interment was in the NaAuSay cemetery.

Ralph E. Blackman, son of Mr. and Mrs. F.E. Blackman, and Miss Dorothy Underwood, daughter of Mrs. R.E. Underwood of Washburn, were united in marriage Saturday afternoon at the First Presbyterian church in Aurora.

After they return from a short wedding journey, the Blackmans will be at home in Aurora.

Mrs. Blackman has been teaching English at East Aurora high school and Mr. Blackman is principal of the Brady school, Aurora.

Miss Dorothy Marion Price, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Price of the Base Line road, and Rudolph Malek Jr., son of the Rev. and Mrs. Rudolf Malek of Aurora, were married June 17 by the Rev. Mr. Malek in the Oswego Presbyterian church. The Rev. Horace Larsen, pastor of the church, assisted in the ceremony.

A reception was held after the ceremony in the church parlors for 400 relatives and friends.

After their return from their wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Malek will made their home in Aurora.

Mrs. Malek is a graduate of the East Aurora high school in the class of 1933 and is associated with the Western Adjustment and Inspection company. Mrs. Malek graduated from North Central college in the class of 1937. He is employed by the Aurora Packing company.

#### Yorkville: F&IU Railroad Sold

Master in Chancery C.A. Darnell sold the Fox & Illinois Union railroad last Saturday to Henry Evans of Aurora, whose grandfather built the road almost 30 years ago. The sale price was \$50,000, which must be approved by Circuit Judge William J. Fulton.

For years, the road was the pride of those living in the territory it served, but trucks made great inroads upon its revenues, causing its decline. The rails and other equipment will be removed and sold as junk.

June 29: Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Attig and little daughter Barbara, accompanied by Marjorie Hall, are on a vacation to Lake Manson near Rhinelander, Wis.

Leota Anderson is attending summer school at the University of Illinois.

July -- 1938

July 5: Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Smith are spending 10 days vacation in the Attig cottage at Lake Miami, Wis.

Mrs. Harriet Cherry returned last week from a Prairie Farmer tour of the New England states and into Canada. The bus trips in Vermont and New Hampshire, the tour through Boston, the boat trips on the St. Lawrence River and the glimpse of Canadian cities, the splendid train and hotel service were among the highlights of this delightful trip.

Herman Young is seriously ill at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary Young.

A large audience enjoyed the demonstration of the Hammond electric organ given by Lyon & Healy at the Prairie church Sunday evening.

July 13: Richard A. Young 76, passed away on July 6 at the Copley hospital after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Albert Miller and Mrs. Leslie Peshia of Oswego; three sons, L.S. Young of Pipestone Minn., Carl R. Young of Chicago, and H.G. Young of Oswego; a brother, J.E. Young of Elgin; a sister, Mrs. Dwight Smith of Wilton Junction, Ia., and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

McVicker is the new postmaster, succeeding Mr. Lamb.

The members of the threshing ring southeast of town, Ed Rink, Frank Skeen, Gilbert Collins, Allen, Albert, Leslie, and Newton



Woolley, have purchased a new Belle City threshing machine. It was delivered last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Davis have moved from the farm where they lived for 26 years to the residence they purchased recently on Park avenue.

July 20: The small grain harvest is progressing rapidly. The crops in this vicinity are looking very good.

The school bus loaded with women from the Federated Church Gild attended the Bible conference at Naperville Tuesday.

There will be an ice cream social on the lawn of the Federated Church Friday evening July 22, with a handkerchief sale as an added attraction.

Men from a hybrid corn association are at work detasseling the 16 acre field of hybrid corn on the Milton Hem farm this week.

Every farmer in Kendall County is invited to see the new small McCormick-Deering No. 60 harvester-thresher "combine" grain on the H.W. Bark farm on the Hinckley Sandwich Road all day Tuesday, July 24.

The Fox River remains at high levels but people are evidently becoming better educated and no deaths therein have been reported recently.

July 27: The rooms of the Oswego school building have all been redecorated.

The organization date for the Kendall County Home Bureau has been set for Tuesday Aug. 2, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Farm Bureau office.

August -- 1938

Aug. 3: 100 friends of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Clayton gathered at the school building on Friday evening, July 29, for a farewell party for the Claytons, who after 11 years residence in Oswego are moving to Millford, where Mr. Clayton has a similar position as superintendent of schools. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton and family left Oswego the first of this week, Mr. Clayton going directly to Millford, Mrs. Clayton and the children are going to her parents' home at Polo until they can get possession of their new home in Millford. Druggist Shuler and family immediately moved into the former Clayton residence.

If it doesn't rain this week all the local threshing rings will be busy. Some farmers are taking the workers to town for the dinners.

DeLoss Miller of Aurora began excavating for the foundation of a residence on the corner of Park and Jefferson avenues Aug. 1.

Marian Johnston of the telephone exchange had a vacation last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Norris and little daughter of Oak Park spent last weekend with Oswego relatives.

J.F. Reeve, ag teacher, has returned from his vacation has his home of Carry. His mother, Mrs. Willis Reeve, came with him to spend the weekend.

Yorkville: The federal government has expended in various forms of assistance in Illinois during the period March 4, 1935 through Dec. 31, 1937, the sum of \$1,777,903,045, not including approximately \$140,000,000 expended in Illinois during this period for pensions, hospitalization, insurance, construction, and the like for veterans. On the basis of the tabulation, each of the 2,801 families in Kendall County has received benefit in one form or another of approximately \$1,296 during the period.

Aug. 10: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kirkhus, formerly of Newark, are the parents of a son, born Wednesday, Aug. 3. Mr. Kirkhus is the new superintendent of grades in the Oswego schools.

With the organization meeting Tuesday, Aug. 2, the home bureau of Kendall County has become a reality and homemakers throughout the county are looking forward to plans, which will make this organization of the same value to Kendall County homemakers as similar organizations are to other counties, which have previously been organized.

The summer Christmas tree party for the Mission band of the Prairie church was held with the leader Miss Ella Hummel on Aug. 3. An evergreen tree in the yard was beautifully decorated for the occasion and gifts of money from the Mission band members were presented. The gifts go to the mission schools under the Evangelical board.

Aug. 17: The threshing of grain is getting along well--everything good except the price per bushel

When driving use caution when approaching a corner where the view is obstructed by tall corn, weeds, or brush. There are many such corners in the country and they are dangerous.

Your correspondent will give the readers a vacation from a long column this week. We have threshers at our house for dinner.

Aug. 24: Many Oswegoans are on vacation. It is a sign of better times.

An awful storm visited us last Saturday afternoon, but we are thankful it was no worse in this vicinity. Would the weather man please shut off the water? The threshing is delayed by so much rain and damp weather. The weeds are pinning the oat shocks to the ground and some oats have begun to sprout in the shock.

Aug. 31: On Thursday afternoon, Aug. 28, Miss Miriam Thornton of South Bend, Ind. Became the bride of the Rev. Paul Bischoff, pastor of the Federated church of Oswego. The services were read at the Evangelical church in South Bend. The Oswego Congregational parsonage has been redecorated for their occupancy and they expect to be in their new home before Sept. 4.

Clay and William Cutter, little sons of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Cutter, are recovering from tonsil operations performed last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Friedlein, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schobert, and the Theodore Lippold family attended the Lippold reunion held in Kollman's woods near Yorkville Sunday. There were 150 in attendance.

Mrs. Clarence Cherry and Mrs. Arthur Wormley returned Friday from a delightful auto trip to Denver, Salt Lake City, Yellowstone park, and the Black Hills. They were in two snowstorms in Yellowstone. These Oswego ladies accompanied Mr. and Mrs. George Troll of Aurora.

The teachers in the Oswego High School are Melvin Attig, principal; Marvin Marquardt, science and coach; J. Fred Reeve agriculture; Miss Jean Myron of Baldwin, Wis., home economics and girls' physical education; Albert Dittman of Aurora, social science and boys' physical education; Lila Henke of Orange Grove, Fla., commercial; Mrs. Judkins of Paxton, English; and Reeve Thompson, music.

Grade school teachers are Harold Kirkhus, principal; Miss Schumacher, grades one and two; Mrs. Gracie Gutel, grades two and three; Miss Campbell, grades four and five; Miss Morris, grades five and six; and Reeve Thompson, Junior high school. School opens Sept. 6.

Plano: Frank W. Lord, born Aug. 30, 1848 in Colchester, Connecticut, died very peacefully while reading his morning paper seated in his favorite chair. He was active to the very last and would have been 90 years old on Aug. 30, the day of his funeral.

Mr. Lord came to Illinois with his parents, William B. and Laura Cook Lord, in 1856, settling on a farm near Leland. Three years later, they moved to Little Rock and from there he enlisted in Company I, 23rd Infantry, Illinois Volunteers, at the age 16. He returned after the war to Plano and entered Jennings seminary in Aurora, where he graduated in 1869. He also attended Northwestern university at Evanston, completing the course in three years.

He married Miss Lida VanEmmon of Yorkville on Dec. 15, 1880. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1930. Mrs.

Lord passed away in 1935. Two children were born to them, a son, Walter, who died in infancy, and Attorney Maurice F. Lord of Aurora.

Mr. Lord was always active in GAR work and for many years was commander of the Plano post. When the Plano post gave up their charter he transferred to Aurora and was later made Commander of that post. In June at the state convention, he was made Senior Vice Commander of the state. Shortly after that, he made the pilgrimage to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania for the reunion of the Federal and Confederate Civil war troops, which he enjoyed very much.

Funeral services were held at 1 o'clock from the Plano Methodist church on Tuesday, Aug. 30. The Rev. James H. Hagerty officiated. Mrs. Leonore Wiley sang. The American Legion conducted services at the grave. Interment was in the Plano cemetery.

#### September -- 1938

Sept. 7: William Anderson has a horse sick with sleeping sickness. Many farmers in this vicinity are having their horses vaccinated for immunity from the disease. The Anderson horse is slowly recovering.

Harry Clark's racehorse, Sally Bean, won first place in a race at Rennsalaer, Ind.

The Presbyterian Young People's and Senior Christian Endeavor societies enjoyed a "Wrong Way Corrigan" party with Gladys and Floyd Price on the Base Line Road. The young folks entered the house by the back door, wearing their clothes backward, ate their refreshments first with the furniture and even the pictures turned the wrong way.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Woolley, Mrs. Jennie Price and Miss Genevieve Updike, who were on the last WLS tour, returned last Friday. They had a "glorious time" going through Glacier national park and Yellowstone park. There were 75 in the party and they had 11 days of sightseeing with excellent meals.

Yorkville: Thomas T. Fletcher, 78, a pioneer resident of Lisbon Township, passed away Friday afternoon, Sept. 2, at his home west

of Lisbon Center. Mr. Fletcher was widely known and respected as a fine Christian gentleman. He was perhaps the largest landowner in Kendall County.

Sept. 14: Lois Hem, who has taken her first three years of high school in Oswego, is taking her senior year at West High in Aurora.

There is a case of sleeping sickness on a farm near Wolf's Crossing.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Benjamin are selling out and going to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Attig and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kirkhus held a reception at the home of the former last Sunday afternoon for the grade and high school teachers and the two boards of directors.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gengler and sons John and Stanley returned recently from a vacation in a cottage in Minnesota.

Sept. 21: The XIX Century Club rooms have been redecorated in preparation of the opening of the club year in October.

We asked one lady for news and she said, "It rained," but that's no news as it has rained almost continuously for the past 10 days.

Sept. 28: Many from this vicinity took advantage of the beautiful fall day and attended Saturday's Big Rock plowing match.

Perhaps no other radio broadcast has ever been listened to by more people with such intense interest as that of Adolph Hitler's speech Monday.

Isn't it grand not to have to say "daylight saving time?" If only some plan might be devised so that we need never use that term and the inconvenience again!

Jimmie Hoch, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hoch, fell while at school last week and fractured both bones in his right arm. It is a bad break but he is in school this week.

October -- 1938

Oct. 5: The Thorsen Funeral Home has changed ownership. Mr. Thorsen of Oswego sold the business to Mr. McKeown of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. McKeown will live in the upstairs apartment of the establishment.

The Oswego Unit of the Kendall County Home Bureau was organized Thursday, Sept. 29.

Elizabeth Grate was home from the Illinois State Normal University at Normal over the past weekend.

Oct. 12: The Funk Brothers' hybrid seed corn company is husking its field of hybrid corn on the Milton Hem farm. The corn is trucked to Bloomington to be placed in the dryer at their plant. On Oct. 6, Milton Hem, Frank Gerry, George Rueben and Everett Hafenrichter, Hardy Shoger and L.D. Jay motored to Bloomington and were guests of the company and watched the process of preparing the corn for next year's seed.

The name of the new owner of the Oswego funeral home is Everett McKeown. The name was misspelled in last week's issue.

Due to the position being vacant following the resignation of Mrs. Dorothy Judkins, Paul Shoger, a 1938 graduate of North Central College, is teaching English and Latin at Oswego High School.

This modern age! We know on family who placed their radio in an open window and listened to the World Series ball game while they dug their potatoes.

Oct. 19: Mrs. Daily Young, 65, died Oct. 15 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Homer Vickery in NaAuSay. Mrs. Young was born Jan. 28, 1873 and was for many years a resident of Oswego. Her husband, Sherman Young, died many years ago. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Sarah Enderson of Aurora and Mrs. Alice Vickery of NaAuSay; a son, Paul of Butte, Mont.; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held from the Healy chapel in Aurora Monday, Oct. 17, with interment in the Riverside cemetery.

Theodore William Lippold, aged 61, died Oct. 15, at the St. Joseph's hospital. He is survived by his wife, Mabel; a daughter, Shirley; two sons, Don and Marvin; three sisters, Mrs. John Friedlein and Mrs. Henry Schobert of Oswego and Mrs. Mattie Keich of Dwight; and two brothers, Layton of Oswego and Robert of Crystal Lake. Funeral services were held at the Federated church Oct. 17. Interment was in the Lincoln highway cemetery.

Horace Larsen, eight years old, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Larsen, was injured in a collision between an automobile and his bicycle last Friday. He is recovering from the accident at his home on Madison street.

Mrs. John Constantine treated the students of the Walker school with cake and ice cream Monday in honor of Bobby Constantine's ninth birthday anniversary.

Yorkville: Plans have been completed by the Illinois Bell Telephone Company for replacing its central office switchboards in Kendall County and converting all telephones to dial operation. The new equipment will be of the latest type developed by telephone engineers for communities of this state.

Under the new plan every telephone number will have five figures and all numbers in the Oswego exchange, both local and rural, will be changed accordingly. As the rural lines will also have five digit numbers they will be dialed in the same manner as local numbers. Ringing will be automatic and when a telephone is called its bell will continue to ring intermittently until the telephone is answered or the calling party hangs up. Toll and long distance connections will be handled by the Aurora operators as at present. Business matters will be handled through the company's business office in Aurora, which subscribers may reach without charge from any telephone in Oswego by dialing the operator and asking for the business office. An arrangement will be made whereby bills may be paid locally in Oswego.



Oct. 26: The Federated church will celebrate Go to Church Month during November.

Myron Wormley, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Attig and Miss Mary Morris were among those who attended the University of Illinois homecoming Saturday.

Arthur Davis caught his right hand in a cornpicker Monday afternoon and suffered a painful injury.

November -- 1938

Nov. 2: Miss Floi V. Johnston, who has been an employee of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company for 27 years has retired with a pension. For 26 years she was night operator in the local telephone office working under the chief operators, Martha White, Lois Chase (now Mrs. R.B. Anders of Los Angeles), Ella Gates Truitt, and Mrs. L.L. Knight. The office was located in the new Burkhart block in 1911. Miss Johnson and her mother, Mrs. Minnie Johnston, have an antique shop at their home in Oswego.

Letters received from the Rev. and Mrs. J.R.E. Craighead of Saltsburg, Pa., tell of his retirement from the ministry in October. Mr. Craighead expects to write a book before next June.

Arthur Davis, who had his right hand injured in his mechanical corn picker last week, is recovering nicely. No bones were broken but the flesh was torn and bruised.

Congressman Noah M. Mason announced the approval of a WPA grant for the improvement of county and township roads throughout Kendall County. No taxes or assessments will be levied to cover the amount of federal funds expended on this project.

The excavation for the basement of the Presbyterian annex is finished and it is expected the walls will be started this week.

Nov. 9: Billy Denny underwent an operation for the relief of appendicitis last Wednesday. He is doing well and expects to come home today.

Nov. 16: Mr. Thompson who recently built a new residence on Park avenue, will open a plumbing shop in the rear of the Carr Department Store, formerly occupied by W.J. Morse. The building, now owned by Mrs. Ida Mighell, is undergoing repairs and remodeling.

Nov. 23: The Oswego epidemic of appendicitis cases continues.

Mrs. Robert Silvius and baby Carol Marilyn, who have been with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Quantock, for a short time since their return from the hospital went to their home in Aurora last week.

Rural Mail Carrier Leslie Peshia is driving a new auto, a beautiful silver gray model, a credit to Uncle Sam's mail service.

Nov. 30: Dale Havens had the misfortune to have his prized violin stolen. It had been left in a car in Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmidt have sold their little farm at the edge of town (north) to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pfund of Elmhurst and have purchased the Perry home on Ashland avenue.

Margaret Rance, daughter of Mrs. Clara Rance of Oswego, became the bride of George A. Hadfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Hadfield of Aurora Nov. 24.

Following a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Hatfield will reside with her mother and grandfather, Fred Bower, during the winter. The bride was a graduate of the Oswego high school in the class of '34 and has been an employee of Minch & McCullough in Aurora. Mr. Hadfield graduated from East Aurora high school and attended the University of Illinois and North Central college. He is engaged in farming.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Herren, Mrs. Lillie Herren, and Mrs. Nellie Herren motored to WLS last Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Lillie Herren

won a special prize of \$10 for the whistling solo she gave the week before.

December -- 1938

Dec. 7: It never rains but it pours, and the Busick family are having more than their share of troubles.

Last week, Clarence Busick was made slightly ill with dust from cleaning out the top of a silo. His little 10-year-old daughter, Claire, was ill all night Thursday and the physician decided to take her to the Copley hospital for an appendectomy. Mrs. Busick and Claire did not go home after visiting the doctor's office Friday morning, but Mr. Busick and daughter Billie hurried home to get ready to go to the hospital. Mr. Busick, still weak from his dust chill, was driving and in some way went into the ditch, the auto landing upside down, Billie lowered the window and crawled out, dragging her father out, too. His back and one leg were bruised and lame from being caught behind the brake and steering wheel. The auto was not badly damaged and the family are all recuperating.

R.H. Underhill attended a dinner of the Roadbuilders' association at the Palmer House, Chicago, Wednesday.

Robert Richards, one of the youngest of the five sons of Julia and the late Harley Richards, died at his home in Arlington Heights Tuesday, Nov. 29. He is survived by his wife; a son in college at Flint, Mich.; a 12 year-old daughter; and his mother, Mrs. Harley Richards of Oswego.

The funeral was held in Arlington Heights Dec. 1, with interment in the Oswego cemetery.



To demonstrate the amazing versatility of the Comfortactor, it must be seen, according to James H. Johnston of Oswego, local Minneapolis-Moline dealer. In order that all interested may see this marvelous new farm machine, Mr. Johnston will have the tractor on display at his place of business in Oswego

Saturday, Dec. 10, when everyone is invited to see the demonstration.

The Comfortactor is fully capable of performing any task required of a standard tread tractor of 3- to 4-plow power. By simply removing the front fender of his modern tractor, it is ready for heavy-duty belt work; one hauling jobs are no longer a worry with its road speeds of up to nearly 40 miles per hour. The tractor has five forward speeds and with the variable speed governor should handle every job at just the right speed. Provision has also been made for the easy installation of a power take-off.

J.F. Reeve, vocational agriculture instructor of the Oswego high school, escorted 20 members of the Future Farmers of America to Chicago Nov. 30; to attend the International Livestock exposition and horse show at the International Amphitheater, and to take an escorted tour through Swift & Company's plant in the stockyards.

Dec. 14: The Oswego unit of the Kendall County Home bureau met with Mrs. Harold Bower in her nice new home Nov. 6, with Mrs. Walter Gast, unit chairman, presiding.

The Oswego churches are invited to attend the Christmas music at the school auditorium Sunday evening, Dec. 18.

Herbert Collins, who had been living alone in a cottage by the river near Yorkville, was found dead in the yard Saturday morning, Dec. 10, presumably having died from a heart attack.

Mr. Collins, 68, is survived by one son, Elmer of Kalamazoo, Mich.; a brother, John; a nephew; and several nieces and many cousins.

Herbert Collins is a son of the late Bob Collins and a grandson of the pioneer, John Collins. His mother died when he and his brother were boys, and his sister, Emma brought them up.

The funeral was held from the Hasemeyer funeral home Dec. 12, with burial in the Oswego cemetery.

The Oswego Fire department was summoned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Condon Friday evening, Dec. 9. A fire, thought to have started from the electric wiring, burned the entire inside of the hired man's room upstairs and but for the prompt good work of the fire department, the house would have burned. The Condons'

furniture was damaged when it was carried from the house, and smoke and water did a certain amount of damage to the house. The buildings were insured but no personal insurance was carried. To add to the excitement, the hired man had about half a case of shotgun shells in his room and was awakened by the shells exploding. Mr. Condon was away at the time the fire broke out, but his wife and mother, Mrs. Mary Condon, from Plainfield, were at the house and fortunately they had a telephone, which probably saved the buildings, as there was no other phone near and no auto on the place.

The numerous farmers who attended the demonstration of the Minneapolis-Moline Comfortractor put on by James H. Johnston in Oswego Saturday saw that the Comfortractor fully protects the farmer from the weather, dust, and elements; is better for his health, as well as more comfortable. This tractor offers real protection. The safety glass all around and air circulation and temperature control features indicate clearly that it's built for the safety and comfort of the operator as well as to get work done. It costs more than open tractors, but good farmers will realize its worth. It has all the power required to pull four 14-inch bottoms under ordinary conditions. By simply removing the front fender, which takes less than a minute, the tractor is ready for full load belt work.

A number from Oswego attended the banquet given by the Aurora local of the Pure Milk association at Sugar Grove.

Yorkville: One of the events of the week is the opening of station WMRO at Aurora, which comes in clearly and with a good tone. The station opened officially Tuesday of this week after a trial broadcast Sunday.

Our new sheriff, Robert C. Woodard and his family are now ensconced in the sheriff's residence on the hill north of the courthouse.

Dec. 21: The Oswego community is the scene of many Christmas programs, gatherings, and gift exchanges during this Christmas holiday season.

The entire community was saddened by the tragic death of Melvin Attig, the principal of the Oswego school, who was killed by a Chicago, Aurora & Elgin car near Warrenville Wednesday evening, Dec. 14.

Melvin Attig was born April 22, 1910 at Metamora. He attended the Metamora schools and was a graduate of North Central college. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; his three-year-old daughter, Barbara; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Attig of Metamora; and two sisters, Miss Vera of Peoria and Mrs. Pearl Hazenfield of Carmi.

Funeral services were held at the Healy chapel Friday evening, Dec. 16. The Rev. Horace Larsen of the Oswego Presbyterian church, the Rev. Mr. Soltan, pastor of the Metamora church, a collegemate of Mr. Attig, and K.D. Waldo, superintendent of East Aurora high school, spoke.

On Saturday afternoon, Dec. 17, funeral services were held from the home church at Metamora with interment in Oakwood cemetery. Mr. Attig was a fine Christian gentleman, loved and respected by a large circle of friends in Oswego, Aurora, and everywhere he was known.

Mrs. Melvin Attig and her little daughter, Barbara, and Dickie, the four-year-old boy whom they expected to adopt, are leaving Oswego this week to make their home with Mrs. Attig's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tice at Champaign.

A number from Oswego, including the teachers and members of the school board, attended the funeral services of Melvin Attig at Metamora, Saturday. All activities in the Oswego school have been canceled.

A few old-timers in Oswego will remember the Bunn family who used to live on Main street. Notice has come from Bloomington of the death of T.S. [Theodore Seldon] Bunn, 70, who died there Dec. 11. Mr. Bunn was born in Oswego June 6, 1868. In April 1913 he married Miss Annie Jaquith, who survives him. Mr. Bunn was employed as agent and district superintendent of the Big Four railroad at Danville for many years, later retiring to Bloomington.

Dec. 28: Clarke Anderson, who is on the teaching staff and working on his master's degree at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J., is home for the holidays.

The new principal of the Oswego school, Clarence H. Salter, will take up his new duties when school reconvenes on Jan. 3. Mr. Salter has been engaged in educational work in Ohio for a number of years, but recently has been taking a postgraduate course in Chicago.

A group of Oswego young people went around caroling and at the close adjourned to the Wilbur Woolley home and had refreshments.

Yorkville: The Arkansas Woodchopper--his millions of fans have shortened it to "Arkie"--likes to mingle with folks so folks just naturally like him. For nearly seven years, Arkie has been one of the most popular entertainers on WLS. He is coming to the Yorkville theatre Sunday, Jan. 8, to make personal appearances at the matinee and evening performances.

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January

Jan. 4: A pageant, "The Passing of the Old Year," will be presented at 7:30 Sunday evening at the Oswego Prairie church. The following are members of the cast: Father Time, Everett Hafenrichter; the church, Helen Gast; Ignorance, Fern Hafenrichter; Prejudice, Oliver Hem; Social Service, Wilma Hem; Social Service Glenda Hafenrichter; Courts of Justice, Virgil Smith; Honor, Burton Smith; nations represented, England, George Smith Jr., Austria, Marie Bazan, Italy Lucile Bower, China, Uarda Hafenrichter, Armenia, Dorothy Gast; Poverty, Marian Gast; Crime, Ted Gerry; Diseases, Georgia Stahlman; Light Bearers, Elaine Smith and Marie Gerry.

Mrs. Anna Reed Smith, 90 years of age, passed away Sunday, Jan. 1, 1939. She was born in Somerville, N.J. Aug. 19, 1848 and came west to Illinois with her parents and two older sisters in 1854, since when she has been a resident of Oswego and Oswego township for 85

years. She was a member of the Congregational church, and when that church burned, took membership in the Federated church. She was married to Edward A. Smith Dec. 8, 1874. Mr. Smith died three years ago, Dec. 11, 1935. Mrs. Smith is survived by her son, Royce E. Smith; her daughter, Mrs. Clara Walker; six grandchildren, Mrs. Winifred Woolley, Ralph E. Smith, and Mrs. Bettye Peterson of Oswego, Glenn Parkhurst Smith of Preston, Kan., Claretta Walker of Carlinville, and Mrs. Lois Drew of Normal; five great-grandchildren, Beverly Jean Smith of Preston, Kan., Ronald Edward and Gerald Lewis Smith, Cleora Louise, and Stuart Walker Woolley, and a number of nieces and nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held at the Oswego funeral home Jan. 3. Interment was in the Pearce cemetery.

Mrs. Smith fell Jan. 25, 1938 and fractured her left hip, since when she has been bedridden, but always patient and loving.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Shoger are the parents of a son, weighing 6-1/2 pounds, born at the Copley hospital Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Smith, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Weidert, attended the Hollywood ice revue in the Chicago stadium one night last week.

The young people of the Presbyterian church had a watch party Saturday night at the home of Raymond Campbell. A devotional service welcomed the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Salter and son Gilbert moved to Oswego last Friday. Mr. Salter has been appointed principal of the Oswego high school. He has served both as teacher and superintendent of the high school at Cleveland and Macedonia, Ohio. Saturday, Mr. Salter completed a term of graduate work at the University of Chicago.

Myron Wormley and several other boys from neighboring towns, all Alpha Phi Rho members, spent Monday afternoon and evening with their former professor, Dr. Burgoyne, at the Hotel Sherman in Chicago.

Jan. 11: Several families had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rink last Sunday afternoon, helping them celebrate a wedding anniversary.



There is a large new barn being built on the farm known as one of the Simons farms in the Walker school district. Extensive repairs have also been made on the house, which has been vacant for many years, making the place ready for a renter in the spring.

Albert S. Jessup, 74, died at Coconut Grove, Fla. Tuesday, Jan. 3. Surviving are his widow, Jessie; two sisters, Mrs. Jane Vaughn of Aurora and Mrs. Ruth Cherry of Oswego; three brothers, Charles of Elmhurst, Fred of Hart, Mich., and Dan of Detroit, Mich.; besides nieces and nephews.

"Bert," as he was known, will be remembered by his many friends and relatives in Oswego and vicinity as he lived for several years on a farm in NaAuSay. Burial was at Miami, Fla.

Jan. 18: Leslie Mower, John Lasswell, and Ben Phelper were on the amateur hour on WMRO last Sunday afternoon.

A new furnace has been installed in the Presbyterian church basement. It is large enough to heat the new annex, which is rapidly nearing completion.

Following are excerpts from a letter from Mrs. James R.E. Craighead of Saltsburg, dated Jan. 10. The Rev. Mr. Craighead was formerly pastor of the Oswego Presbyterian church and has many friends in Oswego, NaAuSay, and vicinity. They now live in Saltsburg, Pa.: "Mr. Craighead fell about three weeks ago suffering brain concussion. He lay in a stupor for days and spent a week in a hospital. There has been a marked improvement during the past 10 days and he has been showing more interest in things the last three days. His mind has been clear for some time, but the doctor wants him to be kept quiet and warns against stimulating his mind, assuring he will recover.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Inman were guests last Saturday evening of Miss Genevieve Thompson, Chicago Heights. Miss Thompson and Mrs. Inman were formerly fellow teachers in the Oswego school.

Having been appointed chairman of the board of Christian Education by the Ottawa Presbytery, the Rev. Horace Larsen attended a meeting at Springfield Thursday.

Jan. 25: Several days and evenings last week were ideal for sleighing and many were the jolly groups enjoying the sport. Two sleigh loads of young married couples were out on Thursday evening, returning to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Woolley for refreshments. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skeen took a load of children for a long sleigh ride Saturday afternoon. Two classes of the Oswego high school enjoyed sleigh ride parties.

Lois Hem sings every Wednesday afternoon over WMRO. Herman Barnard signs on the same program.

The Wilcox school community club met with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Palmer last Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Frank McMicken, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Silvius, and Bill and Jerry Jakovina were on the committee.

Many are ill with the prevalent form of grippe.

Mrs. Walter Barker, 95, passed away Sunday at the home of her son, Charles S. Barker, at Oswego. Mrs. Barker was born in Bangor, Me. Nov. 5, 1843. In 1886 the Barkers moved to Aurora and in 1923 to Oswego. Mrs. Barker was the last charter member of the Aurora History and Literary society, and was also an active member of the First Methodist church. In Oswego, she was a member of the XIX Century club.

Surviving are two sons, Charles S. of Oswego and Fred of Memphis, Tenn.

Funeral services were conducted from the McKeown funeral home in Oswego Tuesday.

Yorkville: It won't be long till we start using dial phones, at which time we'll have only ourselves to blame if we get a wrong number. Wonder why we call it a wrong number? The number's all right if we were calling the owner of it. Kendall county will seem much more city-like with dial phones; wonder if we'll still have to use the crank.

February -- 1939

Feb. 1: Mrs. Ruby Brown Scott, 32, was born in Rives, Tenn., but has been a resident of Oswego for many years. She died at the home of her parents in Rives, Tuesday, Jan. 24. Several years ago, her two children, a boy and a girl, died within a few days of scarlet fever and were taken to Rives for burial. The mother was laid to rest beside her two little ones.

Mrs. Scott is survived by her brother, Roy Scott; two sisters, Mrs. Andrew Peterson and Mrs. Woodrow Ferguson; and a brother, Harold Brown of Oswego; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brown; and a sister, Janet of Rives.

Mrs. Scott, a resident of Oswego who had been ill for some time, went to the home of her parents in December and gradually failed until her death last Tuesday.

If our Jan. 30 blizzard was in payment for the previous mild and quiet days in January, we had our payment with interest. Innumerable cars and trucks were stuck in the snow banks or failed to get to their destinations. Due to the fact that the blizzard began in the early hours of the morning and increased with such intensity before daylight, vehicles were not taken out of their garages. The temperature was in the 20s, and many trucks loaded with stock were stalled on the way to Chicago.

Kenneth Ricketts was painfully hurt Monday night on Route 34 when a group of men were returning to Yorkville from a Farm Bureau tour. The car in which they were riding skidded off the road and Mr. Ricketts opened the door to look out. The door hit a culvert and was forcibly slammed shut, breaking his arm in five places between the shoulder and elbow and bruising and shocking him.

Feb. 8: J. George Smith, home from college last week, entertained several of his boy friends at his home Friday evening.

A number of farmers and their wives attended the annual meeting of the Kendall-Grundy Farm Loan association held at Morris Friday.

Those who were home from college last week for the midyear semester vacation included Marjorie Hall, Arlene Jay, J. George Smith, and Robert Cherry of the University of Illinois and Patricia

Woolley from Monmouth College. They have not returned to their school duties.

Dr. and Mrs. L.J. Weishew are on a vacation trip and expect to spend three weeks in Mexico.

Yorkville: The Yorkville club continued to look like a basketball team with another win over a vastly improved Oswego club Friday night. The lights won a hard-fought game 17-13. The varsity got off to an early lead and stayed there all the way, eventually winning 29-23.

Feb. 15: Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Lantz will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary at their home here Thursday, Feb. 16, by holding an open house from 2-5 o'clock at which time they invite their friends to be present. The couple will be assisted by their three children, Isaac and Mrs. Mabel Holzhueter of Plainfield and Mrs. Ida Book of Joliet and their 21 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. Mr. Lantz was born in Erie county, Pa., in 12846 and came with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lantz, to Wheatland township in 1850. Amelia Minnich was born in the year 1850 in Schuylkill county, Pa., and the couple were united in marriage in Wheatland township by the Rev. John M. Syndlinger of the Wheatland Evangelical church, of which Mr. Lantz was an organizer. They retired to their present home in Oswego 30 years ago.

There was an immense crowd at the John Anderson sale last Wednesday, and prices were good.

Dr. Sheldon Bell is attending the midwinter dental clinic at the Stevens hotel in Chicago this week.

Stanley and Stuart Parkhurst celebrated their 16th birthday anniversaries with a party at their home on Main street Saturday evening.

Feb. 22: Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Van Volkenburg of Oswego celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Monday, Feb. 20.

A party given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson and Leota was held at the Scotch church parlor Thursday evening. Mrs.

Anderson has been church organist and Mr. Anderson an elder for a number of yeas. The Andersons will move to Aurora in the near future.

A roof fire, supposedly caused by sparks from the furnace, burned a hole in the roof of the Frank McMicken residence Friday noon. The Oswego fire department was called but the fire had been extinguished with the aid of ladders and pails of water before the fire department arrived.

March -- 1939

March 1: The fine new annex to the Presbyterian church is being finished on the inside this week preparatory to the dedication on March 5. This building is 76x52 feet, has a large auditorium for all social affairs with equipment for basketball. Arranged about the auditorium are 19 Sunday school rooms, a kitchen, dressing room and shower. The construction was begun in October and most of the work has been contributed. A new furnace has been installed in the church basement. The members of the building committee are Wellington Betz, Archie Price, the Rev. Horace Larsen, and Leslie Woolley.

"The time has come, the Walrus said" for many farmers to pack up their household and farm equipment and move to another farm. Mr. Williamson of Lockport has purchased the farm just south of the James Campbell farm and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Goynes, who have lived there the past two years, will move to a place near Pavilion. Guy Lyon will move from the Wald farm to the Jericho farm. The Wald farm has been purchased by "Hap" Schmidt of Yorkville and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Schmidt from north of Plano will move to this farm. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kreyer and family are moving to just southeast of Aurora. Other moves in this annual checker game will be given next week.

Members of the Clarence Matile family have been ill in bed with the prevalent epidemic during the past week.

March 8: The dedicatory program for the Oswego Presbyterian church annex was carried out last Sunday and Monday, closely following the program printed in last week's *Record*. Although there was a light rain at 9:30 Sunday morning, the cornerstone was laid, the services conducted by the Rev. Horace Larsen. A loud-speaker supplied by the Rainbo bread people was used for the convenience of those who remained in the building.

The new annex was beautiful in its fresh cream-colored paint and varnished woodwork, with a hardwood floor covering 4,000 square feet of floor space. Nineteen classrooms in the balconies and below are ranged on the sides of the building, with a kitchen at one end. There are also showers and a lavatory.

The building is heated from the new furnace in the church basement. A state at the south end of the room was surrounded by palms lent by the Oswego Greenhouse company, the only flower being a large bouquet of red roses, presented to the Rev. Mr. Larsen for his birthday anniversary, March 4. Besides the outside doors, two large doorways open from the annex auditorium into the church basement and one from the west balcony directly into the church auditorium.

The dedication services were held in the annex, over 400 chairs having been loaned by Mr. McKeown of the Oswego funeral home and by the Healy chapel of Aurora. It is estimated that over 500 attended each service, both morning and evening, many from out of town being present for the occasion.

The building, with which very few can compare, was erected in four months at a cost of \$8,000. Much of the labor was contributed. The Ladies' Aid society cleaned the entire church and painted and varnished the basement rooms before the dedication.

Among the highlights of the morning service was the beautiful organ music on the Hammond organ loaned by Miss Uarda Hafenrichter and played by the church organist, Miss Ruth Shoger. A devotional service for the young people of the four Oswego churches was held early in the evening, preceded by a lunch serviced by the mothers.

At 7:15 the Rev. Mr. Larsen showed pictures on a screen, of the church activities and of the building of the annex, followed by sacred music by the Oswego school band; organ prelude by Miss Margaret Norris; a song service; music by the choir; solos by Ellis Lidstone; xylophone solo by Mrs. Amanda Pfund; and the sermon.

John Kinsel's car, a two-door Chevrolet, was stolen Sunday morning by an unknown man who drove it from its parking place in his yard. Mr. Kinsel took the car of his neighbor and employer, Hardy Shoger, and followed the man to Aurora, but lost him in the traffic.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Norris of Berwyn, formerly of Oswego, are rejoicing over the birth of a son, Herbert Marshall, born at the Oak Park hospital Sunday, Feb. 26.

Mrs. Clara Rance who has been staying at the home of her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Norris in Berwyn, was home last Saturday, accompanied by her little granddaughter, Louise Margaret.

Richard Jericho will farm the Russell farm this year and live in the tenant house vacated by the Herman Millers.

Louis Schilling, long a resident of Oswego and an employee of the CB&Q carpenter shop in Aurora, was seriously injured in an auto accident in Lockport last week. Run into by an auto coming from a side street, Mr. Schilling was thrown out of the opened door of his car, but not thrown clear. He was dragged on the pavement and suffered a skull fracture and has been in a critical condition since in the St. Joseph hospital, Joliet. Mrs. Schilling, who accompanied her husband, was not seriously injured.

Michael Labay, an Oswego township farmer for 20 years, died in the Ottawa sanitarium Thursday, March 2. He was born in Poland Feb. 18, 1888. Surviving are his wife, Johana Labay; three daughters, Regina, Rose, and Helen of Oswego; his mother, Emma Labay; two sisters, Mary and Calsude; and three brothers, Peter, Alex, and Joseph, all of Poland.

Funeral services were held from the home and St. Mary's church in Plainfield March 6. Interment was made in St. Mary's cemetery.

Charles Barker died at the St. Joseph hospital in Chicago Saturday evening, March 4. Mr. Barker would have been 70 years old on Marcy 5. He is survived by his wife, Mary of Oswego, and one brother, Fred.

Funeral services, conducted by the Rev. Horace Larsen, were held March 7 at the McKeown funeral home with interment in the Naperville cemetery.

#### It's Your Move

Archie Probst from west of Aurora has purchased a farm just off the Grove road from Charles A. Davis of Amboy, and is moving to this farm this spring. Mr. and Mrs. John Ode, who have lived on this farm, have moved to Oswego.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Condon, who have been farming on what used to be known as the Suhler farm, have purchased the second farm east and have moved there, while the Fred Kreyer family moved out to a farm south of Aurora.

The Lippold brothers and their sister, Miss Martha, will live on the Suhler farm.

Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson and their daughter, Leota, will soon retire from farming and move to Aurora, where Miss Leota teaches in the Bardwell school. Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson and little Billie have moved to the home farm and Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Shoger and family are now located on the Mary Haag farm vacated by the William Andersons.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Busick and daughters Billie and Claire are moving north of Aurora and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Young will move into the little tenant house vacated by the Busicks on the Allen Woolley farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson and family of Seward moved to one of the Simons farms southeast of Oswego last week. The buildings on this farm, which have been vacant for 10 or 15 years, have been repaired. The house has been completely remodeled and a fine large hip-roofed barn erected. The farm is owned by Kathryn Simons of Chicago.

March 15: The Grove Road Farmers' club met with Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Wayne Friday.

Miss Edith Troll is now living with Mrs. Charles Weber.

At the solo contests at the East and West Aurora high schools, Lois Hem won in vocal solos with a superior rating and is eligible for the state contest in April.



Louis Schilling, who had been in a Joliet hospital for two weeks as the result of an auto accident, passed away Monday morning, March 13.

Revival meetings are being held at the Prairie church this week, with Prof. Hummel of Naperville on Wednesday evening, and Prof. E.F. George on Sunday evening, March 19.

Henry Rabe, an old resident of Oswego, died in a Joliet hospital last week. He is survived by two brothers. The funeral services were held from a Yorkville funeral home Saturday afternoon, with burial in the Oswego cemetery.

Hugh M. Kleiser, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kleiser of Garfield avenue, Oswego, died at the St. Charles hospital, Aurora, Friday, March 10. Hugh has been ill with influenza, which left him with an infected ear, and the infection spread, causing an abscess on the base of the brain. He was taken to the hospital and a brain specialist summoned from Chicago, but nothing could be done to save him. Hugh is survived by his parents and his maternal grandparents living in Oklahoma. He was born in Kalamazoo, Mich. May 22, 1922. He has been in Oswego high school for two years and was a member of the junior class.

Funeral services were held at the Healy chapel Monday, March 13.

March 22: The marriage of Miss Kathleen Russell, daughter of Mrs. Annette Russell, of Oswego to Richard Jericho, son of Mrs. Clara Jericho, also of Oswego, took place Sunday afternoon, March 19, at the home of the bride's mother.

In the evening, a reception was held at which about 100 friends and relatives gathered.

After their return from a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Jericho will live in one of the Russell houses on the Grove road and Mr. Jericho will farm the Russell farm.

John Kinsel has recovered his stolen automobile. It was taken from his yard a few weeks ago and was found in Chicago March 16. The car was not damaged and only a few tools and accessories were taken.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gengler from near Plainfield have moved into their new cottage on Jay street, Oswego.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Obmann, who lived in Oswego for years, rented their house and will move to the George Hanks farm on the Hanks road west of Aurora. Jack, son of the Obmanns, will conduct a private boarding stable for horses there and will live with his parents. He is a former trainer for Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stanton at Wayne and has had much experience in showing horses at various northern Illinois shows.

March 29: On Tuesday evening, March 21, Woodrow Sergerson's auto caught fire on the road near his home on the Oswego-Plainfield road. The Oswego Fire department was called, as it was feared the gasoline tank would explode and scatter the flames beyond control. The auto was damaged beyond repair. It is believed the fire was caused by a short circuit in the wiring. A small amount of insurance was carried.

Oscar Shoger's auto also caught fire last week. His son, David, was driving from town and was near home when he noticed flames. He quickly ran for the fire extinguisher and the fire was put out without much damage being done.

The Oswego Fire department was called out for grass fires last week. A few beautiful warm days last week enabled many to have a "clean-up week" in their yards, gardens, orchards and roadsides. Rained most all day Sunday and real winter weather again Monday.

Elmer Dranir is on the ticket for reelection as highway commissioner at the election on April 4.

Miss Ruth M. Perkins, 75, died March 24 at the home of her sister, Mrs. Walter Gilmore. Her home was in Montgomery. She is survived by her sister, Mrs. Gilmore of Oswego, her brother, Myron Perkins of Montgomery, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Miss Perkins was a member of the Montgomery Methodist church, where funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, March 26, with burial in the NaAuSay cemetery.

The township election in the town of Oswego will not develop into any contest as James Gowran, who filed for supervisor against Oliver A. Burkhart, the incumbent, has withdrawn from the race. However, his name will appear on the ballot, as his withdrawal was not filed within the five day limit.

Elmer Dranir, who has served Oswego township faithfully for many years as Highway Commissioner is unopposed for this office.

There are no candidates for Justice of the Peace but names of the preferences of the voters may be written in on the ballot.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ode have purchased the house known as the Schamp residence, and will move there soon.

April -- 1939

April 5: Carl Malcolm Johnson, 13, died March 29, 1939 at the Copley hospital in Aurora. Carl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Johnson of Oswego, was born in NaAuSay Feb. 20, 1926. He attended the Russell school and was in the eighth grade, but had been very ill for four weeks with a streptococcal infection, and had had nine blood transfusions given in the hope of saving his life.

Carl is survived by his parents and older sister, Violet, a younger sister, Eleanor, and his grandfather, John Ashway of Aurora.

Funeral services were held at the Healy chapel Sunday, April 2. Interment was in the NaAuSay cemetery.

A roof fire at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Smith Sunday morning caused some excitement. The Oswego Fire department was called, but neighbors on the way to church assisted in putting out the fire. Slight damage was done to the roof.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lantz are the parents of a daughter, Shirley Ann, born at the home Wednesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Collins and son and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Herren and sons have moved to Aurora. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kirkhus have moved into the house vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Collins and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Conklin will live in the house where the Kirkhus family lived.

Many from this vicinity, especially those who go to the Maple Lane Saddle club, knew Cynthia Lon, a horse trainer at the Solfisberg farms at St. Charles, who died April 1 with spinal meningitis. Although an odd vocation for a woman, Miss Lon was an expert trainer of horses.

April 12: The Oswego High school had two days' vacation Good Friday and the Monday after Easter, and the grades had vacation all this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Mundsinger are the parents of a girl, born at the St. Joseph hospital, Aurora, April 4. She has been named Jacqueline carol.

At the school election last Saturday, Ernest King was elected as a member of the high school board, and Edward Inman, Albert Shoger, and Oscar Olson were reelected on the grade board.

April 19: Mrs. Leonard Seidelman passed away at her home south of Oswego April 16 following several months' illness.

Marie Bertha Ostriecher was born in Bayern, Germany Oct. 30, 1880 and came to the United States when she was 14 years old. On Feb. 10, 1900 she became the wife of Leonard Seidelman and this worthy couple have lived for 39 years on farms in NaAuSay and Oswego townships, having lived 22 years in the recent home.

Mrs. Seidelman is survived by her husband and eight children, Mrs. Elsie Wilson and Fred Seidelman of Sandwich, Leonard of Chicago, Mrs. Minnie Reynolds and Mrs. Lydia Carpenter of Aurora, and Harold, August, and Marie at home. Also surviving are five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the Oswego funeral home and St. Paul Lutheran church in Aurora, with interment in the St. Paul Lutheran cemetery.

At the state contest of music held at the LaSalle-Peru high school last week, Lois Hemm won first place in the soprano contest.

The Gaylord school community club met with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Paydon Friday evening.

Mrs. Charles Barker will hold a sale of household goods Saturday. Mrs. Barker has rented her home and will leave about May 1 to spend the summer with relatives in Nebraska and Wyoming.

April 26: The fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grades of the Oswego school will present an operetta in the school gym April 28 under the direction of Reeve Thompson.

Patricia Woolley, Monmouth college sophomore of Oswego, took part in the recent water pageant sponsored by the W.A.A. Each year the Monmouth Women's Athletic association sponsors a swimming pageant assisted by members of the girls' swimming classes.

On Saturday, April 22, funeral services were held at the Federated church for James A. Stillson, 73, of Chicago. Mr. Stillson was formerly a resident of Aurora. He is survived by his wife and four daughters and two sons, three of whom live in Oswego, Mrs. William Orr, and James and Arthur Stillson. Interment was in the Oswego cemetery.

Lisbon: The Morris Limestone Products company crusher at Central, which burned to the ground last fall, is rapidly nearing completion. About a dozen men are employed and it is expected that everything will be ready to start work in a short time.

Yorkville: The Kendall County Dairy Herd Improvement association now has 23 members, which is near the maximum membership for one association.

With 25 Kendall county farmers having completed and signed individual farm plans the past week, the number of farmers who now expect to participate in the 1939 AAA farm program has been raised to 843. The number represents 70 percent of the farmers in the county.

May -- 1939

May 3: Frank W. Walker, aged 64, died Sunday, April 30 at the St. Joseph hospital in Aurora.

Frank Walker was born on the Walker homestead on Sept. 12, 1874 and with the exception of two years spent in California and Iowa, had spent his entire life in Kendall county. He was a farmer in his early years, but later learned the carpenter trade and purchased a home in Oswego.

He is survived by his wife, Carrie; two sisters, the Misses Harriet and Edna Walker; a twin brother, Fred, all of Oswego, an older brother, Burt E. Walker of San Jose, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews. Mr. Walker was seriously injured on April 27 at his home in Oswego. A ladder on which he was standing while washing second story windows slipped sideways and he fell to the ground. He was rushed to the hospital and x-rays showed a broken breast bone, one rib splintered, and an injury to the back. Pneumonia developed Saturday.

Funeral services were held Wednesday from the Healy chapel, Aurora. Interment was in the Oswego cemetery.

The oat crop was sowed last week. Tractors ran early and late and most of the farmers finished the late sowing after two weeks of rain and mud.

Several of the Oswego mothers who have sons or daughter attending the University of Illinois plan to go to Champaign-Urbana this weekend.

Millbrook: The blacksmith shop, an old landmark in Millbrook, has been razed by its owner, George M. Whitfield. He is putting up a new shed in its place. The blacksmith shop had stood in its place for half a century.

May 10: Herbert Van Volkenberg, 72, died May 7, 1939 at the St. Anthony hospital in Michigan City, Ind.

He is survived by his wife, Kathryn; two daughters, Mrs. Richard Schultz of Michigan City and Mrs. Ben Biesemier of Oswego; a son, George, of Aurora; a grandson, Lee Vern Schultz of Oswego; and a great-granddaughter, Barbara Lee Schultz of Oswego.

Services were held Tuesday from the McKeown funeral home and the Federated church. Burial was at Kaneville.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Young announce the engagement of their daughter, Velma, to Jerry Tate of Mt. Carroll. The wedding will take place soon.

A large group of relatives, many of them from Elgin, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Young last Sunday afternoon, for the older daughter, Miss Velma, who is home from a teaching position at Mt. Carroll. Miss Young will be a bride this summer.

Miss Marguerite Sleezer, a student nurse at the Copley hospital, spent Sunday afternoon and evening with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Sleezer. Miss Sleezer will graduate from nurse's training on May 17.

Yorkville: Stanley Young, 16, of the Oswego High School safety Patrol was selected to represent Kendall County at the 8th Annual National Patrol Conference in Washington, D.C.

Stanley will be one of more than 100 patrol members from Illinois and Indiana who will be guests of the Chicago Motor club on a four-day trip to the nation's capitol.

John Herren, 12, of the Oswego school patrol, received a service medal for outstanding service at the Chicago Motor club award luncheon on May 11.

May 17: On Saturday afternoon, May 13, Miss Velma Young, older daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Young of Oswego, became the bride of Jerry Tate of Woodbine, Ill. The wedding service was read by the Rev. Mr. Ford at the Mt. Carroll Methodist parsonage.

Following the wedding ceremony and congratulations and best wishes, the wedding party, including Mr. and Mrs. Young, were served dinner at the Mt. Carroll café.

Mrs. Tate is a graduate of the Elgin high school and Blackburn college. She taught school one year near Plattville and for a year at Mt. Carroll. Mr. Tate is an electrician by trade and has held several responsible positions in Illinois. He is at present working on a model farm near Woodbine.

The operetta, "An Old Kentucky Garden," based on Stephen Foster's songs and given in the gym Friday evening, was a beautiful affair.

The girls wore hoop skirts and the boys frock coats for the Southern scenes. The operetta, directed by Reeve Thompson, was splendid and was a financial success, too.

Harry Collins of Plainfield died May 11 as the result of an auto accident. Mr. Collins was a former Oswego man, living near the Oswego-Plainfield road with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Collins. He is survived by his wife and a sister, Mrs. Frances Levee of Plainfield, and a sister of Aurora, Mrs. Lena Figge Judge.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wayne have moved into the new addition to the Arthur Wayne home. The Wayne homestead has been sold to a Naperville family.

Patricia Woolley, a sophomore in Monmouth college, has secured the Brown school for the coming school year.

Mr. and Mrs. Norval Tripp are the parents of a boy, born at the St. Joseph hospital May 16.

Yorkville: In preparation for the introduction of dial telephone service in Yorkville, the Illinois Bell Telephone company has begun rebuilding and rearranging some of its lines. The "cut-over" to dial service is scheduled for June 8.

May 24: The senior class of the Oswego high school will present "Girl Shy," a comedy in three acts on Saturday evening, May 27. Cast members include John Young, David Shoger, James Harvey, Roberta Hutchinson, Maxine Herren, June Pahaly, Charlotte Hamsmith, Loa Hummel, Robert Johnston, John Carr, Leona Eberhard, and Ivan Christoffel.

Ernest John Smith, 46, died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Smith, Sunday, May 21. He is survived by his parents and one daughter, Mrs. Doris Spidalette of Chicago. He had been ill, but was on the road to recovery when death came as the result of a heart attack.

Funeral services were held from the McKeown funeral home May 23. Burial was in the Lincoln Highway cemetery.



Two auto loads, mostly Oswego teachers, motored to the Tulip festival at Holland, Mich. Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Sleezer attended the Copley graduation exercises last Wednesday evening at the Copley hospital in Aurora. Their daughter, Marguerite, was one of the graduates.

Remember to have your money ready for the poppies, which will be brought to your door Saturday.

Seventh and eighth grade pupils of the Oswego school enjoyed a day of sightseeing in Chicago May 18. They were accompanied by their teachers, Reeve Thompson and Harold Kirkhus, and others, who drove autos. They visited the Armour packing plant, had a picnic lunch in Lincoln Park, and attended the ball game at Wrigley field.

Yorkville: Saturday is Poppy day in Yorkville and throughout the United States.

According to information received from CCC [Civilian Conservation Corps] headquarters, there will be another quarterly recruitment July 1, 1939. Any boy who is interested in enlisting at that time should apply now to the local township supervisor or the Illinois Emergency Relief commission, Bank building, Plano.

May 31: An excellent program was presented by the teacher, Miss Jane Goudie, and the pupils of the Gaylord school Thursday evening, May 25. The school will close with a picnic in William Anderson's yard Saturday, June 3.

Miss Kate Cliggitt is ill at her home with her niece, Mrs. Lester Galvin, in Aurora. Miss Cliggitt, who is an Oswego woman, for many years was a teacher in the local schools and has many friends in Oswego.

The Russell school closed with a picnic at Exposition park May 29.

The Burkhart cousins held their annual reunion in the Frank Gerry woods May 30.

The Oswego school band and girls' chorus were on the program at the NaAuSay church last Sunday afternoon.

Several from Oswego attended a reception Sunday given by the teachers of DuPage county for Charles Newman, who is retiring. Mr. Newman, who was formerly a teacher in Oswego, taught for 20 years in DuPage county.

Yorkville: Last Sunday we went to the Municipal airport in Chicago to see the new huge Douglas C-4, a monstrous plane with four motors, which develop 6,000 horsepower at takeoff. And not only that, but the same motors use 200 gallons of gasoline per hour while in flight. It cruises at 191 miles per hour, has a top speed of about 237 miles per hour, and is really so big that if I told you, you wouldn't believe it unless you saw it for yourself. The plane carries 42 passengers and is three times bigger than the planes that pass over Yorkville every day.

Yorkville: Kendall County Republicans were rallying behind Alfred W. Landon as a candidate that could beat President Franklin Roosevelt.

June -- 1939

June 7: Mrs. Florence Hall, accompanied by her brother, Theodore Ebinger and wife of Aurora to Urbana last Monday to bring Marjorie Hall home from college.

June Pahaly, the valedictorian of the high school graduating class, has won the coveted Readers' Digest award. This certificate confers the annual award for the encouragement of young men and women who, through their scholastic achievements, give promise of growing leadership in their community.

All who are interested in a reunion of the former pupils of the Walker school are invited to come and bring their families to a picnic on the school grounds on July Fourth.

Lois Hemm will graduate from West Aurora high school Friday evening.

The baccalaureate services will be at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening, June 11.

The mothers and children of the Walker school district, with the teacher, Miss Frances Churchill, enjoyed a picnic at Phillips park Friday.

Two good rains, much needed, fell in this vicinity last week, one all night on Thursday and another Friday evening. Then the weather cleared and grew cooler and was followed by some beautiful days with everything clean and shining. There is an abundance of flowers this year, and strawberries are ripening. The farmers began cultivating corn last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Smith accompanied the Rev. and Mrs. Horace Larsen to Camp Aurora at Lake Geneva Monday. This trip was of short duration, but the Rev. Mr. Larsen will return later and be one of those in charge of the summer camp.

June 14: The minor lesson of the Oswego Unit of the Kendall County Home Bureau, "Conversation," was given by Mrs. Leon Haag and Mrs. Harold Bower.

The Grove Road Farmers' club members and guests were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woolley Thursday evening.

Oswego won many prizes at the flower show held at Plano June 7.

Stephen Paydon came home from the University of Illinois June 6.

Findlay Paydon, who has received his masters' degree from Northwestern, has gone to summer school at Colorado Springs.

Yorkville: A big time was had in Yorkville last Thursday afternoon when the dial system of telephone communication (we like that phrase) was put into operation. A group of telephone company officials were on hand for the gala occasion as were the operators

(both those who were working those who were just looking), not to mention Chief Operator Miss Mildred Rose. Justus Nading, a pioneer in the company was present. He has been closely connected with the company for many long years, his building housing the system.

The Bristol-Kendall fire district purchased a new truck recently and we saw it down at Houck's last week. Sure is a beauty, and efficient, too.

June 24: A class of 26 graduated from the Oswego high school on June 15. The class colors are blue and white; the class motto, "Don't stare up the steps, but step up the stairs," class flower, the white carnation.

The members of the class are June Pahaly, John Young, John Carr, Esther Stephens, Robert Johnson, Alice Cooper, Albert Shoger, Ivan Christoffel, David Shoger Gertrude Buckley, Charlotte Hamsmith, Leona Everhard, Elizabeth Woolley, Gordon Hettrich, Monette Cather, Marjorie Woolley, Loa Hummel, Ruth Pierce, James Harvey, Elaine Strausberger, Rodney Pierce, Roberta Hutchinson, Willard Leedy, and Maxine Herren. June Pahaly was the valedictorian; John Carr and John Young, co-salutatorians.

Gus Klomhaus Sr., the efficient school bus driver, took his load of young folks to a picnic at Exposition park last Monday. This is an annual treat Mr. Klomhaus gives his bus load of children.

Harvey Woolridge, who suffered a broken back and other injuries in addition to severe electrical burns when he fell from an electric light pole at Phillips park last week, is in a very serious condition. Mr. Woodridge is an Aurora city electrician and with his wife is a resident of that city, but they are members of the Oswego Presbyterian church, and both have done a great deal of work there, especially during the building of the annex.

A carnival is on the streets of Oswego this week.

The East River road to Yorkville is more or less torn up by grading for the new highway [now Ill. Route 71].

Dr. and Mrs. M.R. Saxon are the parents of a girl born at a Chicago hospital Wednesday, June 14.

June 28: The Oswego school ag boys, accompanied by their teacher, J. Fred Reeves, enjoyed a boat trip to Benton Harbor, Tuesday.

Jean Myron, the home ex teacher in the Oswego school the past year, became the bride of Lewis Ode Saturday, June 24. The wedding took place at Baldwin, Wis.

The old Bartlett place on Main street is being completely remodeled and soon will be occupied by Pearl Bartlett Grometer's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ritenour.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Sickler, Lois and Bennett are motoring to California on a vacation trip. They will visit relatives in Missouri enroute. For a small town, Oswego will be well represented in California this summer.

Mrs. Esther Cutter and daughter, Louise, who for the past year have lived in Moline with her folks, have been visiting Oswego relatives and friends. From here, Mrs. Cutter and daughter will go to New Orleans to visit her son, Watts and wife, and from there to make her home in California with her other two sons, Slade and "Happy."

Members of the Kendall County Board voted to approve an interim zoning ordinance to be in effect until the full ordinance went into effect, set for 18 months in the future. The ordinance was designed to regulate the construction of all types of buildings and land uses, and established a zoning commission to regulate such practices.

July -- 1939

July 5: Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Hafenrichter announce the engagement of their daughter, Belinda, to Albert Dittman, a social science teacher in the Oswego school. The wedding will take place Aug. 12.

Mrs. Nellie Herren is having her home on Main street remodeled and will make an upstairs apartment, which Mr. Dittman and his bride expect to occupy when school reopens in the fall.

The store building at the corner of Main and Washington streets, owned by Miss Mighells of Aurora, has been remodeled inside and out. There are two nice apartments on the second floor; a new entrance and stairway has been built leading to the apartments and the XIX Club rooms.

There is a new front to the Carr's Department store, a plumbing shop to be occupied by Mr. Thompson in the rear of the store, and the building has been painted on the outside. It is a great improvement to the appearance of Oswego's business district.

Dr. and Mrs. Horace Larsen and Lois and Horace, Barbara Woolley, Barbara Weis, Barbara Betz, Mildred Woolley, Virginia Hettrich and Jimmy Shoger, Donald Palmer and Billie Morse, the latter from LaGrange, left Sunday afternoon for Camp Aurora, Lake Geneva, to spend a week in junior camp. The Rev. Mr. Larsen is the camp adviser this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ode have adopted a five weeks' old baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson and their daughter Leota, of Aurora, who were residents of Oswego township until late April, have gone east on an auto trip. They will visit Clarke Anderson at New Brunswick, N.J., and the new York fair. Hazel Blackman accompanied them.

July 12: At the 15th Walker school reunion held at the school on the Fourth, 10 of the schoolmates of 45 years ago.

Charles E. Olson, 75, died July 7, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George Panikis. He was born July 29, 1864 in Stavanger, Norway. Surviving him are six children, Harry Al. Olson, Mrs. Donald Rowswell and Mrs. Paul Briscoe of Aurora and Mrs. George Panikis, Mrs. Gordon Wormley, and Clifford Olson of Oswego; and one brother, of Mission Beach, Calif.; and several grandchildren. The wife, Mary, died at her home in Oswego a number of years ago.

Funeral services were held from the McKeown Funeral home Sunday, July 9, with interment in the Oswego cemetery.

The Rev. Thomas R. Quayle, pastor of the Federated church from 1920 to 1925, died at his home in Lake Bluff July 3. The funeral services were held from the Oswego Federated church last Thursday, July 6. The Rev. Mr. Kesselring, a close friend of the Rev. Mr. Quayle, pastor of the Prairie church at the time the Rev. Mr. Quayle was in Oswego, officiated at the funeral.

The Rev. Mr. Quayle is survived by his wife and son, Hamilton; one brother; and several nieces and nephews. Interment was in the Oswego cemetery.

The executive board of the Kendall County Home Bureau met July 10 and went to the Ellis electrified farm south of Yorkville to see a demonstration of electric roasters. The food cooked in the new appliance was served to club members. Area farmers were advised what steps to take to receive AAA (Agricultural Adjustment Administration) loans on their 1939 wheat crop.

July 19: Mr. and Mrs. George Hadfield are the parents of a son, George Frederick, born at the Copley hospital July 10.

Miss Claretta Walker has returned from a two-month trip to the British Isles and the Scandinavian countries. She was accompanied by Miss Jessie Campbell, home adviser of Livingston county, Pontiac who also spent Monday and Tuesday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Walker and family.

Mrs. Gladys Goff and Mrs. Maryon Marquardt have opened a very attractive dress and hosiery shop in the building on Main street that was formerly the telephone office.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Norris and family of Oak Park spent the past weekend with her mother, Mrs. Clara Rance.

July 26: Miss Laura M. Pierce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Pierce of Vermilion, S.D., was married Saturday afternoon to Harold Seidelman, son of Leonard Seidelman of Oswego. The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. George Carpenter.

There were many callers at the Arthur Wormley home last Sunday, a professor from the University of Illinois and a number of classmates of the late Don Barkley of Yorkville, who had come to pay their last respects to their friend. Myron Wormley and Don Barkley were roommates at the university. [Barkley, a Yorkville native, was killed in an auto accident in Chicago on Stony Island Avenue near 71st Street the previous Saturday.]

Twenty-nine members of the local Red Cross unit enjoyed a picnic July 21 with Mame Young. These women deserved a day of recreation. They do a great deal of sewing for the Red Cross. The Christmas bags are finished and sent to headquarters, and the unit will begin its new quota of sewing in September.

August -- 1939

Aug. 2: Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Morse of Oswego returned Friday from their California trip. They went on the Exposition Flyer from Aurora, which in the air conditioned train took only 52 hours to Oroville, Calif.

Alfred Hupach, 76, who until two years ago lived with his wife just south of town, died at the Coplay hospital Monday, July 24. Mrs. Hupach preceded him in death in 1937.

On Thursday afternoon July 27, Mrs. Leon Haag entertained at a miscellaneous shower for Miss May Ream of Aurora, who will soon become the bride of Mrs. Haag's brother, Maxwell Collins.

Nearly all the farmers are threshing or combining. Many neighborhoods will finish this week.

Construction forces of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company recently began work on a program of relocating and reconstructing seven miles of rural telephone lines along the roadbed of the concrete federal aid highway to be built between Yorkville and Oswego [modern Ill. Route 71], R.A. Barker, manager of both exchanges, announced. The major task in the job, Mr. Barker said, will be



moving the lines back from the gravel roads (State Aid Routes 1 and 13) over which the concrete highway is to be built, to the new right-of-way line. The work, which follows the recent introduction of dial telephone service in Yorkville, will be carried on between state Routes No. 47, directly south of Yorkville, and U.S. Route No. 34, just east of Oswego. More than 15 miles of iron wire, 136 poles, and 94 cross-arms will be removed during the project, which will probably be completed in October. In addition, the job will involve the placing of 14 miles of steel wire, 78 poles, and 51 cross-arms.

Aug. 9: This year's Old Settlers' picnic program is now practically completed. The picnic will be held Thursday, Aug. 17, one half mile east of Oswego on Route 34, formerly Route 65, in Bereman's Woods. The main object of this picnic is as was originally planned to take time out to pay tribute to the pioneers of this community; to honor those adventurous men and women who braved the dangers of a wilderness and founded this community which we are proud to call our home.

Miss May Ream and Mr. Maxwell Collins were married at St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Aurora on Saturday, Aug. 5.

Aug. 16: Miss Belinda Hafenrichter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Hafenrichter of Plainfield, and Albert Dittman, son of Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Dittman of Aurora, were married Aug. 12 at the Oswego Prairie Church.

The harvesting is practically all finished. Many used combines this year, and those who didn't have finished threshing. The rain last week did a great deal of good, and everything is fresh and green, not dry and burned as is usual in August. There are prospects for good corn and soybean crops and fruit is plentiful.

Mr. Cannon, writer and professor of the University of Chicago, has purchased a number of acres from the Wayne farm, and will build a summer home, putting up a garage and drilling for water this fall.

Aug. 23: The Oswego Community Consolidated Schools will open Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 8:30. The teachers for the Oswego grades are Harold Kirkhus, superintendent; Reeve Thompson, junior high; Mary

Morris, grades six and five B; Hazel Campbell, fifth and four A; Gracie Gutel, third and two B; and Marian Schumaker, first and second A. The rural schools will open Aug. 29 with Salisbury Hatch in the Wilcox; Loa Ruhs in the Squires; Ruth Samson in the Russell, Marian Gast in the Harvey, Frances Churchill the Walker, Faye VanDeveer in the Wormley, Della B. Smith in the Willow Hill, and Gertrude Heffelfinger in the Cutter school.

#### Oswego High School Will Start Year Sept. 5

Plans for the reopening of school on Tuesday, Sept. 5 have been completed by the board of education of the Oswego Community High School. Physical conditions in the school have been greatly improved by the laying of a new floor in the old part of the building and the complete remodeling of the washrooms. The following teachers have been employed for the coming year: C.H. Salter, principal and algebra; Albert Dittman, social science, physical education and coaching; Miss Lilah Hanke commercial work; Marvin Marquardt, science, mathematics and coaching; J. Fred Reeve, agriculture and biology; Miss Frances Schmett, home economics and physical education; Paul Shoger English and Latin; Reeve Thompson band and glee clubs.

Deloss H. Miller Jr., whose term of enlistment in the Navy has expired, is home with his parents on Park avenue.

Yorkville: CCC officials have notified the IERC [Illinois Emergency Relief Commission] office in Plano that there is to be recruitment during the first part of October. Boys who are unemployed should apply now, either at the local relief office or at the Illinois Emergency Relief Commission office at the bank building Plano. Boys from families receiving some public assistance will be given priority in selection.

Kendall County's citizens flocked to Bereman's Woods east of Oswego last Thursday to attend the annual Old Settlers Picnic sponsored by the American Legion posts of the county.

Aug. 30 Mrs. Charles Clark and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Morse and daughter Caryl, returned Friday from a three-week auto trip to the west coast. They traveled 7,000 miles

and the only accidents they saw were an overturned truck and an auto near Yorkville. They took Route 66 at the way to California stopping at the Grand Canyon and Hoover Dam and driving through Yosemite National Park.

Mrs. Frank Herren and Mrs. Richard Curry are at the arthritis sanitarium in Ottawa for treatment.

The Oswego Fire Protection District has added another truck to its equipment roster to round out the efficiency of their present truck. The new truck consists of an International chassis with a 1,000-gallon tank. A 250-gallon Barton fire pump is also mounted on the unit making it a valuable piece of equipment.

Many a fire can be quenched quickly when doused with 1,000 gallons of water. In the past, fires gained some headway over the firemen before they could pump water from the available supply, and with fires, the first five minutes are worth the next half hour.

September -- 1939

Sept. 6: Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stockham have a son, born at the Copley hospital Aug. 30. He has been given the name Emery Ruble.

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 10, Jim Savage and Bob Evans, graduates of Wheaton college, will conduct two weeks of evangelistic services at the Presbyterian church. The services are for everyone, particularly the young people.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Leigh and Dorothy and Mrs. Stanley Peterson spent part of last week vacationing in northern Wisconsin.

Several members of the Pure Milk association attended a picnic near Elburn on Labor day.

Yorkville: Notice of an act to extend further time for naturalization to alien veterans of the World War under the act approved May 25, 1932, to extend the same privileges to certain veterans of countries allied with the United States during the World War and other purposes. Any interested in further information concerning this act

are invited to contact Circuit Clerk T.K. House at his office in the courthouse in Yorkville.

Robert and William Pritchard, sons of Mrs. Adele Newton Pritchard of Aurora, are reported safe, Robert in Galway, Ireland and William on the "City of Flint," bound for New York.

These two young men were on the British liner "Athenia," which was torpedoed by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland Sunday. They had a harrowing experience and their friends are glad to learn of their rescue.

Sept. 13: Miss Marguerite Gast is doing substitute teaching at Plainfield.

School opened in the Oswego Community Consolidated School on Tuesday, Sept. 5. The total enrollment in grades one to eight inclusive is 159. During the summer months the grade and high school buildings underwent extensive repair. New hardwood floors were built in the high school, the lavatories were remodeled and painted. A new ceiling was placed in the sixth grade room, a new electric fire alarm system was placed in the large school building, and in addition other repairs of a smaller nature were accomplished in both buildings.

Most everyone and his brother attended the Wheatland Plowing Match Sept. 9, at least one thought so when he viewed the crowd.

Record-breaking heat and hot winds marked the weather last week. Much fruit has fallen from the trees and cool and pleasant weather was welcomed over the weekend.

The Oswego Community High School opened Sept. 5, and after a week of school the enrollment is as follows: Seniors, 20; Juniors, 27; Sophomores, 34; Freshmen, 33; total, 114. Among the class officers was Stanley Young, secretary of the junior class and Richard Young, student council. The high school has purchased a new sound projector and arrangements are being made to use the state library of sound films for class instruction.

Sept. 20: The Oswego Community Club is sponsoring a fall festival from Monday on through Saturday this week. There will be rides, concessions, refreshment stands, games and fun for all. The carnival will be located on the main street where the large crowds, which usually attend this affair, can be taken care of.

Four women, Mrs. Carl Grometer of Aurora, Mrs. Helen and Barbara Richards and Katherine Butler, returned last week from a delightful 14-day auto tour east. They went through Ohio to the Adirondack mountains in New York, stopping near lake Placid to see the old home and the monument of John Brown, and the tomb in which he and 11 of his followers rest; from West Port on lake Champlain to Burlington, Vt., crossing the Green mountains to the White mountains in New Hampshire, and on to Portland, Me., from there, following the Atlantic coastline, they went to Boston, visiting many historical spots on to Plymouth and Cape Cod, enjoying the ocean and seafood meals. They progressed to Long Island Sound, crossing the Hudson, through New York state to Pennsylvania, visiting the Amish markets in Carlyle and many historical scenes, They came home through Ohio and Indiana.

A few farm families from this vicinity went on the farm bureau farm management tour Sept. 14, with a picnic dinner near Hinckley and a program by University of Illinois field men.

The September record-breaking heat last week will be something to tell one's grandchildren about. Even the old timers can remember nothing like it. Five consecutive days of near 100-degree temperatures are hard to beat. The lawns and pastures became dry and brown, leaves fell from the trees and the corn is as dry as it usually is a month later. But thank a kind providence the discomforts here are as nothing compared to the suffering and anxiety in Europe.

Sept. 27: Miss Claretta Walker, home advisor of Macoupin county, was home over the past weekend. With her mother, Mrs. Fred Walker, and sisters, she attended the annual meeting of the Kendall County Home bureau at Yorkville.

Fire badly damaged the home of Mrs. Joe Keller on the Douglas road early Saturday morning, Sept. 23.

Mrs. Graeme Stewart was seriously injured in an auto accident Sept. 19, and has since been a patient in the Copley Hospital. Their little daughter was also scratched and bruised.

A number of the American Legion attended the national Legion convention in Chicago this week.

Stephen Paydon has returned to the University of Illinois. Findlay Paydon is at Northwestern.

Yorkville: Under the National Defense Act, National Guard companies will be recruited up from 62 to 83 men. These recruits must be had before Oct. 1. The Plattville Armory will be open every night this week for recruits. Recruiting stations will be opened in Yorkville, Oswego, Plano, and Morris. In Yorkville men interested can call at the Hunter Drug Store; in Oswego at Wormley's Soda Fountain. Recruits must be between the ages of 18 and 45.

The first of the steel grain bins purchased by the government for storing corn at country points to be set up in Kendall county were set up and filled last week. They are part of the \$5,000 bins to be set up in the corn belt for storing corn delivered this fall to the Commodity Credit corporation by farmers in payment of loans on sealed corn. Approximately 125 bins with a total capacity of 250,000 bushels are expected to be set up in Kendall county. The corn in these bins will become a part of the ever-normal granary and will be held in the country where it will be needed for livestock feed in the future or until the price of corn justifies its being moved to regular trade channels.

October -- 1939

Oct. 4: The court of honor of Boy Scout Troop 31 of Oswego will be held in the Oswego school gym at 7 o'clock Monday night, Sept. 9.

The condition of Leonard F. Shoger, a patient in the Copley hospital, remains very serious.

Miss Frances Churchill, teacher, and the pupils of the Walker school, with the parents and friends in the neighborhood, enjoyed a wiener roast on the school grounds Monday evening.

Following three years of failing health, Mrs. Mattie Dwyre Cutter of Willmar, Minn. died Sept. 23 and was buried Sept. 26 in the Acacia Cemetery near Minneapolis. Mrs. Cutter is survived by her husband, Slade, two sons, Henry and Russell, and one daughter, Mrs. Lissian Benson of Willmar, a daughter, Mrs. Gretchen Kennedy of Minneapolis; and two grandsons. The Cutter family formerly lived on the Henry Cutter homestead in Oswego and moved to Minnesota in 1911. Mrs. Cutter was a charter member of the 19th Century Club.

Yorkville: State officials announced studies were being made concerning locating a reform school on one of two farm properties in Oswego. State Rep. Maude Peffers of Aurora visited Yorkville to sound out local residents about relocating "incorrigibles" from St. Charles to a new facility in Kendall County.

The new 1940 automobiles have been provided with a complete new unit of lighting.

The new equipment is known as "The Sealed Beam Headlight System." No dirt, dust, or moisture can penetrate the sealed unit to corrode the reflecting surfaces and lens.

The new lamps throw two light beams. The lower beam is for city driving and the top beam for country driving.

Oct. 11: For the past two months, the weather has been so dry that the farmers were unable to plow the fields, but are husking corn and combining soybeans. Some make a record by cribbing corn the last week in September. Last year's government sealed corn is being shelled and stored in steel bins at the elevator.

Born Oct. 9, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Condon, at the St. Joseph hospital in Aurora, an 8-1/2 pound boy.

The population of Oswego was increased last week by a girl, born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Johnson, on Oct. 2, and a boy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nutt, on Oct. 6.

The Oswego school held the annual fair Saturday afternoon and evening with a food demonstration, a food sale, program, and pictures.

NaAuSay: The Busy Bee Club met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Stella Campbell with 14 members and two guests present. Everyone brought an interesting antique with its story. Mrs. Sylvia Matile brought a pewter soup bowl 139 years old. It was a gift given at the wedding of her great grandparents.

Oct. 18: Another terrible auto accident occurred on the West River road when G.K. Gabrielson of Helmar was killed Thursday evening near the Ricketts farm.

Bobby Constantine celebrated his 10th birthday anniversary with a little surprise party at the Walker school last Monday afternoon. Mrs. Constantine served ice cream and cakes.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Corniels have a girl, Sharon Lee, born Oct. 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Campbell are the parents of a girl, born at the Copley hospital Friday, Oct. 13. The little one is named Mary Kay.

Myron Wormley was in Texas last week, accompanying an uncle who went there on a business trip.

Yorkville: The Kendall County Corn Husking Contest will be held on the farm of Tom Fletcher next Saturday, Oct. 21, beginning at noon. The Fletcher farm is one mile west of the Lisbon Center elevator. Lunch will be available for those who enjoy this great Midwest farm sport.

Oct. 25: Recently, Theodore Whitlock of Madison street has been reunited with his brother, Perry, after 26 years' separation. In 1913 their mother died and their home in Plainfield was broken up. Perry became a wanderer, traveling in many states and working



at many different occupations. Eleven years ago, Perry settled down in Manson, Ia., where he established a small chicken farm and vegetable garden.

A few months ago, Will Griepenberg of Manson and Mr. Whitlock were talking over old times and Mr. Griepenberg mentioned that he had once been in the employ of L.D. Thompson in Illinois. Curiously enough, Mr. Whitlock had also worked for an L.D. Thompson in Plainfield. Mr. Whitlock couldn't believe that their former employer was the same Mr. Thompson, but Mr. Griepenberg wrote to Plainfield and Mrs. Thompson answered. Mr. Thompson had died about two years before. Word was sent to Theodore Whitlock in Oswego and after some correspondence with Mr. Griepenberg, he planned to go to Iowa to visit his brother, Perry. Arriving at Manson, he located his brother, but instead of surprising him as he had hoped to do, he was first recognized. A happy reunion followed. Although both live alone, Perry Whitlock would not leave his home to come to Oswego and Theodore returned alone last week rejoicing in knowing the welfare of his brother.

The annual Halloween fair will be held in the Oswego school Friday afternoon and evening, Oct. 27.

A large delegation of Oswego home bureau members expect to go to Joliet Friday to go through the National Laundry institute.

J. George Smith, who is a student at the University of Illinois, is attending the San Francisco fair as a member of the dairy judging team representing the university.

Yorkville: Ed Olson of Newark won the Kendall county corn husking contest, which was held at the Tom Fletcher farm last Saturday, Oct. 21. Mr. Olson's record was 37.086 bushels. A crowd estimated at 900 attended the contest, in which there were 11 entries.

The little singing cowgirl, Patsy Montana, has sung her way right into the hearts of thousands of radio listeners. Patsy will be wearing her famous cowgirl outfit when she appears at the Yorkville theatre Oct. 29, for matinee and evening shows.

November -- 1939

Nov. 1: Patricia Woolley, teacher in the Brown school, entertained her pupils and their mothers at a party at her home last Friday evening.

After a few little showers the first of last week, the weather man gave the rain lever a hard pull and an honest to goodness rain fell Thursday evening that broke the fall drought and now the farmers can plow.

Nov. 8: The father and son banquet held in the Presbyterian church annex Thursday evening, Nov. 2, was an entirely pleasant affair. When the 140 men and boys were seated and preceding the roast beef dinner served by members of the Ladies Aid society, the toastmaster, Charles Nutt Jr., gave a few words of greeting; the pastor, Dr. H.A. Larsen, gave thanks; and the assembly sang "let the lower Lights be Burning."

Oscar Shoger gave the toast to the lads, Stuart Parkhurst gave the response to the dads, and Stanley Herren gave a reading. A Men's Brotherhood was organized with Charles Nutt president; Paul Shoger, vice president; and Charles Schultz, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Burkhart have just returned from an enjoyable vacation to the west coast.

Jean Simons played the beautiful solo, "Meditation," on her accordion at the Presbyterian Sunday school Sunday.

Members of the Wilted Lettuce Club met with Mrs. Charles Clark last Saturday for a social evening. The club meets only when the members get together.

The ONO (Our Night Out) club met with Mrs. Edward Inman Tuesday.

The Oswego high school teachers attended the homecoming and conference at the University of Illinois Friday and Saturday.

Nov. 15: The bid for the paving of the stretch of highway known officially as Route 897, extending from S. Route 34 starting at the southerly end of Route 25 at Oswego southwest to the junction of State Route 47 south of Yorkville has been let to the Geneva Construction Company. The low bid was given as \$277,280 with paving to start on Thanksgiving. [Modern Ill. Route 71]

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Seidelman have moved from the country to a little cottage at the corner of Washington and Monroe streets.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Perrin of Aurora have moved into the little brown cottage on the East River road owned by Dr. Darmer of Aurora.

L.D. Jay, George Smith, and Joseph Paydon spent the past weekend at Urbana as guests on Dad's day.

Pearl Betz of Chicago and Ora Olson of Oak Park, formerly teachers in the Oswego school, were guests at the home of Miss Sadie Cherry Sunday.

Friends have received the news of the birth of a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Galvin of Aurora Sunday, Nov. 5, at the St. Joseph's hospital Mrs. Galvin is the former Fern Cliggitt of Oswego.

The Village of Oswego will receive bids for hot water and steam heating plants, completely installed in the Village hall in Oswego, as per requirements on file in the office of the Village Clerk in the Village of Oswego. Bids must be in the hands of the Clerk not later than 8 o'clock p.m. Monday, Nov. 27, 1939

Norval Tripp  
Village Clerk

Yorkville: Dick Hayden of Yorkville will be wearing the cardinal and white of North Central college's football team for the last time next Saturday when North Central meets Valparaiso university of Valparaiso, Ind. on the latter's field.

Hayden has starred for North Central at quarterback for the past three years. This season, however, was an unfortunate one for him, as he fractured his wrist the week before the first game of the season and was out for the first two North Central opponents.

Hayden shares the captaincy of the North Central team this year with Fred Gillogly of Hinsdale.

Boys who are unemployed and seeking employment have an opportunity to place their applications for the January CCC enrollment. They may apply to the local Township Supervisor or to the Illinois Emergency Relief Commission office at the bank building in Plano.

Nov. 22: August W. Keihl, 80, died at his home in Plainfield early Saturday Nov. 18.

Mr. Keihl was born in Oswego Aug. 18, 1859 the son of August and Ottila Keihl, pioneer settlers from Germany. He spent his boyhood in Oswego attending the Old Stone School, spent a few years in the farm with the late Tom Seely, and then became a farmer in Oswego Township. His first wife was Hattie Wilcox and after her death he married Emma Shiffer, and 16 years ago retired to Plainfield where Mrs. Keihl died in October 1935.

Mr. Keihl has no direct survivors; the only ones were a niece and nephew of his late wife, Elizabeth and Albert Shiffer. Miss Shiffer has been her uncle's homemaker the past few years.

Funeral services were held at the home Nov. 20. Burial was in the Oswego cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson and son Stewart will eat their Thanksgiving dinner with relatives at Sheridan.

The American Legion gave an amateur show at the school gym Friday evening with 12 splendid acts. The Hungry Five band won first place.

Stuart Parkhurst was chosen from the Oswego High School as Boy Mayor to represent Oswego in the Christmas parade to be held in Aurora Friday.

Following are a few interesting excerpts from the life of the late Lysander Hoard. Mr. Hoard's wife was Bessie Gillespie, a stepsister of the late Mrs. George Wormley and a sister of Mrs. Frank O. Hawley, and he and his wife were members of the Old Schoolmates Club of the Old Stone Schoolhouse in Oswego. Mr. Hoard, born Aug. 21,

1847 in Frankfort, Ky., was a pioneer Aurora businessman and for 50 years ran the Montgomery Mill. Of late years he made his home in Chicago and was employed by the Chicago Cuneo Press until a week before his death on Nov. 15. Although 92 years old he was at his desk every day. The funeral was held in the Healy chapel Nov. 17, with burial in Springlake Cemetery.

Many of the little folks in Oswego have whooping cough.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Elliott and two children were involved in an auto accident Sunday evening when a car failed to heed the stop sign at the intersection of route 97 and the Oswego-Plainfield road and crashed into them. No one was seriously injured, but the Elliott car was damaged to the extent of about \$150. It was covered by insurance.

A number of Oswego young people attended the drama, "Peter Pan," given by an Aurora group at the Bardwell school Saturday.

Yorkville: Company E., 129th Infantry, Illinois National Guard, under the leadership of Capt. C.G. Howell, has for the past two weeks, been undergoing some real intensive drills each Saturday and Sunday.

The company has grown from 60 to over 90 men. The drills are held partly to assist the new recruits to master the new open formations and for the older men to brush up preparatory for the meet to be held in Dixon this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

It is hoped that the country won't need this fine group of young men, but if necessary, they are ready for call, a well-grained group of soldiers.

The Board of Supervisors of Kendall County, Illinois met at the Court House in the Village of Yorkville in said County on Oct. 3, 1939.

Mrs. Maud N. Peffers, Representative in the General Assembly from the 14th District, asked the opinion of the Board in the matter of the proposed location of a school for the worst offenders otherwise sent to St. Charles. On motion by Supervisor Burkhart, seconded by Supervisor Churchill, the Board expressed itself unanimously opposed to the location of said school within the bounds of Kendall county.

Nov. 29: Claretta Walker, home adviser in Macoupin county, spent Thanksgiving weekend with Oswego relatives.

Among the Oswegoans who shopped in Chicago Saturday were Mrs. Allen Woolley, Mrs. Allan Campbell, and Mrs. Howard Shoger.

Maxine Herren has whooping cough and has had to give up her studies and work at the Joliet Beauty school.

Myron Wormley entertained three University of Illinois fraternity brothers at his home last Sunday.

Mrs. Edson Hunt Wheeler, 88, died in Aurora Monday, Nov. 27. She was born in Oswego Dec. 17, 1850, and at one time she and her husband were residents of Oswego. Both the Hunt and the Wheeler families were pioneers in this part of the country. Mrs. Wheeler was a member of the DAR, Unity Circle, New England Congregational church, Aurora Historical society, and had occupied every chair in the Grand Army Circle. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Edna Sorenson of Milford, Ind.; a niece, Mrs. Lela Tiley of Emington, Ill.; and a nephew, Walter Hunt of LaVerne, Ia.

Yorkville: Anna French Johnson  
Has Most Interesting Book

"Of all the professions open to women," says Mrs. Oliver C. Johnson, the author of the interesting "The Making of a Minister's Wife," "That of the minister's wife provides the least formal training. She falls in love with and marries her young theologian, and thereby plunges without apprenticeship into a complex, difficult, demanding life.

Here in this book is an absorbing account of what it is like to be a minister's wife, but even more important, here is a self-portrayal of a woman and her family, which will touch the sympathy, and understanding of every reader.

The Rev. and Mrs. Johnson are at the Budd home in Yorkville and the Rev. Mr. Johnson is writing a Pioneer History of Kendall County, running as a week to week feature in the *Record*.

December -- 1939

Dec. 6: The next regular meeting of the Oswego Community Club will be held at the Masonic dining room on Main Street, Oswego, Tuesday night, Dec. 12 at 8 p.m. Howard R. Olson of Riverside, secretary of the Chicago Regional Planning Association, will give a talk on "County and Municipal Zoning." This is a comparatively new subject and Mr. Olson, who has drafted or materially assisted in drafting every zoning regulation in counties and towns in northern Illinois, will have an important message for all. The Village of Oswego has appointed a Zoning Commission and are about to pass a Zoning Ordinance, and this talk will be of special interest to residents and officials of the village.

Edward J. Barrett, State Auditor, today announced that he has authorized payment of an 8.9 percent dividend, amounting to \$9,119.07 to the depositors of the Oswego State Bank. This is the sixth and final dividend to be paid since the bank closed, bringing the total paid up to 73.9 percent. The checks were given out Nov. 30.

In addition to this dividend, \$4000 has been paid on bills payable and \$5,403.50 to preferred creditors.

This payment is from ordinary liquidation.

Mrs. Tillie Paydon passed away at her home on Garfield avenue, Oswego, Friday, Dec. 1. She was born in Coatesville, Ill. Jan. 11, 1866.

Mrs. Paydon is survived by two sons, Joseph of Plainfield and James of LaPorte, Ia.; and 14 grandchildren. A granddaughter, Miss Loa Ruhs, has made her home with her grandmother since childhood. Mr. Paydon died a few years ago, and a daughter, Lettie, preceded her mother in death.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church, of which Mrs. Paydon was a member, Monday afternoon, Dec. 4. Burial was in the Pearce cemetery.

Whooping cough is on the increase. Some have light attacks, but others, especially the adults, have severe cases.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Peshia's grandson, Terry Peshia of Aurora, has nine grandparents. On Nov. 24, Mr. and Mrs. Septa Peshia, Mr. and

Mrs. Leslie Peshia, and Mrs. Mary Young of Oswego, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Peshia and little son Terry, and Mr. and Mrs. F.G. Ohlgren of Aurora, motored to Chicago to meet Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ohlgren where they had a four-generation picture taken.

There seems to be a regular epidemic of appendicitis cases in and around Oswego, which has continued for several years.

Dec. 13: The bazaar sponsored by the Guild of the Federated church was a great success. Nearly 300 were served at supper, the booth sales were good, and the entertainment excellent.

On Thursday evening, Dec. 14, there will be a debate, "Motorist Against Pedestrian," in the interest of safety education at the high school, conducted by good speakers.

A number of Oswegoans attended the funeral services of George Troll of Aurora Saturday. Mr. Troll, who died at his home on Lake street last Wednesday, was born in Oswego and spent his boyhood and attended school here. He is survived by his wife, Minnie; one sister, Miss Edith Troll of Oswego; one brother, Ernest of Aurora; and a number of nieces and nephews. The Rev. Horace Larsen of Oswego officiated at the services. Interment was made in Spring Lake cemetery, Aurora.

Many from this vicinity enjoyed the livestock show in Chicago last week.

Dec. 20: Leonard F. Shoger, 63, passed away Saturday afternoon, Dec. 16, at the Copley hospital, where he had been a patient for many weeks.

Mr. Shoger was born on May 18, 1876 in Oswego township. He is survived by his widow, Emma; a daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Armbruster of Pontiac; a son, Howard of Oswego; three sisters, Mrs. Carrie Turpin of Aurora; Mrs. Minnie Hafenrichter and Mrs. Alvina Haag of Oswego; two brothers, Clarence of Naperville and Oscar of Oswego; and five grandchildren, Gayle and David Armbruster and Jimmie, Janet, and Dean Shoger.

Funeral services were held Dec. 19 at the Presbyterian church in Oswego. Interment was made in the Oswego cemetery.



The rural schools are giving Christmas entertainments on different dates. The Walker school presents a program on Wednesday evening. The Cutter school will have a dinner and program for those in the district Friday evening.

Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Lindley's grandson, Donald Leon Cripe, of Melrose park were held at the Federated church, Oswego Thursday morning.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Cripe; two brothers, John and Phillip; and a sister, Edna May of Melrose Park; and the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cripe of Pleasant Mounds and Mrs. Lindley survive.

This 13 year-old lad was a Boy Scout and was dressed for burial in his Scout uniform. Four auto loads of Boy Scouts from Melrose Park attended the services. Burial was in the Oswego cemetery.

The members of the board of education, faculty and their wives, were entertained Monday evening by the home economics department of the Oswego Community high school. Various games were enjoyed throughout the evening.

Dec. 27: Families were reunited for Christmas at many happy homes in Oswego over the weekend holidays. The churches observed Christmas with the re-telling of the Nativity and appropriate services.

1940

January

Jan. 3: Lewis Chrise is building a cement block salesroom for the Oliver line of farm equipment at the junction of Route 97 and Washington street, or the Oswego-Plainfield road [Ill. Route 71 and Washington Street, the Oswego Industries building]. If the weather permits the completion of the building, the place will be open for business about Feb. 1. Repair and service will be carried on. Mr. Chrise and family live on the Grove road.

The Rev. Horace Larsen went to Iowa to attend a funeral the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Haag have a girl born at the Copley hospital Dec. 26. The little one has been given the name Yvonne Judith.

Will Baer, for many years a grocer in Montgomery, died last week. He is survived by his wife, Carrie, and a son, Will, of Aurora. Mrs. Baer was formerly of Oswego and has many friends here who knew her as Carrie Burkhart.

Wesley A. Bower, 59, died at his home in Oswego Dec. 27. A member of one of Oswego's pioneer families, Mr. Bower was born in Oswego March 16, 1880, and had lived in or near Oswego all his life. He was a member of the Prairie Evangelical church. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Lida Bower; two sons, Harold and Arnold; a daughter, Lucile; and four grandchildren, Elaine and Betty Jane, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bower, and Franklin and Arlo, children of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bower, all of Oswego. Funeral services were held at the Healy chapel Saturday, Dec. 30. Burial was in the Riverside cemetery.

Fred Pasko has a new caterpillar tractor with a big snow plow that is guaranteed to clear the roads after any snow storm.

Jan. 10: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cherry received news of the birth of a grandson, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Clifford Cryer of El Paso on Friday, Jan. 5.

The first real snow storm of the winter covered this vicinity with a white blanket Sunday. It was still snowing Monday. The zero temperatures of last week have moderated.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johnson and family from Kendall township have moved into the tenant house on the Cutter farm rented by Irwin Wolf.

Many have been ill with severe colds and coughs. Numbers of the little folks are out of school, some in bed with the grippe in one form or another.

Watts Cutter and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bickford started by auto for Biloxi, Miss. Jan. 4. The highways in Illinois were not good for traveling.

Emma Naden Manley, lifetime resident of Kendall county, died Saturday at her home in Oswego at the age of 88. She was born south of Yorkville and lived in Plattville prior other residence in Oswego for the past 26 years.

She leaves a daughter, Miss Ethel Manley; a son, William; a grandson, Manley Dibble, all of Oswego; two sisters, Mrs. George Peterson, Marley, Ill. and Mrs. Harry Day, Pullman, Wash.; and five brothers, J.S. Naden of Joliet, T.R. Naden, Winfield, Kan., Phillip Naden, Onawa, Ia., Ernest Naden, Burbank, Calif., and George Naden, Oklahoma City, Okla.

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

Plattville: Provided there is snow on the ground, the Plattville Sportsmen's club will sponsor a fox hunt Friday morning. Hunters will meet at the Armory at 9 o'clock.

Yorkville: Remember when the Yorkville icehouse was going full blast and the men would take horses out on the ice and cut it up? And the fun we kids used to have getting in the way of the workers? And how we enjoyed the warmth and the hot steamy sell of the engineroom where a steam engine furnished power for the operations? Wed better stop before folks think we're getting old.

Officials of the Grundy-Kendall National Farm-Loan association are encouraged by the increasing number of farm purchasers who are taking advantage of the facilities of their association to climb the ladder to farm ownership. Sixty-five farm families in Grundy and Kendall counties have obtained their purchase financing from the Federal land Bank and Land Bank Commissioner, units of the Farm Credit administration, since the Farm Credit Act of 1935 broadened the authority of the commissioner to finance farm purchases.

Yorkville Theatre  
No Show Saturday, Jan 13

Sunday, Jan. 14—One Day Only  
Continuous from 1:30 until Closing  
--In Person on Our Stage—  
“The Prairie Sweethearts”  
Direct from Radio Station WLS  
You’ve Heard Essie and Kay Over WLS  
Now See Them in Person  
On The Screen—“Hell’s Kitchen”  
With “Dead End Kids,” Margaret Lindsay and  
Ronald Regan

Jan. 17: The Wilcox school district organization met with Mr. and Mrs. Will Quantock last Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Hatch with them on the committee. For the program, Mrs. Walter Manning and daughter, Mrs. Weidert, of Oswego, played a group of accordion selections which were much enjoyed.

John Johnson, 85, formerly of Sugar Grove, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ed Harvey, Jan. 8. He is survived by two sons, Charles of Sugar Grove and Oscar of Aurora; one daughter, Mrs. Effie Harvey; and two grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Healy chapel Jan. 11, with burial at Sugar Grove.

The Oswego grade school reopened Monday morning after being closed last Thursday and Friday because of so many of the little folks being ill.

Bobbie Cutter suffered a leg injury when a group of children were sliding down the depot hill, but it is not as serious as at first it was feared.

So many are ill that it is impossible to mention names as some would be sure to be omitted from the list. Many are confined to their beds for several days and some are only “sick abed in a rocking chair” with a form of the “grippe.”

Jan. 24: Mary Ellen Foster, older daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Foster, became the bride of Robert Lincoln Bowles of Aurora, son of Mrs. J.B. Bowles of Chicago, at a pretty home wedding Jan. 21. Mr.

Bowles is associated with radio station WMRO, and the young couple will reside in Aurora.

The farm home on West River road owned by Myron Haag and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Stuchel and sons caught fire from a chimney last Saturday evening and was considerably damaged on the inside, especially in the upstairs rooms. The Oswego fire department was called as it was also later in the evening to a spot near the Waubonsie Golf Club where all they found was a blanket burning in the ditch.

A number from this vicinity attended the funeral services for Mrs. William Campbell of Kendall Township, held at the Healy chapel Sunday, Jan. 21. Mrs. Campbell was the mother of Mrs. Russell Rink and Russell Campbell of Oswego.

The thermometer hovered near zero in Oswego most of last week, the coldest spell since 1936. A few inches of snow and ice increased the cold and discomfort.

Letters from the Cutter-Bickford family at Biloxi, Miss. tell of ice there the first in 40 years.

Lewis Chrissie died suddenly Friday, Jan. 19, at the age of 62. He was born Feb. 9, 1877 in Germany. His wife, Ella, a son, John, a sister, Mrs. Amelia Tuckey of Minneapolis, and a brother Fred of Chicago survive.

Although Mr. Chrissie and his family had only recently moved to their new home on Grove Road, he was well known among the farmers in the vicinity of Oswego in his connection with the farm implement business. His death was caused by a heart attack while he sat at the wheel of his truck at the lumber yard where he had been getting a load of coke. The building on the south edge of town is partially completed in which Mr. Chrissie expected to open a salesroom of farm machinery this spring. Interment was in the Precinct cemetery at Earlville.

The Allan Campbell family is having a siege of the grippe, the four children all being ill, the youngest, Dickie, with a light case of pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Gourley announce the marriage of their daughter, Gladys Rebecca, to J. Wilbur Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Campbell. The wedding took place at Clinton, Ia., Jan. 15. The couple will reside for the present with the bride's parents as they are contemplating a trip to California.

Jan. 31: Many from this vicinity attended the funeral services held from the NaAuSay church Monday, Jan. 29, for Edward Murley.

Some are recovering, but many are still ill with the prevailing epidemic of "Grippe."

Myron Wormley is attending a short course on "Tractors" this week at the University of Illinois.

Mrs. Joan Allan, aged 91, died Tuesday, Jan. 23, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Barber. Mrs. Allan was born in Scotland June 21, 1848.

Funeral services were held at the McKeown Funeral Home Jan. 25. Interment was in the Port Byron, Ill. cemetery.

The fire department was called to the Charley Cherry farm last Sunday. The fire was in one corner of the barn, but the building was saved. Arthur Anderson is the renter.

Yorkville: Under the provisions of the new Illinois Truck Act, effective March 1, 1940, every truck on Illinois highways, even including city fire engines, must be registered and must comply with several provisions regarding insurance, hours, safety, and identification marking.

Every truck will be required to pass a safety test, and all but state and municipal trucks must carry public liability and property damage insurance. Truck driver's hours will be limited to 15 hours on duty out of every 24.

The name and address must be printed in three-inch high letters on each truck.

February -- 1940

Feb. 7: A number of Oswego men attended the road builders' show in Chicago last week.

Margaret Dysart died at her home here Thursday, Feb. 1. She was born at Reading, Pa., Feb. 29, 1876.

Those left to mourn her departure are her husband, Archibald H. Dysart and two daughters, Mrs. Mary Morse and Miss Helen Dysart of LaGrange; two grandchildren, Billy and David Morse; and three sisters and a brother, Mrs. Sally Young, Miss Mayme Krick, Mrs. Sue Stoner, and Adam Krick, all of Reading, Pa.

Funeral services were held at the Oswego Presbyterian church Feb. 4. Interment was made in the Oswego cemetery.

The fifth annual meeting of the Kendall County Teachers' association will be held at the Oswego Community Consolidated school Friday, Feb. 9.

Feb. 14: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Budd of Millbrook announce the engagement of their daughter, Frances Ann, to Myron Wormley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wormley of Oswego. The wedding will take place in the spring.

The Oswego Parent-Teacher association gave a founders' day program Tuesday evening. The speaker was J.E. Thornton, assistant special agent for the FBI.

Feb. 21: The neighbors in the Walker school district gave a farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Waggoner and their two little daughters, Hazel and Lucille, last Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith. The Waggoners, who will move next week to a new home three miles south of Naperville, were presented with a table lamp.

Paul Dhuse, Harold Bower, Arthur Davis, and Ralph Smith and perhaps others from this vicinity went on a John Deere excursion Feb. 20 to Waterloo, Ia., where the company's tractor plant is located.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moyer are the parents of a boy born last week.

Stuart Shoger, who has accepted a position with Swift & Company at Hammond, Ind., left Monday morning for his new employment.

The grippe epidemic continues attacking old and young, big and little. Most of the cases are comparatively light, but with a grip that hangs on, some having sore throats or coughs or both.

On Jan. 16 Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Lantz celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary with a dinner for their three surviving children, Mrs. Ida Book of Joliet and Mrs. William Holzhueter and Isaac L. Lantz of Plainfield and their families. Mr. Lantz is 93 years old and his wife is 90, and they are still able to keep house. Five of their eight children have passed on, but there are numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Quite a number from this vicinity attended an electrical equipment demonstration put on by the Public Service company in cooperation with the Home bureau at the Farm Bureau auditorium in Yorkville Monday afternoon.

A.J. Parkhurst, formerly an Oswego boy, is attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, working on his doctor's degree and is also superintendent of a small high school in Chapel Hill.

Yorkville: Martin N. Hextell of Yorkville, former sheriff of Kendall county, died Friday, Feb. 9, on his 59th birthday anniversary. Mr. Hextell spent his entire life in Kendall county. He was born and reared in Lisbon township. He served two terms as sheriff.

Feb. 28: Glenn Christoffel died Feb. 20, at his home in Oswego township at the age of 21. He was born in Aurora Aug. 27, 1918. He is survived by his parents, Joseph and Estella Kesslinger Christoffel; two brothers, Ivan and Garth; two sisters, Verdelle and Lois, all of Oswego; his grandparents, George Kesslinger of Oswego and Mrs. John H. Christoffel of Aurora. Funeral services were held from the Healy chapel in Aurora Friday afternoon. Burial was in Riverside cemetery.



Frank L. Wooley, 46 years of age, died Feb. 20, at the Copley hospital in Aurora. He was born Nov. 10, 1893 in Oswego. Funeral services were held from the McKeown funeral home and the Presbyterian church Feb. 22. Interment in the Oswego cemetery. Mr. Wooley was ill but a few days and his sudden death was a shock to the entire community. He was married to Adele Biesemier March 24, 1915.

Surviving to mourn his departure are his widow, Adele; a daughter, Oilye Krug; a son, Forrest; and a sister, Mrs. Fred Goebel of Cicero. Mr. Wooley was a past master of Raven Lodge No. 303 and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. He was a member of the Oswego Presbyterian Church. For a time he served as postmaster in Oswego, and at the time of his death had served six years as Republican precinct committeeman.

Clarence Salter and Harold Kirkhus attended a convention of school superintendents at St. Louis this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Foster Sr. have moved to Iowa avenue, Aurora. Dorothy, who will graduate from the Oswego high school in June, is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stockham.

Gerald Fechner, 11, a pupil of the Harvey school, underwent an emergency operation for the relief of appendicitis at the Copley hospital last week. He is home now and recovering nicely.

March -- 1940

March 6: Miss Frances Ann Budd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Budd of Millbrook became the bride of Myron Wormley son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wormley, of Oswego Saturday afternoon, March 2, in the home of the bride's parents.

"That Lucas Family" will be presented at the anniversary celebration of the Presbyterian Annex Monday evening, March 11. It is a comedy in three acts. Cast members included Charles Nutt, Floyd Parkhurst, Rachel Anderson, Robert Jay, Mary Cherry, Forrest Wooley, Dorothy Leigh, Junior Leigh, Howard Shoger, Evelyn Heap, and Isabel Stockham.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Burkhart were held at the Healy chapel March 4. Interment was made in Riverside cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Burkhart of Aurora passed away March 1 at the Copley hospital at the age of 76 years. She was born Feb. 19, 1864 in Niles Center.

She is survived by her husband, Henry; two daughters, Mrs. Agnes Plocher and Mrs. Elmer Haag of Oswego; two sons, Sherman and Stanley of Aurora; a brother, John Peter of Chicago; and eight grandchildren.

Mrs. Burkhart was a member of the First Evangelical church, Aurora. The Burkharts, formerly residents of Oswego township, moved from their farm home in the vicinity of the Prairie church to Aurora 12 years ago.

Charles H. Newman, a teacher in the Oswego schools for a number of years, passed away at his home east of Aurora Feb. 25 at the age of 79 years. He was born Sept. 24, 1860 at Woodstock.

Funeral services were held from the Healy chapel with services in charge of Raven lodge No. 303 of Oswego on Feb. 27. Burial was in the Oswego cemetery by the side of his wife, Nellie, who passed away Jan. 13, 1932.

Mr. Newman enjoyed many happy reunions with his former pupils in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. John Staffeldt, who have purchased the farm occupied the past two years by Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Wagoner with their family of younger people, have moved into their new home.

A soda fountain and ice cream service have been installed in Shuler's drug store.

Yorkville: FAVORS RIVER IMPROVEMENT

Feb. 28, 1940

*The Kendall County Record*

Yorkville, Illinois

Dear Sirs:

The greatest single asset of Kendall county as a whole is the Fox river. Every individual resident of Kendall county, regardless of occupation or location, receives benefits directly or indirectly as the

result of the Fox river. The potentialities of the Fox river to bring wealth to Kendall county have been weakened by the low water level. Various communities outside of Kendall county through which the river flows have been inconsiderate in the use of water to the serious damage of Kendall county. This condition need not exist. I urgently recommend that Kendall county undertake to protect its rights in the Fox river and to develop its facilities for the best interests of the citizens of the county.

Yours very truly  
James A. Peterson

CB&Q workmen were busy recently in working on the railroad signal in the middle of Bridge street, otherwise known as the "Main Drag." They told us that the base is now heavily reinforced with iron and concrete and is guaranteed to be well-nigh immovable. We doubt it, but don't wish to try it out. Some damage had been done to the signal lights and the men were repairing them. They have put in a much more powerful bulb in the light, which burns all night making it much more easily seen, and that helps. But we still think the smart thing to do is to make an overhead support and suspend the signal instead of having it in the middle of the road.

Despite a 25 percent increase in nationwide tractor operation fatalities, Illinois farmers last year managed to lower their 1938 accident rate by 6 percent, reports the IAA department of safety.

March 13: The Busy Bee club of the Gaylord school community met with Mrs. Frank Gengler at her home in Oswego last Wednesday.

Professor Haag of North Central college is giving a series of sermons at the Prairie church on Wednesday and Sunday evenings until Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hobson from Michigan are visiting this week at the home of Mrs. Hobson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kohlhammer.

Mrs. Mae J. Denney died March 8 at her home here after a lingering illness, at the age of 77.

She was born March 17, 1863 in Chicago. In her younger days she was prominent in social affairs and had a wide circle of friends. Mrs. Denney had been ill during the past year. Her husband, Will, passed away eight years ago. Surviving are three children, Mrs. Frank Pillasch, Anderson, Ind., Mrs. Fred Betz of Schoharie, N.Y., and Wayne Denney of Oswego; and four grandchildren. Funeral services were held from the McKeown funeral home in Oswego March 11. Burial in Spring Lake cemetery.

The open house for the fine new building housing Chrissee's Oliver farm implement showroom was well attended last Thursday. Farmers from all the surrounding territory, with officials of the company and dealers from other towns enjoyed the demonstrations, entertainment, and lunch.

March 20: Fifty of the neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wormley Friday evening for a farewell party for the parents and a welcome for the son, Myron and his bride. Each couple was presented with a gift. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wormley expect to move to a home on Lake street, Aurora, next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen R. Leigh announce the engagement of their daughter, Jean Elizabeth, to Ralph H. Keck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Keck, Aurora. The wedding will take place May 29.

The Oswego Presbyterian basketball team won the trophy for third place at the tournament of the Ottawa presbytery church teams held at Streator Saturday. The Oswego team missed by only two points of placing first.

When all outdoors was coated with ice for two days last week, many persons fell. Among those quite seriously injured was Miss Loa Ruhs, who fell, receiving a head injury while at the Squire's School, where she is the teacher.

Lawrence Hafenrichter, son of Nicholas and Margaret Hafenrichter, was born on a farm southeast of Oswego on April 29, 1854. He was preceded in death by his four sisters and four brothers. At the age of 16 he began working in a grocery store owned by a brother-in-law, John Faust in Oswego, and later clerked in a grocery

store owned by Mr. Halley [Hawley], also in Oswego. In the year of 1879, Lawrence came to Yorkville where he worked for a year in the cheese factory operated by J.F. Wood. Then he was employed by the Morton & Johnson store in Yorkville. After Morton sold out to Johnson, Hafenrichter continued clerking there for the next 27 years of his life. Lawrence clammed in the Fox river for about 10 years, after which he was employed for 12 years by the State Highway department. He retired about three years ago

On Feb. 1, 1882, he was united in holy wedlock to Lottie Shibley, and they made their home in Yorkville. After his wife's death on March 15, 1923, he went to live at the Yorkville hotel, where he has lived for 17 years.

At one time he had the finest collection of Indian relics in Kendall county, including a large number of arrowheads.

He joined Kendall Lodge No. 471, AF&AM, and was a 32nd degree Mason. In April 1881, he was a member of the knights Templar, Mystery Shrine, Commandery and Low Twelve club. Mr.

Hafenrichter was also a charter member of Yorkville chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Kendall Lodge had charge of the services from the Larson funeral home in Yorkville this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment was made in Elmwood cemetery, Yorkville.

Mr. Hafenrichter passed away as the result of an attack of pneumonia Sunday morning at the Copley hospital, Aurora.

Plano: Plano's new post office will be dedicated Thursday, March 21, at the hours are from 1:30 to 9 p.m. and not as previously stated. In invitation is extended to the public to inspect the post office between the hours after the program until 9, as this will be the only opportunity to inspect the building. Members of the Plano Woman's club will serve as guides.

March 27: The East Oswego Farmers club met on Wednesday, March 20, for the last all day meeting of the season.

The Good Friday service held at the Federated church was beautiful and soul inspiring.

Troop 31 of the Boy Scouts of America held a court of honor recently. The boys who received awards were John Olson, Jimmy

Mitchell, Tenderfoot; Bennett Sickler, conservation and civics; Richard Young, Star; Don Lippold, chemistry, conservation, and bronze Eagle Palm; Ford Lippold, Life; Jimmy Mitchell and John Olson led the oath and laws. Ford Lippold is the Scoutmaster.

April -- 1940

April 3: The Oswego chapter tops the list of towns in the state in Red Cross memberships in proportion to population. Two state Red Cross workers were recently here from Springfield and after examining the records at Yorkville, came to Oswego with words of appreciation for the workers who participated in the membership drive and those who sew or knit on the assignments sent to Oswego.

A.J. Shoger of Aurora, formerly of Oswego suffered a serious accident last Thursday when a heavy crate fell from the back of the truck he was loading at the Aurora Equipment company plant, and crushed the right knee and fractured the leg below the knee.

The operetta, "Up in the Air," will be presented in the school gym April 12.

An exception to the rule: March came in like a lamb and went out like a lamb, with a thunderstorm near the end of the month with which to say good-bye. April came in with a shower that made the grass look green.

No one in Oswego township need go without bread or rolls if they have the wherewithal to pay for it. There have been two well-established bread truck routes for several years, besides a grocery truck, and now a third truck driver from Downers Grove is seeking customers.

The farmers are getting their odd jobs done preparatory to going into the fields as soon as the soil is in fit condition to work. Last week, the price of oats was 39 cents and corn 52-1/2. Some are shelling corn.

Mrs. Otto Haag of Aurora, 77, died at her home March 26. Mrs. Haag, as Wilhelmina Rink, was born in Aurora June 14, 1862. Mr. Haag died 10 years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Haag were residents of Oswego township, living on the old Haag homestead close to the Prairie church until they moved to Aurora in 1912.

Those who survive include three daughters, Mrs. Lida Bower and Mrs. Harry Mundsinger of Oswego and Mrs. Elmer Loew of Milwaukee; three sons, Myron and Martin of Aurora and Herbert of Seattle, Wash.; 11 grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; three brothers, Jacob Rink of Chicago, William Rink of Yorkville, and Edward Rink of Oswego; and a sister, Miss Dora Rink of Aurora. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Healy chapel with interment in Riverside cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Klomhaus and son Arthur are moving to Aaronsburg, Pa., where they will go on a farm to be near Mrs. Klomhaus' people. They planned to go last Monday but because of flood conditions in the east, the truck coming to get their household goods could not make the trip.

Lute Larson is now the janitor at the Oswego school, taking the place of Arthur Klomhaus, who has been janitor for the past several years.

April 10: Margaret Norris gave a piano recital at her studio on Main street last Saturday afternoon. The pupils playing were Nan and Sue Weishew, Kenneth Bohn, Patty and Mary Lou Campbell, Frances Gerry, Jim and Jack Mitchell, Jimmie Hoch, Mary Agnes Gabel, Marilyn Wheeler, Mary Lou Kellogg, Marilyn Smith, Eugene and Harland Krell, Ross Shoger, Charlene Schultz, and Virginia Hettrich.

Loa Ruhs has resumed her duties as teacher in the Squires school after several weeks' illness.

Jim Yard, 93, a pioneer well known in Kendall and Kane counties, died last week at his home in Montgomery. He leaves no descendants. His sister, who had lived with him, passed away several years ago. Mr. Yard was born on a farm west of Oswego in 1847 of English parents, but had lived in the home in Montgomery for the past 60 years. Everett McKeown of the Oswego funeral home had

charge of the services held at the Montgomery church. Interment was in the Oswego cemetery.

Mrs. Frank Strossman of Aurora died last week following injuries received when struck by an automobile. She is survived by a daughter, Marion, superintendent of the Bardwell school. In their younger days, Mr. and Mrs. Strossman were residents of Oswego and Mr. Strossman clerked for many years in the D.M. Haight store.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Condon and two children have moved to a small farm on the Base Line road near Montgomery. Mr. Condon has employment in Aurora.

If you want to see something good to eat, just step into the Schultz grocery store and ask to see the frozen foods he has on display.

Miss Marguerite Sleezer has returned to her duties at the Coplay hospital after spending several days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Sleezer.

Mrs. Charles Stach of Holcombe, Wis., and John Stach and two sisters, Irma and Kathryn of Chicago, came to attend the funeral service held for Mrs. Otto Johnson. Mrs. Stach stayed until Sunday.

Many Oswego people are going to see "Gone With the Wind" this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lantz of Oswego, oldest couple in Kendall county, cast their ballots at the Oswego polls yesterday. They are 90 and 93 years of age.

Mrs. Arthur Johnson, 78, died April 8 at the St. Charles hospital, where she had been a patient for six weeks, suffering from a fractured hip received when she fell in her home.

Mrs. Johnson was born in Norway and came to Illinois when 18. She has spent all her married life in Kendall county, mostly in Oswego township.

Surviving are her husband, Otto; son Albert; sister Mrs. Belle Nelson, Plano; brother Theodore Olson of Washington; and several nieces and nephews.



Funeral services will be held at the McKeown funeral home Thursday, the Rev. Horace Larsen officiating.

April 17: If you want to see something good to eat, just step into the Schultz grocery store and ask to see the frozen foods he has on display.

The Wilcox school club will meet at the schoolhouse Friday evening, April 19, with the teacher, Mrs. Hatch, as the hostess and the Marshall Youngs and the Jackovinas on the committee.

The operetta "Up in the Air," presented by the school last Friday evening was well done and a good-sized audience enjoyed it.

Mr. and Mrs. William Foss are parents of a girl born at the Copley hospital April 9.

Oswego School Trustees

Trustees were elected Saturday at Oswego to fill two vacancies. One was caused by the death of L.F. Shoger, and the other by the resignation of R.E. Smith.

J.H. Stewart was elected to the one-year term and Francis Campbell for the three-year term. There was no active opposition, C.C. Smith receiving 34 votes.

April 24: The high school Girls' Glee club, directed by Reeve Thompson, Mrs. Alva Shuler, accompanist, contested at the state contest for the northern district at DeKalb Saturday and was one of four clubs to be placed in Division One, giving them a superior rating and entitling them to enter the national contest to be held in May.

Representatives of the Oswego school and clubs attended a county conference at Yorkville last Friday evening, in relation to securing a nurse for the county.

May -- 1940

May 1: The Cutter School Community club met at the school last Friday evening. Henry Heffelfinger showed pictures of a trip through the southern states and a committee served refreshments.

The new highway which connects Routes 34, 126, and 47 is ready for paving and work was begun the first of the week at the intersection of Route 34 just east of Oswego and connects with 126 and 47 a short distance south of Yorkville.

Robert Leigh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Leigh, was chosen by the Oswego junior high students as their candidate for the annual Chicago Motor club for schoolboy patrol members. Robert was chosen for his courtesy, friendliness, cooperation, ability, and personal sense of responsibility. This year's award will be a week's vacation at a summer camp, all expenses paid.

Mrs. Ruby Drake of Aurora, well known in Oswego as she was one of the telephone operators for years before the dial system was inaugurated, and her son are on a trip to California.

The business houses of Oswego will be closed Thursday afternoons during the summer.

#### May 8: Oswego Has New Factory Manufacturing Plaques

The Christian Art house began business in Oswego in May 1938, on a small scale in a small shop adjoining the Fred Willis plumbing shop. Ronald E. Smith was admitted into partnership with Dr. Horace A. Larsen, who designs and carves unique religious plaques, the manufacture of which Mr. Smith superintends.

In February of this year a building permit was granted and the erection of a new plant began. It is a two-story structure, sturdy and attractive, made of concrete blocks and built in such a way that it may be converted into living quarters in later years if desired. The grounds have been seeded to grass and some landscaping done. The employees and their immediate families enjoyed a 6 o'clock dinner in celebration of the completion of the new business home, in the social room of Bobbitt's cafeteria, Aurora, Monday evening, preceding which the guests met at the new building for a brief survey and devotional services led by Dr. Larsen, who believes that God always honors those who honor Him and that His blessing has

attended because very employee is made to realize that this business is His work. The building, designed by Dr. Larsen, will adequately care for the increased volume of business and make possible a more efficient service to the trade.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Matile entertained for their daughter, Eileen's sixth birthday anniversary, Thursday evening. The guests were the grandparents, aunts and uncles.

Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Shoger have a boy, born at the Copley hospital Friday, May 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley R. Peterson are parents of a girl, Virginia Lee, born May 3, at the Copley hospital.

A little human interest story about these two prominent new citizens: The parents are close neighbors, the babies were born the same forenoon, attended by the same physician, the young mothers are across the hall from each other in the hospital, and the babies are placed side by side in their baskets in the nursery.

Mrs. Mary Spencer, living on her farm on Route 34, mourns the death of her son, Herbert, a former resident of Hollywood, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer had been here visiting his mother and returning to California by Auto arrived at their home April 30. He died as a result of a heart attack the following day. Mr. Spencer is survived by his wife and two sons, and his mother. His first wife was the former Blanche Manning of Oswego.

Your correspondent has written the Oswego items for 14 years, beginning in May 1926, and in that time has made many mistakes, all unintentionally, but many times caused by writing the news before it happened so that some of the items will be new they must be written Monday morning and the paper comes off the press Wednesday afternoon.

For example, we were told on good authority that paving would begin on the new Highway 97 on Monday morning, April 29, but on account of a strike and weather conditions, the items was incorrect. The paving actually began May 6 with a large force working.

Yorkville: Mrs. Walker, our Oswego correspondent, reports that the weather last week and a strike combined to make liars out of us. Work was scheduled to start on Route 97 [Ill. Route 71] a week ago Monday. There was a strike and then we had snow. We learn now that the work started this Monday morning. And Mr. and Mrs. Don Perrin told us last night that work was actually going on and a lot of concrete being poured. The new highway hits the old South River road right in front of the Perrin and Wallace Sleezer homes, which are practically across from each other slightly south of Oswego.

The Yorkville theatre is playing "Pinocchio" May 17, 18, 19, and 20. manager Moenkemeier advises that you make your plans to attend one of these four big nights. It's a show well worth seeing, he says, and is suitable for the young children as well as the older ones.

Some day when the state gets a lot of money it doesn't know what to do with, we suggest that the highway department tear up Route 34 from Somonauk to Yorkville or Oswego, make a four lane highway of it and pour new concrete. It's a bumpy mess the way it is and there are way too many accidents on it.

May 15: The residence formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shoger is rented to Mr. and Mrs. Cooper of Aurora.

Mrs. LaVerne Shoger and her infant son, Vernon Albert, came home from the Copley hospital last Friday evening.

Mrs. Stanley Peterson and baby Virginia Lee returned from the Copley hospital May 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Tate (Velma Young) have moved here from Woodbine.

The Old Lang Syne club met with Mrs. Irwin Wolf, Friday with Mrs. Oliver A. Burkhart as assisting hostess. The afternoon was spent in visiting and needlework.

(crowded out last week)

The high school Student Council gave an entertainment Friday evening in the form of a country fair.

Darlene Peshia, assistant in the post office is having a two-week vacation visiting cousins at Fargo, N.D. She went with her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Goss of Gardner, N.D., who had been visiting relatives in Illinois.

Write down and tell your grandchildren that it snowed all day, May 1 and 2, with the temperature a little above freezing. There was some ice May 3.

May 22: The junior-senior banquet will be held at Julia King's in Aurora on May 24. After the 6:30 dinner, the young people and the high school teachers and their families, to the number of about 75, will attend the theatre.

Paul Shoger and his mother, Mrs. Oscar Shoger, entertained all of the teachers of the Oswego school at dinner Friday evening.

During the storm Tuesday evening of last week, lightning caused a fire in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Batterson just north of the Oswego bridge. The fire department saved the building but the heat and smoke caused much damage to the inside of the building and the furnishings. Insurance was carried on the building only.

M.J. Richards, who spent his boyhood and school days in Oswego, passed away May 17 at the Columbus hospital in Chicago at the age of 63 years. He was born Dec. 15, 1876 at Oswego one of a large family of children in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theron Richards. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Breckenridge of Chicago and Mrs. Martha Purdy of Berwyn; a son, Vernon of Gary, Ind.; and three grandchildren; a brother, B.W. of Chicago; and three sisters, Mrs. Sarah Weir, Medical Lake, Wash., and Miss Mayme Richards and Miss Grace Richards of Aurora. He was a member of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

Funeral services were held at the Healy chapel Sunday with interment in the Oswego cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wormley of Aurora spent the past weekend on the farm while Mr. and Mrs. Myron Wormley spent a few days with friends at the University of Illinois.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gowran, a boy, at the Copley hospital, Saturday, May 18. The tiny child has been placed in an incubator.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wheeler have a girl, born at the Copley hospital on Wednesday, May 15. The little miss was given the name Judith Ann.

The Brown and Pletcher schools will present the operetta, "Over the Garden Wall," May 27, at 8 p.m. at the Cross Lutheran school.

After last week's rains the farmers have resumed their corn planting.

May 29: Margaret Jennings, daughter of William A. and Jane Van Duzer Jessup, was born at Springmere farm in NaAuSay Feb. 14, 1866. She grew to womanhood there, attending the Marysville school and the Presbyterian Sunday school four miles away. Later, she was a student at Ferry Hall seminary, Lake Forest, for three years.

She was united in marriage with Hugh Hunter Goudie Feb. 14, 1894, and went to live in the new house prepared by the groom for their home which has been their residence for 46 years. In this home were born three children, James, Jane, and Hugh Jr., all residing in NaAuSay. These, with the husband, survive to mourn the loss of the gentle presence, which was hers.

The memorial service was held at Girvan Mains, the family home May 22 in the presence of a large company of friends who more than filled the capacious residence. The Rev. Oliver C. Johnson, at whose wedding Mrs. Goudie played the wedding march at Springmere 51 years ago officiated.

The Oswego Baccalaureate will be held Sunday, June 2 at the Presbyterian church.

The paving of the new highway [Ill. Route 71] progresses slowly because of the continuous rains. At this writing, the road has been paved as far as the Frank Herren farm.

The Oswego Boy Scouts, with their Scoutmasters, Ford and Don Lippold, spent last weekend on a camping trip in Bliss' woods.

Miss Patricia Woolley closed the school year at the Brown school with a picnic supper at the schoolhouse last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Campbell entertained the grade school teachers, Miss Gutel, Miss Campbell, Miss Morris, and Miss Shumakaer, at a steak dinner last Tuesday.

Red Cross war relief contributions may be left at the Margo Dress shop in Oswego.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kohlhammer had as their guest over the weekend Mrs. Kruger of Naperville, the wife of a former pastor.

June -- 1940

June 5: Descendants in the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Burkhart, numbering 90, attended a reunion at the picnic grounds at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gerry Thursday.

\$35 has been donated and left at the Margo Shop toward the Oswego quota for the Red Cross. All are urged to give generously.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Lantz and children of Aurora and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pasko visited the Brookfield zoo on Memorial day.

The Double Six group enjoyed a steak fry at the fireplace at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith on the evening of May 30.

The Memorial day exercises at the school gym were well attended. The march to the cemetery followed, where a large number gathered to honor the dead on a beautiful May morning.

On Thursday evening, June 6, the Commencement exercises will be held in the school gym with a speaker from the University of Chicago.

The high school Alumni association banquet will be served in the school gym Friday evening, June 7.

The eighth grade graduation will be held Friday afternoon.

Members of the Oswego school band and the leader, Reeve Thompson, and those who drove autos, picnicked at Starved Rock last Friday.

The Cutter school closed with a picnic at Phillips park Friday.

The picnic for the close of the Gaylord school was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Corneils Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Weidert have a daughter, born June 1, at the St. Joseph's hospital.

Last Sunday afternoon, Ralph Norris and his son, Herbert and Herbert's brother-in-law, George Hadfield, were driving on Route 34 when their auto was struck by a car driven by a Rock Island man. A bumblebee had flown into the car of the Rock Island man and he was trying to dislodge it and lost control of his car, running into the Norris car. The autos were badly damaged. Mr. Norris is confined to the Copley hospital with several broken ribs and a contusion on his forehead. Herbert received a twisted knee and several cuts and George Hadfield had slight injuries. The Rock Island man was more seriously injured. Ralph Norris and his father had just recently moved from Oswego to a farm near the Scotch church with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Norris and children.

Yorkville: The Illinois Emergency Relief commission wishes to announce that there will be a CCC enrollment between July 1 and 20. Boys who are interested in enrolling may apply now to the local township supervisor or the local IERC office located in the Bank build at Plano.

The Civilian Conservation corps offers healthful outdoor employment, work experience, vocational training, and educational and recreational facilities. Complete maintenance in camp, including food, housing, clothing, medical and dental care is provided.

June 12: Andrew M. Pierce, Robert Herren and Oliver Burkhart were on a fishing trip to Wisconsin last week.



Mr. and Mrs. Reeve Thompson are parents of a daughter, Kathryn Ann, born at the Copley hospital Sunday morning, June 9.

The Busy Bee club held its annual picnic at the Clarence Johnson home on Wednesday, June 5.

John Updike, formerly of Canada, now in radio work in Peoria, recently visited his cousins, the Shoger young people.

Ruth Shoger, Wilma Hem, and Robert Quantock graduated from North Central college, Naperville, last week. Miss Hem will teach in the high school at Fairgrove, Mich. next year.

Lucille Shoger, having attended Aurora college the past year, will teach the Walker school beginning in September.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith attended the graduation of their son, George, from the University of Illinois Monday.

Mrs. Lena Westphal and son George of Wheatland were guests Sunday at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Herren.

Yorkville: Postmaster Irwin Knudson, county director of the National Association of Postmasters, states that his association is sponsoring a bill which would benefit four postmasters in fourth class offices in Kendall county.

If the legislation, which is now before Congress, passes during this session it will increase the salary of postmasters who are now in charge of fourth class offices.

The present system of paying fourth class postmasters according to the stamps canceled in their offices would be eliminated and the pay would be based upon the receipts of the office as is in practice in post offices with a higher rating.

At the present time, 5,000 fourth class postmasters receive less than \$150 a year for their services.

Four fourth class postmasters in Kendall who would benefit by the legislation are Shurden Brewe of Lisbon, Oliver Hodney of Millbrook, Alda Miller of Millington, and Agnes Coomes of Bristol.

June 19: Mrs. Luella Hettrich had a serious accident Friday morning and is in critical condition at St. Joseph's hospital, Aurora. Mrs. Hettrich was replacing a light over the stairway and fell to the foot of the stairs, cutting a deep gash in the back of her head and breaking a bone in her right arm. She was unconscious for several days following the accident.

Thomas Condon is a patient at the Copley hospital with a broken leg received when a tire blew out where he works at Barber-Greene. The heavy hub of the wheel fell on his leg, inflicting a deep cut and breaking both bones.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Inman and children attended the Essington reunion in Morris Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clayton of Millford came for the reunion and called on old Oswego friends.

A large group from Oswego attended the Kendall County Flower show held at the Community house in Yorkville Wednesday.

Loretta and Betty Condon are going to summer school at DeKalb starting June 24.

Clarke Anderson, formerly of Oswego, received his master's degree from Rutgers university at New Brunswick, N.J. recently, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson of Aurora, attended the graduation and with them their son and his wife are touring the eastern states.

Yorkville: Reports coming to the Farm Bureau office indicate that in some cases chinch bugs have become prevalent in corn fields and the old bugs which have hibernated over the winter are laying eggs around the corn plants. This means that as the young bugs hatch out, trouble is ahead. Frequent cultivation is about the only means of control.

Congressional appropriation of \$100,000,000 to the American Red Cross for the relief of the "innocent victims of cruel, ruthless aggression" in Europe has been urged by the American Farm Bureau

Federation, according to work received by the Kendall County Farm bureau.

June 26: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cherry and Miss Sadie Cherry attended the funeral of Miss Mabel Pogue at Hinckley Friday. Miss Pogue is survived by her brother, Ralph Pogue of Hinckley, and her mother, Anna Shepard Pogue, whose girlhood home was in Oswego.

J. Fred Reeve is spending three days this week at a state ag meeting at the University of Illinois.

Have you enjoyed a strawberry shortcake made with home-grown berries and good yellow cream and plenty of sugar? If not, you should.

All old schoolmates are invited to the reunion at the Walker school July 4.

Paul Shoger and Albert Dittman are attending summer school at Madison, Wis.

The Oswego Red Cross fund has reached \$95 this week.

There was an auto accident early Sunday morning when an auto coming from the north ran into a tree at the Fred Bower corner on Madison street. The driver was slightly injured, but two women were taken to the hospital. The auto was badly demolished.

Mrs. Whitehouse of Normal spent several days last week with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Reeve Thompson and their baby daughter.

Yorkville: Veterans of the staff of station WLS, Chicago, remember the day back in 1932 when Georgie Gobel, then a lad of 13, had to be placed off a chair so that he could be close enough to the mike to make his air debut as a singer. Today, these same veterans refer to Georgie, now a promising young man of 20, with the note of pride in their voices that is always present when a father speaks of his grown-up son's success.

WLS coaches concentrated on developing his natural talents. When it was found that he had a leaning toward dramatic work, he was given parts that would give him something to sink his teeth into. The result was an engagement to play the part of Jimmie in the "Tom Mix--Straight Shooters" program.

Now, no day of broadcasting is complete without a program from Georgie Gobel, nor is the Saturday night barn dance felt to be a finished program unless it is rounded out by one of those high yodels which are Georgie's specialty.

Georgie is making a personal appearance at the Yorkville theatre Sunday, June 30.

Plattville's Company E, 129th Infantry, Illinois National Guard, will be among 65,000 regulars and national guardsmen to be included in the mobilization of the Second Army on the 500,000 square mile maneuver area at Camp McCoy, Wis. Aug. 11-31.

July -- 1940

July 3: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gilmore received word of the death of their daughter, Mrs. Walker Findlay, of Elwood June 30. Mrs. Findlay leaves three small children.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kirkhus are spending several days this week in Milwaukee, where Mr. Kirkhus is a delegate to an educational convention.

Heath Wayne, with the Army Air corps radio division in Oklahoma, has been home recently and Mr. and Mrs. Winston Wayne visited at the Hudson Wayne home before going east to take up his new position with the DuPont chemical company in Delaware.

Layton Steckel has returned from Boys' State at Springfield, where 1,500 Illinois boys had spent a week.

The Red Cross relief fund has reached the \$105 mark as of July 1.

Cherry pies are now in order. Cherries are plentiful this year--and so are the birds.

Carl Hafenrichter is attending summer school at the University of Illinois.

Don Vernon Weishew, 21, died June 26 at the St. Joseph's hospital, Aurora. He was born Dec. 11, 1918 in Oswego. His own mother died when he was a baby. He is survived by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Lewis J. Weishew; two sisters, Sue and Nan; his grandmother, Mrs. Augusta Shoger, Oswego; and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Weishew of Pennsylvania.

Funeral services were held at the Healy chapel June 28 with Dr. Horace Larsen and the Rev. Paul Bischoff officiating. Four of the pallbearers were classmates from the Oswego high school. Interment was made in the Lincoln Highway cemetery.

Yorkville: Oswego has plenty of trouble with its traffic. Hardly a week passes but someone doesn't neglect to turn the corner where routes 25 and 34 join, and when the drivers forget to turn going south, they pile into a long-suffering tree that has stopped many a car and truck. It looks as though Oswego would have to put another stop sign at this intersection.

July 10: Some of the little ones who attended Bible school at the Presbyterian church are having mumps this week.

Dr. Bell is starting to build a home on Garfield avenue, and Albert Ode has the basement excavated for a home on Jackson street.

Fire caused by the explosion of an oil stove burned the little cottage and all the possessions of Mr. and Mrs. James Haygood on Route 25 last Wednesday. Mrs. Haygood was canning cherries when the fire started. She tried to pull the stove outdoors by covering it with a run. She persisted in her efforts to remove the stove when her clothing caught fire. Forty quarts of fruit were lost with all household equipment.

The Red Cross relief fund grows slowly. \$118.75 is registered on Monday.

Albert Dittman and Paul Shoger were home over the weekend from the University of Wisconsin. Mrs. Dittman accompanied her husband to Madison this week for two weeks' visit and vacation.

Yorkville: Now the weather has turned hot and now we moan because it's too hot for comfort, which all shows you that people are never satisfied. However, these hot nights should enable the corn to do its growing in the fields. Some of the corn was knee high by the Fourth of July.

July 17: Mrs. Kitty Wilson died at her home here July 10. She is survived by her husband, George E.; one daughter, Mrs. M.J. Wormley; and two sons, Wendell of Ottawa and Bernard of Omaha, Neb. The Christian Science service was read at the Healy chapel Friday with cremation taking place at the Oak Ridge cemetery, Chicago.

Sixty from the Brown school district enjoyed a pot luck supper at the Wilbur Woolley home with the teacher, Patricia Woolley, Thursday evening. During the evening, County Superintendent Vandever showed pictures of Kendall county schools.

Mrs. Clarence Hobson of Milan, Mich. is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kohlhammer.

July 24: Bill Denney, Ralph and Wayne Sanderson, John Herren, Jack Lauder, Gilbert Salter, George Gibson, John and Jack Olson spent the past week at the Boy Scout camp at Buchanan, Mich. Their parents went to bring them home Sunday, Richard Young, who has been in the camp for six weeks as a nature study director, has been accorded an honor given very few Boy Scouts. He was initiated into the Order of the Flaming Arrow. He has also been advanced to the leader of a Cub Pack and will soon have charge of a group of young boys.

Joe Parnell, man of all work living in the Barker cottage, who recently fell and broke a hip, is doing well at the Copley hospital.

John Boyd Plaskas, 13, died at the Dixon state hospital Sunday, July 31. He is survived by his father, Joseph; a half-sister, Mary Ann; and a half-brother, Joseph Jr.

Funeral services were conducted from the home in Oswego this Wednesday morning, July 24.

July 31: Dr. and Mrs. Saxon were on a vacation over last weekend. Mrs. Saxon's mother was here caring for their little daughter.

Dr. and Mrs. L.J. Weishew and daughters spent the past week at their summer cottage at Lac du Flambeau, Wis.

News is scarce this week. The farmers were busy harvesting last week and the weather was so terribly hot that there were few social doings.

Albert Dittman and Paul Shoger will finish their term of summer school at Madison, Wis. and be home Friday evening.

Twin girls were born to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Herbert July 25. One of the babies lived but 12 hours.

It is rumored that a new restaurant will soon be opened on the east side of Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hoch visited his mother, Mrs. John Hoch, at Woodstock last Wednesday evening and again on Sunday, Mrs. Hoch had suffered a heart attack and is confined to her bed.

A group of Oswego folks enjoyed a picnic at Holdiman's woods last Sunday.

Nine Chicagoans who were members or were interested in the group who camped at happiness house several years ago were guests last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Smith, enjoying a picnic dinner. Miss Luella Graf of Chicago, who was the adviser at Happiness house, is spending two weeks at the Smith home. The Chicago group thought the country was wonderful after the 10 days of terrific heat in the city.

A meeting will be held Thursday night, Aug. 1 at the Village hall in Oswego, where the matter of voting a one and one-third mill tax for the purpose of maintaining and conducting a public park and recreational system in the village of Oswego will be discussed. A vote will be held at the Village hall in Oswego on Aug. 4 to decide the question of the tax.

August -- 1940

Aug. 7: The marriage of Miss Marian Gast, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gast of Aurora, and Paul M. Shoger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Shoger of Oswego was solemnized in a single ring ceremony at the Oswego prairie Evangelical church Saturday evening. Immediately following the ceremony a reception for 140 guests was held at the church parlors.

Mrs. Shoger is a graduate of East Aurora high school and took a two year course at North Central college at Naperville and has been teaching in the Kendall county schools the past two years. Mr. Shoger is a graduate of North Central college and has been teaching English in the Oswego high school for the past two years. He is working on his master's degree at the University of Wisconsin. Following the reception, Mrs. and Mrs. Shoger left for a trip to Yellowstone park and other places of interest in the west.

A few friends and relatives gathered at the Dwight Young home for a picnic dinner and quiet afternoon on the riverbank last Sunday.

Aug. 14: Two Oswego school students, Dean Paydon and Wilbur Quantock, won honorable mention in keen competition with students in the American Youth Forum article awards contest extending from coast to coast.

Last Saturday morning, David Shoger fell 15 or 20 feet from the roof of a low ban where he had gone to clean off the oat chaff. He sustained a fracture of both bones in the right leg between the knee and ankle and an injury to the left wrist and let heel.

The new restaurant on the east side of Main street opened last Saturday.



Mr. Thomas, the new coach of the Oswego school, and Mrs. Thomas are coming from Minnesota this week. They will reside in the Dysart residence.

J. Fred Reeve and several of the FFA boys exhibited sheep at the Mazon fair last Monday.

Aug. 21: The Oswego Community high school will start the 1940-41 school year Sept. 3.

The board of education has asked for bids on the transportation of pupils over three routes set up in the district.

The teachers for next year are Albert Dittman, social science, physical education and assistant coach; Miss Lilah Hanke, commercial subjects; James N. McQueen, English, Latin and speech; J. Fred Reeve, agriculture and biology; C.H. Salter, principal and algebra; Miss Frances Schmett, home economics and physical education; Orville Thomas, science, mathematics, physical education and coach; Reeve Thompson, band and glee clubs.

Mr. McQueen, a new teacher, is a graduate of Carson-Newman college at Jefferson City, Tenn., and has taught for three years in Tennessee and Georgia.

Mr. Thomas is also a new teacher, a graduate of Winona State Teachers college, Minn.

The Wayne Denney family have been enjoying a trip in the Ozarks.

In this vicinity there was rain, either day or night, for seven days out of eight from Aug. 10-18. The lawns and meadows are clean and green and the corn and any bean crops look good. Most of the threshing is finished with a very good oat crop.

Aug. 28: The board of education of Community High school district No. 300 has voted to furnish transportation for the high school pupils in its district. Two bus routes have been set up.

Each bus will operate on a time schedule and all pupils will be expected to be at the pickup point on time as the routes are long and the bus drivers cannot wait for tardy passengers.

Because of the lateness of the decision to transport pupils, the buses will not be available of school, but as soon as they arrive they will

be put into service. In the meantime, the parents must make their own arrangements for transportation as they have done in the past.

August Seidelman and Dorothy Van Etten were married Aug. 24 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Van Etten. The bride graduated in June 1940 from the Oswego high school. The groom is associated with his father, Leonard Seidelman, on the farm.

Miss Schumacher, the first grade teacher in the Oswego school for the past two years, became the bride of Dan Beardsley at Sandwich Aug. 25. They will reside in Providence, R.I.

David Shoger, who fell from the barn roof recently, is recuperating at his home after being a patient in the Copley hospital.

September -- 1940

Sept. 4: Russell Rink, W.H. Davis, Arthur Davis, and Albert Shiffer attended the Indiana State fair at Indianapolis this week.

The Rev. Horace Larsen and the Rev. James Congdon of the Aurora First Presbyterian church exchanged pulpits last Sunday.

Two brothers and sisters and their families of Mrs. Gordon Wormley held a family get-together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rowswell in Aurora Saturday evening in the form of a personal shower for Mrs. Wormley, who is going to California to visit at the home of an uncle in the hope of regaining her health.

Daniel C. Figge, 74 died Aug. 28 at his home in Oswego. He was born Jan. 23, 1866 in Germany. Mr. Figge was a member of Raven Lodge No. 303 AF & AM of Oswego and of Waubonsie Lodge No. 45, I.O.O.F, of Aurora.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Augusta Shoger of Oswego; and two nephews, Frank Figge of Aurora and Cass Figge of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Funeral services were held at the home in Oswego Aug. 30, with services in charge of Raven Lodge. Rev. Horace Larsen officiating with interment in Riverside cemetery.

Leslie Morse and Earl Zentmyer are driving the school buses on the two routes to the Oswego schools. Leslie was out with his making a trial trip Monday morning It is a beauty, large and commodious and painted a bright yellow.

Tina Elliott Taylor and Miss Sadie Elliott of Centerville, Ia., and Miss Bell Andrews and brother John Andrews of Unionville, Ia., called on old Oswego friends last week. They came to attend their schoolmates' reunion.

Gust Klomhaus, the former school bus driver on the one route drove a crowded busload of children for 17 years with never a single accident. He loved the children and called them his family. He wishes to thank them and their parents for their loyalty and appreciation of his services.

The Grove Road Farmers' club will meet Thursday evening, Sept. 12, with Mr. and Mrs. R.B. Stephens.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schultz and Charlene have been enjoying a two-week vacation at lake Delavan, Wis.

A letter received from Mrs. Vivienne Woolley Eccles of Ryderwood, Wash., describes her home at the Long Bell lumber camp, "the largest and most modern lumber camp in the world," a town in itself with 2,000 inhabitants. Mr. Eccles is conductor on the log train, a train of 100 cars, each 70 feet long. Mr. and Mrs. Eccles were formerly from Kendall county and enjoy reading the *Kendall County Record* and write that anyone traveling to the west coast who cares to call on them will be welcome. They will be glad to help visitors see their section of the great west. When we catch up with "prosperity around the corner," Vivienne, we may be calling you.

Sept. 11: A rare occasion was celebrated at the Presbyterian church during the Sunday school hour Sunday. Miss Edith Troll has been a Sunday school teacher for 50 years, most of the time in Oswego, a record few have made.

The infant daughter born to the Rev. and Mrs. Horace Larsen at the St. Joseph's hospital Sept. 6, died at birth. Private services were conducted at the home the same day with burial in the Oswego cemetery.

The enrollment in the Oswego high school includes 25 seniors, 11 girls and 14 boys; 31 juniors, 17 girls and 14 boys; 32 sophomores, 20 girls and 12 boys; and 38 freshmen, 21 girls and 17 boys.

Delmar Schwichtenberg and Carol Anderson are home from the Great lakes Naval Training station on graduating leave. On Sept. 17 they go to the New London submarine training station and will then be ready to go in the fleet. Other Oswego boys are Dick Walper and Eugene Lamb, now in training at Great lakes, and James McGowan in the outgoing unit waiting to join the fleet.

Merrill Cherry is spending a 10-day vacation at Camp Perry, Ohio with the Aurora Rifle club.

Miss Ruth Shoger is teaching in the Beaupre school in Aurora.

Fire damaged the little house occupied by John and Bill Sutherland last Saturday. The roof and one side were burned so they had to move to another place.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Lippold have a daughter, born Sept. 6, at the Copley hospital. There are two other little girls in this family.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bohn have moved into the residence they purchased on Jackson street.

Yorkville: The speech of Republican presidential candidate Wendell Willkie will be heard over WMRO, Aurora, at 7:50 CST Saturday morning. Mr. Willkie will talk from his special train at Joliet, where a stop will be made for that purpose. WMRO has a frequency of 1250 kilocycles.

Sons of Vermont Held  
Picnic at Kellogg Farm

The annual gathering of the group who began their trek to Illinois in 1835 including the Kelloggs, Wheelers, Whitlocks, and their in-laws was held Sunday, Sept. 8, on the lawn of the Alvin Kellogg home in NaAuSay. Here George W. Kellogg established his home on the virgin prairie in 1846 after residing in Oswego for 10 years.

Newark: 136 students enrolled in the Newark Community high school, which is a new high in enrollment for the first week.

Sept. 18: Charles F. Lindenmeier died at his home on Main street Friday, Sept. 13.

Mr. Lindenmeier was born Jan. 1, 1866 in Oswego. He farmed in NaAuSay until 1920 when he moved to Oswego.

He is survived by his wife, Frances; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Oscar Weiss; two sisters, Mrs. Jane Heffelfinger and Margaret Lindenmeier of Oswego; four brothers, Sam of Plattville, Louis of Minnesota, Dan of Baldwin, Ia., and Fritz of Oswego; and several grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Private funeral services were held at the McKeown funeral home Sept. 15, with Rev. Paul Bischoff officiating. Burial was in the Oswego cemetery.

Marvin Marquardt will enter the Chicago school of osteopathy Sept. 27. He has been a teacher in the Oswego school for 12 years.

Members of the Cherry family, descendants of the Hamilton, John, and Moses Cherry families and of Mrs. Elizabeth Cherry Clow and Mrs. Ida Cherry Faxon met at Phillips park Sunday for a family get-together. Members attended from Oswego, NaAuSay, Plainfield, El Paso, and Plano.

John Layton Herren left yesterday for high school at St. John's Military academy at Delafield, Wis.

Everyone and his brother attended the 63rd Wheatland Plowing match Saturday. This event grows larger as the years go by and the exhibits resemble a county fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cornell of Fox have moved to Oswego and are located in the Frank Herren home. Mr. Cornell is building a home

for Mrs. Emma Shoger on Washington street near the corner of Monroe.

Mrs. Horace Larsen came home from the hospital Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Foster have been enjoying a visit from her sister and husband from Kansas. The Fosters are preparing to move in with Miss Lizzie Pearce and Mrs. Luella Hettrich's house will be for sale or rent.

Yorkville: The new cut-off route from the Four Corners around Oswego and on to Route 34 just northeast of Oswego is now open to traffic, and will be a real speedway by the time the public gets accustomed to it. There was a great deal of traffic on the road Sunday, but mostly folks driving slowly and enjoying the view. [Ill. Route 71 from Yorkville to Oswego.]

One thing we forgot to mention which arrives with fall The Draft-- and we don't mean a big wind from the east!

Sept. 25: Following is a list of those from Oswego and vicinity who are attending colleges and universities:

Fern and Glenda Hafenrichter, Dorothy Gast, Elaine Smith, Dean Paydon, Stuart Johnson, James Steckel, Phyllis Shoger, Esther Stephens at North Central, Naperville. Mary Ann Olson, Elizabeth Bauman, and Betty Woolley are at Northern Illinois State Teachers' college at DeKalb.

Stephen Paydon is at Iowa state college at Ames. Findley Paydon is attending Northwestern university at Evanston and doing part time teaching at East Chicago, Ind.

David Shoger will study at home until he has recovered from the accident he suffered in August and will then enter North Central. Helen LaBay entered the Nu-Way school of beauty in Aurora Sept. 23.

Orla Neeves, daughter of Mrs. Pear Neeves of Oswego, has enrolled in North Central college, This will be Miss Neeves' senior year. She is majoring in history and English and is planning to teach.

Margaret Olson, in training at the Evanston hospital, was home overnight last week. Miss Olson began her second year's training Sept. 2 after her August vacation, which was spent in Oswego.

K.T. Palmer, son of Mrs. Will Palmer of Oswego, who is a candidate for Republican Representative in Congress from Arizona made a flying visit to Oswego relatives Friday. He left Phoenix at 4 p.m. Wednesday by plane for Washington, D.C. to confer with the Republican campaign committee. He spent Thursday there and flew to Chicago late in the evening Thursday, visiting Oswego friends and relatives Friday and left by plane, arriving in Phoenix Saturday morning, losing only two days from his law practice. Such is the speed of our modern planes.

The farmers are rushed with silo filling, haying, combining clover, and cutting soybeans. Some are painting farm buildings. Several farmers have lost sheep, killed by dogs chasing the flocks. Keep your dogs tied or shut in at night, or they may not come back in the morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Ode are parents of a daughter born at the Copley hospital Sept. 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Tate have a son, Marshall John, born Sept. 17. Mrs. Tate was Velma Young before her marriage.

Oswego high school has completed the third week of school with a large increase in enrollment. The freshman class of 40 members is the largest in the recent history of the school. In fact, the enrollment is so large as to make some of the classrooms and study hall overcrowded.

The bus transportation is working out very satisfactorily. One bus has been in operation since the first day of school and it is expected that the other bus will have arrived so it could cover its route the first of this week. It is the plan of the board of education to reimburse the few families not on the two routes set up for transporting their children to and from school. The working out of the transportation system has been quite a task and the school authorities appreciate the cooperation shown by the parents in the matter.

October -- 1940

Oct. 2: Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hem, Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Jay, and Mr. and Mrs. John Pahaly motored to Milford last Sunday and visited Mr. and Mrs. John Clayton.

Dan Bickford is on a sightseeing tour to Denver. It has been 50 years since he was last there.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Goff have a daughter, born Sept. 24, at the St. Joseph's hospital in Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Weiss have moved in with her mother, Mrs. Charles Lindenmeier at her home on Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Septa Peshia quietly celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary Oct. 1 at their little home on Garfield avenue. Mr. Peshia, 88 last May, was born in Leland and Mrs. Peshia, as Susan Tripp, was born in Earlville and will be 85 in October. They were married in LaSalle county in 1873 and have lived most of their married life in this vicinity with the exception of a few years in Minnesota and California. Their two children are Leslie Peshia of Oswego and Mrs. Will Elwood of California.

Yorkville: Preliminary estimates indicate that approximately 4,000 youths from Illinois will be enrolled during the forthcoming enrollment period of the CCC, which according to an announcement just received from the office of the director of CCC, will begin Oct. 1 and continue through Oct. 31. First recruitment dates for Kendall county is set for Oct. 7

All boys interested may inquire or apply now to the local Township Supervisor or to the Illinois Emergency Relief commission, Bank building, Plano.

Oct. 9: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Inman and two children visited Mrs. Inman's aunt in Harvey last Sunday.

The Republican rally at the school gym Oct. 4 was well attended. The speakers were interesting and good. The high school band played and lunch was served.



The annual Halloween fair will be held at the Oswego school Oct. 18. Supper will be served and there will be booths and entertainment.

A number of Oswegoans attended the city series ball games in Chicago last week.

J.W. Roberts died Sunday, Oct. 6, at his home on the west side of the river.

Mr. Roberts was 88 years old and had been failing for several years. He was born Sept. 18, 1852 in Oswego, not more than a quarter mile from the home where he has lived so long. He was the youngest of five boys, the sons of Charles and Maria Roberts, who came to Oswego early in the 1840s. Mr. Roberts married Carrie Young in Dec. 1877 and she died in September 1941. The last one of the Roberts family, he is survived by his daughter, Helen Richards; and a granddaughter, Barbara Richards; and nieces and nephews. Private funeral services were held at the McKeown funeral home Oct. 8, the Rev. Paul Bischoff officiating. Cremation followed the services.

Mr. Roberts' name was Jacob Westervelt Roberts. Some of his friends called him "Jakie," and others called him "West."

Yorkville: Front page notice:

#### Military Service Draft Notice

In the absence of official notification of any kind and having just now called Springfield authorities by phone, I am hurriedly giving public notice of what I was told in regard to registration for the announced Selective Service draft.

The County Clerk will be asked to call for volunteer service to register the men included in the act. The nine Supervisors of Kendall county have volunteered to take charge of said registration in their respective townships and to assist in securing able volunteer assistants for the day.

In Kendall county all men between the ages of 21 and 36 (from 21st birthday to the 36th) must go in person to the Town hall in the township in which he is staying on Oct. 16, 1940 and register between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. Failure to do so was stressed as a serious offense.

Men must register in the community where they happen to be on said Oct. 16, 1940.

If his 21st birthday falls on or before Oct. 16, a man must register. If his 36th birthday falls before Oct. 16, he will not be registered. For further information, call the County Clerk, Yorkville 3-8431, or the Supervisor of your township.

If in doubt come to the registration place Oct. 16 for complete information.

MARTIN P. MORTENSEN  
County Clerk

County Superintendent Vandever at the request of the state superintendent, issued letters to all school boards to close their schools Wednesday, Oct. 16, so that the buildings may be used as headquarters for the draft boards.

It is not definitely known now whether or not the schools will close, as some boards of education have not met to decide the question. The draft headquarters in this county will be the polling places.

Oct. 16: Mrs. Agnes Schlapp and daughter, Mrs. Ralph Wheeler, entertained last Thursday afternoon for Miss Ruth Wheeler, who on Oct. 12, became the bride of Graham Brooks of Durham, N.C.

Oswego teachers will attend the northwest division of the Illinois Teachers' association at Yorkville Thursday and at Aurora on Friday of this week.

Miss Gutel, teacher of the second grade, visited friends in Oak Park Saturday and Sunday.

Dr. Weishew returned Sunday from a few days' vacation in Wisconsin.

The Mothers' club met yesterday in the club rooms. Mrs. Robert Ebinger gave a talk on "Feeding the Child." Mrs. Harold Bower, Mrs. Ralph Burkhart, and Mrs. James Goudie were on the refreshment committee.

At the home of the bride's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wheeler of NaAuSay, the daughter, Ruth, was given in marriage on Saturday, Oct. 12, to Maj. Graham Brooks of Willow Springs, N.C.

The romance of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks began when they were both in service in the government hospital in Honolulu. It seems to have been continued upon their return to this country where Mrs. Brooks is a nurse in the Duke university hospital in Durham, N.C., and where Mr. Books is with a large oil concern.

They returned by auto to their home in Durham, N.C.

Yorkville: R.A. Barker, manager of the Illinois Bell Telephone company for this district, announces that effective with the bills dated Nov. 11, 1940, telephone rates will be materially reduced on all branches of service.

Mr. Barker says the company hopes by this means to stimulate the use of the higher types of service to offset the loss in revenue.

One-party residence service will be reduced from \$2.75 to \$2.40 per month, two-party residential service from \$2.25 to \$2.00; and four party from \$2.00 to \$1.75 per month.

Oct. 23: Sesquicentennial Sunday, the anniversary of the 150th year since the founding of the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education, was observed in the Presbyterian church Sunday morning. College students and graduates had charge of the entire service.

Miss Madalyn Rausch, primary teacher, attended the homecoming at Monmouth college Saturday.

The farmers are beginning their corn husking. There is much moldy corn in the fields.

The annual Halloween fair, held at the Oswego school Oct. 18, was the usual success with a good supper, an interesting entertainment, and much work for the mothers on the committee. The PTA cleared about \$90.

Yorkville: Enrollment in the Civilian Conservation corps is available for 4,705 young men in Illinois during the month of October, according to Leo M. Lyons, executive secretary of the Illinois Emergency Relief commission.

Applications for this employment are to be made at local certification offices. The certification office for Kendall county is located in the Bank building in Plano.

To be eligible for employment in the CCC, a man must be an unmarried citizen of the U.S. between 17 and 23-1/2 years of age. He must be unemployed, of good moral character, and physically and mentally able to do outdoor work.

Young men who accept this employment agree to work in the CCC for at least six months; however, they are permitted to remain in the CCC for a total of two years if they are otherwise eligible for this type of work.

Oct. 30: Manley Dibble, who was injured in an airplane accident recently, underwent a foot operation this week in an Elgin hospital. His feet were seriously injured and he also received injuries about the fact. Miss Ethel Manley, RN, is on duty at the hospital caring for him.

Shelby Jean Secor has scarlet fever

On Thursday evening of this week, the Federated church people are having a fellowship supper to celebrate the completion of remodeling the church basement. The walls have an inside finish of knotty pine and new lights are being installed, making a beautiful large room.

Last week, Miss Laura Johnston received the news of the death of her mother, Mrs. Peter Johnston Oct. 23 at her home in Pasadena, Calif. Mrs. Johnston was a sister of the late Mrs. Margaret Shepard Edwards of Oswego and of Charles Shepard of Yorkville.

Do you remember such a thunderstorm as we had on Thursday night? It lasted for six hours and the rain fell in sheets. At least it drowned out some of the political speeches on the radio.

Yorkville: The following men are the first 10 in Kendall county to be drawn in the draft yesterday. The names are in the order of the drawing: Alvin W. Henne; Burton C. Smith; Wendell R. Skinner; Ralph F. Feierabend; Howard G. Shoger; Donald N. Niles; Harry Meier; Herman L. Walker; Jesse L. Johnson.

November -- 1940

Nov. 6: The Rev. Horace Larsen, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and members of the church and choir presented a half-hour devotional program over WMRO Sunday afternoon.

The Gaylord school community club met with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Elliott Friday evening. Electrical appliance gifts from this club and the Busy Been club were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson, who have moved to a home near Yorkville. A business meeting was conducted by the president, Donald Gengler.

Anita Denney, 12 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Denney, has scarlet fever.

Yorkville: Front page headline:

ROOSEVELT WINS EASILY; BROOKS OUT; GREEN NEW REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR; OTHER STATE OFFICES IN DOUBT; MASON WINS; BENSON WINS; GALVIN OUT.

Some excitement prevailed in this vicinity last Friday when a huge TWA plane made a forced landing in the fields east of John Ament's home south of Yorkville. The plane was forced down by motor failure. The 14 passengers, stewardess, and pilots suffered only from the time delay because of the landing.

Witnesses say the pilot, Capt. William Campbell, made a brilliant landing under the difficulties existing and the plane was only slightly damaged as it ran through two fences.

TWA buses summoned at the time conveyed the group to Chicago, their destination from their start in Kansas City.

Mechanics worked on the plane Friday and Saturday and on Sunday afternoon the big ship took off for Chicago.

Hundreds of people viewed the plane as it rested in the field and found those connected with TWA to be an affable group of young men.

Washington Digest

Excitement in Washington Calms

As Election Ends Party Hostility  
Successful Candidate will Be "Everyone's President;"  
Future Farmers Hold Annual Convention;  
Neutrality Is Hard to Grasp.

The first person in Kendall county to register for the draft, with draft number 1, was Paul M. Shoger of Oswego.  
A total of 1,234 Kendall County men registered for the first draft.

Nov. 13: Wilbur Peshia went to Rantoul Monday to take his final examination as a flying cadet.

Oswego township was well represented at the recent national corn husking contest. Graeme Stewart won second place.

Mrs. Mary Shoger has been a patient in the St. Joseph's hospital suffering from injuries sustained in an auto accident on election day. Mrs. Shoger tried to close the door while the auto was in motion and was thrown to the pavement sustaining serious injuries.

Arrangements have been made by the XIX Century club of Oswego to present the Empire Players of New York City at the Oswego gym Nov. 29 and 30 in "This Thing Called love." This should prove the laughing sensation of the year and it is expected that local playgoers will be voting it the best play to come to Oswego in years.

Millington: The wind storm Monday did some damage at the Crimmins farm, blowing out a large living room window and a glass out of the kitchen door. A portable hothouse was blown over a fence and demolished.

Yorkville: Armistice day morning dawned to be a true "Blue Monday." Changeable weather brought forth a 10 a.m. which was much like a warm spring day. Cloudy, rainy weather soon resumed its place, accompanied by a high wind. The wind was accompanied by lowering temperature and snow. Branches were blown down all over town and trees fell near Kellners', Fishers', and Loomis', blocking the streets and tearing down electric wires near the Fisher home. Later in the night the moon shown down on the damage

wrought by the wind, and Tuesday dawned as a cold November day with a brisk wind but blue skies.

Nov. 20: Mrs. Samuel William Baar of LaGrange announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Ruth Byrd, to Robert S. Cherry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cherry of Oswego. The wedding will take place Dec. 21. Both Miss Baar and Mr. Cherry graduated from the University of Illinois. Mr. Cherry is a member of Alpha Chi Rho.

Harold Van Etten is breaking ground for a residence on the lot beside the Misses Harriet and Edna Walker's home on Park avenue.

Mail Carrier Peshia was laid up last week with bronchitis and his substitute, Marshall Young, made the mail delivery.

On Saturday evening a large group of relatives, friends, and neighbors gathered at the Masonic dining room to give a surprise farewell for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skeen and Betty, who are moving soon to a large farm near Elburn. They have lived near Oswego for the past 17 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Schwichtenbert received word last week from their son, Delmar, who is stationed at the naval submarine bas at New London, Conn., that he graduated from the submarine school Nov. 18 and has entered the diesel school at New London.

Seward: Vernard McKanna is being employed at the home of Clinton Heap this winter.

Yorkville: The advisory board for the Kendall County Draft board is as follows: C.A. Darnell, Plano, chairman; D.C. Mewhirter, Yorkville; Sheldon J. Sauer, Plano; O.A. Burkhart, Oswego. Any registrant may go to these men for help on their questionnaires without charge. Dr. L.A. Perkins of Yorkville is the medical examiner.

The first man from Kendall county to be drafted will go on Nov. 25, reporting to the East Chicago Avenue armory in Chicago. There are two volunteers, however, to go: Ivan Peter Matlmon of Plano and Russell Charles Larson of Plano.

Chief Clerk Wells announces that 150 questionnaires have been mailed out, the first hundred returned filled out.

Nov. 27: Announcement has been received of the wedding of Delores Michels, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Michels of Oswego to Robert A. Pearce of Los Angeles, Calif., son of Mrs. Florence Pearce of West Park avenue, Aurora. They were married Nov. 2 at Yuma, Ariz.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Woolley announce the engagement of their daughter, Eleanor Jean to Marvin Duesing, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Duesing of Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Darfler announce the engagement of their daughter, Betty J. Darfler to D. James Hatos, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Hatos of Aurora.

Yorkville: First in County

Russell Charles Larson, Plano, was one of 52 men who were on Monday inducted into the U.S. Army for one year's training. He reported Monday morning at the 122nd Field Artillery Armory, Chicago. After being examined and taking the soldiers' oath, the men were taken by train to Fort Sheridan.

Mr. Larson was presented with a carton of cigarettes by the Leon Burson post No. 395 of the American Legion of Plano.

December -- 1940

Dec. 4: Twenty-four members of the Legion and its auxiliary motored to Dwight on Sunday and gave an hour's program at the veterans' hospital. Joe Pozzi and son Joe played accordion selections; John Martin sang and played his guitar; and Raynard Smith played the bones. It was a cheery program for the patients and the players had a cordial invitation for a return engagement.

Paul Shoger is teaching English and history in the Gillman high school.



The farmers wish the early winter snow would clear off and there would be some nice weather, There are hundreds of acres of corn to husk and soybeans yet to be combined.

A party of 30 Oswego school pupils and teachers, with Mrs. Allan Campbell, 4-H club leader as chaperone, attended the livestock show in Chicago Saturday afternoon and evening, The trip was made in the Morse school bus.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schlapp received word of the birth of another grandson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schlapp of Monmouth, born Wednesday, Nov. 27, the birthday anniversary of the baby's great-grandmother, Mrs. Catherine Morningstar.

The returns of the Red Cross drive netted 253 members and \$16 in donations from Oswego and Oswego township, again putting Oswego over the top from previous years.

The scarlet fever quarantine has been lifted from the Denney home and Anita may return to school.

Yorkville: It has come to our attention that the Village of Bristol (North Yorkville) is putting in brighter street lights. Which sounds like a good idea. Carried further, the lights will be burned all night instead of dousing them at 12:30 or 1. Methinks the new bulbs will be of 100 watt power instead of the present 60-watt type. And that ought to brighten things up on the north side these dark evenings.

Plano: The Rev. Jennings Force, pastor of Trinity Lutheran church, Long Lake, will speak in the First Lutheran church of Plano Monday evening. The Rev. Mr. Force was in a theological school in Oslo, Norway when the city was invaded by the German army. he will relate his experiences there and tell the inside story of the capture of the capitol of Norway. A silver offering will be taken, the proceeds to be used for Norwegian relief.

Dec. 11: Mr. and Mrs. Graeme Stewart are the parents of a son, born Dec. 6, at the Copley hospital. He has been given the name Thomas Graeme.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Heriaud have a son. Albert Earl, born Dec. 2 at the St. Joseph hospital. There are two little girls older who are staying with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heriaud.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 15, the churches of the community will join in attending the high school Christmas program.

Mrs. Julia Richards is ill at her home on Main street.

Dec. 18: Mrs. Elizabeth Wayne was found peacefully sleeping the seep from which there is no awakening at her home Saturday, Dec. 14. Death came after several years of invalidism.

Mrs. Wayne, the daughter of the late Judge and Mrs. Henry Hudson of Yorkville, was born in Chicago Aug. 28, 1859. She was married to J.N. Wayne Sept. 28, 1887. To this union were born three sons, Joe, who died in infancy, J. Hudson and Arthur D. Mrs. Wayne is survived by her husband, who is very feeble, and her two sons and six grandchildren, Heath Wayne of Brookfield, Tex., Winston Wayne of Claymont, Del., and Jack, Arthur, Billie, Freddie, and Thomas Wayne of Oswego.

Mrs. Wayne was formerly a member of the XIX club of Oswego, the Old Schoolmates club, the Yorkville Woman's club, and the Wigwam club.

Funeral services were held Dec. 16 from the McKeown funeral home. Interment was made in the Oswego cemetery.

J. Fred Reeve and Norman McQueen, teachers in the Oswego school, expect to take a two week auto trip east during the Christmas holidays.

Miss Shermett and her home economics girls are giving a Christmas tea for the mothers Thursday afternoon.

Manley Dibble came to his home in Oswego Dec. 13 after weeks of hospitalization at St. Luke's, Chicago. He is doing well considering the seriousness of his airplane accident. He is able to get into a chair by himself and sit up and after New Year's hopes to be able to step on the less injured of his feet.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Corniel have an eight pound boy, born Monday, Dec. 16.

Dec. 25: Julia M. Tarbox passed away at Hill Manor convalescent home in Oswego Dec. 21 at the age of 70.

The marriage of Miss Ruth Byrd Baar, daughter of Mrs. Samuel W. Baar of LaGrange to Robert S. Cherry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cherry of Oswego took place Dec. 21 at the Baar home in LaGrange. After a short wedding trip, Mr. Cherry and his bride will reside with his parents while the house on the farm where they will make their home is being remodeled. Mr. and Mrs. Cherry are both graduates of the University of Illinois.

There have been several cases of flu in Oswego.

Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Shoger's three little children have recovered from the chicken pox.

The business houses of Oswego look fine in their Christmas decorations. One of many pretty ones is Margaret Norris' music studio recently located in the bank building [southeast corner of Main and Washington streets], a grand addition to Oswego.

Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Morse were guests of honor last Thursday evening when their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Marquardt, and the teachers who board with Mr. and Mrs. Morse, entertained at a Christmas dinner at the Keystone café in Aurora.

Gordon Wormley accompanied by Don Lippold and two students from Aurora college, started to California Saturday morning. Mr. Wormley will go to San Diego to get his wife, who has been visiting her uncle for several months to benefit her health. The other three will visit in Pasadena.

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January

Jan. 1: On Sunday, Dec. 29, on her birthday anniversary, Eleanor Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Woolley, became the bride of Marvin Duesing, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Duesing of Aurora. They were married at the bride's home by the Rev. Horace Larson of the Oswego Presbyterian church.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vickery and children moved to the Herren farm Saturday, vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skeen.

A company is crushing limestone from the land just south of what is known as the Hopkins stone quarry.

Fire starting from a gasoline explosion Monday morning did some damage to the Stanly Schilling residence. The only damage from fire was in the basement where Mrs. Schilling was using gasoline to clean garments. The Oswego Fire department was called to extinguish the blaze.

Jan. 8: Mr. and Mrs. William Spring of Big Rock have moved into the tenant house on the W.H. Davis farm.

Roy C. Hettrich left by train Tuesday evening of the west coast, where he will go by boat to Hawaii for a long planned vacation trip. He expects to return on the China Clipper and do some sightseeing in California before returning.

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Mabel Wormley Kennedy, who died recently at her home in Freeport. Mrs. Kennedy was a former resident of Oswego.

The pastor and a number of young people from the Federated church broadcast over WMRO last Sunday afternoon, presenting hymns and a short dramatization of "The Talents."

James J. McEntee, director of the Civilian Conservation Corps announced on Dec. 31 that beginning Jan. 1, the sum of \$7 will be set aside each month from the earnings of each CCC enrollee with dependents and placed in a special deposit fund to be held for him until his discharge.

Any boy desirous of more information concerning CCC opportunities or interested in enrolling in the January 1941 enrollment should apply now to the local township supervisor or to the Illinois Emergency Relief Commission office in the Bank building at Plano.

Jan. 15: Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stockham and little son moved to Metamora Jan. 12, where Mr. Stockham has bought out a barber shop. Mrs. Clara Rance has purchased the Stockham residence on Madison street.

“Jerry” has been in the Oswego barber shop for 11-1/2 years and will be missed by the many shop patrons.

Mrs. Stockham, who was a teacher in the Oswego schools before her marriage, has been a resident for 12 years and has a wide circle of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Shuler have a boy, born Jan. 8. He has been given the name Charles. There is one older child, Ann, in the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Haag are the parents of a boy born Jan. 8. The little fellow has been named Keith. There is also a baby sister, Yvonne, in the family.

Mrs. Esther Mary Haag died Jan. 7 at the Copley hospital. She was born July 27, 1895 in her home in the Prairie church neighborhood. Surviving are her husband Elmer; two daughters, Marion and Dorothy; her father, Henry Burkhart; and a sister, Mrs. Agnes Plocher, all of Oswego; two brothers, Sherman and Stanley Burkhart of Aurora.

Interment was in the Riverside cemetery.

Mrs. Mabel Wormley Kennedy, 65, of Freeport, died Jan. 6 after a short illness. Mrs. Kennedy, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Wormley of the West River road, was born Oct. 24, 1875. She is survived by a daughter, Cleora J. Kennedy of Freeport and a brother, Louis Wormley of Aurora. Interment was in Spring Lake cemetery Aurora.

Have you had the flu yet? If not, you are missing more than you know.

Yorkville: Attention! Men of Military Age: It will soon be too late to Enlist in Company E, 129th Infantry and get your year's training with a hometown outfit. Avoid Conscription and 10 years in the Reserves. Plattville Armory. Open Every Day and Monday and Thursday Nights.

Advertisement: The America First committee urges all good Americans, regardless of party or differences of opinion on aid to Britain to join together now to save our American form of government and preserve the power given by Congress by the Constitution of the United States. Urge your friends to do likewise. This is a critical and historic moment when all we hold dear and all that makes for our happiness and prosperity is at stake. Every citizen who is interested IN KEEPING THE UNITED STATES OUT OF WAR, please send your name and address to the nearest headquarters of the America First Committee, 80 E. Jackson Blvd., Chicago.

Jan. 22: There is a new barber in the Roalson barber shop, Frank Rzeczkowski of Chicago.

Mrs. Alva Shuler came home last Sunday with her infant son, Charles Milton.

Mrs. Warren Norris is teaching in the Grove school, finishing out the school year for Mrs. Lorena Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Baker are the happy parents of a son, born Monday, Jan. 20. He is the only son; there are four older sisters.

Jan. 29: The Rev. Horace Larson of the Oswego Presbyterian church conducted a service of ordination at the NaAuSay church Thursday evening when the Rev. Hobart C. Chapin was ordained as pastor.

Dr. Michael R. Saxon has moved into his new office on Washington street near Madison. The old office, one of the landmarks of Oswego, has been removed. The new office is of cement and stucco with glass block windows on the front. The reception and two examination rooms are furnished in knotty pine. The furniture is all modern. The

laboratory is fitted with x-ray and fluoroscope machines and all the latest in medical equipment. The building is oil-heated. The old office and house adjoining was the property of Dr. Lester as far back as 1870. Dr. A.H. Churchill had it for his office and residence for 30 years. [This is the current site of the Church of the Good Shepherd education wing.]

[Oswego High School Principal] Harold Kirkhus talked over WMRO Jan. 24 on "What Sports Are Doing for the March of Dimes."

Yorkville: The State of Illinois has recorded deeds from the Public Service company and now holds title to the Millhurst, Yorkville and Oswego dam sites on the Fox river.

A great many individuals and the sportsmen, as an organized group, have been interested in the construction and maintenance of dams on the Fox river for conservation and recreational purposes, and it is to be hoped that the acquiring of this property by the State will be a step in this direction.

An enthusiastic meeting of ex-service men was held in the Legion post rooms in Yorkville Monday night. Every post in the county was well represented.

Capt. Charles Howell of Plattville was present and outlined plans for the formation of a company to occupy the Armory at Plattville while Company E of the 129th Infantry, will be in training at Camp Forrest, Tenn.

As outlined, Capt. Howell will be the captain of Company L, 3rd Infantry, Illinois Reserve Militia, with headquarters in Plattville. The company is to be of a minimum strength of 61 men and officers. It is understood that drills will be held weekly beginning soon after the National Guard unit leaves. A recruiting officer will be stationed in the Yorkville Legion hall, or men may contact Capt. Charles Howell by telephone at Plattville.

February -- 1941

Feb. 5: Clarabelle Stark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stark of Washington street, became the bride of Gabriel Nagy of Aurora at Clinton, Ia., Saturday, Feb. 1. They will make their home in Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Underhill entertained at dinner Friday evening Jan. 31, in honor of her uncle, Watts Cutter's 81st birthday anniversary. The guests included Mr. Cutter, his daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bickford, Mrs. May Cutter, Mrs. Blanche Hatch, and Mr. and Mrs. Clay Cutter and sons.

Word received from Roy Hettrich tells of his safe arrival in Honolulu, Hawaii, on his winter vacation trip. The ocean trip was especially enjoyable on the Lurline, except for two days of seasickness.

The first Cub Scout meeting was held recently with 16 boys receiving membership cards. Ted Shearer, Chief Scout executive of Aurora was the speaker of the evening.

Jimmy Gilmore of Wheatland and Forrest Woolley left by auto Saturday evening for California. The boys are going by way of Louisiana and Texas and plan to be vacationing for at least three weeks.

The old office formerly occupied by Dr. Saxon, was moved to the Covell Sleezer farm, for a tenant house

Yorkville: Word has been sent to chief of Police Franklin Martyn that the Selective Service system of Illinois is experiencing some difficulty in locating missing registrants, some of whom were found to have been arrested and sentenced without notifying the local boards as to their whereabouts.

Feb. 12: The farmers who were neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Grate before they moved to their new home on Route 126 last March enjoyed a potluck supper with them Thursday.

There will be no schools open Friday, Feb. 14, because of the Kendall county teachers' meeting at Newark.

Mrs. Emma Shoger has moved into her newly-built home on Washington street. Last week she had two of her grandchildren with her.



The Oswego grade school, district 1, has been notified by the State Department of Education that it meets in a satisfactory manner the requirements for a superior elementary school according to the standards and criteria set forth by the Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of Illinois for the year ending June 30, 1941.

#### Feb. 19: An Unusual Celebration

Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Lantz observed their 72nd wedding anniversary on Feb. 16 with an open house of their friends in the afternoon and a dinner served at noon. Mr. Lantz is 94 years old and his wife is 91. They are able to do their own housework and are interesting talkers. Decorated with greens, their home was beautiful for the large number of relatives and good friends who called on them during the day. They have one son, Isaac, of Plainfield; two daughters, Mrs. John Book of Joliet and Mrs. William Holzhueter of Plainfield; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Some of the staff of one of the big Chicago papers came out and took photographs with a write-up of these two fine people.

Feb. 26: Mrs. Margaret Miller died at her home in Oswego Feb. 22 after only three hours' illness. Mrs. Miller was born Feb. 12, 1892 in Montgomery. She became the wife of Albert Miller March 12, 1914 and they lived on a farm near Somonauk for a few years, otherwise she has spent most of her life in Oswego.

Mrs. Miller is survived by her husband; one daughter, Marilyn; and one son, Paul; her mother, Mrs. Mary Young; one sister, Mrs. Leslie Peshia; and three brothers, Herman Young of Oswego, Carl of Chicago, and Louis of Pipestone, Minn.

Funeral services were held from the Presbyterian church Feb. 25 with Dr. Horace Larsen officiating. Interment was in the family lot in the Oswego cemetery.

Fire broke out in the attic of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Peterson's home last Sunday and burned a hole in the roof. The fire department was called and extinguished the blaze.

March -- 1941

March 5: Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson have a 9-1/2 pound boy, born March 1, at the Copley hospital. This is the second little farmer in the family.

Another roof fire broke out last week. Fire, starting from the chimney, burned a hole in the roof of the home occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Tripp on Madison street Fe. 23. The fire department was called and extinguished the blaze. Some damage was done to the room below by the water.

On Sunday morning the fire department was called to extinguish a grass fire back of the A.J. Hettrich residence.

One evening last week, Roy Hettrich's boys had a telephone call from their father in Hawaii. He had expected to get passage home on the Clipper, but was obliged to come on a ship and would therefore arrive a week later than he planned.

Kathryn LaVoy, daughter of Mrs. J.H. LaVoy of Aurora, and Lester Johnson son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson, were married Saturday, March 1 at the LaVoy home. The wedding service was read by the bride's brother, the Rev. Arthur LaVoy.

The bridal couple were attended by Miss Irma Robinson and Howard M. Lester. After a short wedding trip, they will be at home on a farm near Oswego.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Klomhaus and son, Arthur, have moved back here from Aaronsburg, Pa., and are occupying a few rooms in the upstairs apartment of his parents' home on Route 34 in Oswego.

(Crowded out last week.)

The Oswego High School basketball team won from Yorkville Friday evening, 33-25.

Forrest Wooley returned from his California vacation last week. He reports a fine time, but experienced all the western weather known, heat and rain and sandstorms.

Dr. and Mrs. L.J. Weishew left the first of this week for a month's vacation. Dr. Weishew has been a busy physician and surgeon in Oswego for 28 years.

March 12: On March 11, Mrs. Jennie Pearce, Aurora, passed away after a week's illness. Mrs. Pearce, born July 20, 2853, spent her girlhood at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Loucks on the Oswego-Plainfield road, and many years of her married life on one of the Pearce farms and on the Squires farm west of Oswego. Mr. and Mrs. Pearce celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary Jan. 1. Interment was in the Pearce cemetery, Oswego.

No school in the Gaylord school the first of the week because of the illness of the teacher.

March 19: Members and guests of the Grove Road Farmers' Club met March 14 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Smith. After a short business meeting, the hostess introduced Roy Hettrich, who gave a most interesting talk on his recent trip to the Hawaiian Islands.

Mrs. Francis Campbell spent the past weekend with her parents at LaMoille.

Old Man Winter has had one last grand fling. The temperature dropped from 30 above to zero from March 16-17, with a very strong wind, causing much suffering.

Thomas Haugh found an auto license, 271-474 near the Walker schoolhouse.

Yorkville: 1941 is a great anniversary year to the people of Kendall county. 110 years ago, LaSalle county was established with Kendall county a part of it. The act to organize Kendall county was passed by the State Legislature of Illinois Feb. 19, 1841.

In a few weeks, this county will have rounded out a century of official life. It would be fitting if the county board of supervisors or some other body of citizens should plan an appropriate recognition of the centennial of Kendall county.

March 26: Septa Peshia, 88, died at his home in Oswego March 22. He was born May 29, 1852 in Rollo, Ill.

Surviving him is his wife, Susan; a daughter, Mrs. Mabel Elwood of Los Angeles, Calif.; a son, Leslie of Oswego; a sister, Mrs. Mary Hamilton of Earlville; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Burial in the Riverside cemetery.

Ann Matilda Hilliard, colored, aged 106, died at her home on Farnsworth avenue, Aurora, March 20.

She is survived by one son, William; two granddaughters; one grandson; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Main Street Baptist church, from which funeral services were held March 24 with the Rev. B.P.E. Gayles officiating. Interment was in the Oswego cemetery.

When the late Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Hopkins, pioneers in 1858 who lived on the farm beside the Hopkins stone quarry near Oswego, were married, Mrs. Hopkins' father, a Kentucky gentleman, gave his daughter a little slave girl--Ann Hilliard.

"Black Ann," as he was affectionately called by the family, lived with her mistress for many years, assisting in the care of the family of growing children and at the death of the mother following the birth of her youngest daughter, now Mrs. William Winsor of Aurora, Ann was the mainstay in the household.

Ann was married to Henry Hilliard at the Hopkins home and later moved to Aurora.

The Oswego Cemetery lot was given Mrs. Hilliard by the Hopkins family and Mr. Hilliard and one son who preceded Ann in death are buried there.

Mrs. Francis Campbell has been a substitute teacher in the fifth and sixth grades of the Oswego school during the illness of Miss Espervik.

There will be a union meeting of the Oswego Yorkville, Plano, Sandwich and Millington Townsend clubs at the Oswego high school gym March 27.

The speaker for the evening will be Walter T. Woodcock, editor and publisher of the Elgin Tribune. His topic will be "After the War We

Face Ruin.” Mr. Woodcock was a candidate on the Republican primary ticket last spring for congress and polled 22,000 votes.

April -- 1941

April 2: The Oswego high school Girl’s chorus won a superior rating at the district music contest held in the York Community high school at Elmhurst Saturday. They also won an A grade for appearance. There were 19 girls in the chorus, accompanied by the director, Reeve Thompson.

Floyd Foss, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Foss, has been selected by members of the grade school patrol boys as one of the best and most conscientious patrols during the school year.

If you were unable to find your neighbors during the past week, perhaps they were “Gone With the Wind.”

Pupils of all grades in the Oswego school are preparing a varied program to be given Friday, April 4, in the school gym.

April 9: “The Musical Panorama of American Music,” presented by all the grades in the Oswego school Friday evening was enjoyed by a large audience. The music, directed by Reeve Thompson, showed careful training and much talent. Charlene Schultz accompanied the songs at the piano.

There will be an Easter Vacation for the Oswego school April 11 and 14.

Mrs. Carrie Walker returned to her home on Washington street last week after spending the winter with her nieces and nephews on the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Klein of North Aurora announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Jane, to Glenn Mundsinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mundsinger of Oswego.

More new cases of measles in Oswego.

Yorkville: Twenty-three men from Kendall county will be inducted into the army April 23. They will go to the Armory in Chicago on that date. The names of these men will be published in next week's *Record*.

The Rev. Oliver C. Johnson has finally been prevailed upon to compile a new revised and up to date modern history of Kendall county. Our readers will be familiar with his historical style from the series of sketches on "Pioneers of One Hundred Years," which has been running in our column during the past 15 months. Mrs. Johnson, possibly better known in outside literary circles as Anna French Johnson, author of the popular story, "The Making of a Minister's Wife," published in 1940, will collaborate with Mr. Johnson in writing the new history.

The new history of the county will be published in combination with a new, complete and accurate atlas and plat book of the county.

April 16: Two Oswego residents were among the 23 men slated for induction in the armed services from Kendall County. They are William S. Jakovina and James B. Allen.

Results in the Oswego village election:

For mayor--Pierce, 223; Zentmyer, 239.

For clerk--Tripp 280, Brungart, 82.

For Trustees (three)--Denney, 238; Walper, 189; Cooper, 187; Bohn, 244; Cutter, 249; Ode, 244.

Total vote cast--467.

Alvin B. Mitchell of Oswego, 77, died April 11 near Yorkville. He was born Aug. 25, 1863. Besides his wife, Martha Mitchell, he is survived by three daughters and two sons, Mrs. W.F. Hayes of Harvey, Nellie Mitchell of Dowagiac, Mich., Vera and Harry of Oswego, and Ray of Milwaukee; also several grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the McKeown funeral home April 13. Interment was in the Oswego cemetery.

A terrible accident occurred one night last week when an auto load of six colored people coming from Chicago on Route 34 on their way to attend a funeral in Iowa could not make the turn near Morse's

service station [at modern U.S. Route 35 and Ill. Route 25 in Oswego] and ran into the trees in front of the Morrow residence. One woman died at the scene of the accident, one on the way to the hospital, and another in the hospital. The man who was driving, a woman, and little boy were not seriously injured. The auto was entirely demolished.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pasko, who have been spending the winter in a trailer in Florida, spent the past week at the home of his brother, Fred, in Oswego on their way home to Moline.

Mrs. Fred Walker gave a birthday party for her 11 year-old granddaughter, Cleora Woolley, Saturday afternoon. The girls from the fifth grade of the Oswego school were the guests.

A grass fire starting from a bonfire at the Allen Woolley home April 8 caused some excitement though no serious damage was done except to burn over the strawberry and raspberry patches. The fire department was called. If the fire had spread a little farther, it would have reached the row of little hog houses and gone from there to the large farm buildings.

Miss Sadie Cherry had the misfortune to severely injure her right hand in the wringer of her washing machine April 7.

April 23: Motion pictures were shown at the Gaylord school last Friday evening and the children showed their school work.

The Rev. and Mrs. Paul Bischoff entertained 16 guests at a buffet supper Thursday announcing the engagement of Margaret Norris to William Plapp of Naperville. Mr. Plapp is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. E.E. Plapp of Davis, Ill. He will graduate in May from the Evangelical Theological seminary in Naperville. Miss Norris, daughter of Ralph Norris of Oswego, teaches music in the East Aurora schools. She has a music studio in Oswego and has been organist in the Marion Avenue Baptist church, Aurora, for the past six years.

Oswego had three blessed events last week. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Krug April 18. The little one has been given the

name Karen Adele. Mr. and Mrs. George Griffin have a daughter born April 19 to add to their family of three boys. Mr. and Mrs. August Seidelman have a son born at the Copley hospital April 20.

April 30: The Oswego high school mixed chorus is presenting its annual operetta Friday, May 2. The operetta chosen this year is "The Gypsy Rover."

Fred K. Pearce, one of the Oswego pioneers, died at Milwaukee April 20. He was born in Oswego Sept. 6, 1860. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Susan Pearce; one son, Dr. Arthur John Pearce of Chicago; three grandsons, Dr. John Pearce and Robert Pearce of Aurora, and George Pearce of California; and one brother, Frank Pearce of Aurora. Funeral services were held from the Healy chapel in Aurora April 23 with burial in the Pearce cemetery Oswego.

Dr. and Mrs. M.R. Saxon, their little daughter, Linda Ellen, and Mrs. Saxon's maid, Violet Gillow, left by auto for El Paso, Tex. the first of the week. Dr. Saxon has a surgical appointment in the hospital at Ft. Bliss. Dr. C. Kirchner of Chicago will take over Dr. Saxon's practice and office during Dr. Saxon's absence, which is expected to be one year.

The neighbors of the Wilcox school community met at the Albert Anderson home for a farewell party for Bill Jakovina before he left for his year's selective service training. He was presented with a fountain pen.

The cherry trees are blossoming early and full. The pleasant days are bringing out the early flowers and making it necessary to mow the lawns.

Mrs. Rilka Bohn, 72, died at her home in Oswego April 24, 1941. Mrs. Bohn was born in Germany July 5, 1868 and has been a resident of Oswego for many years. She is survived by two daughters, Martha and Augusta; two sons, Herman and Albert; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Federated church, of which she was a member. Interment was in the Oswego cemetery.



Yorkville: The United States Defense Savings bonds and Postal Savings stamps will be placed on sale in the post office at the opening of business Thursday, May 1, as part of the national effort to make America impregnable.

May -- 1941

May 7: The Oswego stores will close each Thursday afternoon during the summer at noon Daylight Savings Time.

The announcement is made of the engagement of Beatrice Langston of Aurora to Gerald Cather of Oswego.

Dr. Kirchner is caring for Dr. Saxon's practice from the new office building, He rooms at the Julia Richards home.

The young people of the Federated church gave a farewell supper for the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Bischoff at the church Tuesday. The Bichoffs are to leave this week for his new pastorate at the Diversey Street Evangelical church in Chicago.

The Rev. George Theuer, the pastor coming to the Federated church, is an Ohioan, a graduate of Yale and will be here with his family for the services May 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kirkhus have a daughter born at the Morris hospital April 30.

Earl Zentmyer is building a new home on Park avenue. Walter Corneil of Fox is the building contractor.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson and daughters have moved to Oswego from near Yorkville. Mr. Johnson is the driver of a Farm Bureau gasoline truck.

Mrs. Francis Campbell is serving on the federal jury in Chicago this week.

Newton Woolley is breaking ground for a new barn on the Woolley farm southeast of Oswego.

Yorkville: 1,000,000 wall-eye pike fry were placed in the Fox river near Yorkville bridges last Friday afternoon. The project was sponsored by the Yorkville Lions club, the state department of conservation cooperating.

The fry were brought from the Spring Grove fish hatchery by Clarence Thurrow, superintendent of the Tribune farm and Gerald Caswell.

May 14: Mrs. Jeffrey Rogerson attended a regional meeting of the Federation of Illinois Women's Republican clubs at Springfield Tuesday.

The seventh and eighth grades of the Oswego school attended the Boston-Sox game in Chicago last Wednesday. They were accompanied by the teacher, Reeve Thompson, and a number of fathers of the pupils, who furnished the transportation.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Norris have purchased the Paydon property on Garfield avenue and will move there from Madison street June 1.

Yorkville: The annual shoot of the Kendall County Crow club has been set for Thursday, May 22. The teams in last year's shoot turned in a total of almost 800 points, of which 611 were crows and 27 were hawks. Four horned owls added to this total, and woodchucks, gophers, crow and hawk eggs furnished the remainder.

May 21: All the teachers in the Oswego grade school have been rehired for next year. Harold Kirkhus will be teacher and superintendent of the elementary school. He received his master of arts degree in school administration at the University of Illinois in 1938 and his bachelor of arts degree at Bradley college in 1933. Reeve Thompson will teach part of the time in the seventh and eighth grades and will direct grade school band and glee clubs. Priscilla Espevik will teach the fifth and sixth grades; Hazel Campbell will teach the fourth grade; Gracia Gutel will again teach second the third grades.

The storm on Thursday evening, said to have been the worst in this vicinity in 25 years, did considerable damage. Numerous shade and fruit trees were uprooted or broken. The large barn on the Kenneth Campbell farm was blown down; a small crib on the John Constantine farm and several small buildings in other places tipped over. The electric service was interrupted and telephones were out of commission.

The Rev. Horace Larsen preached an inspiring sermon Sunday on the topic "I Am Glad That I Am An American."

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Johnston have sold their residence on Main street and bought the 14 acre place recently known as the Hupach place just on the edge of town, and will move to it soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Norval Tripp have moved from Douglas avenue to the residence vacated by Dr. and Mrs. Bell on Park avenue.

The Oswego school band and the leader, Reeve Thompson, enjoyed a trip to Starved Rock last Saturday.

Yorkville: Plans are being made to celebrate the first hundred years of Kendall county's political life. The celebration is scheduled to be held July 24-26 in Yorkville.

May 28: Three showers have been given recently for Marjorie Woolley, who on June 7 will become the bride of Lee Hafenrichter.

The fields of corn are planted and the rows of growing corn may be seen in many fields. This is one of the most beautiful times of the year to drive around the country.

A woman's Christian Temperance union has been organized in Oswego. Mrs. Albert Schmidt is the president.

Memorial exercises are to be held at the Oswego school Friday morning, May 30.

Fifteen years ago this month your correspondent began writing the Oswego column for the *Kendall County Record*. Hugh R. Marshall

was the publisher at that time and after his death in 1929 his sons took over the paper.

Fifteen years is a long time to sit down on washday morning and dig up some news items but the interest in the paper, the satisfaction in the work, and the remuneration makes it worthwhile.

And by the way, our families have been subscribers to the paper for at least the past 65 years.

June -- 1941

June 4: On May 31 at the Walker school, the residents in three school district, the Wilcox, Gaylord, and Walker, voted on the proposition to consolidate the three schools. The vote carried 41-25.

The Oswego school closes this week with field day Wednesday, June 4.

The Gaylord school, with Mrs. Hatch of Aurora as teacher, closed with a picnic May 29. The Russell school closed May 29 with a trip to the Brookfield zoo. The teacher, Miss Lucille Shoger, and the scholars and mothers in the Walker school district, enjoyed a picnic at Phillips Park June 2.

This vicinity had several very heavy rainfalls the last days of Ma and all vegetation is fresh and growing fast.

Yorkville: In the year 1841, Kendall county was given its charter as one of the counties of the State of Illinois. Commemorating this historic event, Kendall county has set aside July 25, 26, and 27 for the observance of our 100th anniversary.

June 11: On Saturday evening, June 7, in the Oswego Federated church occurred the wedding of Miss Marjorie Woolley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Woolley of Oswego to Lee Hafenrichter, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hafenrichter, also of Oswego.

Yorkville: Grundy county homes are being ransacked for heirlooms and antiques to be shown during the county's three day centennial celebration to open on Friday, June 13.

June 18: The annual Kendall County Flower show, which was held in the school gymnasium Friday afternoon, June 13, was well attended and even though the weather had been rainy the past week, the displays were unusually good and numerous.

The marriage of Miss Beatrice Langston of Aurora, formerly of St. Joseph, Mich. to Gerald Cather, of Oswego was solemnized June 14 at the Oswego Federated church. Mr. Cather is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cather of Oswego.

The bride is a nurse at Mercyville sanatorium. The bridegroom is employed by the Lyon Metal Products company.

At a double ring ceremony, Miss Ann Schultz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Schultz of Chenoa, became the bride of J. George Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Smith of Aurora on June 15 at the Chenoa Methodist church.

Mr. Smith is a graduate of East Aurora high school, '35, and the University of Illinois, '40. He is a member of Alpha Zeta and Sigma Gamma Delta, honorary fraternities, and Farm house social fraternity.

Mrs. Smith graduated from Chenoa high school, '37, and the University of Illinois this June. She was president of Beta Phi Alpha social sorority.

After a wedding trip to the west, Mr. and Mrs. Smith will be at home on a farm south of Aurora.

The local chapter of the WCTU will meet in the Federated church on Thursday afternoon.

June 25: Miss Lucile Shoger of Oswego and Franklin Dugan of Sugar Grove, and Miss Ruth Shoger of Oswego and the Rev. Norman Zurbrigg, son of Mrs. Catherine Zurbrigg of Ontario, Canada, were united in marriage at a double ring ceremony on June 19 at the First Presbyterian church in Oswego.

The two brides are well known in this vicinity. They were both graduated from the Oswego high school and attended Aurora college. Mrs. Zurbrigg graduated from North Central college and for the past year has been teaching at the Beaupre school in Aurora. Mrs. Dugan has taught at the Walker school for the past year.

Mr. Dugan is a graduate of the University of Iowa. For the past three years he has attended the University of Michigan.

The Rev. Mr. Zurbrigg attends the seminary at North Central college. Mr. Dugan has a position with the government soil conservation department at Montague, Mich., and with his bride will reside there. The Rev. and Mrs. Zurbrigg will live on the Shoger farm southeast of Oswego.

Representatives of 18 different organizations met at the school building in Oswego June 9 to form the New Community Council, the purpose of which is to better coordinate the various group activities in and about the village. In addition, the council will extend its energies to stimulate and increase community cooperation with a general view toward the elimination of duplicate project sponsorships.

July -- 1941

July 2: Miss Claretta Walker, who last week attended the national home economics convention at the Stevens hotel, Chicago, is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walker and other relatives.

July 9: Issue missing from bound volume.

July 16: On Tuesday, July 22, the Oswego Community high school voters will vote on two issues, one being to select a site for the board of education to purchase and the other being to give the board of education the authority to bond up to \$9,000 to purchase a site and to repair and equip the home on the site.

It is planned that the house would be used for the more than 50 girls who take homemaking courses. The Oswego high school has so increased its curriculum offerings in recent years that the present plant is overcrowded.

This action is being taken upon the recommendation of the State Office of Public Instruction.

One ballot will set forth two definite sites. One, known as the "Luella Hettrich property," is located a block south of the southeast corner of the school grounds [southeast corner of Washington and Monroe

streets]. The other is known as the "George Kessler property," and is located across the street north from the high school. The Hettrich property may be purchased for \$5,000 and the Kessler property for \$6,500.

There will be three polling places, the Oswego Village hall, the NaAuSay Town hall, and the Church school.

Frank Whitby, who for several years past has been living in a cottage near Will Smith's on Route 34, passed suddenly away at his home from the effects of a stroke July 11. Funeral services were held from the Healy chapel July 14.

All the farmers are busy in the harvest, some cutting and shocking the grain ready for threshing, and some combining and taking the grain directly to the bins. The small grain is of good quality and quantity. The corn is looking fine and is "laid by," and soybeans are doing well. The hay crop in most instances was good. Newton Woolley is filling the mow in his new barn, though the barn is not yet completed.

Kelvin Vanderlip of New York called on G.H. Voss Friday and wanted Mr. Voss to take him out to the farm where his father lived when a boy. Kelvin is a son of the late Frank Vanderlip, former president of the National City bank of New York, largest bank in the world at that time. Frank Vanderlip was a schoolmate of Gus Voss in the Oswego school in years long gone and was the greatest financier this county ever produced.

July 23: Mrs. Lillian Weber, 63, died at her home here Wednesday, July 16. She was born Aug. 3, 1877 in Chicago.

Surviving are her husband, Roy H. Weber; and two daughters, Ms. Glenn Armbruster of Kankakee and Mrs. Douglas Goff of Oswego; as well as three grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. John Bain of Oswego and a brother, Wesley Leggate of Eagle River, Wis.

Mrs. Weber was a member of the Oswego Presbyterian church and of the XIX Century club.

Funeral services were held at the Oswego Presbyterian church July 19. Interment was in Oswego cemetery.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Roth July 17 at the St. Joseph's hospital, Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Wormley are the parents of a son, born Friday, July 13, at the Copley hospital. The little fellow has been named James Thomas.

Twenty-nine ladies enjoyed the Red Cross picnic held July 18 on the spacious front porch at the home of the Misses Harriet and Edna Walker.

July 30: On Tuesday, July 22, the Oswego Community high school voters, by a 6-1 majority, authorized the board of education to bond up to \$9,000 for the purchase of an additional site and for the repair and equipping of the building so acquired. Only a few voters turned out, the vote being 161 for and 28 against the bond issue. In another vote to select a site, the Hettrich house [southeast corner of Washington and Monroe streets] received a 4-1 majority over the Kessler house.

The board of education has been working with the guidance of the State Board of Vocational Education. Miss Rena Hodge, home economics supervisor from Springfield, will be in Oswego on July 30 to assist in making plans for the new house.

News is scarce this week. Everyone is very busy and the weather is terribly hot. The Guild of the Federated church is serving threshing dinners.

The combine and threshing machine go merrily on despite the torrid temperature--in the high 90s for a week and some very hot nights. Oats are of good quality and yield.

At a special school election it was voted to purchase the Luella Hettrich residence [southeast corner of Washington and Monroe streets] to be used by the home economics classes of the high school. The family is dismantling the house ready for remodeling by the school board.



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walker received a telegram last week telling of the birth of a granddaughter July 25, the child of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Drew at Beaumont, Tex.

Yorkville: The Kendall county centennial closed Sunday evening after a three day celebration which assembled some of the largest crowds ever seen at the county seat. Old citizens of the county came from miles to greet their old friends and many a reunion of old friends was held living over the times of the past and renewing the ties of an old friendship dropped because of distance.

August -- 1941

Aug. 6: Margaret Norris, daughter of Ralph W. Norris, became the bride of the Rev. Willis Plapp, son of the Rev. and Mrs. E.E. Plapp of Davis, Ill on Aug. 3, at the Marion Avenue Baptist church, Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Reeve Thompson and daughter Kathryn are on a vacation at the home of his parents at Maiden Rock, Wis. Mr. Thompson has been attending summer school at Illinois State Normal university

Aug. 13: Jimmy Johnston has closed the blacksmith shop on Main street and is moving his equipment to the place recently purchased at the town limits on the Oswego-Plainfield road, and will soon be ready for all kinds of blacksmith work at that location.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cooper have begun building a new home on park avenue, the third new house on that street this year. That part of town is growing rapidly with a number of beautiful new homes.

Miss Kate Cliggitt, formerly of Oswego, fell at her home in Aurora and fractured on hip and is now a patient in the St. Joseph's hospital. Miss Cliggitt, whose home was in Oswego and who taught in the Oswego schools for many years, is now in her 90th year and would be glad to receive cards from her friends.

Fred Cutter, who is employed at the Lockheed airplane factory in Los Angeles, has been visiting his grandfather, Watts Cutter, and

calling on old neighbors and friends. He will also visit his maternal grandfather at Moline. He reports that his mother, Mrs. Esther Cutter, is in Honolulu with her son, Slade, and wife.

Aug. 20: Joy's Accordion band, directed by Joy Boffenmeyer of Oswego, won first place for accordion bands at the Chicagoland Music festival Aug. 16, in competition with eight bands from nearby states.

Quite a number have been suffering recently with a form of summer flu.

Darlene Peshia, assistant at the post office, is enjoying a two week vacation in Florida.

Sylvia, the 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ebinger, fell from her pony Aug. 12, and fractured her right arm at the shoulder.

Mrs. Mabel Korte has moved to her new home on Madison street and Mr. and Mrs. Reeve Thompson, who have been occupying the Korte house, are moving to the Fred Wormley house on Route 31.

Aug. 27: A large number of Farm Bureau members from here attended the Farm Bureau picnic at Sandwich Saturday.

If those farmers who have tall corn or weeds in the fence corners on crossroads would trim them back for a short distance it might avert an accident. There are some dangerous corners this year when the corn--and the weeds--are so tall.

Marvin Marquardt, who is employed at the Billings hospital in Chicago during the vacation months, was home for the weekend.

The Earl Zentmyer family are moving into their new home on Park avenue this week.

A tragedy occurred Aug. 18 when Leon Talmadge, 17, was electrocuted at the Conkey gravel pit. He and two other Oswego boys were exploring the pit, which has been closed for some time. Leon climbed a pole and came in contact with a live wire and fell to the

ground dead. Funeral services were held at the McKeown funeral home Wednesday, Aug. 20, with burial in the Oswego cemetery.

The Oswego Fire department was called out twice last week, once to the Schultz store Thursday at midnight when some boxes of matches blazed but being under steel containers did little damage except for the smoke. On Friday afternoon some little boys set pasteboard boxes on fire close to John Brown's garage but the fire was extinguished before any serious damage was done.

### September -- 1941

Sept. 3: A.J. Manning, who for the past three years has made his home with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Tripp at their home on Madison street, celebrated his 90th birthday anniversary Aug. 26.

Mr. Manning came from England in 1872 with his brother, Abner, and for many years farmed in this vicinity. He is active and stands straight and tall and is an interesting talker.

On Wednesday, Aug. 27, Mrs. Hannah Davis celebrated her 91st birthday anniversary. In company with her sister, Mrs. Jessie Clark of Quincy, she attended the Old Settlers' picnic at Phillips park where she won a prize for being the oldest lady in attendance from outside Kane county.

Mrs. Clark has been a guest at the Rogerson home.

Mrs. Mary Denney Osborne who since the death of the late Mrs. Mae Denney has made her home with her nephew, Wayne Denney and wife, died at the Hill Manor convalescent home Aug. 25 at the age of 89 years. Mrs. Osborne was born in England Aug. 1, 1852. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Lydia Newbert of Beverly Hills, Calif. and by several nieces and nephews.

Funeral from the McKeown Funeral home.

Sept. 10: Helen Lou Olson has gone to a school in Chicago where she will study to be a technician.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harvey and James spent last weekend in Freeport where they attended a family reunion of Mrs. Harvey's relatives.

The Oswego Community high school faculty met Monday in preparation for the opening of school Tuesday.

The last minute resignation of an English-Latin instructor has added to the burden of board members in connection with the opening of school. Mrs. Reeve Thompson will fill the vacancy while the board selects a new teacher. Mrs. Thompson (Miss Doris Whitehouse before her marriage) formerly taught in the Oswego high school. The board of education has again contracted with Earl Zentmyer and Leslie Morse to provide bus transportation. Henry Heffelfinger was awarded a contract to rewire the homemaking house. Work on built-in fixtures, heating plant, electric work, and exterior painting is going forward rapidly.

Sept. 17: Oswego students heading off to college this fall include Arlene Jay, University of Illinois; Helen Lou Olson, Century College, Chicago; Stanley Young, State Teachers' College, Winona, Minnesota; the Rev. Norman Zurbrigg, theological seminary, Naperville; Elizabeth Bauman, DeKalb Teacher's College; Phyllis Shoger, Maxine Patton, Dorothy Gast, Elaine Smith, Fern and Glenda Hafenrichter, James Steckel, Stuart Johnson, and David Shoger, North Central College, Naperville; and Esther June Stephens, Academy of Arts, Chicago.

Sept. 13 was an ideal day for the Wheatland plowing match and the usual large crowd was present.

Paul Shoger, who is teaching at the Franklin Grove school, and his wife are moving their household furnishings this week there.

Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Palmer and sons, and Mrs. Ralph Wheeler and Judy attended the Wheeler-Kellogg-Whitlock reunion at Phillips park Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M.R. Steckel and family have moved into a home recently purchased on Park avenue and a family by the name of Bowers are located in the residence vacated by the Steckels on Washington street.

Yorkville: Declaring that as a nation we have become so engrossed in watching the war clouds of Europe that we have failed to notice a cyclone that threatens our own land, U.S. Rep. Noah Mason warned at the annual meeting of the Republican editors of the 12th District of Illinois held in Sycamore on Saturday, that "the path we are following today will inevitably lead to national bankruptcy, a socialized state, and dictatorship." And, Mason charged, "some of our national leaders are planning it that way."

Sept. 24: Mrs. Fred Thomson has sold her home to a Berwyn couple and with her daughter, Jacqueline, has gone to Chicago to live.

On Sunday evening, Sept. 28, C.L. Stokes, representative of the anti-saloon league, will speak at the Presbyterian church. This union meeting should be well attended.

A fire of unknown origin did considerable damage to the house on the farm owned by the Misses Harriet and Edna Walker last Friday afternoon. The fire department's quick work saved the building.

Charles Gilbert Pearce, 81, died Sept 17 at St. Petersburg, Fla. He was born May 25, 1860 in Aurora. He is survived by three sons, C. Arlie Pearce of Sycamore, Police Magistrate Harry H. Pearce of Sycamore, and William Howard Pearce of Joliet; one daughter, Mrs. Helen Marie Crosette, Washington, D.C.

Funeral services were held Sept. 22 at the Oswego Presbyterian church with interment in the Pearce cemetery.

Mr. Pearce was a descendant of the pioneer Pearces who were the first settlers in Oswego. He was the son of Dan Pearce and a nephew of the late James and Calvin Pearce.

Charles Schmidt and sons, Glen Leigh, and Stanley Peterson returned last Saturday evening from a week's fishing trip at Land o' Lakes, Wisconsin, bringing a generous supply of fish to their families.

The Oswego Community high school band under the direction of Reeve Thompson gave a public concert in Oswego Saturday night in connection with the show sponsored by the American Legion.

Miss Anita Scarlet assumed her duties as English-Latin instructor Thursday at Oswego Community high school. She has taught for the past two years in the John Greer high school in Hoopeston, where she taught Latin and had charge of all vocal music. She is a graduate of Illinois Wesleyan university of Bloomington. Her home is in Kewanee.

Work has progressed rapidly on the home economics house. The walls are being papered, the upstairs linoleum is laid, and the plumbing is nearing completion. The kitchen units will probably be installed within a week and all papering completed.

October -- 1941

Oct. 1: Oswego is to be afflicted with daylight savings time for another month.

An auto belonging to Otto and Albert Johnson was stolen from their garage Sunday night. Later, Monday morning, it was found ditched west of the Arthur Davis home. The machine, with the front damaged and the windshield and windows broken, was towed to town. Bloodstains on the seat indicate that the thief must have been injured in the accident.

A number of this community attended the Big Rock plowing match Saturday.

Miss Kate Cliggitt passed away Monday at the St. Joseph's hospital, Aurora, at the age of 89 years. Miss Cliggitt suffered a fractured hip some time ago and since that time had fought bravely to recover her health.

Miss Cliggitt was born in Oswego Feb. 7, 1852, and lived there until moving to Aurora to live with her niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lester J. Galvin.

For over 50 years she taught in Kendall county schools and had the pleasure of seeing her pupils tread the path of life, some succeeding, others failing. Because of her long teaching experience, she enjoyed a wide acquaintance in Kendall county and she took an active

interest in the affairs of the county, visiting within its confines whenever the opportunity presented itself.

The funeral services were held this afternoon from the Healy chapel in Aurora, with burial in the Oswego cemetery.

Oct. 8: Wasn't last Sunday a beautiful day? Warm and sunshiny with everything washed clean and sweet after the unusually heavy rains last week--it was nice to see the sun again.

Repairs are being made on the Prairie church with some remodeling and redecorating to be done. The services are being held in the basement.

A large audience heard Uncle John Meredith give a Bible prophecy talk and saw the pictures of Palestine depicting prophecies fulfilled last Sunday evening. Judge Arthur G. Larson of Yorkville accompanied at the piano by Lois Mortensen, gave several violin solos.

Mrs. Lizzie Rink, 52, died Oct. 1 at her home in Oswego township. She was born June 18, 1889 in Nebraska.

Funeral services were held at the Healy chapel in Aurora Oct. 4. Interment was made in the Lutheran cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, Edward Rink; her father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Moos of Aurora; and two step brothers, Art and Robert Moos, both of Oswego.

Mrs. Rink was a member of the East Oswego Farmers' club and the Oswego Presbyterian church.

Oswego's scholars from the rural schools and the school bus drivers with others from Kendall and surrounding counties were guests of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce on Rural day, Oct. 3. At 9 a.m. they went to East Aurora high school where they heard the school band and talks on fires and life saving. From there they went downtown and saw the fire department give a demonstration of a trial run and of the use of the hose. Then they went to Phillips park for a lunch of hot dogs, chocolate milk, ice cream, and candy served to about 1,000 children and auto drivers. After a tour of the park, especially the beautiful Sunken Garden, all went to West high where

they saw motion pictures of army scenes and from there to Marmion academy for a dress parade.

Malcolm Rance of Wheatland township, died at his home Oct. 2. Funeral services with the United Presbyterian pastor, the Rev. T.H. Melville, officiating, were held Oct. 4 at the home with interment in the church cemetery.

Mr. Rance had many friends and acquaintances in Oswego township in his connection with the windmill industry in past years.

Yorkville: Farmers will be asked to sign a farm plan pledging both cooperation in the 1942 AAA farm program and increased production of needed foods in a sign-up campaign to run from Oct. 15 to Dec. 1, according to an announcement by Harvey L. Christian, chairman of the Kendall County Agricultural Conservation committee. The Department of Agriculture is asking for more of certain foods under the "food for defense" campaign.

Oct. 15: Mr. and Mrs. Herman Armbruster are having their residence on Washington street remodeled as a two-family apartment.

Home economics classes under the direction of Miss Frances Schemett are now meeting in the new homemaking house [at the southeast corner of Washington and Madison streets], although work on the interior has not yet been completed. The kitchen units are now installed and the entire house freshly papered. Plumbing and the installation of fixtures have not been completed. The downstairs linoleum will be laid on Monday. The house is especially fine in its spaciousness in the kitchen and in the illumination throughout.

The grounds around the house have taken on a more pleasing appearance. On Saturday, Sept. 27, some 50 students of the Oswego high school donated their services in cleaning up the grounds and the house. Weeds and the grass were cut, the lawn raked and mowed twice, shrubbery trimmed, bushes removed, and a large area re-sodded.

Work continues on revamping of the library at Oswego Community high school. Books are being reclassified and the library



organization completed with eight student assistants working under the direction of Miss Charlet, the librarian.

Yorkville: Mrs. Ruby Roberts Jessup, wife of Charles Jessup, a former resident of Yorkville, passed away at her home in Elmhurst Tuesday, Oct. 7. Interment was in the family lot in the Sugar Grove cemetery Friday. Mr. Jessup conducted a photograph gallery while in Yorkville.

Oct. 22: Albert Grate, who was so seriously injured Oct. 14 while driving his tractor to pull motorists out of the ditch near his home in NaAuSay, is lying in the St. Joseph's hospital with his pelvic bone fractured in three places. He is doing as well as can be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shoger of Franklin Grove spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gast. On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Gat also entertained Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Shoger of Aurora and the Oscar Shoger family.

Because of later enrollments, there are now 130 students attending the Oswego community high school. There has been an unusually high record of attendance for the six-week period just completed, the attendance being slightly above 98 percent.

Yorkville: The Kendall County Fish and Game club added a total of 57,000 fish to the Fox river last week. The types of fish released are black bass, rock bass, crappies, perch, and bluegills.

Oct. 29: William Anderson has the misfortune to have the third finger on his left hand so badly mangled Thursday, Oct. 16, that it was necessary to have it amputated. Mr. Anderson was working near a grinder which was grinding feed of his stock when he threw up his left hand to brush the dust from before his face and thus one finger was struck and crushed and the little finger cut.

Mr. Gossley, a draftsman from the York Manufacturing company, Aurora, is building a home on a piece of ground recently purchased, which was originally a part of the Charles G. Ricketts farm. The residence, a ranch house, is built on the hill side toward the river.

Miss Carol Campbell, who has finished a business course at the Ritchie Secretarial school in Aurora, has accepted a position as private secretary to Mr. Grometer of Leitz & Grometer, Aurora.

Albert Grate's condition is improving so that he was expected home the first of this week. He would come in McKeown's ambulance and will be in bed for a number of weeks yet.

Yorkville: Ed Olson of Newark won the Kendall county corn husking contest, which was held on the farm of Tom Fletcher Saturday, Oct. 25. While the day was excellent overhead, the contestants were seriously handicapped by a very muddy field in which water stood in many places. A number of the teams got stuck and it was difficult for the contestants to keep up the pace necessary for high scores. The state corn husking contest will be held on the Theodore Schaffer farm two miles west of Tonica on Oct. 31. The national contest will be held on the same farm Nov. 31.

#### November -- 1941

Nov. 5: An extensive rearrangement of classrooms and equipment in the Oswego Community high school has been hailed by students and teachers as a decided improvement.

Following the removal of the home economics equipment to the new homemaking house, a wall between the old homemaking room and the commercial room was taken out. The resulting room is to be used for glee club practice, movies, and for science and mathematics recitations. The room will seat 60 students comfortably.

The commercial equipment has been moved to what was formerly the social science room. The room has considerably more floor area than the previous commercial quarters.

The only room where more floor space would be particularly desirable is the new social science room. However, the classes now being held there are considerably smaller than the classes held there previous to the changes.

During the past week special instruction in the use of a library has been given to all but the freshman class. This class will receive such instruction from the librarian, Miss Charlet.

Mr. and Rms. Carl Friebele of Aurora are moving into the Shoger house on Polk street. Mr. and Mrs. John Cooper are moving from that house to their new residence on Park avenue.

Ed Donnelly, who suffered a heart attack two weeks ago, is home but must be very quiet for several weeks. Mr. Donnelly, who supervised cement work at the Joliet prison and has commuted from his home in Oswego for 11 years, was stricken while at work and was so seriously ill that he could not be moved from the prison hospital for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Weidert have a son, Gerald Laverne, born at the St. Joseph's hospital Oct. 26.

Nov. 12: The interior redecorating at the Prairie church was finished last week and Marshall Field & Company of Chicago are laying the new carpets this week. The chancel has been rearranged and made beautiful.

Harvey Lippy of South Bend, Ind., spent last weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lippy.

Yorkville: Flaming "Dinky"

The 8:30 passenger train on the Burlington streaked into town Tuesday morning laying down a smoke screen caused by a fire in the rear vestibule caused by the heating stove. The Yorkville Fire department was called and made short work on the conflagration. The train, a little late, proceeded on to Aurora under its own power.

Gov. Dwight H. Green expressed faith in Illinois farmers to meet the call for increased food production and pledged the support of the State Department of Agriculture to the nation's "food for defense" program in a statement issued through the Illinois USDA Defense board.

Nov. 19: Miss Mildred Pierce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Pierce of Oswego and Thomas J. Costello Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Costello of Aurora, were united in marriage Saturday morning at St. Mary's church in Aurora. It was the bride's birthday anniversary.

The newlyweds will reside in Aurora. Mr. Costello is employed by the Ward Lumber Company.

If the weather permits there will be many husking wagons in the cornfields on Thanksgiving day. The farmers have many acres of corn and soybeans yet to harvest and take advantage of every hour of good weather.

The Oswego teachers will leave Wednesday afternoon to spend the Thanksgiving holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Condon have a son, born Nov. 13, at the St. Joseph's hospital in Aurora. Two year old Billy is staying with his grandmother and Aunt Mary Condon.

Miss Nellie Armstrong, 73, was accidentally shot and killed at her home in Chicago Nov. 15. Miss Armstrong spent her girlhood in Oswego with her parents and sisters. The family was well known by the older residents. Miss Nellie and her sister, Jennie, were caring for their 10 year-old grandniece, Roberta Long, and while looking over some dresser drawers they found a revolver. Roberta, thinking it was a Fourth of July toy pistol, pulled the trigger, killing her aunt, a terrible tragedy for a child to remember. Miss Armstrong was buried in the family lot in the Oswego cemetery Nov. 18 following funeral services held in Chicago.

Richard Young, a senior at Oswego Community high school, has been elected by the student body to represent them as "Boy Mayor" in the parade to be held in Aurora Nov. 21.

On Thursday, Nov. 13, the Oswego high school and Consolidated grade school was visited by S.E. Baker of the State Department of education. At noon, Mr. Baker, Harold Kirkhus, H.B. Tate, and the high school teachers all ate at the new homemaking house, where they were served by students from the home economics department.

Nov. 26: The Oswego Prairie Evangelical church was the scene of a beautiful wedding Nov. 22 when Miss Lois Hem, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hem of Oswego, was married to Delbert Greenberg of Aurora, son of Mrs. Hilma Greenberg of Rockford.

Following a trip through the south, Mr. and Mrs. Greenberg will reside at the Parkway apartments. The bride is a well known soprano singer who has appeared on many programs. She was graduated from west high school and is employed at the Merchants National bank. Mr. Greenberg, a graduate of the Rockford high school, is employed by the All-Steel Equipment company.

Mrs. Ida Wormley, who has so successfully conducted the Main Confectionery and restaurant for the past few years, has moved into a better location, just next door in the Masonic building on Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson entertained relatives at a Thanksgiving dinner Sunday. Their son, Wylie, in the selective service, will leave Saturday, as will two other Oswego boys, Louie Reid and J. Fred Reeves.

December -- 1941

Dec. 3: Mr. and Mrs. William Reeves from Barry were guests at the W.J. Morse home last week to bid their son, J. Fred Reeves, good-bye before he left in the selective service Nov. 29.

The Misses Jane and Agnes White have been placed in charge of the library.

There are quite a number of cases of whooping cough in Oswego, hard cases among the little folks.

Mrs. Marvin Marquardt will go to Chicago this week buying for the Margo Dress shop. Oswego is proud of this thriving little business house.

Yorkville: Those men in the National Guard or Regular Army on Registration day who didn't register but who have been discharged since must register immediately. If you are within the age limits and haven't registered because you were in the service, you had better get in touch with Mr. Wells of the Selective Service board at the courthouse in Yorkville and straighten out your status.

Dec. 10: The world is in a turmoil this Monday morning. This will be a day whose date goes down in history.

At the close of the Prairie church services Sunday noon, fire was discovered in the basement near one of the furnaces. The Oswego Fire department was called and the fire nearly controlled, but the firemen were handicapped by the lack of water and help was called from the Aurora Fire department. Considerable damage was done to the basement by fire and to the auditorium by smoke and the holes chopped in the floor. The church has just been newly decorated and a beautiful new carpet laid. The members are thankful that the structure didn't burn to the ground.

Yorkville: Of course the main topic of thought and conversation in Yorkville and elsewhere is the attack of the Japanese upon the United States and its possessions. And here we sit at the Linotype and try to concentrate what we facetiously call our brain on the writing of this here kolyum and at the same time hear the news reports as they come over the radio which is a difficult thing to do. So if the kolyum sounds a wee bit more screwy this week than it usually does, you know that there is some reason for it.

In a release from Congressman Noah M. Mason, who had a weekly column in the *Record* that mostly criticized the Roosevelt Administration, he wrote: "Signing off for Duration. America has been attacked. War has come. From now on all Americans must put aside differences of opinion and unite to win the war as quickly as possible. We pray that "Peace on earth good will to men" may soon become the controlling gospel of all nations."

Dec. 17: Seventy members and guests of the Nineteenth Century club met in the club room Thursday, Dec. 11.

Please affix stamps to cards and letters placed in rural mail boxes!

Mrs. Luella Anderson received a cablegram from her son, Carroll, last week. The cable read, "Honolulu. Am o.k." and was signed with his name.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Larsen are rejoicing at the arrival of a daughter, born at the St. Joseph's hospital in Aurora Dec. 12.

Dr. Saxon, home on furlough, spent a few days in Oswego last week.

An emergency call has been received by the local unit of the Red cross for knitters. The demand is for knitted men's sweaters with long sleeves, socks, helmets, and watch caps. These should be ready to ship by Jan. 23 Yarn will be furnished by the unit.

There were no services at the Prairie church last Sunday because of the damage done by the fire Dec. 7. The renovating is being done rapidly and services can soon be held again.

The members of the Oswego Fire department would like to correct a statement made in last week's *Record* in which it was stated that lack of water hampered the work of the firemen.

The department has a truck with a tank containing 1,300 gallons of water. This outfit goes to each fire and at the fire at the Prairie church it was on the job and at the end of the fire returned to Oswego with over 700 gallons still in the tank. Obviously there was plenty of water.

We are glad to correct any mistaken impression that our article of last week might have given.

The Aurora fire truck answering the call was not summoned by the Oswego department.

Dec. 24: Out of town judges will judge the outdoor lighting contest on Friday Dec. 26. It is hoped that many will enter the contest.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Leigh received the news of a grandson born at the Copley hospital in Aurora Dec. 16 to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Keck.

Mrs. Horace Larsen and Maryeva returned from the St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Aurora, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Woolley are the proud parents of a son, Bruce William, born Dec. 20 at the Hospital of Osteopathy, Chicago. Both mother and son are doing well.

Mrs. Martha Potter Herren of Oswego, 69, died Dec. 17 at her home. She was born July 14, 1872 in Oswego. She is survived by her husband, Frank W. Herren; one son, Howard Potter Herren; and one grandson, Stanley Charles Herren. Mrs. Herren was a member of the Oswego Presbyterian church and a Past Matron of Lorraine Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

The funeral was held at the Oswego Presbyterian church Dec. 20. Interment was in the Pearce cemetery.

A fine Christmas program was put on by the grade school pupils Friday night.

Yorkville: Col. Paul G. Armstrong, State Director of Selective Service, today urged all employers in Illinois to give the Selective Service system the fullest measure of cooperation possible in replacing men qualified for the armed forces with women or older men. Also, he stated that each employer should consider it to be his patriotic duty not to ask for industrial deferment for anyone who is not an absolutely necessary man to defense production.

Marriage licenses: Everett Hafenrichter, Plainfield; Lucille Bower, Oswego.

Dec. 31: The high school basketball tournament starts at Yorkville Wednesday and Oswego is playing.

Mrs. Leslie Woolley and Bruce came to their home from the hospital Monday.

The Red Cross members will meet in the Red Cross rooms for an all day meeting Friday.

Yorkville: A few minutes before we started to write this, a huge plane flew directly over our little village at an altitude which seemed so low we could nearly reach up and touch it. The thought occurred to us as we watched it that if a stick of bombs were dropped by the plane Yorkville wouldn't have had any more chance than a rabbit. Our thoughts strayed farther over to Wake, Guam, and the Philippines and we pondered upon the terror that there must be in



the hearts of the people there as dozens upon dozens of Japanese planes flew about overhead dropping their "eggs."

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January

Jan. 7: Issue missing.

Jan. 14: The Busy Bee club met last Wednesday with Mrs. Clarence Johnson. There was a small attendance because of the weather. Mrs. Harold Seidelman and Mrs. Ray Murley were guests.

At the Federated church meeting on Tuesday night of last week, Oscar Johnson and Ernest Hoch were the trustees re-elected for a term of three years as were Mr. Henry Heffelfinger, clerk, and Miss Edna Walker, treasurer.

Jan. 21: Forrest Wooley has enlisted in the Army and left from Aurora Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Etsinger announce the marriage of their daughter, Dorothy, on Dec. 23, 1941 to Robert J. Johnson, son of Mrs. M.G. Johnson of Iowa City. Mrs. Johnson attended the Oswego schools, graduating from high school in 1937. At present she is a student in the school of nursing, graduating in the spring. Mr. Johnson is a student in the school of medicine, having one more year before he graduates, at the University of Iowa.

Roy Hettrich left by plane from Chicago for Cuba Friday to be gone about six weeks. The trip by plane will take about 20 hours.

Frank Herren was run into in Aurora Saturday. His car was quite badly damaged.

Plainfield played basketball at Oswego Saturday night. Plainfield won the first team game, 36-32. Oswego won the second game, 17-16. Both games went into overtime because of ties.

The pupils of the Walker school had a forced vacation a few days the first of last week because of the illness of the teacher, Mrs. Norman Zurbrigg.

Oswego men selected for induction from the local draft included Cecil E. Carlson, Paul T. Krug, John Lewis, Elwyn Holdiman, and Charles Sleezer.

A graphic in the *Record* reported, "Here is how Germany Might Bomb our Mid-West Cities." According to the graphic, German bombers could be re-supplied at Spitsbergen, Norway; Ellesmere Island; and at Hudson Bay, Canada for their trek from the west coast of Norway. "We are vulnerable to air attacks coming over the North Pole," the paper warned.

Jan. 28: A drama of the liquor traffic, "The Prisoner at the Bar," will be presented Sunday, Feb. 1, at the Presbyterian church at 7:30 p.m. This is a play presented by the Anti-Saloon League with a cast of 21 local citizens. Admission is free.

Friends are glad to know that Pvts. William Leigh Jr. and Robert McMicken have changed their address. The boys are now situated at the Casey Jones school of Aeronautics, a private school in the town of Newark, N.J.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bazan are moving to a farm south of Yorkville. Marie Bazan is living with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Norris and working in Aurora. Francis is staying at the Alex Harvey home until school is out.

Miss Elaine Smith is completing the year teaching in the Scotch church school, taking the place of Miss Jean Anderson of Joliet, who went into other work.

Logan Harvey left one day last week from Joliet for Army duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Matile are moving to a farm on the Scotch church road.

The Kendall county teachers and school children will put on a special drive for the collection of funds for the American Junior Red Cross during the week of Jan. 26-30.

Mrs. Mary Shoger received a message telling of the death of her grandson, Kay Fugat, 24 years old, who was killed in action at Pearl Harbor He enlisted two years ago in Aurora.

Ernest Songer, who has been in the Navy for the past four years has signed for another four-year hitch.

Forrest Woolley telephoned his home from Camp Grant Sunday saying he is in good health and enjoying the life and the food.

Funeral services were held Thursday morning at the funeral home in Oswego for Mrs. J.H. Edwards, a former resident of Oswego who has made her home with her son, I.H. Edwards. Her husband, an Oswego hardware dealer, and one daughter preceded her in death. She is survived by her son, I.H Edwards; one daughter, Mrs. Edith Wormley of Chicago; and five grandchildren, John LeSuer, Edward Wormley, Aden Edwards, and Mrs. Dorothy Guerette of Arlington, Mass., and Ira Edwards of Chicago. Mrs. Edwards was 86 years old.

“Citizens!” a front page ad read in the *Record*. “Our country having been forced into a war and now being subject to attack from within as well as from without, it is imperative for every loyal citizen to stand ready to render assistance in case of an emergency. In order to utilize your efforts to the best possible advantage, it is necessary that our Local Defense Councils have full information as to what work each of you is able and willing to do, if necessary. Accordingly, Thursday, Feb. 5, has been designed by the Kendall County Executive Board as Registration Day. Each community will have a committee in attendance at one of the places listed below for the purpose of registering everyone possible. Remember Pearl Harbor! Let it not happen here!”

February -- 1942

Feb. 4: Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Gerry announce the engagement of their daughter, Marie Irene, to Arthur C. Ramm, of Aurora, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ramm of Davenport, Ia. The wedding will take place on March 7.

The Oswego grade school board of education has been notified by Charles Earl Vandever, county superintendent of schools, that the Illinois State Department of Education has recognized the Oswego grade school as a superior elementary school. This is the fourth consecutive year this grade school has received this honor.

Members of the board of education of District One are E.L. Inman, president; Oscar Olson, clerk; Edward Baker; Clay Cutter; John K. Luettick [Luetlich]; Albert Shiffer; and Allen Troyer.

The teachers employed this year are Madelyn Rausch, first and second grades; Gracia Gutel, second and third grades; Priscilla Espevik, fourth and fifth grades; Reeve Thompson, band, glee club, and junior; and Harold Kirkhus, teacher and superintendent.

The Radius family have closed the restaurant on Main street and are moving away.

Mrs. Roy Erwin will continue the janitor work at the high school, taking the place of her husband, who recently passed away.

Hudson Wayne left Monday of last week for California to bring home his son's automobile and other belongings. Heath Wayne is in the United States Air Corps.

On Thursday the entire grade and high school met in the gym for the presentation of Bibles from the Gideons.

Jimmie Zentmyer has joined the Navy and on Friday took his examination and was administered the oath. He was then given a leave to Feb. 20 because of crowded conditions. Thursday evening, the junior class of the Oswego high school, of which Jimmie was president, surprised him at his home on Park avenue after enjoying a pleasant evening gave him a gift, a Navy kit.

This vicinity had a real old fashioned snowstorm Saturday. The drifts piled on up, making it necessary for the snowplows to close the roads. Not cold Saturday, but it was Monday morning.

Yorkville: Service on the Burlington's Fox River branch was at a standstill Tuesday because of the derailment of six loaded white sand cars at Wedron. The mail service stopped also. Consequently, we of the *Record* are really on the horns of a dilemma. No correspondence came in all day Tuesday. Mr. Witthans of the "Q" informs us that service should be normal again Wednesday.

The Yorkville village board voted at its meeting Monday night to adopt war time, which is one hour faster than central standard time. War time becomes effective on Monday, Feb. 9. If you will set your clock ahead upon retiring Sunday night, you will get up Monday all square as far as time is concerned. Oswego adopted war time at its board meeting on Tuesday night.

Harold Kirkhus, superintendent of the Oswego Community Consolidated schools, has formally announced his candidacy for County Superintendent of Schools of Kendall county. Mr. Kirkhus received his elementary education in rural schools. After graduating from high school he attended the Pleasant view Luther college at Ottawa for a year. [more complete bio follows]

Feb. 11: Toni Ann Troyer has scarlet fever in a light form, the only known case in Oswego at present.

Wilbur Woolley will sell his farm equipment at public auction Feb. 27. They are expecting to move to Oswego.

Yorkville: At a meeting of principals and coaches in the office of F.C. Thomas at the Yorkville school Wednesday night, a new conference of high schools was formed. The new group consists of the Plainfield, Orland Park, Oswego, Newark, Minooka, and Yorkville schools. A basketball schedule for the net season was drawn up. Besides the basketball schedule, many other activities will be shared by members of the conference including music, drama, assembly programs, vocational guidance, and so on.

Feb. 18: Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Lantz celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary Feb. 16 with an open house. Mr. Lantz is 95 years old and his wife is 92. They are among the oldest married couples in the state.

Barbara Gast, a student at East high, is ill at her home. She has scarlet fever.

Sgt. Franklin Clark has been recalled to service with the 33d Division and is stationed at Camp Forrest.

Marshall Young had a card from Roy Hettrich, vacationing in Cuba. Mr. Hettrich wishes he could speak Spanish.

Yorkville: L.T. Wells, chief clerk of the local draft board, announces that there were 663 in Kendall county who were registered in the Selective Service at the registration Monday.

Feb. 25: The Oswego high school vocational agriculture department has begun work compiling a list of possible farm and home employees for the coming spring and summer rush periods. The plan is to make available a list of young men who will be available to help in the anticipated labor shortage this summer.

The Allan Troyers were released for quarantine for scarlet fever the first of the week.

The Oswego high school basketball team won both games from Minooka last Saturday evening.

Pupils of the Oswego grade school are buying defense stamps. It is now possible for them to purchase stamps at the school.

Dr. and Mrs. L.J. Weishew have gone on a vacation of a month in Mexico.

March -- 1942

March 4: Wilbur Woolley had a large and successful farm sale Feb. 27. Mr. and Mrs. Woolley and their three daughters are moving this week to the residence in Oswego purchased from the Leonard Shoger estate. The Maple Leaf Club held a party for them at the Wilton Woolley home Feb. 19, and presented them with a beautiful lamp.

Ralph Kesselring, now at the University of Chicago, spoke and showed pictures of Malaya at the Prairie church last Sunday evening. Mr. Kesselring lived in Oswego and attended school here years ago, and has since been a teacher in the Orient.

Mrs. Martha Slater Pearce, widow of Dr. J. Newton Pearce of Iowa City, Ia., died in the Montrose hospital, Chicago, Feb. 26. Funeral services were held in Chicago and short burial services at the Pearce cemetery in Oswego where Mrs. Pearce was laid beside her husband, who died in 1935.

Yorkville: Experiences of one year "Behind the Scenes in Nazi Germany," including time spent in a Nazi concentration camp, will be presented with lecture, sound motion pictures, and uncensored still pictures by Ralph E. Baney, world traveler, missionary, and author at the Yorkville Methodist church March 8. The speaker, who has been in Germany five times, was able, with the aid of press credentials, to witness the beginnings of Hitler's attempt for world-wide conquest.

March 11: Sixty members and guests of the Nineteenth Century club met in the club rooms Thursday, March 5. Mrs. Orma Shoger opened the meeting.

Dr. M.R. Saxon was in town last week on a business trip. He has just finished an intensive three month course training in a medical school in Pennsylvania and was to report back to San Antonio, Tex. March 9, not knowing where he was to go from there.

Dr. I. H. [Isadore Herman] Deutsch of Chicago expects to be located in Oswego about April, in the building recently vacated by the Main Cafe, on Main street. Charles Cherry, who owns the building, is having it remodeled and redecorated.

Superintendent of schools H.B. Tate is to speak Wednesday evening in the fourth Lenten forum of the Federated church. The subject is "The Way of Life for Today."

Harry Clark, the well-known Oswego trucker and farmer, made a deal last Saturday with a Chicago brewery in which they became the owner of a fine team of matched sorrel horses weighing 1,400 pounds. The price for the team was \$650.

Mr. and Mrs. George Roth will observe their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, March 15, at their home east of Oswego.

The marriage of Miss Marie Irene Gerry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Gerry of Oswego, to Arthur Carl Ramm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ramm of Davenport, Ia., took place at the Oswego Prairie Evangelical church Saturday evening at 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramm left on a trip throughout the South.

The bride was graduated from the Oswego high school and attended North Central college and Metropolitan Business college. The bridegroom was graduated from Davenport high school and the Wilton School of Commerce in Chicago. He is a former teacher at the Metropolitan Business college, and is now employed in the general office of the Pure Oil company in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Zentmyer have another son, born Saturday, March 7. Their oldest son, Jimmie, is in the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ebinger have a daughter, born March 3, at the Copley hospital. The little lady, the fourth child in the family, has been named Alice Agnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Campbell have moved to the Kennedy farm on Route 34. Mrs. Luella Hettrich, who has been living with her daughter and son-in-law for several years, is staying with her son, A.J. Hettrich and wife until the Kennedy house is remodeled and redecorated.

March 18: The senior class of the Oswego high school is presenting the play, "Stray Cats," March 20 in the school gym at 8 p.m.



The operetta "The Magic Beanstalk," will be given by the Oswego grade school March 27, at the school gym. All children in the grades are in the cast.

Roy Hettrich returned from several weeks' trip to Havana, Cuba last week. He found a mild climate for a winter vacation. The hotel at which he stayed was 250 years old with solid mahogany woodwork and furniture, a native wood in the island. The only way to get to Havana now is by airplane with reservations reserved.

One hundred friends attended the reception for Mr. and Mrs. George Roth, one of the best known couples in Kendall county who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary March 15.

Mr. Roth was born Aug. 2, 1869 on the farm where he has always lived. He is the son of John and Margaret Roth. Mrs. Roth was born in Fayette county, Ia., Sept. 4, 1872, the daughter of John and Christine Lauterback. The marriage took place at Sumner, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. Roth have three sons and two daughters, Clayton R. Roth of Oswego and Raymond L. Roth and Don G. Roth of Aurora; and Miss Edna Roth and Miss Mildred Roth, who live with their parents. There are two grandchildren, Donna Mae Roth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Roth, and David R., son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Roth. Mr. and Mrs. Roth are members of the Oswego Prairie Evangelical church.

Mrs. Irene Weir Rempher was called here from her home in Parkston, S.D., to attend the funeral services of her uncle, G.H. Voss, who died Saturday, March 14. Mrs. Rempher, the daughter of Mr. Voss's sister, Carrie and her children are the only direct survivors.

We have seen a robin, meadowlarks, and large flocks of geese in victory formation flying north. Have you?

Gus Voss, a former sheriff of Kendall county, died suddenly Saturday morning following a heart attack. He was found at his home by a friend, W.B. Marion of Aurora. Mr. Voss had lived alone since the death of his wife, Martha, five years ago.

Born in Oswego Dec. 15, 1865, he resided there practically all his life. A barber by trade, he operated a shop in Oswego for years. He

was always interested in politics and took an active and prominent part in Republican party circles. He served the county as sheriff from 1902-1906, and was a Deputy United States Marshal several years. In the administration of Gov. Louis Emmerson, he was an investigator for the state board of pardons and paroles. He is survived by a niece, Mrs. Irene Weir Rempher of South Dakota. Funeral services were held Monday from the Oswego Presbyterian church. Masonic services were given by Raven Lodge AF & AM, of which Mr. Voss had been a member for 55 years. Burial was made in the Oswego cemetery.

On Sunday, March 22, a rededication service will be held at 2:30 at the Prairie church with Dr. Alvin Haag of Naperville preaching the dedication service.

Nice thunderstorm Monday morning. Our first thought on waking was the Oswego was being bombed.

Mrs. Adele Wooley went to Tennessee to see her son, Forrest, in Camp Lee, returning last week.

Yorkville: Tilton's Comedians were playing every Monday night at the Yorkville Theatre. "A Guaranteed Stage Attraction; Complete Change Each Week. Plays--vaudeville--Orchestra. Prices 10 cents and 15 cents.

March 25: The XIX Century club met in the club rooms Thursday for the 12th regular meeting.

Mrs. Carl Bohn, chairman of the Victory Book campaign, reported that an outstanding collection of books had been received and that 220 books had been taken to the DeKalb library, there to be sorted and sent out to various military camps.

Seven hundred dozen cookies were received for the cookie jar at Camp Grant. A letter of appreciation from the camp for the cookies was read.

The freshmen and sophomores taking world history and the seniors have just completed taking a national current events test given to thousands of high school students in all 48 states. In this test, highest scores were as follows: John Palmer, 93; Mary Baumann, 93;

and Eugene Krell, 91. These tests are the basis for Oswego's entry in a contest for a Charles Pater Davis medal for outstanding work in current events.

High school track aspirants will start their workouts this week, providing the weather remains fair. Permission has been received to use Herren Field.

Improved weather has brought the vocational ag boys out to the farms for considerable work in the past two weeks. They have been pruning trees, testing soil, caring for newborn lambs, and caring for pigs at farrowing time.

April -- 1942

April 1: Delmar Schwichtenberg came home unexpectedly March 25 from New London, Conn. Delmar, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Schwichtenberg, is in the service and has just been promoted to Machinist's Mate second class, and those in that class are permitted to marry, so he and his schoolmate sweetheart, Helen Amelia LaBay were married at St. Mary's Rectory at Plainfield Saturday evening, March 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Schwichtenberg left by auto Sunday morning to make their home in New London, Conn.

The farmers in the neighborhood of the Wormley school have two new neighbors this spring. The "ranch" house has been completed and the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Goslee and daughter Maryln, have moved in. Mr. and Mrs. Christensen and three children have moved into a home near the CB&Q viaduct on Route 31. One of the Christensen children and Maryln Goslee attend the Wormley school.

Mr. and Mrs. Reeve Thompson have moved into the Bower house on Washington street recently vacated by the Weiderts, who have gone into their home purchased on Monroe avenue. Mrs. Carl Whitehouse of Normal came to assist in the care of her little granddaughter while the Thompsons were moving.

On Thursday evening, March 26, a special meeting was held at the Legion hall for the purpose of forming an organization to promote the sale of Defense Bonds and Stamps. An executive council was elected with Paul Zwoyer as chairman; Oliver Burkhart, coordinator; Herbert Tate, statistics; Rev. Horace Larsen, publicity; and Mrs. Ray Ness, secretary.

A private sale of household effects of the late Gus Voss was held last week. The home is being redecorated and Superintendent Herbert Tate and wife and son will move in as soon as the place is ready for occupancy.

#### R.D. GATES

Robert Douglas Gates passed away at his home in Oswego March 29. He was born in Kendall township, Kendall county, Sept. 18, 1856. His wife and one daughter preceded him in death. He is survived by eight children, Tracy Gates of Aurora, Mrs. Edith Collins of Oswego, Orin Gates of Paynes Creek, Calif., Robert Gates of Aurora, Mrs. Ida Pierce of Aurora, Mrs. Fern Grate of Plainfield, Charles Gates of Los Angeles, Calif., and Albert Gates of Yorkville; nineteen grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Eva Beattie of Denver, Colo., and Mrs. Emma Garner of Yorkville; and a brother, Charles Gates, of Yorkville.

Funeral services will be held Thursday from the McKeown funeral home with interment in the NaAuSay cemetery.

Yorkville: Because of the ever-changing conditions caused by our nation being at war, and because of the chance of there being sabotage committed in our county, and to prevent the people in our county from being embarrassed, I would like to submit to you the following don'ts:

Don't fail to report the serial numbers of your tires.

Don't park on highways at night.

Don't park at road intersections.

Don't park near bridges at night.

Don't walk on railroad tracks.

Don't park on country roads at night.

Don't drive while intoxicated.

Don't fail to report to the Sheriff's office anything you may see which seems out of the ordinary.

Don't fail to cooperate with your police departments.

Don't fail to buy Defense Bonds.

We need the cooperation of everyone in the county to do the job that we have to do so YOU DO YOUR JOB and the county police will cooperate and to their part.

ROBERT C. WOODARD

Sheriff

Kendall County

April 8: Forty members and guests of the XIX Century club met in the club rooms Thursday, April 2.

The speaker of the afternoon, the Rev. R.E. Simms of Plano, whose hobby is compiling information about White House women, gave an informative address on that subject.

A program, the proceeds to be used for the band, will be presented Friday, April 10, at the Oswego school gym. There will be numbers by the school band, by Joy's accordion band of 35 members, specialty numbers by the Aurora unit of Roy Wilson's dancing studio, and a one-act play, "Thursday at Home," by the following cast: Frances Wormley, Ruth Steckel, Marjorie Shoger, Celeste Luetlich, Edna Wolf, Corrine Journey, Ruth Wolf, Whynema Olson, and Emma Troyer.

Lloyd Collins of Oswego and Miss Betty Barger of Aurora were married Friday, April 3, at St. Louis, Mo.

Lloyd goes to Chicago April 10 for his examination and expects to be inducted into the Army.

Pvt. Robert Pierce of Camp Polk La., and Pvt. Delmar Gates of Camp Blanding, Fla., came to attend the funeral of their grandfather, R.D. Gates, Thursday.

Mrs. Adele Woolley had a telephone call Easter afternoon from her son, Forrest, now located at Ft. Lee, Md. He had just been transferred to Ft. Lee and said it was a grand camp and that the weather was beautiful.

Yorkville: It took nearly a full page for the *Record* to list all of the young Kendall County men whose draft numbers had been called.

April 15: Superintendent and Mrs. Tate will move into the Voss residence this weekend.

Mrs. Bruce Henderson and infant son Rodney Allen are spending a week or two at the home of her father, Reuben Hafenrichter, before returning to her home on Main street.

Dr. I.H. Deutsch, MD, formerly of Chicago, is now located at 13 Main street, Oswego He has been connected with the Mt. Sinai and American hospitals and has been practicing medicine and surgery for several years.

Lloyd Collins, Dale Patton, and Kenneth Blackman left April 10, for the induction center at Camp Custer, Mich. Mrs. Lloyd Collins, a recent bride, will stay with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Collins.

On Wednesday evening, April 8, a number of the Gates relatives and Mrs. Paul Barger of Aurora met with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Drake honoring Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Collins. The evening was spent visiting and getting acquainted with Mrs. Lloyd Collins. A purse was presented to Lloyd and Betty.

Harold Kirkhus, superintendent of the Oswego grade school spoke at the PTA meeting of the Marlin school near Minooka Friday evening.

Mrs. Herman Armbruster is having the upper flat of her property on Washington street redecorated. The Paul E. Zwoyer family moved to the lower flat when the Logan Bower family moved to Aurora.

Dr. I.H. Routsch and Miss Stone, RN, are now located in a newly remodeled office in the business block on Main street in Oswego.

April 22: The Oswego Merry Maids and the La Menu Modell 4-H clubs held their first meeting April 16 at Sawyers.

Jimmie Zentmyer is home on a 10-day leave, graduating from the great Lakes training school and on returning is to continue in aviation metalsmith school for at least four months more at Navy Pier.

Yorkville: The federal government has asked our school teachers to handle the local sugar rationing. The trade people will register at the high school April 28-29. Consumers will register May 4-7. Unless plans are changed, stores will stop selling sugar April 27 for a week or more.

Parents, who may register the entire family, will need to know the age, height, weight, and color of the eyes and hair of each member at the time of registration. The family may have two pounds of sugar for each member that will not be counted. If there be more than 6 pounds in the larger for each member, no book will be issued at the time of registering.

Those who use sugar in preparing our serving meals other than for family use or in manufacturing or processing a product, including feeding bees, will need to furnish figures showing the amount of sugar used during each month in 1941 or actual pounds used in March 1942.

April 29: The mothers of the pupils in the Russell school attended a miscellaneous shower for Elizabeth Grate, the teacher, at the Harry Nelson home. Miss Grate will become the bride of Floyd Parkhurst Saturday, May 2.

The Rev. Carl Krell preached his last sermon at the Prairie church Sunday and after the evening service the congregation lingered for a social time. The Krells and their sons moved to Manhattan, Ill. April 28 and the Rev. and Mrs. LeRoy Huntley and little son of Chicago moved into the parsonage in Oswego.

Did you have cake for your Sunday dinner? We did and if we don't have another frosted one for the "duration," we will remember how good these were that were baked in the last weeks of April.

Robert Harvey, who has just completed an eight week course in an aircraft school in Chicago, went last week to begin work in the Hayes airplane factory in Grand Rapids, Mich. H has a room in the YMCA and would be glad to receive mail.

Friday, May 1, was visiting day at the Oswego Community high school for 36 eighth grade students who responded to an earlier

invitation to spend a day at the school visiting classes and participating in various other activities.

Visiting students attended classes in physical education, home economics, agriculture, current events, and general science. H.B. Tate, principal, spoke on "Problems of the High School Freshman." Lunch was prepared and served all visitors and teachers at the homemaking house by the sophomore homemaking class.

Mrs. Julia Lyon died May 1. She has been a patient in the St. Joseph's hospital for many weeks. Funeral services were held at the McKeown funeral home Sunday afternoon, May 3.

Mrs. Lyon, 63, was born in Lithuania, Europe, and came to this country at the age of 18. Her first husband, an aviator, was killed in the first World war. About 12 years ago she married Henry Lyon, who preceded her in death two years ago.

She was a member of the Presbyterian church. She was buried beside her husband in the Oswego cemetery. She had no known relatives.

Twelve boxes of cookies and candy were sent Monday to soldiers who are connected with the Oswego Presbyterian church.

The families in Consolidated District 5 [the Walker School district] are invited to a community meeting at the schoolhouse Friday evening, May 8. The teacher, Mrs. Norman Zurbrigg and the pupils will present a short program and the neighbors will enjoy a social time.

Mrs. Ralph Wheeler and infant daughter Carol Jane returned from the Copley hospital to their home on Park avenue May 1.

Yorkville: There is a need for men to volunteer their services for farm work during the coming summer and harvest months.

This need may not be apparent right at the moment, but if men continue to leave in draft quotas, and there is every indication that they will, later we may find a real shortage of farm labor and no organization perfected to function to provide it.

There is no better way to get a real healthful tan and help fill the nation's food bins. The house you spend in the fields will make you feel better and you'll feel right with the world. Do your part and offer



your services. The only compensation offered is "The privilege of a free man living in the United States of America."

On another page in the *Record* you will find a blank to fill out When you have done so, bring it or mail it to the *Kendall County Record*, Yorkville.

May -- 1942

May 6: Issue missing from bound volume.

May 13: Six members of the XIX Century club attended the 12th district convention of the Federated Woman's clubs at Belvidere May 6. They were Mrs. Raymond Campbell, Mrs. John Pahaly, Mrs. W.C. Baum, Mrs. Merrill Wolf, Mrs. Francis Campbell, and Mrs. Clarence Cherry.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Herren visited their son, John Layton, at St. John's Military academy at Delafield, Wis. on Mother's Day.

Yorkville: Results of the four-day registration are as follows: Applications filed, 10,526; war ration books issued, 8,210; excess sugar, 59,028 pounds. These are first reports and are subject to slight changes on a final check. The 10,436 is only 541 short of our 1940 census of 11,005, and could be accounted for by those residents of districts whose schools were located in adjacent counties. Their cards will be sent to us as soon as those boards sort them out.

We of Kendall County Rationing Board No. 47-1 thank every one of you who have made possible the success of this registration.

KENDALL COUNTY RATIONING BOARD NO. 47-1

The priorities and the curtailed use of cans for food should present no immediate problem for Yorkville housewives as fresh fruits and vegetables are being made available in steadily increasing quantity and variety, J.P. Smith, vice president for the A&P food stores in this area declared today.

May 20: The Rev. Charles Churchill, son of the late Dr. A.H. Churchill and Mrs. Churchill of Oswego, will leave his pastorate at

Delmont, Pa., and assume his commission as chaplain in the U.S. Army. He will report June 10 for schooling at Ft. Benjamin Harrison near Indianapolis. His wife and children will live at Jamestown, N.Y., near her people.

Mr. and Mrs. John Amwoza (Virginia LaBay) of Montgomery are the parents of a son, born May 18 at the St. Joseph's hospital, Aurora.

Dr. M.R. Saxon is stationed in Alabama.

Mrs. Helen May Watts died at her home on Route 18 May 15. She is survived by two sons, Arthur E. May of Belleville, Ontario, Canada and Cyril H. May of Wauwatosa, Wis., and five grandchildren, also two sisters in England. Private funeral services were held at the McKeown funeral home Sunday afternoon, May 17, with interment in the Riverside cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Sleezer announce the engagement of their daughter, Marguerite Faith, to Harley Monroe Swanquist of Biloxi, Miss., son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Swanquist of Plano

The Defense Bond quota for Oswego and NaAuSay is \$63,000. Up to May 17, more than \$152,000 has been subscribed.

The high school operetta, directed by Reeve Thompson and accompanied at the piano by Doris Grate, held at the high school gym May 15, was well presented and much enjoyed by a large crowd.

Many of the schools will close next week.

The school in district five, with the teacher, Mrs. Norman Zurbrigg, held an entertainment and social evening May 18.

Yorkville: Applications of farmers who want permission to build barns cribs, fences, or other facilities costing more than the \$1,000 limit set by the War Production board will be reviewed by the Kendall County USDA war board, Harvey L. Christian, chairman, said this week.

May 27: Graduation exercises for the seniors of the Oswego Community high school will be held in the gymnasium on Thursday evening, May 28, at 8 o'clock.

Principal H.B. Tate will present activity awards. The DAR award will be presented to Elaine Devereaux. Other awards will be announced the evening of graduation.

Charles Schultz, president of the board of education, will present diplomas.

The entire senior class left early Monday for a trip to Chicago, where they stayed at the Hotel Sherman.

The class roll: Clara Ambrus, Betty Ballou, Duane Borneman, Ruth Brown, Elaine Devereaux, Harold Dhuse, Frances Eyre, Doris Grate, Violet Johnson, Marjorie Kellogg, Irene Patterson, Harlan Paydon, Margaret Pauley, Helen Pearson, Jeanne Rogerson, William Shiffer, Emogine Shoger, Harley Shoger, Bennett, Sickler, Ruth Staffeldt, Marilyn Strausberge, Leighton Steckel, Enid Van Etten, and Richard Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gast announce the engagement of their daughter, Marguerite, to Robert Worst of Plainfield.

Mrs. Thomas Condon announces the engagement of her daughter, Loretta, to Julius Krauklis, a student at Berkley, Calif.

Mrs. Wallace Sleezer received a letter from Chaplain A.H. Simmons of Camp Polk, La., stating her son, Charles, would be located permanently at Camp Polk, He is engaged in secretarial work in the quartermaster division.

At the second style show presented by the Oswego school May 21, the homemaking classes supervised by the instructor, Miss Schmitt, showed or modeled more than 100 garments.

The Oswego Presbyterian church had its first military wedding May 23 when Marguerite Sleezer became the bride of Harley Swanquist in a beautiful and impressive ceremony.

Seventh and eighth grade pupils and several of the teachers of the rural schools in Kendall county enjoyed a bus trip to Springfield

May 23, where they spent the day sightseeing, visiting various points of interest in the state capital.

In the Oswego grade school final examinations were held May 21 and 22 for all eighth grade pupils. The eighth grade graduation exercises will be held at the gym at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27. Members of this year's graduating class are: Katherine and Ruth Antuna, Alice Baker, George Burton, Joyce Bell, Patricia Campbell, Fred Claassen, George Gibson, Nancy Olson, Harlan Krell, Mary Kruger, Whylna Orr, James Mitchell, Robert Truitt, Arthur Klomhaus, Marilyn Rogerson, Darlene Dhuse, Barbara Woolley, Fred VanDeventer, Shirley Wells, Charlene Schultz, Emmett, Drake, William Sleezer, and Dean Panikis.

June -- 1942

June 3: Thirty women attended the Red Cross meeting at the Red Cross rooms May 29. They are sewing dresses for refugees, of which 60 are to be made by this unit, also hospital bags and piecing quilts, etc.

The corn is planted, the soybeans are in and the farmers are ready to cultivate corn.

Harold Bower has been appointed as leader for two years of the Young Republican organization of Kendall county.

Pvt. Harley Swanquist and his bride, the former Marguerite Sleezer, left on May 27 for their home in Biloxi, Miss.

The Harvey school, with Mrs. Warren Norris the teacher, picnicked in the William Fechner yard May 28. The students and their parents enjoyed a wienie roast.

The 47th annual meeting of the Oswego High School Alumni association was held in the school gymnasium Friday, May 29 at 7:30 p.m.

June 10: Lt. Charles Churchill gave the message at the Presbyterian church last Sunday morning, taking as his subject, "Why I Became a Chaplain," using Romans 10:14-15 as his text.

The Gaylord School Community club met with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Elliott on the evening of June 5. Because of the severe electrical storm all evening, only a few families attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walker accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Sergerson to Wilmington Sunday afternoon to call on cousins who live 1-1/2 miles west of the Elwood ordinance plant. Scarcely any damage resulted from the terrible blast at their residence, nor at others near. In many cases, the blast didn't even awaken the people. Many gruesome stories were told of the catastrophe.

Montgomery: On Sunday, June 14, the citizens of Montgomery will hold Flag day ceremonies at the Village hall, beginning at 2 p.m. At this time, there will be on display an old American flag, about which very little is known.

However, it is known that it was made by the church women of Montgomery and presented in 1861 to Camp Hammond, located in Montgomery.

From a book co-authored by L.J. Bennett and William M. Haigh and published in Aurora in 1876, it was learned that the 36th Regiment of Illinois Volunteers was stationed at Camp Hammond. Included in the group of men from both Kane and Kendall counties were Silas Miller, Captain of Co. B, Captain Pierce of Lisbon, and Nicholas Greusel, the Colonel.

The program committee would be most appreciative if any readers of the *Record* would aid in locating relatives of these men or anyone who might tell more of the history of this grand old flag.

If you have any information, won't you please forward it to Mrs. John Livsey, program chairman, Montgomery. It will be greatly appreciated.

Yorkville: Beginning the week of Feb. 9, a systematic sale of War Stamps and Bonds was instituted by the grade and high schools of Kendall county. In most of the schools, a certain definite day was set aside for the sales.

Up to and including the last week in May, the grade school students, high school students, and teachers purchased the following amounts of War Stamps and Bonds:

Oswego	\$792.35
Plano	\$2,230.50
Newark	\$445.35
Yorkville	\$1,092.15
Total	\$4,560.35

#### Collect Scrap--Slap the Jap!

The Secretary of Agriculture has asked war boards to cooperate in another task vital to the victory effort--the salvage and collection of scrap metal, paper, rubber, burlap, and rags. The collection of scrap iron has been underway in Kendall county for some time, but the importance of this new drive for salvage materials cannot be overemphasized.

Scrap piles are already started at Yorkville, Kentland, Newark, Plano, and Oswego.

June 17: Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Woolley announce the engagement of their daughters, Patricia Louise to Pvt. John Haben and Elizabeth Jane to Pvt. Donald Sampson. Pvt. Haben is the son of Mrs. Edward Stotts, Little York, Ill., and Pvt. Sampson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sampson of Plano. No date has been set for the weddings.

The farm lands are beautiful at this time of year. The generous rain supply makes everything fresh and green and fast-growing. The oats are heading and some alfalfa is being cut for hay.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Rink and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith went to Racine, Wis. Saturday. The men went for machinery repairs and the ladies for the trip through some of the most beautiful farming country in the Midwest.

Pvt. Robert Jay was home last Wednesday and Thursday, returning to Paterson Field, Fairfield, Ohio. He has finished the course as a ground corps mechanic and expects to be sent to some other base, but whether to another state or another country he does not know.

Elaine Smith and Glenda Hafenrichter left Monday morning for Normal to attend summer school at ISNU.

Yorkville: A group of boys from the St. Charles boys' home made their escape Thursday morning following a conducted swim at the Exposition park pool. The boys slugged their school driver, overpowered the attendant, and those in the plan drove off in the school bus.

They drove out Jericho road, crossed route 47, and two miles west near the farm of Homer Patterson, left the bus to take refuge in the tree-lined shores of the Big Rock creek.

Sheriff Woodard and Chief Deputy William A. Maier were summoned and soon the territory was alive with State police, Kane and Kendall county officers, and others.

Early in the chase, three boys were shot following their refusal to stop. Later, the rest were taken into custody and small groups. The two missing Friday morning were taken later in the day by Sheriff Woodard near Oswego.

June 24: Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Butler of Harvard were home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Heriaud last Sunday. Genevieve Heriaud, who is employed in an office at the Kankakee ordinance plant, was also home, accompanied by their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Jarvis.

Remember the reunion of the former students of the Walker school. July 4 picnic dinner at 12 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Polk have moved from Park avenue to Aurora.

Yorkville: All male residents of the United States who were born on or after Jan. 1, 1922 and on or before June 30, 1924 will be required to register at the Courthouse, Yorkville, on Tuesday, June 30, 1942.

Every retailer must file a statement of his ceiling prices for all cost-of-living commodities carried by him with the Kendall County War Price and Rationing board by July 1. He should use his own paper in standard letter size (8x10-1/2") and the statement should preferably be typewritten.

The General Maximum Price Regulation, Bulletin Nos. 1 and 2, may be obtained at the Kendall County War Price and Rationing board at the courthouse in Yorkville.

July -- 1942

July 1: All who are interested in seeing the former pupils of the Walker school are invited to a reunion which will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walker on Saturday, July Fourth.

Miss Claretta Walker, home advisor of Macoupin county, is spending her annual vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walker and other Oswego relatives.

The Oswego unit of the home bureau will meet July 7 with Mrs. Newton Woolley. Home Advisor Shrimplin will give the major lesson, "Effect of Hats, Hair, and Collars."

Lieutenant Velma Pierce left Monday for Camp Polk, La., after a 10-day furlough spent with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pierce. Lt. Pierce was entertained while here by a number of the Copley hospital alumnae of which she is a member. She expects to be sent on overseas duty soon. Incidentally, she says she is very fond of her work.

Yorkville: Capt. Charles Howell of the Plattville Illinois Reserve Militia has been advanced to the post of major in the IRM. As major, he is in command of the Aurora, Joliet, Plattville, and Sycamore companies of the Illinois Reserve militia. Maj. Howell has served many years in the National Guard and his many friends are glad that his hard work has brought him this recognition and accompanying advancement.

July 8: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cherry received news Monday morning of the birth of a grandson, born to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cherry at Blodgett Memorial hospital, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Miss Dorothy Virginia Leigh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Leigh of the Grove road, and Pvt. John Robert McMicken of Langley Field,



Va., son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen McMicken of Plainfield, were united in marriage Friday night at the home of the bride's parents.

The bride is a graduate of East Aurora high school, class of 1934. Since her graduation, she has been employed as deputy circuit clerk and recorder in the office of the circuit clerk at Yorkville. Mr. McMicken is a graduate of the Oswego High school. He is stationed with the U.S. Army Air corps at Langley Field, Va. Pvt. McMicken reports back for duty at Langley Field on Saturday, July 11.

Leslie Peshia, rural mail carrier, was injured in a fall and Marshall Young took his place for several days recently.

Don Lippold and Leonard Hafenrichter left Monday for a U.S. Army induction station in Chicago.

Two good rains in this vicinity over the past weekend will make a great improvement in the crops--except the hay.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Sleezer have received word that their son, Charles, has been promoted to corporal. He is at Camp Polk, La., in the 87th Armored regiment, RCN Bn. headquarters company.

Yorkville: Jim Briggs of DeKalb and Holgren Jensen, owner of the DeKalb greenhouse at DeKalb, were badly shaken up early Monday morning when their car struck the Burlington signal post on Route 47 in Yorkville.

They were driving south in the storm and failed to see the post, striking it almost dead center. The car, a 1942 Cadillac, was badly wrecked.

July 15: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Budd of Millbrook were guests at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Wormley Sunday to celebrate Baby Jimmie's first birthday anniversary, and Mrs. Budd's, which was two days later.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McMicken returned from a short wedding trip and spent last week with relatives. His 10-day furlough ended, Pvt. McMicken returned to Langley Field, Va., on July 10.

Mrs. Plaskas returned last week from St. Joseph's hospital with her infant son.

The farmers are busy with their oat harvest this week.

Chaplain Charles Churchill last week visited his mother, Mrs. A.H. Churchill, before going to Oregon to begin his duties as chaplain in an army camp. Together, they went to Pontiac, Mich. to see Miss Frances, Mrs. Churchill remaining for a longer visit with the daughter.

Pvt. John Haben of Scott Field at Belleville was a guest at the home of his finance, Patricia Woolley, Sunday.

July 22: Miss Madylin Rausch, beloved teacher of the little folks in the Oswego school for the past two years, will not be coming back in September. She became the bride of Sgt. John McCaughey of Camp Chaffee, Ark. July 6. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Methodist chaplain at the camp. Mr. and Mrs. McCaughey have taken an apartment at Ft. Smith, Ark.

Leonard Hafenrichter left Saturday afternoon to enter the army service at Camp Grant. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hafenrichter, entertained his brothers, Carl of Aurora and Lee and wife of Oswego, at supper on Wednesday evening in his honor. Mrs. Carl Hafenrichter was with her folks, as she also had a brother leaving.

Forrest Wooley of Ft. Meade, Md., surprised his mother, Mrs. Adele Wooley and brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Krug, last week Saturday when he came for a short furlough. He returned to Maryland Sunday night.

The annual Red Cross picnic was held July 17 at the home of Mrs. Harold Jump on Route 34.

There were three hot days and nights last week, nothing unusual for harvest-time, but it followed several weeks of delightful weather. There was a cooler breeze Sunday with some indication of showers, which are needed in this vicinity.

Yorkville: A civilian defense meeting will be held at the Plano theatre Thursday, July 23. The public is urged to attend the meeting and thereby gain a better understanding of the civil protection division of civilian defense. Two films, entitled "Ready on the Home Front" and "Fighting the Incendiary Bomb," will round out the evening's instructions.

July 29: Henry Soltan, under the auspices of the Anti-Saloon league, spoke at the Presbyterian church Thursday evening.

Showers of rain gratefully received fell in this vicinity last Sunday afternoon and night, reviving the wilted gardens and doing the corn and soybeans a world of good. The oat harvest is well under way. Some farmers have the crop all combined and others have begun to thresh.

Herman Friebele and his family have moved in from a farm on the Grove road to his cottage on Jackson street.

Mrs. J. George Smith and baby daughter Nannette Carol are expected home from the Copley hospital this week.

Yorkville: The opening of the drive to salvage waste kitchen fats this week finds Illinois ready to go all out to furnish our fighting forces with explosives, Robert Ticken, chairman of the salvage committee, Illinois Council of Defense, today reported to Gov. Green. He said Illinois housewives are now ready to begin to strain the fat from breakfast bacon, from roasts and other meats and pour it into tin cans to take to a butcher.

Butchers are ready to store the cans until the rendering company truck arrives to take them to a soap plant. There, the vital glycerin is extracted and is soon on the way to a munitions plant, to load shells and bombs. Every pound of fat saved will make nearly two ounces of glycerin, enough to load a dozen cartridges.

August -- 1942

Aug. 5: Mr. and Mrs. Alva Shuler are on a few days' vacation in Wisconsin.

Pvt. William Junior Leigh of the 104th Squadron, engineering section, of Atlantic city, is home on a 10-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Leigh.

Oswego friends and relatives received word Sunday of the death of Mrs. Dora Pearce Cooney at her home in Pasadena, Calif. on July 31. Her sister, Miss Bernice Pearce will accompany the remains to Oswego that Mrs. Cooney may be buried beside her husband, Alvah, in the Pearce cemetery. An Eastern Star funeral service will be held in Oswego, Probably Aug. 7. A complete obituary will be in next week's paper.

Max Cutter has enlisted in the Air Corps and has been commissioned as a first lieutenant. He leaves Aug. 5 for Miami for six weeks' training and from there will be sent to Stensen Field at San Antonio, Tex.

Oswego township was put to soak on Aug. 2 when following a week of showers, a steady downpour of rain lasting from six to eight hours fell Sunday morning, Driving through the country is now a pleasure as everything is clean and fresh.

Many of the farmers are having their pigs vaccinated. There is hog cholera in this vicinity.

Mrs. Pearl Neeves, Dr. Weishew's nurse assistant, is on a two-week vacation, visiting friends in Michigan and Wisconsin.

Yorkville: The Denver Zephyr, really a stranger on the Fox River branch of the Burlington, made an unexpected call last Wednesday evening. The cause was a derailment of a ditching machine on the Burlington's main line.

The Zephyr sneaked through here at about 40 miles an hour, giving the residents a thrill that might not be repeated.

BLACKOUT WARNING

The United States Army has ordered a test blackout to be held Aug. 12, 1942 from 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Central War Time, covering all northern Illinois, southern Wisconsin, and Michigan.

No person shall be upon the streets except those on duty and wearing the badge of Civilian Defense. All others remain indoors. No telephones are to be used during the blackout.

Control centers will operate under full emergency conditions for the purpose of staff training and to receive reports from Air Raid Wardens, Fire Watchers, or others, concerning accidents and blackout violations.

Medical Detachment units should be on duty, equipped, and ready to function in case of actual need.

The blackout will start with a steady sounding of the siren for 1-1/2 minutes. The "all clear" or end of the blackout will be known by siren sounding 1/2 minute.

Aug. 12: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cherry are the parents of a daughter, Susan Byrd, born Aug. 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fosgett and three little daughters of Michigan are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Woolley.

Pvt. Leonard Hafenrichter is now stationed at Camp Swift, Tex. His address is Headquarters Company, Division No. 95, Army Postoffice 95, Camp Swift, Tex.

Mrs. Dora Pearce Cooney, born Oct. 21, 1873 at the country home in Oswego where her father, Colvin Pearce, was born, died July 31 at her home in Pasadena, Calif.

Mrs. Cooney was a graduate of the Oswego high school in 1899 and was on the way from California to Oswego in 1940 to attend the 50th graduation alumni meeting when she suffered a stroke of paralysis from which she never recovered, remaining a patient sufferer for more than two years. In her girlhood, she was a member of the Oswego Congregational church and an active worker in the Christian Endeavor societies in town and country.

In September 1904 she became the wife of Alva Cooney of NaAuSay and in February 1919 they moved to Pasadena, Calif. to make their home and it was there that Mr. Cooney died in 1934.

She is survived by her sister, Miss Bernice Pearce of Pasadena; her sister-in-law, Mrs. Harriet Cooney Cherry of Oswego; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Funeral services were held in Memory chapel in Pasadena on Aug. 4. On Aug. 7, services were held at the Oswego Federated church. Because of inclement weather, the beautiful Eastern Star service was held about the coffin in the church, conducted by the officers of Lorraine chapter of which Mrs. Cooney had been a member since 1894. Interment was made in the Pearce cemetery beside her husband.

Aug. 19: Annabelle Lamb of West Chicago, who spent her girlhood in Oswego, was married Aug. 8 to David Smith, a sailor, whose home is in West Chicago.

Charles Robinson is again in the Silver Cross hospital following a heart attack on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson had a telegram from their son Wylie, now a corporal at Ft. Sill, Okla., that he is to be transferred.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Wayne received a letter from their son, Lt. Heath Wayne, with the Army Air corps in China.

Mrs. Charles Nutt Jr. had an unusual visit from her brother, Billy Clements of Elgin Sunday afternoon. He circled Oswego in his airplane, finally attracting her attention, and waved to her and her family. She knew his plane's number.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gates had as their guest Sunday John Hall of Knoxville, Tenn. Mr. Hall had been in the navy for two years and is now in training at Navy pier in Chicago. He was a fireman on the Lexington at the time she was sunk.

Unusual is the fall that all of last year's staff will be back at the Oswego Community high school when school opens Tuesday, Sept. 1.

The staff includes Miss Vivian Spiegler and Miss Betty Piper, both of Naperville; Miss Frances Schmett of DeKalb, Miss Anita Charlet of Kewanee, Orville Thomas, Reeve Thompson, Robert Sawyer, and H.B. Tate, all of Oswego.

Bus transportation will again be furnished by Earl Zentmyer and L.W. Morse.

A new farm shop will be opened under the direction of Robert Sawyer. Smith Hughes, agricultural instructor. Shop will be taught as an integrated part of all ag courses, which now will number four rather than three as in the past. Shop work will include tractor and tractor repair, farm machinery, woodworking, and mechanical drawing, care and repair of tools, soldering, forge work, electricity, concrete, and rope work.

Another new course to be offered will be known as American problems, and will be open to both juniors and seniors. The course is composed of study of sociological and economic problems of present-day society.

Aug. 26: Three new teachers have been hired for the grade school teaching staff. Miss Doris Jean Redfield will teach the first and second grades, which were formerly taught by Miss Rausch. Miss Redfield taught at Gardner last year, where she had charge of music and was first grade teacher.

Miss Phoebe Brooks of Highland Park will teach second and third grades, formerly taught by Miss Gracia Gutel.

Miss Lillian Bouslough of Aurora will teach the fifth and sixth grades, formerly taught by Miss Sullivan.

The grade faculty is completed with Miss Espevik as fourth and fifth grade teacher; Reeve Thompson, junior high and music teacher; and Harold Kirkhus, superintendent and junior high teacher.

Interior and exterior of the primary school were painted during the vacation and the front hallway was enlarged.

At the high school building, the interior of the gym was painted and the boys' shower and dressing room underwent alterations, being made larger. Several new desks were added and all the old ones were resurfaced. For the past four years, the Oswego grade school has been recognized by the state department of education as a superior school.

Clair Busick of Aurora spent the past weekend with Cleora Woolley and with them attended the farm and home bureau picnic at the Sandwich Fair grounds Saturday. Claire was formerly a resident of Oswego township and attended the Oswego grade school. She will enter West Aurora high school in September.

Yorkville: Harvey Christian, chairman of the Salvage drive, has perfected his organization for the salvage drive, which will be conducted the next few weeks.

It is hoped to collect every bit of metal, burlap, and rope salvage in the county during this drive.

To this end, Mr. Christian has made each supervisor the chairman in his township. Warren Bierke, Minneapolis-Moline block man, will assist in the county.

Assisting the supervisors will be the following: Clarence Smith, Little Rock; C.W. Clark, Bristol; Courtney Smith, Oswego; Pierce Thompson, Fox; Almon V. Ashley, Kendall; C. Mottinger, NaAuSay; John Berg, Seward; Nels Walker, Lisbon; and Harvey Norem, Big Grove.

These men will organize each school district so that each householder in the district will be contacted and a pledge card signed.

In the villages, the work will be carried on by the mayor and an assistant: Bristol, E.L. Campbell and Harlan P. Curry; Yorkville, L.K. Devereaux and L.C. Doetschman; Millbrook, Howard Bjelland; Millington, G.V. Hartman; Newark, Dr. F.C. Heninger and Howard Tuntland; Oswego, Earl Zentmyer and Frank Herren; Plano, Martin Hartjon and E.W. Flinker; Bristol, Robert Dickson; and Lisbon, Andrew Thompson.

As far as possible, each person will haul their own salvage material to the nearest elevator or collection place. In towns, a day will be set when salvage will be picked up by trucks. If you have some junk material and cannot deliver it, notify the board and it will be called for.

Any organization desiring to share in this important patriotic duty should contact Harvey L. Christian.

Friends and relatives of Eugene Cooney were shocked to hear of his death on the morning of Aug. 12 at the age of 74 years. He was born July 9, 1868 at the farm home built in 1839 by his father, George W. Cooney, and he farmed there his entire life.

He attended the Marysville school for his grade and higher education and in 1893 attended business college at Valparaiso, Ind. On Feb. 14, 1899, he was united in marriage to Emma Schlapp and to this union four children were born, George, Curtis, John, and Lois.



Mr. Cooney was justice of the peace in NaAuSay and served on the board of directors for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Emma; three sons, George, Curtis, and John; a daughter, Mrs. Lois Valentine; two grandchildren, Janice Mae and Davie Eugene Valentine; two sisters, Mrs. Sarah V. Jordan of Manhattan and Mrs. Clara Potts of Yorkville; also many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held from the church at NaAuSay on Aug. 14. Interment was in the NaAuSay cemetery.

September -- 1942

Sept. 2: Mrs. Arthur Ram (Marie Gerry) is visiting her husband at an army camp in the east.

Mr. and Mrs. Layton Lippold left Friday for California where he has secured a position for the coming months.

Enid Van Etten and Ruth Staffeldt and other girls from NaAuSay, all graduates of Oswego high last June, entered nurses' training at the Copley hospital Aug. 31.

Cpl. Paul T. Krug, stationed at Camp Polk, La., surprised his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Krug, last Wednesday coming home on a 10-day furlough.

Fern Hafenrichter has accepted a position as a teacher near lake Geneva, Will, and will leave for there Saturday.

Evelyn Paterson has gone to Urbana to live with an aunt and uncle while attending Urbana high school.

Consolidated school district 5 opened Monday morning with Elizabeth Bloss of New Canton as teacher. There are seven beginners and 12 older scholars in this school, which is held in what has always been known as the Walker school.

Phyllis Shoger is teaching the Grove school; Elizabeth Grate Parkhurst the Russell school; Miss Arnold of Hazen, S.D. the Squires

school; Patty Woolley in the Harvey school; Mrs. Henry Heffelfinger in the Cutter school; and Mrs. Charles Earl Vandever of Yorkville the Wormley school.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Sleezer were pleasantly surprised Thursday when their son, Sgt. Charles Sleezer, came home on leave. He was recently promoted from corporal and is in charge of lubricants for the battalion at Camp Polk, La. He entered the service Jan. 26, 1942.

Burton Peshia is home on furlough from Cape May, N.J. Upon his return, he will report at Norfolk, Va.

(crowded out last week)

Paul Dwyre, accompanied by his brother, Dr. Raymond Dwyre and wife and daughter, visited his wife at Rochester, Minn. last weekend. Mrs. Dwyre is doing nicely at the Kahler hospital and is able to walk out in the sun parlor.

Miss Elizabeth Bloss of New Canton is here to teach in Consolidated District No. 5. She will room at the home of Miss Mabel Thompson in Oswego.

Funeral services for Joe Hebert of Evanston, a former resident of Oswego, were held in Evanston and the body cremated. The ashes were brought to Oswego and buried Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 25, with private services at the grave.

A number of farm and home bureau members attended the annual picnic at Sandwich Saturday. A severe electrical storm cut short the sports in the afternoon.

Have you noticed the improvements at the corner of Washington and Madison streets? Mrs. Frank Walker's house looks fine in a new coat of paint. Bert Davis did a good painting job. Tom Dwyre is having his house painted. Fred Kohlhammer is building a new house with garage attached on the northeast corner, and the auditorium of the Federated church has recently been made beautiful and the basement remodeled into pleasant, comfortable rooms.

Miss Marjorie Hall, daughter of Mrs. Robert Hall of Urbana, former Oswego residents, became the bride of Loren Beal, son of Mr. and Mrs. O.E. Beal of Lancaster last Saturday afternoon in the Wesley Foundation.

The bride was graduated from Oswego high school and graduated in June from the University of Illinois in the college of liberal arts and sciences where she was a member of Accetis. She was active in student affairs at the Wesley Foundation.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Mt. Carmel high school. He is a senior at the university, affiliate with Farm House fraternity and is president of the University YMCA. He is a member of honorary societies including Phi Eta Sigma, Alpha Zeta, and Ma Wan Da. Mr. and Mrs. Beal will be at home after Sept. 1 in Urbana.

Yorkville: "Bomb 'Em With Junk"

Theme of Salvage Drive

Kendall county's junk campaign, which is being held now and will continue to Sept. 5, promises to be one of the most successful drives conducted by community leaders in their efforts to aid the national defense.

Kendall county has always courageously responded to every national plea for assistance and every evidence indicates that this community will again be on the front lines and near the top of the list when final tabulations are made.

Sept. 9: Miss Lorraine Pletcher, RN of Plymouth, Ind. and Sgt. Wilbur Peshia of Romulus, Mich. were united in marriage by the Rev. Joseph Clare at his home in Aurora Sept. 5 in the presence of the immediate families. The bridal couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Weiss of Oswego.

Sgt. Peshia, an Oswego boy, is in the office of the headquarters at Romulus. Mrs. Peshia, who formerly was a receptionist in Dr. Saxon's office in Oswego, is in business with her mother in Plymouth, Ind. A reception was held in the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Peshia, in Oswego Saturday evening for friends and relatives.

Mrs. Cora Rogers Bud, 76, passed away Sept. 1 at the Copley hospital. She was born May 19, 1866 at Sandwich. She attended the Greenfield school and graduated from Jennings seminary, Aurora. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Annette Russell of Oswego; five

grandchildren; two brothers, Clinton and I.L. Rogers; and a sister, Mrs. Ella Greenfield of Sandwich. The funeral was held from the Healy chapel Sept. 3. Interment was in the Oak Ridge cemetery at Sandwich.

Mrs. Budd has lived with her daughter, Mrs. Harold Russell, for the past 25 years and will be greatly missed in her home.

Pvt. Lloyd Collins is home on a 10-day furlough after being in the hospital for three weeks as a result of a foot injury at Rantoul.

Margaret Olson, RN, is home for a three-week vacation and will then enlist in the navy.

Bob Johnston, Ted Gerry, and John Young spent several days last week in Chicago.

Irvin E. Haines, 67, died suddenly in his sleep Sunday night, Sept. 6. He was born in Oswego Aug. 20, 1875. His entire life was spent in this community. A skillful carpenter, he worked on many a building and had a wide circle of friends.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian; three children, Mrs. Thomas Stewart of Chicago; and Edwin and Marcella of Oswego; and his mother, Mrs. Annie Haines, also of Oswego.

Funeral services were held today (Wednesday) from the Oswego Presbyterian church. The last resting place will be the Oswego cemetery.

An unexpectedly large freshman class caused the enrollment at the Oswego Community high school to exceed slightly that of last year. Enrollment by classes is: Freshmen, 42; sophomores, 33; juniors, 34; and seniors, 22, making a total of 131 students.

School organizations got off to a fast start by holding elections the first week of school. Results were as follows:

Freshman class: President, Arthur Probst; vice president, Delbert Staffeldt; secretary-treasurer, Patty Campbell; student council, Charlene Schultz and Leroy Gherke; reporter, Marilyn Wheeler.

Sophomore class: president, Robert Leigh; vice-president, Henry Theiss; student council, Patsy Buker and Dick Lauder; reporter, John Palmer.

Junior class: President, Eugene Staffeldt; vice president, Robert Rogerson; treasurers, Jack Lauder; secretary, Verdelle Christoffel; student council, Jane Patterson and Donald Palmer; reporter, Margaret Young.

Senior class: president, Grace Zielke; vice president, Louise Probst; secretary-treasurer, Merlin Hummell; student council, Dorothy Walper and Leonard Boker; reporter, Naomi bell.

FFA: President, Eugene Staffeldt; vice president, William Probst; secretary, Donald Palmer; treasurer, Robert Leigh; reporters, Warren Ebinger and Gerald Holzhueter; student council, Merlin Hummel; watchdog, Kingston Tuttle.

Home Ec club: President, Louise Probst; vice president, Naomi Bell; secretary-treasurer, Audrey Besch; student council, Patty Campbell; reporter, Lois Larsen.

Os-We-Go: Editor, Eugene Staffeldt; assistant, Worley Goodlet; art editors, Margaret young and Murley Wheeler; boys' sports, Donald Palmer; girls' sports, Louise Probst; inquiring reporter, Jane Paterson; circulation manager, Mickey Ellison.

Yorkville: Chief Clerk L.T. Wells of the Selective Service board announces that 30 men will be inducted into the army, leaving Yorkville on Thursday, Sept. 24.

E.E. Allen, proprietor of Allen's restaurant, Greyhound terminal, regrets to announced that due to an order of the Office of Defense Transportation, the Greyhound Lines will abandon their Chicago-Peoria branch, which serves Yorkville.

Sept. 16: Richard Young of Oswego has enrolled as a member of one of the largest freshman classes in the 82-year history of North Central college, Naperville. Other Oswego students who are returning are Stuart Johnson, Maxine Patton, Wilbur Quantock, David Shoger, Phyllis Shoger, and James Steckel.

Elaine Smith spent the past weekend with Glenda Hafenrichter at Pearl City, where Miss Hafenrichter has a teaching position.

Yorkville: Approximately 215 tons of scrap were collected during the recent Kendall County Salvage drive.

Yorkville's chief of police, Franklin Martyn, resigned his post effective this morning. The "Chief" has served us efficiently and well during his tenure of office. Frank accepted a position as guard at the United Wallpaper works at Montgomery and assumed his duties today.

Sept. 23: The Parkhurst relatives received the sad news of the death of A.J. Parkhurst on Sunday, Sept. 20 at the home of Mrs. Parkhurst's parents in Boydton, Va.

A.J. Parkhurst, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Amos Parkhurst of Oswego, was born Nov. 28, 1894. He graduated from East Aurora high school, from Stetson university at Deland, Fla., and received his doctor's degree from Chapel Hill university in North Carolina. Following a business career, he was principal of the high school in Greenville, N.C. for five years and instructor in the State Teachers' college in Alpine, Tex. last year.

A veteran of World War I, he served as instructor in the observation balloon service for two years.

Mr. Parkhurst is survived by his wife, Virginia; and daughter Alice, who graduated last may from the Alpine, Tex. high school; two sister, Mrs. Royce Smith and Mrs. Allen Woolley; three brothers, Ray and Clare of Oswego and Reuben of Aurora; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services and interment were at Boydton, Va. Sept. 21.

A corrected list of Oswego students who attend North Central college follows: Maxine Patton, Stuart Johnson, Bennett Sickler, James and Layton Steckel, Richard Young, and in all probability, David Shoger. David's name is on the list of inductees on the Kendall county service board, but because of the serious condition of his health, it is expected he will continue his college course.

Sept. 30: A service honoring the boys in the nation's armed forces was held at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning.

First graders free from remedial physical defects were presented with health certificates at the grade school assembly program Friday. Mrs. Devereaux, president of the Oswego PTA, presented gifts to the 15 first graders who had been awarded health certificates.

A tragic accident occurred Sunday evening near the Maple Lane riding academy on Route 71 when a hayrack load of 24 children from the First Congregational church, Aurora, was struck by an auto driven by Frank Busse of near Yorkville. The driver of the team, Albert Holliday, an assistant at Maple Lane, was killed, having been thrown from the wagon to the pavement, dying from his injuries. One boy was critically injured and others more or less severely hurt and shaken up. Ambulances summoned to the scene removed the more seriously injured to Aurora hospitals. Several doctors were summoned to the scene.

Frank Busse, driver of the car, received injuries from which he succumbed Tuesday.

Mr. Holliday, 33, was removed to the McKeown funeral home. He is without known relatives, having spent his boyhood in the Normal orphans' home. An inquest on his death was held Monday morning.

Yorkville: P.H. Miller of Plano, county chairman of the War Bond sales, is highly pleased with the county's showing in the September drive. The September quota is \$29,250. On Sept. 15, sales amounted to \$34,708.75.

This shows that Kendall county people are right out ahead in this necessary part of the war effort.

Edward Flynn, executive vice president of Burlington lines, announced today that within a week, the Denver Zephyr, damaged by dynamite near Nodway, Ia. early Monday morning, would resume its overnight operations between Chicago and Denver, releasing the substitute train.

The stainless steel, diesel-powered streamliner was rocked by 12 explosive charges set along the track between the rails as it rushed westward toward Denver at a speed of 80 miles an hour. Although there were 187 passengers aboard, there was not a single injury. Mr. Flynn called the accident one of the most unique in this history of railroading. He related that the Denver Zephyr is a 14-car train and that the first four cars, including the two power cars, had escaped injury but that the succeeding 10 cars were damaged. The three cars that suffered most included the 12-section sleeper Silver State and two coaches, Silver Lake and Silver City.

"That the train escaped derailment in spite of the 12 detonations of dynamite beneath it is an amazing feature of this unprecedented accident, said Mr. Flynn.

October -- 1942

Oct. 7: Mrs. Robert Silvius of Aurora and her mother, Mrs. Will Quantock, entertained for Mrs. Elmer Gordon of Aurora Friday evening. The guests were ladies from Aurora, Oswego, Wheatland, and Joliet.

Pvt. Lloyd Collins from Chanute Field was home over the weekend.

Mrs. Joseph Paydon, Mrs. Frank McMicken, Mrs. Harvey and Mrs. Quantock attended a tea at the United Presbyterian church in Aurora.

Mrs. Myron Wormley underwent surgery for the relief of appendicitis Monday evening. Baby Jimmie is staying with his Grandmother Budd at Millbrook.

John Peter Lantz, 96 years old, native of Oswego, passed away at his home on the River road Friday, Oct. 2.

He leaves his widow, Amelia; one son, Isaac of Oswego; and two daughters, Mrs. Mabel Holzhueter of Plainfield and Mrs. Ida Book of Joliet, besides his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Lantz celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary not long ago. There were the longest wed couple in the Fox river valley. Funeral services were held Sunday from the home. The Raven Masonic lodge had charge of the services at the grave. Burial was made in the family lot in the Oswego cemetery.

The trees are showing beautiful fall colors and the corn and soybeans are drying nicely.

Wally H. Davis of Oswego died Tuesday morning following a long illness.



Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 3 p.m. from the Healy chapel in Aurora. The Rev. Horace Larsen of Oswego will officiate. Burial will be in the NaAuSay cemetery.

Oct. 14: Harold Schobert, who has recently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schobert on Park avenue, has started for Alaska where he will be employed in defense work.

Wally H. Davis, well-known Oswego farmer, died after a brief illness at his home Oct. 6. He was born Sept. 20, 1878 at Plattville, the oldest son of Peter and Maria Davis. He lived at Plattville for 33 years.

On Nov. 9, 1905 he married Fanny M. Wheeler of NaAuSay. In 1912 they moved to a farm near Oswego and four years ago moved to Oswego. He served several terms as Oswego school director and was the treasurer of the Oswego Fire district at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, Fanny; a son, Arthur; a daughter, Mrs. Marian Palmer; three grandchildren, Donald and John Palmer and Barbara Mary Davis, all of Oswego; a brother, Clarence C. Davis lives at Lisbon and a sister, Mrs. Mary Austin at Plattville.

The funeral was held Oct. 8 at The Healy Chapel; the Rev. Horace Larsen officiated. Burial was made in the NaAuSay cemetery.

Yorkville: Sales of fuel oil to consumers within the 30-state rationed area can be made beginning Oct. 1, only in accordance with a coupon credit system ordered by the War Production board. The credit system provides that every consumer, dealer and supplier who receives deliveries of fuel oil for any purpose must execute a written promise to surrender to the seller ration coupons for the number of gallons of fuel delivered as soon as the coupons are available.

Oct. 21: Forrest Woolley is home from Camp Meade, Md., for a week's furlough with his mother, Mrs. Adele Woolley.

Mrs. Harriet Cherry, 71, died at the St. Joseph Mercy hospital in Aurora Oct. 15, after nearly a year's illness. She was born in NaAuSay township May 17, 1871, the daughter of Emanuel and Harriet Culver Cooney. In 1903, she became the wife of Abraham Cherry of NaAuSay.

Surviving Mrs. Cherry is her only son, Merrill; and two grandsons, Culver and Ashley Cherry; a niece and two nephews on the west coast; and many cousins. A beautiful little daughter, Harriet, died in 1913.

Funeral services were held from the McKeown funeral home and the Presbyterian church Oct. 18. Burial was made in the NaAuSay cemetery beside her husband, who died in November 1931.

Yorkville: On Oct. 1, 1942, Illinois celebrated the first anniversary of its aid to dependent children program. During the first year of its operation in Kendall county, payments to 24 different families aggregated \$9,318.

Col. Paul G. Armstrong, Illinois director of Selective Service, today announced that virtually all local boards in the state have classified all their registrants who are subject to military service.

Oct. 28: Monday morning and winter weather in October. Temperature in the 20s. Hard on those not prepared for it.

Dean Paydon enlisted in the navy and left the first of the week to attend radio school.

Mr. and Mrs. Graeme Stewart attended the homecoming and football game at Northwestern Saturday.

Mrs. Graeme Stewart instructs a home nursing class held twice a week at the schoolhouse adjacent to the [Wheatland] United Presbyterian church. A number from Oswego township are members of the large class.

Yorkville: Yorkville will lose its esteemed and respected jeweler, F.H. Hance Thursday, Nov. 5 when he will enter the Army Air corps.

Hance leaves for Chicago at that time and from there expects to be stationed at Kelly Field, Tex., as a watchmaker.

Ever since the war was declared, Mr. Hance has had a burning desire to do his bit against the Japs and Nazis. Two different times he attempted to join the army and navy, but was refused. This third try was successful.

Mrs. Hance will continue the operation of the store.

November -- 1942

Nov. 4: Oliver Hem leaves for camp in Michigan Thursday.

Miss Elizabeth Bloss and the pupils of district five invited all in the consolidated district to a Halloween party Oct. 29, and 65 enjoyed a 7 o'clock supper and social hour. The pupils were masked or in costume and prizes were awarded to Gertrude Wirth for the best representation and to Stanley Gengler for the most comical costume.

Many Oswegoans attended the Gipsy Smith evangelistic meetings at the First Presbyterian church in Aurora last week.

William Fechner has purchased the Knapp house near the depot and moved in. Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Morrow have moved from Madison street to the house near Wolf's Crossing vacated by the Fechners. Henry Heffelfinger has purchased the place vacated by the Morrows and a couple from South Dakota are now located there.

The annual Halloween fair at the Oswego school was a success. 350 were at the supper tables and a good entertainment followed.

Dr. and Mrs. Saxon and daughter were visiting for a few days in Oswego. Dr. Saxon has been transferred from Camp Rucker, Ala. to Camp McCall, Miss.

Montgomery: The Wertheimer Cattle Company, Elmer E. Wolf manager, in Montgomery was advertising "1,500 cattle at auction" for a sale on Friday, Nov. 6, 1942 starting at 1 p.m. The total include 400 choice Harford steers; 300 choice yearling steers, 200 choice heifers, and 300 good shorthorn steers, along with 300 Hereford steers and calves.

Nov. 11: Cpl. Junior Leigh's address has been changed and is now 517 Bomb Squadron, H., Atlantic City, N.J.

Jimmy Zentmyer graduated from the school at Navy pier. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Zentmyer and sister, Norma, and

grandmother Zentmyer attended the graduation. Jimmy expects to be assigned to a ship soon.

Consolidated district five collected three tons of scrap iron last week. The 18 pupils were organized as privates in a little army, and were promoted according to the number of pounds of scrap collected.

All the schools had their piles of scrap, some smaller than others, as the neighborhoods are pretty well cleaned up.

Jewel Patton was home recently to visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Patton. Miss Patton, who has joined the WAACs, is now located at the Savery hotel in Des Moines, and is attending the Army Administration school for eight weeks.

Yorkville: R.M MARSHALL ENLISTS IN ARMY; J.R. CARRIES ON

R.F. Marshall, junior partner of the *Kendall County Record*, enlist east Thursday in the army. He will leave shortly after this paper is published for his unassigned duties.

After careful thought and study, the senior partner decided that he would attempt to carry on alone for the duration. It will be quite a chore, but with the cooperation of subscribers, correspondents, and advertisers the paper can go on.

Bob leaves for the army after 15 years of association with the *Record*. He served with his father, Hugh R., from 1927 to 1929, when upon his father's death he and his brother John took over.

Citizens of Kendall county will register on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Nov. 12, 13, and 14 for their gasoline rationing papers. Registration places are as follows: Oswego high school gym, Bristol Station schoolhouse, Yorkville high school gym, Plano high school gym, Lisbon schoolhouse, Plattville schoolhouse, Millbrook schoolhouse, Newark high school gym, Bell schoolhouse in Seward township.

Nov. 18: Union Thanksgiving services will be held at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, Nov. 25, at the Presbyterian church with

Harold Heiniger of the Theological Seminary of Naperville as speaker.

The pupils of the Oswego grade school assembled in the gymnasium Tuesday, Nov. 10, to observe Armistice Day.

Yorkville: Yorkville business worries and peoples' concern for world affairs were forgotten Saturday afternoon, Nov. 14, in the greater burden of grief caused by a passing of a highly esteemed citizen and friend, Justus Nading.

Mr. Nading was born in Cassel, Germany Sept. 28, 1861. It was a peaceful and prosperous Germany, which, as a young man, Mr. Nading left to seek his future happiness in the united States. He located in Yorkville in 1880.

In 1884 he united in marriage with Miss Maria Hellmuth, who was born in Cassel, Germany, and who came to this country a brief time before her marriage.

A baker by trade, he operated a grocery store and bakery in combination with his hotel. For over 35 years the Nading Hotel was a very popular institution in the Fox River Valley.

Mr. Nading has the honor and distinction of bringing the first telephone line into Kendall County, designing and erecting his own telephone quarters and serving for years as its competent managers. He belonged to the Theodore N. Vall Chapter of Pioneer Telephone men.

He was also the founder of the Yorkville water works in which he took great pride. He served as mayor of his city and as trustee on the Village Board.

A few years ago, while out on a mission of mercy, he was struck by an automobile from which accident he never fully recovered. This grand old gentleman passed to his rest at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Aurora on Nov. 12, 1942.

He leaves behind his loving wife, Mrs. Maria Hellmuth Nading; three daughters, Mrs. L Roy Jeter of Yorkville, Mrs. F.G. Wideman of Joliet, and Mrs. Elmer A. Muhs of Reading, Pa.; six grandchildren. One daughter, Mrs. H.W. Bretthauer and one grandson preceded him in death.

Interment was made in Elmwood cemetery in the family lot.

A class is being held Tuesday, Nov. 24, at the Plano high school gym for training in the use of a gas mask. Masks will be available and a gas chamber in which volunteers may go through. Any one in the county who is interested is invited to attend.

Nov. 25: Mrs. Ida Wormley, after two weeks' illness, returned to her shop, the Main Café, the first of the week. Her friends and patrons are glad to see her in her accustomed place. Her young employees kept the shop running during her absence.

December -- 1942

Dec. 2: Monette Cather has accepted a position in Civil Service work at Dayton, Ohio.

Mrs. Lloyd Collins left Tuesday, Nov. 24, for Los Angeles, to spend the winter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barger. enroute, she visited her husband, Pvt. Lloyd Collins, at Salt Lake City. Pvt. Collins had just graduated from Boeing Aircraft school at Seattle, Wash.

Pvt. Ben H. Lippy has been promoted to the rank of Corporal. His address is: Cpl. Ben Lippy, Co. A, 777 M.P. Bn., Hawthorne, Calif.

Lawson LaGow is stationed at Co. 12, General Detail, U.S.N.A.S., Alameda, Calif.

Dec. 9: The Gaylord Farmers club met at Howard Gengler's on Friday night with a fairly good attendance.

Miss Marion Strossman, principal of the Bardwell school, Aurora, spent Sunday with Mrs. Mary Bickford.

The body of Mrs. Annie Hull will arrive on Friday and the funeral will be held Saturday at 2:30, Dr. John Holland will officiate.

Dec. 16: Mrs. Marian Pearce, who accompanied the body of the late Mrs. Annie Hull from California, has been staying several days with Mrs. Nellie Herren.

The cantata, "The Prince of Peace," under the direction of Reeve Thompson, will be given on Sunday evening, Dec. 20, at the Presbyterian church by 80 people of the church and the high school.

An early morning fire Dec. 13 destroyed the inside of the home on Route 34 owned by Dr. Kittenplon of Aurora. Mr. and Mrs. Hoff and overnight guests escaped with very little extra clothing into the below zero weather outside. The fire probably started from the furnace, and had burned the telephone connections before it was discovered, the call for the Oswego fire department had to be made from a neighbor's phone.

Dec. 23: Miss Elizabeth Jane Woolley became the bride of Tech. Sgt. Donald A. Sampson at a ceremony held at her home Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 9:30 p.m. The Rev. Horace Larsen of the Oswego Presbyterian church officiated. Mrs. Sampson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Woolley of Oswego. Tech. Sgt. Sampson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sampson of Plano.

The bride is a graduate of the Oswego Community high school and attended Northern Illinois Teacher's college and is employed at the United States Employment Service in Aurora. The groom is a graduate of the Plano high school and was formerly employed by the Plano Molding Company before entering the service last January. He is now stationed at an Army Air Base at DeRidder, La.

Cpl. Wylie Robinson of Camp Cook, Calif., has spent the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson.

Robert Harvey left on Dec. 22 for training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

M.T. Sgt. Sidney Woolley, formerly of San Diego, but more recently of a flying base in the Pacific, is in Oswego on a month's furlough with his wife and two little daughters at the home of his brother, Ora Woolley.

Marvin Marquardt is home from the Chicago School of Osteopathy for a two weeks' vacation.

Who among the oldtimers can remember more real winter weather before the holidays than we are having in 1942? Day after day the thermometer registers near zero and the Thanksgiving snow still on the ground. There are still many acres of corn and soybeans to be harvested. Several more or less serious accidents caused by slipping on the ice have been reported.

On account of defects in the chimney in the Presbyterian church, a new one will be built immediately.

The Red Cross home nursing class completed their 25 hour course Dec. 21. Twenty members wrote the examination, which was followed by a social hour, which was enjoyed as well.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Laurens Hull of Pasadena, Calif. at the Oswego Federated church on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 12, the Rev. John W. Holland of Oak Park officiating.

Burial was in the Pearce cemetery beside the husband, who died at his home in Oswego in December 1935. Mr. and Mrs. Hull were former residents of Oswego, Mrs. Hull going to California in 1936 to make her home with her cousins, Miss Bernice Pearce and the late Mrs. Dora Cooney.

Dec. 30: Mrs. Reeve Thompson, who with Mr. Thompson and their little daughter went to Normal to spend Christmas with her parents, became so ill with an infection that she went to a hospital for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Shoger and her mother, Mrs. Mary Young, had as their guests on Christmas day her brothers, Neal Young of Aurora and Dwight Young of Oswego, and her sister, Mrs. Harry Sprague of Aurora, and the members of their families. Others were ill and could not attend. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Shoger, Carol, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shoger were among the 24 at the supper table completing the family party.

A thunder storm, accompanied by a heavy downpour of rain on Dec. 26 and 27 melted the snow and much of the ice covering the ground.



There were many Christmas parties, many happy family gatherings, and some sad ones in this war year, 1942.

Arthur F. Wormley of Aurora passed away at his home on Dec. 21, following a lingering illness. He was born on Sept. 1, 1876, the only son of the late Myron and Mary Wormley. His entire life was spent on the home farm near Oswego until he and his wife moved to Aurora in March 1939.

Mr. Wormley is survived by his wife, Pearl; one son, Myron L.; a grandson, James; and a sister, Mrs. Nellie Herren of Oswego. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Dec. 23, from the Presbyterian church, with interment in the Oswego cemetery.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 27, fire of an unknown origin destroyed the barn on the farm now owned by James Bereman, but known as the Cobb Pearce farm on Route 34. With the barn were burned three horses, a colt, a cow, two tractors, a plow, and two cultivators. Jerome Portner rents and farm and he and members of his family were spending the day at Dixon. The Oswego fire department fought the flames in the high wind and saved the adjoining buildings, a crib, tool shed, and milk house. The residence across the highway from the barn was saved by carefully watching the flying sparks.

Yorkville: The Office of Defense Transportation, through its General Order, ODT 21, is requiring all buses to conserve equipment and material, including rubber. Every school bus is required to have a certificate of war necessity fixing the maximum number of miles, authorizing fuel, parts, tires, tubes, etc. The policy requires elimination of unnecessary mileage with transportation only provided for those who would have to walk more than two miles to school, reduction in the number of stops, and studies and preparation of school bus route maps.

“Homeward journey the workers of free America to rest and relax. In Old Style Lager, these soldiers of the home front find a wholesome beverage and renewed enjoyment in the simple old style pleasure of living,” read a *Record* advertisement.

## January

Jan. 6: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ricketts of St. Charles, formerly of Route 34, Oswego, announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Helene, to Warren Rehm of St. Charles.

Pvt. Walter Foster at Camp Walters, Tex. writes that he appreciated the Christmas remembrances sent from Oswego.

Lewis Heap is suffering from an attack of the mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Elliott received a cablegram last week with holiday greetings from their brother, Robert Elliott, supposed to be stationed in Ireland.

James W. "Jack" Journey, 53, died at St. Joseph's Mercy hospital Dec. 29 following a few weeks' illness. He is survived by his wife, Helen; two brothers, Silas of Oswego and William of Los Angeles, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Clyde York of Greensboro, N.C. and Mrs. Max Harns of Union Grove, N.C.

Mr. Journey belonged to Oswego Post 675 of the American Legion, to the Aurora Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars, and to the Carpenters Local 916.

Funeral services were held at the Healy chapel Jan 2. Interment in Spring Lake cemetery, Aurora.

All schools opened Jan. 4 after the holiday vacation. The weather had been mild until Jan. 3, when everything was coated with ice, making traveling extremely hazardous. Western United lines were broken and electricity was off Sunday afternoon on some lines all night and early Monday, making it very inconvenient for those using electric stoves, stokers, and dairymen with electric milking machines. Some telephone lines, too, were broken by the generous coating of ice.

Miss May Cutter is leaving this week for San Antonio, Tex. to enjoy a warmer climate. She will be near her son, Max, who is stationed at Camp Stinson, eight miles from San Antonio.

Another terrible accident occurred Saturday evening on Route 34 when Earl Jones of Aurora, riding a motorcycle, in passing one auto collided with another and was thrown in front of the first. The occupants of the two cars, one from Aurora and the other containing Mrs. Oliver Hodney and daughter Virginia of Millbrook, were injured, some seriously.

Jan. 13: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Havens' younger son, in the armed forces is now serving overseas.

Yorkville basketball teams won both ends of a twin bill against the Oswego high school teams on last Friday night.

Ben Schichtenberg, janitor of the Oswego schools, had the misfortune to fall and injure one arm.

M.T. Sgt. Sidney Woolley, who has been on furlough and visiting his wife and little daughters, Diana and Beverly at the home of his brother Ora on Ashland ave. for the past three weeks, left for the West Coast on Jan. 7. Sgt. Woolley has been in the service for 14 years and most recently has been flying over the Pacific.

Oswego friends received word of a serious accident suffered by Miss Jennie Armstrong of Chicago. Miss Armstrong, now in her seventies and an old time resident and the last of the Armstrong family in Oswego, fell and fractured one hip. She is now in serious condition in a hospital.

The pastor, Dr. Horace Larsen, of the Presbyterian church and a number of the session and trustees attended a Laymen's conference at the Frist Presbyterian church in Aurora last Monday evening.

The third meeting of the War Time Educational program of the Squire and Harvey schools was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shoger on Tuesday evening, Jan. 12.

The freshman class of the Oswego high school enjoyed a sleigh ride last Saturday evening. Wallace Sleezer and Harold Dhuse drove the teams on the sleighs. Later, at the home of Charlene Schultz, the young people enjoyed games and refreshments.

#### Yorkville: KEEP YOUR LIP ZIPPERED

If you know what ship a sailor is on, or what company or regiment a soldier is with overseas, then you know a military secret, the Office of Censorship in Washington warns. The Nazis and the Japs want to know these things about our force. Their agents assemble the information; add a hundred bits of information and enemies have a too-accurate estimate of American military strength.

Jan. 20: This is not meant for a news item for Oswegoans but as a warning for those who use firearms. Last week, your correspondent received word of a near tragedy in the home of cousin. The mother was attending a first aid class, the children went from school, 8 year-old John picked up a shotgun and pulled the trigger, the shot struck his 10 year-old sister, Grace, tearing the flesh from her arm and side. Grace is in the St. Joseph hospital in Joliet and baring complications is expected to recover, but perhaps crippled for life. The gun belonged to an uncle who had been hunting the Sunday before and left a shell in the gun. What carelessness and what a price to pay.

Roy Jenkins, 41, a farmer from Plainfield, died in the Copley hospital following a short illness. Mr. Jenkins and his sister, Miss Frances, formerly live in Oswego township and had many acquaintances here. Oswego friends attended the funeral services at Healy chapel in Aurora Jan. 18. The interment was in a Naperville cemetery.

Miss Maxine Herren, who has conducted a beauty shop at her home on main street, has closed her shop and going into defense work. Miss Herren wishes to thank her friends for their patronage, which has made her business a success for the past two and a half years.

Another snow storm last Sunday night covered last week's snow and ice. A real old-fashioned winter with all the trimmings.

Two Oswego boys are home on furlough, Lt. Don Lippold of Fort Benning and John Carr of Rapid City, S.D.

Mrs. Mabel Irwin, who assists the janitor in the school, fell and fractured an arm.

Donald Lippold of Oswego was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States upon successful completion of the officer candidate course at Ft. Benning. Lt. Lippold is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Lippold of Oswego.

The new lieutenant was inducted on July 6, 1942 by Kendall County Board No. 1 and served with Co. C, 63rd Bn., 13th Trng. Regt., at Camp J.T. Robinson, Ark., before going to officers training three months ago. He held the rank of corporal before being commissioned.

Oswego grade school district No. 1 has been notified by the department of education that it meets in a satisfactory manner the requirements for a superior Elementary school according to the standards and criteria set forth by the Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of Illinois for the school year 1942-1943. The Oswego grade school has received a superior rating for each of the past five years.

Yorkville: MRS. BLANCHE CUTTER HATCH

Mrs. Blanche Cutter Hatch died on January 18. She was born on May 26, 1862 in Oswego township, daughter of Henry C. and Mary Fox Cutter. She attended Walker School, teaching in the Chicago schools for nearly twenty years. She was the wife Henry B. Hatch and is survived by two brothers, Slade of Wilmar, Minnesota and Watts D. Cutter of Oswego, also a number of nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held Thursday from the Healy chapel, Aurora.

Jan. 27: Mr. and Mrs. Orville Thomas and baby daughter Nancy are leaving Oswego next week for Greencastle, Ind., where Mr. Thomas has accepted a position as a teacher of navigation in the DePaul university.

A Hammond electric organ was installed in the Prairie church last week and used at the church services Sunday, Jan. 24, with Mrs. Bruce Henderson as organist. The organ was given in memory of Oliver Hem and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Constantine by Mrs. Sarah Hem

and Mr. and Mrs. John Constantine. The alter was given last year as a memorial from the Ebinger families, and beautiful new pulpit furniture will be in place for the dedication later this year.

Robert Jay, serving overseas, has been promoted is now a sergeant. Chaplain Charles Churchill is now Capt. Churchill. He and his men have been working in the flooded districts in the state of Oregon.

Again, your correspondent is in the doghouse. Last week, she wrote up the society events that were supposed to happen during the week--and they didn't happen due to the snow-blocked streets and roads, coupled with the sub-zero weather. On Jan. 19 and 20, in most vicinities, the roads were impassable due to drifted snow and there was no mail carrier, milkman, school buses, and no school sessions. On the afternoon and night of Jan. 20, the weather moderated, the roads cleared and business was resumed as usual on Jan. 21. Road commissioners Elmer Dranir and Kenneth Gowran with the assistance of Warren Norris worked day and night to open the roads, working 26 and 19 hours without relief.

Weather permitting, many Oswegoans attended the council meeting in Aurora Tuesday evening, Jan. 26, relative to the proposed airport east of Oswego.

The LaBay farm sale last Friday was well attended and the machinery and livestock sold at good prices.

## February - 1943

Feb. 3: Mr. and Mrs. Francis Campbell are the parents of a daughter, Lucia Dare, born at Coplay hospital on Feb. 2.

Mrs. James Armstrong has rented her farm east of Oswego to Scott Morse and will move into the little home on Park Avenue, which she has purchased. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lindemier have bought the R.D. Gates' residence on Main street and are moving into it. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Drake, who lived in the Gates' home, are moving upstairs in the building in the business block owned by Charles Cherry.

There is much controversy around Oswego about the proposed Aurora Airport to be established in Oswego township.

Miss Jennie Armstrong, 73, died in a Chicago hospital in Jan. 25, after suffering from a fractured hip caused by a fall.

Funeral services were held in Chicago on Jan. 27, with interment in the family lot in the Oswego cemetery.

She is survived by two nephews and a great-niece. Miss Armstrong was the oldest of the four daughters of the late Adam and Hannah Armstrong, early residents of Oswego. The family moved to Chicago about 40 years ago, but always kept in touch with their hometown friends.

Mrs. Bessie Hanks Miller, 73, a resident of Aurora, but who for the past three months had been living at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L.J. Weishew, died on Jan. 27. Mrs. Miller, well known in Aurora, had been prominent in that city's musical circles for years. The funeral services were held at Healy Chapel on Jan. 28. Interment was made in the Lincoln Highway cemetery.

Aux. Jewel Patton, who graduated last December from the WAAC school at Des Moines, Ia., has been sent to Fort Bragg, N.C., the largest army camp in the world. Aux. Patton is doing typing and stenography. She likes her work, the pleasant barracks that are reserved for the WAACs and the spring-like temperatures of North Carolina.

Pvt. Dale S. Patton returned last week to Fort Sill, Okla., after spending his furlough with his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Patton.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hafenrichter are the parents of an 8-pound boy, born at the St. Joseph's hospital on Jan. 25. The child has been named Barry Lee.

Mrs. Lavina White died Saturday morning at her home in Aurora. She was one of the oldest residents of that city. Mrs. White was born in Hunterdon county, N.J. on Nov. 6, 1848 and was a resident of Oswego until eight years ago when she and her daughter moved to Aurora.

Mrs. White was one of the oldest of Oswego pioneers, is of a family long identified with the farming and business interests of Oswego and during her long life, had a keen interest in its affairs.

She is survived by a daughter, Miss Florence, who has long been her mother's companion; one son, Guy of Chicago; two granddaughters; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held from the Healy Chapel on Feb. 2 with interment in the family lot in the Oswego cemetery.

Ernest Hoch received word from his folks at Woodstock that his brother, George, has gone to Alaska, accepting a mechanical job, working for the government. George, who was a garage mechanic in Woodstock, was formerly a resident of Oswego township, and as a boy went to the Gaylord school.

Yorkville: Bill Wheeler, state highway patrolman and his assistant have really been getting rough treatment at the hands of "Old Man Winter." For weeks, the snow and ice have been hampering all trucking and other driving and Bill has been going night and day to keep the roads in good shape.

He is quite concerned about the subject of cinders, in fact they are getting hard to find and when roads need to be cindered sometimes two or three times a day, they do assume no little importance.

Today (Wednesday) is one of those troublesome days. Ice sheeted walks and pavements. Driving and trucking are difficult, if not impossible.

It looks as though Bill will be busy keeping the machines moving. And now a nice fog is settling down to complicate the task.

Feb. 10: Master Technical Sergeant Sidney Woolley, who recently visited his wife and daughters on Ashland Avenue, has been transferred from San Diego, Calif., to Quantico, Va.

Plans are being made for the celebration of the Presbyterian church's 90th birthday.

Mrs. May Cutter returned from San Antonio last week. Mrs. Max Cutter has been there two weeks visiting her husband at Stinson Field.



The East Oswego Progressive club will meet in the nineteenth Century club rooms Thursday, Feb. 11, with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shoger entertaining.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Van Etten have a baby daughter born Feb. 10 at the Copley hospital. The little one has been given the name Nancy Madge.

It is rumored that the farm known as the Jim Collins farm has been sold to an Aurora man.

Many have been more or less injured by falls on the ice this winter.

Pvt. Dale Havens has finished a course in radio communications school at Fort Sill, Okla., and has been transferred to the mountain training center at Camp Hale, Colo. In the Colorado camp, he will learn to be a ski trooper. After Havens masters the use of skis and snowshoes, he will be assigned to a ski troop unit whose members carry radios on their backs.

An article, "We Raid the Coast of Japan," in the current American Magazine, is proudly read by Oswegoans, for it is told by a former Oswego boy, Lt. Slade Cutter, of the U.S. Navy.

Aux. Darlene Peshia will leave soon for Fort Des Moines for training in the WAACs. She has been employed in the Oswego Post office for 15 years and will be greatly missed.

Feb. 17: Floyd Parkhurst suffered the fracture of one wrist Sunday morning. He couldn't get the auto started on account of the severe cold, so he attempted to start the tractor to pull the car. The tractor backfired and the crank fractured his wrist.

A patriotic meeting will be held in the Oswego school gym on Feb. 21 to dedicate a community service flag. A program will be presented. Relatives of boys in the service are requested to phone the names to Mrs. Earl Zentmyer so that no names will be omitted from the banner.

Even old timers can tell better stories about a real old fashioned winter than can be told about this one. Two different times last week the thermometer reached the zero mark. Saturday, Saturday night, and Sunday, a strong wind blew from the northwest with the temperature at 7 below zero Sunday morning and close to zero all day and night. The farmers are still hoping to complete their corn husking and bean combining before the spring work begins.

Miss Roberta Hutchings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hutchings of Wolf's crossing has gone to Washington, D.C. to meet her finance, Eugene Lamb, second class electrician mate in the U.S. Navy. They were to be married upon her arrival. "Gene" was an Oswego boy.

Leonard Hafenrichter, located at Fort Sam Houston, Tex., flew home, arriving last Thursday evening for a 10-day furlough.

Dr. and Mrs. L.J. Weishew and daughters Sue and Nan left Monday for a vacation in Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Conklin are the parents of a baby girl, born Feb. 2 at the Copley hospital.

The Grove Road Farmers' club met with Mr. and Mrs. Myron Wormley on Friday, Feb. 12.

Mrs. Bruce Henderson opened the program with a piano number. Mr. William Johnson of Aurora, editor of the Shorthorn World, having one of his beautifully illustrated magazines on display, gave an interesting talk on the merits of Shorthorn cattle.

Following this, several farmers who had asked for the privilege discussed the proposed Aurora airport. Rev. H.A. Larsen, a guest of the club, having the welfare of his Oswego friends at heart and having secured some facts and figures relative to the proposed Aurora airport to be located in Oswego township, opened the discussion in a few well-chosen words. Arthur Davis gave many interesting facts. Paul Dhuse read the proposed contract and answered questions and Leslie Woolley asked for signers to a petition registering disapproval of the location of the airport in Oswego township.

Auxiliary Alice May Pierce of Main Street, Oswego, has begun training at the First Woman's Army Auxiliary Corps Training Center. She was immediately assigned to a Receiving Center Company for a week of elementary training. Her she was issued clothing and equipment, instructed in the rudiments of drill, and given Army classification tests.

Yorkville: Register For Ration Book No. II

At School In Your district On

February 23-24-25-26

Clip and fill in the form below and take it to the place of registration with your ration Book No. 1. This is important, as no issue of Book No. 2 will be made without the presentation of the Ration Book No. 1.

A small supply of the form reproduced below is on hand, but it will simplify matters if you snip out this one and have it filled out and signed before going to the registering place.



Confidence that the citizens of Kendall county will give their full cooperation to the shoe rationing program was expressed by Mr. E.A. Shepard, Chairman of the local War and Rationing Board.

Shoes that are rationed include unused shoes made in whole or in part of leather or with rubber soles including all ordinary types of hard-soled moccasins, casual, play, platform, and rubber-soled athletic shoes. Shoes not rationed include waterproof rubber footwear, including rubber arctic, lumberman's over gaiter, work, storm, and dress rubbers, clogs and toe rubbers (a previous ration order already covers six types of men's rubber boots and rubber work shoes), soft and hard-soled house and boudoir slippers including scuffs, mules, romeos, operas, soft-soled infant's shoes and ballet slippers. Shoe repairs are not rationed.

Beginning Tuesday, Feb. 9, every man and woman and child is entitled to purchase one pair of shoes in any store with the use of Stamp 17 in War Ration Book One, the book which is now used for coffee and sugar. This stamp will be valid through June 15.

This stamp is transferable between members of a family living in the same household.

Feb. 24: A service flag for school district No. 300 was dedicated at the school gym last Sunday afternoon. There are 130 stars on the flag, six for women and 124 for men in Oswego and NaAuSay. The gold star in the center is for Kay Fugate, Mrs. Mary Shoger's grandson, who was killed at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. The stars representing the six women are for Marjorie Obmann, Velma Pierce and Dorothy Schobert who are nurses, and for Jewell Patton, Darlene Peshia, and Alice Pierce, who belong to the WAACs.

John Staffeldt sold his dairy herd of 20 cows on Feb. 20 at public auction. The price averaged \$150 each.

Staff Sgt. Franklyn W. Clark and wife of Camp Carson, Colo., are spending a 10-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clark. Sgt. Clark is being transferred to Florida. His wife will accompany him.

Mrs. Jack Rossetter (Leta Parkhurst) went to Urbana last week to set up housekeeping with her husband, who is located at Chanute Field.

Miss Mabel Thompson is the new assistant to the postmaster. Miss Darlene Peshia, former assistant, one of the six women from Oswego and vicinity to enter the service, is a WAAC in training at Des Moines.

Mrs. James Armstrong moved from east of Oswego to her new home on Park avenue last week.

James Zentmyer, 3rd class petty officer, of Corpus Christi, Tex., is spending a 15 day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Zentmyer. He expects to return on Feb. 23.

Marvin Marquardt of the Chicago School of Osteopathy was home last Sunday and Monday.

The Main Confectionery and Cafe has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Herren who will take over the business on March 1st.

After six months waiting, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Collins received a letter from their son, Lloyd, written from Africa. He says the climate is nice, the scenery beautiful. There were date and olive trees and the natives wanted to exchange oranges and tangerines for cigarettes.

The James Campbell farm has been sold. The Campbells will, however, stay on the farm this year.

Recently 38 pupils of the seventh and eighth grades of the Oswego grade schools sent in copies of their penmanship to the national board of examiners. The national board rated the pupils relatively above standard.

March -- 1943

March 3: The Red Cross drive tarts this week. The quota for Oswego is \$1,200 and it must be met. Oswego has never failed to met its quota on any project.

Bob Harvey is home from Great lakes on a furlough for 10 days.

Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Westphal have moved from the Howard Shoger tenant house to the Herren farm near Plattville.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Hart and little daughter from Yorkville have moved to the Shoger house.

Mrs. Myron Wormley is one of the latest victims of the mumps.

George Michels, born Sept. 6, 1883 in Aurora, died Feb. 2 at the St. Joseph Mercy hospital. Mr. Michels is survive by his wife, Emily in their home on Route 31; a daughter, Dolores Michels Pearce of Los Angeles, Calif.; a brother, Phillip of Aurora; and a niece and nephews. Mr. Michels was a member of Aurora Lodge 400 of the Loyal Order of the Moose and Lodge 705 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks.

Funeral services were held at the Healy Chapel March 1 with interment in the Spring Lake cemetery.

Charles Havens, 67, died at his home near Wolf's Crossing early Sunday morning, Feb. 28, following a lingering illness.

Mr. Havens is survived by his wife, Nellie; and two sons, Dale and Clyde, who are both in the U.S. Service, Clyde overseas and Dale in Indiana; and other relatives.

Funeral services will be held today at the Luce Undertaking Parlors in Plainfield. Burial will be made in the Plainfield cemetery.

Mr. Havens, known to his many friends as "Shack" Havens, farmed in Oswego and adjoining townships for many years. He has been ill since November 1941 and confined to his bed all the past year.

Those in this community who would have lost their farms and homes in the airport project wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who kindly donated time and money to the cause.

Signed by those who  
would have been most affected.

The members of the Prairie church enjoyed the annual birthday party at the church Wednesday evening, Feb. 24.

Auxiliary Darlene Mae Peshia of Garfield Avenue Oswego has begun training at the First Woman's Army Auxiliary Corps training center at Ds Moines, Ia. For the following four weeks she will be assigned to a Basic company for more detailed training preparing her to replace a man in a non-combat Army job.

Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Shoger and three little folks have moved to a large farm near Woodstock. Mr. and Mrs. Max Collins and two children are occupying the home vacated by the Shogers. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Elliott and children are moving on to the LaBay farm. Mrs. LaBay and Miss Rose will stay with Mrs. LaBay's daughter in Montgomery until they can find a house to by.

A neighborhood party was held for the "movers" Friday evening at the Gaylord school and gifts presented to the honored ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Rebhorn and three sons are to move from the Minkler homestead to a farm near Shabbona.

March brought a white blanket with her, possibly for protection against another month of cold weather. Have you seen your first robin yet? Some were reported last week.

Yorkville: What you Buy With War Bonds

That new cooking range, whether it be gas or electric or otherwise, is something to look forward to when the War is won. But you can start saving now to buy it. Put a definite amount very payday, 10 percent of your paycheck, into War Bonds today.

When your Bonds mature, you will have the money ready for that new range. You will have made a good investment, getting back \$4 for every \$3.

March 10: Plans are being completed for the celebration of the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Presbyterian church on March 14.

Neighbors in the Harvey school district surprised Bob Harvey at his home Thursday. Two gifts were presented to the guest of honor. Bob returned to Great lakes today after a 10-day furlough.



Announcements have been received from Mrs. Ellen Hebert Willis announcing the marriage of her daughter, Claire Hebert, to Capt. Robert Anthony Colt, U.S. Army, Feb. 27 at Camp Stewart, Ga.

The Oswego PTA, including district 300, will sponsor a Red Cross benefit dance Saturday night in the school gym. The tickets will be on advance sale at the Margo shop.

Gustave Klomhaus, 65, died March 7 at his home in Oswego following a long period of ill health. He was born in Germany on April 25, 1877.

Mr. Klomhaus is survived by his widow, Emily; two sons, Arthur and Gustave Jr.; and a grandson, Arthur of Oswego; three brothers, John and Peter of Chicago and Fred of Plainfield.

Mr. Klomhaus came to the United States from Germany in 1890, coming to Oswego from Chicago in 1908 and was engaged in farming for a number of years before operating the Chevrolet garage in Oswego. later, he drove the Oswego school bus and endeared himself to all by his careful consideration for the children. Funeral services were held from the home March 9. Interment was made in the Plainfield cemetery.

John A. Sutherland, 58, died Feb. 23. He was born May 5, 1884 in Oswego. He is survived by three brothers and four sisters: Mrs. J.H. Bell, Mrs. J.H. Slayton, and William Sutherland of Oswego, Mrs. Laura Obmann and Mrs. J.F. Widdefield of Montgomery, Harry of Elgin, Fred of Centralia, Wash.; and by several nieces and nephews. funeral services were held at the McKeown funeral home March 2 with burial in the Oswego cemetery.

The Main café opened last week under the proprietorship of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Herren. They intend to maintain the same high standard of service set by Mrs. Wormley. The Herrens wish to thank their patrons for their interest and thanks the Oswego greenhouse for the bouquets and corsages given for the opening.

Yorkville: Advertisement:

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No Experience Necessary  
We Pay You  
While You  
Learn  
Openings Include Light Assembly  
Bench Work and General  
Manufacturing Operations  
Our Group Riding Committee Will  
Arrange Your Transportation  
Do Not Apply If Now  
Engaged in War Work  
Lyon Metal Products  
Incorporated  
Aurora, Illinois.

March 17: Friday night, 95 persons attended the annual Parent and Son banquet presented by the Oswego chapter of the Future Farmers of America in the Oswego high school gym.

The celebration of the 90th anniversary of the Oswego Presbyterian church on March 14 was carried out according to the program prepared, except that Rev. and Mrs. J.R.E. Craighead of Saltsburg, Pa., were unable to attend due to the illness of Rev. Craighead. Altogether it was a glorious day, the weather was even kind with a warm sun and mild breeze. A souvenir program and history of the church was given to each family, a fine booklet for future reference.

The amount of the Red Cross roll call last Monday morning had reached \$815 of the \$1,300 quota.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith moved from the farm homestead March 16 to the brick residence on the corner of Jay and Jefferson streets in Oswego. Their son, Ralph, and wife and three sons are moving onto the home place.

March 24: Aux. Jewel Patton of Ft. Bragg, N.C., is home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Patton, on a 14-day furlough. Miss Patton, with others of the Company, enjoys her work and living in barracks with their own mess hall. The girls in the Auxiliary are doing secretarial work, reliving many army men at the post.

The all-school program and exhibit of the Oswego school Friday evening, March 19, was a splendid patriotic affair with songs and poems of all the wars since the Revolutionary War.

Sgt. Wilbur Peshia of Detroit, his wife from Plymouth, Ind., and A.A.M. 3rd class Burton Peshia of Norfolk, Va., were home with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Peshia for a few days last week.

The subscription for the Red Cross drive in Oswego amounted to \$950 last Monday morning.

A roof fire at the Fred Walker home last Sunday afternoon caused considerable excitement but the damage was confined to a 3-foot square hole in the roof.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henricksen have moved from their pretty little home on Park Ave. to a farm once known as the George Bower place, now owned by a Mr. Voss of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wheeler, at this writing, are still away, Mrs. Wheeler having accompanied her husband on a loaded truck to Florida, going from there to New Orleans to pick up a load to bring north. The grandmother, Mrs. Agnes Schlapp, is caring for the two little girls.

March 31: It is still a pleasure to realize that we still will go to the polls and vote for the people of our choice instead of dictated elections such as the people in Europe must go through. Every dollar we spend on Bonds and every boy that goes into the service makes that privilege more secure for us.

We have two elections in Oswego this spring. The first is the Town Election on April 6 for town officer. Mr. Oliver A. Burkhart, our supervisor, is unopposed for reelection. Mr. Dranir, highway commissioner, is seeking reelection and will be opposed by Kenneth Gowran, who is also in the road maintaining business. This is the only contest in the Town Election. The other offices to be filled are Justice of the Peace and Constable, but no one filed for those positions.

Mr. Burkhart advises us that there has been a 10 percent reduction in the taxes of Oswego township taxpayers, caused by a big reduction in Town taxes, the relief levy being reduced 50 percent and the Road and Bridge levy 25 percent lower. The village election will be held on April 20 to elect three Village Trustees and a Police Magistrate. One ticket only is in the field consisting of for Trustees, Oscar Olson (present Trustee), Lester Fechner and John Cooper. For Police Magistrate, M.J. Wormley. A.F. Crossman [Crosman], present Police Magistrate, is running on an independent ticket. These are all good reliable citizens and if elected our town will be in good hands.

Mrs. Helen Journey, 54, died at Copley hospital on March 25. She was a resident of Oswego and was born on Nov. 5, 1888 in Taylorville. She was preceded in death in 1942 by her husband, James. Surviving are two brothers, Charles A. Taylor of Aurora and Otis W. Taylor of Chicago; two sisters, Mrs. Roy Cutts and Mrs. Grace Doty, both of Aurora.

She was a member of the Oswego Presbyterian church and of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Oswego post of the American Legion. Funeral services were held at the Healy chapel in Aurora on March 27. Interment was made in Spring Lake cemetery with services at the grave in charge of the Auxiliary of the American Legion.

The Red Cross subscriptions reached the sum of \$1,140 on March 29 toward a quota of \$1,270 for Oswego.

Oliver Hem spent last Sunday at home on a weekend leave from Camp Walhalla, Mich. He was accompanied by Dan Deal and Edward Kroening of the same camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hafenrichter (Lucile Bower) have a 7-1/2 pound son born March 25 at the Copley hospital. The little fellow has been given the name Delman Ray.

April -- 1943

April 7: The farmers are in such a hurry to work in the fields this week that they hardly take the time to eat their meals, and on the

night shift they take care of the new crop of pigs and lambs. No 48-hour week for the farmers.

Since Glen Panikis has joined the Marines, his place as a clerk in Biesemier and Hettrich's store has been filled by a soldier's wife, Mrs. Niles of Plano.

Lt. Arthur Ramm and wife of St. Louis spent last weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gerry.

A wartime program was held at the Cutter school Friday evening, April 2, with the teacher, Mrs. Henry Heffelfinger, presiding.

Sgt. Leigh on a 10-day furlough from Langley Field, Va., spent the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Leigh.

They are still talking in Oswego about the hilarious three-act comedy, "The Young Imp," staged by the high school players Friday night, March 26.

Gate receipts were the largest ever taken in at a three-act play in Oswego.

April 14: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Parkhurst announce the marriage of their daughter, Emily Leone, to Harry Gibson on April 8. Corporal Gibson is stationed at Camp Haan, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson left for Riverside, Calif. on Thursday night.

Oswego Red Cross quota of \$1,270 has been subscribed.

Pfc Virgil Shoger was home last Sunday from Scott Field, Ill. Glen Shoger from Harvard and Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Shoger, Carl, Alice, and Vernon from Woodstock were also at the Shoger home last Sunday.

Radio Tech. Jaces Kesslinger is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kesslinger, on a 10-day leave. He has finished his training in New York and is being transferred to Virginia to an advanced radio school.

At the Oswego school election on April 10, Jack Cherry and Charles Schultz were elected as members of the high school board of education and Ed Baker, Charles Nutt Jr. and Leslie Woolley on the grade school board.

The congregation of the Prairie church will dedicate their new chancel on April 18.

On Friday, April 2, students of the Oswego high school took a national current events test being taken by thousands of students in all 48 states of the Union. The test consisted of 100 questions on international and national affairs. Unusually high individual scores were made as follows: Carl Nadelhoffer, 97; John Palmer, 95; Lois Larson, 95; Mary Baumann, 95; Eugene Staffeldt, 95; Donald Palmer, 95; Stanley Herren, 95; Harold Cormany, 94; Ralph Sanderson, 94; Fred Claassen, 93; and Alice Baker, 92.

Oswego Community high school for the past three weeks has been intensifying its bond and stamp sales in a "Buy a Jeep" campaign. In the three Friday sales, a total of \$1,125.15 has been sold, thus already netting more than the \$900 considered the cost of a Jeep.

April 21: The Oswego Prairie Evangelical church had a special 95th anniversary program Sunday in the dedication of a new organ and other improvements.

Improvements completed included:

New electric organ in memory of Olive O. Hem and in honor of the family of Sarah A. Hem, also in memory of Jacob and Barbara Constantine.

New pulpit in memory of John and Mary Hafenrichter.

Pulpit antependia, gift of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Hafenrichter.

Sanctuary Bible in memory of John F. and Apollonia Hummel.

Lectern in memory of Owen, Millicent and Eustice Hafenrichter.

East choir stall in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Burkhart.

West choir stall, gift of Walter W. Gast family and George D. Smith family.

Clergy pews in memory of Carrie W. Wolf.

Flags in honor of Burton Smith.

Offering plates, gifts by Mrs. Irvin Wolf.

Choir gowns, gifts by Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Hem and Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Hafenrichter.

A sunrise service will be held Easter morning at Quarry Ledge with Prof. Keen of Naperville as speaker.

The senior class of 24 members of the Oswego high school, are taking the annual trip to Chicago and Wednesday and Thursday of this week. This is a conducted tour by the AE&C Electric Co., and many points of interest are being visited.

William Moore, 67 of Adams street, passed away suddenly last Friday night. Funeral services were held from the Daleiden funeral home, Aurora. Mrs. Moore surviving him, has long been an invalid.

Yorkville: This is Illinois Reserve Militia Week. All men between the ages of 18 and 55 who are deferred from active war service should enlist in the Reserve Militia as their patriotic duty to the state and nation. Enlistments may be made at any state armory. The Plattville Company drills every Monday evening.

April 28: The Oswego fire department was called to the Waubonsie golf club Monday morning to extinguish a fire on the grounds.

The 21 high school students who took the conducted tour to Chicago last week had an instructive and enjoyable time. Among points of interest they visited the Board of Trade, Men's Service center, Continental Bank, dined and spent the night at the Sherman Hotel, attended the radio broadcast of the Breakfast Club, the Maxwell street markets, dinner at Chinatown, the Museum of Industry, and a stage play.

Yorkville: Four trainmen met instant death, a fifth, the conductor, is badly injured and several passengers are injured following a head-on collision on the Fox River branch of the Burlington about three miles east of Oswego Tuesday night.

The passenger train, known as the 4 o'clock out of Yorkville, was eastbound. A freight locomotive and caboose started west from Montgomery and the two met at the spot mentioned. No reason for the accident has been released by railroad officials.

The "dinky," as the gasoline coach is known here, immediately after the crash caught fire and Aurora and Oswego fire engines rushed to the scene and hastily pumped water from the Fox river to quench the flames. All ambulances in the vicinity, too, were called to rush the injured to hospitals.

The accident is the worst one that this branch of the "Q" has suffered and it was, to all outward appearances, due to some human frailty as the train out of Oswego was over an hour late.

The "dinky" presented a sorry spectacle at the scene. The freight locomotive plowed a good 8 feet into the cab. The fire gutted it from stem to stern. How anyone survived the flaming wreck is a mystery. Uninjured passengers and motorists passing at the time effected the rescue operations until the arrival of the fire departments.

May -- 1943

May 5: A farewell service for Rev. and Mrs. Norman Zurbrigg will be held at the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening, May 9. Mrs. Ruth Shoger Zurbrigg has been church organist for the past 10 years and will be greatly missed. Rev. Zurbrigg, a graduate of the Evangelical seminary at Naperville, has been assigned a church in Canada and they will leave for there in two weeks.

At the Oswego cemetery meeting on April 26, by-laws were read and an association organized with James Hopkins as president, Roy Croushorn of Aurora as Vice president and Mrs. Dan Bickford of Oswego as secretary and treasurer. Four trustees were elected, Albert Woolley, Howard Shoger, Robert Herren, and Edward Inman.

Helen Gilmore, a student at OHS, was one of those injured in the Burlington wreck near Oswego on April 27. Her injuries, slight compared with others, bruises on the head and one ankle. She was going to Aurora to meet her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Gilmore.

Mrs. Lottie Miller, age 84, died April 27, 1943 at the home of her son on Park avenue. She was born July 8, 1858 in New Jersey. Surviving are her son, D.H. Miller of Oswego; a sister, Phiebe Banks and a brother, Jeff Banks of Rochelle; a grandson, Delos H. Banks, U.S. Navy; and one great grandson, Jimmy Miller.



Funeral services were held at the McKeown funeral home on April 29. Interment in the Restland cemetery at Mendota.

A number of Oswego township women were guests at a farewell luncheon given for Mrs. Malcolm Rance at the United Presbyterian church on Wednesday, April 28. Mrs. Rance is going to Wisconsin to live and care for her stepmother.

May 10: Gordon C. Wormley and Paul A. Miller went to Chicago the 17th for examination before induction into the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Grate announce the engagement of their daughter, Doris, to Third Class petty Officer James Zentmyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Zentmyer. The wedding will take place in the near future at Corpus Christi, Tex., where James is stationed.

Glenda Hafenrichter has closed her school at Pearl City, Ill. and returned home May 15. She has accepted a teaching position at Big Rock for the coming school year.

Rev. and Mrs. Norman Zurbrigg left by auto May 15 for their new home at Kitchener, Canada.

Raymond Campbell Sr. suffered a serious accident on May 10 when due to the wet conditions around the Conkey Gravel Pit, he slipped and fell into the machinery and received an injury to his right arm, tearing the flesh and muscle from the elbow to the shoulder. He is a patient at the St. Joseph hospital.

The annual spring round-up for the pre-school children who will enter the first grade in September, will be held in the high school gymnasium on Monday morning May 24. Dr. I.H. Deutsch, assisted by District Public Health Nurse Miss Matilda Petske, will make the examinations. There are no charges for this service.

Owing to the shortage of help in caring for the cemetery, we would ask all lot owners to care for their own lots as far as possible to keep our cemetery looking nice.

Respectfully,

Oswego Cemetery Association

May 26: Memorial Day exercises will be held at the Oswego school gym on Sunday, May 30. Mayor Earl Zentmyer will give the address. The Oswego band will play and there will be special musical numbers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. George Smith and baby daughter were guests on May 23 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Norem of Newark.

Most of the schools will close this week. Miss Elizabeth Bloss of Consolidated district No. 3 closes school with a picnic on May 28. Miss Bloss will teach in Aurora next year. Miss Hayes of Joliet has been secured as teacher in district No. 3. The Squires school, with Violet Arnold as teacher, had their closing day exercises Monday evening.

The Grove school, with Phyllis Shoger Thompson, teacher, will close May 28 with a picnic, probably at Phillips Park. No teachers have yet been secured for the Squires and the Grove schools. The Cutter school closes June 4 with a picnic. The Russell school closed last week, and expects to have a picnic May 27.

Along with May flower, May brought May showers, two weeks of rain. Corn planting will be two or three weeks late.

The Baccalaureate services of the Oswego high school were held at the Presbyterian church last Sunday evening.

The eighth grade graduation was held at the school Monday evening, and the high school graduation will take place on Wednesday evening, May 26.

Billy Shiffer was home from the Great Lakes Saturday on a 12 hour leave.

The farm known as the Cob Pearce farm has been resold to Robert Grieser of Western Springs. The Besch farm, known as the old Squires place, has been purchased by D. Arthur Bekmian of Chicago.

June -- 1943

June 2: Marjorie Stilwell, a student in the Oswego school, died suddenly on May 27 at the St. Joseph hospital, Aurora at the age of 12 years. She is survived by her father, Clarence Stilwell of Oswego; her mother, Albina Rheinhart and three sisters of Aurora. Funeral services were held at the McKeown funeral home on May 31. Burial was made in Spring Lake cemetery. Classmates acted as pallbearers.

Miss Mae Barrett and her sister, Mrs. Rose Bradfield of Oak Park attended the Presbyterian services Sunday morning and were callers at the Newton Woolley home in the late afternoon.

Paul Miller left last week to be inducted into the service and Gordon Wormley goes this week. Stuart Parkhurst, who has been in service since Jan. 21, is now Sergeant Parkhurst, and located at Camp Hulen, Tex.

The farmers had a few good days to work in the fields and then on Memorial Day where were several hard showers. The men worked day and night when the fields were dry enough to get into. We know positively of one who planted corn for 14 hours with only a half hour out for dinner. He planted 70 acres in two days and of another who plowed all day until 11 at night.

Word was received here of the death of Mrs. Charles Weber, 86, at the Wheaton nursing home. Funeral services were held May 26 at the Kamp chapel with burial in Chicago. Mrs. Weber had been a resident of Oswego for the past 40 years. Her husband passed away 11 years ago. Mrs. Weber is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Della Finney of Oak Park; a granddaughter; and a grandson.

Alice M. Pierce of Oswego has been promoted to technical fourth grade in Branch A of the Fifth Women's Army Auxiliary Corps Training Center at Camp Rushton, La. T-4 Pierce is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Pierce of Oswego.

Lt. (j.g.) Ralph Blackman of Harvard University NTS, accompanied by his wife, spent a few days this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Fay Blackman. Lt. and Mrs. Blackman are on their way to the West Coast.

Doris Grate left Oswego May 23 for Corpus Christie, Tex., to become the bride of James Zentmyer, AM 2-C.

June 9: Everett M. McKeown, Walter K. Smith, Robert K. Ritehour, Leslie V. Weiss have been contacted for induction into the armed services.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kohlhammer have moved into the beautiful new residence at the corner of Madison and Washington streets, which he recently finished building. Mr. Kohlhammer has built a number of Oswego residences and it is gratifying to his friends that they can occupy this fine new house although the large house they left on the Waubonsie creek was a nice place and well-landscaped.

Following a promotion, it is now Capt. Max Cutter. He is located somewhere in the South Pacific.

Marine Gunner Sidney Woolley is here from Quantico, Va. to get his wife and their two little daughters, Diana and Beverly, to be taken to Quantico where they will again establish a home.

Robert Harvey was home last Sunday from the Navy Pier.

June 16: Mrs. E.M. McKeown has reached the decision to carry on the funeral home during the absence of her husband, who leaves shortly to enter the Armed Services. The decision is one that will face more and more wives as the war goes on and Mrs. McKeown is to be congratulated for "keeping the house in order" while her husband is serving his country.

A licensed embalmer and director has been secured and the business will go in with the usual high type of service as in the past.

Mrs. Harold Van Etten, her 4 months old baby Nancy, and her sister, Mrs. Corrick received serious injuries last week when the auto driven by Mrs. Van Etten ran off the highway as Mrs. Van Etten reached to close the rear door. The baby has a broken thigh and

Mrs. Corrick has serious injuries but Mrs. Van Etten's were less serious, a cut on the head.

The Prairie church people held a farewell social time for Paul Shoger after church last Sunday evening, presenting him a gift. Mr. Shoger will leave soon for induction in the Service.

Lt. Donald Thompson from Boca Raton Field, Fla., on a 10-day leave, has been here visiting his wife, the former Phyllis Shoger and his parents in Glen Ellyn.

Sgt. Stuart Parkhurst from Camp Hulen, Tex., is home on leave and the Clare Parkhurst family had a reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hill in Elgin Sunday.

Jimmie Johnston received a head injury last Saturday when working at his shop. A stick of wood flew from the saw he was using and cut an artery in the left temple, requiring a number of stitches to close the wound. Mr. Johnston is taking an enforced vacation for a few days. His friends, specially the farmers, hope for a speedy recovery as he keeps their tools in repair.

Miss Doris Elaine Grate, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Grate, and James Zentmyer, aviation metalsmith second class in the Naval Air Forces, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Zentmyer, were united in marriage the evening of June 12 at the First Methodist church at Corpus Christi, Tex.

The bride and bridegroom are residing at Corpus Christi, where the latter is stationed at the naval air station.

The Oswego Community high school has received a treasury certificate of distinguished service in recognition of its participation in the Schools At War program and the submission of a Schools At War scrapbook. The certificate was issued by the Treasury Department. The most ambitious projects completed were a highly successful scrap drive and the sales of stamps and bonds.

June 23: A party for Bennett Sickler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Sickler, was given on Saturday night at the home of Mrs. Floyd Niles in Aurora. Bennett is a member of the Naval Reserve and has been

called to duty on July 1 when he will leave for Crawfordsville, Ind. where he will attend Wabash college.

For six hours last Sunday morning hard and continuous showers fell in this vicinity. The weather man is doing all he can for the Food for Victory program.

Staff Sgt. Harley M. Swanquist, an instructor at Biloxi, Miss., and his wife are spending a part of his 15-day furlough with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Sleezer.

The 19th annual reunion of the old scholars of the Walker school will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hummel on July 3.

June 30: Miss Patricia Louise Woolley became the bride of Pfc John W. Haben at a ceremony, which was performed at noon at the Oswego Presbyterian church on Sunday, June 20. Mrs. Haben is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Woolley of Oswego. Pfc. Haben is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stotts of Little York.

Pfc. and Mrs. Haben left on a short wedding trip and will return to Scott Field, Bellville, Ill, where they will reside.

The bride is a graduate of the Oswego Community high school and attended Monmouth college. She has been teaching the past for years in the rural schools of Kendall county. The bridegroom is a graduate of the Monmouth high school and has been associated with his step-father in the grocery business in Little York until he entered the army.

Sgt. Wylie Robinson of Nashville, Tenn. is home for a few days.

Pvt. Virgil Shoger of Scott Field was home Sunday. His brothers, LaVerne and Glen, from Woodstock were home to spend the day.

Wilbur Quantock, an enlisted reserve from the University of Illinois, left last week for Transylvania college Lexington, Ky. Robert Quantock, who took his basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., will continue his training in the Air Corps.

Dean Paydon, in Navy Radio, has been transferred from Chicago to Corpus Christi, Tex.

Yorkville: The Kendall County War Meat committee organized and held its first meeting Thursday night, June 24, in the Farm Bureau building. The purpose of the committee is to foster an understanding of meat rationing problems and the needs among both the producers and consumers of the county.

July -- 1943

July 7: No Oswego news due to publication of Kendall County property tax assessments.

July 14: [Note: Issue missing from microfilm.]

Twelve Boy Scouts and their Scoutmaster, John Luettich, left last Monday morning for Camp Blackhawk, Buchanan, Mich. The boys are Ray Hoen, Bob Woodard, George Junior Griffith, Fred Claassen, Scott Brown, Emmett Drake, Robert Renner, John Luettich Jr., Bill Cutter, David Campbell, Herbert Tripp and Dick Luettich.

Mrs. Ella Pearce, 78, of Aurora, a former resident of Oswego, died July 8, 1943 at St. Joseph hospital following a short illness. She is survived by a son, Dr. A.J. Pearce of Chicago and three grandsons, Lt. John E. George and Robert Pearce; and three brothers. Funeral services were held at the Holy Angels church on July 12 with interment in the Mt. Olivet cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Leigh received word that William Jr. has been promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant, engineering Section, Langley Field, Va., where he is stationed.

Announcement has been made that Route 25 between Oswego and Montgomery on the east side of the Fox River is to be repaired and during the job will be widened. The contract for the work has been let to the Geneva Construction Company and work will commence in the near future. This culminates several months of work on the part of Mrs. Maud N. Peffers, our representative in the General Assembly, who has attempted for some time to get this road, of scenic beauty in better shape for travel.

Mrs. Peffers also has been trying to get the state to connect up Oswego and Route 71 with a blacktop road and reports that she thinks this road will be done at the time the other improvement is made.

Old schoolmates of 50 years ago and members of their families met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hummel on July 3 for a reunion of the Walker school. The day was perfect for a picnic dinner on the lawn, in the shadow of Old Glory, hung between two trees.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harvey entertained friends at Saturday evening for Gerald Dauwalder, who is leaving this week for his final examination before leaving for service in the CBs [Seabees].

Sgt. Alice Pierce of the 4th WAC T-C, has been transferred from the south to Ft. Bevens, Mass.

Andrew "Bud" Pierce, located at Shreveport, La., received his sergeant stripes last week. Marian Pierce, now in Burbank, Calif., is a roving stenographic operator for the Lockheed Co. These are children of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pierce of Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nutt Jr. have an 8 pound son, born July 5 at the Copley hospital. There are two other children, Sandra and Dickie.

Yorkville: The Kendall County Telephone directory is scheduled to be delivered on July 19, according to R.A. Barker, manager for the Illinois Bell Telephone Company.

"As a result of studies made recently," Mr. Barker said, "It has been found advisable to unify in one alphabetical list the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the subscribers in Yorkville, Newark, Millington, Lisbon, Plattville, Plano, Oswego, Channahon, and Minooka."

July 21: Colored films of Hawaii and pictures of the attack on Pearl Harbor and the battles of the Coral Sea and Midway will be shown at the Presbyterian Annex Wednesday July 21. The films will be shown by Burman Etsinger with Mr. H.B. Tate, principal of the high school,



in charge of the arrangements. The films have been endorsed by the Local Defense Council.

The colored films, unusually clear and colorful, were all taken by Mr. Etsinger, who for the past two and one half years has been serving as civil service personnel administrator in the Pearl Harbor area. The pictures show surf board riding, beautiful scenery, Honolulu, street scenes, civilian fire fighting, native dances, and the eruption of Mount Loa.

At 4 p.m. Sunday, July 13, at the Union church at Serena, Mardell Knight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Knight of Serena became the bride of Floyd Landis Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Price. Relatives attending from Oswego were the Price family, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Woolley and Joan, Mrs. Donald Sampson, Mrs. Wilton Woolley, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hafenrichter.

Pvt. Glen Panikis of San Diego, Calif. spent a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Panikis.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Henderson and little son of Main street have been staying at the home of her father, Rueben Hafenrichter, the past two weeks. Mr. Henderson is spending his vacation assisting with the farm work.

The corn crop is "laid by," the hay is finished and oat harvest is in full swing this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith have a baby daughter, born at the Copley hospital in July 14. The three little brothers at home, Ronald, Gerald, and Larry, will be glad to welcome a little sister.

Will Quantock has purchased the farm joining the one on which they now live from Mrs. Kathryn Simons. It is now occupied by the Charles Robinson family.

Little Toni Troyer is one of the latest victims of the mump.

Mrs. Milton Hem recently visited her son, Oliver, in camp at Wahl Hollow, Mich.

July 28: The Oswego Branch of the Red Cross held its annual picnic and business meeting July 16 at the home of Mrs. Mae Cutter. Work completed during the past year was the sewing of 170 garments and articles and knitting 119 garments.

Dr. and Mrs. L.J. Weishew and daughters Sue and Nan are at their cottage at Rhineland, Wis. for a month's vacation.

John Carr, from a camp near Spokane, Wash. spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carr.

Those of the Boy Scouts who were going to detassel corn came home from the Scout Camp last Saturday, the others returning Monday evening. Earl Zentmyer takes a number of Oswego boys and picks up a school bus load on the way to Waterman, where he and the boys work for the DeKalb Seed Corn Co.

Mrs. Clifford Olson supervises a group of Oswego girls who are detasseling corn on NaAuSay farms. The girls, who began work on Monday morning, were Barbara Woolley, Barbara Hyne, Patty and Mary Lou Campbell, Mary and Florence Bauman, Jane Patterson, Joan Brown, Marjorie Zielke, Elizabeth Claassen, Nancy Olson, and Loretta Hegland.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ringberg have a son born July 20 at the Copley hospital.

Quinlan Meetz has had quite a serious time. He had pneumonia following a case of mums contracted from his children's illness. He is improving and will be sitting up this week.

Kendall County: Theodore K. House and E.I. Gutel have agreed to head the Salvation Army Drive Aug. 2-9 in Kendall county with the local bankers acting as treasurers. As usual, the ex-service men and auxiliary of the American Legion have agreed to cooperate, as in this war the Salvation Army have over 18,000 lassies and officers serving on the different fronts abroad as compared to only 110 who brought back the good name of the Salvation Army in the First World War.

August -- 1943

Aug. 4: Mrs. Anna J. Gilmour, 67, of Oswego township, died July 31 in St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Aurora. She was born on March 7, 1876 near Yorkville had had lived in the Oswego neighborhood for 43 years.

She is survived by her husband, Walter M. Gilmour; two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Lumbard of Oswego and Mrs. Della Smith of Sheridan; one son, Raymond R. Gilmore of Manhattan; eight grandchildren; and one brother, Myron Perkins of Bristol.

Funeral services were held from her home in Oswego township in Tuesday. Interment was made in the Lincoln Highway cemetery.

Second Lt. Walter Foster of Ft. Benning, Ga., spent a few days recently with his wife and children in Oswego. He will now be stationed at Camp Fanan, Tex., where he will be an instructor.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Grasch have a baby boy born July 27 at the hospital.

Myron Herren spent the past two weeks at Cambden, Ind. managing sales for the Wertheimer Cattle Co, of Montgomery.

Those farmers who combined their oats have about finished and threshing for the others is well underway.

Everett McKeown, with the Medical Corps at Camp Grant, spent last weekend at this home in Oswego.

Don't forget the Salvation Army drive for funds this week--a worthy project--similar to the Red Cross.

Dean Campbell of Route 34 suffered a fractured left collarbone last Friday. He was riding horseback across a field, the horse stumbled and threw him, falling on his left shoulder. A busy time of year for a farm boy to have an enforced 'vacation.'

Capt. Heath Wayne, who is one of the officers with the Air Force in China, has recently been awarded the Flying Cross for 50 combat missions over enemy territory.

Yorkville: Interested in a Newspaper?

Ye editor has an opportunity to enter what he thinks is a greener field and must sell *The Record* before he can make the change. It is not without a great deal of thought that the change was even thought, however the die is cast and if the newspaper can be disposed of the change will occur.

*The Record* has been established for nearly 80 years and well equipped to continue. A good business for anyone inclined toward the newspaper game and would be a natural for consolidation with another nearby sheet.

Farmers of Illinois are asked to sell six million bushels of corn before Aug. 10 in order to meet the great demand for corn and corn products essential in commercial activities pertaining to the War Effort.

Yorkville; Sheriff William A. Maier noticed smoke in the jail late Tuesday evening and upon entering found that his two youthful prisoners, Joseph Jeffries, 16, and his brother, Nelson Jeffries, 14, were laying on their bunks, the mattresses of which were on fire. The sheriff roused them and rushed to the shower for water to extinguish the blaze.

The prisoners seemed to be gasping at the windows for air and "Bill" did not think they would attempt an escape, however he closed the iron door to the residence part to keep out the smoke.

While he was drawing a second pail of water, the noise kept him from hearing Joe and Nelson, who had opened the iron door and fled from the jail, running between Larson's and the Village hall toward town, that in one ran that way the other passing between the jail and Larson's. The boys reached a point near Oswego, where they stole a car and the Sheriff traced them to the home of their parents east of Joliet in the Lincoln Estates. The youths had made good their escape, however, and at the present time are at large.

The boys were being held on a stolen car charge, it being their eighth or ninth time. Their home, while in Kendall county, was the Orville Blackman home.

Aug. 11: Oswego's population is increasing at a rapid rate. On Tuesday, Aug. 2, Mr. and Mrs. Don Perrin became the parents of a daughter, born at the Copley hospital and named Barbara Ann. They have an older child, Charles Earl, in their family.

On Aug. 4, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Norris were presented with a son at Copley hospital. He is given the name David Warren.

Also on Aug. 4 at Copley, an 8 pound daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Sergerson. Little Linda Lou has an older sister at home.

On Aug. 8 a second son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Foster. There are two little sisters in that family now. Mr. Foster is in the U.S. Service.

Mrs. Roy Peterson and baby son Ronald returned from Copley hospital on Aug. 8.

Mrs. Normal Zurbrigg, who has been at her girlhood home for the past two weeks returned to her home in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada on the fifth of August.

Some boys who had been in trouble in other parts of the county stole Myron Herren's auto from his garage. The car was recovered at the home of the boys near Joliet, undamaged, and filled with gasoline, with an extra 5 gallon can in the car. The boys were not apprehended.

James W. Gowran, 65 died on Aug. 4 at his home in Oswego following a few weeks of serious illness.

He was born in Plano on Oct. 31, 1877. Mr. Gowran is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; two children by a former marriage, Mrs. Agnes Johnson and Kenneth Gowran; four grandchildren; two step-daughters, Mrs. Margaret Ode and Jean Simons, all of Oswego; three sisters, Mrs. Helen Seely of Yorkville, Mrs. May Owen of Syracuse, Ind., and Mrs. Kathryn Collins of Oswego; and a brother, Dwight Gowran of Aurora.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon, Aug. 7, at the McKeown Funeral Home. Interment was made in the Oswego cemetery.

Theodore E. Gerry of Oswego has been inducted as a flying cadet in the Army Air Corps.

Aug. 18: Kendall County rural schools will open on Monday, Aug. 30, for the 1943-44 term.

The summer vacation for Oswego grade school pupils will come to a close when they return to their classes on Tuesday, Sept. 7.

Oswego Community high school will commence on Monday, Aug. 30. The early opening date is for the purpose of dismissing sooner in the spring so that farm students will be available. Most farmers will have finished threshing before Aug. 30

Because great numbers of students are employed this summer, the renting of books will not be done as early as in the past two years. All students are urged to bring enough money for book rentals on Monday.

Five new instructors are on the staff this year: Miss Helen Myers of Oneida will be English and physical education instructor; J.D. Moriarty of Linton, N.D. will teach mathematics and chemistry; Miss Mary Zielman of Long Point is the new home economics instructor; commercial subjects will be taught by Miss Jeanette Mader from Waverly; Richard Moore of Coxsackie, N.Y. will teach Latin I, English I, and history.

Bus transportation will again be furnished by Earl Zentmyer and L.W. Morse. Those students affected by bus route changes will be notified by mail.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Besch have purchased the Jack Journey residence on Park Avenue and with their family have moved into their new home.

Howard and Stanley Herren spent Aug. 12 in Chicago. Stanley will be inducted in the service in September and be sent to a school.

Lt. Velma Pierce, RN, at Camp Polk, La., writes that she is expecting to leave for overseas duty. Recently a patient was brought into the hospital and she and the patient were both much surprised when he proved to be her cousin, Andrew Pierce Jr. of Oswego.

Cpl. Rodney Pierce from 'somewhere in the South Pacific,' writes interesting letters to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pierce. Although it is very hot where he is, he likes his work.

Aug. 25: Pfc. Donald J. Johnson, an Air Corps mechanic, is reported missing in action while on a flight from India to China. Donald is an Oswego boy, having been brought up by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John VanAult and attending the Oswego school and East Aurora high school.

Lt. Harvey Lippy from the Harlingen Air Field, Tex., is spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lippy on Washington street. He is to report to the Greenville, S.C. Army Air Base on Aug. 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Smith have purchased the Archie Price farm on the Base Line Road, and will move there next spring. Mr. Price was forced to sell on account of ill health. They will probably move to Aurora.

Rev. Horace Larsen has sent his resignation to the Presbyterian church and will accept the pastorate of the Englewood church on Chicago's south side. The Presbyterian session will accept Rev. Larsen's resignation with deep regret.

In making arrangements for cold storage lockers in Oswego, the government has insisted that the capacity be increased to 300 lockers and that 60 percent of 180 lockers be rented in advance and the money held in escrow.

Whole the original plans were not to include 300 lockers, the capacity has been increased to meet the government requirements. This will mean, however, that more lockers will need to be rented before the plant can be constructed. The detailed plans and arrangements have been made for the construction of the plant and as soon as the necessary lockers are rented, the constructing company is ready to start the building program.

It is suggested that all those who are interested in the Oswego plant may help to hasten the construction work by encouraging their friends who are interested in lockers to rent one or more of the necessary lockers immediately.

September -- 1943

Sept. 1: What a short summer! The rural schools opened for the fall term. Even those with no children to send enjoy seeing the school buses pass by loaded with happy children. Mrs. Gertie Heffelfinger teaches the Wormley school, Maxine Patton the Cutter school, Mrs. Phyllis Thompson the Squires school, Margaret Ann Jayes of Joliet the Walker school, Mrs. Elizabeth Parkhurst the Russell school, and Betty Condon teaches the Bethel school near Plainfield.

Everett McKeown was home from Camp Grant over last weekend and he and Mrs. McKeown had as their guests Pt. and Mrs. Ray Shaw, Pvt. and Mrs. H.A. Roe, and Mrs. Jack Regan, all of Stronghurst, Ill.

Robert Palmer, Stanley Peterson and Robert Herren have been in Canada on a fishing trip the past week.

Second Lt. Marjorie Obman has been spending the past two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Obman, after four months' duty in England. Reporting at Camp Kilmer, N.J., she expects to be sent overseas again.

Sept. 8: The well-known grocery firm of Biesemier and Hettrick has changed hands. Wayne Denney purchased the business. Biesemier and Hettrick have been in the grocery business and meat business for 24 years, succeeding H. B. Read. Mr. Denney has clerked there for 22 years and is familiar with all departments. The present clerks are Mrs. Walter Niles Jr. and O. Rasmussen, with younger assistants outside of school hours Bill Denney, Fred Claassen, and Richard Darland. [The store was at 70 Main Street on the east side of Main between Jackson and Washington.]

Dr. Saxon, formerly of Oswego, has been sent overseas. His wife and two little daughters are living with her parents in Chicago.

Pvt. Stanley Young, 411 Parachute infantry from Camp Mackall, N.C., is home on a 15-day furlough. The other two soldier sons of Mr. and



Mrs. Dwight Young, John of Lancaster, Calif. and Richard of Oceanside, Calif., telephoned to their parents last Sunday.

Staff Sgt. Forrest Woolley, Q.C., from Camp Meade, Md., was home with his mother, Mrs. Frank Woolley and brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Krug for several days over lat weekend.

Pfc. Darlene Peshia from Camp Crowder, Mo., is home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Peshia on a 12-day furlough. On Sept. 6, the Peshias had a family dinner honoring Harlan Peshia of Aurora, who leaves Friday, having joined the SeaBees.

Yorkville: RESERVE MILITIA NEEDS MEN!

The Illinois Reserve Militia, whose armory is located at Platteville, needs the help of patriotic men between the ages of 18 to 55 to enter the Company and drill for the very essential work this outfit may be called upon to do.

Surely you can spare a few hours a week to help out in this important task.

Call at the Platteville Armory on Monday or Thursday evenings, in person or call 7351, and learn of the opportunities for service in the Reserve Militia. If you live in or near Yorkville, Call Lt. Ralph Blake.

Sheriff William A. Maier was badly hurt last Wednesday when he was set upon by one of his youthful escape artists, Nelson Jeffries, 16, who with his brother, Joseph, had been returned to their cells at Yorkville after making a sensational escape early in August, being picked up in Pensacola, Fla. and returned to Yorkville only the Sunday before the attack on the Sheriff.

"Bill" entered the second on the second floor of the jail where the older boy was locked up early Wednesday evening. Nelson blew pepper in his face and while "Bill" was temporarily blinded leaped upon him, wielding a pocket knife with a blade some three inches long, Repeatedly stabbing Bill about the head, body, and legs, while the tussle for the knife went on, Bill finally succeeded in securing it from his assailant.

The Sheriff has thrown the keys out the window at the start of the attack and Mrs. Maier succeeded in locating help from the Ration Board meeting in the courthouse across the street.

Help in the shape of Deputy Sheriff E.E. Hasemeyer, Nels Walker, and Louis Thurrow arrived on the scene in the nick of time, for when they arrived, the youth was beating the Sheriff with a club fashioned from a chair leg.

Bill, bleeding badly, was hurried to Dr. F.M. Groner, who dressed the wounds and later took him to the hospital in Aurora. Bill returned from the hospital on Tuesday evening.

The community was quite upset about the affair and little sympathy was accorded the young thugs who engineered the escape and attack.

What the future holds for such crime-ridden youngsters of 14 and 16 years is a question that time will answer; surely they should not be permitted at large for some time, if ever.

Sept. 15: Mrs. Jane Jessup Vaughn of Sunnymere, Aurora, formerly of Oswego, passed away on Saturday night, Sept. 11, at the age of 77 years.

She was born on March 20, 1866 at Buckingham, Ill. Mrs. Vaughn is survived by a sister, Mrs. Clarence Cherry of Oswego; three brothers, Fred W. Jessup, Hart, Mich., Charles E. Jessup, Oak Park, and Daniel Jessup of Detroit, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews.

Her husband, Richard Vaughn, preceded her in death 29 years ago. Funeral services were held from the McKeown Funeral Home on Tuesday, Sept. 14, 1943, Rev. Horace Larsen officiating. burial was made in the NaAuSay cemetery.

Mrs. Amelia Lantz, age 93 years, died Saturday, Sept. 11, at her home in Oswego. She was the widow of John Peter Lantz, who died about a year ago after the couple had celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Lantz was born on Jan. 10, 1850 in Pennsylvania, but had spent most of her life in this vicinity.

She is survived by a son, Isaac of Naperville; two daughters, Mrs. Ida Book of Joliet and Mrs. Mabel Holzhueter of Wheatland; 21 grandchildren; and 38 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, Sept. 13 at the home. Interment was made in the Oswego cemetery.

John Norris, 84, died Sept. 9, 1943 at St. Joseph hospital, Aurora. He was born May 2, 1859 in Blackberry township. Surviving are four

sons, Ralph W., Oswego, J.H. of Aurora, F.H. of Batavia, and R.E. Norris of Milwaukee; one daughter, Mrs. Nellie Weber of Forest Park; 15 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. Burial was made in the Oswego cemetery.

On Tuesday, Sept. 7, 1943, 166 pupils registered for the new school year. The enrolment by grades being as follows: first, 27; second 23; third 17; fourth, 26; fifth, 18; sixth, 14; seventh, 22; and eighth, 19. Donald Walper and Bill Corrick will have charge of raising and taking down Our Flag and the Service flag each school day. Bill Cutter will be the Patrol Boys' Supervisor and the members of his staff are Billie Joe Bohn, Donald Walper, Bobby Marvin, George Hettrich, Jim Shoger, Dick Luettich, Bill Corrick, Roy Ode, and Glen Burton.

The office force will be Joanne Herren, Joanne Luettich, and Lois Jericho. Clay Cutter will be the mail man.

Cleora Woolley will be the manager of the War Stamp Sales staff. Members of her staff are Elaine Vogt, Wanda Baker, Joanne L. Woolley, Lois Jericho, and Jan Hyne.

Pupils of the junior high school room plan to publish a school paper. Members of the staff are Kenneth Bohn, editor in chief; Clay Cutter, manager; George Griffen, Jim Hoch, Herbert Tripp, George Hettrich, Olive Pierce, reporters; Beverly Woolley, music; Joanne and Dick Luettich, athletics; Jim Shoger, humor; Joanne D. Woolley, special features; and Elaine Vogt and Wanda Baker as art editors.

Stanley Herren, inducted in the service of the U.S., has been sent to Madison to take a course at the University. John Layton Herren left Monday to resume his studies at the St. John's academy at Delafield, Wis.

Sept. 22: Mrs. Annie Haines, 85, died Sept. 15, 1943 at the St. Joseph hospital in Aurora. She was born on April 13, 1858 in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Haines is survived by four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Etta Piggott of Aurora and Mrs. Mary McNichols of Chicago; and one brother, Dan Minich of Oswego. Funeral services were held from the McKeown Funeral Home on Sept. 17, Rev. H.A. Larsen officiating. Burial was made in the Oswego cemetery.

Mrs. Jessie Shoger Gates died of a heart attack at her home in Palo Alto, Calif. on Sept. 19, 1943.

Surviving is her husband, Ed Gates; a sister, Mrs. Carrie Walker; two brothers, Frank and Roy Shoger of Aurora; and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Gates was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Shoger and lived here before her marriage. Burial was made in California.

Lt. Walter Foster has returned to camp after a furlough spent with his wife and children on Jackson St. Mr. and Mrs. Foster had their infant son, Dwight Jams, baptized at the Presbyterian church last Sunday morning.

Ralph Norris has been quite ill at his home with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Norris. He suffered a heart attack at the Oswego Implement Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Clauser received the sad news that their youngest son, Frank, is missing in action. His wife lives in Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Phelper received word that their son has been missing in action over Germany since Aug. 1.

The Weber house from Main street has been moved to the corner of Tyler and Monroe, facing on Monroe. When it is remodeled it will make a nice large residence. Dr. Weishew bought the lot next to his office on which the house stood and will landscape it.

A number of Oswego farm families went on the Farm Bureau farm management tour on Sept. 15, stopping at several farms on the way toward DeKalb.

A farewell party for the Rev. and Mrs. Horace Larsen is to be given in the Presbyterian Annex on Wednesday, Sept. 22 with a pot luck supper. The Larsens are moving to Chicago soon, Rev. Larsen having accepted the pastorate of the Englewood Presbyterian church. The children, Lois and Horace, are staying in Chicago now to begin the new school term.

First Sgt. Frank W. Clark, from Camp Robinson, Ark., is home on a 15-day furlough with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Quantock received the news of a new grandchild in Aurora last week, a little daughter, named Judith Lynn born to Aviation Cadet and Mrs. Robert Quantock. The new father is now in preflight school in Santa Anna, Calif.

Pfc. Wilbur Quantock is in technical school at Fort Monmouth, N.J. These boys both graduated from the Oswego high school.

Sept. 29: Oswego friends attended the funeral services for Charles Willis of Aurora at Healy Chapel on Sept. 27. Mr. Willis was formerly a resident of Oswego. Burial was in the Pearce cemetery.

Mrs. Smith, who lives with her son-in-law, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Constantine, quietly celebrated her 84th birthday anniversary on Sept. 27. Her son, Pvt. Walter K. Smith from Camp Ellis, was home to see her on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pasko and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beach attended the open house at the Elwood Ordnance plant last Sunday afternoon. The munitions made in the plant were exhibited, tanks and jeeps paraded, wounded soldiers talked, and a band concert was enjoyed. Thousands were in attendance.

Mrs. John Pahaly spent last weekend with her husband, temporarily the depot agent at Phrophetstown.

A farewell party was held in the Presbyterian Annex Sept. 22 for Rev. and Mrs. H.A. Larsen and family. Nearly 100 were present to enjoy the fellowship of supper together. Fred Willis spoke in appreciation of Rev. and Mrs. Larsen's work in the church and the friendship during their five and one-half years residence here. Their household goods were moved to the new home in Chicago on Thursday.

Lt. Donald Thompson has been here visiting his wife, Phyllis Shoger Thompson. He is being transferred from Boca Raton Field, Florida to the West Coast.

Albert Shiffer is taking an enforced vacation. While loading coal onto his truck at Wilmington, the loading platform broke and he fell and suffered a bad fracture of the left wrist.

October -- 1943

Oct. 6: Three uproarious comedies will be presented by the freshman, sophomore, and senior classes in the annual Junior Frolic, to be presented Friday, Oct. 8, in the Oswego Gym, beginning promptly at 8 o'clock. The plays are competitive, with the winner to be selected by the audience. The winning class will have its name inscribed on the gold plaque which hangs in the study hall. The junior class is in charge of all arrangements.

The freshman play is "Orville's First Date" with Scott Brown, Sue Weishew, Barbara Hyne, and Frances Gerry.

"Wildcat Willie" the sophomore play with Emmett Drake, Joyce Bell, Fred Claassen, Darlene Dhuse, Dean Panikis, and Wylma Orr.

The seniors' play is "Fixers, Incorporated," with Glenn Lippy, Margaret Young, Audrey Besch, Bill Denney, Jack Lauder, and Jane Patterson.

The junior class will present a one-act play at the annual Halloween Fair to be given Oct. 29.

Minutemen of Oswego and NaAuSay townships have reported subscriptions of \$40,400. This amount does not include regular payroll deductions or purchases not reported to the Minutemen. In the two other drives, Oswego and NaAuSay have far exceeded their quotas. Minutemen in this drive did an unusually thorough job of covering every district.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Curry have moved back to Aurora for the winter from their Oswego summer home.

Leonard Hafenrichter is home on a few days' furlough from Camp Polk, La.

Mr. and Mrs. James Johnston received word from their son, Robert, that he will finish his training at Aberdeen, Md., on the 11th, and

that he will start more training as a student in mechanical engineering at Virginia Polytechnical Institute, Blacksburg, Va.

Oct. 13: Ralph W. Norris, 61, of Oswego died Oct. 4, 1943 at the Copley hospital.

Mr. Norris was born on June 15, 1882 at Bald Mound, west of Aurora. Surviving are two sons, Herbert of Plainfield and Warren of Oswego; one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Plapp of Polo; three grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Nellie Weber of Forest Park; three brothers, John of Aurora, Frank of Batavia and Robert of Milwaukee. Funeral services were held from the McKeown funeral home, Oswego, Rev. LeRoy Huntley officiating. Burial was made in the Oswego cemetery beside his wife, Sadie Croushorn Norris who passed away in 1933.

A-S Theodore E. Gerry, so of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Gerry of Oswego, recently arrived at the Wisconsin State Teacher's college, Eau Claire, for a course of Army Air Force instruction lasting approximately five months prior to his appointment as an aviation cadet.

Mrs. Leslie Peshia has been quite seriously ill recently, so that Mr. Peshia had to get his substitute, Marshall Young, to carry the mail on Route 1.

Junior Leigh has again been transferred. His address is now: Tech. Sgt. William Junior Leigh, 12th Anti-Sub Squadn, Blythe Army Base, Blythe, Calif. Junior runs around the country like his dad, Oliver, ran around the bases in his baseball days. Bet he's having a time for himself, though.

Rev. John Holland of WLS Chicago will be the speaker at the Father and Son banquet to be held in the Presbyterian Annex at 7 o'clock on Friday evening, Oct. 15.

The soy bean harvest is on, hundreds of bushels going into the Oswego grain elevator. The weather for the past weeks has been beautiful fall weather and good drying weather for the corn and bean crops. (Sorry; Tuesday night Jupiter Pluvius shows evidence of giving us a soaking).

Yorkville: School children of the county will be disappointed to learn that there will be no school on Friday of this week. Teachers of the county will attend the convention of the Illinois Educational Association in Aurora on that day.

Oct. 20: One hundred eighty-one were served at the Father-Son banquet held on Oct. 15, the Missionary Auxiliary serving a fine dinner. Recognition was given to the boys in service, fathers of servicemen, and to the youngest and oldest fathers present. The address of the evening was given by Dr. John Holland, of Oak Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shoger are the parents of a son born at the Copley hospital Sunday evening, Oct. 17. Pvt. Paul Shoger from Wellsten, Mich. is home on a 10-day furlough.

Mrs. Julia Richards has closed her home on Main street for the winter season and will stay with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ode.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith have purchased the residence of Mrs. Emily Klomhaus on the Naperville Road. Mrs. Klomhaus and son, Gus, are selling their household goods and going to the West Coast.

Elaine Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Smith Sr. left by plane on Oct. 16, for Kansas City, where she will attend the Air Stewardesses school for the Transcontinental and Western Air Lines.

Pvt. Allen Graham has been transferred from Colorado Springs to Will Rogers Field at Oklahoma City.

Yorkville: Over 700 men and women have gone from Kendall County to take their place among the country's armed forces now scattered over the entire globe.

Yorkville: Registrations are going on for War Ration Book No. 4 at schools throughout the county. It is most important that this matter be taken care of at the proper time.



Oct. 27: One room in the Home Economics House is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for the purpose of making surgical dressings for the Red Cross.

All who can assist are asked to designate the day that they care to help. For information, please call Mrs. L.J. Weishew.

Dr. L.J. Weishew accompanied by Lewis Kohlhammer, spent last week in northern Wisconsin. They did some repairing and closed the Weishew cottage for the winter.

Cyril Cather has been home from an Army Camp at Indio, Calif. on a short furlough.

Paul Shoger returned to Camp Welston, Wis., on Oct. 25. His wife and infant son, Lynn Paul, are with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gast.

The Oswego Cemetery Association is announcing a clean up day for the cemetery on Oct. 30. Will all those who have lots and are interested bring rakes and other implements and come and help.

The roads are being traveled constantly by tractors, combines, and corn pickers going from field to field or from neighbor to neighbor. What would some of the old timers say to see a wagon on rubber tires, filled with soybeans, being pulled to the elevator in town with a tractor? It is very different from the long hard trips with a team of horses.

Richard Curry of Aurora, passed away last Sunday morning after a short illness. Mr. and Mrs. Curry own a cottage on Chicago road in Oswego and have spent their summers here for the past several years and had just moved back to the home on Fourth street, Aurora.

A beautiful church wedding was solemnized at the Federated church Oct. 24 when Winifred Neeves, daughter of Mrs. W. Neeves, became the bride of Donald Royce Pinoow, son of Mr. Frank Pinnow of Freeport.

Mrs. Pinnow, a graduate of the East Aurora high school and North Central college, has been teaching in the Wilmington high school.

Lt. Pinnow, a graduate of North Central college and from the Washington university at Washington, D.C., has been stationed at Quantico, Va., but will be sent to San Diego, Calif. and will be accompanied by his wife. They have gone on a short wedding trip but will return to Oswego before leaving for the west coast.

Yorkville: Gov. Green has delegated the Illinois Reserve Militia to assist in the drive for recruits to the Woman's Army Corps, and the Plattville Company is anxious to contact any girl from 20 to 50, without dependent children, who would like to join this very necessary and patriotic organization.

A WAC receives the same pay as a soldier of like grade, has an opportunity to become a commissioned officers, and receive medical and dental care. 70,000 WACs are needed by the 7th of December in the nation and the Illinois quota is 7,200.

With the Kendall County Rat campaign planned for Friday, Oct. 29, rats will need to be on their guard if they are going to prevent a wholesale funeral.

Red Squirrel Rat Bait already prepared through the Extension Service will be available on Friday at the following places: Oswego, W.F. Denney Store; Bristol Station, Coomes Grocery; Plano, Stupa Grocery; Millbrook, Farmers Elevator; Newark, Farmers Elevator; Lisbon, Shurden Brewe Grocery; Plattville, Frank Brown Barber Shop; and Yorkville, Farm Bureau office.

Five series of 25 different hybrid corn varieties on the farm of Tom Fletcher near Lisbon Center Elevator, will be harvested next Saturday, Oct. 30.

All farmers interested in inspecting the different hybrids, studying the extent of corn borer injury, the standing ability, and the yield under 1943 conditions, are invited to be present at that time and help with the picking of the corn and figuring the results.

November -- 1943

Nov. 3: Mrs. Mary Condon, 62, died at the St. Charles hospital in Aurora on Oct. 29, 1943. She had lived on the Oswego-Plainfield

road for many years and had been confined to her home for several months.

Mrs. Condon was born March 28, 1881 in Liliess county, Ireland. She was a member of St. Mary's church in Plainfield and of the Alter and Rosary society. Her husband, Tom Condon, died in 1936.

Mrs. Condon is survived by five daughters, May and Betty Condon at home, Mrs. Katherine Sheuring of Bristol, Mrs. Rose McQuire of Chicago, Mrs. Loretta Krauklis of Ithaca, N.Y.; two sons, Thomas of Hollywood, Calif. and Charles of Oswego; seven grandchildren; three brothers; and four sisters.

Funeral services were held from the St. Mary's church in Plainfield on Tuesday, Nov. 2, with interment in Mt. Olivet cemetery, Aurora.

Ted Sickler is now going to give full time to his service station at the junction of Routes 71 and 34. The station will be open every evening until 9 except Monday and Saturday.

Lt. and Mrs. Donald Pinnow spent a few days with her mother, Mrs. Neeves and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kohlhammer, leaving on Nov. 2, for his camp at San Diego, Calif.

A group of young people enjoyed a Halloween party in Pfund's barn last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Parkhurst announce the marriage of their daughter, Sarah, to Francis McCauley, son of Mrs. Eliza McCauley of NaAuSay. The wedding took place Saturday, Oct. 30, at the home of the bride.

Nov. 10: A dedication ceremony at the Federated church was held Nov. 7 for their service flag with its 34 names. Pvt. Glen Ode, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Ode Sr., hung the flag.

Reuben P. Parkhurst of Aurora, age 60, died at his home on Nov. 2. He was born May 27, 1883 at Oswego. Surviving are his wife, Etta; a son, James; three daughters, Mrs. Howard Lange, Miss Anita and Miss Virginia Parkhurst; and four grandchildren, all of Aurora; two brothers, Raymond and Clarence; and two sisters, Mrs. Royce Smith and Mrs. Allen Woolley of Oswego.

The funeral services were held from the Healy chapel, Aurora, Nov. 5, the Rev. John Holland officiating. Interment was made in Spring Lake cemetery.

There have been a number of cases of flu, more or less serious, and colds are prevalent, even our President had one.

Mrs. Alex Harvey and infant son, Alexander Norman, returned to their home last Saturday from the St. Joseph hospital.

Pvt. and Mrs. Jesse Phillippi are the parents of the baby girl born at the St. Joseph hospital. The new daddy is stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. Mrs. Phillippi, formerly Ruth Carr, is living in Oswego with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carr.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Peshia had as their guests last week their daughter, Pfc Darlene Peshia and her friend, Pfc Audrey Murrey from Camp Crowder, Mo.; also their son, W-O Wilbur Peshia of Romulus, Mich. and his wife from Plymouth, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. M.R. Steckel recently received word from their son, Pvt. Leighton M. Steckel that he had undergone an emergency appendectomy in a tent at midnight in the hills of Oregon. Pvt. Steckel was taken ill while on maneuvers. He had a local anesthetic and the surgeon gave him a play-by-play record of the operation. Following the operation he was moved in an ambulance 120 miles to the base hospital at Camp Adair, near Corvallis, Ore. H will be in the hospital for several weeks.

Nov. 17: A union thanksgiving service will be held in the Prairie church on Wednesday evening, Nov. 24.

Jasper Reid, in the navy for 11 years, surprised his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Reid, on Tyler street, when he came home from the West Coast, where he had been in a hospital for some little time.

Sgt. Stuart Parkhurst, from Camp Coxcomb, Calif., on a 14-day furlough, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clare Parkhurst on Main street.

Mrs. Jennie Salter, who kept house for her son, Wilbur Robins, in a cottage on the Ed Friebele farm, passed away last Saturday evening from a heart attack. Funeral services were held Nov. 16 at Healy chapel, with burial in Riverside cemetery.

Lt. Commander Slade D. Cutter, formerly an Oswego boy, is one of eight officers who have been awarded decorations for outstanding service aboard submarines on war patrols, according to an announcement made by the Navy from Washington. His wife and five year old daughter, Anne, live at Vallejo, Calif., and his mother, Mrs. Esther Cutter and sister, Betty Louise, and his brother, Frederick, reside in Los Angeles. These were all former Oswego people.

Ellsworth Bundy lost the first finger on his left hand on Nov. 13 when it got caught in the elevator chain as he was unloading corn in his crib. He spent several days in the Silver Cross hospital in Joliet and endured much pain from the mangled finger.

Nov. 24: The Gideons of Aurora will have charge of the morning services at the Presbyterian church next Sunday.

Ellsworth Bundy, who lost his index finger while operating his corn elevator, is doing well. An auto load of the Plainfield Masonic Lodge visited him one evening last week.

Sgt. Raymond Heriaud is home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heriaud, on furlough from Fort Benning, Ga.

Dr. and Mrs. Sheldon Bell have a baby girl born at Copley hospital on Nov. 19. There are two other children in the family, a son and a daughter.

Ensign Carl Hafenrichter of Florida and wife of Aurora have been frequent guests at the home of Carl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hafenrichter, the past week. Carl is in the Naval Reserve and when his leave expires he will go to Pensacola, Fla. for further training.

Yorkville: All producers of milk products are entitled to collect 30 cents per hundred for whole milk and 4 cents per pound for butter fat as subsidy payments on all sales made after Oct. 1.

Receipts of sales should be reported to Harvey Christian, chairman of the Kendall County War Board in the Farm Bureau building.

December -- 1943

Dec. 1: Pfc. Virgil Shoger is home for a week. He is stationed in Idaho, but will return to a camp in Wyoming.

The pulpit committee of the Presbyterian church visited a church near Rockford last Sunday.

Oswego friends received a letter from Dr. Saxon, located somewhere in Italy. He wrote that he was located in a lovely place and very busy caring for wounded soldiers. Mrs. Saxon and the children are in Chicago.

The Red Cross is asking for more help to make bandages at the Home Ec house on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and Wednesday evenings. Come and help in this essential work.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Zentmyer had as their guests over last weekend her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Clauser of Watseka.

Dec. 8: Two Oswego FFA boys exhibited steers at the Fat Stock Show in Chicago last week. Bill Sleezer with a black Angus in the 1,210 class won 9th place in the national contest. Randolph Dhuse with a Hereford in the 1,131 class won 11th place. Jimmie Shoger, a 4-H boy, exhibited a calf in the 1,115 class and sold it for 22 cents a pound.

James McGowan, Boatswain's Mate 1-C, is home with his mother, Mrs. Fred VanDeventer on a 30-day leave. He has been in the service 3-1/2 years and has not been home for over two years. He came from San Francisco and will report at Bremerton, wash. after Christmas.

Virgil Amos, who was injured in a tractor accident last week, died on Dec. 4. Funeral services were held on Monday, Dec. 6.

Mr. Amos, who was working for John Augsburg, fell from the tractor when the seat broke and it was reported that the corn picker and wagon ran over him. He was taken to the hospital. Tetanus set in causing his death.

Gordon Wormley is home on a two-weeks' furlough from Lowry Field, Colorado.

Burton Peshia, Parachute Rigger 3-C, returned to Atlantic City, N.J. Dec. 4 after spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Peshia.

Dec. 15: Harold Kirkhus, principal of the Oswego grade school, has asked for a release and will accept a position in a Peoria school after Jan. 1.

Maj. Heath Wayne from overseas has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Wayne.

Mrs. Marin Marquardt and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shoger attended graduation exercises at the Hyde Park Baptist church on Dec. 7 when the degree of Doctor of Osteopathy was conferred on Marvin Marquardt with the class of 24 members. Dr. Marquardt, who was formerly a teacher in the Oswego school, has been studying in Chicago for the past four years.

At the Oswego Red Cross work meeting Dec. 10, a box was packed and sent to Hines hospital containing lap covers, 10 pair of bedroom slippers, hospital jacket, razor blades, and so on. Christmas candy will be sent later. There is much work to be finished before Dec. 20.

There are so many ill with a form of the flu, hardly a family but some are sick but few serious cases reported in this vicinity. Many are absent from school and public gatherings.

Kenneth Gowran left to join the Navy on Dec. 14, and Ora Woolley will be a marine after Dec. 23.

Stanley Herren, who has been in college at Madison, has been home on a 10-day furlough and left for Fort Sheridan Dec. 14.

Sgt. John Robert McMicken, who has been in North Africa the past year, is home with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen McMicken on leave until Jan. 2. He and 400 of his squadron are to take an intensive training in mechanics in this country.

Dec. 22: Sue Weishew suffered a fractured leg above the ankle last week while ice skating.

A large number of children and adults are or have been more or less ill with different forms of the flu.

Dec. 29: L. Burton Peshia of Atlantic City, NJ. came home and surprised his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Peshia at Christmas time. Pfc. Darlene Peshia came from Camp Crowder, Mo, in time to see her brother, the first time in two years. She will return to Camp on Dec. 29. W-O Wilbur Peshia of South Bend, Ind. was also home on Dec. 26.

Staff Sgt. Forrest Woolley is home from Fort Meade, Md. for a two weeks' furlough.

Mrs. Everett McKeown spent Christmas with her husband in Atlanta, Ga.

Andrew Olson died Sunday, Dec. 26. He was born on Aug. 29, 1862 in Sweden and came to the States in 1882 at the age of 20 years. In 1896 he was united in marriage with Maggie Morrison of Oswego. To the couple were born three children, two dying in infancy. Mrs. Olson died 12 years ago.

Mr. Olson, a farmer, spent most of the past 60 years in Kendall county. He was a member of the Oswego Presbyterian church. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Henry Kruger; and a granddaughter, Mary Kruger.

Funeral services were held from the Oswego Presbyterian church on Tuesday, Dec. 28. Burial was made in the Oswego cemetery.



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## January

Jan. 5: William H. Miller, 83, died Saturday, Jan. 1, 1944 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E.W. Henning at Oswego, following a long illness.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. S.W. Seaton of Aurora and Mrs. E.W. Henning of Oswego; two sons, William E. of Aurora and Henry J. of Belvidere; three brothers, Henry and George of Leland, and Charles of Earlville. Five grandchildren and fur great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held at the Thorsen funeral home, Leland on Tuesday. Burial was in the Leland Cemetery.

Tech Sgt. William Junior Leigh from Great Bend, Kan. surprised his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Leigh, and spent New Year's with them on a two-day pass.

Sgt. John McMicken from North Africa has been here with his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen McMicken for the pat three weeks. He left Jan. 3 to join his squadron for further training in New Mexico.

A number of Oswegoans attended the Ice Revue in Chicago last week.

Many are ill with colds and flu and the persistent cough that follows.

Harold Kirkhus has accepted a position teaching in the Peoria Junior high school and went there on Dec. 29. Mrs. Kirkhus and the children when to her folks at Newark until a new home could be located in Peoria. [Kirkhus was principal of Oswego High School.]

Jan. 12: Glenn Smith accompanied a truck driver to Highland, Kan. Jan. 9, to bring his household goods to Oswego.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Wormley spent several days this week on a business trip to Clarion, Ia.

Drive carefully. Your correspondent saw an auto standing on its top, having slid off a gravel road and turning over, where the oiled road in front of a farm house was covered with soft snow. The occupant of the car crawled out, not seriously injured.

Oswego friends heard Sgt. Stanley Parkhurst give his name and address on Jan. 5 on the radio program "Breakfast at Sardis" at Hollywood, Calif.

Jan. 19: Leslie Foss, 41, was killed in an auto accident late Friday evening, Jan. 14. He is survived by his wife and two children and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Foss, all of Oswego. The accident occurred on a curve on Route 25 near the Bereman residence. Mr. Foss was driving lost control of the car and crashed into a tree. George Burton, 17, who among others was riding with him received a serious chest injury and is confined to Copley Hospital.

Two successful farm sales were held in this vicinity last week: That of Ed Rink, who is giving up active farming and that of Wilton Woolley who is reducing his livestock and will farm on a smaller scale.

Joe Wirth will have a sale on Jan. 31 selling off some of his cows and surplus farm machinery. They will move to a farm near Kirkland about March 1.

Several Oswegoans and a larger number in Aurora have lost their dogs with rabies.

Jan. 26: Miss Glenda R. Hafenrichter and Tech Sgt. William J. Leigh were married at the Great Bend Army Air Field Chapel, Kansas, on Sunday, Jan. 16. The bride is a daughter of Reuben Hafenrichter, while the bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Leigh of Yorkville. Sgt. Leigh is a crew chief assigned to a bomber squadron stationed at the Great Bend Army Air Field.

A.M. Shuler, Oswego druggist, recently returned from Charles City, Ia., where he attended Dr. Salisbury's school of poultry diseases. He studied all types of poultry diseases and their treatment.

We understand that Mrs. Robert C. Woodard has opened a restaurant in Oswego and the spot has become quite a center for the young people. Good luck, Mrs. Woodard, and don't let our ex-sheriff and new member of the Navy Shore Patrol, Bob Woodard, eat all the pies.

Pfc Paul Miller has been home on a 10-day furlough with his father, Albert Miller and brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Seaton, on Madison street. He has been on maneuvers at Nashville, Tenn. and left Oswego on Jan. 24 for Fort Bragg, N.C.

George O. Burton, 17, the second victim of the auto accident on Route 25 two weeks ago, died Jan. 20 at Copley hospital. He was born at Loama, Ill. on Oct. 6, 1926, and is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Burton, two brothers, Jack and Glen, two sisters, Ruby and Dorothy, his grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Osborne of Oswego.

Paul Shoger was home from Camp Welleston, Mich. for a few days and he and his wife had their baby son, Lynn Paul baptized at the Prairie church on Jan. 23.

February -- 1944

Feb. 2: Three young men from Oswego, Ralph Sanderson, John Lauder, and Eugene Staffeldt, were enlisted in the Navy last week.

Mrs. Donald Thompson resigned from her duties as teacher of the Squires school and has gone to be with her husband, Lt. Thompson, who is in a convalescent center at Montgomery, Ala. Don has been ill for some time. Mrs. Edward Inman is teaching the Squires school.

Rev. Alan Darling has accepted the call to the Oswego Presbyterian Church and will assume the pastorate in a few weeks.

Feb. 9: Mrs. Robert McMicken resigned from her position on the region board in Yorkville and left on Feb. 3 to join her husband, Sgt. McMicken, in Salina, Kan.

Pvt Layton Steckel from Camp Roberts, Calif. is home on a 15-day furlough.

James Zentmyer, petty officer 2-C, and Mrs. Zentmyer came from Corpus Christi, Tex. last week to visit the Zentmyer and Grate families.

Feb. 16: The speaker at the last meeting of the 19th Century Club, Mrs. Chris Baumann, held everyone's attention to a wonderful button collection. Mrs. Baumann collects all types of buttons, but specializes in the 'jewel type.' She has collected buttons since 1936.

Mrs. Susan A. Peshia, 88, died at her home in Oswego on Feb. 10. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Mabel Elwood of Los Angeles, one son, Leslie of Oswego, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Fred Lindemier, 62, died at her home in Oswego on Feb. 11. She is survived by her husband, Fred "Fritz", two sons, Howard of Aurora and Clarence of Oswego, one daughter, Mrs. John Ode of Oswego, two sisters, Mrs. May White of Chicago and Mrs. Laura Randall of Aurora, two brothers, John and William Foss of Oswego, and eight grandchildren.

Feb. 23: It is now Technical Sergeant John Carr. He has gone 'across' to 'somewhere' in England.

March -- 1944

March 1: Spring is coming; we saw a robin on Feb. 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Young and daughter, Margaret, spent several hours in Chicago one day last week with their son and brother, Lt. John S. Young, who is enroute from Mather Field, California, to 3rd Air Force Replacement Center at Columbia, S.C.

Pfc. Marine Richard Young's new address is Co B, 28 Mar, 1st Bn, 5th Division, Camp Pendleton Ocean Side Calif.

Students in the Oswego high school have purchased \$3,216.55 in stamps and bonds and in the grade school \$1961.90 since school opened last September.

Corporal Lois Tate from a Link Trainer Instruction School stopped over one day to visit her brother, H.B. Tate and family last week.

March 8: The [buggy] sheds have been torn down in the Prairie church yard and the lumber sold. The yard is to be landscaped.

George Griffin left for the Great Lakes Training Station March 6. He is to be in the ship repair unit of the Navy.

A large audience attended the dedication of the new chancel at the Federated Church on March 5.

March 15: Hasn't March been a typical March month so far? What more could anyone ask for in weather variety? Nice rain last Saturday night and a beautiful spring morning Sunday.

Have you ever noticed the difference between week days and Sunday mornings? Even the birds and chickens sound different.

A new wave of flu epidemic seems to be spreading over this part of the country again, and how the coughs do hold on.

James R. Fabbiani 56, died March 10, at St. Joseph's Hospital Aurora. He was born Feb. 1, 1888 at Conconsoro, Italy. Mr. Fabbiani was one of the Oswego business men having conducted a shoe repair shop on Main street for the past several years.

March 22: There was no school three days last week in district No. 5, the teacher Miss Hayes of Joliet was suffering with an ear infection.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Willis and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Smith and Judy had as their guests on Friday evening, March 17, Rev and Mrs. Horace Larsen and children of Chicago.

March 29: Mrs. Nellie Tripp is assisting Mrs. Henry Heffelfinger in her teaching duties at the Wormley school, the large number of pupils from the nearby cottages, added to those of the regular district making more than one teacher can care for.

Mrs. Edward Inman was ill last week so that there was no school in the Squires school for several days. There are no substitute teachers to be had these days.

April -- 1944

April 5: The reception for Rev Alan Darling, recently installed as pastor of the Oswego Presbyterian Church, and his wife, in the annex last Thursday evening was a very pleasant affair, as 150 enjoyed the pot-luck

Emmett Drake of the Oswego high school has been quite ill for the past two weeks with flue and complications following. The flu is treacherous this year leaving many with complications or a weakness of some sort, especially a cough.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Farren were sorry to hear that their son, Emil, has been reported "Missing In Action." The community extends their sympathy. 'Bud' was a gunner on a Liberator, B-24 bomber, and was on a flight over Germany when the action took place. The chances are that he is a prisoner in Germany and we hope this is the case unless he is found on more friendly territory, say Switzerland.

April 12: Spring work on the farms began last week. If the fields are dry enough this week the hum of the tractors will be heard early and late.

Mrs. Everett McKeown has received word that her husband has arrived in England.

NaAuSay: Mr. and Mrs. Seth Wheeler received word this past week that their son Pfc. Virgil Wheeler had been seriously wounded March 13 in

action on Bougainville. Virgil left for service 3 years ago, April 21. He served overseas 2 years. Friends can write to him at the following address: Pfc. Virgil Wheeler, 3602883 (hospital), Theatre Directory, APO 502, c-o PM, San Francisco, Ca.

April 19: Mildred Weese Dwyre, age 46, died April 15, 1944 at St. Joseph Hospital, Aurora. Mrs. Dwyre was born at Morris, June 4, 1897. She is survived by her husband, Paul, and two brothers, Lyle Weese of South Orange, N.J. and Charles Weese of Chicago.

NaAuSay: 4-19-1944 Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wheeler entertained the Youthful Dynamos Sunday school class at the Paul Wheeler home on Tuesday night for a farewell party for Glen Schlapp who will leave soon as a volunteer welder in Pearl Harbor.

April 26: Mrs. Marvin Marquardt has sold her Margo Dress shop to Mrs. Herman Bohn and Mrs. Lester Fechner. Mrs. Marquardt, who has made a success of her little shop for five years, wishes to thank her friends for their patronage.

To celebrate her third birthday, Karen Krug [Heise] had six little folks and their mothers as guests on April 18. Beautiful gifts and the cake with three candles were features of the afternoon.

Wilbur Peshia, W.O. of Bendix Field, Ind., and wife are parents of a son, born at Copley hospital on April 19. Tiny Leslie James only weighed three pounds six ounces, but is doing well in the baby incubator.

Miss Brooks, teacher of the first and second grades, who is quarantined with scarlet fever at the W.J. Morse home, is getting along very well. Only one case of scarlet fever has developed.

May -- 1944

May 3: The abundant April showers continued into May. Most of the oat and grass seeding is finished but some farmers are still trying to get into their fields after May 1.

The Menu Modelle 4-H club organized last Saturday at the home of the leader, Mrs. Howard Shoger. The following officers were elected: Phyllis Ebinger, president; Shirley Pauley, vice president; Cleora Woolley, secretary; and Deloris Martin club reporter.

Mrs. Clay Cutter took seven boys to the Fox theatre last Saturday afternoon celebrating their youngest son, Bill's, 10th birthday.

May 10: Pfc John Haben and wife of Bellville spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Woolley.

The scarlet fever quarantine has been lifted at the Hines home and at the W.J. Morse home where the teacher, Miss Brooks, was ill.

May 17: Arlene Lehman of Scottville, Mich. and Oliver John Hem of Oswego, now in camp at Valhalla, Mich. were married May 13 by the Rev. Kirkecos in the Sugar Ridge Brethren Church in Scottville.

Pvt Stanley Herren from Camp Breckenridge, Ky. spent Mother's Day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Herren.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hafenrichter had a real celebration on Mother's Day. Their son, Sgt. Leonard Hafenrichter from Indiantown Gap, Penn., was home on a 10-day furlough and early Sunday morning another son, Ensign Carl Hafenrichter and wife from Whiting Field, Milton, Fla. surprised them by coming home on a leave. The third son, Lee and wife and small son, Barry Lee and the Misses Lizzie and Eva Hafenrichter, of Aurora, were also dinner guests.

The teacher, Jewel [sic: Maxine] Patton, and scholars of the Cutter school had a school party at the schoolhouse last Friday evening.

May 24: A "V-Mail" letter from Dr. Saxon, formerly of Oswego, coming through from 'somewhere in Italy' in just a week tells his Oswego friends that he is very busy and lonesome and wishes that his friends would write to him.

Mrs. Max Cutter and family moved last week from the large house of Madison street [modern McKeown-Dunn Funeral Home], to the Curry cottage, recently purchased on Chicago road.



May 31: Oswego High School Class of 1944: Mary Bauman, Audrey Besch, Marian Buker, Robert Chada, Marjorie Cooper, William Denney, George Devereaux, Virginia Hettrich, Gerald Holzhueter, Ethel Kahoun, John Lauder, Glenn Lippy, Lois McMicken, Eleanor Orr, Donald Palmer, Margaret Patterman, Jane Patterson, Betty Robinson, Robert Rogerson, Bette Schmidt, Eugene Staffeldt, Robert Walper Barbara Weis, LaVerne Wells, Joseph Wirth, Margaret Young, and Nina Zimmerman.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Loeffel from Crystal lake spent last weekend at the Ernest Loeffel home.

On May 31, the Federated church people held their May Family night with a supper and entertainment following.

On May 30, Memorial Day exercises were held at the school gym, followed by placing flowers on the soldiers' graves sponsored by the American Legion.

Following the Naperville conference, Rev. LeRoy Huntley has been returned to the Prairie church.

Bill Sleezer and Bob Woodard have been accepted in the Navy and will leave for their boot training on June 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hafenrichter have a little son, Donald, born May 21 at St. Joseph hospital [in Aurora]. This is the second boy in the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Brown have purchased the Ebinger residence on Chicago road for a home. [Famous as the residence where John & Nancy Etheredge rented an upstairs apartment.]

Virgil Smith left last week to begin training at the US Naval Air Station at Ottumwa, Iowa.

Elaine Smith, hostess for TWA, spent last weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith. Miss Smith has an interesting career as

hostel on the airlines, traveling to New York, Washington, D.C., and Kansas City.

Yorkville: Corporal LaVerne Borneman, armorer for a B-26 Marauder of a group in the Mediterranean Theatre, which has contributed greatly to the Nazi jitters in Italy and Southern Europe, wrote home to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis W. Borneman.

Gergeant L.H. "Dink" Wormley of Oswego, more late of a government hospital in Michigan, and most late of "Somewhere in England," was a visitor at the *Record* office last Thursday and told of some of his experiences overseas. He half expects to get a CDD [Certificate of Disability Discharge] but will fight the move to release him from the Army. He looks good and says he feels all OK.

June -- 1944

June 7: Mrs. Lida Hibbard, 57, died May 31 at the Copley hospital. She was born Aug. 15, 1886 at Yorkville. Surviving are her husband, Earl; three daughters, Dorothy Friebele, Inez Tregillus, and Marjorie Secor, all of Oswego; nine grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Robert Gates, Mrs. Earl Herren, and Mrs. Walter McGarry; seven brothers, Alvin, Fred, Leo, Frank, Aaron, Gerald, and Howard Huntoon. Mrs. Hibbard was a member of the Oswego Presbyterian Church. Burial was made in the NaAuSay Cemetery.

Mrs. Nancy Barrett, who would have been 90 next September, died at her home in Oak Park on June 3. Mrs. Barrett is survived by three daughters, May and Edith Barrett and Mrs. Rose Bradford, and one son, Frank of Ann Arbor, Michigan. The Barretts were Oswego folks many years ago. John Barrett had a general store on the corner where W.J. Morse was later.

Staff Sergeant Forrest Wooley is home from Fort Meade, Maryland, on a seven day furlough.

Gordon Wormley is home for a few days on his way to a Florida Camp. He expects to go overseas soon. Sgt. Lloyd Wormley was also home last Sunday from the Great Lakes hospital.

Mrs. John Haben from Bellville is home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Woolley for the summer. Her husband will leave for overseas soon and she will teach school at Little York next fall and live with Mr. Haben's parents.

On June 12, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson of Oswego will assist her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lester Wylie of Joliet, in entertaining at an open house for their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wylie, who are celebrating their golden wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Alvin Hubbard has received a letter from her husband, Sgt. Hubbard, somewhere in England, of the joyful reunion he had with his father, Capt. Arthur Hubbard. They are both located only six miles apart but were over a month getting together.

Yorkville: HONORS WON AT OSWEGO H.S.

Individual honors for Oswego high school students were announced at the graduation ceremonies on May 24.

John Palmer was awarded the Charles Palmer Davis award which goes annually to that student judged most outstanding in current events, the winner being selected by two national current events tests.

Most outstanding in scholarship, loyalty, and achievement were May Baumann and Donald Palmer.

Twelve gold pins were awarded those students judged most outstanding in extra-curricular activities, the points being determined under a system worked out by the student council.

Awards went to John Lauder, Glenn Lippy, Helen Gilmour, Robert Rogerson, Phyllis Ebinger, Marjorie Cooper, Nina Zimmerman, Darlene Dhuse, Warren Ebinger, Lois McMicken, Barbara Wels, and Marilyn Rogerson.

The Continental Oil Co., through their advertising agency, Geyer, Cornell and Newell, are using a new plastic plate in their advertisement this week. The plates are black colored and light in weight and look hardy enough to do the job well. They are replacing the copper electrotpe formerly used to release this metal for war purposes.

We will be interested in seeing how the plates work out as we expect they will be used more extensively in the future.

#### ATTENTION FUEL OIL USERS

All users of fuel oil for heating purposes must have their renewal forms for the 1944-1945 heating season in the Local War Price and Rationing Board office at Yorkville not later than June 12. It is necessary to have these applications in our office so they can be processed and issued at an early date. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Kendall County War Price and Rationing Board 6247-1

The Barley Fork serves evening meals from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

June 14: James E Smith, 80, of Oswego died June 8 at Morris. Mr. Smith was born July 7, 1863 in Ohio. He is survived by a granddaughter, Mrs. Doris Chumbley of Chicago, and one brother, Palmer, of California.

Mr. Smith's wife died Jan. 17 in her sleep. It was a great shock to him and his health broke at that time.

Funeral services were held at the McKeown funeral home, Oswego. Burial was made in the Lincoln Highway cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Grate visited their son-in-law and daughter, and their little grandchildren in Woodstock last Sunday. They were accompanied by another daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Parkhurst.

Dick Walper is home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Walper, and his brothers and sisters on a 30 day leave. Dick has been in major battles in the South Pacific and hasn't been home for four years.

June 21: Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hafenrichter and baby, Delreen Jean, came from Copley hospital June 16 to recuperate at the home of her mother, Mrs. Lida Bower, on Chicago road before returning to her home in Wheatland township.

A severe wind and rain storm accompanied by thunder and lightning struck this vicinity just at dark June 18. Electric power was

off on all lines for several hours, many trees and branches were blown down, the hardest wind that has blown here for some time.

Mrs. Mann of Elgin was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Morse.

Yorkville: BUD FARREN'S ADDRESS

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Farren have received the following address for their son: Staff Sergeant Emil L. Farren, U.S. Prisoner of War, No. 3085, Stalag Luft 3, Germany, Via New York City, New York.

We all think of him often and pray for the day our Army will take the prison camp in which he is held.

June 28: Pfc Richard Young of the Marines, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Young, is home from California.

A terrible tragedy occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ferguson, east of Oswego, when their two-year-old son, Roger, was accidentally drowned in the cement stock tank. The child was rushed to Copley hospital and resuscitation methods used but to no avail.

Word was received last week of the death of Tommy Collins, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Collins of Yorkville, but formerly of Oswego township. Tommy was killed in action in Italy on June 5. Another son of the Collins', Jimmy, is in the Navy.

Mrs. Louise Meister, age 92, died on June 24, 1944 at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nutt Sr. on Madison street.

Mrs. Meister was born in Germantown, Penn. on Jan. 25, 1852. She is survived by a son, Edward, and a daughter, Mrs. Mary Hauck, both of California, Mrs. C.W. Nutt Sr. and Mrs. Rose Mobray of Oswego, 42 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

Burial was made in Vinton, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nutt Jr., Sandra and Dickie have been enjoying a vacation in Wisconsin.

The annual reunion of the Walker school of long ago will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith with a picnic supper at 6:30 p.m. on July 4.

Staff Sergeant Allen Mundsinger, after 27 months overseas, is home on a 21-day furlough. He flew from India to Florida in three days and arrived home June 25.

Mrs. Augusta Shoger celebrated her 86th birthday on June 23. A dinner was given her at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Walper on June 21, when another daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. William Burkhart of Aurora and their son, Burton Burkhart, Warrant Officer, of Montana could be present as guests.

Yorkville: Company I, 3rd Infantry, Illinois Reserve Militia, with headquarters at the Plattville Armory, is anxious to enlist men in this necessary part of our home defense. It is a patriotic duty, which should not be shirked.

July -- 1944

July 5: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Condon have their third son, this little fellow named John Thomas, was born June 24 at the St. Joseph hospital in Aurora. Mr. and Mrs. Condon have recently moved to the Condon home farm on Oswego-Plainfield road.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Wormley have a baby daughter, born July 2. Three year old Jimmy is staying with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Budd near Millbrook. Mrs. Pearl Wormley of Aurora is keeping house for her son, Myron.

Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Marquardt from Chicago spent last Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Morse.

Mrs. McKeown has received a letter from her husband, Pfc Everett McKeown, in the medical Corps, in England, that he was wounded in the invasion of France, one leg fractured by a mortar shell, after he had landed to set up their company on the continent. He is now in England in a hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Herren have sold the Main Café to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Carpenter who took over the business on July 1.

Yorkville: A Navy plane made a crash landing in a field southeast of Plattville Monday afternoon when it had motor failure. Ensign Charles F. McManus lost his life preceding the crash when he bailed from such a low altitude that his 'chute failed to take effect. McManus, co-pilot of the ship, was the last to leave the plane, the pilot electing to ride it in alone. Five enlisted men, crew members of the ship, 'chuted to safety before McManus left the plane.

Russ Devick's many friends here will be interested to learn that he was a participant in the "D-day" operation. Corporal Edolph Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Thompson of Newark, also took part in this memorable occasion.

July 12: Fire of an unknown origin swept the Elmer Haag farm occupied by a Mr. Chada last Thursday morning, July 6, at 1 a.m., consuming all the buildings except the house, chicken house, and a corn crib. Oats, corn, baled hay, four calves, 30 pigs, one tractor destroyed, one damaged were all lost in the flames. There was some insurance. For a time it looked as though the house would be consumed so the neighbors removed all the furnishings and fittings from the home, only to place them back, thankfully, when the fire was brought under control. As a further neighborly act the folks came in this week and assisted in cultivating the corn.

Mrs. Myron Wormley and baby daughter Jean Ann will come home from the hospital to their home on Route 31 this week.

Paul Shoger is home today on a 7-day furlough.

Mrs. Anna Lindley, formerly of Oswego, aged 61 years, died July 5. She was born March 25, 1883 and is survived by four children Agnes Wright of Idaho, John of Texas, Ida Cripe of California, Joyce of the WAVES; one brother, Fred Porter of Havana; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Her husband, John, and two children, Robert and Carolyn, preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Federated church of Oswego.  
Burial was made in the Oswego cemetery.

Scoutmaster John Luettich and 10 of the Boy Scouts, George and Bob Griffin, Bob and Bill Cutter, Donald Stillson, Jim Hoch, Clay Cutter, Dick Luettich, Herbert Tripp, and David Campbell left early Monday morning for a camping trip at Camp Blackhawk, Michigan.

Bill Denney is in the Army now, present destination unknown.

July 19: Mr. and Mrs. J. George Smith are the parents of a second little daughter, Cheryl Beth, born July 13 at Copley hospital, Aurora. Little Annette is staying with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith.

July 26: The harvesting is well along, with no rain to hinder operations. A storm passed around this vicinity Sunday evening while the residents anxiously hoped for a shower or a good soaking rain, which is much needed for all crops except the oat harvest.

Donald Plocher and Franklin Bower attended the Boys Camp at Camp Seger, Naperville, last week.

Cpl. Stewart Johnson from Santa Fe, New Mexico, came home July 23 for a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson, before he leaves to go to Akron, Ohio, where he will be married.

Staff Sergeant Virgil R. Shoger, somewhere in England, has been presented with an Air Medal for exceptionally meritorious achievement in combat missions over enemy occupied Europe. Virgil entered the Service on June 20, 1943, and is at present assigned to a B-24 Liberator Bomber as the radio man and gunner.

The fire department was called to the Courtney Hem farm last Sunday evening. The electric wires had rubbed against a tree setting the tree on fire and when the wind blew up strong in the evening, the sparks began to fly toward the buildings and the department was called. No damage was done except to the tree.



August -- 1944

Aug. 2: Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson, Billie and Rodney, spent last Sunday with relatives and friends at a cottage on the Rock river near Oregon.

Those who are combining their oats have about finished their harvest and have begun bailing the straw. Threshing of oats has begun. The Federated Church Guild is serving threshing dinners.

A most welcome rain came on the night of July 25 and the day following. It was the making of the corn crop and revived the gardens and pastures and was received with thankful hearts.

Aug. 9: The Rev. George L. Hinshaw, a representative of the Anti-Saloon League, gave an informative talk at the Presbyterian Church on Aug. 6.

Aug. 16: Miss Elizabeth (Lizzie) Pearce, 86 died August 13 at her home on Garfield Avenue. She was born Sept. 13, 1858 in Oswego. Miss Pearce was one of the few remaining members of the Pearce family, pioneer settlers in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Zentmyer lost an infant child born last week.

Mrs. William Shortman and Mrs. Dan Bickford have finished checking and filling out a card index system of section B in the Oswego cemetery and will now work on section A in the south side and will be pleased to have the assistance of anyone who has relatives buried in that section. This section was laid out by L.B. Judson about 1845.

Aug. 23: Oswego Community High School students will assemble at 8:30 on the morning of Monday, Sept. 4, to register and rent books. Students will be dismissed before noon. School buildings have been getting their annual face lifting. The homemaking house has been painted on the outside and the sewing room repapered. In the main building, rooms have been redecorated and floors refinished. The Oswego grade school will open a day later than the high school on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

NaAuSay: 8-23-1944 (Klett) Mr. Roy Klett and children and Mrs. Kathryn Murley spent Thursday in Na-Au-Say with friends celebrating Mrs. Klett's birthday. Roy Klett is in Ashland, Kentucky, teaching chemistry.

Aug. 30: Roy Krug, Earl Robinson, Bob Chada and Russell Rink and son Roger attended the Wisconsin State Fair on Aug. 23.

Ensign Burton Smith now has his Wings, having graduated at Corpus Christi, Texas. He is home on leave and was married on Tuesday evening, Aug. 29, the bride being Doris Eliason of Aurora.

## September -- 1944

Sept. 6: Relatives and friend were shocked and saddened last week to hear of the death of Mrs. Earl Schlapp of Galesburg. Mrs. Schlapp was critically burned in an explosion when she was kindling the cookstove fire on Aug. 31. She was taken by ambulance to a Galesburg hospital and died early the following morning. Her youngest son, Richard, age 3, who was playing on the kitchen floor, was also burned but not seriously. The house was damaged by smoke, the kitchen by fire. Mr. Schlapp is the older son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schlapp and his wife, a sister of Mrs. Wilbur Woolley of Oswego.

A-C Theodore Gerry is home from Kings City, California for a few weeks.

Susan Alice Thompson was born to Mr. and Mrs. Reeve Thompson on Saturday, Sept. 1, 1944, the second little daughter in the family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith enjoyed a ride on a TWA plane on Sept. 1 to Fort Wayne, Indiana. Their daughter, Miss Elaine, was hostess on the plane.

Sept. 13: Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Saunders of Elmhurst have purchased the large square house on Madison Street, of the Cutters. The family

have already moved in their new home. Mr. Saunders is the engineer for the Motorola Company of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Brown are preparing to move into the home they purchased on Chicago Road.

A number of Oswego friends attended the funeral services for Mrs. Myron Cowdrey of Aurora.

Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Condon has enlisted in the WAVES.

On Sept. 5, W.J. Morse celebrated his 80th birthday. Their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shoger gave a dinner with his wife and two sons, Leslie and wife of Oswego and Merrill and wife and sons of LaGrange as guests. Mr. Morse has a wide acquaintance in the surrounding community, as he was a merchant in the store at the corner of main and Washington for 40 years previous to his retirement a few years ago.

John "Jack" Wayne, Seaman 2-C, is home on a nine day leave from Great lakes.

NaAuSay: A telegram from Virgil Wheeler said he is fine and expects to be in a hospital nearer home. We not only hope he gets to a hospital near home but HOME. He has been in a hospital in San Francisco.

Sept. 20: Congratulations are extended to Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Marquardt of Chicago on the birth of a daughter, Marcia Ellen, on Sept. 14. Dr. Marquardt was formerly a teacher in the Oswego schools, and Mrs. Marquardt was the proprietor of the Margo shop on Main Street.

Sept. 27: Mrs. Lou Young is spending this week in Aurora with her granddaughter, Shirley Sprague while the parents visit their son in camp at Houston, Tex.

Albert Miller received word that his son, Paul, is now located in France.

October -- 1944

Oct. 4: Jane Patterson, one of the OHS 1944 graduates, has entered Stephens College, Missouri.

Margaret Young is attending the Art Institute of Chicago, commuting daily.

Lt. John Young and Cpl. Stanley Young, brothers, are on New Guinea, but at last accounts had not met and possibly would not as the island is 2,000 miles long. Richard, the other son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Young, is somewhere enroute in the Pacific.

On Saturday, Sept. 30, the Gaylord School property was sold. The school house brought \$61 and was purchased by Reinhold Zielke, who plans to move it to the back lot of the property where they live on the former Barker lot on Main Street and convert it to a residence. The acre of land was sold to Mrs. May Gaylord Cutter for \$211, and all the school equipment, including the coal house, pump, etc., sold for a good price.

Oct. 11: Mrs. Walter Foster received a letter last week from her husband, Second Lt. Foster, telling of the reunion with his brother, Capt. Samuel Foster, in Hawaii. These are Oswego boys and they haven't met for two and one half years. Capt. Sam has been fighting in Saipan.

Oct. 25: Reinhold Zielke has had the Gaylord School house which he recently purchased moved to the lot back of his residence to be made into a dwelling house.

November -- 1944

Nov. 1: The personal effects of the late Walter Gilmore will be sold at public auction on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 4.

Nov. 8: Many of the farmers are getting along with corn husking, some will shell in the field as it is husked. Hybrid corn gives the

farmers a beautiful crop of dry corn despite the late planting last spring.

Mrs. Jimmie Zentmyer has gone to Oakland, California to be near her husband, who was transferred there from Corpus Christi, Tex.

The former Betty Orr, daughter of Mrs. R.B. Clarkson of Dixon, was married to Eugene E. Staffeldt, F1-C, U.S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Staffeldt of Oswego, on Oct. 28 at the George McKinley Memorial Chapel on the campus of the University of Illinois. Mrs. Staffeldt graduated from Dixon high school in 1943 and attended college at Milwaukee Downer for Girls and was employed at the Green River ordinance Plant at Dixon. Eugene was a graduate of Oswego High School in 1944 and went into the Navy.

In the election held yesterday in the nation the President was returned to office. In the State the status of Governor Green is still in doubt with chances about even for his election. The heads of the tickets polled the following total vote: Dewey, 4,022; Roosevelt, 1,636; Lyons, 3,845; Lucas, 1,639; Green, 3,995; Courtney, 1,525. The balance of the ticket ran in about the same vein, needless to say the county candidates on the Republican ticket won. The whole contest was between the big city vote in the nation against the rural vote.

NaAuSay: Mr. and Mrs. Seth Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wheeler visited Pfc. Virgil Wheeler at the Gardner General Hospital in Chicago, Sunday.

Yorkville: Pfc. Wheeler's Story

Because he fought the Jap at close range on Guadalcanal and Bougainville, Private First Class Virgil Wheeler of RFD 2, Yorkville, Illinois, who was a Browning Automatic rifleman with the celebrated American Infantry Division, knows what a stubborn and treacherous enemy the Yankee doughboys are conquering in the Pacific. Wounded during the battle of Hill 260 on Bougainville, Pfc. Wheeler returned to the United States. At Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, he described the meaning of single combat to the American infantrymen, who are carrying the war over closer to Tokyo. "The first thing you learn," he said, "is to expect the unexpected. The jungle growth is so thick that concealment is always available to the

Japs, and you can count on them to take full advantage of it. So whenever you move, you move warily, knowing that your life may depend on your caution."

"But there are times when you have to throw caution to the winds, of course. I remember our first attack on Guadalcanal. The Japs, streaming from a strongpoint they had built at the edge of the woods, counterattacked savagely. Most of the fellows in my outfit were green then, as far as combat went. But they fought like demons and we stood our ground and poured such a heavy small arms fire at the Nips that we broke up their counterattack.

"The Japs charge hysterically, screaming and cursing, but we soon learned not to let that bother us. Our doughboys are remarkably cool fighters. I remember one big buck sergeant in our outfit, for instance, who stepped out from under a hail of grenade fragments after a Jap had heaved a grenade at him from a range of about 5 yards and calmly shot the Nip right between the eyes."

Pfc. Wheeler told graphically of the action in which he was wounded.

"Our outfit was ordered to take a section of Hill 260," he said, "This hill was very steep and there was hardly any cover. Two Jap machinegun positions near the crest were giving us the most trouble. I'd fire my BAR Browning Automatic rifle, then hit the ground and crawl.

"The heat was stifling. The Japs didn't give us much sleep for a good many nights--you never do get much rest in a foxhole anyway--and we were pretty well worn out, but we were determined to reach our objective. As we got farther up the hill the Japs opened up with mortars. They were good with those mortars, and did they have lots of them.

"I was crawling for all I was worth because I'd picked a spot where I thought I could put that old automatic rifle of mine to good use, then a Jap mortar shell hit just behind me and the fragments thudded into my back. It felt as though I'd been caught under a pile driver. I could still crawl and I kept on going intending to open fire again, because I was not only hurt, but, I was mad.

"However, the loss of blood weakened me and in a few minutes I found I couldn't go on. A medical aid man—they're always around when you need them—crawled out to me and dragged me back down the hill and a litter party carried me to a jeep."

Pfc. Wheeler added that as soon as he learned his buddies had gone on to storm and take the objective he began to get better. His wounds were too serious for a return to combat, however.

In the Illinois Infantryman's opinion the fighting on Bougainville was more nerve-torturing than that on Guadalcanal. This he explained was

because the respective front lines were closer. There was scarcely a night, he declared, in which the Japanese did not send raiding parties into the American lines.

"The Japs," he said, "would crawl up within eight or ten feet of our foxholes, moving so silently that despite our vigilance we couldn't detect their approach. Then they'd toss grenades into the foxholes. Fortunately, for us the Jap grenades were inferior to ours. There would be many duds and those that did go off would do little damage unless they happened to make a direct hit.

"Back in the shadows there would be other laps waiting for us to open fire on the raiders. We soon became too wise to do that. A lot of laps in those raiding parties were killed, but most of them were killed with bayonets and trench knives.

"Night after night it was like a bad dream with the laps sneaking in on us, and death struggles going on in the darkness, with tracers cutting streaks of light through the blackness once in a while.

"It used to amaze me how we could go on living that way week. But we did and that's what counts. For my money you will never find a tougher, better soldier than the American doughboy."

Private First Class Wheeler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Wheeler who own a farm near Yorkville. He received his basic training with the 33rd Infantry Division at Camp Forrest, Tennessee and joined the American Infantry Division shortly before it landed on Guadalcanal. He spent 31 months overseas.

This is the modest and heroic story of a Kendall County boy as released by the war department. All that might be added in this, when you think you are being "kicked around" get this out and read it and see just how well off you really are.

Editor, Kendall County Record.

Nov. 15: Mrs. Homer Adkins came from Panama City, Florida and is staying at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Zentmyer. Mrs. Adkins (Norma Zentmyer) has been residing in Florida with her husband who is stationed there at Tyndall Field.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Denney expect their son, Pvt. William N. Denney, from Fort Sill, Oklahoma this week for a few days' furlough.

Nov. 22: Mrs. Delmas Cather has received word that her husband, Pfc Delmas Cather, was badly burned about the face and hands in a fire resulting from the crash landing of a plane in the South Pacific.

In the crash the plane exploded. Delmas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cather.

Word has been received of the death on Nov. 18 of John L. Haag of Aurora. Mr. Haag and his wife, Mary Boessenecker Haag, were for many years farmers in the Prairie Church neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Norval Tripp have a son born early Sunday morning, Nov. 19, at the St. Joseph hospital, Aurora. There is an older son, Dickie, in the Tripp family.

Union Thanksgiving services will be held at the Federated Church tonight, Nov. 22, with the Rev. E.J. LeCompte of Joliet as speaker.

NaAuSay: Mr. and Mrs. Seth Wheeler entertained at Sunday dinner Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wheeler and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wheeler and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wheeler and family and Mrs. Eva Beattie, at dinner Sunday for Pfc. Virgil Wheeler, who leaves Monday to return to Springfield, Mo.

Nov. 29: Mrs. Albert Mighell of Route 34 who recently was in the Henrotin Hospital, Chicago, is recuperating at the home of relatives and will come home when her family recovers from the flu.

Mrs. Norval Tripp and infant son, Robert William, returned from the hospital to their home on Park Avenue on Nov. 26.

December -- 1944

Dec. 6: There was a Townsend Club meeting at the school gym held all day, Dec. 3, with a dinner for those attending.

Mrs. Ralph Keck of Aurora entertained Friday evening, Dec. 1, for Mrs. Richard Kennedy, who is making her home for the duration with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parkhurst.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis "Pete" Campbell had as their guests Nov. 30 her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Crossman Sr., Mrs. Leo Connard, and Mrs. Mary McCray of LaMoille.



Daniel E. Minich, 78, of Oswego died Nov. 29, at St. Joseph Hospital, Elgin. Mr. Minich was born April 29, 1866 in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. Surviving are a son, Sgt. John Minich, stationed in Iran; a daughter, Olive Jeter of Aurora; and two sisters, Mrs. Etta Pigott of Aurora and Mrs. Mary McNichols of Chicago. His wife and two daughters preceded him in death.

Dec. 13: Oswego Triumphs over Yorkville: Oswego won, 41-40, from Yorkville at the basket ball game Friday evening, Dec. 8. John Palmer, forward, made the winning basket. Oswego has now won one and lost one in the Fox Valley Conference. Oswego won the Fox, a roving trophy, by virtue of a win over Yorkville and will retain it until some conference team takes it from them.

Dec. 20: Luck or skill is staying with the Oswego High School. They won 35 to 21 from Orland park last Friday evening.

The community entertainment presented by the Oswego school at the Presbyterian Annex last Sunday evening was pronounced by those attending as one of the best Christmas programs given in Oswego. Great credit is given Miss Meyers, the dramatic teacher, and Reeve Thompson, music teacher.

Dec. 27: Dr. Sheldon Bell, DDS, received word Sunday morning that his father, James Bell, 84, of Joliet, was critically burned in an explosion of his furnace.

Donald Hoch while coasting Sunday afternoon was injured. A bone in his left arm was cracked.

Capt. and Mrs. Arthur Ramm of St. Louis and Pvt. Ted Gerry of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, were home with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gerry, and sister, Frances, for Christmas.

1945

January

Jan. 4: Mrs. Ruth Worland of Aurora will finish out the term of School District No. 5 [the Walker School] beginning January 8.

Mrs. Wylie Robinson and little son, Charles, of Newark, spent Christmas and part of last week with the Charles Robinson family and with them went to Joliet on Christmas to celebrate with the Wylie family. Staff Sgt. Wylie Robinson is somewhere in Germany.

Jan. 10: Sgt. Stuart A. Parkhurst, 21, who represented his home town as "Oswego Boy Mayor" in an Aurora Chamber of Commerce celebration several years ago, died of wounds received in action in France on Dec. 19, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Parkhurst of Oswego, have been notified. He is the second Oswego boy to give his life for his country in this war. [He served in the 345th Infantry Regiment, 87th Infantry Division.]

Word of the Sergeant's death was an exceptionally great shock to members of the family as he had been overseas only three months and in France three weeks. He was attached to the infantry.

Sgt. Parkhurst was born Feb. 13, 1923 and graduated from Oswego High School with the class of 1941. During his high school days he was a star member of his high school baseball and basketball teams. He was president of the senior class and active in Presbyterian church groups.

Before entering the service Jan. 19, 1943 he was assistant manager of the Jewel Food store here and in that capacity made hundreds of friends in the Aurora area. He went overseas in October 1944.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by two brothers, Stanley a twin brother, and Melvin; a one sister, Mrs. Roy Peterson, all of Oswego; two sisters, Mrs. John Lasswell of Ottawa and Mrs. Robert Hill of Elgin; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at the Oswego Presbyterian church on Jan 21.

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Sales of bonds to individuals as pledges through the Minutemen of Oswego and NaAuSay townships reached a total of \$52,873.25. This figure does not include corporation purchases. This is the sixth drive in which thee townships have gone over the top in individual purchases.

The Minuteman flag is again on display at Oswego high school. Over 90 percent of the student body have purchased stamps each month to qualify for the award.

Bennie Biesemeier of Oswego, a widely known and respected Oswego merchant, died suddenly at his home in Oswego Tuesday morning. Mr. Biesemeier had been in ill health for some time. He was recently brought home from the hospital, seemingly in better health, but Tuesday a sudden stroke ended a useful life.

The funeral services will be held Jan. 11 from the Oswego Federated church, Rev. Richard Ford officiating. Burial will be in the Lincoln Highway cemetery.

Yorkville: We are extremely sorry to learn of the death of our friend, Ben Biesemeier of Oswego. Ben was one of those fellows who was just a prince. A far better than average bowler, an enthusiastic Legion member, and one interested in young people. He was always ready to leave business to help a fellow with a problem. He will be missed in many circles.

Jan. 17: What a real old-fashioned winter we are having!

Sue Weishew entertained a group of high school young people for Mary Lou Campbell's birthday anniversary Saturday evening.

Virginia Gates left Jan. 15 for the second semester at Marysville college, Marysville, Tenn.

Ben Biesemeier of Oswego died Jan. 9 following a stroke. Mr. Biesemier had been in ill health for the past year.

The large funeral services were held on Jan. 11 from the Federated church at Oswego. Interment was made in the Lincoln Highway cemetery.

Ben Biesemeier was born at Palatine, Ill. on April 14, 1887, the son of Ernest and Wilhelmina Biesemeier. The family moved to Kendall county when Ben was a small child.

As a young man he was employed by H.B. Reed and after Mr. Reed's death he remained in the business in the same location with his

partner, A.J. Hettrick until his retirement a year ago, a period of 35 years.

He is survived by his wife, Rilla; his father of Rockford; a brother, Henry of Aurora; and five sisters, Adele of Oswego, Mabel of Aurora, Frieda and Laura of Rockford, and Lydia of Davenport, Ia.

Mr. Biesemeier was a veteran of World War I and was seriously wounded in the Battle of the Argonne. He was an active member of American Legion Post No. 675 of Oswego. He was prominent in bowling leagues of the vicinity and a bowler of championship caliber.

Jan. 24: A memorial service in honor of Sergeant Stuart Parkhurst, who died of wounds while serving in the Army of his country in France, was held in the Presbyterian church on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 21. The church was filled with relatives and friends of the family.

Many Oswegoans attended the annual Farm Bureau meeting at Yorkville Jan. 20.

Staff Sgt. Forrest Woolley is home from Fort Lewis, Wash. on a 10-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Adele Woolley and his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Krug.

Jan. 31: Roy Weber, for 26 years the operator of a coal and feed business in Oswego, has sold his business, due to the difficulty of obtaining help. For many years he did custom grinding.

Paul Shoger is home on furlough from Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cherry have a baby daughter, Diane Lynn, born Jan. 21 at Copley Hospital. They have three older children in grade and high school.

Oswego high school lost to Yorkville at the basketball game Jan. 26.

Sennie Jane Hafenrichter, 68, died Jan. 29 at the St. Joseph hospital, Aurora.

Mrs. Hafenrichter was born in Bristol. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Verna Besch and Mrs. Emma Troyer and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the McKeown funeral home Thursday. Burial will be made in Spring Lake cemetery.

February -- 1945

Feb. 7: Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Young have three sons in the service for two years. Two of the boys met in the Philippines on Jan 25. Lt. John S., a pilot, landed on an island and heard that his brother, Corporal Stanley, was on the same island. Obtaining a jeep he drove 20 miles, found his brother, who was more surprised than words can tell. The two had a fine time for about two hours when the party had to break up. John reports Stanley as looking fine and strong. Lt. John has 13 missions.

With all the sad war news what a joy to know that thousands have been released from concentration camps.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Sleezer received eight letters last week from their son, Bill, after several weeks' silence. He states that he can tell them that he had been at Luzon in the landing at Lingayen.

Feb. 14: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Parkhurst received a letter recently from Gen. Frank Coulton, commanding officer of the 87th Division in which their son, Sgt. Stuart Parkhurst served. The general recited Stuart's value to the division and gave details of Stuart's military life, and the sad details of his death. It gave the name of the town near Stuart's burial place, in an American Military cemetery which is guarded, day and night, by his brothers-in-arms. The little town is Meouthé et Moselle, France. Stuart was wounded on Dec. 17, 1944 and passed away as a result of his wounds on Dec. 19.

A union service of the Oswego churches will be held Sunday evening, Feb. 18, at the Federated church. This service is for Brotherhood Week. Mrs. Charlmæ Rollins of Chicago will speak. This Negro woman is an interesting speaker both for children and adults. It is hoped the church will be crowded to capacity to show there is no race prejudice in Oswego.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parkhurst received word last week of the death of the husband of one of their twin daughters, the former Leta Parkhurst. Jack Marx Rosseter, who had received a medical discharge from the army in August 1944 died at a Los Angeles army hospital from pneumonia on Feb. 9.

Charles Duwalder [Dauwalder], formerly a resident of Oswego township, died at an Aurora hospital on Feb. 12.

Feb. 21: Dr. and Mrs. L.J. Weishew left on Feb. 19 for a month's vacation in Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Wormley and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cherry spent Feb. 14 and 15 in Chicago celebrating wedding anniversaries.

Feb. 28: The ladies at the Red Cross rooms accomplished a great deal at their meeting Feb. 23: Two lap covers were tied off; 30 'housewives' finished; and pink and white baby quilts were finished. On Feb. 21, the ladies who usually fold bandages made hospital gowns at the Red Cross rooms.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Collins and children will move into the new tenant house on the John Anderson farm as soon as the house is finished.

March -- 1945

March 7: Sgt. Ray Heriaud with the 5th Army in Italy, has been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge for participating in combat against the enemy with the 5h Army.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Chriss have received word that his son, Pvt. Edward E. Chriss, has arrived at an Army hospital in South Carolina. Pvt. Chriss had both legs broken above the knee by a mortal shell in Italy.

Jack Wayne has been promoted to Seaman 1-C and has been transferred from Norman, Okla. to Philadelphia for another month of training.

Petty Officer 1-C James Zentmyer came home enroute leave from Memphis, Tenn. on Feb. 28 to visit his wife and parents Mr. and Mrs. Earl Zentmyer. He will leave March 13 for Shoemaker, Calif. where he expects to be sent across.

Elaine Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Smith, who until recently was a flight hostess for TWA based at Chicago and flying to New York and Washington, has been transferred to Kansas City, where she is now flight instructress in a school for hostesses. Next month, she will go to Burbank, Calif. where she will be assistant to the superintendent of hostesses for the Western area.

Many were in attendance at the farm sale Feb. 28 at the Harley Shoger homestead. LaVerne Shoger and his family live there now and Tech Sgt. Virgil Shoger of Detroit was home on furlough. Glen Shoger was here from Harvard, Ill. and the youngest sister, Phyllis, Mrs. Don Thompson, was home.

March 14: Petty Officer 1-C James Zentmyer and wife are the parents of a son, Robert James, born at Copley Hospital, Aurora, March 8.

Unable to find a suitable house in town after a 4-month search, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Campbell and family are moving in with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cherry. Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Sergerson and little daughters are moving this week into the residence on Madison street vacated by the Campbells.

The Red Cross quota for Oswego is \$1,750; have you done your share?

The Winter Concert presented by the band and glee clubs of the Oswego High School March 9, directed by Reeve Thompson, was a credit to Oswego.

March 21: As usual Oswego went 'over the top' with a quota of \$1,750 for the Red Cross drive. Over \$2,000 has been turned in.

Many farmers are in the fields here this week. If we get a hard freeze now it will be bad for the many little green leaves and plants that

are coming out. After an unusual winter we are having an unusually warm sunny March--so far to date--March 19.

There are a number of cases of the measles among the little folks in and around Oswego.

Yorkville: William J. Stratton, former State Treasurer of Illinois whose home is at Morris, was recently sworn into the Navy as a Lieutenant Junior Grade. "Bill's" friends here extend congratulations.

March 28: Pvt. Robert J. Rogerson, having completed his boot training, is home on a 10-day leave from Paris Island, S.C. On April 1 he will go to Camp LeJuene, N.C. for further training.

Mary McMicken, a student nurse at Copley Hospital, has gone to the Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago for 3 months training.

April -- 1945

April 4: What did you think of the weather the first of this week? Well, anyway, we expected it. March broke all the records with the mild sunny weather. Fruit trees budded and some in bloom, flowers budded and some blossoming, the grass thick and green. Many of the farmers finished sowing oats in March and the housewives were delighted with the fine housecleaning days. Put this March down and tell your grandchildren about it; it hasn't happened before and who knows when it will again? Now we shall see what happens to the green things this week, storm and frost predicted this Monday morning.

The Margo Shop on Main street has again changed hands. The business has been sold by Mrs. Emme Fechner to Mrs. Ora Wilson of Route 31 Oswego. Oswego is fortunate to have a dress shop in this community Mrs. Wilson will redecorate and remodel the shop opening on April 7, hoping for patronage from all this vicinity.

The Easter sunrise service at Quarryledge conducted by Oswego youth groups was an inspiring and beautiful service.



Mrs. Lloyd Collins and baby Carlene spent last week end at Sycamore visiting her mother and grandmother.

April 11: Sgt. Leonard Hafenrichter is home on furlough from the Indiantown Gap, Pa. military reservation.

John A. Wayne, Seaman 2-C, is home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wayne on a 10-day leave having finished catapult and arresting gear school at the Philadelphia Navy Yards.

The frost hazard of last week passed with very little damage due to a kind providence.

Yorkville: Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Leifheit received the glad tidings in the form of a telegram on April 7 from the War Department stating that their son, T-5 Raymond Leifheit, who was reported as missing in action Dec. 26, in Belgium, was a prisoner of war of the German government. Many friends and relatives rejoice with them at this word and hope he will soon be released to return home.

Cpl and Mrs. Thomas Fletcher announce the arrival of a little son, born Saturday, April 7, at St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Aurora. The little boy weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces, and is named Thomas William. Mrs. Fletcher is the former Helen Knight, and Cpl. Fletcher is stationed somewhere in Germany.

April 18: "Entire Nation Mourns Death of Franklin D. Roosevelt; Vast Tasks Face Truman" read a black-bordered box on the front page of the *Kendall County Record*.

Pvt. Theodore Gerry of the Army Air Force, Sioux Falls, S.D., is home on a delay enroute and will leave next week for the training center at Lincoln, Neb.

Short services were held at all the churches last Sunday commemorating the death of former President Franklin D. Roosevelt, with prayers for guidance for the new president, Harry S Truman of Missouri.

Mrs. John Sassen of Geneseo announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss June Sassen, to Ray J. Campbell son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Campbell of Oswego. Miss Sassen is a teacher in the Oswego grade school.

Oswego friends and acquaintances were saddened last week by the death of Lee R. Hadloc of Plano, who had been the genial, accommodating depot master in Oswego for the past 10 years.

Mary Jean Garvey, a Cadet Nurse from the Copley hospital, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Bell and daughters last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Sergerson and two little daughters were guests over last week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wirth at Kirkland. Mr. Wirth, a veteran of World War I, and who has never been well since that time, has been ill recently, but is slightly improved. The son, Edward, a graduate of Oswego high school, has been in Pacific hospitals since December 20.

#### Yorkville: NOTICE TO HOUSEWIVES

Your local War Price and Rationing Board at Yorkville has the canning sugar applications for the 1945 canning season. You may obtain them at your grocery store or by calling at the office. The maximum allowance per person is 20 pounds, and no more than 160 pounds can be obtained by a family unit. Please fill out the applications completely before submitting them to the office and be sure to enclose your SPARE STAMP NO. 13 from each of your Book Fours for your family.

If you want to shiver next winter, forget your coal, otherwise better rush down to see Mr. Barkley at the Farmers Elevator Co. and get that coal declaration filled out to insure getting your fair share through the cold winter months, which, if possible, will be even colder than the weather right now!

Bob Bamwell of the State Game Farm reports that 1,500 crappies were given new homes in the State pond in the Blackberry. They averaged 10-inches in length and fishermen will welcome this

addition to the piscatorial population. Note: Fishing in the pond is frowned upon.

April 25: Word has been received here that Edward Wirth, who has been in a Pacific hospital since last December returned to the States and will be hospitalized here, treated with 20 others for some unrecognizable disease, contacted at Saipan.

Staff Sgt. Wylie Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson of Oswego, writes to his wife Muriel Robinson and little son, 'Chuckie,' of Newark, that he thinks the war will soon be over in Europe. Staff Sgt. Robinson has been in a number of countries during the past year in the European Theatre.

Mrs. Clifford Clark, living on the eastern edge of Oswego township, received word last December that her brother was missing in action. Last week she received a letter from him that he had been liberated from a prison camp and is expected to come home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Sleezer received word from their two sons in the Service last week after a lapse of several weeks. One letter was written April 10 and the other April 11. Pfc. Charles, who is with the paratroopers in France, and Bill, with the Navy in the South Pacific. Neither could tell much about their activities, but just a word relieves a great deal of anxiety for the parents.

Yorkville: Bill Wayne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wayne, is now in training at Great Lakes.

Jack Wayne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wayne, was home on a 10-day leave, after completing his schooling at the Catapult and Arresting Gear School at Philadelphia and is now at Norfolk, Virginia.

May -- 1945

May 2: Theodore E. Gerry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gerry, is home on a 12-day delay enroute from Sioux Falls, S.D. where he graduated from the radio operator school of the Army Air Forces Training

Command March 31. He will leave Friday for Lincoln, Neb. to be assigned to an air crew.

Pvt. and Mrs. Homer Adkins have a baby son, born April 21. Mrs. Adkins, the former Norma Zentmyer, came to the home of her parents on Park Ave. where she is staying for the 'duration' but the tiny baby, a five-pound boy, remained at the hospital a little longer. Pvt. Adkins is located at Kingman, Ariz.

Following the resignation of Robert Sawyer, who since the tragic death of his brother, has gone to farm his father's farm at Leland, Harland Hoffman has been secured by the Oswego high school board to teach biology and agriculture. Mr. Hoffman has been the Ag instructor at Serena the past four years. He and his wife would like to find an unfurnished house or apartment in Oswego.

Carrie A. Young, 77, died April 26, 1945 at her home in Elgin. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Fletcher, Elgin, and Mrs. Ruth Hageman, Elgin; two sons, Harold of Elgin and Marshall of Oswego; nine grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren. Two sons and a daughter preceded her in death. Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Frances Robinson of Elgin and Mrs. Mattie Bakker of Shell Lake, Mich.

Funeral services were held in Elgin April 28. Burial was made in the family lot at Oswego cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Young were married in 1887 and lived in Oswego until 1907. Their seven children were born in Oswego. Mr. Young was a blacksmith and well known throughout this vicinity. He passed away on June 26, 1941.

Mrs. Fred Leigh (Tilly Lippold Leigh), 86, died at her home south of Oswego on April 27, 1945. Surviving are five daughters: Mrs. Mary Shoger, Mrs. Barbara Hadfield, and Miss Helen Leigh of Aurora, Mrs. Evelyn Judson of Littleton, Colo., and Miss Blanche Leigh at home, who cared for her mother for many years; also surviving are two grandchildren and three great grandchildren, and two brothers, Fred and George Lippold of Aurora.

Mrs. Leigh was a member of the Oswego Presbyterian church. funeral services were held April 30 at the Healy Chapel, Aurora. Interment was in the Riverside cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bower and family and other relatives attended the funeral services for Mrs. Bower's father, Lester Dixon, last Monday at the Healy Chapel. Lester Dixon, 59, of Mooseheart, died at St. Joseph hospital April 27. He is survived by his wife, Minnie, of Mooseheart; four daughters; three sons, two of whom are in the U.S. Navy; and 13 grandchildren. Funeral services, in charge of Batavia Lodge, Loyal Order of the Moose, were held at the Healy Chapel April 30. Interment was in Lincoln Highway cemetery.

May 9: How can a mere reporter for township news write a column this Monday, May 7, when the radio is buzzing with world news of unconditional surrender?

On May 13 at 11 o'clock the service at the Federated Church and the congregation will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the church building.

Eighty-three thousand dollars worth of bonds have been purchased in the NaAuSay-Oswego drive, an average of \$40 per person. The quota is \$80,000.

Two auto loads of refugee clothing was collected at the Federated church and taken to Aurora center.

Mrs. John Young and baby, Pamela Ann, of Sacramento, Calif. came May 3 to the home of Lt. John's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Young. John Young, who recently has been promoted to First Lieutenant, has completed more than 50 combat missions overseas and is entitled to a furlough home and is expected this summer, and his wife will say in Oswego that the family may visit together.

Pfc. Richard M. Young, who was wounded three times at Iwo, telephoned his parents from the West Coast on May 6 that he would be home after a short hospitalization in the States. The third son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Young in the service. Cpl. Stanley G. Young, is a paratrooper in combat in the Philippines.

Herman C. Schultz, 57 died Saturday afternoon, May 5, while resting on a couch after having been to town in the forenoon.

Mr. Schultz was born April 15, 1888 in Chicago. He is survived by his wife, Clara; a son, Eugene; and two grandchildren and two

brothers, Charles of Oswego and Richard of Aurora; three sisters, Mrs. Augusta Bohn, Mrs. Tillie Hoch, and Mrs. Minnie Read, all of Oswego.

About 60 persons from Consolidated district No. 5 met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith on Friday evening, May 4. The teacher, Mrs. Worland of Aurora, directed a good school program presented by the 18 pupils.

Yorkville: In a note at the top of Ernie Pyle's regular column, the editor of the *Record* noted that: Ernie Pyle was several dispatches ahead when he met death from a Jap machine gun on Leyte island. This newspaper will continue to print these for a few weeks.

May 16: The community V-E Day service May 8 was well-attended, 275 meeting for prayer, talks, and music at the Presbyterian Church, the service sponsored by the three local pastors.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Van Etten received official word that their son, Harold Jr. had been wounded in Okinawa, and also received burns so that he was hospitalized.

May 23: Hush! Say it softly--we had a few days of nice warm weather and sunshine after weeks of cold and dampness.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Swensen of Aurora are parents of a baby boy, born May 20. Mrs. Swensen (Leota Anderson) was an Oswego girl, active formerly in Rural Youth in Kendall county and a teacher in the Aurora schools.

The centennial celebration of the Congregational church in Oswego in fact, the first church in the little village of Oswego 100 years ago, was held at the Federated Church on Sunday, May 20.

The Oswego grade school students during the school year 1944-45 have sold \$3,371.15 in stamps and bonds, \$1,814.90 of this amount being in stamps. Girls in charge of sales throughout the year have been Joanne Luettich, Lois Jericho, Jacqueline Foss, Doris Ninke, and Erla Phelper.

May 30: A terrible tragedy occurred Friday evening, May 25, when after the graduation exercises, Eugene Gilmore, 16 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gilmore of the Scotch church neighborhood was walking on the highway [Route 25] going to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sanderson. Eugene was struck by one or possibly two autos, and so critically injured that he died on Sunday.

Some Oswego families are being made happy; the boys in the service are beginning to come home. Donald Sampson, having over 90 points, has an honorable discharge; he and Lloyd Collins came home from Italy the first of this week. Also John Carr and Chuck Weiss.

June -- 1945

June 6: The month of May broke a record with 7.59 inches of rainfall, and June has followed with a record-breaking low temperature of 35 degrees on Monday morning.

The annual Burkhart picnic was held in Gerry's woods May 30. This is one day of the year when the Burkhart cousins meet.

A large audience enjoyed the Children's Day program at the Federated church on June 3.

Three servicemen attended the morning service at the Federated church, Charles Weiss, Kenneth Gowran, and John Carr.

Billie Chalker of Birmingham, Ala., but now in the Theo Herzl Radar school in Chicago, was a guest last Sunday with the William Palmer relatives. Donald Palmer was home from Normal university for the weekend.

RM 3-C James Kesslinger of Cuba is home on a 25-day leave.

At a lovely mid-afternoon ceremony on May 19 at the Oswego Presbyterian church, Miss Arlene V. Jay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loren D. Jay of Oswego, became the bride of Dale W. Robb, son of Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Robb of Swanwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Robb left on a short wedding trip and will be at home after June 8 at the manse of the Presbyterian church at Herman, Ill, where Mr. Robb is serving as pastor.

The bride attended the Oswego schools and was graduated from the University of Illinois with a bachelor of science degree in 1942.

Since that time she has been employed by the Northern Illinois Public Service company as home service director and has been stationed at their offices in Harvey, Joliet, and Evanston.

The bridegroom was graduated from the University of Illinois with a bachelor of arts degree in 1943 and will be graduated from McCormick Theological Seminary of Chicago next year.

Pieces of the wedding cake were sent to T. Sgt. Robert E. Jay, brother of the bride, who has been stationed with the Army Air Corps in England since 1942; Cadet Donald Robb at West Point; Lt. M.F. Robb at Houston, Tex.; Sgt. Delbert Greenberg, who is with the U.S. Army in the Pacific; and ensign Gerald A. Porter, who is with the U.S. Naval Amphibious Landing Forces in the Pacific.

June 13: Maj. and Mrs. Heath Wayne of St. Petersburg, Fla. and Mr. and Mrs. Winston Wayne of Wilmington, Del. visited Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Wayne.

To celebrate the 11th birthday of Stuart Woolley, several boys from his class met on June 9 for a fireplace dinner.

A violin recital presented by Robert Myers, noted violinist, will be given at the vesper service at the Federated church June 17.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hafenrichter received news of a granddaughter born to Lt. (jg) and Mrs. Carl Hafenrichter at the DeKalb hospital in June 4. The little one is named Karen Laura. Lt. Hafenrichter is stationed at Pensacola, Fla.

Friends are rejoicing with the Phelper family on Jefferson street that the son, Ben, who had been a prisoner in Germany for two years, returned to his home on June 9.

Pfc. Roy Murray, who was wounded overseas and has been in a hospital in Michigan, is home on a 30-day furlough.



Pfc. Richard Young came to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Young, on June 10 from the U.S. Navy hospital at Seattle on a 30-day leave. He is recuperating from a foot injury.

June 20: The Wilcox school building has been purchased by Allen Graham and is being moved to near Wolf's Crossing and will be made into a residence. The Wilcox, Gaylord, and Walker schools consolidated several years ago using the Walker school for what is known as District 5 now. The experiment has worked out very well, the directors being able to obtain good teachers and a good driver with an auto to pick up the 20 scholars.

Pfc. Lloyd Collins has received his honorable discharge from the Army on his 97 points, having served in combat in the European Theatre of the War. He is working in Aurora, beginning June 18.

Mrs. Dan Bickford and Mrs. Oliver Burkhart attended a reunion of the East High Class of 1904, held at the Silver Tea Pot, Aurora, on Saturday evening, June 16. Twenty-nine members of a class of 51 spent an enjoyable evening.

Edward Wirth, on hospital leave to the home of his parents in Kirkland, called on Oswego friends last week. Edward, a graduate of Oswego high school, has been hospitalized since last December, most of the time in the Pacific area.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Quantock have received word that their son, Cp. Wilbur, has been sent to France with the Army of Occupation.

June 27: Except for reunions, there are few social activities. The farmers are haying between showers and cultivating corn. The farmers' wives are caring for the strawberry crop, putting hundreds of quarts in the freezer lockers. The children are enjoying going barefoot since the advent of summer weather last week, the birds are getting the cherries, and the bugs are feasting on the garden vegetables. In short, it's summer.

Three new Elders, Albert Gates, Warren Norris, and Glenn Smith were ordained at the Presbyterian church during the morning service June 24.

Patty Corrick and Sue Zentmyer are attending the Girls' Camp at Naperville this week.

Major and Mrs. Arthur C. Ramm of St. Louis were guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gerry, over last weekend. Maj. Ramm is leaving soon for the South Pacific.

Mr. and Mrs. August Gehrke have sold their residence on Main street and have gone back to Chicago to live. Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Herren purchased the place and with their two sons are now living there.

The household furniture of Mr. Will Leigh was sold at a public sale well attended at the residence on Main street last Wednesday evening.

Bill Wayne has finished boot training at Great Lakes and spent a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wayne.

Yorkville: Mrs. James Talbott Jr. tells us that Sgt. Emil "Bud" Farren, who had the whole county worried while he was imprisoned in Germany, will be home on or before the Fourth of July. He ran into Ray Leifheit, who also had us worried, in France, and he, too, is in the States, although he is in a hospital in Virginia and will not be able to come home as soon as Bud. Two families and a large group of 'civvies' will sure be glad to see these boys at home again.

July -- 1945

July 4: Mr. and Mrs. Francis Campbell went to LaMoille last Friday to see the damage done to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Crossman's farm by the tornado that swept through several small towns south of Mendota on June 27. Mr. Crossman lost one corn crib, a cattle shed, chicken house, and the roof of another corn crib, and the roof of the kitchen, windows broken, and a long lane, bordered with 90 year-old maples tress an all his fruit trees an all except one shade tree were damaged.

Pfc Dean S. Staley and wife from Brownwood, Tex. are spending a 15-day furlough with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Patten and his folks in Aurora.

Pfc Homer Adkins from Midland, Tex. is here on a 15-day furlough with his wife and baby at the Zentmyer home on Park Avenue. Pfc. Akins was accompanied by his buddy, Pfc. Oscar Allen. These boys have just graduated from the gunner's school and received their Gunner's Wings.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ross of Rockford have purchased the Will Leigh residence on Main street and with their young sons will move here. Mr. Ross is to be the CB&Q depot agent in Oswego.

Mrs. Raymond Heriaud and baby son Charles Ray has come from the South to make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Heriaud until Sgt. Heriaud comes home. He has been in Service four years, in Italy 16 months.

Pvt. Verna Hutchins surprised her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hutchins June 30 when she flew home on a bomber from Sheppard Field, Tex. for a two weeks' furlough.

July 11: Mrs. G.C. Bartholomew is serving chicken dinners at her home east of town on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Kenneth Gowran, hospitalized for many of the months of the time he has been in the Navy, has received his honorable discharge.

Paul Shoger is home this week on furlough with his wife and baby, Lynn.

Schoolmates of the Walker school of more than 50 years ago met for a reunion at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Clark on July 4.

July 18: Monday, July 16, official temperature 49 degrees, the coldest July 16 morning on record. This is a spring and summer about which to tell your grandchildren--but it could be worse. A large hay crop has been harvested and prospects are excellent for a

good oat crop. The corn will depend on the weather in the next months.

The Red Cross picnic at the Cherry cottage on the river bank July 13 was an enjoyable affair.

The Ward Bread company, by whom Albert ode is employed, and their families met for a picnic supper at the Ode home on Jackson street last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ebans of Aurora have recently moved to their new home, purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Allen Troyer on Douglas avenue.

A gang of seven painters from Compton are painting the town and farm buildings for the Herren families an a few other residences around Oswego.

Sgt. Gerald and Pfc Cyril Cather, brothers who had not met for many months, had a surprise reunion in LaHarve, France recently. Hearing that they were situated not far apart, one brother secured permission to visit another.

Pfc Stanley Herren, Army Paratrooper, has returned from the European Theater of Operations, landing in Boston on July 11. He has a 30-day furlough with his parents.

July 25: Sgt. Leonard Hafenrichter, on a weekend pass from the Military Reservation at Indiantown Gap, Pa., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hafenrichter. Leonard and his mother went to DeKalb Sunday afternoon to call on Mrs. Carl Hafenrichter and baby Karen.

Yorkville: T-5 Raymond Leifheit arrived home Sunday afternoon. The rocky time he has been having will now even out and though his doctors inform him he can't eat pork chops for a while, still we'll bet he is glad to be back with the folks. Ray was caught in the 'bulge' in Belgium last December and taken a prisoner by the Nazis. He spent two months in a German hospital and has spent a month in a U.S. Army hospital since returning to the States. His many friends

will be glad to see him when he feels like stirring out and looking over the rigors of civilian life.

August -- 1945

Aug. 1: Jack Wayne, S 1-C, has returned to the U.S. Navy Yard at Brooklyn, N.Y., after having spent a 15-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wayne.

Bill Wayne, S 2-C, has gone overseas and his parents will soon have his new address.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Denney had a letter from their son, Bill, now in Germany, that he has been transferred to the Third Army of Occupation.

Mark Etsinger, a graduate of Oswego high school last June, enlisted in the Navy and has gone to the Naval Training Center at Sampson, N.Y.

John W. Lauder, ART 2-C, on leave until Aug. 6, is home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Lauder on Main street.

M.J. Wormley, 70, of Oswego died July 29 at St. Joseph hospital in Aurora. He was born in Oswego Nov. 1, 1874, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wormley.

Surviving Mr. Wormley is his wife, Margaret; a son, Edward J. of New York City.

A storm of almost cyclonic proportions stuck southeast of Oswego Saturday afternoon, July 28. Following 40 minutes of heavy rain, hail came and a wind strong enough to take out trees and break branches, tip the growing corn to the east, and the exceedingly heavy rain following washed mud from the fields across roads and carried windrowed oats into ditches and fences, covering some with mud. The hail did some damage to the corn leaves and to fruit and gardens.

Aug. 8: A.M. Shuler is vacationing for four days this week on a fishing trip in Wisconsin.

The M.J. Wormley funeral was held from the McKeown funeral home on Aug. 1, the Rev. Richard Ford officiating and burial in the family lot in the Oswego cemetery.

Oswego relatives and friends received news of the death of Miss Bessie Hem of Aurora on Aug. 5. Miss Hem has been a resident of Aurora for many years and was an employee of the CB&Q in the Chicago office until her health failed. Previous to that, she resided with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hem on a farm southeast of Oswego and attended the Walker school. She was one of the enthusiastic members of the Walker school reunion. She is survived by her brother, Earl; one niece residing in Michigan; and the Burkhart and Hem cousins.

The Oswego Fire Department had a busy time on Friday, Aug. 3, and right her let this be a warning to anyone calling the Fire Department--Keep Your Head! Talk Distinctly, and give explicit directions how to find the burning buildings. If these rules ha been followed, much less damage would have been done at Quantock's and Friebele's that were burning while the Fire Department was driving around trying to find the fires. In the morning, Oswego firemen were called to the home of Tom Quantock Sr. in Will county. The kitchen part of the house burned and the other roof was damaged. In the afternoon, the department was called to the Robert Friebele home adjoining the Quantock farm. Mrs. Friebele works at the Lyon and Mr. Friebele was in the field. It is supposed the fire started from electrical wires. The house and most of the furniture burned There was insurance on the building but not on the furniture.

Scott Brown, a high school boy working for the McFarland Tree Service in Aurora, fell from a tree on Aug. 3 and was severely shaken up but apparently suffering no serious injury. He is recuperating at his home on Naperville Road in Oswego.

Word has been received of the death on July 27, of John Gordon Seeley, 62, for the past 25 years the organist at the St. Paul's church at Akron, Ohio. Mr. Seeley was the son of Tom and Lettie Teller Seeley and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Seeley, pioneer residents on the farm just across the Oswego bridge. he spent his boyhood on

the Oswego farm. Mr. Seeley was a widely known musician and played in Aurora churches before going to Ohio. The funeral was held in Toledo on July 30.

Aug. 15: The Kendall County Rural Letters association met at the Cherry Cottage on Aug. 12, several state officers attending.

W-O Wilbur Peshia has been home recently and has now gone to India, traveling by airplane. The day after Wilbur left, his brother, L. Burton Peshia, Parachute Rigger 1-C, came from the East Coast to visit a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Peshia. Mrs. Burton Peshia, assistant supervisor at Copley, joined him in Oswego. Burton, who has been an instructor in the East, left Aug. 10 for the West Coast expecting to be sent to the South Pacific.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walker received word last week of the birth of a grandson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Drew of Tulsa, Okla. The little fellow, born Aug. 7, has been given the name Stephen Walker Drew.

The Oswego Townsend club will hold their annual picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Rogerson on Thursday evening, Aug. 23. All Townsends welcome; bring dish to pass and own table service.

Yorkville: Teachers of Kendall county rural schools will conduct the registration of pupils at their schools next Monday, Aug. 20, at 9:30 a.m.

At this time, the pupils will make arrangements for their texts and workbooks to be used throughout the year. All but two of the 45 one and two-room schools in the county have adopted the textbook rental plan.

All our people are (or were--we hope by this time) sitting on the edge of their chairs with both ears in the radio loud speaker waiting for the good news that the Nips have thrown in the sponge. If they don't make up their mind shortly, we suggest a nice rain of atom bombs to jar them back to reality. Atomized, they are more sensible than they are usually. The commentators on the radio are really

having a swell time trying to get something out of the lean reports coming in on the peace talks.

Aug. 22: Sgt. Russell Pierce of the 9th Air Force in the ETO is home on a 30-day furlough. Sgt. Pierce has been in the service four years, 16 months overseas. He has a Presidential Unit Citation with an Oak Leaf cluster and five battle participation stars. His wife, Esther June has been living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.B. Stephens, since Sgt. Pierce went overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Sickler have sold their residence and service station at the junction of Highways 71 and 34, and will move to a home purchased on Jackson street in Aurora. Mr. and Mrs. Sickler have been in business in Oswego since 1932, taking over the service station at Madison and Jackson at that time. Later, they built their present residence and the service station a little way out in the country and since '40 have been very successful in the business there. Those who were their regular customers and had their autos serviced there for years will miss them. Their children, Lois and Bennett, were educated in the Oswego school. Ensign Bennett is now in the Pacific on a hospital ship. Their daughter, Mrs. Blankenhagen and little daughter, Janet, lives with her parents for the duration. Her husband is stationed in New Guinea. The Sickler residence, service station, and business was sold to Ed Weilert, who took possession on Aug. 20. Mr. Weilert and wife and five year old son are from Chicago and will soon move to their new home.

John Palmer was home from the University of Illinois for the VJ-day vacation and over the weekend.

Lat Week, Ryburn Updike, a World War I veteran, visited his nephews, LaVerne Shoger and family.

The oat harvesting is nearly finished with a good crop, considering the most unusual summer weather.

Lt. Walter Foster is home on a 10-day delay enroute. He came from the Hawaiian islands with a boatload of Jap prisoners.



Staff Sgt. Ben H. Phelper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Phelper of Oswego, has arrived at Miami for redistribution. He was a gunner on a B-17 bomber in the ETO and took part in six missions and was awarded the Purple Heart and Air Medal, a Presidential Citation, and four Oak Leaf Clusters. He has three enemy planes to his credit. Phelper was a prisoner of war of the Germans for 21 months.

Yorkville: Following in lightning succession, the U.S. use of atomic bombs and Russia's entrance into the conflict signaled the finis to the Pacific war, which had been waged with such bitterness since December of 1941

With the second of its great industrial cities leveled by the terrific new explosive and with Russian troops driving deep into Manchuria and Korea, the Japanese gave the first indication of their decision to throw in the sponge early on Aug. 10, with the Tokyo radio's announcement of acceptance of unconditional surrender terms provided the emperor's position was respected.

Lt. Paul E. Zwoyer of Oswego is home from the ETO, where he served with the 8th Air Force. He is the same old Paul, and we are glad he is back in the States with his family. It is our hope that Lt. Ellsworth Zwoyer, who was shot down over Japan, would turn up safe now and make the family circle complete.

Aug. 29: E.H. "Ted" Sickler, 43, died Aug. 24, the result of a heart attack. He was born Feb. 8, 1902 at Villisch, Ia. Mr. Sickler is survived by his wife, Josie; one daughter, Mrs. Lois Blankenhagen; and one granddaughter Janet Blankenhagen; and one son, Ensign Bennett Sickler, with the Navy in the South Pacific. Also surviving are four brothers, Jess of Aurora, Allen and Herbert of Iowa, and Ira of Colorado; four sisters, Eila Swanson and Evelyn Langson of Iowa; Edith Martin of Omaha; and Elsie Morse of Oswego.

Mr. Sickler was a member of Raven Lodge 303, AF & AM, under whose auspices the funeral was conducted at the Federated church Tuesday, Aug. 28. Interment was in the Lincoln Highway cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Sickler had just recently sold their service station and residence at the intersection of routes 34 and 71 and were preparing to move to a new home in Aurora.

Mrs. Josephine Bergeson, 78, died Aug. 11 at her home with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Plaskas. Mrs. Bergeson was born Dec. 24, 1867 in Norway. She is survived by a daughter, Myrtle Plaskas of Oswego; two sons, Cpl. Orville Bergeson in England and Clarence of Ottawa; one sister; and three grandchildren. She was a member of the Spanish-American War Veterans auxiliary, who had charge of the services at the Baker cemetery. Funeral services were held at the Lutheran Bethany church in Leland.

Rural mail carrier Leslie Peshia and wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gengler have been on a vacation trip to Lake Vermilion, Minn. We only hope they took wood blankets with them; it is too cool for comfort in Illinois at this writing. Great August weather, but not for corn.

September -- 1945

Sept. 5: The Oswego schools opened Tuesday for the first all-day session.

Bus service will again be provided with L.W. Morse and Earl Zentmyer, who have completed five years of commendable service. The staff will consist of H.B. Tate, Reeve Thompson, Miss Helen Myers, Miss Charlotte Shupe, Mrs. Joan Whipple, Harland Hoffman, Miss Kathleen Snowden, and William Hoover. The latter three are new to the system.

Harland Hoffman will teach vocational agriculture and biology. Kathleen Snowden will teach history, sociology, and English I. William Hoover will teach general science, chemistry, and mathematics.

The school building has been receiving considerable work. The office has been redecorated and other walls washed. The floors have been refinished, and the entire roof reconditioned.

And Mr. and Mrs. American Public say at the filling station attendant, "fill 'er up!"

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gengler and two sons and Frederick Van Deventer who accompanied them, returned last week from a two

weeks fishing trip at Cook, Minn. Van Deventer of Oswego high school brought back a 7-1/2 pound Northern Pike he had caught.

Lt. Richard Kennedy just returned from Italy, is here on a 30-day furlough with his wife and baby at the Ray Parkhurst home.

The churches have begun fall activities and most of the schools have opened.

Sept. 12: Word was received last week from David Goudie of Colman, S.D., whose mother in her girlhood days was Nora Pearce of the Oswego Pearces, of the death of his wife on Sept. 3. The Goudies formerly lived at LaMars, Ia.,

Jack Olson of Park Ave., one of the graduates last spring room OHS, has joined the Navy and is now located at Great Lakes.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert cherry have a baby girl, born Sept. 9, at Copley hospital. There is one older little daughter, Susan, in the family..

Sept. 19: Cpl. Laird Hettrich, one of the ground crew of the 367th Fighter Group in France, is home with his father, Roy Hettrich and brothers for 30 days. His group flew many missions with their P-47s and if the war hadn't ended, would have been in Manila in October.

Rev. Richard Ford preached his farewell sermon at the Federated church on Sept. 16. Rev. and Mrs. Ford did good work in Oswego and their departure is regretted.

Ensign Bennett Sickler is home with his mother and sister from the Pacific area on a 30-day leave. The Sicklers are now located in the upper apartment at the corner of Naperville Road and East Jackson until their new home in Aurora is vacated.

Helen Gilmore of the OHS class of '45 will attend Aurora college. Harley Shoger, Warren Norris, and John Hafenrichter are freshmen at North Central college, Naperville, where Barbara Gast is a junior.

Sept. 26: Staff Sgt. Alvin Hubbard with three years in the ETO to his credit, has received his honorable discharge and is home with his wife and visiting other relatives.

Virgil Smith has been classed as inactive service and will attend Cornell college.

The senior class of OHS enjoyed a planned picnic supper at Phillips park on Sept. 21 and then attended the movie, "The Corn is Green," at the Paramount. They were accompanied by the senior advisor, Miss Kathleen Snowden.

Mr. and Mrs. John Loucks of Charlotte, Mich., called at "Old Barn Antique Shop" at Oswego recently to reminisce on former days when his uncle, Walter Loucks, owned the farm on which the barn stands. John's father, Almerin Loucks, worked for Walter Loucks on this farm in 1852 just back after hunting for gold in California in 1850. Mr. Loucks is hale and hearty at the age of 82.

A large number from this vicinity attended the Big Rock plowing match on Sept. 22. Ran spoiled the pleasure of the day.

Fall of 1945 came in with a bucket of water, an immense bucket which was spilled over an already wet countryside. Sunday morning was beautiful, hot, and clear, but in the afternoon, night, and Monday, much rainfall.

October -- 1945

Oct. 3: Mr. and Mrs. John Williamson had as their guests last Sunday their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lyndon Neill and daughter, Linda of Morris.

The Nineteenth Century club opens the 1945-1946 season with a luncheon in the Presbyterian Annex on Friday, Oct. 5.

Mrs. James Campbell is having a sale of household goods on Oct. 3 at the Lute Larsen home on Washington street, where she has a

room this year. Mrs. Campbell expects soon to reside at Jennings Terrace, Aurora.

Several new garages are being built in Oswego, that of William Bumpus on Washington street, and of Dan Bickford and George Suhler on Main street are noted, expecting new autos, Maybe?

Jack Wayne, S 1-C, from Brooklyn, was home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wayne, several days recently.

Walter Irish, who had been in the Army since April 1941, has received his honorable discharge and is home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Williamson. Walter has been a truck driver on several of the Pacific islands.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrison and Mr. and Mrs. Myron Wormley attended the Illinois-Notre Dame game Sept. 29 at South Bend and stayed over. Mrs. Nellie Herren kept the Wormley home fires burning and cared for little Jim and Jean.

Wotta mess! This Standard Time and Chicago Time; the only good thing about it is that it won't last long, now, but what about next spring? Is there not some way that the large cities may be convinced of the inconvenience to thousands by their determination to set the clocks an hour ahead? Why can't they get up and start business an hour earlier by Standard Time? Oswego is on Chicago Time, but the schools are on Standard Time, or at least that was the plan Oct. 1, but it caused much argument.

Oct. first, this is the tenth consecutive day or night or both that it has rained. Dry sections of the United States are welcome to their share of the downfall. But we didn't get a freeze and corn and soybeans and gardens are safe so far.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Blome have purchased the residence from Mrs. Margaret Woolley on Main street, where they have been living the past two years. [the Judson House]

Yorkville: W.P. Miller, chairman of the Kendall County War Fund drive, announces that the drive will begin on Monday, Oct. 3. This

drive is a combined effort of all organizations and the proceeds are pro-rated. The need for the funds is imperative, and it is hoped that quotas will be met in short order. The Salvation Army is included in the drive so their annual drive for funds will not be held.

Oct. 10: Mark Etsinger, S 2-C, had a seven-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Etsinger. He left Oct. 8 to report back to the Sampson Naval Training Center.

Allen Graham recently received his honorable discharge and is working at Stephenson Adams, where he was when he went into the Service. Due to the shortage of homes in Oswego, he and his wife are living in Yorkville.

Russell Pierce wears an honorable discharge button and came home on Oct. 2. He and his wife have bought a little home at Pavilion. Mr. Pierce was in the service over four years, for some time a guard in the Army Air Corps in Florida, and later in the ETO.

Sgt. Everett McKeown is scheduled to sail for home soon.

Stanley Herren, paratrooper, is home on a 45 day furlough.

John Layton Herren has finished officers' training at Fort Benning, Ga..

Cpl. Laird Hettrich had notice his furlough was extended 15 days.

Clifford Songer, who was an Aviation Machinist 1C, one year in Hawaii, and three years in service, after literally standing in line for four weeks in St. Louis, received his honorable discharge and came home Oct. 2. He and his wife and baby son are now living in Chicago.

The high school board of directors and high school teachers entertained the grade school board and teachers in the gym on Oct. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Schultz have moved to the upper apartment of the Van Volkenberg home on Main street, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd

Collins, who purchased the residence vacated by the Schultz's on Madison street, are now located in their new home.

The Townsend club of Oswego met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Armbruster on Oct. 5.

Yorkville: Government restrictions in building of private houses ends Oct. 15. This comes as heartening news to the 12 million families who are said to be ready and anxious to build new homes. Now these people are wondering: Should we sell our present home or give up our lease in the hope of building right away? What plans can we safely and confidently make right now?

Oct. 17: Staff Sgt. Wylie Robinson, four years in service, 18 months in the ETO, has received his honorable discharge and came home.

Did one ever see more gorgeous fall foliage? If possible, take a drive up and down the river and through the country. It will be something to remember all winter.

By a vote of the audience, the freshman class won with their play, "Why?" at the Junior Frolic Oct. 12. The senior class presented "Dynamite Dan," and the sophomore class, "Bargains in Haircuts," all good and lots of fun.

Mrs. Albert Dittman and two children are going to New York to spend the winter with Lt. Dittman on duty there.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Herren and daughter entertained at dinner last Sunday for their son, Lt. John Layton Herren, home on furlough after finishing officer's training at Fort Benning, Ga.

Yorkville: Coal dealers and truckers of the county will meet with Office of Price Administration officials at the Courthouse, Yorkville, on Tuesday, Oct. 23. This is an important meeting and all dealers and truckers are urged to attend.

Oct. 24: Raymond Heriaud has received his honorable discharge and is home with his wife and baby and his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Charles Heriaud. Raymond recently returned from 19 months in Italy.

Mrs. Robert Herren left Oct. 23 on a motor trip to California, taking her son, Lt. John Herren and two of his buddies from Fort Benning, Ga. to Camp Roberts.

Mrs. Ted Sickler and daughter Mrs. Duane Blankenhagen and little daughter Janet, moved to their new home in Aurora Tuesday, Oct. 23. Ens. Bennett Sickler, who was home recently, is in the Pacific, last heard from in Pearl Harbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Leigh and Mrs. William Leigh Jr. and baby Jimmie, drove to Scott field, Belleville, Sunday to Get William Leigh Jr. just discharged from the service. It was a happy reunion and Leigh saw his baby son for the first time.

Oct. 31: The Village of Oswego, in connection with the townships of Oswego and NaAuSay and the Oswego post of the American Legion, will bestow a rousing welcome on the boys who served in the armed forces of the United States on Monday, Nov. 12.

The program will begin at 10 a.m. with a parade through the downtown section of Oswego, followed by a program in the high school gym.

The highlights of the program will be the presentation of awards to the returned veterans by the township and village officials on behalf of the citizens of the community in recognition of the sacrifices made by the youths of the community.

The parade will include organizations from both Oswego village and the townships, and will be reviewed by supervisors Oliver A.

Burkhart of Oswego and Mrs. Alvin Christian of NaAuSay, Andrew Pierce, mayor of Oswego, and distinguished guests.

Every effort will be made to let these returned service men know that their friends and fellow citizens are happy to have them back.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Campbell are parents of a girl, born Oct. 29 at Copley hospital in Aurora. There is another daughter, Lucia, in the Campbell family.



O! the joy and peace and contentment when the announcer is heard to say, "We have no two-timers this morning; Central Standard has come to stay," (we hope).

The former Darlene Peshia, so well and favorably known here from her previous work in the Oswego post office, is home from Glendale, Calif. but not alone. On Oct. 19 at the St. Mark's Episcopal church in Glendale, Darlene became the bride of Raymond Shaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Shaw of Bellingham, Wash.

Following a short honeymoon in Mexico, they came to visit at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Peshia in Oswego. Mr. Shaw has been in the army for eight years, a radio operator in many places including Alaska when the Alcan highway was constructed.

Dr. Saxon is home from the ETO and will again be located in his office on Washington street.

Mrs. Barbara Murray of Madison street, who has been very ill for many weeks, passed away Sunday night, Oct. 28. her husband, who was in the service, has been with her the past week.

John Cooper has received his discharge at Great lakes and is home on park avenue.

Bob Gilmour and Clifford Schillinger were hosts at a party at the home of the latter Saturday evening. The guests are classmates in the Oswego high school with Miss Helen Myers, the English teacher, as chaperone.

On Nov. 17, Ruth Staffeldt, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Staffeldt, will become the bride of James Probst, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Probst.

Neal Baker of the Cutter school district, attending the Oswego grade school, gave a party for a large group of his schoolmates Thursday, Oct. 25. The young folks had an especially good time with games in the clubhouse at Maple Lane farm.

M Sgt. John T. Carr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carr of Oswego, received his honorable discharge Oct. 18 at Chanute field, Rantoul, after serving almost four years in the Army Air corps. He spent a year and a half overseas with the 8th Air Force as a crew chief mechanic on B-17s and B-24s. His planes had served in battles at Normandy, northern France, the Ardennes, the Rhineland, central Europe, and the air offensive, Europe, for which he received the EAME [European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal] ribbon with six bronze stars [representing participation in six campaigns]. He is also entitled to wear the good conduct medal. John returned to the states last May and since then has served with the Air Transport Command at Gore Field, Great Falls, Mont.

J. Fred Reeves, for years in service, recently returned from Australia was a guest for a few days at the W.J. Morse home. Mr. Reeves was formerly ag teacher in the Oswego school.

Yorkville: Kendall County School Board members who met Thursday night in the Yorkville gym, at the call of County Superintendent of Schools C.W. Clark, as provided in the "County Survey" law, voted to form a County Survey Committee. Nine members were then selected, five by the rural school board members present, and four by the city and village school board members.

The purpose and provisions of the law were explained by John Cox, director of Rural School Relations of the Illinois Agricultural association. Robert Cole of the Illinois School Board association, briefly presented the attitude of that association toward school reorganization of the county under the County Survey law. Dana Cryder of the Kendall County Farm Bureau school committee and Mrs. Clark Mottinger, representing the Home Bureau, also give their views toward the need of a re-study of school reorganization in the county.

Mr. Cox traced the changes that have occurred since the forming of the present districts in 1855 in rural population, roads, transportation, and school aims and purposes. He showed how the County Survey law would make it possible for local people to reexamine their present schools and to recommend what adjustments should be made for present conditions. The work of the committee is only advisory. No change can be made in present district boundaries without a vote of the people affected.

After a general discussion by the Board members present, the vote on the question showed almost complete agreement on the need of a survey. Ninety of the 104 present voted in favor and there were no votes opposed.

After the general meeting, the officials were divided into rural and urban groups. The rural boards elected Harold G. Bjelland, Fox township, Dana Cryder, Lisbon; Simon Dickson, Bristol; Olaf Olson, Big Grove; and Ralph Schlapp, NaAuSay. The urban boards named Joseph Anderson, Newark; Homer Brown, Oswego; George Habermeyer, Yorkville; and Melvin Henricksen, Plano. Robert Ebinger of Oswego acted as chairman for the rural board members, with Homer Norem, Fox township, as secretary. W.E. Hayden of Yorkville and Sheldon Sauer of Plano acted in similar manner for the urban members.

The meeting was unusually well attended with almost half of the 214 board members of the county present. The larger percent of rural officials in attendance indicated grater interest on the question in the farm areas than in the cities and villages.

November -- 1945

Nov. 7: Oswego Boys Returning Home

Sgt. Bernard Bohn has received his honorable discharge at Camp Logan, Colo., with 117 points and came home after nearly four years in the service, 42 months of which were spent overseas. Bernard is a veteran of ten battles. He came from Iwo Jima to Colorado and now has gone to see his sister, Mrs. William Hibbard at Rock Ledge, Fla., before resuming his former position in the Charles Schultz grocery store.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Zentmyer are happy over the return of their son and son-in-law from the service, James Zentmyer, who had the rank of AM 1-C in the PTO [Pacific Theatre of Operations], received his honorable discharge from Great Lakes and came home last week. His wife and baby son, Robert James, have been living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Grate. The son-in-law, S-Sgt Homer Adkins, received his honorable discharge at Chanute field and came to see his wife and baby a week ago. He has seen much of the United States since he has been in service.

Pvt. John W. Pfund was home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pfund, over the weekend from Camp Campbell, Ky.

John Schilling, a staff sergeant, flew from Saipan to Sacramento, Calif. in 26 hours, when it took him 26 days to go over. He received his honorable discharge at Chanute field and came home and surprised his wife at their home in Oswego Saturday night. He has been in service more than three years and hopes to continue in aviation.

Roy Schilling, nearly four years in the navy, came home with his discharge papers and a wife and 6-weeks old baby from Philadelphia.

First Lt. Velma Pierce is home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pierce, after three years as a nurse in the army. She has a 94-day service leave. Her brother, Cpl. Rodney Pierce, is at the separation center in Utah and is expected home soon with an honorable discharge. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce haven't seen their children for nearly three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hall of Yorkville and their son, John, who is on a 30-day leave from the PTO, were the guest at the Cherry-Campbell home [at Washington and Monroe] in Oswego Sunday.

Clothing for the destitute people in Europe is to be collected at the Presbyterian church the weekend of Nov. 18. Clothing of all kinds, including shoes and stockings for children and adults, also bedding and garden seeds, are needed.

Mrs. James Campbell has moved to Aurora and is now located at Jennings Terrace.

Eleven year-old Robert Heckerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Heckerson of the Grove road, was the unfortunate victim of an accident last week. He was leading his 4-H calf to water when the calf became frightened and ran, dragging Robert around the yard and up against the stone foundation of the barn. He lost the little finger and the fourth finger and the middle finger was broken in three places, on his right hand.

The Legion auxiliary will serve an Armistice day dinner Monday evening, Nov. 12 at the school gym. Legionnaires and all returned service men accompanied by wife, mother, or one guest are

expected to attend. Reservations must be made by Nov. 9. Please call Mrs. Ray Ness or Mrs. Earl Zentmyer before that date.

On Saturday evening, Nov. 10, the Youth center in the Presbyterian annex will be open for the young people of Oswego for their enjoyment of sports and games.

Robert C. Woodard, who recently received his discharge from the navy, has taken over the Wilson service station at the west end of the Oswego bridge, at the intersection of routes 34 and 31, where he handles the well-known Sinclair products.

In a page 4 advertisement Shuler's Drug Store was advertising the opening of their annual Shuler's Toy Store on Wednesday, Nov. 11. "You never saw so many wonderful toys...we have the kinds to please any boy or girl regardless of age and aptitude. And the prices are reasonable...you can get attractive ones for as little as 25 cents...or you can go as high as you like. See Shuler's Toy Store for the most complete selection of toys you can imagine." Toys were being displayed and sold in the second floor room above the drug store until Christmas.

Nov. 13: Laird Hettrich received his honorable discharge Nov. 10 at Camp Grant. Laird was a corporal and in the service 23 months, 17 months in the ETO. Mr. Hettrich will join his day on the farm.

Mrs. Clifford Olson and Mrs. Newton Woolley gave a luncheon Nov. 6 at the home of the latter, with Mrs. Silas Journey as the guest of honor.

Mr. and Mrs. Journey have sold their residence and furnishings to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Smith and with their little son, Douglas, are leaving for California, where they will visit his brother and family and may perhaps located permanently in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Pope returned from their wedding trip Nov. 10 and are moving this week to their new home in Huntley.

Gordon Wormley received his honorable discharge at Fort Sheridan and came home last week. As S-Sgt. Wormley, he served 17 months overseas, first in India and more recently in the Marianna Islands.

Mrs. Wormley, who has been in Denver during her husband's absence, has also come home. Mr. Wormley will engage in electrical work at the Fred Willis shop.

Jack Olson is at his home on Park avenue on a nine-day boot leave from Great Lakes.

Donald Schmidt is in the States and is expected soon at his home on Jackson street.

Max Cutter has received his honorable discharge and came home to his family on Chicago road. As Capt. Cutter, he has served 39 months. He came recently from New Guinea in the Pacific.

Merrill Wolf, who had the rank of Electrical Mechanic 1-C, received his honorable discharge at Great Lakes on Nov. 10 and came home to his wife and two little daughter. The younger, June Anne, 17 months, he had never seen. He had been in the Pacific for two years, coming home directly from Okinawa to Seattle and thence to Great Lakes.

A splendid Armistice day program was presented to a large audience at the school gym Monday morning. The scheduled parade was called off because of the rain.

Mrs. Wilbur Peshia and baby son, Leslie James, who goes by the pet name of Rusty, of Bourbon, Ind., are visiting at the Leslie Peshia home.

Theodore Gerry, radio operator of the Army Air corps, has his honorable discharge from the Lincoln, Nebraska separation center and is home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gerry.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodman Story of Chicago spent the weekend at their farm on the Oswego-Plainfield road.

Mrs. Mary Palmer from Washington street has gone to the old people's home on Fifth street in Aurora.

Don't forget to bring the warm clothing or bedding that you can spare for the destitute in Europe in the Presbyterian church annex on the Nov. 18 weekend.

Yorkville: The Bristol Fire department was called Thursday evening to Marie's Bungalow on Route 34 where a cottage was ablaze. A savage wind whipped the flames and the structure was completely destroyed. A line of tourist cabins adjoining was saved.

The Bristol department was called to Bristol Station Sunday morning where a CB&Q bunkhouse was burning. The two-man fire department, Chief A.C. Almy and F.H. Hance, had quite a tussle. The ranks of the department were thinned out due to the opening of the pheasant season.

Nov. 22: Miss Ruth Staffeldt became the bride of James Probst at the Holy Angels church in Aurora on Nov. 17.

Preparations are being made to install a pipe organ in the Federated church.

Oswego has a new business firm. Mr. Springstead of Millington has a furniture store in the building was formerly the Klomhaus auto showrooms. A.M. Shuler, druggist has a grand display of Christmas gifts, toys, etc. in the Hettrich building, all on the Main street business block.

Jack Olson, HA 2-C, on leave from Camp Grant, was taken ill while at home and a U.S. ambulance came and took him to the hospital near Joliet to convalesce from a form of flu, which is prevalent in Oswego.

Many Oswego friends and old neighbors attended the funeral services held for Leslie Clayton of Polo at the Plattville church Nov. 18. Mr. Clayton met a tragic death, accidentally shot by a gun carried on the tractor on which he was riding Nov. 16. He was buried on his mother's 70th birthday, the first of her nine children to pass away. Mrs. Jennie Inman of Oswego is his sister.

The sophomore class of home economics served a buffet supper to the high school faculty.

On Nov. 12, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Troeger and family of Sandwich spent the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Young. Mr. Troeger is secretary of the Sandwich Poultry club and Mr. Young is president. They spent the evening making out the award certificates for the recently annual Sandwich Poultry club show where 611 birds from eight states were cooped. Mr. Young showed eight birds in seven classes, winning five firsts and two thirds. His dark barred pullet was adjudged best Barred Rock of the show.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Journey and son Douglas have started on their trip to California and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Smith and little daughter Judy have moved into the home on Park avenue which they purchased from the Jurneys.

Bill Sleezer is still aboard the attack transport, the USS Custer. In a recent letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Sleezer, he stated that they are busy transporting men and supplies throughout the Pacific area. They had just completed their second trip to Sasebo and Kumamoto, Japan, which is 10,000 miles from home. The ship is now enroute to Pear Harbor.

Nov. 29: The Townsend club will meet Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Foster.

The Federated church is being prepared as quickly as possible for the installation of the pipe organ that is to be delivered the first week in December.

Anyone knowing of any first grade students planning to start in the first grade in the Oswego school in September 1946 is asked to send the following information to the office of Superintendent H.B. Tate: Name of child, name of parents, and date of birth. Students should be 6 years of age by Dec. 1, 1946. This information will be used to contact beginners next spring for the health examinations. Also the board of education thus learn how critical a housing problem will be faced. A beginning 1945 class of 37 students has resulted in crowding.



The Oswego Community high school junior class recently completed its magazine subscribing drive selling \$723.55 worth of magazines in 254 subscriptions. Oswego FFA boys won a total of \$44 in prizes at the Section six poultry and grain show at Seneca Nov. 17. Glen Clark won three firsts with his White Rocks in young pen, single pullet, and cockerel. Mickey Smith won first on his young pen of ducks, and Robert Constantine placed second. Dale Schillinger was second with his white Jersey Giant pullet. John Paley won third, two fourth, and a seventh. Bill Book won two fifths and a seventh.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Shomer are the parents of a daughter, Jean Carol, born on Thanksgiving day at the Copley hospital. There are also two boys in the family who attend consolidated school number 5.

A large amount of clothing and bedding has been collected at the Presbyterian church to be packed this week to send to Europe.

December -- 1945

Dec. 5: No Oswego news column.

Dec. 12: The engagement of Rose Marie Storm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Young, to John B. Hines of Aurora has been announced.

The pipe organ is being installed in the Federated church and is expected to be ready for use next Sunday.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 16, a community Christmas program will be presented at the Oswego school.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Parkhurst are parents of a son born Dec. 6 at the St. Joseph's hospital, Aurora. The little fellow has been given the name Gerald Allen.

Harold Bower and Everett Hafenrichter have been deer hunting in Pennsylvania, staying there with a friend at Bellfont.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hafenrichter celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary Dec. 9 at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Burkhardt on Jackson Street, Aurora. Their daughter, Fern, was home from Michigan and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davis and children were guests. The other daughter, Mrs. Albert Dittman and family, are living in Geneva, N.Y. and were unable to be present.

He who was SSgt. John Robert McMicken, four years in the army, 11 months in Africa then back to the States, then three months in the South pacific, received his honorable discharge at Chanute Field Dec. 6, and is now just plain Bob McMicken and glad to get into civilian clothing again.

Robert McCrea, nearly four years in the army, received his honorable discharge at Ft. Sheridan last week and came home to his wife, Jean, who has been staying with her mother, Mrs. Annette Russell. Mr. McCrea had recently been in the Pacific area.

Paul Shoger of the University of Maryland was home over the weekend.

Dec. 19: The members and guests of the Grove Road Farmers' club held their first dinner meeting of the season on Friday, Dec. 14, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Leigh.

Capt. Max Cutter, recently returned from the Pacific, gave a most interesting talk on New Caledonia, the island on which he and his squadron of 585 men were situated for 20 months. He spoke words of appreciation for the work his men had done repairing planes in a 120 degree temperature and glaring sun for nine hours a day in the early part of the war when planes were scarce and it was sometimes necessary to spend as high as 1,000 man-hours on a plane. Though the days were hot, the nights were cold, condensing moisture so that the pastures were good enough to fatten cattle without grain. The deep-sea fishing was excellent and when entertained by the French residents of the island, one was served fish, steak, and delicious fruits, which grew there in abundance. The island is rich in metal--nickel, chromite, cobalt, and iron ore. One great drawback was the dense swarms of large black mosquitoes. Capt. Cutter had a collection of souvenirs, which he displayed and discussed.

The Federated church will give a White Christmas program on Christmas eve, the gifts to go overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Seaton have a son born Dec. 10 at the St. Charles hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Leigh received word of the birth of a grandson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Keck of Aurora, Dec. 14. There is one other child. Dennis, 4.

Mrs. Lucy Fan Ault, 83, died at her home in Oswego Dec. 15. She was born in Plano Dec. 31, 1861. She is survived by her husband, John; three sons, William Johnson of Oswego, Ed Johnson of Morris, and Ernest Johnson of Aurora; four daughters, Mrs. Roy Bargo of Goebels, Mich., Mrs. Alma Wilkie of Aurora, Mrs. Clara Seawark of Campus, and Mrs. Mabel Lippold of Oswego; one sister, Mrs. Mary Shoger of Oswego; 19 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the McKeown funeral home Dec. 17. Burial was in the Lincoln Highway cemetery.

T-5 Ralph Marvin came to the home of his mother, Mrs. Lula Marvin, last week on a 45-day furlough. He expects to be discharged soon.

He who was S-Sgt. W.R. Mills, received his honorable discharge at Ft. Sheridan and came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Pahaly, where his wife and little daughter, Sherrill, have been making their home with her parents. They will stay here until after Christmas and then return to Oklahoma, where Ralph was in business before the war called him to the colors.

Mrs. Everett McKeown had a telephone call from her husband, who, after waiting for 100 days to sail for the states, arrived in New York and expects to be home for Christmas.

Edwin Haines has received his honorable discharge and is home with his mother, the first time since his induction in the army three years ago. Mr. Haines spent some time in the Aleutians, but came now from the South Pacific area.

Yorkville: The Kendall County War, Price and Rationing board closes on Dec. 31, 1945 and after that date the work will be done at the OPA office Joliet.

We wish to take this opportunity of thanking the other members of the board and clerks who have so efficiently and generously given their time and also the public, each and every one of you, who by your kind cooperation, has made it possible for your local board to do the work assigned.

EDWARD A. SHEPARD

Chairman

CLARA E. ANDERSON

Chief Clerk

Dec. 26: Mrs. Allen Woolley was called to Owasso, Mich. recently to welcome a new grandson to the family, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fosgett. There are three daughters of school age in the family. Allen Woolley Jr. and his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Dusing, and little son Kent of Elgin went to Owasso to spend Christmas.

Ruth and Joan Brown are home from Minneapolis where they attend the University of Minnesota.

Dick Lauder is home from Bradley Tech at Peoria for the holidays and John Palmer is home from Knox college.

There was an enjoyable Christmas party at the plaque factory last week.

The schools gave Christmas programs under difficulties as so many of the pupils were ill.

As your correspondent writes the news on Monday morning, and as the roads and weather are so uncertain, there may be many changes in the Christmas plans.

Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Marquardt and little daughter, Marcia, from Goshen, Ind., came to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Morse Sunday. They, with the Merrill Morse family of LaGrange and

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Morse and Margaret, were together for Christmas at the Howard Shoger home.

Charles Sleezer surprised his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Sleezer last Wednesday by arriving home unexpectedly. Charles has been in the armed forces for four years and was a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne division, which fought in Holland, Belgium, France and Germany, with a rating. He received his honorable discharge at Camp Grant. Mr. Sleezer had a number of medals on his uniform which to the writer are unfamiliar.

Everett McKeown, who before his honorable discharge, Dec. 18, was Sgt. McKeown, a combat medic, went into service in June 1943 and was overseas for 23 months, going from England into Normandy on D Day, was wounded in the invasion, was returned to England and hospitalized for six months, then to France again, joined the 1st Division and was in the Battle of the Bulge, being in Czechoslovakia when the war ended. He has four battle stars, an invasion arrowhead, a combat medic badge, and the purple heart. The people of Oswego and vicinity could well decorate Mrs. McKeown with a medal as she has continued the business of the McKeown funeral home with the assistance of a Yorkville funeral director, Leonard M. Larson, for the duration, including ambulance service. Mr. and Mrs. McKeown went to Stronghurst to be with his mother for Christmas.

Wayne Sanderson, who has been home on a 17-day furlough, has returned to Norfolk, Va.

John Probst, a merchant marine, is home on Christmas leave.

Jack Pfund is home on Christmas furlough.

Don Palmer is spending Christmas in the hospital at Great Lakes.

On Saturday, Dec. 22, Rose Marie Storm, the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Young, became the bride of John Hines of Aurora at a quiet little home wedding. The Rev. Mr. Darling read the marriage service as the couple stood in front of a Christmas tree surrounded by a few close relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Hines left on a brief honeymoon, returning to the Young home for Christmas. They will reside on Broadway, Aurora.

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## January

Jan. 2: Mrs. Ada Buck of Monmouth passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wilbur Woolley of Oswego Dec. 28, 1945. Mrs. Buck, 76, is survived by her mother, Mrs. Catherine Morningstar of Monmouth. Mrs. Morningstar is 103 years old.

Mrs. Buck is also survived by two daughters, Mrs. Leslie Woolley of Oswego and Mrs. Mildred Coffman of Pittsburgh, Pa.; nine grandchildren; two sisters; and a brother.

Leighton Steckel received his honorable discharge at Camp Grant and came home Dec. 30. He had been in service for 33 months, 22 of them overseas, and came from Mindanao. He and his folks, the M.R. Steckels of Park avenue, enjoyed a family reunion New Year's with out of town relatives as guests.

Mrs. Will Quantock has been ill recently and their son-in-law and daughter, Mrs. Robert Silvius and three children, who lived in Aurora, have moved in with them to stay until they can occupy the adjacent farm that is to be their home.

Many are ill with the flu. Some families are ill all at once, some coming down with it one by one. Not many are seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Herren received a cablegram from their son, Lt. John L. Herren, that he had arrived at Le Havre, France on Christmas morning after one week crossing the Atlantic.

Yorkville: The Bell System has announced plans for extensive service trials of mobile radiotelephone service along three inter-city highway routes totaling nearly 1,000 miles. The routes are those between Chicago and St. Louis via Ottawa, Peoria and Springfield; between New York, Albany, and Buffalo; and between New York and Boston.

When these services are established it will be possible for any suitably equipped vehicle on the highways along these routes or on any boat on adjacent waterways to make and receive calls to or from

any telephone connected to lines of the Bell System. Transmitting and receiving stations required to provide the two-way voice communication service will be located along the routes. Highway mobile radio-telephone service will make it almost as easy to telephone to or from a properly equipped vehicle on the road as between any two regular telephones.

According to our spy on the home front, Greyhound buses start to make trips through here again Sunday.

Jan. 9: On Friday Jan. 4, Oswego playing Minooka, lost both of the [basketball] games by just two points.

Mrs. Allen Woolley returned from Owosso, Mich., Jan. 4, where she had been assisting at the daughter, Mrs. Wayne Fosgett, and caring for the new grandson.

Emerson M. Leonard, 82, died Jan. 6 at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Brown, on Chicago Road in Oswego.

Mr. Leonard was born July 29, 1863 in Perry county, Pas. He is survived by his wife, Mary; two daughters, Mrs. Helen Schrader of Rockford and Mrs. Martha Brown; 10 grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Jan. 8 at the McKeown funeral home. Burial was in the Middle Creek cemetery near Rockford.

Roy Hettrich has left the Illinois miserable roads and weather and on Jan. 4 flew to Cuba for a winter vacation.

Harland Hoffman, ag teacher in the Oswego school, has resigned to take another position.

Jack Weis, recently discharged as a staff sergeant after two years in the service, one year overseas with a radar unit, completed a joyful family Christmas reunion when he came Christmas night to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F.A. Weis on Chicago Road. The youngest son, Charles, four years in service, two overseas, a corporal with a field artillery battalion, received his honorable discharge and came home Oct. 1. He had been in four major campaigns in Italy,

France, and Germany, including the Anzio beachhead and the taking of Rome.

Sgt. Stanley Young received his honorable discharge at Camp Grant and came to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Young Christmas morning. He had been in service three years, of which two years were spent in the Pacific area. He came directly from Japan.

Yorkville: Greyhound buses did come through Sunday so that much of our life is back to normal. When there is so little excitement in our little town, a few added buses going through helps entertain the natives.

Jan. 16: Mrs. Zackerle and children of Route 31 and their household goods are being moved at government expense to Hawaii, where she will join her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Sleezer attended the Sonja Hennie Ice Revue at the Chicago Stadium Wednesday evening.

A former Oswego girl, and East Aurora high school graduate, Elaine Smith, 300,000 mile air hostess veteran of TWA based in Los Angeles, sailed from San Francisco Jan. 14 for Manila to supervise air hostess employment and training of the Philippine airlines. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, Rural Delivery 2, Aurora.

Graduating from east high school in 1939, Miss Smith attended North Central college at Naperville for three years majoring in education.

She joined the TWA at Kansas city in October 1943, and has flown all the main routes of the line between Chicago-New York, New York-Kansas City, Kansas City-Washington, and Kansas City-Los Angeles. Miss Smith becomes the first TWA air hostess to leave the U.S. to set up an air hostess division of a foreign airline. Filipino girls will be trained to fly the Philippine airlines routes.

John "Jack" Gowran has received his honorable discharge at Great lakes and has come home to the his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Van Deventer. Jack was in service for four years, 38 months in the New Guinea area and as chief pharmacist mate serving in hospital work



for two years. On Jan. 14, he entered Aurora college and hopes to eventually continue his medical studies.

At the Federated church on Sunday, Jan. 20, a memorial organ recital and dedication is to be held and everyone in the community is invited to attend.

Forrest Wooley arrived at the home of his mother, Mrs. Adele Wooley Jan. 9, having received his discharge at Ft. Lewis, Wash. Forrest was just lacking a few days of having been in the service for four years. He served as a supply officer.

Yorkville: The sympathy of all of us is extended to the residents of Plattville and the surrounding community on the loss of the Plattville armory.

The armory burned last Wednesday evening a little after 6. The best efforts of the fire departments called could not prevail against the flames and the place was a total loss. Included in the loss were arms and ammunition, uniforms, and the various other items kept there by the men.

Company E, 129th Infantry, used it for training prior to the war and when the time came, these boys who were among the first to go, brought great credit upon themselves, which reflected, in turn, upon the county.

Jan. 23: The wedding of Betty Mae Herren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Herren of Oswego, to Leighton Steckel, son of Mr. and Mrs. M.R. Steckel, also of Oswego, took place Jan. 21, in the Presbyterian church.

The young couple were attended by Mrs. James Steckel, a close friend of the bride and Robert Lowry of Aurora, an intimate friend of the groom. They were in the service together in the South Pacific. After a short wedding trip, the young couple will make their home in Naperville, where Mr. Steckel intends to finish his college course interrupted when he entered the service.

Pfc. Stanley Herren, with the personnel department of special troops at Ft. Bragg, N.C., is home on furlough.

Paul Miller, 29 months in the ETO is honorably discharged and is home with his father, Albert Miller.

William Robinson, aged 70, who for many years had lived with his brother, Charles and family, died Sunday, Jan. 20 at the Silver Cross hospital.

Jan. 30: Oswego's population is increasing and in these cases no housing shortage. On Jan. 18 at the Copley hospital, a girl was born to Lt. and Mrs. David Hemphill. She has been given the name Linda Joy. Mrs. Hemphill is staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Bell on Main street. Lt. Hemphill is stationed at Smyrna field, Tenn. Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Cherry have a daughter born at St. Joseph's hospital Jan. 25. The little one is named Sara Kathryn.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Turner are the parents of a daughter, born in an Aurora hospital Jan. 28. The Turners and the Cherrys each have two older boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lippy have had three sons and a son-in-law in the service in World War II. Ben Jr. was discharged Jan. 5 after nearly four years in service. He was 19 months overseas in England, France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. He has four battle stars and a Good Conduct medal.

Harvey Lippy nearly four years in service, 11 months overseas, was a bombardier over Italy and France. He received his honorable discharge at Truax field on Christmas day and on Jan. 12 married Miss Josephine Lamanski of South Bend, Ind., where they are making their home.

The third son, Cpl. Glen Lippy, 14 months in service, is in the Pacific area somewhere in the vicinity of Tokyo.

The son-in-law, Ray Ahrens, is in Austria.

Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Steckel have returned from their wedding trip and are now located in Naperville.

William N. Probst has recently received his honorable discharge at Camp Grant. He was in service four and a half years, 21 months in the ETO. He has a Good Conduct medal, five battle stars, and the American Defense and Victory ribbons.

### Yorkville: Kill Steer for Farm Meeting

The annual Farm Bureau meeting is to be held Saturday, Jan. 26. A steer has been killed for the occasion to insure the ladies of Cross Lutheran, the Federated, and Methodist churches and the Eastern Star enough meat for feeding those who attend. All members are urged to be present for the full day program.

### February -- 1946

Feb. 6: On Feb. 2 at St. Peter's church in Aurora, Miss Rose LaBay, daughter of Mrs. Johanna LaBay of Montgomery, became the bride of Robert H. Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Elliott of Beardstown. After March 2 the couple will be at home on Mrs. LaBay's farm located between Oswego and Plainfield.

The bride has conducted a beauty parlor in Oswego for the past several years. Mr. Elliott, a sergeant in the last war, was in service nearly four years prior to which he farmed.

Several accidents happened to men in the Oswego community. On Feb. 1, the scaffolding gave way at the new building at the Oliver Implement shop and Lute Larsen and Leslie Morse fell five feet. Leslie had an injury to one foot and it was feared the heel was broke, but x-rays showed no bones broken. The other accidents were comparatively small finger injuries.

Dr. L.J. Weishew was called to Pennsylvania by the death of his father and was away all last week.

Oswego area men receiving honorable discharges: Sgt. First Class Edward V. Friebele, Oswego; Staff Sgt. Leonard J. Hafenrichter, Oswego; Airman Third Class Robert R. Harvey, Oswego.

Mrs. Russell Turner and infant daughter Sharon Lee came home from the Copley hospital Monday.

Robert Johnston, a sergeant in the late war, nearly three years in service, 18 months in the ETO, was discharged at Ft. Sheridan, Feb. 1. Robert was in the battle of the Ardennes and others, but the last

three months was in the postal service in France. He has a Victory medal, American Theatre ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern medal, a Combat Infantry badge, and three overseas service stripes. Before returning to the States he was granted a month's furlough and visited his uncle and cousins in Ballynena, Ireland and cousins in Glasgow and Helensburgh, Scotland. He will work with his father, Jimmy Johnston, in his farm repair shop.

Velma Pierce, formerly of Oswego, has been promoted from first lieutenant to captain. She is in the Robert Brighton hospital in Boston, caring for invalided soldiers.

Feb. 13: Boy Scout Troop 31 attended the morning services at the Presbyterian church Sunday accompanied by the Scoutmaster, Richard Young, and former leader John Luetlich.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schultz took their daughter Charlene, Barbara Woolley, Marilyn Wheeler, and Pat Campbell to visit the James Milliken college at Decatur, leaving Barbara and Marilyn there overnight, and taking Charlene and Pat to see Wesleyan college at Bloomington. The girls are looking for a college to attend next year. They were at Cornell in Iowa recently.

Jack Olson, a corpsman in the McIntire Lawrence unit of Great Lakes Naval hospital, called on the home folks on Park avenue last week. He has recently returned from San Diego, Calif., having finished an eight week course in nursing.

Feb. 20: Oswego has a new restaurant on the corner of Main and Washington streets in the old bank building, the Copper Kettle. The proprietors, Mrs. Kay Gates and Lucile Derring, are serving noonday lunches and evening dinners and are open every day of the week except Tuesday.

Elmer C. Dranir, 70, died in Oswego Feb. 12, 1946. He had been ill for several months.

He is survived by his wife, Frances; one daughter, Mrs. Helen Crippen of Creighton, Neb.; two grandsons, Jim and Tom Crippen; and by one sister and four brothers.

For the past 28 years Mr. Dranir served as highway commissioner of Oswego township.

The funeral was held at the Presbyterian church Feb. 15. Burial was in the Pearce cemetery with the services in charge of Raven lodge.

Wilbur Peshia is home from Calcutta, India and expects his discharge in a few days. His wife and little son from Bourbon, Ind., have been at the Leslie Peshia home for a week awaiting his return.

Lt. Donald Lippold is home on furlough. He will receive his discharge in May. He landed in San Francisco Feb. 7 from near Tokyo.

The marriage of Shirley Fechner of Oswego and Douglas Foster of Naperville will be solemnized at the Federated church Feb. 23. Miss Fechner has been the guest of honor at a number of showers given by her friends.

Miss Edith Troll, who has spent most of her life in Oswego has taken up her residence in Jennings Terrace in Aurora.

Feb. 27: Miss Shirley June Fechner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Fechner of Oswego and Douglas James Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Foster of Naperville, were married at the Oswego Federated church Friday, Feb. 23.

The ushers were Gerald Fechner, brother of the bride and Howard Foster, brother of the groom, assisted by Ralph Wheeler and Ford Lippold.

The bride has been employed for the past five years at the Lyon Metal Products company, and the groom recently was discharged from the air corps after serving four years.

The couple left on a short wedding trip and upon their return will reside on the Longacre farm near Naperville.

On Tuesday evening, Feb. 19, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gerry entertained at their home in honor of the honorably discharged service men in their family. The service men were Theodore E. Gerry, radio operator in the Army Air Corps; Virgil Smith, Navy Aviation student; Everett Hall of Urbana, who spent 32 months in the southwest

Pacific in the postal unit division; and Major Arthur Ramm, who recently returned from Tokyo.

A feed store carrying a complete line of livestock and poultry feed has been opened in the rear of the Carr's department building with Charles A. Teuscher of Garfield avenue as proprietor.

Oswego is growing not only in population but in business houses. Mr. and Mrs. R.G. Springsteed of Millington have a furniture store in the Main street business block carrying a complete line of furniture and Philco electrical equipment. Mr. and Mrs. Springsteed expect to be residents of Oswego and hope to build a home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wheeler have a son, Michael Ralph, born Feb. 20, 1946 at St. Joseph's hospital in Aurora. There are two little daughters in the family to welcome the baby brother.

Rural mail carrier Leslie Peshia has been having a "vacation," having been ill with bronchitis. Marshall Young is the substitute carrier.

Winston Cather, just 18, enlisted in the navy and is now located at Camp Perry, Virginia. Winston is the fifth son of Mr. and Mrs. Cather to have been in service.

Near March 1 is moving time for farmers. The names of a few who will move this week or next: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Updike will move east of Normantown and the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. John Matile, will move to the Updike place.

The Misses Mildred and Genevieve Updike have taken up a temporary residence in the farm home on the Plainfield road owned by the Misses Harriet and Edna Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Wolf are moving from the Cutter farm to the residence on Judson avenue in Oswego which they purchased.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Robinson and little son, Wylie, will move to the cottage by the water tower recently purchased and remodeled by Ralph Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson and Betty will move soon to a farm bought near Plainfield.

Will Quantock owns the farm to be vacated by the Robinsons, and his daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Silvius, formerly of Aurora, and their children will move there.

March -- 1946

March 6: Harold Van Etten has erected a large woodworking shop and storage building on Jackson street and is now laying the foundation of another house on the corner of Madison and Van Buren. He will move a schoolhouse onto the foundation to make it into a two story home.

Yorkville: The Baker laundry has begun a new service of pick-up and delivery, details of which will be found on page 2. A clean-cut ex-service lad, Mr. DeLess, is the Baker agent who has the local route.

Wanted--A Fire Truck!

The fire committee of the Village of Yorkville and Chief Zeiter, with ex-Chief William Bieritz, have been chasing down every lead to a fire truck they can uncover. To date, the chase has been fruitless, but the committee hopes to uncover a serviceable fire truck shortly. As soon as details can be worked out, petitions will be circulated and the question of joining the fire district and taking Yorkville into the district will be submitted to vote. This plan offers advantages to both sides.

During the past week the veterans listed below, honorably discharged from the armed forces, have reported to the Kendall county local board:

Sp (X) 3-C Elizabeth A. Condon, Oswego.

Pfc. Donald L. Davidson, Minooka.

S. 1-C Charles H. Fitzpatrick, Millington.

Sgt. Stuart L. Johnson, Oswego.

T-5 Oscar E. Jones, Plano.

F, 1-C Maurice D. Lane, Newark.

A.E.M. 3-C Wayne H. Merkel, Yorkville.

T-5 Robert K. Ritenour, Oswego.

T-5 Lyle J. Robison, Oswego.

Pfc. Elvin H. Shearer, Minooka.

Pfc. Dean A. Torkelson, Yorkville.

T-Sgt. Harley H. Swanquist, Plano.

T-4 Cyrus A. Niles, Plano.

March 13: Miss Jeanne Shirley Rogerson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Rogerson of Oswego and Leslie Lyle Carlton, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Carlton of Vienna, Ill. were married at the Presbyterian church in Oswego Friday, March 3.

The matron of honor was the bride's sister, Miss Marilyn Rogerson. Ushers were Ray Campbell and Fred Claassen.

Yorkville: Dr. M.R. Saxon did a beautiful job of plowing up the Don Perrin front lawn with his car last Thursday evening. But as far as we know, Mr. Perrin had no intention of farming his "east 40" this summer. Then Mr. Jay and Bob came, and everyone pitched in and got the "plow" in motion toward the driveway.

So we don't know who is going to send a bill or to whom, but we'll bet the doctor stays on the drive the next time he visits there.

In the Probate Court

Estate of Bennie Biesemeier, deceased. Rilla Biesemeier, administratrix. In re: Inheritance tax. Inheritance tax return filed and set for hearing March 11, 1946 at 10 a.m.

March 20: Dr. and Mrs. Michael R. Saxon are the parents of twin daughters [Karla and Kathy] born March 17.

Little Mary Griffin of Monroe street has scarlet fever.

Leighton Steckel of Naperville is ill at the home of his parents on Park avenue with a recurrence of malaria contracted in the recent war.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Johnson have returned from a few days' visit with her relatives in Akron, Ohio, and are now with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson. Stuart, a sergeant in the army located at Santa Fe, N.M., received his honorable discharge Feb. 18. As so many servicemen are, they are looking for a home of their own. He is employed by the gravel company.

At the intersection of Routes 34 and 25 Bill Orr is erecting a 40x60 cement block all-purpose garage. When completed, it will be connected with the small service station now in use. In the new



building there will be paint shop in the rear and a showroom for Kaiser-Frazier autos.

Neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Wormley on Route 31 and other Oswego friends attended funeral services for Frank Budd at Millbrook Sunday. Mr. Budd was Mrs. Wormley's father.

March 27: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Silvius were surprised last Saturday when 20 members of a pinochle club of Aurora of which they are members, arrived bringing refreshments for a housewarming. Mr. and Mrs. Silvius were presented with a large round mirror for their new home.

There was a community meeting in the [Presbyterian Church] annex March 25 sponsored by the American Legion to discuss the matter of a community building.

The boys' 4-H club will meet Monday evening, April 1, at the home of Don and Glen Schomer with the two leaders, J. George Smith and Stephen Paydon.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Robinson and little son Wylie have moved into the newly remodeled cottage by the water tower in Oswego recently purchased by Ralph Smith.

Yorkville: The Fox river is high, so high we can't see for sure what happened to the dam, but from a distance it looks as though a sizeable chunk of it went "down the river." we hope something will be done about it, and soon. We see a number of men running about town with transits and other equipment, surveying this and that, but what they are all surveying for we aren't sure, because there is talk of new dams in the river, new roads to be built, cut-offs in present roads to shorten distance, and other like things.

We had a couple visitors from Oswego this week. One was Mr. Foster, who is engaged in concrete work in our upriver neighboring town, and the other was Kenneth "Gus" Jeter. Gus was real proud. He just got his telephone installed after these many weary years, and is almost afraid to leave home for fear someone will call and he won't be there. We asked him what his telephone number was, and after a

moment's consideration he announced it was a 5 surrounded on each side by a pair of fours.

NaAuSay: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thompson are the parents of a daughter born Tuesday, March 19 at the St. Charles hospital in Aurora. She has been named Sheila Alice.

April -- 1946

April 3: Carl Bohn and his brother-in-law, Marion Bangs, have purchased the Charles Schultz grocery business, and took possession April 1. Mr. Bohn has been employed in the store for 25 years. Mr. Bangs, formerly a farmer in Iowa, and his wife will move to Oswego when they can find a home. He is a pleasant fellow and will be a welcome addition to the businessmen of Oswego. The same line of good groceries, meat and frozen foods will be carried by the new firm.

Mr. Schultz, who is retiring until he has had a good vacation, has been in the grocery business for 51 years, clerking when only a schoolboy and having his own business for 35 years.

Fred E. Marklein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marklein, received his honorable discharge March 18 at Great lakes after service in the navy for 31 months. He served in the Asiatic-Pacific theatre area and in the European-African-Middle Eastern area. He wears two battle stars and the Victory medal.

NaAuSay: Relatives here have received word that Jim Steckel is Gordon Schobert's commanding officer somewhere in Japan. The two boys attended the Oswego high school.

April 10: On Friday April 5, Virginia, six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Peterson, swallowed a front tooth, and it lodged in a bronchial tube. After being examined with a fluoroscope on the advice of a physician she was taken to the Children's Memorial hospital in Chicago and after several x-rays, a specialist removed the tooth from its lodging place.

Mr. and Mrs. Rueben Hafenrichter of Wheatland township moved from the farm to a home in Aurora April 3. Mr. Hafenrichter's daughter and husband and their children have moved from Oswego to the home farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Burman Etsinger and little daughter Beverly Jane are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Etsinger on Route 31. Burman has been in Hawaii for five years in civil service and their infant daughter was born there.

Yorkville: Dick Edmundson, Assistant State Superintendent of Public Instruction, met with the Kendall County School Survey committee in the regular monthly meeting held Thursday, April 2, to give his views on school district reorganization in Illinois. In his remarks, he pointed out the difference between attendance areas and taxing districts. A taxing district is an area under a single school board and is made up of one or more attendance areas. An attendance area is the territory served by a single school and may be only a small part of a taxing district.

Mr. Edmundson advised that while attendance areas should be made larger than present common school districts, they should be small enough that school bus routes could be arranged by which small children could reach school in a reasonable time. Taxing districts, however, should be made as large as possible in order to have well-administered, efficient schools at reasonable cost.

He heartily endorsed the feeling of the committee that the program studies for seventh and eighth grade should be broadened and enriched in both city and rural schools by the addition of such subjects as home economics for girls and general shop for the boys. With small high schools such as those in Kendall county, Edmondson stated that this could be done by combining the grades with the high school so that they would have the advantages of specially equipped rooms and teachers.

#### NOTICE

April 2, 1946

Notice is hereby given of the filing by the undersigned with the Illinois Commerce Commission of an application for a certificate of convenience and necessity to operate as a motor carrier for the transportation of passengers, newspapers, express, mail and or

baggage of passengers in the same vehicle with passengers from Aurora, Ill. to the junction of U.S. Highway 34 in the village of Oswego, Ill. over Illinois State Highway 25, thence U.S. Highway 34 to junction of Illinois State Highway 31 and U.S. Highway 34. On return movements applicant proposes to engage in same operation. Burlington Transportation Company  
By Russell B. James  
Vice-President

April 17: The Easter sunrise service will be held at Quarryledge. The Boy Scouts have erected a 10 foot cross and six young people will participate in a religious drama. Leader, Richard Young. An inter-church choir will sing directed by John Hafenrichter.

W. Weber of Aurora has been excavating preparatory to erecting a brick residence on Route 31 next to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Light's home.

Margaret Lampson, 12 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lampson of Main street, died on April 14. She had been ill since November with rheumatic fever. Funeral services were held April 16 at Healy's chapel in Aurora, the Rev. Alan Darling officiating.

Yorkville: The folks hereabouts are not only observing "meatless Tuesdays" as in World War I, but Monday, Wednesday, and the rest of the week as well. Price control looks like another "Noble Experiment. Anyway, the black markets are doing a good business from all reports.

We suggest that Mr. Truman request a vote of confidence as they do in England. Then if he doesn't get the vote of confidence, he can resign.

April 24: Included among the 13 children baptized at the Presbyterian church Easter morning were Alfred Ross and Sharon Kaye Campbell, Kenneth Alan Carpenter, Connie May Campbell, Carol Lee Cherry, Diane Lynn Cherry, Linda John Hemphill, Charles Ray Heriaud, Marjorie Ann Palmer, Gerald Allen Parkhurst, and Barbara and Don Charles Perrin.

Charles Roberts, 77, died April 19, 1946 at Dixon, Ill. He was born July 2, 1868, the son of Samuel and Nettie Roberts. Most of his life was spent as a resident of Oswego. He had no near relatives. Funeral services were held at the McKeown funeral home on April 22 and burial was in the Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: Second Lt. Paul Ellsworth Zwoyer Jr., 22, of Oswego, member of the crew of a B-29 Superfortress who has been listed as missing in action for more than a year, was killed when his bomber was shot down April 15, 1945 over Tokyo, according to official word received from the War department by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Zwoyer Sr., of Oswego and his wife, Mrs. Mary C. Zwoyer, Chicago. Describing the action in which the Oswego flier lost his life, the War department letter to his wife says:

"The records concerning your husband show he was a crew member of a B-29 Superfortress bomber which took off from Isley field, Saipan, Marianas Islands, enroute to Tokyo, Japan. The aircraft was on a night raid in which radio silence was maintained unless an emergency occurred. No radio contact was made with the aircraft. Two B-29 aircraft were seen to go down over the target as a result of accurate anti-aircraft fire and night fighter opposition. One aircraft was seen to explode in midair just on the bomb run and the other was on fire and crashed after bombs away. It is presumed that his aircraft was one of the two as no message was received from it.

Lt. Zwoyer, whose father is a war veteran and active in the American Legion in Kendall county, was born July 18, 1923. He graduated from Yorkville high school in 1941. At the time of his enlistment in Company E of the 129th Infantry at Plattville, he was attending the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Soon after he left with Company E he transferred to the Army air corps and received his commission in March 1943.

In addition to his parents and wife, he is survived by two brothers, Eugene, now serving in the U.S. Navy, and Russell; and one sister, Shirley.

Don't forget to move your clock an hour ahead when you go to bed Saturday night. A large number of the towns in Kendall county are going on daylight saving time. It may be confusing until we find out for sure who is and who isn't on fast time, but it will work out.

Better check to be sure what time your church services are, and for train and bus times.

May -- 1946

May 1: Oswegoans are much interested in having a county nurse. Several from here attended the mass meeting at Yorkville Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Swanquist of Aurora attended the Oswego Presbyterian church Sunday and were dinner guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Sleezer.

Earl Schlapp, who is working his father's farm this year, spent last weekend in Monmouth.

A farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heriaud was held at the Masonic dining hall Friday night. Friends were present to enjoy the food and program. The Heriauds were presented a purse and a blanket as a token of friendship. Mr. and Mrs. Heriaud are moving to Aurora.

Raymond Heriaud, wife, and son live on the home farm vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heriaud who have purchased a home in Aurora.

Yorkville: A committee met a short time ago and made plans for an Old Settlers' Home Gathering for this coming summer. The committee wishes to get early history of the pioneers who helped to make Kendall county, and would like Indian history. Anyone who can give something along these lines please send it to Mrs. Mae Compton Dunbar, chairman of the program committee, Newark; or to F.J. Sleezer, president.

May 8: The Oswego high school seniors, accompanied by their teachers, enjoyed a conducted tour of Chicago on May 3 and 4. On Friday evening they dined and saw a floor show at the Blackhawk; heard the "Wake Up and Smile" broadcast Saturday morning; went

to the Oriental theatre in the afternoon; and took a bus tour of Chicago Saturday evening.

All evening school meetings are cancelled for the duration of the brownout.

If the people of Kendall County want a county nurse they should get behind the project and boost it. When the health level of little Kendall is lower than that of Kane, it is time something was done about it.

Yorkville: We never knew how much we used electricity or how much we depended upon it until the present strike caused us to cut down and discontinue its use. Our modern life is geared to the use of electricity and it is as much a part of our life as eating.

May 15: Mrs. John Constantine's mother, Mrs. Sarah Scott Smith, died at the Copley hospital in Aurora Friday evening, May 10. Mrs. Smith, a resident of Aurora, has spent all recent summers with her daughter at their farm home. Mrs. Smith, 86, was the mother of 10 children, four of whom, with her husband, preceded her in death. She is survived by six children, 15 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Six of her grandsons were pallbearers at the funeral May 13. Mrs. Smith died on the anniversary of her mother's death in 1914.

Helen Rose Grach, 8 years of age, died May 9, 1946 at the Copley hospital in Aurora. Helen was born March 18, 1938 in Chicago. She is survived by her parents, Sophie and Leo Grach; two brothers, Leo Jr. and Johnny of Oswego; and an uncle, Sigmond Chudzicki of Chicago. Helen was a member of the second grade at the Oswego grade school.

Funeral services were held at St. Peter's church in Aurora Saturday with burial in the Oswego cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Newhouse and daughter Janet, who lived on Main street, have moved to Minneapolis. Janet's high school friends gave a farewell party for her May 9, having supper at the Copper kettle.

Word was received last week from Mrs. James R.E. Craighead of Saltsburg, Pa., that the Rev. Mr. Craighead is critically ill.

Mrs. Lewis McLaren flew to Ireland last week. From there she went by ship to England where she will visit her brothers and sisters, returning in July. Mr. McLaren flew with her to New York.

Lt. James Steckel is home on terminal leave after 18 months in the service. He came directly from Sasebo, Japan and arrived in time to be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M.R. Steckel of Park avenue, on Mother's day.

Yorkville: Maybe you heard that a freight train of the "Q" was thoroughly wrecked over last Sunday noon. A whole lot of cars were derailed and found resting places all over the nearby scenery. A few of the nearby butchers took advantage of the wrecked stock cars to make a deal for the cattle. 'Twas the first beef seen in some time. Hope the OPA [Office of Price Administration] spies aren't listening. But it sure beats the dickens when the folks of Kendall county have to wreck a whole train in order to get meat in the butcher shops.

May 22: The Oswego high school sophomores enjoyed a picnic supper and games at Phillips park May 16.

The eighth grade promotion will be held May 29. The high school commencement is to be held May 29.

The Oswego school eighth grade and the rural eighth graders visited the high school Monday and were served their noon lunch by the home ec class.

There are many cases of mumps and several cases of measles in and around Oswego.

Mrs. Lillian Haines and daughter, Mrs. Don Clark, are patients in the Copley hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Drew attended the commencement exercises of the 1946 class of the Copley hospital School of Nursing in Aurora Friday. Their sister, Helen Lucille Drew, was one of the 28 graduates.



May 29: Daniel Summer Bickford, 89, died May 24 at the Copley hospital. He was born March 29, 1857 in West Springfield, N.H. He is survived by his wife, Mary Cutter Bickford. He was a member of the Master Painters' association and the First Methodist Church of Aurora.

Funeral services were held at the home on Main street in Oswego on May 27. Interment was in Elmhurst cemetery at Joliet.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hafenrichter have a son, Born May 24, at the Copley hospital. There are a daughter and son older in the family.

Bill Sleezer received his honorable discharge from the Navy May 25 at Great Lakes and came home that afternoon. Bill has been in the navy for two years and was a carpenter's mate third class aboard the USS Custer, which was decommissioned recently on the East Coast.

A recent clipping from an English newspaper tells of the marriage of Joy Cobb, Dunton Green, to Virgil Ryburn Shoger of Oswego on April 6, 1946. Mr. Shoger was a bombardier in the late war and met Miss Cobb while he was stationed in England. He was demobilized last November and this spring flew to England to claim his bride. The couple will come to Illinois soon and make their home here.

June -- 1946

June 5: The teacher, Mrs. Henry Heffelfinger, and the pupils of the Wormley school and some of the parents went on a bus trip to Chicago June 4 to the Hall of Science and other places of interest.

A number from Oswegoland attended the reception given Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Gaylord of Montgomery when they observed their golden wedding anniversary.

Fred Claassen, a 1946 graduate of the high school, enlisted in the Navy and went to Great Lakes Naval Training station last week.

The Oswego high school alumni on Friday evening was well attended, 110 members from 31 classes answering roll call, with many guests.

Mr. and Mrs. John Staffeldt entertained a large group of relatives Sunday honoring their son, Delbert's graduation from high school and daughter Arlene's graduation from eighth grade.

June 12: A 4-H paper drive will be made in Oswego township east of the river. This does not include the town of Oswego except those who phone for truck service. Anyone who wishes to donate paper will please have it tied and ready on the morning of June 17 and trucks will pick it up.

The pupils and several parents of school district 5 and the teacher, Mrs. Ruth Worland of Aurora, enjoyed a bus trip to Chicago June 5. They visited the Museum of Science and Industry and saw the transports load and unload at the Municipal airport.

Stuart Woolley celebrated his 12th birthday anniversary June 8 with a picnic dinner in their yard and seven boys as guests.

Aaron Hafenrichter of Aurora, formerly a resident of the Prairie church neighborhood, died at the hospital on Saturday, June 8. The funeral services will be held at Healy's June 12.

Lynn Ledbetter and family, Kendall county oil man of Yorkville, moved to a home on the Harold Russell farm this week. It seems that homes are scarce in Yorkville.

Mr. and Mrs. Atlee Hafenrichter and two sons came from Portland, Ore. to attend the funeral of his father, Aaron Hafenrichter, June 12.

Yorkville: The County Board of Supervisors, with an eye to protecting our most priceless possessions, our children, adopted a resolution for a county health nurse at their meeting Monday. The nurse, if one can be found by that time, will assume her duties on Sept. 1.

June 19: Mr. and Mrs. M.R. Steckel and Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Steckel attended the wedding of Stanley Herren of Oswego and Charlotte Shupe of Mendon at Mendon Saturday. Following a visit with cousins in Canada, Mr. and Mrs. Herren will reside in the Frank Herren residence in Oswego.

Jerry Fechner, Patricia Corrick and Brona Lou Ode are attending an East Bay camp at Bloomington.

Bill Denney, two years in service, 19 months overseas, has returned from France and receiving his honorable discharge, came home June 11.

Glen Panikis, three and a half years in the service, 17 months overseas, returning now from Japan, is at home with an honorable discharge.

Leslie Morse, Emmett McCauley, Robert Herren, and Norval Tripp have been vacationing on a fishing trip in Canada.

June 26: Marilyn Rogerson came home June 23 from the Copley hospital and is doing well following an appendectomy.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Parkhurst entertained classmates and friends of Paulma Anderson of Aurora and Stanley Parkhurst at a miscellaneous shower on June 21. Their wedding will be solemnized on Saturday, June 29, at the Oswego Presbyterian church.

Wylie Robinson, after serving many months in the army and returning home uninjured, was severely injured while climbing an elevator on his father's farm near Plainfield June 17. He fell 16 feet and landed across and endgate on a wagon box, receiving abdominal injuries.

Word has been received from Robert Rogerson, who has been on Guam for nearly a year, that he has been transferred to China.

Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson entertained for their little daughter Ann's first birthday anniversary and for Mrs. Clarke Anderson and son Bruce of Middlebush, N.J. on June 22. Other guests were Mrs.

John Anderson and granddaughters Gwen and Gail Vickery of Aurora.

Mrs. Genevieve Mae Heriaud, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heriaud of Aurora and Ralph Donald Ross, PHM 10C, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ross Sr. of Maywood were married Saturday at the Presbyterian church in Oswego.

A reception for 100 guests was held in the church parlors immediately following the ceremony.

The bride and bridegroom left immediately following the reception for Chattanooga, Tenn., where he is stationed.

The bridegroom graduated from the Geneva high school and has served four years in the Navy, the past two years in the Aleutians.

The bride graduated from East Aurora high school and the Metropolitan Business college. She was employed by the Illinois Public Aid commission.

Yorkville: The much-discussed 1947 Studebaker, described as "the first genuine postwar automobile," will be placed on display at Courtright Motor Sales, Galena and Lake, Aurora, Tuesday. Lower and wider bodies, re-engineered weight distribution that adds immeasurably to riding safety and comfort, mechanical advances that include self-adjusting brakes and stronger, box-section frames are among the many high spots.

July -- 1946

July 3: Announcing the opening of Frank's Barber Shop on Washington street, off Main, Oswego. We invite your patronage.  
FRANK RZECZKOWSKI

The OHS Class of 1939 held an enjoyable reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Pierce at Pavilion. Mrs. Lee Hafenrichter of Oswego and Mrs. William Pearce of Chicago were assisting hostesses.

Mrs. Mame Young, Mrs. Grace Palmer, and Mrs. Nellie Herren attended a reunion of schoolmates of the old stone schoolhouse at the home of Mrs. Margaret Sierp Law of South Fourth street, Aurora, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Curry are moving this week to a home in Rockford. The Currys have lived at Turtle Rock since 1929 and she has contributed much to the music of Oswego. Mr. and Mrs. John Baumgartner of Aurora have purchased the home and will be located there soon. Mr. Baumgartner is the owner of the Anchor brush factory.

Yorkville: The sky seemed just as blue, the sun shown just as bright, and things seemed to be much as usual Monday in spite of the end of the OPA [Office of Price Administration]. Now if people will just use their heads, things should just be fine. Maybe we'll even buy meat at the butcher shop instead of having to track down some black marketer.

July 10; Nine of the old schoolmates of the Walker school and members of their families, making a group of 40, met for a reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davis for a picnic dinner on the Fourth.

Mrs. George Smith reports that their daughter, Elaine, is slowly improving in Honolulu from a rare type of typhoid with which she is suffering. It is hoped she will be able to come to the United States by the latter part of July. Mrs. Smith has had 12 cablegrams from her husband, who is staying with his daughter after flying to be with her.

Mr. and Mrs. August Seidelman have a son, born July 4, at the Copley hospital.

Oswegoans grieve with the Wells family over the tragic death of the daughter, LaVerne, who died following an auto accident July 3, when she and her escort were traveling north of Geneva to spend the Fourth with relatives.

LaVerne Katherine Wells, 20, died July 4 at Delnor hospital, St. Charles. She was born May 10, 1926, in Harvey.

Surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Wells; two sisters, Shirley and Barbara; and two brothers, James and Charles, all of Oswego. Also surviving are her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Meissner of Harvey. Miss Wells was a member of the Oswego

Presbyterian church and the adult choir. She had been serving as secretary in the administration at Mooseheart. Funeral services were held at the Oswego Presbyterian church Saturday. Interment was in the Lincoln Highway cemetery.

Yorkville: The millrace ain't, and the dam ain't what it used to be. Now the one-way traffic (on foot) over the race has gone, and automobiles can be driven over. The race has been filled with rubbish.

We remember when Ye Scribe was a kid living on Heustis street, the sound of the water roaring over the dam would lull us to sleep. Now you can hardly hear it, even in the still of the night.

The new Studebaker is designed so that there is marvelous vision out of the rear window. Some day, some auto designer is going to make everyone gasp in surprise by designing the front windshield so that there are no posts, windshield-dividers, etc., in the way of the driver's vision. Then you'll be able to see like you should, in front and to the side of your car. Or is that asking too much?

July 17: Robert Herren, owner of the Oswego Grain Company elevator, has sold out to the Morris Grain Company, the deal being closed July 13. The same employees are being retained and business will continue as usual.

Mrs. Stanley Herren began her new duties as Kane county Home advisor July 15. An odd coincidence: Both Kane and Kendall county have a Mrs. Herren as Home advisor, but the spelling of the names is different.

Gilbert Collins, aged 64 years, died July 10. He was born April 3, 1882 in Oswego township. He is survived by his wife, Edith; two daughters, Mrs. Gretchen Drake of Oswego and Mrs. Arlene Cohn of Chicago; three sons, Douglas of Aurora and Orin and Lloyd of Oswego; two grandsons and four granddaughters; two brothers, Frank of Yorkville and Tom of Oswego; and nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church July 13 with burial in the Lincoln Highway cemetery.

Archibald H. Dysart, 73, died July 9 at St. Joseph Mercy hospital. Death followed a fall from a second story window at his home in Oswego July 1. Mr. Dysart was removing a storm window when it gave way suddenly, and he fell to the ground fracturing his left leg above the knee. He was unable to recover from the injuries thus received.

Archibald H. Dysart was born at Granville, Ill. Sept. 27, 1872. He had resided in Oswego for many years. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church, a member of Raven Lodge 303 AF&AM, of Lorraine chapter, order of the Eastern Star; and of the Knights Templar.

Surviving is his wife, Olive; two daughters, Mrs. Mary Morse and Helen Dysart of LaGrange; two sisters, Mrs. Hanna Foley of Granville and Mrs. Lucy McCormick of Tipton, Ia.; five brothers, Will of deer River, Minn., the Rev. John Dysart, a missionary in South Africa, Leslie and Howard of Granville, and Dr. Ben Dysart of Henry; and three grandsons, William, David, and Richard Morse of LaGrange. Funeral services were held at the Oswego Presbyterian church Friday afternoon. burial was in Oswego cemetery.

These two men who were buried last Friday and Saturday had many friends and the large funerals and numerous flowers attested to the high esteem in which they were held.

The Rev. Alan Darling conducted funeral services for three of his congregation in a week: for Miss Wells, a choir member; Mr. Dysart, an elder; and Mr. Collins, a layman and former trustee.

July 24: Mrs. Myron Wormley entertained seven mothers and 14 children Thursday for her son, Jimmie's, fifth birthday anniversary. One of the principal attractions for the children was a pony to ride.

Monette Cather, for the past three years a civil service employee at Wright field, Dayton, Ohio, is home on vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cather on Garfield avenue.

To date, farmers have had good weather for the oat harvest with work progressing on most farms. The grain companies are busy with loads from the combines.

Yorkville: Jim Zentmyer, of the Oswego Zentmyers that is, came to Yorkville yesterday morning with about as cute a trick of an automobile as we've seen, in the shape of the new Crosley. Said vehicle is about as big as three ticks on the second hand of your watch, with motor to match. Yet the car has plenty of leg room and the overhead valve motor seems to have plenty of power packed into it. In appearance, the Crosley is attractive as can be and Jim 'lows as how the mileage of approximately 40 miles to the gallon is not to be sneezed at. With which sentiment we heartily agree. If you happen to be passing through Oswego you might drop in and pay the Zentmyers a visit. They'll be glad to point out the features of the midget.

July 31: Six year old Richard Schlapp, who has been living with an aunt in the east since the death of his mother, has come to live with his father, Earl Schlapp, and sisters and brother at the Harry Schlapp home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bartholomew have moved into the little cottage recently purchased on Washington street.

The four young folks in the Jack Cherry family have been having the whooping cough.

Mrs. John Chrisse and baby Carol Louise recently returned to their home on the Grove road from an Aurora hospital.

Mrs. George D. Smith reports their daughter, Elaine, is getting along nicely and that she has written her first letter from Hawaii to her mother. Plans are very indefinite about her return home as she is not able to sit up. Her father is with her.

Yorkville: Oswego is getting to be quite a city, with new buildings put up, old buildings remodeled, homes being built where possible, and new businesses moving into heretofore vacant places. Oswego's streets have had a recent coat of oil with a torpedo sand blotter coat, which while necessary is rather uninviting to drive on. The sand makes funny noises when the tires throw it against the fenders. But it's a lot better than the noise the oil would make.



We were sorry we missed the display of northern lights Friday night.

We hate to tell you, but like it or not, we've had the OPA saddled onto the nation for another year at least.

We have always believed that the ancient law of supply and demand was a pretty good one. The unpopular part of that law, down in Washington, is that you can't get any payrollers on it like you can with the OPA. And payrollers are the very essence of the New Deal. They vote.

*The Record* carried a legal notice on the proposed World War II Veterans' Compensation Act and Bond Issue referendum to be held Nov. 5. The plan was to raise \$385 million by the issuance of bonds to provide compensation to those who served in the war between Sept. 16, 1940 and Sept. 3, 1945. Service in the merchant marine was not allowed compensation. Families of military personnel who died during the war were entitled to a \$900 benefit under the law. Serving military personnel were eligible for \$10 for each month served plus \$15 a month for service overseas, with a minimum compensation of \$50.

August -- 1946

Aug. 7: While Russell Turner was shelling corn Aug. 2, a spark of fire, presumed to have been caused by friction in the sheller, dropped in a pile of corn husks and started a blaze. The fire department was called but rapid work on the part of those present extinguished the fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Figgins on Route 31 have a baby son. There is one other boy in the family.

Wayne Sanderson received his honorable discharge and came home from Little Creek, Va. last week. He was a SK 3-C and has been in the service for 13 months. He will enter the University this fall to take up the study of veterinary medicine.

The Standard Oil company is planning a pipeline across Kendall county and is busily engaged in obtaining right-of-way from landowners along the route.

Aug. 14: Word has been received from Pittsburgh of the death of the Rev. James R.E. Craighead, former pastor of the Oswego Presbyterian church on Aug. 8. Funeral services were held on Aug. 11.

The preliminary registration of pupils will be held at the rural one and two room schools of the county next Tuesday, Aug. 20 at 9:30 a.m.

At this time students should bring their rental moneys for textbooks and workbooks to be used during the year.

Aldora Hauge of Lisbon township, teacher of the Lisbon Center school for the past two years, has been appointed as Assistant County Superintendent of Schools. She will act as librarian and assist in the supervision of rural schools. Miss Hauge has had five years of teaching experience in the rural schools of the county and is enrolled as a senior in the summer term at Illinois State Normal at Normal.

Aug. 21: No Oswego news column

Aug. 28: Your correspondent (and the editors!) regret that the items so kindly phoned to her were not printed last week.

Many Oswegoans attended the Farm and Home bureau picnic at Sandwich Aug. 24 and the Old Settlers' picnic at Yorkville Aug. 25.

George D. Smith returned from Hawaii Aug. 19 after spending several months with their daughter Elaine, who has been very ill but she is now recuperating and doing very well. She is as yet unable to travel home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Lippold have a daughter, born at the Copley hospital Aug. 20. The little one has been named Susan Marie.

September -- 1946

Sept. 4: Your Correspondent's telephone number has been changed. Please phone your news items to Mrs. Fred Walker, 4-4244 and use the first 4, and thank you.

A number of Oswegoans attended the Big Rock plowing matching Aug. 31. Ideal weather to play and to work, but too cold for the corn crop. Sept. 1 was the coldest Sept. 1 on record. Do you have your winter's supply of coal?

The Rev. and Mrs. Alan Darling entertained Oswego young folks who are going away to college Friday evening in the church fellowship room. H.B. Tate, principal of the Oswego high school was a guest of honor and Mrs. Don Palmer and Mrs. Hemphill were with their husbands. The young people, most of them graduates of the Oswego high school, who were present and the colleges they will attend were: Ruth and Joan Brown, University of Minnesota at Minneapolis; Wayne Sanderson, University of Illinois; Ralph Sanderson, Northwestern; Barbara Woolley, the Western State Teachers' college at Macomb; Ellen Mighell, Butler university; Richard Young and David Hemphill, North Central; Don Palmer, Arizona State at Temple; Alice Baker, Copley Hospital School of Nursing; Barbara Betz, University of Dubuque; Marilyn Rogerson, Gregg Business college; John Palmer, Knox college; and Lewis Heap, Aurora college. Oswego people who sent regrets were Charlene Schultz and Pat Campbell who will attend Cornell college at Mt. Vernon, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Johnson and Leighton Steckel, North Central; Kim Steckel, University of Illinois dental college; Mrs. Jim Steckel, who will graduate from the Presbyterian hospital in Chicago this year; Alberta Gates, Maryville college; Carol Morse and David Shoger, University of Illinois; and Stanley Herren, Northern Illinois college of Optometry.

Many are the little folks who are starting to school for the first time. One interesting coincidence is that Virginia Peterson and Vernon Shoger, neighbors, born on the same day in the same hospital six years ago, starting school together at the Consolidated district 5. Vernon's father, LaVerne Shoger, and his father, Harley Shoger, attended the same school, known then as the Walker school, but Virginia is one of the fourth generation to attend the same district.

Her mother, Bettye Walker Peterson, her grandfather, Fred Walker, and her great-grandfather, the late Seth Edward Walker, all were formerly pupils in that district. Mrs. Worland of Aurora is the teacher. There are nearly 30 pupils in the consolidated district. Mrs. Don Gengler is the efficient driver of the school car.

From the Saltsburg, Pa., press comes the news of the death of the Rev. James R.E. Craighead, formerly the pastor of the Oswego Presbyterian church for 11 years.

The Rev. Mr. Craighead, D.D., was born Oct. 5, 1868 at Elders Ridge, Pa., and died in Pittsburgh, Pa. Aug. 8, 1946. He had been an invalid in a nursing home for several years where he and his wife lived. He was a graduate of the McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, and was ordained to the ministry in Pennsylvania in 1894.

In 1898 he married Elizabeth Corbett, Daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Hunter Corbett, who were missionaries for many years in China. All during the many years of the Rev. Mr. Craighead's pastorates he and his wife did much for the cause of missions by stimulating interest in missionary work in the several churches. He was the author of three books, "Black Hawk," "The Lost Empire," and "The Life of Dr. Hunter Corbett."

Louis Thorp of Chicago died Aug. 27 and was buried in the McKinney lot in the Oswego cemetery, Aug. 29. His wife is Etta McKinney Thorp, who was a resident of Oswego in her girlhood days.

Sept. 11: Twenty-five relatives and friends from Elgin, Aurora and Oswego surprised Mrs. Jerry Tate at their home at Tamarack Corners on her birthday anniversary Sept. 8.

Miss Elaine Smith is back home after flying from Honolulu to Burbank, Calif., and from there home. She is gaining slowly but her friends are confident that a rest in the farm home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Smith, will hasten the day of her complete recovery from a tropical disease contracted while she was a TWA flight instructress in the Philippines.

Yorkville: A fair turnout of voters on Tuesday brought to a torrid close the heated arguments on the bond issue for road purposes. The issue passed 728 to 698.

Thirty-three Kendall county one- and two-room schools opened their fall terms last Tuesday. Teachers have been provided for all pupils only by closing the doors of 17 buildings and transferring the children from these districts to neighboring schools. As a result, school enrollments are much larger. Schools which formerly had only enough pupils for a game of marbles will now be able to choose up sides for a ball game. One school, in district No. 5 south of Oswego, has 28 enrolled and half of the schools operating have 16 or more pupils. Three schools have but eight, the smallest number this year.

The shortage of teachers, rising school costs, and the benefits of a larger school have all been factors in closing the doors of a third of the county's rural schools.

Sept. 18: Nearly everyone and his brother attended the Wheatland Plowing match on Saturday. The weather was perfect for the event and the crowd was very large and happy to meet after four long years.

Mrs. Thora Shyre, who has lived in the Cutter cottage for several years, has gone to the old people's home on Fifth street, Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Peshia and Mrs. Kenneth Gengler are on a fishing trip in Minnesota. Marshall Young is carrying the United States mail during Mr. Peshia's absence.

Yorkville: Last Thursday was a sad day. It was Thursday afternoon when we laid to his last rest Dr. F.M. Groner.

We understand that cement is to be poured starting today on Route 71 between here and Ottawa, but before you plan a trip to Starved Rock, be advised that only five miles are to be cemented this fall. The balance next year. At least rumor has it that way.

Miss Pearl M. Anderson of Peoria has been employed as public health nurse of Kendall county, it was announced following a recent

joint meeting of the executive committees of the county Board of Supervisors and the county Public Health Advisory council.

Miss Anderson will begin her work in the county Oct. 1.

For the past 13 years there has been no county public health nurse in the county. For some time the Parent-Teacher associations, the county Woman's club, Home bureau, Farm bureau, Red Cross, schools and other civic organizations have been discussing the possibility of obtaining such a nurse in the county. Last spring, a mass meeting was called to discuss the project. As a result, a county Public Health Advisory council was formed which has worked in close cooperation with the county Board of Supervisors on the project.

Sept. 25: Mr. and Mrs. Steele and two children from Chicago have moved into the cottage on Main street recently purchased from George Suhler.

The three Oswego churches held a pot luck supper and reception for the school teachers at the Presbyterian church Monday evening, Sept. 23.

Miss Carol Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kenneth Campbell, Yorkville, and Andrew M. Pierce Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew M. Pierce Sr., Oswego, were married Sept. 18 at a double ring ceremony.

Mike Eich has a leg in a cast. The leg was broken when he attempted to catch a team which ran away when driven by the hired man. Hard luck for a farmer! They were just ready to fill silo.

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October -- 1946

Oct. 2: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Miller of Main street entertained company from Chicago last Sunday and Mrs. Miller went home with them to stay for several days.

The Parent-Teacher association will sponsor a dance at the school gym Friday evening, Oct. 4. The Ray Peacock orchestra of Morris will furnish the music. This is the first of a series of dances in the school recreational program.

On Friday evening, Oct. 4, a servicemen's dinner will be served at the Federated church by the I.S. and JOY Sunday school classes for all men on the service flag and others non-affiliated with the church.

World-wide communion services at most of the Protestant churches on Sunday, Oct. 6. Let nothing hinder you from attending your church.

H.B. Tate, chairman of the Kendall County chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, disclosed today that \$2,492,281 in supplementary aid has been sent so far this year by the national foundation to its chapters in 36 states. Kendall county has received such supplementary aid.

Such aid covers transportation of the patient to and from hospitals and clinics; payment of hospitalization, medical care and treatment until maximum recovery is achieved; the defraying of nursing and physical therapy charges, and costs of orthopedic surgery, as well as provision of such special appliances as may be indicated.

Oct. 9: Mrs. Minnie Shuler suffered an accident which caused much pain Sept. 30 when she ran her left hand into the [washing machine] wringer. She was confined to a hospital for three days and is at the home of her son, Alva Shuler, unable to use the hand as yet.

Mrs. Glenn Smith and their little folks, Beverly, Marjorie, and Baby David, left Oct. 4 for their new home in Galesburg where Mr. Smith is teaching music in a junior high.

The Servicemen's supper at the Federated church Oct. 4 sponsored by the I.S. and JOY Sunday school classes, was a pleasant affair. Seventeen servicemen accompanied by their wives or mothers, and some mothers representing absent sons, enjoyed the creamed

chicken supper. Gordon Wormley let the group singing and later sang two solos accompanied by Leonard Hafenrichter.

Considerable building is going on around Oswego. Have you seen the little house by the Alexander Lumber company office? It is said to have been built out of a chicken house. Ralph Burkhart is putting an addition to his service station on the Main street side.

Oct. 16: The Copper Kettle at the corner of Main and Washington has recently changed hands. Mrs. Gates and Mrs. Deering sold the business to Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Halisey of Aurora, who will continue the high standards set by their predecessors. Mr. and Mrs. Halisey are seeking a place to live in Oswego.

A fire that lighted up the sky and was seen for many miles at 6 o'clock Sunday evening burned the barn, the connected cattle shed, the corn crib and milk house at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harvey. It is not known what caused the fire, but the flames and smoke came from the hay mow. Some farm implements were burned, but no stock was lost. Insurance was carried on the buildings.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey were on a vacation trip and their daughter and her husband from Aurora were staying in the home during their absence. The autos of people attracted by the fire lined both sides of the road for considerable distance.

Donald Gengler, Roy Krug, and Myron Wormley attended the annual meeting of the Masonic Grand lodge in Chicago last week.

Oct. 23: Looks like the American dinner table is to have meat on it once again. And won't it be fun to have all the soap we need to wash our hands before the meal!

For an evening of continuous entertainment, visit the Halloween fair at the Oswego school Friday evening, Oct. 25. A chicken and fish supper will be served cafeteria-style from 5:30 to 7:30 in the gym. Feature attractions during the supper hours will include dancing in the assembly hall, movies in the science room, and in the fifth and sixth grade room the following booths can be found: popcorn and fish pond and candy, white elephant, harvest sale and games of



skill, a fortune teller will be present. The Oswego PTA sponsors only one money-making project a year, the Halloween fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Linden of Oswego are parents of a son, born Friday night, Oct. 18, at Tiskilwa, Ill. Mr. Linden is manager of the Oswego Grain & Supply Company.

Oct. 30: George Bower, a former resident of Oswego, passed away Monday morning at the home of his sister, Mrs. A.F. Hafenrichter, in Aurora.

He leaves his twin brother, Fred; one sister, with whom he made his home in recent years; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fuller and their daughter Pamela of Canton have moved into the house recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Weiss.

Jack Olson, Ph. M 3-C, is home on a seven day convalescent leave.

The PTA Halloween fair was a successful evening. About 400 enjoyed the supper. The various booths and movie were well attended. The officers of this organization are president, Mrs. Robert Ebinger; vice president, Mrs. Edward Inman; recording secretary, Mrs. Leonard Blome; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Albert Ode; and treasurer, Mrs. Gerald DuSell.

Yorkville: Friday and Saturday nights were heap big nights at Zentmyer's new appliance store up in Oswego. A grand opening was held these two nights, and it was a success in every way. Five hundred and fifty four people registered on the two nights and the prizes were awarded Saturday night when Mrs. Floyd Parkhurst took home the radio, Mrs. Art Walper the electric toaster, and Miss Helen Meyers, Oswego school Ma'am, walked away with the electric heating pad.

There shore was a lot of beautiful gadgets on display, ranging all the way from small portable radios up to washing machines and combination radio-phonographs. Guess they have just about everything you could want in the electric line, and the building in which all is displayed is all fixed up to the queen's taste.

Of course, we couldn't go and spend any time in Oswego without stopping in to see what Al Shuler was up to in his drug store, so shure enough he is remodeling again. Only this time he removed a partition or two and 'way, 'way back in his store he's going to have a gift shop. It's still in the early stages, but we'll let you know how things are progressing from time to time.

We saw the Carl Bohns too. Carl took time off from his place and went up to the grand opening to see what was going on. Wonder how many of you readers up thataway told Carl you saw his ad in the *Record*? He's probably got that meat now that he advertised that he had (at times).

Burlington Agent Branam and Rudy Rabe welcomed eight carloads of 12-inch steel pipe last week. That is when they learned they didn't have to unload it, they welcomed it.

This huge quantity of pipe is to go in a pipeline south of Yorkville, which pipeline we understand will be built from Rockdale to some point in the Dakotas.

In an advertisement asking Kendall County residents to vote yes on the service recognition ballot Tuesday, Nov. 5, Oswego businesses supporting the measure included Zentmyer Motor Sales, Ford sales and service; Carl H. Bohn, groceries and meats; Foster & Ihfe, concrete products; Main Confectionery & Café, J. Carpenter; Shuler's Drug Store, drugs, soda, gifts; Denney, grocery, market, fresh vegetables; Oswego hardware & Appliance; Oswego Department Store, dry goods, notions, footwear; Herren & Tripp, real estate and insurance; Frank Rzeczkowski, Frank's Barber Shop; R.M. Burkhart, garage; Oswego Furniture; and Roalson's Barber Shop.

November -- 1946

Nov. 6: Walter Lee Brungart returned home recently, coming before his family on Madison street expected him as he flew from Attu in the Aleutian islands to Seattle, Washington in 16 hours and would have had to wait 30 days for boat passage. Mr. Brungart has been employed for 32 months with the army engineers for 28 of them in the Aleutians, where the wind blows 135 miles an hour at times and

all buildings and movable objects have to be securely anchored. It will take some time to get acclimated, but he is glad to get home and enjoy this late fall weather.

Miss Myers, English teacher, spent the weekend with her folks at Altona.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wolf have a daughter, born at the Copley hospital Nov. 2. She has been named Carol Anne.

Charlene Schultz and Pat Campbell were home over the weekend from Cornell College at Mt. Vernon, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hem have purchased a home on Woodlawn avenue in Aurora and will move there soon.

A number cannot locate your correspondent since the telephone company changed the number. It is 4-4244.

An Armistice day banquet will be served Legion members and wives and auxiliary members and husbands by the ladies of the Oswego Federated church Monday, Nov. 11.

Yorkville: In balloting in the November election, 3,143 Kendall County residents cast straight Republican ballots, while 531 straight Democratic ballots were cast. A total of 4,866 ballots were cast in the election.

The Soldier's Bonus referendum passed easily in Kendall County, 3,143 to 1,000.

A total of 2,221 farms and other rural establishments were connected to rural power lines of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois during the first nine months of 1946 it was announced by Britton I. Budd, president. This was 1,121 more than were added in the full year of 1945.

Nov. 13: The countryside is full of pheasant hunters this Monday morning. One constantly hears the bang! bang! of the shotguns--probably many wasted shells (I must now go and dress our pheasant).

The annual bazaar and supper will be held in the Presbyterian annex on Nov. 22. The sale of articles in the booths will be from 4:30. Considering the scarcity of yard goods, there will be a good showing of aprons, towels, beautiful embroidered pillow cases, fancy articles, rugs, novelties, and pastries.

The Russell Campbell family has moved from Polk street to the former Barnard home on Main street.

Three year-old Gordon Ringberg of Main street is in quarantine for scarlet fever. There is a younger boy in the family who runs a chance of contracting the illness.

Mrs. Dwight Young received news recently of the birth of a grandson to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Young of Lafayette, Louisiana, born Oct. 28. The little fellow has been given the name Glen Allen. Stanley Young, a former Oswego boy and returned veteran, is attending the University of Louisiana, and is a radio broadcaster several hours each week.

Yorkville: Much interest was aroused by the helicopter which was parked along the concrete slab just south of the main drag [in Yorkville] last week. The machine was boxed and on a truck, but it was of interest anahoo. It was suggested that the trucker unload the helicopter and let it carry him and the truck down to their destination--Texas. We've never seen one of these critters in action, but we're willing to sometime. It must be a strange sight.

Nov. 20: Mr. and Mrs. Christian Walter have purchased the former Kessler home on Polk street of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Perkins, who will move to Cedar Lake, Indiana. Mr. Walter is employed at the plaque factory.

Miss Enid Van Etten of the nursing staff of the Beyer hospital, Ypsilanti, Mich., was home over the weekend.

Mrs. G.C. Bartholomew is spending three days this week at the antique show in Elgin. The Bartholomews are exhibiting some of their antiques from the shop on Washington street.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Johnson are building a cement block home on Polk street. At present they are attending college at North Central and living with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson, who care for Baby Stuart during the daytime.

Cyril Matter, who has milk trucks for hauling milk from Sandwich to Chicago, is building a cement block garage for the trucks on property he purchased from the Chrisse estate, back of the Oswego Implement company.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Van Etten and family are moving this week to the former Lindley house on the corner of Polk and Ashland streets. Mr. and Mrs. King have purchased the Van Etten cottage on Van Buren street, and he will move his family here from Nebraska next week.

Nov. 27: This week's Thanksgiving guest items are written up beforehand and may not be entirely correct.

On Friday, Nov. 22, at the home of her parents, Miss Grayce Lois Sleezer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Sleezer of Oswego, was united in marriage to Bertrand Edward Carlson of Naperville. Mr. and Mrs. Carlson left for a short trip after which they will reside in Naperville.

Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Steckel (Betty Herren) have a son born Nov. 19 named Leighton Max.

Pvt. Warren Ebinger was home last week. He has been transferred from Ft. Bragg, N.C. to Camp Stoneman in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bower and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Orr returned Nov. 23 from a hunting trip in northern Michigan. They brought home a deer shot by Mr. Bower.

Elaine Smith, having recovered from her serious illness, is to leave Nov. 28, for Burbank, Calif., to report for duty with TWA.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Young are in Oswego visiting relatives. They are enroute with a trailer from Pipestone, Minn. to spend the winter in Florida.

December -- 1946

Dec. 4: Mr. and Mrs. Allen Woolley left the first of the week on the Farm Bureau tour to California to spend two weeks in sightseeing and happy companionship with the other "trippers."

Janet and Jim Shoger each had exhibits at the International livestock show.

Nancy and Don Cherry and Mary Lou and Robert Hackerson had cattle at the International, but as with most of the Shoger cattle, they were weeded out in the elimination test and sold, receiving 10 cents above market price.

Mrs. Pearl Fletcher Marshall passed away at the Copley hospital in Aurora on Saturday, Nov. 30, following a short illness.

She was born in Plymouth, Ind. on Feb. 23, 1877, a daughter of George S. and Della Wolf Fletcher.

She was untied in marriage to Hugh Rice Marshall of Yorkville, the ceremony taking place at Hamilton, Ontario, Canada on Oct. 1, 1904. Two sons were born to this union, John R. and Robert F., both of Yorkville.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall moved to Yorkville in 1908 where he took a place on the *Kendall County Record* with his father, John R. Marshall Sr.

Mrs. Marshall is survived by her sons; a sister, Mrs. Edna F. McLean of Aurora; three grandchildren; and a nephew, Grover D. Smythe of Milwaukee. Her parents preceded her in death, as did her husband, Hugh R.; a brother, A.N. Fletcher of Newport, R.I.; and a sister, Mrs. Lillian Smythe of Newaygo, Mich.

Funeral services were held from the Larson funeral home, Yorkville, Dec. 2. Burial was made in Elmwood cemetery.

Dec. 11: Paul Miller of Oswego and Shirley Beatus of Aurora were married by the Rev. Alan Darling at the Presbyterian parsonage Dec.

7. His sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Seaton of Aurora, were attendants. Mr. Miller is employed by the Foster & Ihfe Cement Block and construction company.

Following a few days' wedding trip, the newlyweds will live with his father, Albert Miller, on South Madison street.

Stanley Drew, mechanical superintendent at the Anchor Brush company in Montgomery, lost a few days' work the first of this week because of an infection in his right hand.

Dec. 18: Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Johnson have purchased the dress shop known as the Margo shop, and Mrs. Johnson will conduct the business under the name of the Martha-Jane shop. Opal Byers, the former owner, will assist in the shop for the present.

Herman G. "Bunny" Young, 62, of Oswego died Dec. 9, at St. Luke's hospital in Chicago following surgery. Until his recent illness, he had been employed as safety director at the Independent Pneumatic Tool company in Aurora, and had been one of the most popular men in the plant.

In his younger days, Mr. Young was an amateur and semi-pro baseball star. Fishing and shooting were among his many skills. He was born May 4, 1884 and made his home in Oswego with his mother, Mrs. Mary Young. Surviving are one sister, Mrs. Leslie Peshia of Oswego and two brothers, Carl of Chicago and Louis of Minnesota. One sister, Mrs. Margaret Miller, preceded him in death. Funeral services were conducted at the McKeown funeral home Thursday, Dec. 12. Burial was in the Oswego cemetery.

Mrs. Mary E. Young, 82, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Leslie Peshia in Oswego Dec. 12, the day of her son, Bunny's, funeral.

Mrs. Young was born in Somonauk Nov. 5, 1864. Surviving her in addition to her daughter are two sons, Carl of Chicago and Louis of Pipestone, Minn.; one sister, Mrs. Carrie Beher of Montgomery; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Young, though feeble from old age, had been alert and active up to the time of her son's death, was not able to withstand the shock of the news of his death. Mother and son were buried side by side as they had lived for so many years.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the McKeown funeral home. Burial was in the Oswego cemetery.

A large crowd enjoyed the program of Christmas music at the school gym Sunday evening presented by the music groups of the school directed by Reeve Thompson with Phyllis Ebinger pianist.

Mrs. Gene Conklin and their baby son, David Alan, came from the hospital Sunday to their home on Jackson street.

Dec. 25: When items are written the week before the event, they should be taken with a grain of salt.

Clare Parkhurst had the misfortune to have his auto damaged by the driver of a stolen car Friday evening near the Oswego school.

School district five, with the teacher, Mrs. Worland of Aurora, gave its Christmas program in the Nineteenth Century club rooms in Oswego Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Young will have their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Tate and sons Marshall, Jimmie, and Jerry, on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. George Griffin are the parents of twin daughters born Dec. 22.

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January

Jan. 1: Mr. and Mrs. Goodman Story held open house Sunday afternoon in the form of a Christmas party and reunion of submarine officers of this area, all veterans of the South Pacific. Their son, Hugh, was a lieutenant in the recent combat and hadn't been home on Christmas since 1942. Sixty-two attended the pleasant affair in spite of the snowstorm earlier in the day.



Mr. and Mrs. Elva Turner of Newton moved into Royce Smith's tenant house on the farm Dec. 27. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Robinson went with the truck to bring them from the southern part of the state.

Jan. 8: Walter E. Ralston of Madison street, Oswego, 74, died Dec. 31. He was born Aug. 19, 1872 in Scot county, Ia.

Mr. Ralston is survived by his wife, Ethel; two sons, Lester of Spokane, Wash., and Howard of Clinton, Ia.; one daughter, Alma Flynn of Aurora; and a brother and a sister, both of Smithland, Ia. Services were held Jan. 2 at the McKeown funeral home. The remains were then sent to Sioux City, Ia., where services were held Jan. 4, with interment in the Graceland Park cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralston came to Oswego from Iowa in 1943 and resided here since. He had heart trouble but was able to go to town for the mail, making his last trip Dec. 31, when he had an attack and fell dead on the street.

Mrs. George Griffin came home from St. Joseph's hospital Dec. 29, leaving the tiny twin baby girls to stay for two or three weeks. The little daughters were named Kathleen and Maureen.

Watts Cutter is growing more feeble and has been confined to his home for several months.

The college young folks have returned to their respective colleges after a happy holiday season.

The snow of the past week was unusually heavy, blocking traffic until the roads were cleared out.

The fire on the old Major Davis farm (Bob Herren's) on New Year's eve was seen for miles around. The blaze from the burning hay and the silo reflected brightly on the sky. The horse barn, hay, and one horse and the wood silo burned.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Miller of Main street entertained 12 at their apartment on Main street Saturday.

Jan. 15: Many people are having a cough which is prevalent in this vicinity this winter, some requiring a doctor's care, some children out of school, some of the grown-ups confined to their homes.

Roy Hettrich left by airplane Jan. 9, for a winter vacation in Cuba.

The Busy Bee club is celebrating its 20th [sic; should be 26th] anniversary Jan. 14 with a banquet at noon for all who have ever been members and their families at the home of Mrs. Mary McMicken. This club, a group of women in the vicinity of what used to be the Gaylord school, originated at Mrs. McMicken's home 20 years ago when she invited neighbors in to spend the afternoon.

Walter F. Lumbard has recovered from a case of scarlet fever, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lumbard, entertained at a postponed Christmas dinner on Sunday.

Jan. 22: On Sunday, Jan. 19, Dorothy Eleanor Johnson, daughter of Mrs. Irma Johnson of Plainfield, and William Denney son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Denney of Oswego, were married in a double ring ceremony at the Plainfield Methodist church. The bride was given in marriage by her grandfather, Melvin Knutsen.

After a few days spent in Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Denney will reside in Plainfield until a home can be found in Oswego. He will continue working in the Denney grocery and market, where he has been since his return from the service.

Mrs. Dwight Young left Jan. 21 for Lafayette, La., where she will spend two or three weeks with her son, Stanley and wife and baby.

Mrs. Fannie M. Davis, 68, died at the Copley hospital Jan. 18 after months of suffering. She was born in NaAuSay township Feb. 9, 1878. Her husband, Walley H. Davis, preceded her in death in 1942. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Marian Palmer; and one son, Arthur C. Davis, both of Oswego; four brothers, Cyrus Wheeler of oak Ridge, Tenn., John Wheeler of Plainfield, Seth of NaAuSay, and Oliver of Minooka; one granddaughter, Barbara Mary Davis; three grandsons, Donald and John Palmer and Sheldon Davis; and one great-granddaughter, Marjorie Ann Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis moved from Plattville to their farm in Oswego township in 1912, and from the farm to a home in Oswego in 1938, where Mr. Davis died in 1942.

Mrs. Davis was a member of the Oswego Presbyterian church. Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church Jan. 21. burial was in the NaAuSay cemetery.

Mrs. Stuart Johnson attended the furniture show at the Merchandise Mart in Chicago Jan. 14. A few Oswegoans attended the Denney-Johnson wedding in Plainfield on Jan. 19.

NaAuSay: Twenty-six years ago last Jan. 14, Mrs. Mary McMicken invited 10 ladies to her home for the afternoon. A club was organized at that time, known as the Busy Bee club.

On Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1947, the club celebrated its 26th anniversary at Mrs. McMicken's home with 30 members, besides former members who came as guests.

A bountiful two-course luncheon was served by the committee of Mrs. Charles Condon, Mrs. Howard Gengler, and Mrs. Allen McMicken.

The program was in charge of Mrs. Lester Johnson, and consisted of piano numbers by Miss Lorene Sampson of Montgomery. Mrs. Clarence Matile gave a reading. A history of the club was presented by Mrs. Joseph Paydon, the president.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent in recalling old times. Mrs. Frank Gengler, a former member, was celebrating her birthday on this happy anniversary of the club.

Jan. 29: Relatives have received word of the death of one who was known in her girlhood days in Oswego as Nell Young and later as Mrs. Dwight Smith. Mrs. Smith, daughter of John and Margaret young, long ago deceased, died at her home in Wilton Junction, Ia., on Jan. 18, the last of her generation. She was a sister of the late Carrie Young Roberts, Jay, Dick, Lester and Lew Young.

John Probst, a graduate of Oswego high school is in Orlando, Fla. for a six week course in baseball at a training camp for potential big league players.

Roger Brungart, 12 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brungart, underwent an emergency operation for the relief of appendicitis at the Copley hospital Sunday. Mr. Brungart, who had been home on leave, returned to the North Pacific army engineers' base Jan. 19.

Pvt. Warren Ebinger, who left for Pacific duty in November, has now been transferred to the medical detachment of the 19th Infantry regiment on Kyushu, the southernmost of the Japanese homeland islands.

Mr. and Mrs. William Denney returned from their wedding trip and he resumed his duties in the Denney grocery and market Monday morning.

Many Oswego farmers attended the annual Farm Bureau meeting Saturday and enjoyed an excellent program and dinner.

Clayton Inman, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Inman, is recovering from pneumonia.

Zentmyer Home Appliances in Oswego was advertising combination radio-record players, a gas-engined Maytag washer, and electric brooms. "You'll like our two-way talkie," the ad suggested. "Push a button and talk; release the button and listen! Nothing handier as a step-saver--for intercommunication from house to barn, from office to office, or room to room."

February -- 1947

Feb. 5: What weather! But it could have been worse. But Wednesday night, Jan. 29, was certainly of an unusual variety, thunder and lightning, rain, sleet and snow, and a wild wind all night. The electricity went off on both the Western United and Public Service lines, and the town and country were in darkness. Not only darkness, but electric-operated furnaces, refrigerators, pumps, etc., were out of commission. Many were the stories told afterwards. Telephones were out on some lines. On our trip to Urbana Feb. 2, we passed along 20 miles of utterly ruined telephone lines, many poles

were broken off, and the wires twisted and broken. The ice was still on the trees in that vicinity.

J. Fred Betz, aged 76, years died at the home of his son, Wellington Betz on Jan. 31. He was born Dec. 30, 1870 in Lee county. He is survived by three sons, Wellington of Oswego, Roscoe of Ohio, and Edwin of Aurora; four grandchildren, Roscoe and Fritzie of Ohio, Stuart of Aurora, and Barbara of Oswego. Funeral services were held at the McKeown funeral home in Oswego with the Rev. Alan Darling, pastor of the Oswego Presbyterian church officiating. Burial was in the Lincoln Highway cemetery.

Pat Campbell and her roommate, Jean Huxsel of Cornell College spent the semester vacation at Allen Campbell's.

Miss Jones, who cared for the late Fred Betz is now assisting Mrs. Mary Bickford in the care of her father, Watts Cutter.

An odd coincidence occurred when two young couples, formerly of Oswego but now residing near Plano and living in the same house, became parents of boys on the same day, Jan. 26. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Butler and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Shoger were the new parents. Mrs. Shoger is one of the English wives coming here with her soldier husband.

Neighbors planned a farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Woolley last Thursday evening. The Woolleys are retiring from the farm and have moved to the residence on Van Buren street formerly occupied by their daughter and son-in-law, who have gone to live on the Woolley farm.

Feb. 12: The Rev. James Bunch of Hines has accepted the pastorate of the Federated church. Until March 1 he is a chaplain at Hines, and will then move to Oswego.

A former Oswegoan, Mrs. Emma Belle Sutherland Slayton died at her home in Aurora Sunday, Feb. 2. She is survived by her husband; a daughter; and two sons; three grandchildren; and several sisters and brothers, among whom are Mrs. Jessie Bell and Will Sutherland of Oswego.

Oswego has three new citizens, a boy born Feb. 5 to Mr. and Mrs. Carleton Friebele; a boy born Feb. 6 to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Faul; and a girl born Feb. 5 to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Secor.

What might have been a disastrous fire was averted by the prompt action of the fire department when the belfry of the Oswego Federated church caught fire from sparks from the furnace Wednesday, Feb. 5. Little damage was done; the new organ was (fortunately) covered with tarpaulin and was not injured except that two pipes were displaced.

Four men from Kendall county were honored at a banquet of county champions given by the DeKalb Agricultural association Jan. 28 at DeKalb.

One of the winners was Paul Dhuse, who produced a yield of 103.85 bushels per acre. Mr. Dhuse received a plaque for being county winner as well as a citation.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Silvius entertained the Mr. and Mrs. Sunday School Cass of the Wheatland church Friday evening.

Mrs. Mary Palmer, an old Oswego resident now living in Aurora, will be 88 years of age Feb. 14. It is suggested that Oswego and other friends send birthday cards.

Fifteen of 27 pupils at Consolidated school No. 5 [the Walker School] are ill this Monday morning, probably because of the cold weather last week.

Yorkville: The Yorkville Methodist church, a landmark in Yorkville for 90 years, was completely destroyed by fire late Saturday night. The combined efforts of four fire departments could not choke off the flames.

Feb. 19: And so [*Kendall County Record* columnist] the Rural Woman likes hash!

Do you know of anything better for supper on a winter evening than good meat and potato hash with catsup or chili sauce to eat with it?

Ray Linden, who has been boarding in Oswego for several months, has brought his family here and is now living in Mrs. May Cutters home while she is in California.

George Roth, 77, died Feb. 13 at his home east of Oswego. He was born Aug. 2, 1869 on the farm on which he spent his entire life. He is survived by his wife, Katherine; two daughters, Edna and Mildred; three sons, Clayton of Oswego, Raymond of Alhambra, Calif., and Donald in government service in Germany; one sister, Mrs. Luella Hettrich of Yorkville.

Funeral services were held at the Prairie Evangelical church Monday, Feb. 17, with burial in the Lincoln Highway cemetery.

Raymond Roth of California came to attend the funeral services of his father.

Zentmyer Home Appliance in Oswego announced they had been appointed a Frigidaire dealer. "We will have some of these fine refrigerators in for display the latter part of this week and invite you to drop in and see them," the store's owners said.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Songer are staying with Mrs. Julia Richards in her home on Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stark have sold the home on Washington street and are going to Phoenix, Ariz. to make their home.

Yorkville: We wish the Rural Woman would cease and desist from writing those items about food. We sit here, so famished our stomach thinks our throat's cut, and set up items about Jello and other desserts, roasts, etc., etc., and we get hungrier and hungrier. Then Mrs. Fred Walker, our Oswego correspondent, writes in and comments on the Rural Woman's hash. By golly, something's got to be done! We can't be starving in the midst of plenty like this!

Feb. 26: Al Shuler, Roy Clayton, Wayne Denney, and Ed Inman left in Shuler's auto Sunday morning for a trip to Arizona.

Tom Miller of Main street for the past two weeks has been unable to work at his duties at the plaque factory.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elliott (Rose Labay) are parents of a son, Michael Henry, born at St. Joseph's hospital, Aurora, Feb. 20.

March -- 1947

March 5: Mrs. Stewart Johnson was in Chicago Monday buying merchandise for her shop.

There will be a meeting at the Wormley schoolhouse Friday evening, March 7 with Mrs. L.J. Flynn of Aurora, district director of PTA as speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wolsfeld of Naperville have moved into Bill Anderson's tenant house from which Mr. and Mrs. Max Collins and family moved to a farm near Sandwich.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Schomer and family moved to one of the former Collins farm houses now owned by Mr. Scott of Aurora. Mr. Schomer will not farm this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McMicken will move to the farm vacated by the Schomers and owned by Mr. and Mrs. Glen Leigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Parkhurst and family moved to the Herren farm vacated by Ed Friebele and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Chriss of Iowa have come to the farm vacated by the Parkhursts and will work for him.

Funeral services were held for Miss Edith Troll of Aurora at the Oswego Presbyterian church Thursday, the Rev. Alan Darling officiating with interment in the Oswego cemetery. She was a teacher for the little ones in the Sunday school for many years.

Yorkville: Mrs. Zentmyer offered to take us into her textile painting class, which is held in the appliance store of the Zentmyer name every Thursday, but we didn't exactly see how we could do so. The ladies seem to get some good results on various types of articles, though we're sure we don't know how they go about it.



March 12: Mrs. Elza Turner and infant son, Bruce Allen, came home from the Copley hospital March 9.

The Busy Bee Club met with Mrs. Lewis McLaren Wednesday last.

According to a story in Sunday's Chicago *Tribune*, Mrs. J.W. Hunt of Oswego was on Saturday appointed chairman of the membership extension committee of the National Federation Women's Republican clubs and as such will be a key figure in the drive to organize politically informed members in advance of the 1948 Presidential campaign.

Our correspondent has the flu and her head is just as tired as these items are.

Yorkville: We note with sympathy that Mrs. Fred Walker, who writes our Oswego news, is ill in bed suffering from the prevalent flu.

March 19: Tuesday evening to belatedly celebrate Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Woolley's wedding anniversary they, with their father, Albert Woolley, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Woolley, and Mr. and Mrs. George Woolley of Aurora, enjoyed a dinner at the Spinning Wheel.

March 26: The Future Farmers of America banquet was held at the Oswego gym Friday, March 21, served by the home ec girls. Donald Clark, ag teacher, introduced Dale Shillinger, the master of ceremonies. Bob Constantine gave the welcome to the parents and C.W. Clark gave the response. Glen Clark, who will enter a speaking contest at Newark soon, gave his speech on "Soil Improvement." The boys' orchestra played during the dinner hour.

St. Patrick's fairies or some gremlins must have made away with the Oswego items on March 17, as only a small part of the items were printed that we spent a perfectly good Monday writing.

Donald Hoch, 17, died March 15 at the Copley hospital. He was born May 29 1929 in Aurora. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hoch, and one brother James.

funeral services were held March 25 at the Federated church with burial in the Lincoln Highway cemetery.

Donald had been in the hospital for 14 days, where he had the best of care and two specialists, but his life could not be spared.

MM 1-C Ernest Songer is coming from New York on a 21 day leave to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Songer. Ernest is in the navy and has visited many of the European ports.

Yorkville: Monday wasn't a bad day, just to see it in the morning, but it came the afternoon, along came the snow and with it high winds which caused the vile stuff to blow hither and yon and block roads, clutter up the landscape and the weight of the snow, which was very damp and heavy, caused havoc with the power and telephone poles and lines, which had earlier this year taken such a terrific beating. Everyone breathed considerable easier Monday night when the snow ceased, followed by lowering temperatures.

April -- 1947

April 2: On Friday evening, March 28, the Oswego school music department presented a spring concert. Performers included James Shoger, Eileen Greshaw, Phyllis Ebinger, Elaine Vogt, and members of the boys' and girls' glee clubs. The music was all under the direction of Reeve Thompson, with Phyllis Ebinger accompanying all the vocal groups. It was a fine concert, played to a large audience.

Many Oswegoans attended and enjoyed the antique exhibit presented by the Kendall County Home bureau at the Yorkville gym Saturday, March 29. It was a huge success.

The March blizzard on the 25th will be something of which to tell your grandchildren. So much snow fell in such a few hours that motorists were stalled, blocking the highways for miles in some places. The soft snow, following rain, clung to the trees and telephone and electric wires until many went down, disrupting telephone service and shutting off electricity, causing much inconvenience--no lights, no radio, no telephone, no refrigerator, and in some cases, no heat. Only a few of the country telephone lines were repaired before March 31, consequently only a few news items this week.

NaAuSay: Mrs. Keith Kellogg and baby Linda Louise, came home Thursday from the Copley hospital.

April 9: Andrew A. Peterson, 63, died April 2 at his home on Madison street in Oswego.

He was born May 11, 1883 near Oswego and lived all his life in this vicinity. He is survived by his wife, Opal; two daughters, Mrs. Viola McMicken of LaGrange and Norma Jean of Oswego; two sons, Roy and Stanley of Oswego; five grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Martha Schmidt of Yorkville; and three brothers, Peter of Aurora, Cole of Woodstock, and Robert of Davenport, Ia.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church Saturday afternoon. Burial was in the Oswego cemetery.

Mr. Peterson had a wide acquaintance in this community. when cement work, well trouble, evetroughs, furnaces installed or plumbing was to be done, many called for "Andy," and they always received help. Of late he has worked in a shop in Aurora, and although he had a headache several days before his death he continued with his work. On April 2 the pain in his head become so severe a doctor call called but Mr. Peterson died within the hour of a cerebral hemorrhage.

While the people of this vicinity are thankful the storm was no worse last week, nevertheless it was a record-breaker in the amount of rainfall and the intensity and duration of the wind. Some windmills, trees, branches, fences, roofs, garage doors, etc. blew down and water covered fields and highways, and flooded basements in many places.

April 16: If you live in town, it is time to pay your village wheel tax.

The senior class play, Gangway for Ghosts, presented in the school gym last Friday and Saturday was a "scream."

Gordon Wormley, electrician, who fell 20 feet April 5 while repairing wiring at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Frieder, has a broken left arm and two fractured vertebrae with complications.

William Kibble, manager at the Alexander Lumber company, lost a part of one thumb and two fingers while using a power saw April 9.

Robert Schlapp of NaAuSay and Stuart Johnson had a head-on collision of their autos last Friday evening. The autos were badly wrecked. Young Schlapp was the more seriously injured and he is a patient in the Copley hospital.

Robert Woodard Jr. was riding his motorcycle in Aurora one noon last week and struck a car which pulled out in front of him. The motorcycle was practically demolished, but young Mr. Woodard came out luckily with contusions and stiffness.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hem are the parents of a girl born April 10 at The Copley hospital.

Yorkville: The Western United Gas & Electric company has an ad in the *Record* this week warning that no gas is available for space heating.

Reichenbacher's of Aurora advertises oil burners on the PPA plan--guaranteeing fuel for purchasers.

Do you remember 'way back when the United States used to be the land of plenty?

Anyway, you will be well advised to look into your fuel situation before you purchase any new heating equipment. Can't tell about coal, either, as long as our dear friend John L. Lewis is dictating to the American people as he is.

Perhaps we won't need to worry though, for at the rate Mr. Truman is going on, the Russians may soon be making it hot for us.

In a large ad from Western United Gas and Electric Company, Kendall County customers were warned that "NO GAS IS AVAILABLE FOR ADDITIONAL SPACE HEATING." The firm contended that a nationwide shortage of steel has prevented manufacture of enough pipe for pipelines to carry gas to northern Illinois.

April 23: Delegates to the Parent-Teacher convention at Peoria April 25-26 include Mrs. Robert Ebinger, Mrs. Jeffery Rogerson, and Mrs. Gerald DuSell.

Seven and one-half inches of rainfall in April before the 21st, so the weatherman said. This makes it late for the farmers to get the oats in, but the sun will shine and the ground warm up and the crops will grow fast after they are in.

Gordon Wormley is coming home from the hospital this week but will be in a cast for some time.

Yorkville: Saturday night is the night we will turn our clocks ahead an hour and enter the Daylight Saving time period of the summer. If you don't turn your clock ahead, bear in mind that most events in these parts will be held on daylight time.

April 30: Six year-old Karen Krug [later Karen Heise] has spent several days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Krug of Yorkville.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hines and Michel of Aurora were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Young Sunday. Michel was bitten by a dog last week and is taking shots as a preventative from further trouble.

On Friday, 24 seniors of the Oswego high school and their teacher, Miss Helen Myers, went to Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Christian of Aurora guided the tour. The group saw a stage play and returned home late that night.

Yorkville: The Yorkville Appliance is holding a session on "Home Freezers" on Wednesday, May 7. The informative meeting will be put on by the Public Service company and users and prospective users will learn how to make the best possible use of this part of the family food storage.

May -- 1947

May 7: Miss Ethel Manley returned April 28 from a six-week 6,000-mile trip to the West coast. Going on the Empire Builder to Oregon, she traveled down the Columbia river and on south along the Pacific ocean to California. She stopped in San Francisco, Berkeley,

Stockton, Los Angeles, and Baxter visiting relatives and friends. Miss Manley stayed over one night at the Grand Canyon, and although she says she enjoyed every minute of this trip that she had been waiting for 30 years to take, she found no better place than the Fox River valley.

Carol Morse, a graduate of Oswego high school in the class of 1941, now a sophomore at the University of Illinois was one of 2,800 high honor students in the convocation Friday, May 2.

Olive Voss Dysart, 80, died May 1 at the St. Joseph hospital in Aurora. She was born Jan. 30, 1867 in Oswego township. Surviving are two nieces, Lela Jarvis of Riverside and Myrtle Jackson of Chicago; one nephew, Harold B. Jarvis of Riverside; two step-daughters, Mrs. Merrill Morse of LaGrange and Mrs. LaVerne Landry of Chicago.

Mrs. Dysart was a member of Aurora chapter of the DAR and a 50-year member of Lorraine chapter No. 70, Order of the Eastern Star. The funeral was held at the Presbyterian church May 3. Burial was in Oswego cemetery.

May 14: The entire community was saddened by the tragic death of 14 month-old George Darrel Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. George Smith, on Tuesday, May 6.

The mother, who was outdoors, was called in by the elder of their two little daughters and found the baby on the floor. Efforts to revive him were in vain, and examination revealed death due probably by a blood clot caused by a hard fall sustained before that time.

Funeral services were held at the Healy chapel on Friday, May 9.

Mrs. Tom Miller of Main street spent the weekend at Crown Point, Ind., with her husband, who has been there for three weeks taking treatments for a form of arthritis.

On Monday, May 12, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carr and family attended the funeral of Mrs. Carr's aged father, Nels Nelson of Plano. He was 90 years old and had lived in that vicinity for many years.

May 21: School closing and graduation exercises for the members of the senior class of the high school are the center of attention here. A large class of seniors will be graduated from the local high school. The Oswego Alumni banquet and program will be held Saturday evening, May 31 at the high school gym.

The annual Junior-senior banquet was held Saturday evening, May 17, in the school gym.

A speech clinic for children was held in Oswego May 13, sponsored by the Kendall county health nurse, Miss Pearl Anderson, RN, with specialists assisting in the work.

Louis B. Wormley, aged 77 years, died May 9. He was born Feb. 6, 1870 at Oswego. He is survived by one son, Lee G. Wormley of Peoria.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 13, with burial in the Oswego cemetery.

Mr. Wormley, of the late John Wormley family, spent his boyhood on a farm on the West River road.

Irving C. Moyer, aged 69, died May 13 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Florence Guddendorf in Aurora. He was born Dec. 12, 1877 near Naperville.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Guddendorf and Mrs. Cecelia Shoger of Aurora, Mrs. Helen Klein of Mendota, and Mrs. Sophia Reid of Oswego; and two sons, Felix and Donald of Oswego; 14 grandchildren; and one sister. His father died last November at the age of 95. His wife died five years ago.

Funeral services were held at the chapel in Naperville. Burial was in the Lincoln Highway cemetery.

Mr. Moyer had many acquaintances in this community as for years he lived near the Squires school and did custom shelling and hauling for the farmers.

Newark: The result of the election held Saturday, May 10, for the proposed community consolidated school district was in favor of the proposal. The proposal includes the Newark grade school district and five adjacent districts comprising the Cassem, Anderson, Sleezer, and Naden districts in Kendall county and the Maple View district in LaSalle county.

Plans are being made for the election of the new school board to be held June 7. A president to serve one year; two directors to serve one year; two directors to serve two years; and two directors to serve three years will be elected.

May 28: Baccalaureate services were held at the Oswego Presbyterian church Sunday evening.

Those graduating on Thursday, May 29, are: Eileen Betzviser, Ina Borneman, Scott Brown, Mary Campbell, Glen Clark, Robert Constantine, Anieta Denney, Emmett Drake, Phyllis Ebinger, Ruth Elliott, Gerald Fechner, Frances Gerry, Eileen Greshaw, John Luettich, Ruby Newman, Myrtle Orr, Grace Phelper, Robert Renner, Lorena Roste, Dale Schillinger, Ross Shoger, Michael Smith, Dolores Songer, Dolores Wackerline, Suzanne Weishew, Joan Wheeler, and Shirley Zwoyer.

The graduates were escorted by Jim Shoger and Cleora Woolley, members of the junior class.

The rain is now news, as it comes nearly every day, or night, or both, but its absence would be of great importance to the farmers.

We regret that some of the items sent in by Mrs. Walker last week had to be omitted. At times, we are badly in need of type which can be tightly compressed. -- The Editors.

Kathy, the 15-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Cherry, returned from the Copley hospital May 22, and is recuperating from a mastoid operation.

A number of Oswegoans attended the Memorial services at NaAuSay Sunday afternoon. Some also went to Lombard to see the beautiful display of lilacs.

Many of the schools are closing this week. The Russell school has a picnic on Thursday. The school, with the teacher, Mrs. Josephine Pratt, closes a successful year. The pupils saw the movie "Jack Armstrong" Saturday.

Newark: The newly organized Newark Consolidated district votes Saturday, June 7, to elect its first board of education.



Board members of the former districts which have consolidated met following the organization of the new district to set up a ballot so that all areas of the district would be represented and voters could exercise a choice.

June -- 1947

June 4: On Sunday afternoon, June 1, at the Weis home on Chicago road in Oswego, Barbara Joyce, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weis, became the bride of James Weber Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Weber of Chicago.

The bridal couple will spend their honeymoon at the Dunes and will reside in Chicago until September when they will both attend Olivet college in Michigan.

The teacher, Mrs. Worland of Aurora, and the pupils and parents of consolidated school district No. 5 [the Walker School] enjoyed a picnic dinner at the school Sunday. School closed last week. Mrs. Worland, who is an excellent teacher, is expected back in September.

Mr. and Mrs. John McMicken received word last week of the birth of their first grandchild, a daughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Foose of Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrison of Garfield avenue have a son, born May 27, at the Copley hospital. The nine-pound boy has been named Charles Scott.

Twenty-seven seniors of the Oswego high school graduated May 29. The exercises were held in the school gym. The music, given by the school chorus and soloists, directed by Reeve Thompson, was excellent. Special awards were presented to 15 pupils by H.B. Tate, the superintendent. A large oil painting, presented to the school by the Clarence Parkhurst family as a memorial for Stewart Parkhurst, a graduate of OHS in 1941 who lost his life in Germany in the late war, was presented by his brother, Melvin. The diplomas were presented to the seniors by president of the board of education Charles Schultz. Mrs. Alva Shuler was the pianist and the Rev. Alan Darling gave the invocation and benediction.

John Paul Bahr, 2-1/2 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Bahr, was run over by a stock truck driven by William Wade of Alexis, on Tuesday evening about 6:30. The lad waited for one truck to pass and then dashed across the road in front of the other, according to witnesses. The driver was unable to miss the boy.

Dr. I.H. Deutsch removed John to the St. Charles hospital where he is suffering with a broken leg, possible skull fracture, abrasions, and bruises. The accident occurred near the Bahr home on Route 34 near Oswego.

NaAuSay: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Foose of Aurora are the parents of an eight pound daughter, born May 27, at the Copley hospital. Mrs. Foose, before her marriage, was Mary McMicken, a graduate of the Copley hospital [School of Nursing]. The baby has been named Jane Anne.

Yorkville: The tentative report of Kendall county's School Survey committee will be ready for distribution to board members, teachers, and other interested citizens some time during the summer. Their meeting last Thursday night was spent in completing the report and proofing the remainder of the tentative draft. The committee, which has been making a study of Kendall county's school district organization since October 1945, is composed of Dana Cryder, chairman, Lisbon township; H.G. Bejelland, vice-chairman, Millbrook; Joseph Anderson, Big Grove township; Homer Brown, Oswego; Simon Dickson, Bristol township; George C Habermeyer, Yorkville; Melvin Henricksen, Plano; Ralph Schlapp, NaAuSay township; and Chester Scott, Kendall township. Charles Clark, county superintendent of schools, serves as secretary. As prescribed by the Survey law, the group has made a "study of the school districts of the county and their organization for the purpose of recommending desirable school reorganization, which will afford better educational opportunities for the pupils and inhabitants of the county, more efficient and economical administration of public schools, and a more equitable distribution of public school revenues.

The committee recommends 10 elementary attendance centers and four high schools. Four administrative districts with boards of education administering both grade and high school would replace

the present dual system composed of 54 elementary districts and four high school districts. It is a further recommendation of the committee that wherever possible, present buildings be used until a more favorable time for new construction.

June 11: The annual Kendall County Flower show, sponsored by the County Federation of Woman's clubs, will be held at the Oswego Presbyterian church annex Thursday, June 19, and the chairmen are Mrs. O.A. Shoger and Mrs. Wilbur Woolley.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gengler returned last week from a week's vacation at Cook, Minn. on Vermilion lake. Mr. and Mrs. Nick Schomer are at the same lake this week.

Norval Tripp, Emmett McCauley, Robert Herren, and Leslie Morse spent the past week on a fishing trip in Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Shoger have a daughter, born at the Copley hospital in Aurora Saturday, June 7. There are four older children in the family, Carl, Alice, Vernon, and Stanley.

Yorkville: Kendall county citizens will have a mobile x-ray unit at their disposal during the week of June 23-27. The unit is scheduled for Plano on Monday and Tuesday, Yorkville on Wednesday, Plattville and Lisbon on Thursday and Oswego on Friday. Free chest x-rays will be conveniently available to all and it is hoped to have a wide participation by the whole county.

The mobile unit is part of the program being offered by the Illinois Department of Public Health in the division of tuberculosis control.

June 18: On Friday, June 13, Culver Cherry exhibited lambs at the Chicago Junior Market Lamb show and won third place on single lambs and 13th place in a pen of three in competition with young people from Wisconsin, Indiana, and Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Reid have a daughter born at the Copley hospital Wednesday, June 11. There is one older child, a son, in the family.

Mrs. LaVerne Shoger and baby Marilyn Jean came home from the hospital Thursday.

June 25: Mr. and Mrs. C.G. Bartholomew have had as their guests her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin from San Bernardino, Calif. This couple hadn't been here for 19 years. They didn't think much of Illinois' June weather.

Don't forget the free TB x-rays in Oswego Friday, June 27.

The flower show held in Oswego on June 19 was very successful. Beautiful flowers were on exhibit, but the list of prizes is not available.

July -- 1947

July 2: On June 28 at the St. Mary's church in Aurora, Dorothy, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Frieders and Gene Ingraham of Aurora were married.

A dinner for the immediate families was served in the home southeast of Oswego and a reception for about 200 was held there. Mrs. Ingraham has been working as a secretary in the wallpaper plant [at Montgomery] and Mr. Ingraham, who served for two years in the army, is an electrician.

The happy couple has gone to Wisconsin for 10 days and have an apartment furnished and ready for occupancy in Aurora.

The marriage of Frances Eileen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J Gerry of Oswego to Henry Theiss Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Theiss of Aurora, took place June 25 at the First Evangelical United Brethren church.

Mrs. Theiss is a graduate of the Oswego high school and Mr. Theiss graduated from Bloomington high school.

Carol Silvius played two piano numbers at a recital given by Mrs. Walborg Swanson in Aurora last week.

Dr. and Mrs. M.R. Saxon have purchased the house on Garfield avenue that used to be the Will Denney home. They will not have immediate possession.

Mr. and Mrs. William Leigh have an eight-pound boy born at the Copley hospital June 26 named Douglas Kent. There is one older son in the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Noggle have a seven-pound daughter, Marmai Carol. These young mothers are cousins, Hafenrichter girls before their marriages, and they are both at the Copley hospital. There is only 20-minute difference in the age of the babies.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Foose (Mary McMicken) had their daughter, Jane Anne, baptized at the Wheatland United Presbyterian church Sunday. The grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Foose of Hinckley and their daughters attended the church services. Mrs. Samuel Foose and baby, who have been staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. "Chuck" McMicken since her return from the hospital, have gone on to their home in Aurora.

Yorkville: Many favorable comments are being made about the new Chevrolet truck on display at the Hayden garage. The truck has new features and new lines--the only drawback is the rarity of the machines. Messrs. Hayden and Schumacher could find homes for a lot of them as they could the passenger cars of the same firm.

July 9: The old schoolmates of the Walker school and a few of their children and grandchildren met for a reunion and picnic supper on the park-like lawn at the Dr. Charles Clark home. Seven of the former pupils of 55 years ago met for their 23rd reunion.

St. Michael's church, Aurora, was the scene of the marriage of Miss Florence Soos, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Soos Sr., to Forrest J. Wooley, son of Mrs. Adele Wooley of Oswego.

Mr. and Mrs. Wooley will reside in Aurora. Mr. Wooley is one of the firm of the Oswego Hardware & Appliance store.

Dr. and Mrs. M.R. Saxon have a son, born July 6 at the Copley hospital. The Saxons have two older children, twin daughters.

July 16: Watts D. Cutter, a lifelong resident of Oswego, died at the Copley hospital Saturday, July 12. He was born Feb. 1, 1869.

Mr. Cutter is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Mary Bickford; four grandchildren, Slade Cutter of Washington, D.C., Louise and Fred of

Los Angeles, Calif., and Watts of Memphis, Tenn.; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Mr. Cutter's wife, Mary, died in 1931; and a son, Watts, died in 1935.

Funeral services were held at the home July 15 with burial in the Oswego cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Turner have a son born July 13 at the Copley hospital. There are three other children in the family, Russell, James, and Sharon.

Janet Shoger, Ann Shuler, Nancy Cherry, Marilyn Blome, Joan Foster, Beverly Bell, Bobby Claassen, Stuart Woolley, Jack Steckel, and Bill Anderson are attending Junior High camp at East Bay, Bloomington this week.

Oswego Boy Scouts Duane Herren, Bill Cutter, Roger Brungart, Donald Tate, Bill Griffin, Terry DuSell, and Donald Vinson are in camp at Camp Blackhawk near Buchanan, Mich. for two weeks. John Luettich, Scout commissioner for this district, took the load to camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Peterson and daughter Virginia are spending a few days on a fishing trip in Canada. Little Vicki is staying with the G.C. Bartholomews.

July 23: Mrs. Russell Turner and infant son Charles Edward returned from the hospital last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Inman have sold their home in Oswego and left for a new home in Phoenix, Ariz., They are going to Arizona because of the health of their son, Clayton. Mr. Inman will continue his carpenter's trade in Phoenix.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Rogerson held open house at their home Sunday, July 20, in observance of their 25th wedding anniversary.

July 30: Mrs. Alma Dodge Beebe of Aurora died at her home July 23 at the age of 81. She was born Sept. 21, 1865 in Oswego and spent her girlhood years here. She is survived by her husband, William; three grandsons; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Healy chapel July 26 with interment in the West Aurora cemetery.

Robert Irvin, colored, of Aurora, 30 years of age, died last week. He was one of the Richard Irvin family, who used to live in Oswego. He and his brothers and sisters attended the Oswego school. He is survived by a wife and children.

Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Morse returned last Sunday from a three-week visit at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Marquardt in Goshen, Ind.

August -- 1947

Aug. 6: Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Denney and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Herren spent several days last week with Dr. and Mrs. L.J. Weishew at their cottage in northern Wisconsin.

Don Pinnow is in camp in North Carolina for two weeks.

Raymond Campbell had three fingers of one hand smashed one day last week while helping Emmett McCauley in haying.

New Oswegoans

Aug. 1: A girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Weidert and named Andrea Kay.

July 31: A daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Hoffman, born at St. Joseph's hospital.

Aug. 2: A girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Haag, born at St. Joseph's hospital, named Judy Ann.

On Sunday afternoon, Aug. 3 at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Wooley, Mildred Woolley became the bride of Jack Vanderlinden of Aurora, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Vanderlinden.

Yorkville: On Thursday, Aug. 14, Kendall County council of the American Legion, in cooperation with the County Board of Supervisors, will dedicate a new plaque on the courthouse lawn at Yorkville. This plaque will replace one now mounted on one of the

largest stones available in the county and dedicated by Dr. Arthur E Lord of Plano on Nov. 11, 1937.

The new plaque, much larger in size, contains the same inscription, but has been redesigned to include veterans of both World Wars as well as dates of both dedications.

Route 34 east of the Yorkville "Y" is undergoing a face lifting. One-way traffic signs are up while the road is being blacktopped, an operation it has needed for some time.

Drivers going east would save time and temper if they would take the north route via the Jericho road, or the 47-126-71 routes south of the river to Oswego.

Aug. 13: The oats harvest is on in full swing this Monday morning, but probably will be nearly finished by the time this item is published. Nearly all the farmers use combines now, so there will be little threshing done around here. Oats are "spotted," some very good, some poor, due to the unusual spring weather and conditions of the soil.

Little old Oswego is now on the map. The Melvin Parkhurst family was chosen as the typical farm family of Illinois in the contest Aug. 9. The name of Oswego has been repeated many times. The community rejoices in the honor shown the Parkhursts. They returned home Tuesday to attend the Aurora chamber of Commerce dinner on Tuesday evening, and will return to the State fair to get their prize Ford auto on Friday.

Another honor to Oswegoans is the assortment of seven ribbons won by the young people of the Howard Shoger family who exhibited six animals at the State fair.

Ralph Johnson is having a silo built on the farm where they live on the Oswego-Plainfield road.

Jimmy Collins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Collins, now of Detroit but who was an Oswego boy, with his wife and four ex-G.I. companions, motored to Anchorage, Alaska, where they may possibly take up claims.



Aug. 20: Glenn Smith of Galesburg, who with his wife and family are vacationing here, won first place in the trombone contest held in Chicago Saturday, and so had the privilege of playing before the crowd of 95,000 at the Chicagoland Music festival held at Soldier field Saturday evening.

Mr. Smith is a teacher of music at Galesburg junior high school, and has been studying for his master's degree in music at Northwestern university this summer.

Beryl Eichelberger, employed at the Kroehler manufacturing company at Naperville, was home the past week, ill with a "strep" sore throat.

Mrs. Lida Bower is leaving Friday, expecting to spend three weeks at Edgewater lodge, Ephraim, Wis. She will go with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hafenrichter, who with Mr. and Mrs. John Baird, will spend the weekend in Wisconsin.

Aug. 27: On Tuesday, Sept. 2, the Oswego Community high school and the Oswego Community Consolidated school will start their fall term. On the first day, students will be dismissed so they may return home by noon.

Several changes have been made in the bus routes and all students affected by the changes have been notified. Both buses will be loaded to capacity this year. Earl Zentmyer and Les Morse will again provide bus transportation.

Both faculties have been complete for some time. The high school staff will consist of Mary Ann Boyd, Barbara Gast, Marilyn Baker, Wayne Neal, Dale Norton, Donald Clark, Reeve Thompson, and H.B. Tate, with Mrs. Doris Schilling, secretary.

The elementary school staff will be Mrs. Thelma Davis, first grade; Mrs. Evelyn Woolley, second grade; Mrs. Minnie McCoy, third grade; Mrs. Lea Runck, fourth grade and part of the fifth grade; Mrs. Harriett Schafer, sixth and part of the fifth grade; Mrs. L.H. Nesemeier and Reeve Thompson, seventh and eighth grades, and H.B. Tate, superintendent.

Mrs. Runck's group will meet in the Presbyterian church annex until the latter part of October when new quarters should be ready at the site on Franklin street [the first phase of construction on the new

high school]. Fifth grade students will be notified whether to report to the annex or the main building the first day.

Eight students from the Squires, six from the Cutter district, and two tuition pupils from Will county will attend the elementary school.

The addition of another room will slightly decrease the size of the middle grade rooms. The continuing increase in enrollment will no doubt cause the addition of still another room in 1948.

The schools have been put in excellent condition during the summer. Rooms redecorated include the commercial room, study hall, library, social science room, main hall in the high school on the first floor, halls at the primary school [Little White School], the third grade room and gymnasium. The junior high school has been relighted. All floors have been renovated.

This is the time of year to clear out crossroad corners and perhaps thereby save serious accidents. In many places, the tall corn or weeds or trees obstruct the view of approaching cars.

Milton Penn of Adams street was seriously injured one day last week where he is employed at the Barber-Green Manufacturing company plant in Aurora. He was showing a machine to a prospective customer and someone turned the power on. One arm was caught in the conveyor and dislocated and injuries to the other parts of the body were incurred. He was taken to the Copley hospital for treatment.

Walter Boffenmeyer has sold his residence on Route 31, and with Mrs. Boffenmeyer and daughter Joy, has moved to Aurora. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Nelson purchased the country home and with their two children have now moved there. Mr. Nelson is an Aurora attorney.

September -- 1947

Sept. 3: The Rev. and Mrs. Alan Darling entertained the young people going to college this fall at a buffet supper at their home  
Aug. 26.

Those present and the colleges they will attend are as follows: Patricia Campbell, Carl Morse, Sue Weishew, and Scott Brown to the University of Illinois; Charlene Schultz and Ralph Sanderson,

Northwestern university; Mary Lou Campbell, National College of Education in connection with Northwestern university; Joan Brown, University of Minnesota; Ross Shoger, North Central; Anieta Denney, MacMurray college at Jacksonville; Nancy Olson to Kent university, Ohio; Ellen Mighell, Butler university, Indianapolis; David Shoger, University of Illinois Chicago school of dentistry; Barbara Woolley, Western Illinois Teachers' college at Macomb; John Herren, Bradley Tech, Peoria.

Invited but unable to attend were John Palmer, Knox college, Galesburg; Stanley Herren, school of optometry, Chicago; Alice Baker, nurse's training at Copley hospital; Bill Wayne, Bradley Tech; James Steckel, University of Illinois school of dentistry; Alberta Gates, Marysville college, Tennessee; Don Palmer, University of Arizona, Temple; Dean Campbell, Northwestern university; Wayne Sanderson, University of Illinois; and David Hemphill, Michigan State college.

An incomplete list for Oswego includes Phyllis Ebinger and Richard Young going to North Central; John Luettich to Illinois State Normal; Bob Renner to an art school, the Ray Vogue school in Chicago.

On Aug. 28, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Jitchn. Mrs. Jitchn, then Jean Yamashita, was Elaine Smith's nurse in Honolulu when Miss Smith was hospitalized for two months, critically ill with tropical typhoid.

The nurse and her husband, who was a member of the famous 42nd (American-Japanese) division, which made a valiant march through Italy in the war, are touring the U.S. and were disappointed in not finding Miss Elaine at home, but Mrs. Jitchn was acquainted with Mr. Smith, who was at his daughter's bedside in Honolulu for six weeks during her illness. Miss Smith, a check hostess with TWA airlines, is now located in Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis McCauley (the former Sarah Parkhurst of Oswego) are the parents of a daughter, Phyllis Kay, born at the Copley hospital Aug. 27. Mrs. McCauley and baby will return from the hospital and stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parkhurst, a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Silvius and Mr. and Mrs. Logan Harvey spent the weekend at the Wisconsin Dells.

Russell Cutter, drapery man for movies at Hollywood, visited Mrs. May Cutter and Mrs. Mary Cutter Bickford Aug. 26. He left here to visit his father, Slade Cutter, in Minneapolis. Slade has been an invalid for some time.

SY 1-C Fred Claassen from the USS Boxer, Coronado Island out of San Diego, Calif., is home on a 30-day leave, the first time he has been home in 14 months.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bartholomew exhibited some of their antiques at the antique show and sale at St. Charles last week.

Yorkville: The new styles for women's wear are certainly designed to cover up a multitude of sins. Must have been designed by a hideous looking gal with bow legs. We wouldn't blame the women of America for refusing to wear the longer dresses, even though they are the style. They sure are horrible.

Sept. 10: A group of 24 Ward Baking company employees enjoyed a chicken fry at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ode on Jackson street in their yard around the fireplace Sunday evening.

Another name to add to the list of Oswego college young people is that of Walton Perkins Jr., who will resume his studies at the Landon boys' preparatory school in Washington, D.C. this fall. This makes 30 from Oswego, and still the list grows.

Again the plea is made to clean out the crossroad fence corners before accidents happen.

J. Fred Reeve, before World War II the ag teacher in Oswego, now farming at Barry, came to visit Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Morse Friday and was included in the birthday celebration held for Mr. Morse.

It's our opinion that the "Rural Woman" has an easier time getting her column than your correspondent has. She can write incidents of her Johnny and Sue and the Grandpa and even draw conclusions from household items, while we try to contact the folks on all the different roads and they are either in the basement laundry or

going shopping on Monday morning. Not much news this week. Everyone just rushed with work, but isn't it lovely weather; and there is sugar to can the plentiful supply of fruit.

Yorkville: Received word that our new Linotype has been shipped. It should be arriving soon. Then expoit [experts] of the Mergenthaler company will come and get it in operation. Then Ye Scribe will start wearing it out. We are all expectation.

Sept. 17: Mr. and Mrs. Archie Price, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Woolley of Wheatland, spent several days over the weekend visiting friends in Iowa.

Albert Shiffer and Ralph Smith spent two days last week getting a new truck body for Shiffer's new Chevrolet truck from East St. Louis.

There are many cases of whooping cough in Oswego.

Most everyone and his brother attended the Wheatland plowing match Saturday, There was a great display of machinery, household appliances, corn, Oats, and wheat, garden vegetables, and prize-winning baked goods and sewing in the woman's tent, besides the attraction of the plowing and a fried chicken and ham dinner under the dining tent.

Yorkville: The Fox River Valley sweepstakes Coon Dog Field trials will be held on Sept. 20-21 on the Sherman Budd farm, 5 miles southwest of Yorkville. There is a guaranteed finals purse of \$800. Entries close Sept. 21 at 10 a.m. Admission is 50 cents, children free.

The Kendall County School Survey committee has filed its tentative report with County Superintendent of Schools C.W. Clark. The committee, which started its study in October 1945, has recommended four community districts in which boards of education would administer the program for both grade and high school. Many of the present building would be needed at the outset but eventually the educational needs could best be met with 12 elementary schools and four high schools. Elementary attendance centers are recommended at Millbrook, Plattville, Bristol Station, Millington, Lisbon, the Jones school, Plano, Yorkville, Oswego,

Newark, and two undetermined sites, one in NaAuSay township and another in eastern Oswego township near the county line. All the districts but one would have more than one attendance center. Transportation should be provided, according to the report, for all children, both grade and high school who reside at a distance from the school. Elementary children should not be required to travel more than 30 minutes each half day, and high school no more than 45.

Such districts will be able to economically provide a modern school program with instruction in music, art, home economics, agriculture, and general shop work.

A number of public hearings will be held in the county, at which those interested may be heard.

Sept. 24: The Oswego Community high school announces the three casts for one-act plays to be given in the Oswego gym on Friday, Oct. 10.

This event, known as the Junior Frolic, will be a contest between the freshman, sophomore, and senior play casts. The winning cast will be selected by a vote of the adults in the audience.

The new school building being constructed on Franklin street should be finished in another month if the weather permits. All the materials are now on hand. Thus far, the contractor has been able to stay within his original bid on the project.

Roger Rink, freshman at Oswego high school, made an excellent showing in the junior barrow [a young male castrated pig] show. Roger won third with his pen of three, and fifth with his pen of five.

The Oswego football squad swung back into hard work Monday, Sept. 22, following a week of inactivity due to Coach Neal's absence. Coach Neal returned Thursday following the funeral of his father.

The officers for the classes at the Oswego Community high school now have been selected. They are as follows:

Senior class officers: Cleora Woolley, president; Jim Hutchings, and Joanne Herren, student council; Beverly Woolley, treasurer; Gladys Krmaschek, secretary; and Joan Ode, vice-president.

Junior class officers: George Hettrich, president; Joanne Luettich and Robert Gilmour, student council; Clay Cutter, treasurer; Joyce Bumpus, secretary; Darlene Martin, vice-president.

Sophomore class officers: Richard Hutchings and Nan Weishew, student council; Eugene Herren, president; and Joanne Wheeler, secretary-treasurer.

Freshman class officers: Janet Shoger and David King, student council; William McCauley, president; Sylvia Ebinger, secretary-treasurer.

Yorkville: In an effort to reduce the toll of death and injuries caused by dangerous war souvenirs, the President issued a statement establishing safety committees. To effect the objectives of the President's proclamation, War Trophies Safety committees have been formed throughout the United States. The members of the local committee are Col. John J Breen, U.S. Army Capt R.A. Cofer Jr., U.S. Navy; Thomas Bailey, investigator in charge, Alcohol tax unit, Treasury department; and Francis W. Parker, president of the National Rifle association.

These souvenirs include shells, mines, grenades, booby traps, machine guns, sub-machine guns, rifles and pistols of all descriptions. Hardly a day passes that newspapers do not report accidental killings by guns whose owners report that they "didn't know it was loaded."

October -- 1947

October 1: Mrs. Augusta Shoger, aged 89, died Saturday, Sept. 27, at her home [on Washington Street] in Oswego. She was born June 23, 1858 in Germany and came to the United States when but a child. Mrs. Shoger is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Pansy Walper of Oswego, Mrs. Daisy Burkhardt of Aurora, and Mrs. Carrie Miller of Los Angeles, Calif.; 15 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Oswego Federated church.

Funeral services were held at the McKeown funeral home in Oswego Monday afternoon and the Federated church with the Rev. James bunch officiating. Burial was in the Oswego cemetery beside her husband, who died in 1928.

Mrs. Shoger loved flowers and children and in their young years she and her husband adopted several children and brought them up as their own. She was a good Christian woman and in late years as she sat beside her radio crocheting, she enjoyed the religious programs.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Pierce have sold their little home near Pavilion and moved in with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.B. Stephens for the winter. They expect to go on a farm for themselves in the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cherry and Mr. and Mrs. Myron Wormley attended the football game at Champaign Saturday.

Two hundred women attended the annual Home bureau meeting held in the Oswego Presbyterian church last Thursday.

Yorkville: The county public hearing of the tentative report of the Kendall County School Survey committee will be held in the Yorkville school gym Tuesday, Oct 7, at 8 p.m. David Lindstrom, state chairman of the Illinois Rural Education committee, will be the principal speaker. He will speak on "The Need for Reorganization and the Possibilities in Illinois for Modern Administrative School Systems."

A number of local community hearings are also being arranged by the survey committee. These will be held at Plano, Newark, Oswego, Millbrook, Plattville, Millington, Bristol Station, the Bronk school, the Willow Hill school, and at the Seward Town hall.

Oct. 8: On Monday evening, Sept. 29, Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Robison and their two little children of Aurora, were driving on Route 25 in their new auto purchased that afternoon. A spark from a cigarette caught in Baby Cynthia's blanket, and in trying to brush it off, Mr. Robinson lost control of the auto and it struck a culvert guard and was thrown off the highway. None of the family was seriously injured. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson received facial injuries and the little folks had bumped heads.

The gasoline from the auto burned and the Oswego Fire department put out the fire, washing the burning gasoline into the river. The auto was greatly damaged but was not completely wrecked. Mr. Robinson had had his insurance transferred to cover the new auto.



There was no school in District 5 (formerly the Walker school) Sept. 30. The teacher, Mrs. Leo Worland of Aurora, was entertaining for their son, Franklin, who was recently awarded a Rhodes scholarship and is now aboard the Queen Elizabeth on the way to England. Franklin graduated from east Aurora high school in 1942, enlisted in the Marine V-12 in 1944, and was discharged upon his graduation from Colgate in February 1946. Mrs. Worland is highly regarded in the local school, here she is teaching for her third year.

Mr. and Mrs. Delos Miller of Park avenue have returned from their west coast trip. They sold their auto and returned by train.

Yorkville: The familiar picture above, that of the former Cross Evangelical Lutheran church, will no doubt appear in print for the last time in this issue of the *Kendall County Record*.

Those who have passed the church in the last few weeks will have noticed that it is being remodeled. It will henceforth be a modern and serviceable brick structure, completely renovated also as far as the interior is concerned.

Oct. 15: Oswego people were shocked by the auto tragedy of Oct. 10, when Mrs. Merrill Wolf was instantly killed. The auto she was driving returning from Aurora where she had been at her aunt's home, was wrecked on a culvert and hitting a tree on Route 25.

Mrs. Wolf was accompanied by their 3 year-old daughter, June Anne, who was seriously injured. No one saw the accident and it is not definitely known what caused it.

Mrs. Ruth C. Wolf, aged 30 years, died Oct. 10, 1947 in Kane county. She is survived by her husband, Merrill; and two daughters, Linda Mae and June Anne of Oswego; and a brother, William Baumann of Aurora.

Private funeral services were held at the McKeown funeral home Oct. 13. Burial was in the Lincoln Highway cemetery.

The Oswego High school Junior Frolic at the Oswego school gym last Friday evening was given according to the program in last week's paper.

The plays presented by the freshman, sophomore, and senior classes were all splendid, with the senior play receiving the most votes and being awarded first place.

Yorkville: According to information we received straight from the feed box, the Oswego American Legion has bought a home in Oswego and will make it their permanent headquarters. Such things cost money and the Legionnaires are requesting that any who care to contribute anything from 50 cents to \$1,000 toward the purchase of this home may do so by addressing it to Robert Johnson, Oswego, or by giving the money to any member of the Oswego Legion post.

Oct. 22: Little June Anne Wolf is slowly improving from the recent auto accident in which her mother met her death.

Mrs. Geo. D. Smith is on an extended airplane tour with her daughter, Miss Elaine Smith.

Yorkville: Many of our local people have been enjoying the International Harvester show in Chicago. The show is high in educational and entertainment value and is thoroughly enjoyed by those attending.

Oct. 29: Word was sent to the Rev. Alan Darling of the Oswego Presbyterian church of the death of Elizabeth Corbett Craighead widow of Dr. James R.E. Craighead, late of Saltsburg, Pa. Mrs. Craighead passed away Oct. 13.

Mrs. Craighead was born in Chefoo, China, June 3, 1869. Services were held in the Saltsburg Presbyterian church Oct. 15.

Dr. and Mrs. Craighead spent 11 years at the Oswego church some years ago and leave many friends in this vicinity.

Mrs. Hannah Davis, age 97, died Saturday morning, Oct. 25, following a short illness. She was born in Greenville, Mich. Aug. 27, 1850. She was the oldest resident of Oswego and until recently was active and alert, though very deaf.

Mrs. Davis had made her home with her granddaughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Rogerson, for the past 23 years.

Mrs. Davis is survived by one stepson, Bert Davis of Yorkville; one step-daughter, Mrs. Edward Luebeake of Naperville; one sister, Mrs. Jessie Clark of Quincy; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the McKeown funeral home Oct. 26. Burial was in the Oswego cemetery.

Henry Oesterrriech, the genial "breadman" who delivers bread and pastries in this part of Kendall county is driving a beautiful new blue truck, one of five drivers of the 25 delivery trucks to have a 1947 Chevrolet.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Billie Denney, a boy, Oct. 25, at the Copley hospital. The little fellow is named Richard Wayne.

I'll not lose my happy home, but I may lose some of my good friends who noticed that the news items they gave me last week were not printed.

The Halloween fair at the Oswego school Oct. 31. Supper served 5-7:30. Program 8:15-9:15. Booths include harvest sale, white elephant sale, candy, popcorn, taffy apples, and games with prizes.

Mr. and Mrs. M.R. Steckel and Jack motored to Buchanan, Mich. Saturday in their new Ford.

Yorkville: Congressman William J. Stratton called on us Tuesday afternoon. He was on his way to Rockford to hear Joe Martin speak in the evening.

November -- 1947

Nov. 2: Mrs. John Haben and baby daughter of Little York are spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Woolley.

Clareta Walker, rural youth specialist from the university spent a few hours with Oswego home folks Oct. 30 and 31 between rural youth meetings at Woodstock and Yorkville.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Krug entertained the Thompson-Kies club of the Fox River valley at a chicken dinner Sunday.

The Rev. and Mrs. Alan Darling are spending several days in Rochester, N.Y. this week attending a national convocation of town and country church pastors. The Rev. Mr. Darling will speak to some 1,500 ministers on the subject, "The Country Minister's Task."

Twelve young people from the Presbyterian church, the pastor, the Rev. Alan Darling, and Howard Shoger attended a Youth rally at the Mendota church Sunday afternoon and evening.

Nov. 12: (Note: Folio lines listing Nov. 19 are incorrect)

The Busy Bee club met Nov. 5 with Mrs. Joseph Paydon. The roll call was answered with suggestions for decorating the Thanksgiving dinner table. Miss Genevieve Updike gave the lesson on the making of lamp shades.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Vern Schultz of Main street, have a daughter, born Nov. 4, and named Lynne Ellen. There is one other child in the family, 8 year-old Barbara Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. John Staffeldt and two youngest daughters, Arlene and Joan, are leaving Nov. 16 for Rhinelander, Wis., where they and her sister and husband of Chicago have purchased the Dinner club and will operate it together. The Staffeldts' oldest daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. James Probst, still live on the home farm.

The Oswego Legion post has purchased the Augusta Shoger residence on Washington street and are remodeling it for a Legion Memorial home to be used by the Legion and the Legion auxiliary.

John Gengler, 19 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gengler, was injured when returning from work one evening last week. The car he was driving ran into the rear of a stalled gravel truck.

Nov. 19: David, 11 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Rogerson, fell in the boys' shower room at school last Wednesday, striking his head on the concrete floor and suffering a slight concussion.

A number of Oswegoans attended the Skaggs-Hafenrichter wedding in Aurora Saturday evening. The bride was Ruth Hafenrichter,

formerly of Oswego township. [Ruth Hafenrichter married Beverly Skaggs.]

Mrs. George D. Smith returned last week from a most delightful experience traveling for three weeks with her daughter, Elaine, who is a TWA flight hostess instructor. Starting at Kansas City, which is Miss Elaine's headquarters, they flew to Boston, New York, and Washington, sightseeing in these cities and then back to Kansas City. Starting again, they stopped at Albuquerque, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hise (Hazel Wolf), Mr. and Mrs. Burton Smith (Doris Eliason), and Mr. and Mrs. F.H. Edwards. Later, flying to Portland, Ore., they visited Mrs. Smith's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Hafenrichter.

Robert Johnston attended the Legion commander college at Bloomington Nov. 15-16.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Sleezer are rejoicing over the birth of a granddaughter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey [sic.; should be Harley] Swanquist of Aurora. The little one, born Nov. 6, has been named Nancylou Faith.

Nov. 26: Everything covered with a nice white blanket Monday morning, Nov. 24. The evergreen trees were beautiful, the tall dry phlox, roses, Chrysanthemums, etc. had blossomed out in white, as beautiful as in the summer colors. But it wasn't so nice to travel, nor for the farmers who have much husking to be done.

The Thanksgiving concert presented by the Oswego school under the direction of Reeve Thompson Sunday afternoon was exceptionally good. The grade school band made its first appearance with two selections. The band, orchestra, and glee clubs made a fine showing and presented good music.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nutt Sr. of Madison street were in an auto accident Saturday evening in Aurora. An auto coming from a cross street struck their auto, damaging the fender and a rear wheel.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Marklein announce the engagement of their daughter, Verna Viola, to Arthur H. Schmidt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmidt of Oswego.

J. Clarence Cherry, prominent retired farmer, passed away in the Copley hospital the first of the week following a brief illness at the age of 74 years. He was born in Oswego Oct. 4, 1873, and farmed in the Oswego community most of his life.

Surviving are his widow, Ruth S., to whom he was united in marriage 51 years ago in August; three sons, John F. and Robert S. of Oswego, and Daniel J. of Dayton, Ohio; three daughters, Mrs. Deborah Hall of Yorkville, Mrs. Carol Cryer of El Paso, Ill., and Mrs. Helene Gabel of Oswego; and 17 grandchildren. A son, Clarence, who died in infancy, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Healy chapel in Aurora. Interment was in Riverside cemetery.

December -- 1947

Dec. 3: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fuller and daughter Pamela of Park avenue were guests at the home of their aunt in Evanston on Thanksgiving.

Little June Wolf is recuperating from the tragic auto accident when her mother met her death a few weeks ago.

Mrs. Andrew Peterson and daughter Norma Jean moved from their former home to the three-room apartment in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Sergerson on Madison street.

Dec. 10: On Dec. 4, Mrs. Francis Campbell and little daughter, accompanied by Aurora friends, attended the play "Christmas Carols," given by pupils of the Bardwell school in Aurora.

At the junior frolic in the school gym in October, the senior class won in the drama contest and on Dec. 10, celebrated their victory by attending the stage play, "Annie Get Your Gun."

Does your boy want a train? Plenty of wind-up trains, \$4.50, at Shuler's Drug Store, Oswego.

Yorkville: Here's a late flash -- Mr. and Mrs. Allen O. Brady are the happy parents of a son, Douglas Allen, born at 7:30 this morning at the Copley hospital in Aurora. Mother (the former Miss Jean Fitzsimmons) and papa doing fine.

Dec. 17: Winston, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cather, has received his honorable discharge from the navy and returned home. He had enlisted for two years and has been stationed at Adak, Alaska. Mr. and Mrs. Cather have four other sons, all in the army in the late war. All were overseas and all returned safely.

Christmas Seals may be purchased at the Martha-Jane dress shop on Main street.

Yorkville: Did it ever occur to you that if the Communists would put forth as much effort in advancing the cause of Jesus as they do in serving Bloody Joe they could do a lot of good in the world.

Stafford Motor Sales, Lake and Holbrook in Aurora, was advertising a 1946 Pontiac Torpedo 4-door. "Like new, with radio, heater."

Dec. 24: The freshman home ec class of the Oswego high school entertained the mothers of the FHA girls and the members of the grade and high school faculties at a Christmas tea Thursday at the home e house.

The Russell school, with the teacher, Mrs. Josephine Pratt, had their Christmas program in the XIX Century club rooms Monday, Dec. 22.

The pupils of District No. 5 and their teacher, Mrs. Worland of Aurora, presented a Christmas program in the Masonic dining room Tuesday evening.

The Wormley school, with the teacher, Mrs. Gertie Heffelfinger, presented an excellent Christmas program at the schoolhouse Friday evening, Dec. 19.

Dec. 31: Leslie Peshia, rural mail carrier who has carried the Oswego mail for the past 30 Christmas seasons, says that the mail on Dec. 22 was the most handled in the Oswego post office in all that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ebinger and daughters were made very happy on Christmas day when their son and brother, Warren, came home from Japan, having received his honorable discharge at Camp Stoneman, Calif. He has had a wonderful experience in the service, in travel, and in living in Japan and thinks the Army of Occupation has done much for the Japanese situation.

H.B. Tate has just moved into the brick house at the corner of Route 34 and Garfield avenue. This property was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Tate and Mrs. Harriett Clarke from Ernest Davis. Mr. Davis has moved to Pekin. Mrs. Clarke will occupy the upstairs apartment and plans to move from Altona today (Dec. 31). Mrs. Clarke is Mrs. Tate's mother.

Henry E Starke has been employed to coach athletics and teach history at Oswego high school. He will move into the house recently vacated by H.B. Tate.

Wayne Neal, coach at Oswego High for the past year and a half, has resigned to assume the business left by his father. He and his brother will operate the Studebaker agency and garage at Tuscola. In his first year at Oswego, Coach Neal's basketball team won half their games, and this year has won five out of nine. He reintroduced football at Oswego this year, winning two out of five games played. Mr. Neal's father died this fall and the heavy volume of business make it imperative that Mr. Neal take over his duties in Tuscola.

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January

Jan. 7: Where is the person who said, "Give me the good old days?" How did you like the sample we had last week and still have in come instances on Jan. 5 following the New Year's storm of rain, ice, high wind, more rain, and then snow.



The landscape was beautiful, like a white fairyland. Everywhere every tree and shrub bending low with the weight. The electric and telephone wires, and in some places the poles, broken by the high wind of Jan. 1. So no telephone service, no electricity, and so no radio, no lights, no water from electric pumps, no stoker or oil heater running, no refrigerator nor deep freeze, nor washing machine going, and for the dairymen, no help from the milking machines. Interesting stories are heard of the troubles on the farms. Those having Western United service were more fortunate, as their electricity was only off about 24 hours in this vicinity. But the poles of the Public Service company are down in places and there will probably be no service for several days.

Some families ate cold lunches and warmed the baby's milk on the furnace, reconverted from an oil-burner to a hand-fired coal and cob furnace. Some went "home to mother," cooked their meals. Many had to haul water for livestock.

Will our city friends and our California and Florida subscribers please take notice? Just the same, WE LIKE Illinois.

We at our house were more fortunate than some. We have a cook stove and a coal furnace, a cistern pump, and kerosene lamps in the attic, and even a lantern hanging in the shop. We did have to go to the relatives for another lamp chimney and drinking water, and were most fortunate in being lent a portable radio after a deep and gloomy silence for four days.

Life on the farm is SO monotonous, the same grind day after day, with nothing to break the monotony! Who said that???

A number were quite ill with intestinal flu during the past week.

Do you have your income tax figured up?

The schools are again open and the college young folks have returned to their respective colleges after the holiday vacation.

On Saturday, Jan. 3, Miss Mary Wolf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Wolf, became the bride of Ray Leifheit, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Leifheit of Yorkville at a quiet home wedding.

The wedding party had a wedding supper at the Silver Tea Pot in Aurora and a reception was held afterward at the home.

Jan. 14: Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. Eichelberger announce the engagement of their daughter, Beryl Blossom, to Frederick L. Hagerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hagerman of Plainfield.

Robert McMicken has been having a siege of chicken pox, a Christmas gift from their nephew, Ronnie Keck of Aurora.

Martha and Richard Schlapp of School District No. 5 have measles, and others are ill as there were nine absent from school Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gengler and sons Duane and David have a new auto and enjoyed a trip south during the holidays, sightseeing and visiting relatives. They went to New Orleans and just into Texas and home via a different route. One might call it a "busman's holiday," as Mr. Gengler has driven many miles a day for seven years carrying the school children of District 5.

The annual banquet of the Busy Bee club was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Condon Jan. 7. A pot luck supper was enjoyed by more than 50.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Leifheit have returned home from their wedding trip and are keeping house in a home on Jackson street.

Yorkville: The new building of the Yorkville "Y" market is taking on very imposing proportions and if the interior matches the exterior, shoppers will find a very modern market.

Earl Zentmyer of the motor sales of the same name is feeling pretty good about the new Ford trucks, which he will have in shortly. He joins us in trying to dream up what the new Ford passenger cars will look like.

Jan. 21: Far back in the 1800s, my grandmother used to say, "When the days begin to lengthen, the cold begins to strengthen," and the saying still holds good as we had some below zero weather last week. But how thankful all must be for fuel and plenty to eat. The Reader's Digest says the Europeans say it isn't so bad to be hungry if one can

be warm, and it isn't so bad to be cold if one has plenty to eat, but to be cold and hungry at the same time is awful.

Mr. and Mrs. David Wead and baby of Garfield avenue sold their residence to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Woolley and have moved to California. Mr. and Mrs. Pitmas and child from Milwaukee have rented the house and moved in. Mr. Pitmas is employed by the Ford organization.

A formal initiation was held in the Home Economics house Jan. 15 honoring the new members joining the Future Homemakers of America club.

Jan. 28: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kruger announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary, to Glen Tooley, son of Fran Tooley of Aurora. The wedding took place Jan. 24.

Mrs. Tooley is a graduate in the class of 1946, Oswego high school, and has been employed in the Pictorial Paper corporation, Aurora. Mr. Tooley is an ex-GI of World War II, having served in the European theatre. He is now employed at the Lyon Metal Products company.

After a short wedding trip they will be at home with Mrs. Tooley's parents on Madison street, Oswego.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Woolley have moved from Aurora to the Leigh cottage on Route 31. Mr. Woolley, always an Oswegoan until the housing shortage took him to Aurora with his bride last year, is the junior partner with A.J. Hettrich in the Oswego Hardware store.

Robert Herren went to the International Stock show in Denver last week. He shipped home a carload of fine cattle.

Forty farmers attended the third meeting of the adult class Thursday, Jan. 22 at the Oswego school to hear P.H. Wittrey discuss tractors. Mr. Wittrey is service manager for the International Harvester.

Yorkville: Mr. Ralph Burkhart of Oswego is awaiting the delivery of the new 1948 Pontiac--we can't say when it will arrive but can guess it won't remain in the showroom long when it does.

Local dealers would like to see the day when their deliveries from the factory will equal the demands of their customers. We, too, would welcome that day and hope it arrives soon.

One thing holding up the manufacture of such items is steel--there is a real shortage and General Motors is to launch a drive for scrap metal shortly.

February -- 1948

Feb. 4: You were not in fashion last week without a few frozen water pipes or a case of the flu. We had both at our home and a part broken on the pump motor thrown in for good measure. This was one January without a "January thaw." It must have been a record for something or other--maybe on the coal bin!

At the Robert Ebinger home over the weekend, Warren Ebinger entertained two of his North Central college classmates, Don Miller and Duane Bennis.

A class on elementary sewing will be offered this year by the vocational home economics department of the Oswego high school. The first class meeting was held on Monday evening of this week at the home economics house.

Mrs. Lewis McLaren has been ill recently.

Many of the Oswego little folks have measles.

A fire completely destroyed the residence on the farm adjoining the Murley Wheeler farm and owned by the wheelers last Sunday afternoon. This residence is more easily identified as the former of home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Campbell. The Plainfield and Oswego Fire departments were both on the scene, but lack of water hindered all efforts to extinguish the conflagration.

Henry E. Starks, new coach and history teacher at Oswego high school, assumed his duties on Jan. 1. He is a graduate of Taylorville high school, graduating with the class of '39. He spent two years at

the State Teachers' college at LaCrosse, Wis., before enlisting in the U.S. Navy. After three and a half years service he returned to LaCrosse where he has just completed his degree. Mr. Starks is married and has a two year old daughter.

Ruth Place, new English and girls' physical education instructor, is a graduate of Lyons township high school and the University of Chicago.

Feb 11: Word was received last week of the death on Feb. 3 of John Goheen of the agricultural institute of Allahabad, India. Mr. Goheen was a brother-in-law of Mrs. James Craighead and the family has visited in Oswego many times.

On Saturday, Feb. 7, Carol Jean Panikis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Panikis of Park avenue, became the bride of Glenn Ray lippy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Lippy of Washington street. The groom served two years in the armed forces, located for some time in Japan. After receiving his honorable discharge, he came back to his former position with Barber-Greene in Aurora. Mr. and Mrs. Lippy will live for the present in the home of his sister, Mrs. Abens, in Oswego.

The Oswego Scouts observed the 38th anniversary of the founding of Scouting by attending the Presbyterian church morning service on Feb. 8. The Boy Scouts and their Scoutmaster, Richard Young, filled a section of the auditorium.

Miss Beryl Blossom Eichelberger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Eichelberger of Oswego, became the bride of Frederick L. Hagerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hagerman of Plainfield Saturday night at Grace Evangelical United Brethren church in Naperville. Following the ceremony, there was a reception at the West Lockport Genaners hall. Following a two-week trip, the couple will reside at the County club in Plainfield.

Yorkville: The world was shocked to learn of the assassination of Gandhi last week. His actions had made him a respected figure throughout the world.

We wish there were more like Gandhi in this country who really had the common good at heart and not the project of "feathering their own nests."

Feb. 18: The newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dhuse moved into their home on Chicago road Feb. 14, and in the evening her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Schoenauer of Plainfield and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dhuse and daughter were guests in the home.

At the present time, there is a serious epidemic of measles in the Oswego public schools. Alto, there are several cases of chicken pox. Earlier this year, the school had an epidemic of whooping cough.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Schomer and children have moved to a cottage recently purchased on Route 34.

Fox hunting has been the latest sport. Harold Bower shot one Sunday while hunting with a group of other men, and he shot two the week previously.

Yorkville: A frozen gas main shut off gas from Aurora south to customers in Montgomery, Oswego, and Yorkville.

Feb. 27: A pretty Valentine wedding was held at the Oswego Presbyterian church Feb. 14 when Miss Shirley Zwoyer, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zwoyer of Oswego, was united in marriage with Wayne Neal, son of Mrs. Earl Neal of Tuscola. The bride is a graduate of Oswego high school and until her marriage was employed at the Northern Trust company in Aurora. The bridegroom spent four an a half years in the navy and was discharged with the rank of lieutenant. For the past year and a half, he has taught in the Oswego high school and was coach for the football and basketball teams. After a honeymoon trip through the western states and Mexico, they will live in Tuscola, where Mr. Neal has an automobile agency and garage with his brother, James.

The beautifully decorated gymnasium of the high school was the scene Saturday night of the Colonial ball sponsored by the GAA, the FHA, and the PTA.

Myron Wormley and his 6 year-old son Jim miraculously escaped death or serious injury Friday evening, Feb. 20, when their parked auto was hit head-on and thrown across the highway.

Mr. Wormley was going to a basketball game and taking his son as a promised treat. He had parked his auto off the highway and was out and a few feet away from the car, wishing to see Kenneth Ricketts on an errand, leaving Jim in the backseat when an auto coming toward him ran head-on into the Wormley auto, a new one last November. Mr. Wormley was struck by something that spun him around and knocked him down, but he was able to get up and got to his auto, which was forced across the highway and see to Jim. Jim escaped with only a slight head wound. The auto was badly damaged and the other auto, occupied by three men, was a wreck.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Springstead of Millington have a furniture store on the Main Street business block.

March -- 1948

March 3: What a lamb-like March first--but beware of the lion.

The Kendall County Home bureau play day held in the Presbyterian annex Feb. 27 was a pleasant affair. Slides in Technicolor of northern Illinois landmarks were shown in the forenoon.

On March 12, the Oswego Presbyterian church will observe its 95th anniversary. A pot luck supper will be served and a program will be given by Dr. Horace Larsen of Chicago, a former pastor. There will be a play on the history of the church and special music.

Mrs. Velma Young Tate is one of the contributors in the March *Household*, the author of an article on the radio, written in a humorous vein. Mrs. Tate, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Young, is the mother of three lively young sons, but finds time to write both prose and poetry.

Mrs. Laura Helene Ricketts Rehm of St. Charles, who spent her girlhood on the Ricketts farm on Route 31, lost her husband,

Warren, Feb. 29. His death was caused by a tropical disease contracted in World War II. He is survived by his wife and 10-day old son, Donald Warren Rehm.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schillinger and sons of Wheatland township have moved into the home on Main street purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Clare Parkhurst.

School board members of the Oswego-NaAuSay area will meet with the Kendall County School Survey committee Monday night, March 8, at the Oswego high school.

Luther Black, assistant state superintendent of public instruction and secretary of the state advisory commission on reorganization, will be present to discuss proposed plans for school redistricting in this area.

March 10: Mrs. Charles Garrison of Garfield avenue was a hospital patient two days last week, suffering with an infection in one hand. Their little folks, as well as many other Oswego children, have recently been ill with the diseases of childhood.

Albert Schmidt, 44, died March 1 at the St. Joseph's hospital. He had been in poor health, though he continued in his employment at the Conkey gravel pit. He was stricken while at work and lived but a short time afterward.

He is survived by his widow, Nellie and one daughter, Mrs. Bette Wright; one granddaughter Pamela Wright; two sisters, Mrs. Grace Engelthaler of Yorkville and Mrs. Julia Mitchell of Aurora.

Funeral services were held March 4 at the Federated church, of which he was a member. Interment was in the Lincoln Highway cemetery.

Mrs. Willis Plapp (Margaret Norris) of Milwaukee came to the home of her brother, Warren Norris, March 7, and with them attended the funeral services held for their uncle, Jake Thorsen at Leland.

Other Oswegoans attended the funeral as well. A number of years ago, Mr. Thorsen conducted the funeral home in Oswego and was well and favorably known in this vicinity. His widow, Myrtle, is the youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Croushorn.



March 17: On Monday, the Oswego high school student body saw a film, "The 1947 State Fair." Prominent in the film were Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Parkhurst and their children receiving the award as "Most Typical Farm Family" from Governor Green. Cleora Woolley, senior, was shown in a homemaking demonstration and Frances Eyre, class of '42, appeared in an accordion band picture.

The Oswego grade school basketball team has won 13 and lost 4 this season.

On Monday, March 8, Luther Black, assistant superintendent of public instruction, spoke to 60 people at the Oswego high school concerning the proposed grade school reorganization. The county survey committee will recommend a single grade school district to include about all of the present high school district and probably some more territory in Kendall county. No Wheatland township territory will be included in the recommendation. There will at present be no recommendation regarding the high school because no new district could use the bond money now on hand.

Mrs. Ruth L. Stewart of Montgomery, daughter of Mrs. Lillian Haines and the late "Irvie" Haines, was fatally injured March 11 near Van Wert, Ohio. Her husband, Thomas Stewart, was severely injured in the same accident. He is employed by the Mid-States Trailer Conveyor company and was returning from a business trip to New York accompanied by his wife when their truck collided with an oil tanker.

Formerly of Oswego, Ruth Haines Stewart was born Aug. 25, 1919. Surviving are her husband and four year old son, Thomas Irwin of Montgomery; her mother, Mrs. Marcella Clark; and one brother, Edwin Haines, all of Oswego. [This is in error. Marcella Haines Clark was her sister; her mother was Lillian Davis Haines.]

Funeral services were held Monday, March 15, at the McKeown funeral home, with interment in the Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: The river dam has deteriorated steadily for the past several years and in a few more it will be but a series of rapids. This spot and the fish hatchery are two important beauty spots here and we would hate to see them go back to nature.

March 24: A few weeks ago we mentioned that the snowstorms kept farm life from getting monotonous. Now two flood-sized rainstorms within a week have kept farmers and city folks busy. Seldom, if ever, has so much rain fallen in so short a period in this vicinity. Water in the basements, bridges out, and roads impassable in places. Water over the highways. The railroad track washed out above Oswego so no train service, irregular mails, or none at all. Numbers of people have had autos stuck on gravel roads with farm tractors busy day and night pulling out those unfortunate ones. Not all of the school buses were running on Monday. Some telephones are out because of the wet weather and the electric storms on March 15 and 19.

But how thankful we are that there were no cyclones and a few serious accidents in this vicinity.

Miss Harriet Walker reported seeing a robin and a cardinal last week. Now there are a number of summer bird residents about.

The annual meeting of the Oswego Cemetery Association has been postponed because of Holy week, and will be held Saturday evening, April 3, at the Town hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Lippy were married Feb. 7 at the Oswego Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Lippy is the former Miss Carole Panikis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Panikis of Oswego.

Yorkville: If you folks observe an odd looking aerial atop the Yorkville Appliance and Furniture Co. building, they are not on the alert for Russian planes. It's an aerial for television. And they tell us it actually works. As the gentleman said when he observed the steamboat: "It will never work." No? Ask for a demonstration.

This year Dame Nature has thrown everything our way--sleet, snow, ice, rain, and so on. Our lights have been out; our gas has been frozen; our homes, our cars, buses and trains have been snowbound. Now, last weekend the good Dame decided we needed a good cleaning up and gave us a good, and we mean a real good, shower bath. Using rain and the soap from the operas of the same name which are jamming the air waves, we were treated to a downpour

which has caused more damage than one wants to inventory--caused much suffering and privation, too.

As a result of the deluge, roads are washed out, bridges, too, have been closed. The mighty Fox became mightier and the dam at Yorkville is merely a rapids. The breach in the fish hatchery embankment became wider. To further increase our inconvenience, the CB&Q threw in the sponge due to a washout down the line and a bridge out near Oswego. Since Friday we have had no train service. The mail now comes by truck. So we maintain 1948 has been one of the toughest as far as the elements are concerned that we can remember.

The Bristol-Kendall Fire department was on the jump Saturday pumping out basements, a number of which were very well filled. Some citizens didn't have furnace fires until Monday.

March 31: Roy Hettrich presented all the high school staff members with concentrated coconut syrup which he had brought back upon his recent return from Hawaii.

Mr. and Mrs. Logan Harvey have a son, Lawrence Logan, born at the St. Charles hospital Friday, March 19.

Mrs. J. George Smith and infant son returned from the Copley hospital Easter Sunday. George Kent was born Monday, March 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shoger are the parents of a son born Saturday, March 27, at the Copley hospital.

Our county paper really blossomed out for Easter with a 12-page edition last week so it wasn't quite such a puzzle to find the several news columns.

The Oswego merchants are cooperating with the Mothers' club in sponsoring free movies each Saturday afternoon for the children of the community beginning April 3 in the Presbyterian annex.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Wayne recently moved into their new home, which they built in the woods adjacent to their farm house. Mr. and

Mrs. Francis Campbell and two little daughters moved into the house thus made vacant.

Yorkville: Kenneth Jeter of Oswego came to see us this week, riding in a Jeep no less. Kenneth seems to think the Jeep will have power to haul him around, in "low low," if in no other gear.

April -- 1948

April 7: Elizabeth Claassen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Claassen, and Allen Erheart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roman Erheart, were united in marriage on April 3 at Our Lady of Good Counsel church in Aurora.

The young couple went to Wisconsin to visit his grandmother for a few days. They will live in an apartment on the north side of the Erheart home on the Charles Cherry farm.

Oswego township oversubscribed its Red Cross quota, turning over to the county chairman \$1,021.10.

Ford Lippold recently went to California and drove his father's car back, bringing Mr. and Mrs. Layton Lippold home for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. John Staffeldt of Rhineland, Wis., came the first of the week to be present at the wedding of their son, Delbert, and Myrtle Orr April 10.

Elmer Rickard of Yorkville, formerly of Oswego, died Saturday April 3 at the St. Charles hospital in Aurora. The funeral was held at the Yorkville Federated church on Tuesday, April 6, with Masonic services in Oak Grove cemetery near Bristol. Oswego was Mr. and Mrs. Rickard's home for many years when they lived on their farm on Route 34.

Marshall Young recently delivered one of his prize-winning Golden Sebright bantam roosters to the Elmer Wise poultry farm at Leland.

Last week, Mr. and Mrs. Graeme Stewart took their baby daughter, Heather, to the Mayo brothers' clinic in Rochester, Minn. for a diagnosis of the little one's illness.

The highway connecting Rt. 34 and Rt. 71, going south on S. Madison street in Oswego is now under construction, hoping to finish it in two months. Many trees had to be removed in the south end of the street in an effort to straighten the highway.

"DDT Spraying by the firm that sprayed the 1947 Peotone Fair Grounds and the Wheatland Plowing Match," a *Record* advertisement from S.E. Clegg, Landscaping in Plainfield read.

April 14: Mr. and Mrs. Graeme Stewart and baby Heather came home from the May clinic last Friday. The news is good about the baby, for her condition is not as serious as at first thought.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gengler have moved to the Leslie Peshia residence. Mr. and Mrs. Peshia are now in the little cottage adjacent and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Denney of Plainfield are in the house vacated by the Genglers on Garfield avenue. Many new homes are being built in Oswego.

Madison street is being torn up for the highway connecting Routes 34 and 71. Come and see our town and all the improvements.

Farmers began working in the fields last week, working early and late to accomplish everything possible before another rain.

George D. Smith entertained the boys of the softball team of the Prairie church neighborhood April 5 at a banquet at the Rafter house at Naperville. Mrs. Smith acted as hostess and the wives of the boys were the guests. Mr. Smith gave a little talk praising the boys for their sportsmanship, and Everett Hafenrichter responded and gave Mr. Smith a gift, also presenting Mrs. Smith with a corsage of sweet peas.

Yorkville: Dedication services for the remodeled and enlarged Cross Lutheran church at Yorkville will be held Sunday, April 18.

The Cross congregation has been anxiously awaiting this day, having worshipped in the school hall for the past six months while the church was being remodeled. The renovating job was thorough and complete both as to exterior and interior. The former frame building was brick-veneered and trimmed with Indiana Limestone.

The tower is completely new and was built in front of where the old one stood, thus giving a 9 foot addition which at the same time provides for a larger narthex.

The Cross congregation, numbering 200 communicant members, erected the house of worship now renovated in 1896. In 1931, the congregation erected its present modern school building.

The residence known as the old John McMicken estate, now owned by Mrs. Ogden Crego of Wheatland, was threatened by fire Saturday noon, April 3. This building is bisected directly through the middle by the Will-Grundy [probably means Kendall] county line. It is in the Copenhagen district and is 2-12 miles southeast of Aurora and 2-1/2 miles north of Wolf's Crossing. The farm is tenanted by L.F. Hanson, who moved there two weeks ago when it was vacated by the Stropes. The fire started from the chimney. Prompt arrival of the Oswego and Aurora Fire departments saved the venerable old landmark. The damage was mostly confined to the roof and amounted to about \$200. Some damage was done to the household furnishings by water.

April 21: The Oswego grade school students, grades 1-6, have just completed packing 11 boxes for the American Junior Red Cross for shipment abroad.

The Oswego Ag boys are now working at their shop. Lat Wednesday, the Ag 1 class turned out a new paint job on a tractor brought in by Roger Eichelberger. The older boys are working on road signs to publicize the need for soil conservation.

James Phillips, junior ag student, has been selected to attend Lake Villa in northern Illinois for a two-weeks summer school on conservation. James has taken agriculture for two years and recently gave a talk at the FFA banquet on the subject of conservation. Next year, he will report his instruction to the FFA and seek to further the cause of conservation.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Krug and her mother, Mrs. Adele Woolley, entertained at dinner April 18 for the 7 year-old daughter, Karen's, birthday anniversary.

Ralph Smith went to Quincy last week for a new truck body for his new truck.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Foster left Monday for the west coast, where Mr. Foster will embark for China as a sergeant in army intelligence. He expects to be gone two years. Sgt. Foster was a captain in the late war. Mrs. Foster will soon return to her home in Oswego.

April 28: Oswego is being put on the map. We have a newspaper all our own. Why shouldn't we be on the map? There is no nicer town in the Fox River valley. Good churches, good schools, excellent stores and garages, each with a flourishing business, many fine societies and clubs, nice homes and many new ones being built, good bus service connected with four highways, and best of all, good neighborly people. Best wishes for success go to the editor of the newspaper, Don Pinnow. [The Oswego News only lasted for six issues.]

Mrs. Jerry Tate (Velma Young Tate), who recently had an article published in the *Household Magazine*, has won third prize for a poem submitted to the *Florida Magazine of Verse*.

Yorkville: Making a business call on Mr. Shuler in Oswego Monday evening, we just dropped in to see Jim Zentmyer of the appliance store of the same name. Jim was out, but a very personable young lady demonstrated the television set for us. Unfortunately, we had to leave early to attend a cemetery meeting--if it hadn't been for that, we would be there yet. TV is that entertaining. The three young Marshalls literally had to be dragged away--had to yield to them however until after the "Jack and the Beanstalk" sequence had been completed.

It was our first experience with television and we can see why the circle of TV fans is growing rapidly.

May -- 1948

May 5: Mrs. Stanley Herren of Washington street, Kane County Home adviser, spent Saturday in Chicago at the Homeland show to see the display of household equipment and building supplies which were on exhibition.

The Aurora College choir concert, which was to have been given at the Presbyterian church May 2, had to be postponed because of the rainy weather and the almost impassable streets around the church caused by the construction of the highway, which will connect Highways 34 and 71.

Karen Krug, 7 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Krug, spent three days in the Copley hospital last week, where she underwent an operation. Karen came home Saturday and is recuperating nicely.

The teacher, Mrs. Worland, the school car driver, and the pupils of Consolidated District No. 5 enjoyed two field days last week on Thursday at the Marysville school, where they won the ball game and on Friday at the Russell school, where they lost the game.

Dr. and Mrs. M.R. Saxon and children have moved into their newly remodeled home on Garfield avenue, and Mr. and Mrs. John Pahaly will move into the vacated flat on Chicago road in a few days.

Many from the Prairie church community attended the Robert Harvey funeral at the Healy chapel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G.C. Bartholomew exhibited and sold antiques at the Hobby and Antique show held at the Masonic Temple in Aurora last week.

On May 7, Mrs. Bartholomew goes to the Dealers' Antique show at the Marquette hotel in Peoria, exhibiting furniture and dishes May 8-11.

The Busy Be club met with Mrs. Howard Gengler May 5.

A plastics demonstration was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elliott one day last week. The neighbor ladies enjoyed getting



together and seeing the beautiful articles demonstrated by Mrs. Moran of Aurora.

Yorkville: 125 Kendall county homemakers participated in the Laundry Equipment workshop held last week in the Farm Bureau auditorium in Yorkville. The workshop was sponsored by the Kendall County Home bureau and was under the direction of Home Adviser Alice G. Herron.

The laundry workshop featured new washing and ironing equipment, which is available in the county at the present time. The morning session was devoted to washing machines of the automatic, semi-automatic, and non-automatic types. Tours were conducted to local electrical appliance stores to see six different washers demonstrated. Four other types of washers were on display in the auditorium.

Electric ironers, washers, and a clothes-dryer were featured in the afternoon.

Local stores which cooperated in the project were Zentmyer Home Appliance, Oswego; Eisenbert Electric & Refrigeration and the Weber Radio & Electric Company of Plano; Electric Supply Company, Yorkville Appliance & Furniture Store, Hayden Garage, and Yorkville Hardware, all of Yorkville.

May 12: Mr. and Mrs. John Staffeldt have arrived back from Rhineland, Wis. and are at present on the home place with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. James Probst. The Staffeldts are building a home in Naperville.

The McLaren brothers of Plainfield road have been patients in an Aurora hospital.

The Oswego Lions club is sponsoring the establishment of a "blood bank" at the Copley hospital for the use of residents of Oswego and vicinity who may need to draw upon it.

Anyone interested in donating to this "stitch in time" blood bank is invited to call either Ernie Pfund or Glen Leigh, who will gladly furnish complete information.

May 19: The baccalaureate service of the graduating class of the Oswego high school will be held at the Federated church May 23.

Charlie McLaren is in the Copley hospital being treated for a heart ailment and his brother, Laughlin, had a major operation last week, but seems to be making a good recovery.

The new pulpit furniture, a memorial for Sgt. Stuart Parkhurst, will be dedicated at the Presbyterian church Sunday, May 30. [Sgt. Parkhurst was killed in World War II during the Battle of the Bulge.]

On Saturday, May 15, the Oswego junior class played hosts to the senior class and the faculty in an elaborate banquet at the Oswego gym.

The banquet was served by parents of students, with Mrs. Ernest Hoch as chairman assisted ably by Mrs. William Bumpus, Mrs. John Luettich, Mrs. Merrill Cherry, Mrs. Earl Phelper, Mrs. Carl Bohn, Mrs. Harry Alderman, Mrs. Clay Cutter, Mrs. Albert Phillips, Mrs. Albert Heiman, Mrs. Ed Baker, Mrs. Leslie Woolley and Ernest Hoch. Fred Kuhman's orchestra furnished beautiful background music. Those juniors particularly active in performing the tremendous amount of work necessary to the banquet were Dale Heiman, Evelyn Johnson, Clay Cutter, Joann Woolley, Kenneth Bohn, George Hettrich, Earla Phelper, Jim Hoch, and Delores Smith.

May 26: This week will bring to a close 30 years of faithful services as a rural mail carrier for Leslie Peshia. His many good friends along the mail route will miss him, and take this means to wish him good luck.

Mrs. Nellie Herren, 75, passed away early Monday morning, May 2. She was born in Oswego township Nov. 9, 1872.

On Feb. 25, 1897 she became the wife of John Herren, who died in January 1936.

Mrs. Herren is survived by two sons, Myron and Robert; three granddaughters, Mrs. Betty Steckel of Aurora, Mrs. William Pearce of Chicago, and Jean Herren of Oswego; one grandson, John Layton Steckel, and one great-grandson, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Steckel. Mention should be made of her two daughters in law, Elma and Delia Herren, who have been as her own daughters and untiring in her care during her illness of several months.

Mrs. Herren's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Wormley, who spent their last years in her home, passed away many years ago. Mr. Herren and a granddaughter, Maxine Herren, died in 1936.

Mrs. Herren has endeared herself to innumerable friends by her pleasing personality and her many, many thoughtful acts of kindness.

She was a member of the Oswego Presbyterian church and of the XIX Century club.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church Wednesday afternoon, Dr. John Holland officiating, with burial in the Oswego cemetery.

The Oswego High School Alumni association banquet will be held in the school gym Saturday evening, May 29.

Mrs. Warren Norris and two little sons, David and Mark, spent the weekend with their aunt, Mrs. Myrtle Thorsen at her home in Leland.

Yorkville: The Messrs Ivar Olson and William Koker announce the opening of the Kendall Theatre in the "Town hall" in Yorkville. The gentlemen have purchased brand new 35-mm equipment, done interior decorating, and say the acoustics in the building are good. The Kendall theatre will show up to date releases.

"High Barbaree," "Fiesta," and "Little Mister Jim" are on the first week's bill.

Kendall County residents were advised to fight the common house fly, public enemy No. 1, with an aggressive campaign that included spraying all piles of garbage with DDT weekly, painting screens and screen doors with a DDT and oil mixture, and spraying porch ceilings, outbuildings, outhouses, board fences and other places where flies congregated.

"In short, do everything you can to eliminate the fly. Keep all refuse from the fly and keep a nice dose of DDT for him wherever he might light

"Please cooperate. It will help you and your neighbor--if it keeps one child free of polio your effort has been rewarded."

Voters in Illinois are rapidly accepting the new community or 12-grade district. One-fourth of the state in area is now organized into 117 community unit districts, according to a recent report of the Illinois Advisory Commission on School Reorganization.

The new 12 grade district law was enacted by the 1947 General Assembly. It requires an approval of voters from both the city or villages and the rural areas. In these district that have carried, five rural voters have favored to two opposed. The city vote has been seven to one in favor.

Three counties, Scott, Bond, and Schuyler, have voted one district for the entire county. Five districts have been voted which cover half the county or more. The smallest is only five square miles and the average is 120.

June -- 1948

June 2: The centennial celebration of the Prairie church will be held at the church Sunday, June 6.

The original church was situated on the corner of the John Hemm farm. In 1861 the church was moved to the high ground along the road, the spot where the cemetery is now located. The basement of the building was used as a school.

Because of the increase in membership and the growth of the community it was found necessary to construct a new church and in 1871a new edifice was erected where the present building is. The cost of the building was \$3,500. The church was part of a circuit with Oswego and often Wheatland, Copenhagen, and the Plainfield church.

Increased growth in the congregation and community again made a new building imperative and construction was undertaken, the present church being constructed starting in 1909.

Prairie church has been extensively improved during the past decade and is one of the fine spiritual influences in the rural life of the community, which has contributed greatly toward making Oswego and environs such an excellent place to live.

Dr. and Mrs. M.R. Saxon entertained neighbors and friends at an open house in their new home on Garfield avenue Sunday afternoon.

The beautiful new pulpit furniture, a memorial for those in the United State service in World War II, was dedicated at the Presbyterian church Sunday, May 30. A large audience attended the services.

John Campbell, 83, passed away Thursday, May 27, at the Copley hospital, the victim of an unusual type of accident.

Mr. Campbell was the victim of a trailer-truck accident Wednesday evening, May 26, when a large, heavily loaded truck became stalled on the hill on Route 34 between the railroad tracks and Main street. The trucker, Charles Swanson of Miami, Fla., an employee of the Denver-Chicago Trucking company, was endeavoring to chock the wheels of the truck when it suddenly started to back down the hill. The driver bravely tried to guide the truck by standing on the running board, and attempted to back onto Adams street. he was unable to negotiate the turn, and the steering wheel, wrenched from his grasp, hit and fractured his wrist. The runaway truck hit the porch of the house on the corner and in crossing the lawn, struck Mr. Campbell, who was sitting in a chair injuring him critically and he died the next morning at the Copley hospital. Mr. Swanson was also taken to the hospital.

Mr. Campbell is survived by a son, Homer, of Aurora; three daughters, Mrs. Ida Howe of Chokio, Minn., Mrs. Elva Foss of Oswego, and Mrs. Mildred Wennamaker of Montgomery; nine grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

funeral services were held at the Healy chapel in Aurora Saturday with interment at Wasco cemetery in Wasco, Ill.

Mrs. Carrie Walker, age 69, died May 27 at the St. Joseph hospital, Aurora. She was born Oct. 21, 1878 in Livingston county, Ill. She was the last member of her family, the nine children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Shoger, and is survived by nieces and nephews and great nieces and great nephews. Her husband, Frank Walker, died in April 1939. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 29, at the Healy chapel in Aurora. Interment in the Oswego cemetery.

June 9: The Prairie church celebrated its centennial year on Sunday, June 6. Many out of town friends came for the reunion and were entertained at various homes in the vicinity. At the close of the

afternoon service, 292 were served at a "Buffet Tea," where a huge cake was one of the attractions.

Mrs. Fred Claassen, Mrs. Secor and Mrs. Myron Herren entertained the neighbor ladies at a farewell party for Mrs. Elmer Erickson at the home of Mrs. Howard Herren last Friday. It was a complete surprise to Mrs. Erickson. The family is going to move to the state of Oregon in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Morse are planning to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary June 16.

Mr. Morse is the last of the senior business men of Oswego. He retired from the general merchandise store on the corner of Main and Washington streets 10 years ago after being in the business there for 40 years.

Mr. Morse came from Dundee. He was married there and brought his bride, Bessie Wolcott, formerly from Adams, Mass., to Oswego in 1898.

Leslie Morse, Emmett McCauley, Myron and Robert Herren, and Oliver Burkhart are on a fishing trip up in Canada.

John Hafenrichter was one of the graduates at North Central college June 7. Relatives and friends from the Prairie church community attended the exercises.

Karen Krug and David Gengler of School District No. 5 had their tonsils and adenoids removed at the St. Joseph hospital June 4.

June 16: Citizens of the Oswego grade school district and 11 rural districts in northeastern Kendall county go to the polls Tuesday, June 22, to vote for or against the establishment of a community consolidated grade school district. The area includes all of Oswego township, most of NaAuSay, and four sections in Kendall township. The rural districts are Squires, Wormley, Willow Hill, Community Consolidated No. 5 (Walker), Harvey, Russell, Cutter, McCauley-Wynne, Grove, Union, and Marysville.

Because of the problems facing the schools in the area, a committee of board members from the area favored having the proposition brought to a vote now before the opening of another term. Increase

enrollments in some and decreased enrollments have created problems for boards and teachers. Present limitations in taxes would require tax rate elections in some of the present districts before they could operate another year.

The proposition must receive a favorable vote in the village and in the combined rural area in order to establish the new district. The new district would be administered by a board of education of seven members elected by its people. All of the cash on hand, buildings, and other assets of the present 12 grade districts would become the property of the new district, which would not affect the high school district in any manner.

Miss Harriet Walker, 78, died at her home on Park avenue, Oswego on Wednesday, June 9, 1948.

Miss Walker was born on the Walker homestead on may 28, 1870.

She was a member of the Oswego Federated church.

Surviving are one sister, Miss Edna; a brother, Fred, both of Oswego; and a brother, Burt of San Jose, Calif.; four nieces, Mrs. Winifred Woolley, Miss Clareta Walker, Mrs. Lois Drew, and Mrs. Bettye Peterson; and several great nieces and great nephews. One brother, Frank preceded her in death in April 1939.

Funeral services were held June 11 at the Federated church. Burial was in the family lot in the Oswego cemetery.

Miss Walker will be greatly missed in her community, her church, and in the home where she and her younger sister have lived alone for 30 years since the death of their mother in 1918. Their father, Seth Edward Walker, and his father and grandfather were pioneer farmers in Illinois, coming from Massachusetts in 1845 and purchasing land from the government.

Miss Katherine Butler, accompanying Mrs. Ted Sickler, her sister, Mrs. Bliss, an Mrs. Sickler's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Blakenhagen of Aurora, attended the baccalaureate and commencement services June 13 at Wabash college, Crawfordsville, Ind., where Bennett Sickler received his decoration and bachelor of arts degree. Bennett was an Oswego boy, graduating from OHS in 1942, later serving as ensign in the navy for two years.

David P. Hemphill of Oswego was named a candidate for a bachelor's degree in business administration from Michigan State college at the end of the current spring term.

Yorkville: According to reports to Chairman W.P. Miller from different parts of the county, Kendall county flies are few and far between this summer as a result of spraying with DDT. There are still a few communities and a few farms which have not yet been sprayed and in order to do a complete job it is necessary that the whole county cooperate.

In carrying out the recommendations of the fly control program, all screens should be painted or sprayed with 5 percent DDT oil spray or with 25 percent DDT emulsions diluted to 5 percent strength. Porches and ceilings should be sprayed; also garbage cans should be sprayed inside and out. This treatment should be repeated at least once each month.

June 23: Mrs. Grace Palmer, 74, died June 18, 1948 at the Copley hospital. She was born Feb. 28, 1874 in Oswego. Mrs. Palmer is survived by two daughters and two sons, Mrs. Marian Stark and Kenyon Palmer of Phoenix, Ariz., and Mrs. Bessie Woolley and Robert Palmer of Oswego; nine grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church June 20. Burial was in the Oswego cemetery beside her husband, who died 11 years ago.

Mrs. Palmer was ill but one week, having suffered a heart attack June 11, followed by pneumonia when a hospital patient.

Oswego was her home town where she had lived for many years on Washington street, both before and after her marriage, but she and Mr. Palmer had lived in Phoenix, Ariz., and after his death she spent some time with his sister at her home in Birmingham, Ala.

Kenyon Palmer and Mrs. Arthur Stark came from Phoenix to attend their mother's funeral and stayed to visit relatives for a few days.

Ralph Terry, formerly an Oswego boy, now of Wheaton, a professor in the school of pharmacy in Chicago, came Sunday to call on Kenyon Palmer at the Leslie Woolley home.



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Haugh and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith and sons attended the Guernsey field day at the Quaker oats farm at Barrington Sunday.

The Busy Bee club held the annual picnic for the families of the members on Wednesday, June 16, when a picnic supper was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Holzhueter.

Yorkville: Voters yesterday in the Oswego-NaAuSay area approved the establishment of a community consolidated grade school district consisting of all of Oswego township, about two-thirds of NaAuSay, and four sections of Kendall township. There were 270 votes for and 178 against the proposition. The voters in the Village of Oswego approved the proposition 94 to 16, and those outside the village 176 to 162.

The new district combines the Oswego, Squires, Wormley, Willow Hill, Walker, Harvey, Russell, Cutter, McCauley, Grove, Union, and Marysville districts. The assessed valuation will be \$12 million and the grade school enrollment is 343. Board members for the new district will be elected July 17.

June 30: Oswego friends have received word of the recent death of Mrs. J.T. Hood at her home in Geneseo. The Rev. Mr. Hood was a former pastor of the Oswego Presbyterian church.

Dr. and Mrs. L.J. Weishew had as their guests for several days the past week his sister and husband, Dr. and Mrs. George Krajewski of Philadelphia, who came to attend the Herren-Weishew wedding.

Quite a number of Oswego 4-H club boys attended a judging school held at the Curtis Candy company farms at Dundee and Cary June 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Weidert of Monroe street are on a vacation visiting friends in Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. "Jimmie" Johnston have purchased a farm near Big Rock and are planning to move there soon. Their son, Robert, is now working the farm that they purchased, with the crops already in.

Leslie Morse has bought the Johnston buildings and small acreage on the southeast edge of Oswego.

Mrs. Dranir, from Creighton, Neb., has returned to Oswego, her former home. Her son-in-law and daughter and their sons are going to Puerto Rico to live, where Paul Crippen has been sent by the company employing him.

Don Lippold has gone to New York and will sail on July 9 for England where he will take a six week course at the university college at Southampton.

July -- 1948

July 7: Dr. Lewis J. Weishew, age 57, one of the best-known physicians in northern Illinois, died June 30 at his home in Oswego. Dr. Weishew was born March 31, 1891 in Girard, Penn. He graduated from Valparaiso university, Ind., receiving his medical degree and began the practice of medicine in Oswego in 1913. He served in World War I as a first Lieutenant in the Army Medical corps. Returning to Oswego at the end of the war, he resumed his general practice of medicine, later specializing in the treatment of arthritis. He had a large practice, both locally and in the entire surrounding territory and had known for some time that he must take life a little easier.

He had several heart attacks, the one on June 30 being fatal.

Dr. Weishew was a member of Ravel Lodge No. 303, A.F. & A.M., the American Legion post of Oswego, and the Medinah Temple of the Shrine.

Dr Weishew is survived by his wife, Mabel; two daughters, Mrs. Sue Herren and Miss Nan Weishew; one brother, Harold of Doylestown, Penn.; and a sister, Mrs. George Krajeski of Chicago. One son, Don, Preceded him in death eight years ago.

Funeral services were held from the Healy Chapel, Aurora on July 3, in charge of the American Legion. The Rev. Alan Darling was the officiating minister.

Lachlan McLaren, aged 82, died at the Copley hospital on July 2. He is survived by his brother, Charlie; a niece, Mrs. John McMicken; and a cousin, Lewie McLaren.

Funeral services were held at the Luce funeral home in Plainfield, the Rev. Mr. Brown of the United Presbyterian church officiating, with burial in the U.P. ["Scotch"] church cemetery.

Mr. McLaren and his brother Charlie had been making their home with their niece, Janet McMicken, but for the past two months, both had been patients at the Copley hospital. Lachlan had assisted in the care of his brother, Charlie, who was an invalid for the past 11 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fosgett of Owasso, Mich. are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Woolley.

Miss Katherine Butler enjoyed an unusual pleasure last week when she entertained a friend with whom she had corresponded for 15 years, but had never previously met. The friend, Clara McRae, is a teacher in a school for Negro children in South Miami, Fla. She had been attending a national congress of Sunday school and Christian youth at Cleveland, Ohio, and came to Illinois for the sole purpose of spending a day and night with Miss Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Willis and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Smith and Judy, have been in Canada for the past 10 days.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Zentmyer and family left last week to spend a month in Wisconsin. Their oldest daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Adkins, are living in the home while the Zentmyers are away.

July 14: Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Reeve Thompson enjoyed a picnic supper with Miss Hilda Johnson of Geneva last Sunday evening, Miss Johnson was formerly a teacher in the Oswego high school and is now in the Geneva high school.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cooper of Park avenue have sold their residence to Mr. and Mrs. I.H. Rowland, who have lived in the upper

apartment in the Goodman Story home south of town for the past two years. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, their four sons and baby daughter, are planning to move to Phoenix, Ariz. in August.

Merrill Cherry has been in Quantico, Va., where he participated in the final tryouts for the Olympic rifle team at the Marine base July 10-11.

#### New Citizens Arrive

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller of Madison street on July 6, a boy named Danny Lee at the St. Joseph's hospital.

A son, Richard Robert born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Silvius on July 6 at the Copley hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Harvey Jr. have a girl born July 6 named Kristi Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Lippy of Van Buren street have a son born July 6 and named David Paul.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Panikis of Washington street have a son born July 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Besch of Aurora have a daughter. Norman was formerly an Oswego boy.

Mrs. Minnie Reid died July 11 at the St. Joseph's hospital in Aurora at the age of 51 years. She was born Sept. 7, 1896 in Oswego.

Surviving are her husband, Charles; two sisters, Mrs. Charles Bohn and Mrs. Ernest Hoch of Oswego; two brothers, Charles Schultz of Oswego and Richard Schultz of Aurora.

Funeral services were held at the McKeown funeral home Tuesday. Interment was made in the Oswego cemetery.

Voters in the newly formed Oswego-NaAuSay consolidated grade school district will select the board of education next Saturday, July 17. Board members of the former 12 school districts of which the new district is composed met two days after the establishment of the district to determine a plan whereby the new board could be evenly distributed throughout the new district. Petitions were prepared, circulated, and filed with County Superintendent C.W. Clark for the following: Ralph Schlapp, president and Myron Wormley, John Luettich, Charles Lippincott, Russell Rink, Harvey Eichelberger, and Francis Cryder, members. These names will appear on the ballot.

The NaAuSay Town hall is the polling place for the voters of the former Union, Marysville, Grove, and McCauley districts and for that part of the former Community Consolidated No. 5 district, which lies in NaAuSay township. All voters of Oswego township, both village and rural, will vote at the Oswego Village hall. The polls will be open from noon to 7 p.m.

The casketed remains of Sergeant Stuart A. Parkhurst, a World War II deceased member of the Army from Oswego being returned from overseas for final burial will be sent to the Camp Butler, Illinois national cemetery within five weeks, accompanied by a uniformed army escort from the Chicago Distribution center of the American Graves Registration division.

The body of Sergeant Parkhurst was interred in the Limey-Toul temporary military cemetery in France, but has been returned to this country for final interment at the request of his next of kin, Clarence E. Parkhurst of Oswego.

July 21: A terrible tragedy occurred on Friday, July 16, when Harry Mundsinger, a prominent Oswego farmer, met his death on the main line of the CB&Q.

For some unexplained reason he drove a farm tractor across the railroad tracks when a railroad engine was coming down the line that crosses his farm. The engineer was the only witness to the tragedy. He blew the whistle and tried to stop the engine, flattening the wheels but to no avail. Mr. Mundsinger was impaled on the front of the engine and was carried on to Bristol Station.

Harry Mundsinger, age 63, died on Friday, July 16, 1948. He was born Nov. 30, 1884 in Oswego. Surviving are his wife, Gertrude; three sons, Glenn, who with his family lived with his parents on the home farm; Harlan on a farm nearby, and Allen, Youngstown, Ohio; four grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Laura Crossman [Crosman] of Oswego and Mrs. Alma Peterson of Montreal, Canada.

Mr. Mundsinger was a member of the Oswego Presbyterian church and the Bristol Consolidated school board.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church Monday, July 19. Interment was in Riverside cemetery.

Mr. Mundsinger had bought acreage on Route 31 and expected to build a new home of his wife and himself.

H.B. Tate has accepted a position as superintendent of the unit school district at El Paso, Tex. and is there during this week. The Tate family will stay in Oswego until a home can be found in El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. "Jimmie" Johnston have moved to their new home near Sugar Grove and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wheeler and children have moved into the place thus vacated. Mr. Wheeler has taken over the blacksmith and repair workshop.

Yorkville: The Messrs. Taber and Dunger of the Kendall County Tucker Sales attended a meeting at the huge Tucker plant in Chicago and are very happy that the long-awaited and ultra modern Tucker will be on display here shortly. The car will be shown in Aurora at the Midwest Tucker Sales on Thursday and at Joliet in the Will County Tucker Sales, 210 Collins street, on July 26.

Newark: Ronald Twait, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Twait, has signed a contract with the Chicago White Sox. He reported at the Lima, Ohio ball club Monday, July 12, to take up pitching activities with them. Ronald was graduated from Newark Community high school in June and during his four years in high school was active in basketball and all other athletic activities.

July 28: The neighbors on Park avenue gathered for a picnic supper July 22 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Smith as a farewell party for the John Cooper family, who are going to locate in Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shiffer have received word that their son William "Bill" Shiffer, his wife, and their baby girl have reached their new home in Los Angeles safely. They traveled by auto and are now located near Mrs. Shiffer's former home.

Many of Oswego's young people are detaselling corn. They very greatly dislike the frequent rains.

Oat combining began last week in this vicinity. The price of oats has dropped considerably.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Steckel of Chicago spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M.R. Steckel on Park avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Steckel and little son have moved to Prairie du Sac, Wis.

August -- 1948

Aug. 4: The body of Sgt. Stuart A. Parkhurst, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Parkhurst of Oswego, will be laid to rest with full military honors in the Camp Butler National cemetery at Springfield on Wednesday, Aug. 11.

Sgt. Parkhurst lost his life on the border of Germany Dec. 17, 1944 during the Battle of the Bulge at the town of Gros-Reder-King. He was a member of the 87th Armored "Golden Acorn" division, which spearheaded Gen. Patton's 3rd Army in the Battle of the Bulge.

Sgt. Parkhurst's body was interred in Limy Toul Temporary American cemetery in the Saar region of northeastern France until at the request of the next of kin it was returned to the United States.

Sgt. Parkhurst entered the service Jan. 19, 1943, at which time he was assistant manager of a food store in Aurora. He was sent overseas in October 1944 and met his death three months later.

He graduated from the Oswego high school in the class of 1941.

While in high school he was a member of the baseball and basketball teams. He served as president of his class when a senior and in addition was active in the Oswego Presbyterian church.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Parkhurst, survive, with his twin brother, Stanley and another brother, Melvin; one sister, Mrs. Roy Peterson, all of Oswego; two sisters, Mrs. John Lasswell of Ottawa and Mrs. Robert Hil of Elgin. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services Wednesday, Aug. 11 will be conducted at Camp Butler National cemetery northeast of Springfield. Oswego Post of the American Legion will have charge, assisted by the Rev. Alan Darling, pastor of the Oswego Presbyterian church. Full military honors will be accorded the departed hero by Springfield veterans' organizations.

Several cars of Oswego relatives and friends and veterans are planning to drive to Springfield to the final service for Sgt. Parkhurst.

Use caution while driving on the highways. Illinois' tall corn--and weeds--obscure the view at the corners and made driving really dangerous. But did you ever see such fine looking corn? Oat harvest is well along with good yields.

Dr. Charles Leach of Waterman has taken over the practice of the late Dr. Weishew and opened the office Monday, Aug. 2. Mrs. Pearl Neves is his nurse assistant as she was for Dr. Weishew.

Dr. Leach has specialized in arthritis for 10 years. He was in the medical corps in the late war.

Dr. Leach is looking for a home in Oswego for himself, his wife, and their three children.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Wormley and children attended the Railroad fair in Chicago Sunday afternoon.

A fine group numbering 56 of the Vermont cousins met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davis Sunday to hold their annual reunion. Guests were present from Omaha, Neb. Kenosha, Wis., Aurora, Plainfield, NaAuSay, and Oswego.

The United States Civil Service commission has announced an examination to fill the position of rural carrier at Oswego, Illinois. The examination will be held in Yorkville.

Aug. 11: Mrs. Emily Klomhaus of California has been visiting relatives in Chicago and Plainfield, and old friends in Oswego. She came to attend the Klomhaus' golden wedding in Plainfield in July. She and her late husband, Gus Klomhaus, were attendants at the wedding 50 years ago.

Mrs. Edward I. Inman, called home from Phoenix, Ariz., by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Samuel J. Clayton of Plattville, has been calling on her former neighbors and friends in Oswego.

Loren D. Jay passed away Wednesday, Aug. 4, at his home at the age of 60 years. He was born Nov. 26, 1887 at Plano. Surviving are his wife, Addie; a son, Robert of Oswego; a daughter, Mrs. Dale Robb of Hersman; and two brothers, Guy of Cedar Falls, Ia. and Rene of Plano.



Mr. Jay was a member of the Oswego Presbyterian church where the funeral was held Friday afternoon. Interment was made in the Plano cemetery.

Sgt. Stuart A. Parkhurst, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Parkhurst of Oswego, is being buried today (Wednesday) with full military honors at Camp Butler National Cemetery at Springfield. Sgt. Parkhurst lost his life while serving our nation in the Battle of the Bulge Dec. 17, 1944.

Yorkville: Next Monday, Aug. 16, at 9:30 a.m. pupils of the rural schools of Kendall county will register for the fall term, pay their book rentals, and complete other arrangements for the opening of school on Wednesday, Sept. 1.

Despite the shortage of elementary teachers, the school boards of the county have engaged teachers with but one exception, the Sandy Bluff school, which is yet looking for a teacher.

Aug. 18: Warren Ebinger has as his guest this week Jack Chambers of Sedalia, Mo. Warren and Jack were in training together and came home on the same ship.

Mr. and Mrs. James Zentmyer lost an infant daughter born at the Copley hospital Aug. 15. Little Kaye lived only 55 minutes. Private funeral services were held at the McKeown funeral home Sunday afternoon with burial in the Oswego cemetery.

Quite a number of Oswego and Kendall county people, including the Parkhurst families, the Rev. Alan B. Darling, and members of the American Legion, attended the funeral services held for Sgt. Stuart Parkhurst at the Camp Butler National cemetery in Springfield last Wednesday. Sgt. Parkhurst lost his life in the Battle of the Bulge, Dec. 17, 1944.

Mrs. Vivian Brungart of Madison street has purchased the Martha Jane dress shop on Main street and took over the management on Aug. 13. He will continue with the same fine line of goods, adding other items. Mrs. Brungart solicits your patronage.

Oswego Community high school and Community Consolidated grade school district No. 8, Oswego will open the school year Wednesday, Sept. 1, 1948.

The two boards of education are jointly planning administrative and transportation policies. They have employed T. Loyd Traughber, formerly superintendent of schools in Community Unit District No. 271, Lee county, Lee Center, Illinois, as superintendent to serve both boards of education.

Transportation routes have been proposed and are being presented to patrons of the district for their approval in evening programs at each attendance center.

Pre-registration in the rural attendance centers was held Monday, Aug. 16.

Faculties for the two schools include:

Oswego Community High School: Donald R. Clark, Smith-Hughes agriculture; Miss Mariam Sanderson, Smith-Hughes home economics; Miss Ruth Place, English; Miss Barbara Gast, commerce and Latin; Dale Norton, mathematics and science; H.E. Starks, history and boys' physical education; Reeve Thompson, music; Mrs. Arlene Dhuse, office secretary.

Community Consolidated Grades: Mrs. Thelma Davis, first grade; Mrs. Evelyn Wooley, second grade; Mrs. Minnie McCoy, third grade; Mrs. Maxine Staley, fourth grade; Mrs. Eleanor Weir, fifth grade; Mrs. Helen Nesemeier, seventh grade; Reeve Thompson, eighth grade; sixth grade position is open.

Rural: Mrs. Ruth Worland, Mrs. Faye Manthei, Mrs. Clara Schuster, Miss Mildred Vickery, and Mrs. Gertrude Heffelfinger.

Transportation aides are Earl Zentmyer and Lester Morse, and custodians are Henry Schmidt, Carl Ode, and Mrs. Nellie Tripp.

Among nearly 1,200 students completing requirements for degrees from the University of Illinois with the end of the summer session is Betty Jane Hull Swoboda of Oswego, a Master of Arts degree in political science.

Aug. 25: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walker remind their friends of the open house to be held Aug. 28 celebrating their golden wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Walker, who has been the Oswego correspondent for the *Kendall County Record* for 22 years, would like to meet the correspondents from their Kendall county towns.

Mrs. Jean Russell McCrea of Oswego passed away Tuesday, Aug. 17, at the Copley hospital in Aurora. She was born in Oswego March 19, 1915.

Those left to mourn her untimely death are her husband, Sgt. Robert C. McCrea, who is stationed at the Chicago orchard Air base; her mother, Mrs. Annette Russell of Oswego; and one sister, Mrs. Kathleen Jericho of Oswego. Her father, Harold C. Russell, preceded her.

Funeral services were held Aug. 20 at the Healy chapel in Aurora, with interment in the Oswego cemetery.

Jeffery Rogerson received serious injuries Friday evening, Aug. 20, while patrolling Oswego highways. He was mounted on a motorcycle following a truck, which was going at the rate of 60 miles an hour through town when the accident occurred. It happened so quickly that it couldn't be determined how the accident occurred. Perhaps the truck suddenly slowed up, or perhaps Mr. Rogerson struck the curb, but his motorcycle's brakes were locked when later examined. He was thrown and dragged on the pavement.

Taken to the Copley hospital by the McKeown ambulance, it was found he had a concussion, and head and face injuries.

Mr. Rogerson is employed at the Oswego Implement Store, and has been patrolling Oswego's highways the past two months.

George Hettrich and Kenneth Bohn have returned from a vacation trip to Colorado.

Yorkville: The Presidential Proclamation of July 20, 1948 sets a schedule for registration within the continental United States, the territories of Alaska and Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands during the period of Aug. 30 to Sept. 18, 1948.

The proclamation further provides for the continuing registration of men as they become 18 years of age. They must register within five days after they attain the 18th anniversary of the day of their birth.

Registration for the men in this age group shall take place in the courthouse in Yorkville in the basement, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

September -- 1948

Sept. 1: Dr. and Mrs. M.R. Saxon are vacationing at Hayward, Wis.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hadfield and daughter Sandra, and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Campbell and Lucia visited the experimental farm at Danville last Wednesday.

We wish to extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walker of Oswego, who belatedly observed their golden wedding Saturday. Mrs. Walker has been the Oswego correspondent for the *Record* for 22 years, and says she's going to round out a quarter century of writing the Oswego news for us.

Miss Kathryn Butler of Chicago road had a great surprise and pleasure Sunday afternoon. Her cousin and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Cincinato La Guardia and two daughters of New York City, called on her. One of these daughters has represented Smith college at a college convention at Madison, Wis., and the parents had come by auto to take her home and visit in the Midwest, with which they were delighted. It had been 22 years since Miss Butler had seen her cousin.

Yorkville: We were pleased to meet the new superintendent of the Oswego schools recently. T. Loyd Traugher is the name and we are sure that Oswego people are going to like him fine. He made a most favorable impression on us at least, and we have a feeling that he's going to do all right for the Oswego schools. And while we're thinking of it, the name is Loyd with one "l." Mr. Traugher said so.

In the real estate transfers, James H. Bereman and wife sold to George C. Bartholomew and wife, joint tenants, parts of section 8 and sections 17, township 37 north range 8 east.

Sept. 8: Don Lippold, who attended summer school at the University of Southampton in England, and traveled in Great Britain, is to sail for the United States Sept. 9.

Mr. and Mrs. John Haben and little Nancy of Little York were recently overnight guests at the Harry Schlapp home.

W.J Morse celebrated his 84th birthday anniversary Sept. 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett McKeown have purchased the large residence on the corner of Madison and Tyler and expect to be located there by October 1. They will use the house as a residence and a funeral home.

Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Saunders, who sold the home to Mr. and Mrs. McKeown, have moved to Warrenville.

Mrs. Fritz Hagerman of Plainfield was ill with a "strep" sore throat last week and came to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Eichelberger for care.

Helen Drew, RN, of Aurora, spent Sunday night and Monday at the home of her brother, Stanley Drew, on Madison street.

Superintendent of Schools Loyd Traughber and wife and their three children, Tom, Cynthia, and Jerry, of Lee Center, are moving into the Richards residence on Main street.

Jack Olson of Park avenue came home last week with his honorable discharge from the navy. He was in the hospital corps in the navy for three years, the last 17 months spent in Honolulu.

The engagement of Miss Beverly A. Woolley to Don E. Ament, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ament of Yorkville has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie S. Wooley of Oswego. The wedding will be Nov. 26.

Yorkville: one of the happier things of the fall season is that Arthur Godfrey is now on for a full hour.

During the period from Aug. 30 to Sept. 4, the Kendall County Selective Service board has registered 298 men, and of these 29 are single non-veterans. The balance are either veterans or married men.

Sept. 15: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Secor have a daughter born Sept. 7, at the Copley hospital. The Secors have five girls and one boy, a nice family of children.

The Rev. J.T. Hood, Ph.D.D., aged 78, of Geneseo, died Sept. 10 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Herbert Ward, The Rev. Mr. hood was pastor of the Oswego Presbyterian church from 1908 to 1914, and during that time the church was remodeled.

Mrs. Wood passed away in July of 1948. Surviving are four children, J.T. Hood Dr. of Cambridge, Mass., Talbot of London, England, Mrs. Mary Creston of Boston, Mass., and Mrs. Helen Ward of Geneseo. The funeral was held Sept. 12, with burial in Geneseo.

Tom Stewart Sr., of just over the line in Will county but a lifelong resident in the vicinity of the "Scotch" church, died Sept. 11. The funeral was held Sept. 14 at the Healy chapel.

Many attended the Wheatland Plowing match from this vicinity, enjoying not only the exhibits but the reunion with old friends.

Motorists are reminded that it is unlawful to pass a stopped school bus, whether you are meeting or passing it. The law is not well known, but it is important that it be obeyed.

Free movies featuring the popular Hollywood comedy hit, "Topper Returns, and including a 15-minute short subject in color on Illinois government, will be presented at Oswego Friday, Sept. 17, beginning at 7:45 p.m. The show is sponsored by the women's division of the Republican State Central committee, and is brought to Oswego through the auspices of the Kendall County Republican women's organization, of which Mrs. J.W. Hunt of Oswego is chairman. The feature picture is another in the famous "Topper" series starring Roland Young and Joan Blondell, with Billie Burke, Carol Landis, and Jack Benny's Rochester in the supporting cast. It is presented in its original full-length form.

The 15-minute color short, "Your Investment in Illinois, was written and directed by Ruth McCormick Miller, co-publisher of the LaSalle-Peru News-Tribune, and active worker in the state Republican women's organization, which is headed by Mrs. Helen Griffin. Cooperating with Mrs. Hunt and the Kendall county women's organization in bringing this program to Oswego is Republican County Chairman Glen D. Palmer of Yorkville and the entire membership of the Kendall County Republican Central committee. It is anticipated that county and district candidates as well as other GOP leaders from this area will be in Oswego to attend the program Friday, as this will be the only showing of the movie in the Kendall county area.

The Oswego program will be the fifth of 40 scheduled showings in scattered downstate Illinois communities.

Those who have seen the two pictures report that the program furnishes an evening of first-rate movie entertainment. At its Chicago premier last Thursday, movie and political writers were lavish in their praise for the 15-minute color film on state government w, which represents the first venture in movie-making, as well as the debut in active Illinois Republican politics, for Mrs. Miller, whose parents were the late United States Senator Medill McCormick and Congressman-at-large Ruth Hanna McCormick Simms.

Sept. 22: Mr. and Mrs. Everett McKeown and baby have moved into their new home on Madison street. Mr. McKeown's mother, who has been here for several weeks, returned to her home in Stronghurst the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bartholomew have moved to the farm recently purchased on Route 25, after completely redecorating the large residence.

At the game Oswego played with Plainfield last Friday evening, Oswego won by a score of 13 to 6.

There will be a racial and cultural relations session at the Presbyterian church Sept. 24. Dr. William H. McConaghy, Philadelphia director of race relations on the board of Christian education, will be the speaker.

Workmen at Shuler's Drug store in Oswego uncovered an iron box Monday, which upon being opened revealed a treasure of historical lore in the shape of letters and billheads. The box was sealed on July 5, 1880. Names prominent in the contents were Dr. Putt, L.N. Hall, Haight, Shepard, Shaver, C.C. Duffy, L. Rank, and others. Mr. Shuler will have the contents on display in his store and you are invited to examine them.

Sept. 30: The tenth annual meeting of the Kendall County Home bureau will be held on Oct. 5 in the Presbyterian church.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wayne have a daughter, named Diane Lynn, born Sept. 11, at the Copley hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Shoger and sons, David and Ross, have moved into their newly-built home on a corner of their farm near the Squires school. Their son, Paul and family, occupy the old home.

Floyd Raspillar was injured during the football game Sept. 24, and was taken by ambulance to the Copley hospital, where it was found he had a dislocated vertebra.

The Oswego school football squad motored to Champaign last Saturday to see the Illinois-Kansas State game. Score: Illinois, 40; Kansas, 0. Twenty-five boys went; Harry Nelson, Allan Campbell, Al Shuler, Mr. Elkhorn, and Coach Warren drove the autos. The Oswego squad played Mooseheart Friday and lost.

James Fred Reeve, formerly a teacher in the Oswego school, was married in his home town, Barry, Ill., on Sept. 18, to Jean Angus of Perth, Australia.

The bride sailed from Sidney, Australia and was 17 days getting to San Francisco. She flew from there to Quincy, Ill. She brought her white satin wedding gown and accessories and they were married in the Barry church.

On Thursday, Sept. 23, the newlyweds were guests at dinner of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Morse, in whose home Mr. Reeve lived while in Oswego before he went into service.



Elaine Smith is now superintendent of hostesses for the TWA line in the Chicago area, having charge of all the outgoing hostesses. At present, she is living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Smith and driving to the Chicago office.

October -- 1948

Oct. 6: Mr. and Mrs. Goodman Story entertained at a buffet supper on Saturday evening, Oct. 2, honoring their son, Lt. Hugh Story, who is being transferred to the west coast. The guests were officers in the army and navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Story are leaving their farm home within a month or two to make their home for the present in California.

The Firemen's ball will be held at the school gym Friday evening.

Tommy, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrison of Garfield avenue, fell from an apple tree he was climbing last Thursday afternoon and broke his left arm.

Robert C. Elliott, 70, of Oswego township passed away at the Copley hospital in Aurora on Tuesday, Sept. 28.

The last member of a pioneer family, he was born in Aurora on March 7, 1878, and lived in Aurora and vicinity all his life.

Surviving are his widow, Garretta of Oswego; a son, John T. Elliott of Springfield, Ohio; a daughter, Mrs. Garretta Sallume of Yellow Springs, Ohio; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held Friday, Oct. 1, at the Healy chapel, with interment in Spring Lake cemetery.

Mrs. Frances Lindemeier of Oswego died at the Copley hospital in Aurora Sept. 29, at the age of 76 years.

Mrs. Lindemeier, a native of Oswego, is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Oscar Weiss; six grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren.

Mr. Lindemeier preceded her in death in 1940.

Funeral services were conducted at the McKeown funeral home in Oswego Friday afternoon. Burial was in the Oswego cemetery.

Yorkville: You can't even listen to the news broadcasts any more without hearing beer commercials. Disgusting, isn't it?

The enrollment at Northern Illinois State Teachers' college at DeKalb has reached an all-time high of 1,662 students as the school begins its 50th year of service to the people of Illinois. This year's figure represents an increase of 27 students over last year's high peak.

Oct. 13: Mr. and Mrs. Myron Wormley and three children and Mrs. Wormley's mother, Mrs. Edna Budd of Yorkville, went to Urbana for the Illinois-Army football game last Saturday, and from there went to Alexis to spend the weekend with Mrs. Wormley's sister and family.

Yorkville: Over 200 homemakers attended the tenth annual meeting of the Kendall County Home bureau held in the Oswego Presbyterian church on Tuesday, Oct. 5. It was the largest attendance recorded thus far.

Oct. 20: An extremely hard running and blocking football club from Oswego fought Yorkville to a tie game last Friday night--all the scoring was done in the last five minutes of the fourth quarter.

(Crowded out last week)

Mrs. Opal Peterson has purchased a trailer and with her daughter, Norma Jean, is now located at Gastville. Mrs. Peterson is employed in Aurora and Norma Jean comes to Oswego high school on the school bus.

Ralph Smith trucked a load of pigs from Marshfield, Wis. last week for Robert Noggle and Arthur Davis, who accompanied him on the trip.

Maxine Eichelberger returned last week from a short vacation spent in company with a cousin and friends in Clark, S.D.

Alvin Hiram Huntoon passed away at Princeton, Ill. Oct. 11, at the age of 63 years. He was born on Dec. 20 1884 in Yorkville, but lived in Oswego the greater part of his life. Surviving are six brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Oct. 14, at the McKeown funeral home in Oswego with interment in the Oswego cemetery.

Mrs. Zell Arnesen of Aurora, 70, passed away Oct. 14, at the Copley hospital in Aurora following a brief illness.

Zell Cowdrey, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Cowdrey of Oswego, was born Feb. 26, 1878 in Oswego. She is survived by her husband, Albert G. of Aurora; a daughter, Mrs. Carl Larson and a grandson of Peoria; and a brother, Myron Cowdrey of Aurora.

Funeral services were conducted at the Healy chapel in Aurora Saturday with Dr. John W. Holland officiating. Interment was in the Oswego cemetery.

Oct. 27: Mr. and Mrs. Allan Schlapp moved Saturday from the small house on the Arthur Davis farm to Aurora.

Norman Arnold has returned from Mexico City with his bride, Nuni. The marriage took place in Mexico City on Saturday, Oct. 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold will live in Montgomery until their home in Oswego is built.

The couple called Saturday evening at the home of the Clifford Olsons and on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Olson entertained them at dinner.

November -- 1948

Nov. 3: The parents of the football boys gave a dinner on Thursday, Oct. 28, in the school gym to the football 1 teams, the cheerleaders, and the faculty.

The guest speaker for the evening was Dale Smith, assistant coach at Mooseheart.

Coach Warren gave a speech and read the names of 17 boys who received major letters and 14 who received minor letters.

Superintendent Loyd Traugher was the master of ceremonies.

On Sunday, Nov. 7, a special Armistice day service will be held at the Federated church with the Oswego and Yorkville Legion and auxiliaries and the Veterans of Foreign Wars as guests.

G.C. Bartholomew attended an antique show at Madison, Wis. last week.

Yorkville: Front page headlines: Complete Returns for County on Election of November 2  
Kendall County Goes Republican as Usual in Face of Victory for Democratic Party in State and National Races.  
Only President Truman Not Surprised!

Nov. 10: There are several cases of mumps in the Prairie church neighborhood.

The farm recently bought by Mr. and Mrs. G.C. Bartholomew better known as the George Bower place, has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. William Husband.

Nov. 17: Mr. and Mrs. Springstead have moved into the residence at the corner of Washington and Madison formerly owned by Frank Walker.

Please have your contribution ready when the canvasser comes to collect money for the purchase of corn for the CROP drive Nov. 21-28.

We had roast pheasant for Sunday dinner. Did you?

Nov. 24: The style show put on by the Oswego Lions club last Saturday evening was a lot of fun. Some of the men dressed as girls were really funny and some were beautifully costumed. A large audience had an evening of laughter. The Lions club will use the proceeds to put up street signs in Oswego.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schultz announce the engagement of their daughter, Charlene, to Richard N. Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Young. The wedding will take place Monday, Dec. 27.

Yorkville; Aurora's long distance telephone operators, starting with the new year, will "dial" calls direct to any one of the 1,610,000

telephones in Chicago and 23 of its suburbs, or to any dial telephone in 218 communities throughout the country.

The new service will considerably shorten the time needed to start conversation on many long distance calls if they are normally routed over voice highways being opened up to operator dialing. Among the more distant points which will be reached from Aurora by the new service are Hartford, Conn.; Youngstown, Ohio; and Sacramento, Calif.

The Kendall County Honor Roll was published on page 9, with the names of all Kendall County men and women who served in the military during World War II, including a list of those killed in action.

December -- 1948

Dec. 1: William Otto Leigh was born in Oswego on Dec. 2, 1865 and passed away at St. Joseph's Mercy hospital in Aurora Sunday morning, Nov. 28, at the age of 82 years, 11 months, and 26 days. Thus passes another of our beloved Kendall county pioneer residents. Mr. Leigh, born in Oswego and spending his entire life in this vicinity, was well known and held in the very highest regard by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

Mr. Leigh was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Frederick Leigh. On Feb. 17, 1892, he was united in marriage of Grace Eliza Hallock, who preceded him in death eight years ago. To their union two sons were born, Oliver and Glen, both of RFD Yorkville, living between Yorkville and Oswego.

Mr. Leigh was engaged in farming until 1917 when he retired and purchased a home in Oswego; there he lived until 1941 when he came to make his home with his son, Glen.

He leaves to mourn his passing the two sons, Oliver and Glen; four grandchildren, William J. and Robert E. Leigh of Yorkville; Mrs. Robert McMicken of Oswego, and Mrs. Ralph Keck of Aurora; four great grandchildren, Jams and Douglas Leigh of Yorkville and Dennis and Ronald Keck of Aurora; also several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were conducted at the McKeown funeral home in Oswego Nov. 30. Burial was made in Riverside cemetery.

Mr. Leigh's two sons, Glen and Oliver, attended the Yorkville high school, where they made a name for themselves as a stellar battery on the baseball team, Glen doing the pitching and Oliver receiving behind the plate. After their graduation, the boys continued their endeavors in baseball, and the announcement "Battery Leigh pitching, Leigh catching," gave opposing teams a fore-notice of defeat. The Leigh boys were widely and favorably known as fine gentlemen and fine sportsmen and no one was more proud, of course, than William O. Leigh, their father, who was an ardent follower of their exploits.

Lawrence O. Bornemann and his brother, Duane E. Bornemann, both of Oswego, were inducted into the armed forces at Joliet Nov. 29, and sent to the 101st Airborne division at Camp Breckenridge, Ky. for training.

According to Secretary Wells, there will be a pre-induction group going for examination next week.

The Kendall County Selective Service board is not listed in the telephone directory, but the number assigned is Plano 2-6331.

At a candlelight ceremony on Nov. 27, in the First Presbyterian church of Oswego, Miss Alice Lynda Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Edward Baker, Oswego, became the bride of Roy A. Thurrow, son of Harvey Thurrow of Yorkville.

A reception was held in the church annex.

The bride and bridegroom both attended the Oswego high school. After a wedding trip to Florida, the couple will reside on a farm near Plattville.

Palms and baskets of white chrysanthemums and pompoms and two five-branch candelabras holding white candles decorated the altar of the First Presbyterian church of Oswego Friday evening, Nov. 26, when Miss Beverly Ann Woolley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Woolley of Oswego became the bride of Donald E. Ament, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ament of Yorkville.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held in the church annex.

The bride is a graduate of the Oswego high school and the bridegroom graduated from the Yorkville high school and is engaged in farming.

After a trip to New Orleans, Mr. and Mrs. Ament will reside on the John Ament farm, where they will be at home to their friends after Jan. 1.

The Oswego Lions club on Saturday, Nov. 20, played to a packed house in the high school gymnasium when they staged a Style and Variety show, with an all-male cast under the direction of Miss Ruth Place.

From the floor, acting as ushers, Earl Zentmyer as a lady siren and Loyd Traugher, nattily attired in the role of an elderly Beau Brummel, kept the audience in hysterics. Assisting in the by-play, Carl Bohn and Ronald Smith dressed as mothers of two tiny girls (Ernest Hoch and Donald Gengler, bewitching clothed in flowered pinafores).

The main production, "Betty Blight's Style Show," brought down the house. Myron Wormley, as Betty Blight, one by one, presented her "girls."

The cast included Myron Wormley, Robert Palmer, Ralph Smith, Forrest Woolley, Ralph Schlapp, the Rev. James Bunch, Carl Bohn, Ronald Smith, G.C. Bartholomew, Louis Russ, Roy Hettrich, Howard Shoger, E.M. McCauley, Ernest Hoch, Don Gengler, Robert Cherry, and Allan Campbell.

At the close of the program, the Lion club president, Everett McKeown, presented Miss Ruth Place, the director of the show, with a gift in behalf of the club. The proceeds of this performance are to be used for street signs in Oswego.

Mrs. William Husband has been to Leland frequently the past weeks. Her mother, who lived in Leland, died last week.

Mrs. James Stewart was quite seriously injured in an auto accident Nov. 3. She is a patient at the Sherman hospital in Elgin.

Dec. 8: The teacher, Mrs. Worland, the parents and the pupils of the Walker school district, and county superintendent Charles W. Clark and wife, met socially with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith on Friday

evening, Dec. 3. Sixty-two persons enjoyed a delicious potluck supper.

Mrs. James Stewart, who was so seriously injured in an auto accident two weeks ago and who has been in the Sherman hospital at Elgin since, has improved sufficiently so she could be brought to the Copley hospital in Aurora the first of this week.

It's no news that the wind blew last Saturday night and all day Sunday and Sunday night--everybody knew it. Haven't heard of any serious damage around here; evestroughs and the ridge boards loosened or blew down. The windmill at the Albert-Leslie Woolley farm gave way to the wind.

The fall meeting of the Kendall County Federation of Woman's Clubs was held in the Masonic hall in Oswego on Nov. 30. About 50 members enjoyed the luncheon, which was served by the Eastern Star ladies.

Dec. 15: Two hundred forty 4-H club members, leaders, parents, and friends gathered at the Presbyterian church annex in Oswego Saturday night, Dec. 11, for the second annual Achievement banquet.

Oswego and the surrounding communities are having a siege of mumps. Old and young alike seem to be afflicted. Looks bad for some Christmas reunions.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Dick) Johnston of the Oswego-Plainfield road, have a son, Michael Jerome, born at the St. Charles hospital in Aurora.

The baby, a nice nine-pound boy, has some respiratory infection making breathing difficult, and was taken to the Children's Memorial hospital in Chicago for treatment and at last report was improving. There are two girls in the Johnston family.

Dec. 22: Charles P. McLaren, 73, of NaAuSay township, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 18, at the Copley Memorial hospital in Aurora, ending a long illness.



Mr. McLaren is survived by a niece, Mrs. John McMicken of NaAuSay, and several cousins. His brother, Lachlan, his only relative, died last July

Funeral services were conducted at the Luce funeral home in Plainfield Monday with the Rev. Ernest S. Brown officiating. Interment was in the United Presbyterian cemetery in Wheatland township.

Mr. McLaren had been an invalid for 12 years, and for the past six months had been in the Copley hospital.

Miss Kathryn Butler fell in her home on the Chicago road last week and fractured her left hip and left wrist.

Oswego friends of Margaret Norris Plapp will be interested to know that Mrs. Plapp and her little daughter, Lynn, are in Albuquerque, N.M., because of the little girl's health. The Rev. William Plapp has secured an associate pastorate there and will move their household goods from Milwaukee in January.

Mrs. Richard (Dick) Johnston came home from the hospital last week and the baby, who was in a serious condition because of a respiratory ailment and was taken to the Children's Memorial hospital, is recovering and is expected to be brought back soon. The little fellow has been named Michael Jerome for a buddy of Dick's. The two servicemen trained and went overseas together, but Jerome lost his life.

Dec. 29: Mrs. M.R. Saxon entertained at a Christmas tea Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 21, honoring Dr. Saxon's mother, Mrs. Max Saxon. The guests were 11 ladies, all grandmothers, who greatly enjoyed the Christmas festivities.

On Friday, the day before Christmas, Mrs. Saxon entertained a group of 15 little folks in honor of the Saxon's twin daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Johnson have a girl, Marilyn Sue, born Dec. 19, at the Copley hospital. There are three other children in the family.

Cyril Wayne Matter, 5, underwent an appendectomy at the Copley hospital in Aurora on Dec. 16, and came home Dec. 22.

What could have been a major conflagration at the Glen Leigh home was averted Christmas morning simply because the Leighs had not left earlier for the home of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. McMicken to spend Christmas day.

It was found that several of the basement floor joists were badly burned but could be repaired and used. The furnishings of the main floor were badly smoked up and much cleaning will be necessary. It was an unfortunate occurrence to mar Christmas day, but looking at the other side, "it could have been much worse."

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Krug and Mrs. Adele Woolley had as their guests on Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Wooley and son Frank of Oswego.

Many enjoyed two Christmas dinners this year, which is the height of something or other.

Mrs. Elizabeth Schillinger passed away at the Copley Memorial hospital in Aurora Monday, Dec. 20, at the age of 46. She was born Feb. 27, 1902 in Will county.

Mrs. Schillinger is survived by her husband, Robert G.; five sons, Darwin, Dale, Clifford, Roger, and Wayne, all of Oswego; two nieces; and a nephew.

Funeral services were held at the McKeown funeral home Thursday afternoon. Interment in the Lincoln Highway cemetery.

Mrs. Dorothy Drew, 72, wife of the late Dr. T.B. Drew, died at her home in Blue Island, Dec. 22. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Jessie Carfero of Philadelphia and Miss Dorothy Drew, with whom she lived; one son, Tom; and two grandchildren of Blue Island.

Mrs. Drew had been an invalid for a year and a half but died of pneumonia. Funeral services were held in Blue Island with a short service at the place of interment in Spring Lake cemetery, Aurora, where she was laid to rest beside her husband.

Dr. Drew, who was a practicing physician in Oswego from 1898 to 1917, passed away in April of 1917.

## January

Jan. 5: Miss Charlene Schultz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schultz of Oswego, married Richard N. Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Young, also of Oswego at the Oswego Presbyterian Church on Dec. 27. Phyllis Ebinger was organist and Bill Wunder the soloist. Joyce Rolfe of Aurora, cousin of the bride, lit the candles. Patricia Campbell of Oswego was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Margaret Young, sister of the groom; and Lois Castner of Aurora, cousin of the bride. Best man was John Young, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Wayne Sanderson and Richard Lauder. Ushers were Ralph Sanderson and Jack Pfund. The couple traveled to New Orleans and Baton Rouge, La., where they planned to visit Stanley Young and family, the groom's brother, formerly of Oswego. The newlyweds are graduates of Oswego High School. The bride attended Cornell College at Mt. Vernon, Ia., and Northwestern University and was currently studying at North Central College in Naperville. The groom planned to graduate from North Central College in January.

Frank Herren, 78, Oswego Township Treasurer, died Jan. 4, 1949 at Copley Hospital Aurora. He was born Oct. 3, 1870 in NaAuSay Township.

Mr. Herren was preceded in death by his wife in 1941. Surviving are one son, Howard; and one grandson, Stanley, both of Oswego; and a brother, Walter Herren of Van Nuys, Calif.

Funeral services for Mr. Herren will be held at the Oswego Presbyterian church Friday, Dr. John Holland of Chicago and Pastor Alan Darling officiating. Burial will be in the Pearce cemetery. Friends may call at the McKeown funeral home in Oswego.

Rehearsals are under way for "Fun for You," the local talent show being sponsored by the American Legion and its auxiliary to be presented Jan. 13 and 14 at the Oswego high school gym. The show is under the direction of Dorothy Clare Stemme of Kansas City, who has had much experience in this type of work.

Yorkville: "Ordinary Things" by the Rural Woman

On New Year's eve, not being the possessor of an evening gown, silver slippers, and ermine wrap, we passed by, over on the other side of the night clubs to become a baby sitter....After snapping off

the porch light on the departing parents, you read the magazines, turn up the thermostat, listen at the foot of the stairs, knit, and then it's time to heat water for coffee and raid the ice box.

When you've washed your lunch dishes, you're sleepy; tip-toeing to the stairs again to listen for a peep there isn't a sound so you curl up on the davenport.

Jan. 12: And so "The Rural Woman" gets a lunch when she is out as a baby-sitter! We shall have to look into this. We are not being cheated, or maybe this was an extra for New Year's eve!

Let's not complain of Illinois roads or weather. It is SO much better than other parts of the United States, including California.

The Oswego unit of the Home bureau met Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 4, at the home of Mrs. Robert Silvius.

Five new members, Doris Price, Mrs. J. Husband, Mrs. William Husband, Mrs. Paul Shoger, Mrs. Don Gengler, and Mrs. Bernard Breitwiser, were presented with potted ivy from the unit.

Walter Herren came from Van Nuys, Calif. by plane to attend his brother, Frank Herren's, funeral Jan. 7.

Ry Hettrich is away again on a winter vacation to the Hawaiian Islands.

Elaine Smith, superintendent of the TWA hostesses in Chicago, was home over the weekend.

Mrs. Glenn Tooley and her baby son, Glenn Michael, came from the hospital last week to their home on Madison street.

The newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Young, returned from their southern wedding trip Jan. 6. They had an unavoidable auto accident in Memphis, Tenn. on their way home, so finished their journey by bus, leaving their auto to be repaired.

W.A. Rodger, a chemical engineer with the Argonne National Laboratory, presented an informative program on "The Use of

Atomic Energy in a Christian World" during a special program Jan. 16 at the Federated Church in Oswego.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Woolley are moving this week to their home, recently purchased on Garfield avenue. Their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fosgett and family, formerly of Michigan, are now residing on the home farm.

Mrs. Johanna Samuelson, 93, died Jan. 3 at the Swedish Covenant hospital in Chicago. She is survived by nieces and nephews. Her husband, John, and son, Asel, passed away some years ago. The family lived in Oswego and vicinity for some 20 years, then moved to Aurora. After her son died in Aurora, Mrs. Samuelson went to live with her brother and wife in Chicago, both of whom preceded her in death, whereupon she went to the Swedish Covenant hospital, where she remained until her death.

Mr. Samuelson came to the United States from Sweden and in 1895 sent for his wife and their son to join him here.

Yorkville: Under a modification order entered Jan. 4 by the Illinois Commerce commission, the Western United Gas & Electric company will be able to serve an additional 1,300 homes in the company's territory with gas for space heating during 1949. The 1,300 are at the head of a large waiting list, which dates back to April 10, 1947 when the commission order was last extended.

Red Blanchard of WLS will be the entertainer at the Farm bureau annual meeting, which will be held at the high school gymnasium in Yorkville Saturday, Jan. 22.

Jan. 19: Mr. and Mrs. Keith Kellogg are the parents of twins, a boy and a girl, born Jan. 16, at Copley Hospital. The new twins' maternal grandfather, J.C. Schlapp, is a twin and their paternal great-grandfather, Alvin E. Kellogg, is also a twin.

The home ec class of the Oswego school and the teacher, Miss Sanderson, attended the Ice Follies in Chicago Monday evening.

Have heard of several cases of the flu? Don't let the little "bug" catch you.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kohlhammer were married in Oswego 50 years ago Jan. 21, and have spent their entire married life in Oswego.

*The Record* printed the wedding photo of Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Charlene Schultz) Young on page 7.

Jan. 26: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kohlhammer celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Jan. 21, 1949. Friday evening, their daughter, Mrs. Pearl Neaves and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Don Pinnow, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Kohlhammer and son, Lewis, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hobson and daughter, Sharon, of Milan, Mich. at dinner.

Mrs. Minnie Falk, 77, formerly of Oswego died Jan. 19 at the Waterman nursing home. Miss Falk was born Sept. 16, 1871 in Minnesota. Surviving her are two nieces, Mrs. A.J. Hettrich of Oswego and Mrs. Harry Beeman of Portland Ore. Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon, Jan. 21, at the McKeown funeral home in Oswego. Interment was in the Riverside mausoleum.

Mrs. Jessie Minard Clark, 87, nearly all her life a resident of Oswego, died Jan. 19 at the Soldiers' Home in Quincy.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Clark was one of the pioneers of Oswego, the last of ten brothers and sisters, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Minard. She never saw her father, as she was born three months after he enlisted in the army during the Civil War and lost his life in the south.

Mrs. Clark had been ill for a long time, lying in a semi-conscious condition following a stroke three years ago. Her sister, Mrs. Hannah Minard Davis died in October 1947.

On Saturday, Jan. 29, on the Rural America program over WMAQ, Robert Sawyer of Leland will speak as a contestant from Illinois for the championship of Master Farmer of the United States.

Mr. Sawyer was the ag teacher in the Oswego school from '42 to '45 and his many friends will want to hear him speak.

February -- 1949

Feb. 2: The marriage of Miss Caryl Morse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Morse of Oswego, to Robert Stewart Brubaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Allen Brubaker of Paris, Ill., took place Saturday, Jan. 29, in the Presbyterian church of Oswego.

After a short wedding trip the couple will reside in Urbana where Mr. Brubaker is completing his master's degree in speech pathology and instructing in the speech department of the University of Illinois.

The trio composed of Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Leigh, and Mrs. Hafenrichter, who represented Kendall county in the music and drama contest, won an "A" rating at the northern district contest held at Joliet.

This vicinity had the first zero temperature of the winter last week. The country roads and farm yards have been one sheet of ice. Many autos have slid off the roads into ditches, but no serious accidents have been reported here. Sylvia Ebinger fell on the ice at the Prairie Church Sunday morning and received a wound over one eye that necessitated a physician's care and three stitches taken to close the jagged cut.

The R.M. Burkhart Pontiac garage in Oswego is proudly displaying the new 1949 Pontiac. The model on the Burkhart display floor is the beautiful new Chieftain sedan.

Yorkville: It has been announced that Iver M. Olsen and William G. Coker have sold their interest in the Kendall theatre in Yorkville to Robert Koempel, who needs no introduction in this community. Mr. Koempel has taken over the operation of the theatre and after extensive improvements and alterations will be prepared to open the Kendall theatre again to the public.

Feb. 16: Oswegoan Injured as Results of Falls, One in Home, one on Icy Road  
Mrs. Elizabeth Pierce fell and fractured her right hip last Saturday night in her bedroom.

Marshall Young, who has been carrying the rural mail out of the Oswego post office for the past year, fell while on the mail route Thursday, Feb. 3, and injured his back so badly that he was unable to be out on the route until the following Monday. Many have fallen but with few serious results recorded.

Roy Roalson, who recently suffered a severe heart attack, is making progress in the hospital.

The entire community sympathizes with Dean Paydon and the other Paydon relatives in the death of Charlotte Paydon on Feb. 3. She was the 21 year-old wife of Dean Paydon. The funeral was held in the Plainfield Congregational church Saturday with burial in the Wheatland cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Irish have a son born Jan. 31 at the St. Joseph hospital in Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Etten have a son, Ronald Scott, born at Mt. Sinai hospital, Chicago, Feb. 1.

Feb. 16: A large group of friends met in the Masonic dining room Saturday evening honoring Mr. and Mrs. R.B. Stephens, who are moving to their new farm home south of Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephens have lived off the Grove Road for 29 years and have many friends in this vicinity.

Their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Pierce, and their brother Bert Allen, will live on the big farm vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Stephens.

Some excitement Saturday on Main Street when smoke issued from the register in the Masonic dining room. The Oswego Fire Department was immediately called. There was some damage to the woodwork around the register.

Mrs. Walter Niles and baby son, Barry Jay, came home from the St. Joseph hospital Friday.

Mrs. Edward Weidert is home from St. Joseph's hospital with her little daughter, Connie May.



The Oswego and Walker schools were closed because of the icy condition of the roads.

Feb. 23: Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Lumbard celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday, Feb. 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis "Pete" Campbell and family were given a surprise dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Tyree on Route 71 Saturday evening.

The occasion for the gathering was that the Campbells are moving to a home on Madison street, Oswego, this week. They were presented with a gift of glassware and the little daughters, Lucia and Connie, were given a bowl of goldfish.

The neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Bundy gave them a farewell party Wednesday, Feb. 23. The Bundys are moving from the Cutter farm on the Oswego-Plainfield road to Plainfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crippen of Santuree, Puerto Rico, announce the birth of a son, Cameron Scott, on Feb. 9. Mrs. Crippen is the former Miss Helen Dranir of Oswego. They lived in Nebraska for several years until the firm by which Mr. Crippen is employed sent him to Puerto Rico last year. There are two big boys and a little girl to welcome the baby brother.

The Oswego Lions Club has been very busy recently installing new concrete street signs Oswego. This project is worthy and assists greatly in finding one's way about. Well-marked streets are a necessity in every town. The Oswego Lions took the "bull by the horns," and did something about it. Installing the signs were Everett McKeown, Lions Club President; Harold Van Etten; Ernest Pfund, past president; Glenn Leigh; Norval Tripp; Gordon Wormley; Lyle Shoger, village employee; Roy Hettrich, co-chairman, street sign committee; and Allan Campbell, co-chairman. [A photo by Don Corrick accompanied the short story. Work on the street sign project started in the fall of 1948, but had to be abandoned during the winter months.]

On March 1, the Oswego Lions Club will play a basketball game against the Oswego Firemen to help raise funds to complete paying

for the new street signs, which are being erected in Oswego by the Lions club.

The Lions Club started last year to install the new street markers, but winter weather intervened and the project had to be abandoned until warmer days this coming spring. Most of the cement posts have been erected, but many have to be treated and the street names stenciled on them.

March -- 1949

March 2: The East Oswego Farmers Club, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. George Smith, met Thursday, Feb. 24, in the Presbyterian church parlors.

During the afternoon program, president Paul Shoger led the group singing.

There was much discussion of the condition of the country roads and a committee of five men, Allen Woolley, Walter Gast, Howard and Oscar Shoger, and Harold Bower, was appointed to see that something be done about it. Many are interested in the roads. They certainly are in a bad shape. Call on us if you want signers on a petition.

The FFA and GAA young people of the Oswego school had fun at a hard times party held in the gym last Friday evening.

Charles Lippincott received word of the death of his father, George M. Lippincott, of a heart attack in Middletown, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Steckel and little son of Prairie du Sac, Wis., are moving into the lower flat of the John Herren home on Main Street.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hem, a boy, Feb. 25, at the Copley Memorial hospital.

All mumps, measles, and "strep" sore throats in Oswego.

Yorkville: NOTICE

Gambling in all forms in Kendall county has reached the place where it can no longer be considered a pastime. Please take notice that all complaints will be investigated and anyone found violating the gambling laws will be prosecuted.

D.C. MEWHIRTER

State's Attorney

WILLIAM E. HAYDEN

Sheriff

Petitions are being circulated to consolidate grade school districts 19 (Boomer), 17 (Yorkville), 35 (Kendall), 36 (Inscho), 37 (Needham), and 38 (Brown) into one school district. All these schools are now using the Yorkville school facilities except the Brown district. The Brown school building is in need of remodeling if it is to be used next year. The election to be held upon the filing of these petitions will be held later in March.

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Miss Margaret Young opened a play school for pre-school children in the apartment over Bohn's store March 7. The sessions are from 9 to 11:30 a.m. five days a week and on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. Smith had as their guest over the weekend Mrs. LaVerne Winner of Mt. Vernon, Ia., a house-mother from Cornell college home where Virgil Smith lived while in college. Virgil Smith, a graduate of Cornell college, has accepted a position as assistant farm adviser of Kane county.

Yorkville: The proposition of establishing a community consolidated grade school district, which includes all districts now being served by the Yorkville grade, and the Brown schools will be brought to a vote on Saturday, March 26.

The proposed district has the following advantages:

1. The building problems could more effectively be solved.

2. It would give those who now have no voice in school affairs a vote for those who determine school policies.

3. It would give the district a stability and a security for long range planning, which is no longer possible under the present district plan.

It equalized the school tax rate over the entire area.

March 16: Harlan Collins, associated with the J.W. Speaker Manufacturing company of Milwaukee, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Collins.

Pfc. Wilford "Bill" Corrick, located at Chanute airfield, was home for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. William Husband entertained friends from their former home town, Western Springs, last Sunday.

March 23: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Palmer returned March 20 from a three week auto trip to Phoenix, Ariz., where they visited their son, Don and wife and three little grandchildren, and his brother and sister in law, Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon Palmer and family and called on other former Oswego families living there.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Shuler, Ann and Chuckie, left Sunday for a motor trip to the southwest, Phoenix, Arizona being their destination.

Wayne Fosgett suffered a severe heart attack in the early morning of March 18. He was taken to a hospital by ambulance and must be quiet for some time.

Yorkville: Voters in non-high territory in the Millington area have attached themselves to the Sandwich Township High School district as the result of the election held Saturday, March 12.

Those in Kendall county non-high voted 44 to 7 in favor of attachment and those of the Sandwich high school district voted 71 to 3 in favor of accepting this territory. The vote in the LaSalle county area was by a similar margin.

An election will be held at the Plattville school building On Saturday, March 26, on the question whether or not to unite the

Booth, McKanna, and Plattville grade school districts into one district. Voters of these three districts are urged to turn out and register their desires in the matter at the polling place.

March 30: Mrs. Elizabeth Pierce, age 82, died March 26, 1949, her death resulting from a fractured hip, which she incurred two months ago.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Mary Shiffer of Oswego; one son, Nicholas Pierce of Aurora; three grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the McKeown funeral home on March 29. Burial was in Mt. Olivet cemetery by the side of her husband, who preceded her in death in 1939.

Mrs. Pierce was born in County Antrim, Ireland and came to the home of her uncle in NaAuSay at the age of 20. Later, she married Michael Pierce and they lived in NaAuSay for a number of years before making their home in Oswego.

On Thursday evening, March 24, Mrs. Dorothy Foster and Earl Schlapp were united in marriage at the Foster home, the Rev. Alan Darling reading the marriage service.

The newlyweds received some beautiful gifts. They spent several days in Chicago and returning will live in the Foster home.

The immunization clinic held in the Oswego high school on Thursday, March 24, was attended by 113 children ranging in age from 5 to 17 years. These children were immunized for smallpox, diphtheria, and tetanus. The clinic was sponsored by the Oswego Mothers' club and the Oswego Parent-Teacher association. Dr. M.R. Saxon and Dr. I.H. Deutsch of Oswego were the clinicians.

NaAuSay: Miss Elaine Baker and Miss Joanne Wheeler of this community represented the Oswego high school at the state Student Council convention held at the Congress hotel in Chicago Friday and Saturday.

Quite a number from here attended the funeral of Walter Heap at Minooka Wednesday.

Jerry Powers, eight month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tona Powers, has been seriously ill the past week at the Copley Memorial hospital with pneumonia.

The annual election for members of the Board of Education of Oswego Community High school will be held Saturday, April 9, at the village hall in Oswego.

Two members are to be elected, John Cherry and Charles Schultz are the members whose terms expire. They are candidates for reelection.

Yorkville: Voters of all four precincts approved the establishment of a consolidated grade school district composed of Districts, 17, 19, 35, 36, 37, and 38 in last Saturday's election. Rural voters voted almost 4-1 in favor of the district and the combined village vote was 90-7.

The election for the consolidating of the Plattville, McKanna, and Booth school districts was held Saturday afternoon and resulted in 72 votes in favor of the consolidation and no votes against.

April -- 1949

April 6: Mr. and Mrs. Alva Shuler, Ann and Chuckie returned Saturday evening from a two-week vacation trip southwest.

Wayne Fosgett is showing improvement at the Copley hospital, where he has been for three weeks suffering from a serious heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nelson have a nine-pound girl, born March 31 at the Copley hospital. The baby is named Joyce Darlene.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Sergerson have sold their home on Madison street to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Youngman and are moving this week to a house on Douglas road near Aurora. Mr. Sergerson is a commercial salesman at the Goodrich store on Galena boulevard in Aurora. Mr. and Mrs. Fauth, who are proprietors of the Copper Kettle, live in one apartment in the residence on Madison street.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jennings of Jennings' jewelry shop will move into the other apartment.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Shoger gave a birthday dinner April 3 for their sons, Stuart and Paul.

Yorkville: The newly opened York Theatre in downtown Yorkville was showing "My Dear Secretary" with Laraine Day, Keenan Wynn, and Kirk Douglas and "The Adventures of Marco Polo" with Gary Cooper

April 13: A group of young people from the Prairie church attended a service at a Lutheran church in Aurora Sunday evening. Merlin Hummel was on the program, singing a solo.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hagerman of Plainfield have moved to the Cutter farm on the Oswego-Plainfield road rented by her father, Harvey Eichelberger.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Prince of Washington street have a daughter, born April 6, named Marilyn Carol. There are two older sisters.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hafenrichter, a daughter, April 10, at St. Joseph's hospital. The two little boys in the family welcome a sister.

On Saturday evening April 9, a dozen young folks of the Oswego school had a farewell party for on Tate at the home of Neil Baker on Route 71. Don, with his mother and little brother, are going to move to El Paso, Ill, this week to join Mr. Tate, who is superintendent in a school there.

Yorkville: Playing at the York Theatre in downtown Yorkville was "Badlands of Dakota" starring Robert Stack and Ann Rutherford and "The Man from Colorado" with Glenn Ford and William Holden.

April 20: Mary Lou Campbell entertained at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Campbell Saturday for Anieta Denney, at a linen shower. The guest of honor, who will be a bride this week, was presented with a beautiful table cloth and napkins.

Earl Zentmyer proprietor of the Zentmyer Motor Sales, Oswego Ford dealer, underwent an appendectomy at St. Joseph's hospital April 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Clauser and two sons of Watseka were weekend guests at the home of Mr. Clauser's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Clauser.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Etsinger of Route 31 phoned their daughter, Mrs. Robert (Dorothy) Johnson, in Seattle, Wash., following the earthquake in the Pacific Northwest last week. There was no serious damage done in the Puget Sound region where the Johnson's live.

The massed Largent Champion Concert band will appear in concert in the Oswego high school gymnasium Sunday, April 24. Local members of the band are to be featured. Among the 128 members of the massed band are the following Kendall county young people: Nancy and David Heap, Judy Behrens, Donald Verrmeland, Deanna Evans, Barbara Swisher and Phyllis Tisdall.

Eagle Plum, a platform genius who is an authentic interpreter of Indian life, lore and culture, a keen humorist, philosopher and anthropologist and America's foremost exponent of Indian dancing, will appear at the Oswego high school gym on Tuesday night, April 25. The outstanding program is sponsored by the Mother's club. Eagle Plume is a well informed student, not only of the early history of the American Indian but of other racial groups as well. He is a graduate of Columbia university with a degree in anthropology. As an army scout during the war, he had an unusual opportunity to study the strange peoples of the Solomons and other Pacific Islands. He has lately returned from three years in the Pacific.

April 27: An impressive double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Alan Darling in the Oswego Presbyterian church Monday night, April 18, uniting Miss Anieta Mae Denney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Denney, and Dale John Schillinger, son of Robert Schillinger. All are from Oswego.

Harold Cormany of Aurora was the best man. William Denney, brother of the bride and Clifford Schillinger, brother of the bridegroom were groomsmen.



## Notice

All cemetery lots unpaid by May 15 will not be mowed or otherwise cared for. --By order of Oswego Cemetery board.

The parents' club of the Walker school, the "Walker Three C's," will meet with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Condon on Wednesday evening, April 27. Loyd Traugher will be the speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. G.C. Bartholomew will show antiques at the Antique show in the Masonic temple in Aurora May 4, 5, and 6.

May -- 1949

May 4: The entire area was saddened by the fatal illness of Mrs. Alan Darling. Elizabeth Darling, age 41 years, died at the Copley hospital on Friday, April 29. She is survived by her husband, the Rev. Alan A. Darling, pastor of the Oswego Presbyterian church; three children, Mary, Margaret, and Charles; and her mother, Mrs. Bessie Wallis. She was born in Nashua, Iowa on March 17, 1908, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wallis. Mr. Wallis died when she was young. Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church on May 2, the Rev. John Lampe of Rogers Park officiating. Interment was in the Oswego cemetery.

The Rev. and Mrs. Alan B. Darling and two little daughters came to Oswego in 1944.

May 22: William Sutherland of Oswego, 72 years of age, passed away Monday, May 9, at Hinckley, Ill.

Mr. Sutherland was born in Oswego on July 17, 1876. He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Laura Obmann of Montgomery, Mrs. Frank Widdifield of Montgomery, and Mrs. James Bell of Oswego; and two brothers, Harry of Elgin and Fred of Centralia, Wash. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

The funeral service was conducted at the McKeown funeral home Wednesday afternoon with the Rev. James Bunch officiating. Interment in the Oswego cemetery.

The senior class of the Oswego high school spent a busy weekend May 6-7. Accompanied by Superintendent and Mrs. T. Loyd Traugher, and the class advisor, William Warren, and traveling in a chartered bus, they first toured the state penitentiary at Joliet and saw the New York Yankees play the Sox at Comiskey park. Twenty-three out of 24 seniors were on the group. On Saturday they attended a broadcast at the Merchandise Mart, lunched at Riccardo's, and saw "Finian's Rainbow" at the Schubert theatre.

An accident occurred about daylight Monday morning on Route 34 at the Federated church corner when an auto driver, probably failing to gauge the time it took for a large truck to turn the corner, ran into the truck, damaging the auto considerably, injuring the man behind the wheel and putting the truck out of commission.

May 18: Dr. and Mrs. M.R. Saxon enjoyed a short vacation trip last week, motoring to the Cumberland mountains in Kentucky.

Merrill Cherry attended the National Rifle association shooting match at Springfield Sunday.

Oswego High School District 8 has called a special election for the purpose of voting for or against the proposition of selling \$350,000 of high school bonds. The date of the special election is Saturday, May 21. There will be three polling places in the district: Precinct 1, Oswego Village hall, for all voters of Oswego and Bristol townships; Precinct 2, NaAuSay Town Hall for all voters of NaAuSay township; and Precinct 3, Church school, Wheatland township, for all voters residing in Wheatland township.

The board of education called an election on May 16, 1946, in response to a petition of 350 voters to build a new Community high school; to sell \$270,000 worth of high school bonds; to purchase a site for the building. A favorable vote directed them to proceed with purchasing a site. A part of the building was constructed last year as an emergency classroom space for grades 4, 5, and 6. This emergency is acute; the grade school board wishes to use the present building for their own pupils within two years. The high school board now holds home economics classes off-campus and shop in a downtown shop.

Bids were called for last year and were rejected as being too high. Negotiated bidding with Arnold Leis, contractor of Aurora, has lowered the cost to \$540,000 for the completed building. Work will proceed immediately with a favorable vote Saturday, May 21.

The junior-senior banquet and prom was held Saturday night, May 14. The theme of the evening was "Gold Rush in '49."

Oswego and Plano met May 4 for a dual track meet at Oswego with Plano taking the meet by a score of 68 to Oswego's 59.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Haugh had as their guest on May 11 and 12 her sister, Mrs. Paul Beyers of Ottawa. Mr. and Mrs. Haugh were in Pontiac Sunday and it rained there until the water stood in the fields.

Don Pinnow, as a Marine Reserve, has gone to Camp Le Juene, N.C. for two weeks.

Dr. Bertel Malmberg of Oak Park, formerly a dentist in the Navy, will move into the Dr. M.R. Saxon office on Washington street about June 1. Dr. Malmberg will be accompanied to Oswego by his wife, who is a registered nurse.

May 25: The voters of the Oswego Community high school approved an increase in the bond issue for building purposes at the special election held in the district Saturday, May 21. The vote on the proposition was 576 for and 156 against the proposition.

By precincts the voting was as follows: Precinct 1 (Oswego and Bristol townships), 520 for, 66 against.

Precinct 2 (NaAuSay township), 42 for, 25 against.

Precinct 3 (Wheatland township), 14 for, 65 against.

The vote assures the district of a modern new high school. Contracts for the construction of the building are expected to be completed and signed this week. Work will proceed immediately, according to the plans of the board of education.

June -- 1949

June 1: The community was saddened by the tragedy last week which took the life of Robert H. Blackwood of Polk street, a Navy veteran of World War II, who has participated in 27 engagements and having a spectacular war record.

Mr. Blackwood was killed Wednesday night in a truck-taxicab collision near Minneapolis, Minn. He was employed as a truck driver by Harold Westphal of Aurora and was on a regular trip with a load. He is survived by his wife and a seven month old son, Robert III. He was buried May 28 in Lincoln Highway cemetery on his 27th birthday.

The Blackwoods had just completed a new home on Polk street, having lived in Oswego for about two years. Mrs. Blackwood, who was prostrated by the sad news, and her baby son, will probably go to the home of her parents in Lansing, Mich.

Fred Claassen in the Navy for three years, part of the time on the Pacific coast also in China, Australia, Pearl harbor, and in Operation Frostbite in Alaska, came home May 30 with his honorable discharge from the service.

Memorial [Day] services were held at the Oswego school May 30 with the usual speaker and band and the procession to the cemeteries.

Many of the farmers were far too busy to take the day off on May 30 on account of late corn and soybean planting. All are thankful for fair weather and warm sunshine after two weeks of cold, rainy weather.

Following the conference at Rockford last week, the Rev. L.R. Huntley has been returned to the Oswego Prairie church.

June 8: Mrs. Bruce Henderson and infant daughter, Mary Jane, came home from the hospital Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Hettrich announce the engagement of their daughter, Virginia, to Richard Horn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Horn of Chicago.

The members of the Busy Bee club and their families met for a wienie roast Wednesday evening, June 8, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Matile.

The school children are enjoying their vacations in different ways. Some go visiting and some have tonsillectomies. Chuckie Shuler and Roseann Castell were tonsil victims June 1, and recovered nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Zentmyer and little son Johnny, left last week for an extended trip through the west. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Adkins are staying with the three daughters left at home.

June 15: George V. Griffin graduated from Marmion Military Academy in Aurora June 12. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Griffin, entertained a large group of relatives and friends at a buffet luncheon at their home Sunday noon. George expects to enter Notre Dame on a scholarship in June.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Hafenrichter of Aurora, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hafenrichter, Mr. and Mrs. William Leigh, and Merlin Hummel spent the weekend in Michigan, going there to see John Hafenrichter get his master's degree at Ann Arbor.

June 22: Dr. M.R. Saxon has moved from his former office on Washington street to the office of the late Dr. L.J. Weishew on Main. The building has been remodeled and redecorated and a large amount of new equipment installed. An X-ray specialist from Aurora will be in the office twice weekly.

Thirty-seven 4-H'ers and leaders in a school bus went on a tour to the University of Illinois June 15. They toured the campus, noting the important buildings. Dean Rusk of the college of agriculture welcomed them.

Leslie Morse, Kenneth Gowran, and Wayne Denney spent four days and Al Shuler and Ralph Johnson two days at Champaign last week attending a firemen's school.

Miss Marilyn Suzanne Rogerson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Rogerson of Oswego became the bride of Fred E. Marklein, son of

Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Marklein of Yorkville at a beautiful candlelight ceremony Friday evening June 17 at the Oswego Presbyterian Church.

After a trip to California to visit relatives and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Marklein will reside at 10 North Lake street, Aurora.

The bride is a graduate of the Oswego high school and Gregg Business college, Chicago and is employed as a secretary in the Aurora law firm of Petersen and Goldsmith. The bridegroom served in the Navy overseas and is employed by the Standard Motor Sales in Plano.

NaAuSay: The Busy Bee club held their picnic and wiener roast at the home of John Matile Wednesday night. Sixty-one were present, making a perfect attendance.

June 29: A most enjoyable evening was had Tuesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Penn when they entertained the JOY Sunday School class at a family-style wiener roast with 22 children and 37 adults present.

Lawn games were enjoyed and all gathered around the fireplace to eat and roast wieners and marshmallows.

On June 18, Winston Cather of Oswego and Vivian Garret of Florida were married at the Federated church with the Rev. James Bunch, pastor reading the marriage service.

Mrs. Winston Cather is a sister of Mrs. Cyril Cather, the brothers marrying sisters, and both couples will live in Aurora in the same apartment building.

Of all the large Cather family, only Gayle is left in the home with his parents.

Jane Ann Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O.W. Patterson of River Knoll Farm, Oswego, married Charles Frederick Weis on June 11 at the home of the bride's parents, River Knoll Farm, in Oswego.

July -- 1949

July 6: Most of the farmers celebrated the Fourth by working in the corn or hay fields. There has been record-breaking heat during the past week.

The following children are spending this week at the Pilgrim Park camp at Princeton: Sharon Walper, Bonnie Campbell Sharon Lippold, Delores Zentmyer, James Tripp, Warren and Marybelle Van Etten, Betty Smith, and Catherine Gowran. Kenneth Gowran and Harold Van Etten furnished the transportation. Ford Lippold is one of the instructors.

Beginning July 1, the Oswego Post Office is a second-class office. Heretofore, it was third class. The step-up is due to the larger amount of mail handled during recent years, and it entitles the office to another clerk. Mrs. Dennison is serving part-time in that capacity. The postmaster, Ear McVicker, the assistant, Miss Mabel Thompson, and rural carrier Marshal Young celebrated at the office on July 1.

Mrs. Arthur Ramm and Mrs. Skip Thiess entertained at a miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Ruth Brown, at the home of Mrs. Frank Gerry. Miss Brown will be the bride of Theodore Gerry on July 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Nelson of Route 31 are the parents of a daughter born July 1 at the Copley Memorial Hospital.

Helen Drew, R.N., of Aurora was a guest over Sunday at the home of her brother, Stanley Drew, on Madison Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bohn were host and hostess to the annual Schultz reunion July 3 when 56 guests from Chicago, Cicero, Berwyn, Aurora, and Oswego gathered for a picnic dinner and supper.

July 13: On Wednesday evening, July 20, on the lawn of the Federated church on the corner of Routes 34 and 25 in Oswego, the JOY Sunday school class is sponsoring an ice cream social. If it's too hot to dress up, come in the car as you are for curbside service will be provided.

On Saturday evening, July 9, Mrs. Oliver Burkhart and Mrs. Mary Cutter Pickford entertained the 1904 class of East Aurora high school at supper on the Burkharts' large front porch.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Solfisburg Jr. of Chicago Road in Oswego have a daughter, born Saturday, July 9. There are two older boys in the family.

Miss Cynthia Traugher of the Oswego Merry Maids 4-H Club, daughter of Superintendent and Mrs. T. Loyd Traugher of Oswego, has been selected to represent the Kendall County 4-H clubs as candidate for queen of the Plano Fall festival.

July 20: The Rev. Alan Darling performed a double-ring service for the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Homer L. Brown of Oswego, which took place Saturday, July 16, at the Oswego Presbyterian Church. Miss Ruth Brown became the bride of Theodore E. Gerry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Gerry of Oswego, and Miss Joan Brown became the bride of Thomas A. Rusch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman A. Rusch of Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Cather of Aurora are the parents of a boy, born July 14, at the Copley Memorial hospital. Mr. Cather is formerly of Oswego; his wife is from the south.

The new home being built by Mr. and Mrs. F.E. Fiddymont on South Main Street in Yorkville is very attractive in looks and in construction. It is the first of the Lustron homes in the vicinity and is unique in its fabrication.

Jerry Smith, a member of the Joy Accordion Band, played in the state band contest held at Decatur Sunday.

The new dentist, Dr. Malmberg, is now located on Washington Street next to the Federated Church.

Mrs. Laura B. Hopkins Ames of Rockford passed away July 12 at her home at the age of 66 years. She was born in Barrington June 15, 1883.



The funeral was conducted at the McKeown funeral home in Oswego on July 14 with interment in the Oswego cemetery.

Mrs. Ames was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Biesemeier and with her parents and sisters and brother were residents of Oswego.

She was a member of the Women's auxiliary of the Brotherhood of the Burlington railroad of Aurora.

Surviving Mrs. Ames are her husband, Earl; a daughter, Mrs. Glen Hines of Minneapolis a son, Henry Hopkins of Chicago; four sisters, Mrs. Lydia Hopkins of Davenport, Ia., Mrs. Frieda Smith of Rockford, Mrs. Adele Wooley of Oswego, and Mrs. Mabel Parks of Aurora; and one brother, Henry Biesemeier of Aurora.

July 27: *The Record* published the photo of the double-ring ceremony of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore (Ruth Brown) Gerry and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas (Joan Brown) Rusch on page 6.

By the time this paper is delivered, the oats harvest will be about completed for 1949. Many find the crop, though of fine quality, is below the average yield. What a difference from the former way of a few years ago when the farmers "went threshing" for three or four weeks, depending on the weather, each August! If one can recall the days when the housewives served both dinner and supper, you are getting old.

News is scarce this week for the farmers are busy with the harvest.

The *Kendall County Records* went on a vacation trip last week and didn't get back in time to be delivered the same week. (Editor's note: we are unable to account for the truancy of the papers. They were put in the postoffice in the usual way and at the usual time. Perhaps the clerks on the trains wish to read the paper thoroughly before parting with them. We hope for better deliveries in the future.)

W. Dave Burton, 68, died Friday, July 22, at the Copley hospital following a long painful illness. He was born in Loami, Ill. July 29, 1880. Surviving are his widow, Doris; three sons, Glenn of Camp Stoneman, Calif., Jack, and Roy; and two daughters, Ruby and Dorothy, all of Oswego and two brothers living in Loami.

August -- 1949

Aug. 3: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Zentmyer and seven year old son John returned last week from a two-month motor trip touring the United States West of the Mississippi River. In South Dakota they met Mrs. Mabel Lippold and Miss Shirley Lippold, who are on vacation, when the two autos stopped at the same service station. It was a 12,000-mile trip and thoroughly enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Gengler attended the funeral of her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Scroggins of Aurora at the Healy chapel July 29. Mrs. Scroggins would have been 89 years old Aug. 7, and a family reunion in her honor had been planned.

Mrs. Dorothy Hopkins of Chicago, an invalid for many years because of arthritis, died in her Chicago home last week and was buried in the Oswego cemetery following services at the McKeown funeral home in Oswego.

Mrs. Hopkins was the wife of Henry Hopkins, a nephew of Mrs. Adele Woolley.

Relatives from Chicago and Iowa were guests at lunch on the day of the funeral at the home of Mrs. Ben Biesemeier.

John Gengler is vacationing at the Gengler cottage in Minnesota this week.

Aug. 10: Jim Wormley has returned from two weeks spent visiting with his great-grandmother and aunt at Elvaston [Ed. Note: Correct spelling].

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Patton have a son, born Saturday, Aug. 6, at the St. Joseph hospital, Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Paydon, Mr. and Mrs. J. George Smith, and Jim Shoger attended the Farmhouse fraternity picnic at White Pines park Sunday. The boys belong to this fraternity from the University of Illinois.

The Oswego FFA boys with Dr. Clark as their instructor, exhibited livestock at the annual FFA fair, held at Mazon Monday. Stanley Gengler won grand champion with his breeding Hereford. Other winners were David King, David Nelson, Richard Hutchings, Duane Gengler, Stuart Woolley, Roger Rink, and Leo Behrens.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Haugh were summoned to Indiana this week because of the death of his father. The funeral service was Wednesday.

Aug. 17: The Oswego Community high school and the Community Consolidated grade school of Owego will open the school term on Thursday, Sept. 1.

The Community Consolidated grade school will operate four rural attendance centers: McCauley school, grades 1, 2, and 3; Marysville school, grades 4, 5, and 6; Wormley school, grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6; Willow Hill school, grades 1, 2, 3, and 4. Students from the Walker school district will be transported to Oswego. Enrollment in grades 1 and 5 at Oswego will have two sections for each grade, with a teacher for each section.

The assignment of teachers and location of attendance units follows:

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

Marysville school, grades 4, 5, and 6, Miss Mildred Vickery.

Wormley school, grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, Mrs. Gertrude Heffelfinger.

Willow Hill school, grades 1, 2, 3 and 4, Mrs. Cleta Schuster.

Oswego grade: Grade 1, Presbyterian church, Mrs. Thelma Davis, Miss Mary Lou Campbell; grade 2, Little school, Mrs. Evelyn Woolley, grade 3, Little school, Mrs. Minnie McCoy; grade 4, Little school, Mrs. Maxine Staley; grade 5, new shop building, Mrs. Ruth Worland, Mrs. Ruth Gerry; grade 6, new Shop building, Mrs. Orla Pinnow; grades 7 and 8, Grade building, Reeve Thompson, Mrs. Helen Nesemeier, Fred Dundas.

#### High School Faculty

The high school faculty includes:

Miss Barbara Gast, Commerce.

William Warren, Social science and coach.

Earl Anderson, Science and mathematics.

Miss Barbara Laun, English and Spanish.

Donald Clark, Vocational agriculture, biology.

T. Loyd Traugher, Superintendent.

#### Bus Routes

Bus routes and bus drivers will drive the same routes as last year except as it becomes necessary to add to the routes in order to give transportation service to new pupils. The boards of education have purchased a new bus to replace the station wagon which was used on the west side of the river in the district.

All students who reach their sixth birthday on or before Dec. 1, 1949 are eligible to attend school and it is hoped they will attend until they have completed 12 years of school training. The administration of the two school systems will continue progressively in an attempt to enrich the school program, which will be interesting, informative, and practical.

Russell Rink, while baling straw last Wednesday, smashed the third finger on his left hand, necessitating a trip to a hospital to have it dressed.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hubbard are on a vacation trip expecting to visit in Quebec, Canada and travel along the St. Lawrence River.

Mr. and Mrs. August Seidelman and sons Jimmie, Johnny and Joe have returned from a week spent in the Van Etten cottage at a lake north of Bloomer, Wis.

Russell Rink, while baling straw last Wednesday, smashed the third finger on his left hand, necessitating a trip to the hospital

Yorkville: Our spies tell us that the state has made a four-way stop at the intersection of Routes 47 and 34, known as the "Y." Good! Now we hope everyone sees, reads, and observes the signs.

How about similar treatment of the intersections of 47 and 71 and 126 and 71? That would be a good deal, too.

#### Can You Eat Tax?

Kendall county housewives are advised that unless they get busy, along with other housewives in the nation, the bill to repeal the tax on margarine will die in Senate committee without a vote. The tax repeal passed the House of Representatives with a wide margin of votes.

Write your Senator Lucas or Senator Douglas and ask that this bill be brought out and voted on.

The margarine industry uses many bushels of soybeans in manufacture. Repeal may mean the sale of more margarine. It's a double-barreled advantage to repeal the tax.

Aug. 24: The hobo party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McMicken on Aug. 16 with a howling success. The costumes were beyond description. Some said they hadn't laughed so much for year. A good laugh is a good thing in this day and age.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pahaly stayed out on the farm while their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hubbard, took a vacation trip into Canada.

Margaret Young, the leader, and the children who enjoyed the summer playground are presenting two plays Thursday evening, Aug 25 at the [Presbyterian Church] annex.

Aug. 31: A reception will be held for the teachers of the Oswego schools on Thursday, Sept. 8, at the Presbyterian annex. This is for the entire community and all are invited to attend to meet the teachers and have a good social time.

Miss Nancy Olson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Olson of Oswego, became the bride of Fred H. Claassen, son of Fred Claassen of Oswego on Saturday, Aug. 27.

Kay Vickery of NaAuSay and her sister Gwen of Aurora have polio and are patients in the Copley Hospital. At this writing the cases are now severe.

Mr. and Mrs. Logan Harvey and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Silvius spent last week visiting Iowa relatives.

Kay Vickery of NaAuSay and her sister, Gwen of Aurora have polio, and are patients at the Copley hospital. At this writing, the cases are not severe.

A boy, Stephen Maurice, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Elza Turner at the Copley Memorial hospital Saturday, Aug. 27. The Turners have one older child, two year-old Bruce.

Jim Shoger returned Saturday from two weeks spent at the National Guard training camp at Camp McCoy, Wis.

Yorkville: An additional 1,300 single-family homes in the 72 communities served by the Western United Gas & Electric company are authorized to use gas heat under an order issued by the Illinois Commerce commission. This is a modification of an order issued Jan. 4, 1949, which authorizes the company to serve 1,300 space heating jobs this year. Thus, the 1949 total will be increased to 2,600.

Murry D. Smith, president, said that the addition of 1,300 house heating customers is made possible by an increase in gas supplies from the pipeline bringing natural gas from Texas to the Chicago area.

Smith said that the 1,300 proposed new heating customer would be served from the top of the present waiting list and would include old and new homes.

After the additional 1,300 are taken care of, there will still be on the waiting list approximately 8,000 who have filed requests.

September -- 1949

Sept. 7: James Harvey and Joan Dugger were married in the bride's home town, Lake Village, Ind., Saturday, Aug. 20. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gibson, formerly of Oswego, were the attendants. About 60 Oswego relatives attended the wedding. The newlyweds are staying with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harvey, until their new home nearby is completed.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Salmons gave a farewell party Saturday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morrison, who are moving to Peoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Parkhurst and three children returned last week from a 6,000-mile auto tour of the west.

The Parkhursts visited Pike's Peak; the Garden of the Gods; the Great Salt Lake, and attended an organ recital at Salt Lake City; Estes Park; Mt. Rainier National Park; and Yellowstone Park.

The called on former Oswego residents, the Franklin Clarks, at Colorado Springs, the Everett Lights and Elmer Ericksons at Portland, Ore., the Arthur Roswells and Pete Sutherlands in Centralia, Wash., Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Malek (Dorothy Price) in Edmonds, Wash, the Wayne Clarks at Kenwick, and the Earl Myers family, formerly of Sugar Grove, at Tacoma, Wash.

NaAuSay: Schools opened Thursday with Mrs. Grace Jones teaching the McCauley school and Mrs. Fay Manthei substituting for Mill Mildred Vickery at the Marysville school.

Yorkville: Patrons of the York Theatre are very highly pleased with Manager Koempel's bills the past summer; also his many improvements for the comfort and welfare of his guests.

York Theatre Yorkville; 14 cents and 44 cents. Two terrific hits! "Shaggy," shaggy battles a mountain lion; a triumph of warm human emotion, in Cinecolor; "My Darling Clementine," Henry Fonda, Walter Brennan, Linda Darnell, Cathy Downs, Victor Mature, and Tim Holt; The most sensational western ever filmed! John Ford outdoes himself.

Sept. 14: A group of young folks from the Oswego school enjoyed a hayrack ride Saturday evening with lunch at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith.

Miss Joyce Bumpus and Miss Darlene Martin are entering Northern Illinois State Teachers College at DeKalb.

NaAuSay: Friends are very glad to learn that Kay and Donna Vickery are home from the hospital, and that Kay hopes to be able to start to school in another week.

Gwen Vickery is still a patient at the Copley Memorial hospital, but is out of isolation and much better.

The three Vickery girls had polio.

Yorkville: We've had a number of people ask when there will be a four-way stop put at the intersection of Routes 47 and 71. We'd like to see one at 71 and 126, too.

The best way to get stop signs at these two places is for about three carloads of people to meet in a crash and kill six or eight people. Perhaps by that time the department in charge of the department to order some other department to erect stop signs will put up the signs.

Sept. 21: The first game on the Oswego school athletic field using the new lights was played Friday evening, Sept. 16. Oswego played the Mooseheart B team and won, 13-6.

George Hettrich is attending Northwestern University at Evanston.

Mrs. Charlene Schultz Young is a senior at North Central College in Naperville.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Falk of the Oswego-Plainfield road, have a daughter, Brenda Sue, born Sept. 14. There is one older girl, Karen Lee, in the Falk family.

John Hafenrichter of Aurora, who is one of the Prairie church boys flew east, Sept. 10, and will attend the University of Pennsylvania, this year working for a Ph.D. degree.

As always, the Wheatland Plowing match was well attended. The ladies in the dining tent served dinner to 1,000. Mrs. Robert (Fern Hafenrichter) Noggle placed second in the number of prizes awarded in the culinary department, receiving 14 ribbons on 16 entries.

Funeral services and burial of Lt. Paul E. Zwoyer Jr., the husband of Mrs. Mary Zwoyer of Chicago, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Zwoyer Sr. of Oswego, will be held Monday, Sept. 26, in the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery near St. Louis, Mo.

Lt. Zwoyer lost his life while on a bombing mission over Tokyo. He served as a pilot on a B-29, which exploded in midair over the target area.



Services will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the grave, where a group burial for the members of the entire crew will be held.

Lt. Zwoyer was born in Union, N.J. July 18, 1923. He graduated from the Yorkville high school in 1941 and at the time of his enlistment was attending Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago.

He also served with Company E of the 129th Infantry Regiment of Illinois.

Besides his widow and parents, he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Shirley Neal of Tuscola, Ill. and two brothers, Eugene of Albuquerque, N.M. and Russell of Oswego.

Sept. 28: The neighbors on Park Avenue had what they call a "block party" when they gathered for a wienie roast at the George Panikis home for supper Thursday evening.

Five auto loads of Oswego High School boys with fathers driving the cars saw the Iowa-Illinois game at Urbana Saturday.

The Tom Fall family, moving to Oswego from east of town and being unable to find a house to live in, have started a home of their own on the north edge of town, and will live in the basement until more of the house can be built and they can move in.

Alvin Hubbard was the unfortunate victim of a farm accident Thursday when he was cut through the fleshy part of his index finger of his right hand. Working to tear down an old corncrib to build a new one, he was taking sheet metal from the roof when he cut his finger on one of the sharp edges.

Mr. and Mrs. William Husband, Bill, and Jimmy were in Chicago Sunday where with others of the Husband family, they celebrated the 80th birthday anniversary of Mrs. William D. Husband.

October -- 1949

Oct. 5: Edward E. Hafenrichter of Aurora, who spent most of his life in the Prairie Church community, died Saturday, Oct. 1, at his home on Simms Street. He was born March 5, 1875 in Wheatland Township. He is survived by his wife, Tina; four daughters, Mrs.

Sherman Burkhart of Aurora; Mrs. Arthur Davis of Oswego, Mrs. Albert Dittman of Marseilles, and Mrs. Robert Noggle of Plainfield; seven grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one son and two daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Etsinger and Mark of Route 31 recently returned from an auto trip west.

On Friday evening, Sept. 30, Mr. and Mrs. John McMicken went to Monmouth to attend the wedding of their daughter, Lois, to William Blon of Chicago. Mr. Blon is a student at Monmouth. Mrs. Blon's sister was unable to attend the wedding as her husband, Sam Foose of Aurora, recently met with a serious accident while working for Western United.

Ronnie Winebrenner of Sycamore and Dean Winebrenner of Elgin spent the weekend at the home of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson. They came to attend the game at the lighted Oswego athletic field and saw the Oswego team defeat Yorkville

Yorkville; Foxes Bow as OHS Dedicates Field

The Foxes traveled to Oswego Friday night, Sept. 30, for the dedication of the new lighted Oswego football field. The Foxes were beaten by a score of 38-27. Oswego scored 6 in the first quarter; 13 in the second; 19 in the third; and none in the fourth against Yorkville's none in the first, 7 in the second; none in the third; and 20 in the fourth.

Oct. 12: Oswego played a conference game with Plano Oct. 7, ending in a score of 13-13.

The Rev. and Mrs. Henry Soltan and daughter Ione, of Minneapolis, came to attend the funeral of their brother-in-law, E.E. Hafenrichter, Oct. 4.

William Anderson has been spending a great deal of time at the Copley Memorial hospital. His father, John Anderson, formerly an Oswego farmer but with his wife retired to Aurora, was critically ill, passing away Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Campbell attended the Aurora First Presbyterian church Oct. 9 and witnessed the baptism of their grandson, John Raymond, the six month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray J. Campbell of Aurora.

Oct. 19: Everyone is invited to attend the coming events taking place at the Oswego high school this week.

Thursday night, Oct. 20, there will be a snake dance led by the Oswego cheerleaders. The snake dance will start at 7 p.m. in front of the high school and will lead through the downtown district ending up at the athletic field where there will be a bonfire and a few cheers led by the cheerleaders.

The homecoming game with Sandwich will be held Friday night. The Oswego band, under the direction of Reeve Thompson, will march up and down the field forming many intricate patterns. Some of the formations will be an "S" for Sandwich, an "O" for Oswego, and an "A" for Alumni.

During the half the King and queen and their attendants are to ride around the field and will be introduced. The King is Tom Alex and his attendants are Richard Wheeler and Charles Ricketts. The Queen is Brona Lu Ode. Her attendants are Joanne Wheeler and Nancy Cherry.

Mr. Kuhman's orchestra will furnish music for the Homecoming dance Saturday night, Oct. 22.

Please notice the change of date of the Hallowe'en fair . It is to be held Saturday evening, Oct. 29, in the Oswego school gym.

Chicken pox is again prevalent in Oswego.

Many from this vicinity attended the funeral services for John Anderson Thursday at the United Presbyterian [Scotch] church. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson retire from their farm on the Oswego-Plainfield road and moved to Aurora several years ago, but always kept their connection with the United Presbyterian church where for 39 years, Mr. Anderson had served as an elder.

Fire destroyed the farm home of Arthur Phillips on the Base Line road last week and little was saved from damage. The house and recently been remodeled and tenants occupied one apartment. They

and their little twins got out safely, but lost most of their possessions. Mr. Phillips was away on a vacation trip.

Mrs. Rosetta Shaffer Tuttle passed away at St. Joseph's hospital Joliet, Oct. 6, her 73rd birthday anniversary. She had been in the hospital since last April.

She was the oldest daughter of the late Christian and Charlotte Brown Shaffer, was born in Wheatland township Oct. 6, 1876. She was united in marriage to Bert Tuttle on Aug. 23, 1905 at Aurora. They lived in Plainfield for three years and then moved to the Ed walker farm in Oswego township and lived there for eight years, then moved to the Leonard Wolf farm at Wolf's Crossing and after living there for eight years retired and moved to Aurora for three years. They moved to Eureka, Calif. where they resided for a brief six months, then returned to Plainfield and lived on Division Street for three years. In 1931 they moved to Lockport Street, their late residence.

Mrs. Tuttle is survived by her husband, Bert; a sister, Flora Shaffer of Plainfield; a brother, Henry of Montgomery; four nieces, Mrs. Helen Taylor of Plainfield, Mrs. Irene Howell of Denver, Colo., Mrs. Garnet Peterson of Montgomery, and Mrs. Iva Armstrong of Aurora; and two nephews, Shirley Dowd of Lombard and Marshall Dowd of Montana.

Funeral services ere conducted at Sonntag's funeral home in Joliet Oct. 8. Burial was in the Plainfield cemetery.

Yorkville: The new Memorial plaque erected by the Kendall County Board of Supervisors as a tribute to the men and women of Kendall county who served their country in World War II, will be dedicated with appropriate services in the County Court room Sunday afternoon. All Veterans' organizations in the county will be represented and all veterans are most cordially invited to be present.

Oct. 26: On Saturday evening, Oct. 29, the much anticipated annual Hallowe'en Fair will be held at the Oswego school beginning at 5 p.m. with one of the famous Oswego suppers.

The Homecoming football game on Oct. 21 on the lighted Oswego field was well attended, but Sandwich swamped the Oswego eleven

by a score of 59-0. A hard shower and the cold wind rather disrupted the proceedings.

The Homecoming dance on Saturday evening with the Kuhman orchestra of Yorkville was a wonderful social affair. Brona Lu Ode was crowned as Queen with JoAnn Wheeler and Nancy Cherry as her attendants. Tom Alex was King with Charles Ricketts and Dick Wheeler as his attendants.

Mrs. Newton Woolley was presented with a corsage, being one present who graduated the longest time ago in 1921. Roy Hettrich received a carnation, having graduated in 1902.

#### Yorkville: CLAIM DAY NOTICE

Case No. 1723

Estate of Lewis J. Weishew, Deceased

Notice is hereby given to all persons that Monday, Dec. 5, 1949 is the claim date in the estate of Lewis J. Weishew, deceased, pending in the County Court of Kendall County, Illinois, and that claims may be filed against the said estate on or before said date without issuance of summons.

MABEL E. WEISHEW

Administrator

November -- 1949

Nov. 2: Miss Elaine Vogt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Vogt, a sophomore at the University of Illinois has been chosen as one of 15 candidates for "Miss Illinois," queen of homecoming festivities on the weekend of Nov. 19.

Sgt. Donald Sampson of Ft. Riley, Kansas, recently spent several days in Oswego with his wife and son at the Wilbur Woolley home. Sgt. Sampson has been assigned to Ft. Sill, Okla. Mrs. Sampson and little Dennis and Joan Woolley visited their other sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Haben, at Little York the first of the week.

Mrs. Fred Ebinger and Frederick and Ruth of Oak Park were down to their farm, tenanted by the Frank Frieder family Saturday. They are having extensive improvements made on the house including new siding.

The Hallowe'en Fair was a howling success.

The children in the third grade of the Oswego school motored to the Chicago airport Tuesday for one of their educational field trips. Mrs. Minnie McCoy, Superintendent Traughber, and several mothers accompanied the group.

The Fred VanDeventer garage on Madison street was destroyed by fire the first of the week.

Mrs. Charlene Schultz Young presented her music pupils in a recital Sunday afternoon at the Presbyterian church.

Yorkville: In a front page story with photos, the *Record* reported on the visit of Prime Minister Nehru of India to Kendall County the last week of October. Accompanying him was his daughter Indira Gandhi. "Prime Minister Nehru, of India, Made Friends of Entire County During Visit," the article headline reported. Among the farms visited was that of William A. Smith, near Oswego, which eventually became the location of the Oswego Drag Strip, and that of Albert Mighell. Traveling with the prime minister were his daughter (and future prime minister), Mrs. Indira Gandhi and his sister, Mrs. Vijaya Pandit.

Teachers' examinations for limited kindergarten, limited elementary, and limited special certificates will be held on Nov. 18 in the office of County Superintendent of Schools Irving Shears. Candidates must have at least 60 hours of college credits, which must include ten hours in the field of education. The examination will include only six subjects as follows: English, United States history and government, arithmetic, geography, education psychology, and American public education.

In public notices in the Record, the buildings and sites of the Brown, Boomer, and Union schools were advertised to be sold at auction.

Nov. 9: Henry G. Burkhart, formerly a farmer in the Prairie Church neighborhood, died Friday, Nov. 4, at the age of 85 years, at his home at 703 Jackson Street in Aurora. He was born May 21, 1864 in

Oswego. Surviving are two sons, Sherman and Stanley of Aurora; a daughter, Mrs. Ernest (Agnes) Plocher of Oswego; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Norris received the announcement last week of the birth of Gregory Bill, the son of the Re. and Mrs. Willis Plapp (Margaret Norris) on Nov. 2 at Albuquerque, N.M.

Yorkville: A pal of ours from our motorcycling days, one Harley Overton by name, promotes wrestling at his arena on Route 30 by the water tower at the outskirts of Aurora. The bouts are held every Thursday night. Never did we think that "Pappy" Overton would get involved in anything as rough as wrestling.

Nov. 16: The annual Fall Music festival, under the direction of Reeve Thompson, will be presented by the Oswego Public schools Sunday, Nov. 20, at 3 o'clock in the high school gymnasium.

Have you noticed the new Oswego school that is under construction and how swiftly it is being erected? Why not plat a new subdivision along Route 71?

The library maintained by the Nineteenth Century Club has been supplied with new shelves; the library has been painted and completely cleaned.

Yorkville: People who live near the railroad here had gotten themselves all nicely accustomed to the late night freight trains passing by, drawn by steam locomotives. They could sleep right along without being disturbed. Then the Q put diesels on the trains and their whistle is neither a thing of beauty nor a joy forever. It is a penetrating, sleep-shattering screech that wakes up half of the residents who haven't gone to sleep yet. Seems you can't get used to it. Give us back our beloved steamers, Mr. Q.

We have quite a city of metal corn bins out at 47 and 71. Looks like a city of the future. Not beautiful, but suitable for the use it's put to.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an open competitive examination to fill the vacancy in the position of postmaster at the postoffice in Oswego.

Nov. 17 (Volume 1, Number 1 of The Oswego Ledger): Reverend Harry B. Gordon will deliver the message at the Community Thanksgiving Service to be held at the Prairie Church on Wednesday November 23.

#### PHEASANT HUNTERS FINED FOUR PAY TOTAL OF \$125

Police Magistrate Alex Crossman had a busy week-end as the pheasant season got under full swing. Game Warden Richard D. Arundale arrested the following men who appeared before Magistrate Crossman: G. Angell, Western Springs, charged with carrying a loaded .22 rifle in his automobile; Albert Sampson, Plano, charged with carrying a shot gun in his car in a shootable condition; Earl Ray Rottorff, Plainfield, carrying loaded shot gun in automobile; John A. Machak, Joliet, charged with shooting hen pheasant. All fines go to the Conservation Dept. of the State of Illinois as violations occurred outside of corporate limits.

#### NEW SCHOOL AHEAD OF SCHEDULE NEW SUPPLY OF BRICK ARRIVES WORK PROGRESSES RAPIDLY

Construction on the new high school building is now zooming ahead after a delay of better than a week due to shortage of bricks. A new supply of material is on hand and the workmen will soon have the building ready for the roof. The construction work is ahead of schedule at the present time.

Winding up a whirl-wind door-to-door campaign for funds for next year's recreation program, 40 workers collected a total of over \$800. This money is used by the Oswego Community Recreation Program to provide leisure time activities for every age group residing in the village.

The expanded program for next year calls for directed swimming, formation of a community bank, specialized group instruction in such leisure activities as barn dancing, archery, also some field days, special events, and increased use of handcrafts of all types.



The program is beginning its third year.

Editor Ford Lippold laid out the purpose and policies of the new Oswego Ledger:

#### Purpose

There is a vital need in any community for some medium of communication, and that medium should report concisely and clearly, without prejudice or coloring, all newsworthy events to the readers and should be made available to every person residing within the area where it is distributed. It is the purpose of the Oswego Ledger to provide such a medium in the Village of Oswego and in Oswego Township.

#### Editorial Policy

The Oswego Ledger will not be subservient to any political, religious or social groups or ideologies, but it would be a gross untruth to state that the editor will not be opinionated on some issues. However, such opinion will be expressed only on the editorial page and, in return, the columns of the Oswego Ledger will be open for comment from the reader as long as such comment is not libelous in nature. All letters for publication must be signed with the writer's full name but the name will be withheld from publication upon request.

#### Make-Up and Finances

All newspapers depend on two sources for funds: advertising and circulation. In small towns like Oswego, circulation is too small to make a printed paper possible. Communities such as this have solved the problem with a mimeographed paper. Mimeographing offers several advantages: Flexibility of form, personalization of advertising and reading matter, and lower cost of production. For the present the Oswego Ledger will be mimeographed and will be financed solely by advertising.

#### Distribution

As the cost of producing the Oswego Ledger will be absorbed by advertising, the paper will be distributed to all boxholders in Oswego and Oswego Township free of charge. The Ledger will be published 48 times a year and will be in the mail on Thursdays. Subscriptions for out of town and out of state mailing may be obtained for \$2.40 yearly, paid in advance.

Four scouts passed tests to qualify for the second class bade at the Board of Review held Monday night in the Scout room. The boys receiving the awards were Jerry Traughber, Richard Campbell, Dave Rogerson, and Gene McDowell. Grant Conklin and Ralph Wheeler acted as examiners.

One new boy, Harry Schlapp, attended the meeting.

The scouts meet on each Monday in the Scout Hall in the Little [White] School. Any boy may join who is eleven or over.

Advertisement: Visit Shuler Toy Shop (up-stairs over the drug store). We have a complete selection of toys and children's gifts priced right. Shop in comfort! No parking worries!! Open 1 to 9 p.m. daily except Tuesday 1 to 6 p.m. Shulers Drug Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bower announce the birth of a son at the Copley Hospital in Saturday, Nov 12. He has been named Dennis Lee.

Janet Shoger was elected president of the Kendall County 4-H Federation at the last meeting. Other new officers include Charles Ricketts, vice-president; Roger Rink, corres. Secretary; Sylvia Ebinger, recording secretary.

Scouts Jim Tripp, Leonard Burkhart and Gene McDowell took part in an "Adventure Hike at Camp Ke-De-Ka last Saturday.

The Oswego Schools are sponsoring a big musical festival in the high school gymnasium on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 20 The program will begin at 3 p.m. The following groups under the leadership of Reeve Thompson will participate: The Senior Band, the junior bank, 5 and 6 grade chorus, 7 and 8 grade chorus, boys' glee club, girls' glee club, and the high school choir.

#### SCHOOL NEWS

The Will and Work of All

Supt. T. Loyd Traughber

Six months ago our community "willed" to begin construction on our new Oswego High School [later Traughber Junior High and the District 308 Center] by voting approval of the necessary bonds for its completion. The following Monday evening, the Board of

Education negotiated a contract with the Arnold Lies Construction Company of Aurora for the construction of this school plant. It has been a distinctive source of pleasure to watch the progress of the various phases of construction. Many have expressed pride in their part of this community achievement.

Among the many inquiries regarding the construction are those dealing with the completion date and if work is progressing as per schedule. The contractors have been without brick for the past two weeks, which has caused delay in the completion of the skeleton necessary for the roof. This week with ample brick and a full crew of workmen, progress will again proceed as in the past ahead of schedule. The completion date for the academic section of the building is Sept. 1, 1950. The gymnasium will be ready by Dec. 1, 1950.

The more that today's citizens reflect on the demands to be met by the school plant the more they realize that new schools must be more spacious and must be provided with many more mechanical features than the typical building in use today. This structure will make it possible for the community to have the best educational program that today's wisdom can devise and the same time to keep the way open for the improved program that the future will develop.

The modern school building of the city and the little country schoolhouse are a part of our picture of life in the U.S.A. They are a symbol of community cooperation for the welfare of children and youth.

#### OSWEGO CAGERS OPEN SEASON AGAINST FAST BIG ROCK FIVE

With only three lettermen back from last year's team, Coach Bill Warren's Oswego Panthers will meet Big Rock in the season opener. The game will be played on the Big Rock hardwood. The Big Rock lads are expected to combine tallness and speed to give the local hoopsters a tough evening. The light-weights are to meet the Big Rock "lights."

#### LAST YEAR'S LEAGUE STANDINGS

Oswego is a member of the Fox Valley Independent Basketball League. The final standings of last year are listed below.

Team	W.	L.
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Minooka	8	2
Yorkville	8	2
Newark	6	4
Oswego	5	5
Orland Park	5	5
Plainfield	1	9

Some of the high school boys are learning the fundamentals of wrestling during gym periods.

Nov. 23: The first graders, 47 of them, received their health certificates Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 16. Mrs. Reeve Thompson, PTA president, gave an interesting talk comparing a western round-up to the summer round-up of children, which is the major health project of the National Congress of the PTA.

The Fox Valley Amateur Movie Club met Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kinley La Dew in Montgomery. Mr. Slauf and Mr. Heffelfinger gave an account of their visit to the Bell & Howell company plant in Michigan.

Reeve Thompson received word from Wisconsin Nov. 19 of the sudden death of his father. Mr. Thompson and wife and their little daughter, Susan, left at 4 p.m. for the 360 mile drive to Maiden Rock, Wisconsin. Their daughter Kathy will stay with Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Smith and Judy.

Ralph Smith and his son, Ronnie, went to Marshfield, Wis. Friday and by 8 a.m. Saturday each had a deer, so they returned Sunday. Ronnie is 14 years of age and is the envy of many an older hunter who has not had such an opportunity.

NaAuSay: Four rural NaAuSay Township school houses were sold at public auction in November. Prices ranged from \$135 to \$2,710 for the Brown School with lot. The bell in one school brought 25 cents. This sale marks the passing of one of the greatest institutions of our country. Lewis Wheeler bought the Union School.

Yorkville: Frank Johnson of Oswego was in to call Monday. Tuesday he left for Florida where he will sit in the sun and laugh to himself at us folks back here shivering and shaking with the cold.

A group of men and women assembled at the T. Loyd Traughber home in Oswego Saturday night and all pitched in to get all the Christmas Seal letters ready to be mailed out.

Nov. 30: Mr. and Mrs. J. George Smith of rural Oswego were chosen Mr. and Mrs. Kendall County and crowned at the Harvest Festival in Yorkville Nov. 21. Mr. Smith has been a 4-H leader for 13 years and Mrs. Smith for 10 years.

Mrs. Robert Silvius and the new baby, Marylis Louise, born November 16, came home from Aurora on Sunday.

Janet and Dean Shoger showed 4-H club calves at the International Livestock show in Chicago. Janet place third with a Shorthorn, and Dean, seventh, with a Hereford calf.

Mrs. Marie Light passed away Nov. 23 at the Copley Memorial hospital in Aurora at the age of 72 years. She was born in Germany Aug. 6, 2877.

Surviving are her husband, Charles; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Anderson of Joliet; three sons, William of Oswego, Raymond of Aurora, and Claude of Joliet. Also surviving are three brothers, George and Paul Claude of Aurora and Emil Claude of Gary, Ind.; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Oswego Presbyterian church. Interment was in the Lincoln Highway cemetery.

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This column could be filled with the names of those attending the 50th International Live Stock show in Chicago.

December -- 1949

Dec. 1: Kendall County Record issue missing from bound volume.

Dec. 8: The Will County Rural Chorus will present a concert at the Oswego Federated Church Sunday afternoon, Dec. 11, at 3 p.m. The Will County Chorus was first organized in the spring of 1937. About 85 percent of the members are farmers and farm homemakers.

Mrs. Minnie E. Shuler died at the Copley Hospital Nov. 29, 1949. She was born in Girard, Ill. May 15, 1880. She is survived by one son, Alva Shuler of Oswego, with whom she spent a part of each year; one daughter, Mrs. Fred (Gladys) Maushak of Huntley; and four grandchildren. Her oldest son died in babyhood.

Mrs. Shuler was a member of the House of Hope Presbyterian church of Elgin.

She was a resident of Girard for many years. Her husband, Charles, died in 1911.

Funeral services were held in Girard on Dec. 2, with interment in the Union Chapel cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Alva Shuler and daughter Ann went from Oswego to attend the funeral.

Pfc. Culver Cherry came Dec. 3 from San Antonio, Tex. to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Cherry. He is to report back to Wichita Falls, Tex. Dec. 13 for 28 weeks of technical training.

Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Nesemeier and her mother, Mrs. Colbert, of Tyler street, had as their guests over the Thanksgiving weekend Mr. and Mrs. Donald Colbert and son Ronnie of Peoria.

Dec. 15: At least no state can compete with our state in variety of weather.

Mrs. Lula Marvin has announced the engagement of her daughter, Dorothy E. Marvin, to Ronald D. Twait, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Twait of Plano.

The White sisters will present a Christmas program at the Prairie church Sunday evening, Dec. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Wolf, accompanied by Mrs. Lillie Pearce and Mrs. Tina Hafenrichter of Aurora, went to Climax, Mich. Dec. 7 to attend the funeral of Mrs. Wolf and Mrs. Pearce's brother-in-law, Almon Wolf. Mr. Wolf, age 70, suffered a stroke last June and had been in a hospital much of the time since then.

Dec. 22: At the Prairie Church after the most excellent program presented by the White sisters Sunday evening, Dec. 18, the Youth Fellowship sang carols to Oswego shut-ins and gathered at the Robert Ebinger home for popcorn.

Dec. 29: Jim Wormley, eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Wormley, underwent an operation for the relief of appendicitis early Christmas morning at the Copley Hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. Marquardt and Marcia, of Goshen, Ind., came to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Morse, and with the Howard Shogers, Leslie Morses and Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Morse and sons of LaGrange enjoyed Christmas Eve with gifts at the W.J. Morse home.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnston have a daughter, Janice Marie, born Dec. 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Enck have a daughter, Susan Louise, born Dec. 20. Mr. and Mrs. Enck are living with her grandmother, Mrs. Al Songer until March 1.

The Mothers club showed a holiday film for all children of the community in the [Presbyterian Church] annex Dec. 28.

NaAuSay: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Berhard are the parents of a daughter, born on Christmas day at the St. Joseph's hospital in Joliet. She has been named Sarah Lynn. There are two boys in the family.