

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES

INTRODUCTION

No publication about Osseo's history would be complete without an attempt to document some of the most memorable business in the city's history. This section will take you down Central Avenue, going north from County Road 81 to County Rd 30. We start at the railroad tracks on the south side of town, before a throughway was even a thought.

NEAR 9 CENTRAL AVE ¹

Located roughly where the corner building is today at 9 Central Ave., stood *The Great Northern Hotel*. It was erected by Peter Neuman in 1907, prior to any Highway 81 or any road at all being present. It had two stories, a completely modern structure for the times. It was convenient because it was only one block from the train depot, which was just to the right of the tracks in the picture below. The building was quite large, with several rooms upstairs. In the rear were added rooms



Standing near the railroad tracks on the south side of town and looking north. Early 1900s. The building on the left is the Great Northern Hotel.

for a kitchen and dining room. It was the only steam heated hotel in town when it was built.

Other businesses that resided at 9 Central Ave. were *Reinking Real Estate* and *Advanced Improvement Home Interiors*.

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Osseo Train Depot

20, 30, 32, 40, 50 CENTRAL AVE.

Prior to *Voyage Clinic*, *Metro Dentalcare*, *Osseo Family Dental*, and *For Your Eyes Only*, there was a feed store and lumberyard. At 32 Central was *Dino's Pizza* (1970s) and *Co Jo's Pizza*.



Interior of the Great Northern Hotel around 1930. Note the spittoons on the floor and the "Great Northern Buffet" poster on the wall. Behind the counter are the proprietors Conboy and Seibert. First and third in front of the bar (from front to back) are Dan Colburn and Casper Engels. The other 2 gentlemen are unknown.



Feed Store in the early 1900s; on the east side of the street between 20 and 50 Central Ave.



Co Jo's Pizza and a lumberyard behind it.

What's now *Voyage Clinic* originally moved to Osseo in 1985 at a location right across the street on Central Ave. They quickly outgrew the space and moved to their current location at 50 Central Ave. in 1985.

Dr. Tak Osada D.D.S., known to nearly every long-time Osseoite, was the original owner of what is now *Metro Dental* at 40 Central Ave. He opened his first office in Osseo in 1957 in the shopping center area where *Furniture Manor*, *Special Touch Gift Shop*, and the *Osseo Meat Market* are today and continued to serve Osseo for over 30 years. Sadly, Dr. Osada and his wife, Alice, both passed away in 2024, approximately one month apart. Dr. Osada lived an amazing life and you're encouraged to read his obituary online at Evans-Nordby.

33 CENTRAL AVE. ²

Heinen's, located at 33 Central Ave., has a long history at that location. John N. Heinen settled here from Luxemburg and started the first "Heinen's" in 1899 in Rogers. ³ In 1923,

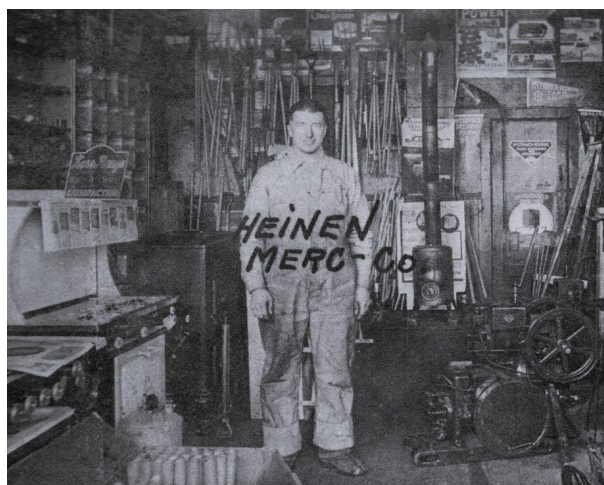


John N. Heinen and his family. The little boy in the bottom/middle is John N. Heinen (the 2nd), who started the Osseo Location in the mid-'30s.

the five Heinen Brothers, Rudolph, John, Martin, Otto, and Hubert purchased an implement and lumber business in Osseo, then owned by A. G. Olson. It was called Heinen Mercantile and was located in the Lebreve home next to the Old Great Northern Hotel and Stables. The building was later torn down. It stood where the storage lot is now located. The present building at 33 Central Ave. was built in 1935 and an addition in 1952. In 1951, a son-in-law, Don Mason, joined the firm and Otto retired shortly thereafter in 1958, John Heinen, Sr. died in 1966.



Heinen & Mason in the 1980s.

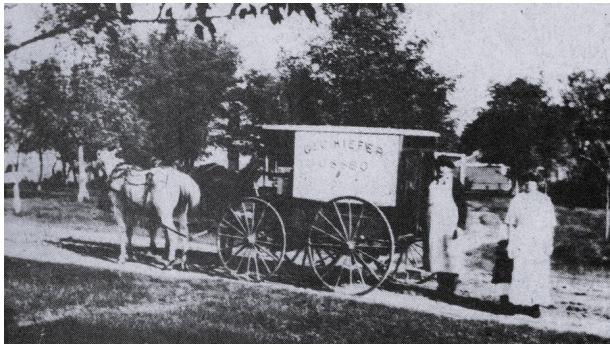


Otto Heinen in the Heinen Mercantile Store, about 1928.

Otto Heinen of Osseo is shown below in the original Heinen Mercantile store about 1928 where Heinen Motorsports stands today.

101 CENTRAL AVE ⁴

Moving to the next block North, where *FurrLife Grooming Salon* is (NW corner of Central Ave. and 1st St.), you would have found a meat market for most of the 1900s. The *Osseo Meat Market* began in 1871 when Louis Lapray saw a need to supply Osseoiters with good meats for their tables.



Meat Cart in the last 1800s.

He was in business until 1891, until Rougier & LaFebvre took over for one year. In 1891, Emilian LaFebvre became the sole owner for one year. In 1892, Schiesser & George Kiefer took over the shop until, in 1895, George Kiefer bought his partner's share. He then operated the market alone for 41 years as Kiefer's Meats. Along with running the shop, George Kiefer also operated a rolling meat market. He had routes both in and out of Osseo.

In January of 1940, George Kiefer's home burned down due to an explosion in the middle of the night while priming a kerosene

heater. Clarence Naumann, his nephew, was staying with them and, with the help of Dr. Kenneth J. St. Cyr, who lived across the street and ran to their assistance, pulled George and his wife Anna out of the house. Unfortunately, Mrs. Kiefer later died from critical burns from that fire and George Kiefer died from a heart attack induced by the exertion of trying to put out the fire and save his wife.



George Kiefer

Oscar Dehmer then held possession for one year before he took Clarence Naumann in as a partner. They worked together from 1937 to 1943 when Clarence purchased Oscar's share and ran the business until the late 1978, when Dick & Fay Welk purchased the business.

For a long time, the Osseo Meat Market had a store just north of where *Premier Bank* is today. They had lockers they rented out for people to store their meat supply. People could go in with their locker keys and take their meat when the store was open. They also had a slaughterhouse about a 1/2 mile north of Osseo where they processed their meat. Clarence was responsible for moving the meat market to its long-standing location at 101 Central Ave.

In May of 2002, the Osseo Meat Market moved to 344 County Rd 81E and continues to be under the ownership of Dick & Faye Welk. They've grown the business significantly and are one of the businesses making Osseo a destination city.



Early picture of Osseo Meats.



Osseo Meat Market in the 1980s.



Osseo Meat Market at 344 County Road 81.

BETWEEN 107 - 123 CENTRAL AVE. ⁵

Next to the Meat Market, in the area where *Bob & Carl's Auto Body and Glass* and *Vet Partners Pet Hospital* are today, used to be several popular businesses.

In 1925, after working on a well digging and threshing crew, Arnold Emholtz decided there was a need for a feed mill in the community of Osseo. He purchased the vacated Maple Grove railroad depot and moved it to Osseo near what is now the lot in back of Heinen's. At first, grinding feed was the main service along with the sale of whole grain, hay and straw. During the drought of the 30's, he traveled all over the state trying to find hay and grain for the cattle. One of the highlights of each year to his children was the fall threshing season when Arnie readied the steam engine and threshing machine while his wife, Hattie, helped at the mill. The first job was always at Bill Engels and the kids could ride with him through town on the steam engine to the Engel farm.

As the need for more services became apparent, he added equipment for mixing feeds, shelling corn, and cleaning grain.



Osseo Feed and Stove Store in the 1980s.



The old Osseo Feed Store.

Before the days of packaged feeds, the *Osseo Feed Mill* registered and marketed their own brand of laying mash, chick starter, horse feed and cow feed. It was truly as advertised "custom grinding and mixing" as many of the customers had their own formulas or recipes for animal feed. In the 40's, State highway plans were drawn and they included the feed mill so a new structure was built near the railroad with more grain storage, a truck scale and other new, faster equipment.

In the meantime, the *Bergseng Hardware and Implement Store*, built in 1909, was purchased to meet the growing demands for lawn and garden seeds and fertilizer and pet foods. The shop was named the *Osseo Feed and Stove Store*. The Store was managed by Virgil Siebert and serviced gardeners and hobby farmers, along with the grain and cattle interests of earlier years.

The Feed Mill mixed its last batch of feed and cleaned its last load of oats on April 15, 1975 when it was sold and the contents auctioned. The *Osseo Feed and Stove Store* was demolished in 1984.

To the north of the Feed Mill, you would have found the *Olympia Café*, which also served as a bus depot. Next to that was a popular

gathering place in the early 1900s called the *Bee Hive*, owned and operated by Fred Rochat (119 Central Ave.). It was a popular gathering place. It was then a billiards hall, before being converted into a clinic in 1944. After that, it was converted into office space and occupied by *Fred Sturm Insurance Agency*, then *Johnson & Giere Accountants* in the late 1950s. Harold Johnson and his close friend, Vic Giere, ran the Accounting firm. Harold served as an Osseo City Council member for nearly 8 years and was responsible for the formation of the Osseo 150th Celebration Committee and the vision of this publication. Harold sadly passed away in 2023 before getting to see Osseo's 150th. Readers are encouraged to read Harold's contributions to the *Personal Recollections* chapter.

Today, the space at 107 Central Ave. is occupied by *Bob & Carl's Auto Body and Glass*. Bob Nelson and Carl Rivers started at that location in 1969, purchasing what was then *Ford Garage*, also known as *Larson / Emholtz Motors*, owned by Robert Larson. Soon after, Carl decided to retire and Greg Smith replaced him. In 1995, Bob retired and Bob's son, Jeff Nelson, became Greg's partner. In 2012, Greg retired and his son Tony Smith became Jeff's partner. So even though the business is no longer owned and operated by Bob and Carl, the business has a long and proud family history and has left their legacy.

The space at 123 Central Ave. is currently host to *Vet Partners Pet Hospital*, previously known as *Vet Partners on Main* and *Vet Center on Main*. They have been at that location for over 25 years.



On the left side of the street, you can see Rochat's Place. On the right is Farmers State Bank.



116 CENTRAL AVE. ⁶

Directly across the street, where *Douglas Animal Hospital* is today at 116 Central Ave., was once the home of *Farmers State Bank*. Back in June 1909, several leading business men came to the conclusion that a bank was needed in Osseo. The building was erected, and on July 1, 1909 business began. Total deposits were \$3,838.76. Two years later it had gone up to \$442, 243.18.

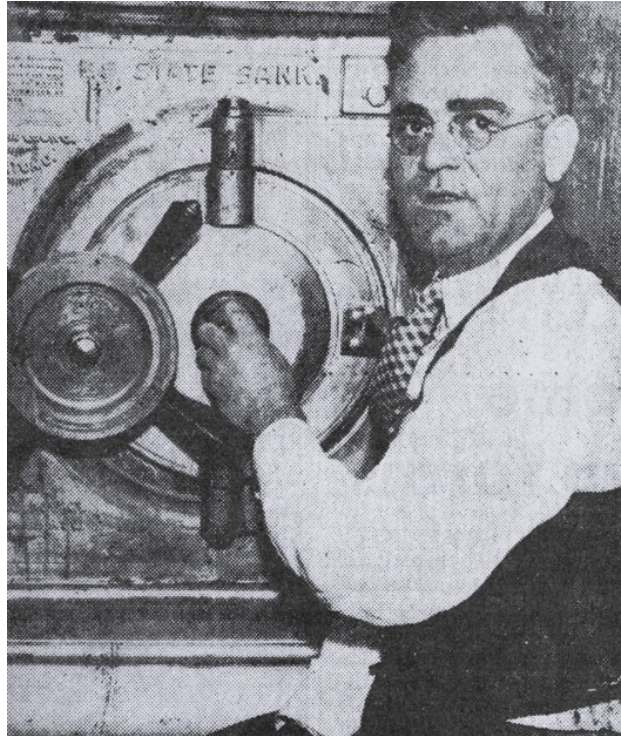
The *Farmers State Bank of Osseo* played a vital role in the growth of Osseo. Many of our thriving businesses got their start through Farmers State Bank of Osseo loans.



Joseph Chouinard, left, a bookkeeper, and George Smith, an assistant cashier, were caught unawares when the bandits entered. All they could do, when the bandits entered, was to raise their hands and follow orders.

In 1929, Osseo was shocked when the Farmer's State Bank was robbed in broad daylight. The majority of money was safe

behind a time lock but the thieves still managed to get away with some money and leave several people in shock. Two weeks later, in a spectacular police raid in Chicago, the four bandits were killed.



"You see," explained William Neumann, assistant cashier of the Farmer's State bank at Osseo, "this time lock just won't open. There's nothing I can do about it." That's what he told bandits Tuesday afternoon when they burst into the bank.



Farmers State Bank in 1909.



Looking north, Osseo Grill and a bowling alley are visible on the east side of the street, next to Farmers State Bank. On the west side of the street, the original Olympia Café is visible, along with a Delco Frigidaire business..

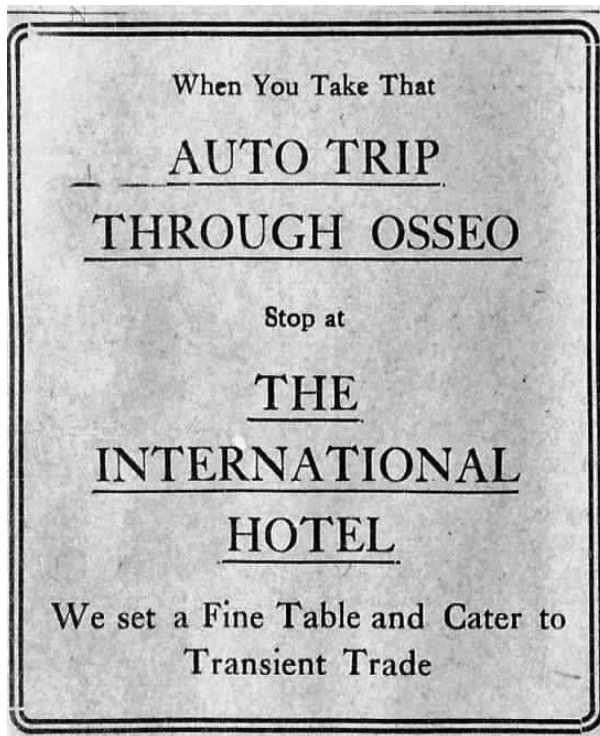


Osseo Bakery in the 1980s, where Farmer's State Bank used to be.

Farmers State Bank stayed in that location until 1947 when it moved to the NW corner of 3rd St and Central Ave. In 1958 the name was changed to *Northwestern State Bank*, later to *Norwest Bank*. Today it is the home of *Premier Bank*.



Taken in 1915, this photo shows the office of the Hechtman Potato Co. that was in the back of *Farmers State Bank* next door to the *International Hotel*. The two gentlemen are Mr. M. Carpenter (rear) and George Nedderson (front).



After the original *Farmers State Bank* moved to 3rd St., the original building was used as a warehouse for a short time then by *Caswell Engineering*. It was even a grocery store until 1947, when it became *Kessler's Bakery*, owned by Karl and Chloe Mortenson.⁷ In 1961, the building was sold to Bob and Betty Roden, who fully converted it to the *Osseo Bakery*. The Rodens remodeled the entire interior, lowering the ceiling, boarding up all the windows, adding new flooring, and installing a new hot air heating system. The baker was known for the "world's best rolls."

The *Douglas Animal Hospital* has occupied the space since 2014. They've been a part of *Osseo* since opening on 2nd St NW in 1983.

124 CENTRAL AVE⁸

On the SE corner of Central Ave. and 2nd St., where the *Holiday Stationstore* is today, once stood *The International Hotel*. It opened in 1875, the year *Osseo* was incorporated.

It was built by Fritz Schmidt in 1874 on what was then Wilson St. The hotel was two stories in height and had rooms for 30 guests. Often there were long time roomers, with the hotel also serving as a first home for many brides and grooms before getting a home of their own. It was conducted by Mr. Schmidt at its opening, owned by C.F. Schmidt until 1883 and had 12 different owners up to 1922.

On the lower level connected to the rest of the hotel was a saloon. When prohibition went into effect, it was then converted into a soft drink parlor. On the second floor was a balcony with ornate railings.



The International Hotel in 1875. Posing on the boat in the foreground are Meinke Bros. bar owners, Joe Paul and Isaac LaBissonniere.



Pictured are Albert Tessman (left) and Aaron Tessman (center) taking their load of potatoes to the railroad.



The International Hotel in 1904. Most of the men are holding mugs of beer while the horses wait patiently to move on.



The International Hotel on the left, looking south. Early 1900s.

For a period of more than a decade during the twenties and thirties, Osseo was recognized as the potato marketing center of the Upper Midwest. Most of the potatoes raised in and around Osseo were sold here.

It was not an unusual scene to see the farmers stopping in the street in front of the hotel with their load of potatoes and buyers making their bids on the spot. Following the sale, the load would then be taken to the railroad yards and loaded into railroad cars in bulk. Any packaging would be done at their destination.

In 1934, the Gluek Brewing Company, in partnership with A.F. (Butch) Setzler, built a combination bar (*Butch and Fat's Modern Tavern*) and restaurant (*Olson's Café*) at the site of the old *International Hotel*. There was also a pool room and a barber shop, operated by Leo Roden. In 1940, a new building was added to the south with four new Brunswick alleys.



Olson's Café in the late 1930s.

business relationship with their father, William being responsible for the operation of the bar and Richard for the operation of the alleys.

From 1963 to 1968, Dick and Marlys Keppel operated a restaurant there named *Ranch House Grill*. The business was later renamed *Setzler's Bar & Grill* then *King's Bar and Lancer Lounge*. It burned down in 1975 and was never rebuilt.



Lancer Lounge in the 1970s.

Early in 1944, Butch Setzler purchased the business and became the sole proprietor. When his sons William and Richard returned from service in World War II, they assumed a

133 CENTRAL AVE ¹⁰

On the SW corner of 2nd St. NW and Central Ave., where *Twin City Heating, Air, and*

Electric, Pro-Tech Security Systems, and Edward Jones—Financial Advisor: Jame M. Kruse reside, once stood a furniture store, a funeral home, and a gift shop.

John Evans had already started several business prior to opening a furniture store here, going back to 1895 when he opened a restaurant and confectionery store near the corner of 4th St. and Central Ave. It was destroyed by fire and in May 1899 he rebuilt it on the corner of 6th St. and Central Ave.

In 1905, he decided to sell his confectionery business to J.C. Heesen. Mr. Evans placed his faith in the future growth of Osseo and decided that a well-equipped furniture store was a necessity to the growing needs of the community. It was predicted at the time that a furniture store was too close to a large city and doubtful if that line of business would succeed. But it was soon learned that 30 percent of his business came from Minneapolis and St. Paul. He also equipped large hotels and apartment houses in the cities against bids of Minneapolis dealers. His patronage was soon to spread within a radius



Inside the Evans Furniture Store.

of 50 miles of Osseo and many shipments were to North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana.

In 1919, Mr. Evans erected an addition of 40 by 40 square feet to his building, giving him a total of 4,200 square feet of display space that included an elegant undertaking parlor with a Chapel. He also carried an extensive line of Edisons, cut glass, and domestic and imported rugs. Mr. Harry Nelson of Anoka was then employed as a funeral director.



This is the interior of Evans Furniture in the 1930s. Shown are Harry Nelson, owner and delivery man, Louis Schwappach.



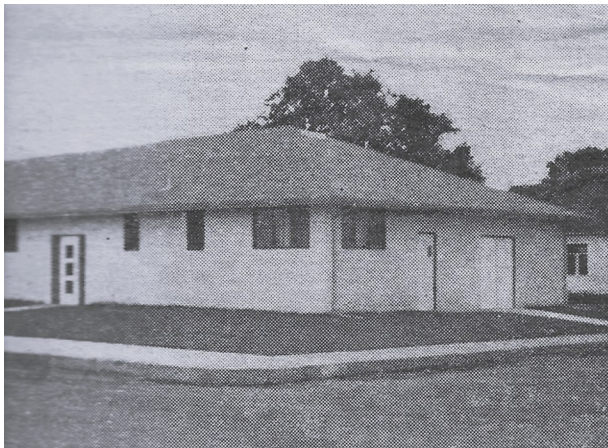
Mortician Harry Nelson is shown inside the casket area of the funeral house.

In 1926, Mr. Evans retired and the business was purchased by B.J. Dahlheimer and Harry Nelson. At that time, it was referred to as *Evans Furniture Store*.

In 1929, a larger funeral parlor and chapel was added, giving them even more room to serve the public.

In 1941, Bob and Grace Berndt began operating the gift shop part of the business with two other partners. After the death of one partner, the funeral home was taken over by Keith and Charlotte Nordby and Mr. Berndt became the sole owner of the furniture store in 1954.

Under the direction of Keith Nordby, a new funeral home was built in the spring of 1954 at the location we know today as *Evans-Nordby Funeral Home* at 34 2nd St. NE.



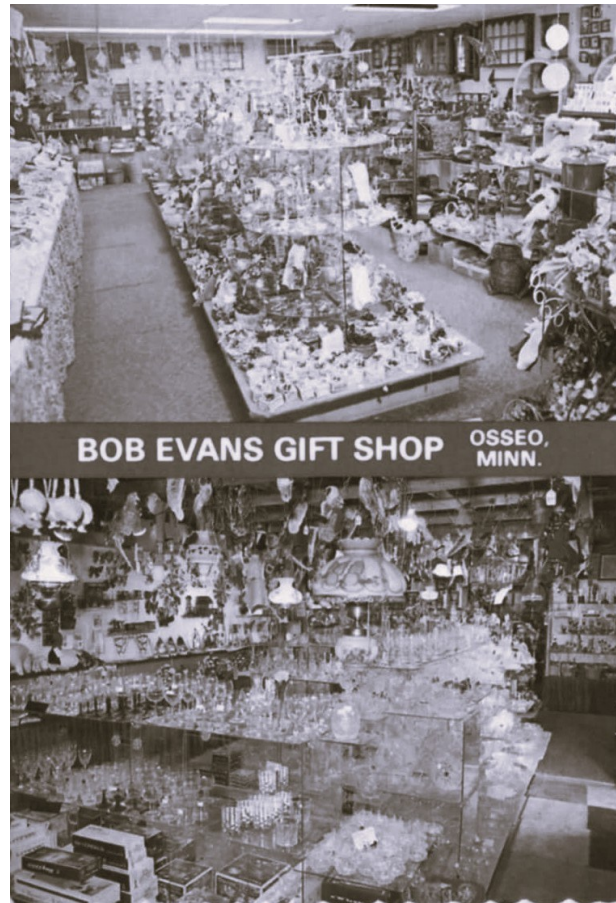
Evans Funeral Home in 1954.

Beginning in the early 1960s, the furniture and appliance part of the Evans Furniture business was phased out and the business became a gift and home accessories store known as *Bob Evans Gift Shop* (because locals generally referred to Bob Berndt as “Bob Evans”). Upstairs was a hall where the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) met.

In 1987, the *Bob Evans Gift Shop* burned down as hundreds of people gathered on the street, expressing their sadness at such a loss.



Wayne Drug, Bob Evans Gift Shop, and the IOOF.



Inside the Bob Evans Gift Shop in later years.

Also damaged by the fire was *Wayne Drug / Hennepin County Sick Room Supply* at 123 Central Ave., operated by Wayne Meloche. It stood where *Vet Partners Pet Hospital* is.

Prior to *Wayne Drug*, the building was occupied by *Vince Pharmacy*.¹¹ Vince and Myrt Kenjoski purchased the *Osseo Drug Store* in 1947 (which was started in March 1945) and combined the business into one store. The building was enlarged in 1951 and had a soda fountain that brought in lots of business. It was also a good place to buy candy, corn cobb pipes, cigarette rollers, and (apparently) plastic jumping rabbits.



Vince Pharmacy

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MIXED NUTS SALTED . . . Per Bag 59c	JUMPING RABBIT PLASTIC . . . 48c Value 15c
Corn Cob Pipes 25c	HOFF'S LINIMENT "Good for Man or Beast" 49c & 83c
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VINCE'S PHARMACY

Phone Osseo 88J Osseo, Minn.

Newspaper Ad for Vince's Pharmacy.



Vince's Pharmacy, likely in the 1950s. Note Olympia Café to the left, the IOFF to the right (2nd floor), and Evans far

Vince was well thought of in Osseo and went out of his way to help the community. He would often be open until 10 p.m., in case he was needed. He delivered medications after he closed and on weekends and even traveled to surrounding communities if necessary.

205 CENTRAL AVE ¹²

Before we get to *Dick's Bar and Grill* on the NW corner of 2nd St. and Central Ave., let's go back about 150 years. The first known business was a little building named *Dubays Millinery Shoppe*, a place where all the fashionable Chapeau (hats) were made.

In 1872, a new building was constructed at the location by a Dr. Lawson and purchased by Ezra LeFebvre. He had a Wagon and

Blacksmith Shop in the front with a living quarters in the back. While someone's horse was being shod or someone's wagon tongue was being repaired, they could sit down and enjoy smoking a good cigar. The reason? It was also a cigar manufacturing company (*Great Northern Cigar*, J.R. Kerns proprietor).

The building was purchased in 1889 by H.F. Schwappach, who specialized in notions and novelties. It was later sold to Dr. P. H. Mee. In 1866 Dr. A. Guernon, a Canadian, was the first doctor to make his home in Osseo. Upon his death in 1869, he was succeeded by Dr. F. Wason.

When Dr. Wason left in 1874 there was no resident physician until Dr. J.B. Delfendahl came for a year in 1877. From 1878 to 1902 there were seven doctors. Dr. Fox came in



Mee's Drug Store in 1923



Home and Drug Store of Dr. P.H. Mee.



Dr. Fox and his wife, who taught in the Osseo District 65.

1902 until 1911. The drug store then came into being. Dr. Mee succeeded him and remained here until his death in 1936.

After Prohibition, the building was sold to Oscar Berndt and Charlie Savage and it became *Oscar Berndt's Liquor Store*. The business went through several ownership changes and later became *Oscar's Oil Station* and *Sinclair Oils*.



Sinclair Oils. From left to right: Lee McHugh, George Rochat, Melvin Garvis, Erne Petersen, Walter Schopwalter, Francis Weishaar.

The building was purchased by Dick Christenson in 1956, the original owner of *Dick's Bar and Grill*. The story told on their website is that way back in 1956, Dick Christenson "was on his way up to Canada on a fishing trip when he stumbled upon a little bar in the charming town of Osseo. He was captivated by the quaint little town, purchased the bar, and started a legacy."



Dick's Bar and Grill in the 1980s.

Until late 2024, Dick's Bar was owned and operated by the next generation of Christensons, Billy, Maxine, and Molly Christenson. The establishment was purchased by the owners of Pour Wine Bar Bistro in Champlin, Phil and Diane Lutgen, who plan on keeping the name and much of the menu.

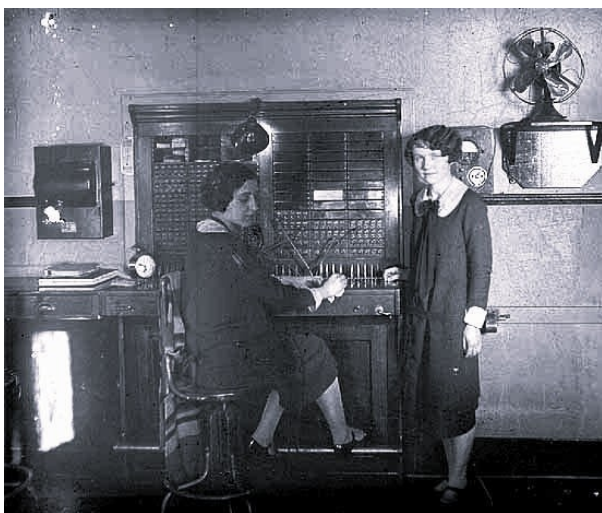


Dick's Bar and Grill in 2024.

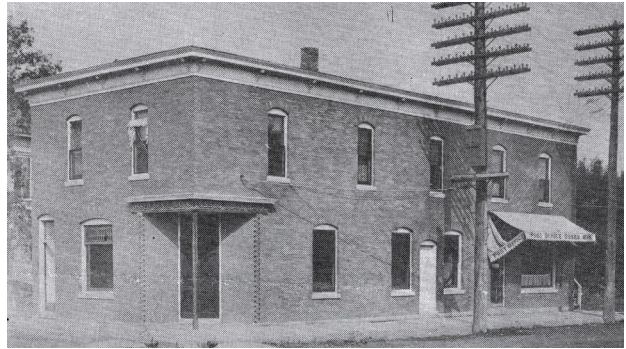
200 CENTRAL AVE ¹³

The NE corner of 2nd St. and Central Ave. was home to a number of businesses over the years (now home to *Bisque Boutique*).

The *Osseo State Bank / Citizen's State Bank* building was built in 1906. The rear of the building was home to the Telephone Co., with George Rochat being one of the first operators (at age 13).



Early switchboard operators



An addition was built in the rear of the Citizen's State Bank building in 1913. The Osseo Post Office operated there from 1913 until about 1932. From 1944 to 1954, the Post Office was just around the corner (where *The Black Cabin* is today). In October, 1954, the Post Office moved to its first permanent building at 17 2nd St. West. In February, 1970, the post office then moved to its present location at 125 1st Ave West.



Citizen's State Bank when it was originally built.

In 1928, the bank shut down and the space was remodeled to become a drug Store owned and operated by George Hovorka and his sister (*Hovorka's Drug Store*). George operated the business for 20 years before it was purchased by Francis Henry in 1948.

Mr. Henry opened *Henry's Appliance Store* and advertised a full line of Norge and Hotpoint appliances and deals in RCA radio and television sets.



The Osseo Post Office when George Neumann was postmaster (at 5 2nd St NE) in the spot that housed Dr. Shellie Dick's dental office beginning in the early 1940s.

Following that, the building housed a clothing store, *Osseo Surplus Center*, Osseo Post Office, Dr. Dick's Dental Office, and *Pro-Tech Video and TV Service*.

In January, 1966, Don Larson and his wife Carole purchased the *Osseo Press* from Werner Schultz, which was then at 240 Central Ave. In June of that year, they moved the business to 5 2nd St NE, taking over the space which Dr. Dick's Dental Office previously occupied. Upstairs were apartments and elsewhere in the building was the *Osseo Surplus Center*. The Larsons operated the Press there until 1968 when they purchased the entire building with the main entrance on Central Ave.



Osseo Press & News

After moving in, they built a darkroom on the second floor and renovated it to include areas for the Accounting and News departments. On the first floor were the Production, News, and Advertising departments.

In 1984, after having reached 125% of capacity, an opportunity arose for them to purchase the *Iten Chevrolet Body Shop* at 33 2nd St. NE. They bought the building, gutted it, then turned it into the space you see today (which has since been sold to the City of Osseo).

The Larsons operated the Press out of that location until selling the business and retiring in 1999. Carole is still extremely active in local activities and has played a major part in the publication of this book and Osseo's Sesquicentennial Celebration planning.



Don and Carole Larson

208 CENTRAL AVE

In the 1920s through the 1950s, this location was home to a car dealership. About 1927, Peter Iten opened *Osseo Motors*. In the early 1950s, the shop acquired additional space down the street at 226 Central Ave and named the business *Iten Chevrolet*. It was a Chevrolet-Buick dealership owned by Peter Iten and later Roy Iten. They quickly outgrew the space in the 1960s and moved to a much larger location near I-94 and Brooklyn Boulevard.



Osseo Motors in 1927



Osseo Motors in 1928



Osseo Motor Company in the 1950s.



Don's Barber Shop in 1975. Left to right, Bob Lubbe, Harold Hill, Don Nordby.

After that, the location became home to *Don's Barber Shop*. Don Nordby began barbering in Osseo in 1955 for Stan Anderson and started his own shop in 1967 at 237 Central Avenue (roughly between *The 32nd Collective* and *Olympia Café and Gyros*). After fire destroyed the location, he moved to 208 Central Ave.

The location was later home to Central Barbers and Quality Music and Books. It's now the home to Osseo Smoke Shop, owned by Ali Aledawi.



Don's Barber Shop in the 1980s.

212 CENTRAL AVE ¹⁴

Just north, on the same side of the street where *The Black Cabin* is today, you would have found the Osseo Post Office from 1944 to about 1954. At that time, the surrounding space became *Millie's Dress Shop* and also served as the Osseo City Library for a short period of time.



Millie's Dress Shop

In 1960, the *Osseo Paint and Wallpaper Store* was established by Harold and Mabel Trombley. Mabel Trombley was also a regular contributor to the Osseo-Maple Grove Press, writing a column named "Down Memory Lane," from which much of the information in this chapter is derived.

Their Paint and Wallpaper store was the first of its kind in Osseo. In 1973, the business was sold to Harold's nephew, Rawland, and his wife, Sue Trombley. At the time, it had one of the largest wallpaper departments in the upper Midwest.



Osseo Paint and Wallpaper in the 1980s.

In 2014, the store changed to *Osseo Savitt Paint*. In 2022, it became *The Black Cabin*, owned and operated by Teresa Aho. It has since become a popular business in Osseo, specializing in DIY paint, Minnesota made items, gifts, and home décor. Teresa also hosts DIY workshops that have become a huge hit with the community.



The Black Cabin in 2022.

214 CENTRAL AVE ¹⁵

Next door, you'll find the Masonic Temple. The Winslow Lewis Lodge #125 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons was founded in 1877 by 25 members.

The Osseo Masonic Lodge is part of a worldwide men's fraternal organization with lodges in nearly every country. The main principle of Masonry is the brotherhood of man, and Masonry is comprised of members of all races, religious beliefs, and all walks of life.

Masons are the oldest and largest fraternal organization. Today there are over two million Freemasons in North America, and Masonic Lodges are found in almost every community throughout the United States. Freemasonry is an order that encourages its members to practice the faith of their personal acceptance and teaches that, through self-improvement and helping others, members can make the world a better place.



Taken around 1919, this photo shows the Citizens State Bank and the Masonic Hall next to it.

When the Lodge was first organized, they held their meetings above a blacksmith shop on the NW corner of 3rd St. and Central Ave. (where

FASTSIGNS is today). In the 1890s, their first building at their current location was constructed. It was destroyed by a major fire in 1932, after which they held their meetings across the street at Heesen (pronounced Hay-Zen) Hall (where *Olympia Café* is today). A new structure was rebuilt at their original location and is still there today.

The entrance is a stairway to the left of The Black Cabin. The Masons still have their chapter in Osseo, but several of their other organizations joined the Anoka chapter.



Masonic Temple today.



The Masonic Lodge after a fire destroyed it in 1932. On the street level, there was a billiard hall (left) and the Osseo Press (right).

207 to 217 CENTRAL AVE

This section of Central Ave. has been one of the busiest in Osseo's history and, no doubt, requires a great deal more historical research. Within this section of the block was *People's Cash Meat Market*, a bakery, *Fat Larson Pool Hall*, a Used Car store, *Don's Shoe Store* (owned by Don and Irene Francis), *Marlin's Department Store*, *Marlin's Ben Franklin* (with a Toyland in the basement), *Payne's Ben Franklin*, *Hinrich's Department Store* (owned by Gordy and Marge Hinrich), *Action TV & Appliances*, *Old West Arms*, *Bob's Red and White* (owned by Robert and Doris Newton), and a Curio shop.

Old West Arms ¹⁶ was located at 209 Central Ave. and started in the 1970s by Tom and Dave Fraser. They were inspired by primitive firearms used throughout the history of our country by almost all of its frontiersmen and settlers. Replicas of these guns became a popular pastime with many and Tom and Dave provided enthusiasts with guns, muzzle loading supplies, and accessories.



Tom and Dave Fraser

Today, this section of Central Ave. hosts *S.R. Hoskins Fine Jewelry* (207 Central Ave), *Parlor Hairstylists* (213 Central Ave.), and *Two Scoops* (215 Central Ave.). *Hoskins Fine Jewelry* (owned by Randy Hoskins) has been in Osseo since 1991, *Parlor Hairstylists* has been in Osseo since 1990 and *Two Scoops*, a popular ice cream store originating out of Anoka, opened in 2020.



Two Scoops, at 215 Central Ave., offers a wide variety of super premium ice cream and gourmet popcorn.

219 CENTRAL AVE ¹⁷

The property at 219 Central Ave. used to be a barber shop named *George's of Osseo*. The shop originally opened for business in June, 1926, in the Masonic Building across the street. In 1948, George Beucler formed a partnership with Leo Roden and in 1954, moved their business to a new building across the street at 219 Central Ave. Several generations of Beuclers ran the business until it closed in 2017, after being a fixture in downtown Osseo for nearly a decade.

Some time prior to *George's*, in the early 1900s, this location hosted the *Richey Barber*



George's of Osseo Barber Shop in the 1980s.

Shop, with the Richey residence being next door.

The location is now occupied by KaWynn, a working studio. The site holds the collective creations of Katrina (Wynn) Barnett and Catrielle Barnett. Be sure to visit them and check out their amazing work.

225 CENTRAL AVE

What's now *Red's Savoy Pizza* was a restaurant named *Kopper Kettle*. The *Kopper Kettle* opened August 27, 1973 and was owned by Marvel Weinand and operated by her daughters, Pat Rocheford and Bonnie Osterberg. The restaurant emphasized family-style dining and home cooking, with daily specials and several homemade desserts.

The restaurant changed hands in 1994 and again in 2008, keeping the name *Kopper Kettle*. The new owners in 2008 changed the menu to include Peruvian cuisine. In 2017, the business was sold to *Red's Savoy Pizza*.



Kopper Kettle

227 and 229 CENTRAL AVE

Prior to businesses taking over, this space was occupied by the Hugo Schwappach residence. Several small businesses came and went, including *Don's Shoe Store*, owned by Don and Irene Frances (specializing in shoe repair).

227 Central Ave. hosts *Infinity Floral*, the leading Osseo/Maple Grove florist in the Twin Cities area. They're locally family-owned and operated and also have a wide variety of unique gifts.

At 229 Central Ave. is an artisanal confections store, *Painted Turtle*. Pat Godfrey started the business in 2008, assisted by Theresa Doran, and built a loyal following. In August of 2024, Jackie Van Norden left her 22 year corporate career to purchase the business and live her passion of creating delicious food and sharing it with her community.

233 CENTRAL AVE

This spot was once home to the Osseo Opera House¹⁸. The building was owned by George Heesen, who, along with his wife, brother, and other prominent townspeople, put on plays and musicals for the community. In 1915, electricity and movies came to Osseo, and the Opera House was renamed the New Electric Theater. Mona Heesen played piano during the movies.

Along with plays put on by local groups, the high school also performed productions here until 1937, when an auditorium was built in the school. The Theater also served as a meeting place for local merchants, potato growers, and other businessmen.

During the Depression, the movie house possibly saved the town. To entice people into Osseo, businessmen and Mr. Heesen showed free movies on Wednesday nights. The theater closed in the 1940s and the space was occupied by a sheet metal shop, *Anderson's Barber Shop*, and *Aslesen's Café*. In 1953, the space was converted to a Roller Skating Rink called *Coney Island Recreation Center*, then *Fat Larson's Pool Hall*, *Vollrath & Emholtz Plumbing and Heating*, then *Larson Hardware*, owned by Stan & Louise Larson. After it burned down in 1972, the *Larson & Sons Coast to Coast Store*¹⁹ was built.

In 1985, Jim Hance purchased the business and operated Hance Hardware until 2005, pausing briefly due to a fire in 1996 that destroyed the building. Jim was a 3rd generation hardware store owner and also owned another store in Hopkins for over 50 years.



Larson Hardware in the 1970s.

Abbey Carpet & Floor occupied the space until the current business, *The 32nd Collective* opened in late 2023. Named to represent Minnesota as the 32nd state, *The 32nd Collective* was started by husband and wife team Aaron and Ashlynn Silva. The shop has a wide variety of products, including Minnesota-themed apparel and accessories, nostalgic designs that pay homage to Minnesota's rich history, and more. The shop is also dedicated to honoring the spirit of



The 32nd Collective



New Electric Theater about 1920.



Coney Island Recreation Center, built in 1953 by Andy Wishy.



Hance Hardware in the 1980s, with the historic Osseo water tower in the background.

Osseo itself with a variety of Osseo-themed apparel, designed to pay homage to the city's rich heritage.

Aaron Silva designed the 150th crest on the cover of this publication and the Silvas have been huge supporters of the *Osseo 150th Celebration Committee*. Our thanks go out to them for all they've done for Osseo!



Aaron and Ashley Silva, owners of The 32nd Collective.

247 CENTRAL AVE

Around 1897, Nick Eckes built a grand structure where *Olympia Café* now stands. It was two floors and lighted with acetylene gas. The ground floor was occupied by the *Hetchuran General Store* and the upper floor was a public hall named *Germania Hall* that was primarily used as a meeting space and dance floor.



The Eckes Building when it was first constructed.



People's Cash Store in the early 1900s.

In the early 1900s, George and Monie Heesen opened *People's Cash Store*, later known as *Heesen's General Store* in the location²⁰. The store provided nearly everything someone could want.



Heesen's General Store, around 1930.

J. C. HEESEN
 OSSEO, MINN.
 Confectionery, Groceries and Bakery Goods,
 Fruits, Cigars and Tobacco

Ives' Ice Cream Sold Exclusively at Heesen's. Ice Cream Parlor in connection for auto parties and patrons. Rural phone No. 36.

We Sell The Sunday Tribune
 Get extra copies of OSSEO SPECIAL PAGE here.

Newspaper ad for Heesen's General Store..

In April 1940, George and Lucille Reibestein purchased the right half of the Heesen building and opened the *Osseo Department Store*²¹. After the Heesen brothers retired, George and Lucille took over the whole store and had it remodeled in 1950. They were well known for their "Lee" overalls.



Osseo Department Store in the 1950s.



People's Cash Store and Heesen Hall / Germania Hall in the early 1900s.

In 1961, the *Osseo Department Store* moved to 325 Central Ave. The space was then purchased by Cliff and Edna Payette and son, Michael. They remodeled the building and opened it as the *Round Table Restaurant*²². In June, 1967, Dale Johnson became owner. On January 1, 1968, in seventeen degrees below zero weather in Osseo's biggest fire, the *Round Table Restaurant* burned down. The store was completely rebuilt by the owner of the building, Kenneth Heesen, and on May 17, 1968, the *Round Table Restaurant* was once again opened for business by Dale Johnson.

The space later became home to another restaurant, *Country Cousin*, owned by Rawland Trombley. Once again, this quickly became a popular restaurant until he sold the business to Dimitri Santrizos in 1985.



Country Cousin in the 1980s.

Dimitri was born in Greece and went to the top European culinary school in Athens, Greece²³. After graduating, he was selected to become the personal chef for top admiral in

the Greek Navy. When his time in the Navy was finished, he fulfilled his lifelong dream of moving to America. He came to Minnesota in 1970 and worked at several well-known Minneapolis restaurants before purchasing the *Country Cousin* in 1985. In 2005, Dimitri decided to sell the business and retire. Early retirement didn't settle well with him, though, and he decided to re-purchase the business 16 months later after the restaurant there failed. He started *Olympia Café and Gyros* and continued to work seven day, 100-hour-a-week shifts until he passed the business on to his son, Paul. Paul learned everything he could from his father and continues to run one of Osseo's most popular restaurants. The food is always top-notch and the service is consistently friendly.



Olympia Café and Gyros today.

220 CENTRAL AVE ²⁴

Jumping across to the east side of the street again, this location was once an office building and later *Edi's Café* and *Shirleen's Café*, which was co-owned by beloved and longtime Osseo Senior Center Coordinator, Arleen Barrett.



Café at 220 Central Ave. (left).



Ashtray from Edi's Café.

It was then purchased by Dr. John Rapacz in late 1969 and converted to the *Osseo Chiropractic Clinic*. The building was remodeled and carpeted to include a private office, reception rooms, complete x-ray facilities, physical therapy and traction rooms, and Chiropractic treatment rooms. From 1997 to 2022, the Osseo Clinic was run by Dr. Pete Kelzenberg, D.C. From 2022 to 2024, the

space was occupied by *Symmetry Chiropractic & Physical Therapy*. As of late 2024, the space is empty (owned by Connie Aho) and is being planned as a professional building.



Osseo Chiropractic Clinic in the 1980s.

226 to 232 CENTRAL AVE ²⁵

Next to the Chiropractic Clinic was once a car showroom. *Osseo Motor / Iten Chevrolet*, owned and operated by Peter Iten, originally opened shop at 208 Central Ave. before moving here in the early 1950s. He operated the business here until 1965, when he moved the business to Brooklyn Center.

In 1945, the *Osseo Clinic* also opened in this space, started by Dr. T. J. Bloedel. In 1946, Dr. H. R. Ransom joined him until 1972. Dr. Richard Jackson, obstetrician, began his practice here in 1967. Then, in 1972, Dr. P. H. Shah, internist, and Dr. S. K. Madireddi, family practice, joined the Clinic. Dr. L. L. Lira, surgeon, begin his duties at the Clinic in

1974. The building was enlarged around 1975 and was completely renovated, making it one of the finest clinic facilities for emergencies and routine medical care at the time.



Osseo Clinic in the 1980s.

Today, the space at 226 Central Ave. is occupied by *StormyLee Salon and Spa*. Opened in 2013 by Stormy Lee, this has been a popular local business. Said Stormy, “So why Osseo? I used to drive down the streets of Osseo to and from work every day. I was struck by how ‘alive’ this small town was. I loved the old fashioned ‘main street’ with lots of dining experiences and unique shopping boutiques. I decided it was the perfect location



StormyLee Salon and Spa

for a salon and that’s how ‘StormyLee Salon & Spa—The Uptown Salon with the small town feel!’ came to be!”²⁶

The space at 232 Central Ave. is now home to *The Annabelle House*, owned by Mark and Ashley Cook.²⁷ Mark and his family moved to Osseo in 2017. While they were excited to have shops and restaurants within walking distance of their house, they noticed there was a gap when it came to coffee shops and bakeries. During Covid in 2020, they dreamt up the idea of a local coffee house and bakery. In late Fall of 2021, their dream became reality. Named after Ashley Cook’s grandmother, Annabelle, this has quickly become one of the most popular businesses in Osseo. They recently expanded both their space and their menu and are likely to be an Osseo staple for many years to come.



The Annabelle House today.

The area between the Masonic Hall and *C & J Automotive* on the corner is relatively new, compared to other locations. It’s difficult to visualize today, but this location was once home to one of Osseo’s most beautiful houses. The property belong to Peter Neumann²⁸. He had eight children, one of whom was George, the postmaster of Osseo for many years. The house had eight rooms and large halls, plus a

third-floor attic. There are stories of how children loved to go up the back stairway and slide down the bannisters. The home was demolished in the 1920s.



Neumann house in the early 1900s.

240 CENTRAL AVE ²⁹

Next on the block, where *Bloom Beauty Suites* is today, was once home to *Osseo Printing Shop*. The first issue of the *Osseo Press* was printed Nov. 29, 1923. It was 12 pages - four pages covering local news, a four page supplement, and a four page Patent section. In it was features, cartoons, recipes, and advertising from the *Patent Medicine Company*. The cost of the issue was 5 cents.



Osseo Press in the 1950s.



Werner Schultz, owner of the *Osseo Press* before selling it to Don and Carole Larson. After the sale of the newspaper, Werner continued to operate a printing business until he retired.

The original location of the *Osseo Press* was where the Masonic Hall is today. Otto M. Bohling took over the newspaper in 1925. Helmuth Schultz then purchased it in May, 1926. When the Masonic Hall burned down in 1932, the *Osseo Press* temporarily moved to the Killmer building (next to where *Dean's* is today). In 1936, they moved to 240 Central Ave. In 1938, Helmuth's son, Werner Schultz, became editor of the newspaper. The business remained there until 1966 when Don Larson bought it and they moved to 200 Central Ave.



Bloom Beauty Suites

248 CENTRAL AVE ³⁰

Last on the block, on the southeast corner, you'll find *C & J Automotive* today. In 1914, Rohe and Cook purchased this space from Nick Eckes. It's unclear what was here prior to then, but Nick Eckes owned several businesses, including a popular saloon and the Eckes Building we saw earlier (where *Olympia Café* is).



Nick Eckes



Cities Service Station in the 1950s.

Rohe and Cook originally established a hardware and implement company here. In 1918, Matt Rohe bought his partner's share and remodeled it to make it suitable for a

service station (*Cities Service Station*), even including a second story.

When he died in 1933, Art Hastings acquired ownership and converted the store part into a barber shop, operated by Leo Roden and Stan Anderson until 1954 when Leo moved to 219 Central Ave. Art ran the station for a few years, then leased it to Peter Iten until 1938, when Merlin Ramstad took over the lease.

In 1949, Cyril Walesch became its operator. Alvin Opitz, who owned and drove his own truck, used to deliver *Cities Service Station* gas and fuel oil for cars, tractors, homes, and institutions throughout the area. It later became *Clay's Gulf Service* until, in 1975, the building was demolished to make room for a more modern station. Clay and Joe Vnuk purchased the business and that's when it became *C & J Automotive Center*. Since then, it has been *Phillips 66 C & J Automotive* and is now *Napa C & J Automotive*.



Phillips 66 C & J Automotive



Napa C & J Automotive

301 CENTRAL AVE ³¹

Moving to the NW corner of 3rd St. and Central Ave., you'll find *Premier Bank* today. This location had its start in 1912 when Ovil Normandin built *Pauline's*, a Confectionery store named after his wife. At the time, the location was actually 5th St. and Wilson Ave. - not only were the street names different, but the numbering system was also reversed.

The Confectionery became a very popular place and was a stopping place for tourists from all parts of the country who were traveling the Jefferson Highway. They carried the best of all chocolates and served Kemp's Ice Cream. Among the clerks who were employed, two stood out to Mr. Normandin. They were Bertha and Amy Hastings. There were times when four and five clerks were necessary, as the hotter the weather, the bigger the crowd.

At one time, Mr. Normandin was Osseo's Justice of the Peace. He was a stern but fair judge, but the guilty feared him. When Ovil asked a question, he always demanded a good answer. With his stern and business-like manner, plus his love for flowers, he was admired by most of the town. ³²

In the early 1930s, with the Depression having an impact on businesses across the country, Mr. Normandin was looking for a solution to business slacking off. ³³ While on vacation to Foot Hills, California, he and Pauline stopped for refreshments at one of the cafés and was confronted by a huge orange from which a large group of customers were being served cold drinks. This was the start of an idea to bring a bit of California to Osseo. He had a giant Orange built (by Napoleon Goslin, father to Mrs. Herman Killmer). The outside was stuccoed by the Phenow brothers, Pete and Bill. The Orange was then encircled with



Pauline's in 1924



Early picture of Pauline's Confectionery. Ovil is behind the cash register and his wife, Pauline, is on the left.



Interior of Pauline's Confectionery, with Ovil Normandin behind the counter.

electric lights and when lit, enhanced the attractiveness of the stand. If you look closely at the photo, you will see atop the Orange the large sign reading “California in Osseo. Everything made from oranges.”

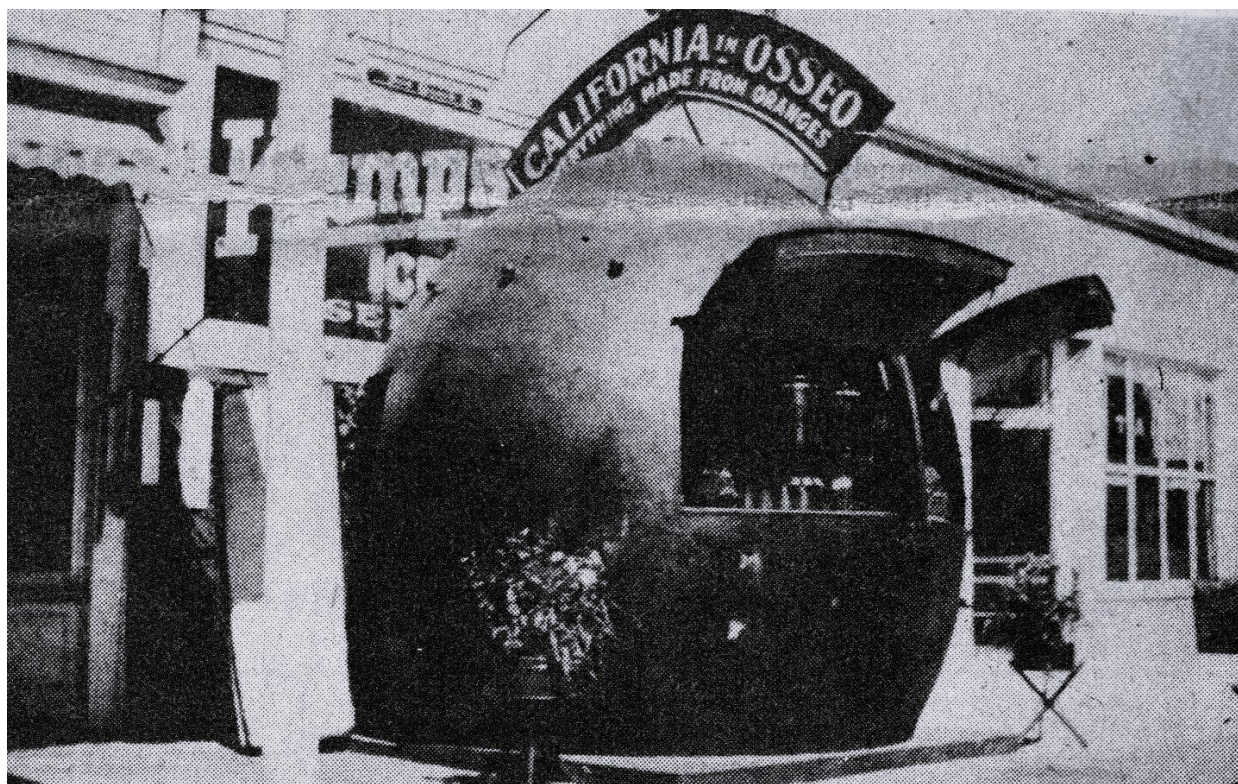
Word of mouth passed quickly about this overgrown Orange and of the wonderful drinks being served from it. People came out of curiosity and then returned over and over because of the delicious drinks. Folks were often given directions based on this unique stand, as they were told to go to the Orange and then on from there.

When Mr. Normandin sold his building and retired, Dorothy and William Hartkopt leased it for a grocery store. In 1947, it became *Kessler’s Bakery*.³⁴ It was at that time the board of directors of *Farmers State Bank*

came to the conclusion that Osseo needed a larger building for future business. They decided to buy the property and make that corner the home of the *New Farmers State Bank*. In 1958, the name was changed to *Northwestern State Bank*, later to *Norwest Bank*. Today, it’s the home of *Premier Bank*, started in 1989 by Bob Regan.



The “new” Farmers State Bank.



Ovil and Pauline Normandin’s giant Orange “California in Osseo” in front of their Confectionery and Ice Cream store.



Premier Bank in the 1990s.

309 CENTRAL AVE

Moving next door, you would have found several businesses, primarily insurance and financial services. Today, it's home to *Girtz Insurance and Financial Services*. In the 1970s, it was home to *City-Country Insurance Agency* (now at 317 Central Ave.)

311 CENTRAL AVE

In the next building to the north, you'd find *Spellbound Tattoo* today (311 Central Ave.), along with *Reuan Thai* (311b Central Ave.).

Starting about 1908, the space was home to a Buick Garage, owned by a Mr. Peterson. It was later purchased by Peter Iten and



Red Owl in 1951.

continued as a garage. In 1933, Wesley and Ruby Keske purchased the space and it became *Osseo Variety Store* until they outgrew the space and moved to the previous block, opening *Marlin's Ben Franklin*.³⁵

Some time after that, the space was purchased by Andy Wishy, who started a *Red Owl* grocery store. In August of 1949, Charles Glander and Archie Bonfoey purchased the store from Andy Wishy.³⁶ In 1958, Dean and Heidi Selvig purchased the business and that was the start of what we know today as *Dean's Super Market*.³⁷ They did business there for a little over 9 years before constructing a new building across the street at 312 Central Ave.

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Grand Opening ad for *Dean's Super Market* when they



Dean's Super Market at 311 Central Ave. in 1951.



Premier Bank, IPC Printing, and Rocky Raccoon's Pizza in the 1980s.

After *Dean's* moved, the space was occupied by the *Tradin' Shop*, then by *IPC Printing* and *Rocky Raccoon's Pizza and Deli*.

313 CENTRAL AVE

This location isn't well-documented, but there are references to *Pauline's Confectionery* being here for a short while. Following that, we know there was a *Carl's Meats and Frozen Storage*, operated by Carl Glassman.

Osseo-Maple Grove Cleaners was in the space in the 1980s, followed by *KW Floors* moving in about 2008. The location is currently empty, awaiting a new chapter in history.

317 CENTRAL AVE

This location is home to a number of different businesses, including *City-Country Insurance*



Carl's Meats and Frozen Storage in the 1960s.

Agency, Langmade & Associates (Tax Preparation), and *Stylin' Paws Grooming*. In earlier years, it was also home to a *State Farm Insurance* agency owned by Dale Sander (1970s) and a *Pet Palace Dog Grooming*.

The primary business there today is *City-Country Insurance Agency*. They were founded in Osseo in 1969, starting out at 309 Central Ave. before moving to this location.

319 CENTRAL AVE

This space has long been home to several Laundromats. It has also hosted numerous bakeries and coffee shops, including: *The Sweet Boutique*, *Seque Café*, *Luna's Specialty Bakery & Café* (featuring *Aki's BreadHaus*), *Liquid Lava Lounge*, and *Nourish*. Since June of 2020, this has been home to *Champ's of Osseo*, a healthy smoothie bar serving nutritious shakes and teas.



Champ's of Osseo and Laundromat on Central



Gluek's in the early 1900s. At one point in it's history, it was also known as Last Chance Saloon.



Bill Princeton, outside his new establishment. To the left was the *John Lucht General Blacksmith Shop*. Along with shoeing horses, a blacksmith also sharpened and repaired plowshares, fixed carriages and wagons, and built or repaired nearly anything metal someone could need.



The John Lucht General Blacksmithing shop.



Interior of the Overall Inn Café.



GLUEK'S BAR
Formly Princeton's bar now known as Duffy's

Gluek's Bar before becoming Princeton's.



Princeton's Saloon in the 1980s.



Old Princeton's sweatshirt.



Duffy's Bar and Grill.

337 and 341 CENTRAL AVE ³⁸

Next up on the block at 337 Central Ave. is *Duffy's Bar & Grill*, which has been in business since 1989, owned by Martin and Laurie Duffy.

The original space was built in the 1895 In its early years, few places in Osseo changed hands as frequently as the business at this location.

It was converted by Charest and Funk from a hardware business to a hard drink place in 1901. Their successors: Camille Chaset (1903-1905); Peter Neuman (1905); Gervais and Gervais (1905-1606), Gervais and Potvin (1906-1907), Sidney Potvin (1907-1918); Potvin and Chouinard (1918-1919); Sidney Potvin (1919); DeMars and Potvin (1919-1920); Louis DeMars (1920-1921); W. F. Busilmeir (1921-1925); and Leonard Ayd (1925-1926).

In January of 1926, William Princeton and his wife, Cora, purchased the business. Because of Prohibition, it was then a restaurant, soft drink, and confectionery business (*Overall Inn Café*). With the repeal of Prohibition in 1933, liquor became available for sale again and the tavern became known as *Princeton's* or *Princeton's Saloon*.

In 1959, the family purchased the land and buildings from the Gluek Brewing Company. They had been living in a house just north of the saloon until it was torn down in 1956. In 1966, the Princeton family - which now included their son, Joel, built a modern off-sale liquor facility where their house used to be next door at 341 Central Ave.

In April of 1972, William Princeton passed away. After that, the business was operated by Joel Princeton along with his mother, Cora, and his wife, Susan.

In 1979, Joel and Susan, along with their three children Kim, Kelli, and Bill opened a second store in Maple Grove. Over the past few years, Bill, along with Kelli's husband Nick, have become active in the family trade and represent the third generation of Princetons to run the business.

In 2022, the Princetons sold the Osseo location to Mark Regan, who opened *Zeak's Main Street Liquors*.

300 CENTRAL AVE ³⁹

Jumping across to the east side of the street, the southernmost location is now home to *FASTSIGNS*, a custom banner, sign, and graphics business. In the past several years, it has also been home to *Woodshop Furniture*, *Classic Antiques*, *Bear Necessities Thrift Shop*, *Phoenix Games* and long-time Osseo business *Bromen's Luggage*. Originally, this was the site of Biederman Hardware.

Biederman *Our Own Hardware* sat on the northeast corner of Third St. and Central Ave and the Eli Haviland home on the part of the site of the current *Dean's Supermarket*.

That home remained on that site until *Dean's Supermarket* was built in 1967 and the house was moved to First Ave. N, next to Mrs. Lee (Arilla) Biederman's home on the corner. It was ultimately torn down for several businesses.



Biederman Hardware and Implements in the early 1900s.

The history of the store started with Eli Haviland, who came from Michigan to Osseo in 1857. He and Clark Ellsworth served in the first regiment of the Mounted Rangers during the 1862 Indian Uprising, then served in the military during the Civil War. Haviland was a charter member of the Osseo Grand Army of the Republic Post. Ellsworth was a blacksmith in his regiment in the Civil War. Ellsworth had started a blacksmith shop in Osseo in 1855 and Haviland became his partner. After the war in 1871, Haviland opened the tin and blacksmith shop at the “present location” and added hardware. In the early days, some of those items were hand made locally. Later, factor-made hardware was added.

The original store was two stories with a peaked roof and had an elevator. It had two distinctions: (1) it was the second oldest hardware store in the state, and (2) it was the first building west of the Mississippi River to have an elevator. About 1900, Haviland added

his adopted daughter’s husband, Frederick Biederman, to serve as manager of the store.

The original store burned, and was rebuilt without a second floor or elevator. Biederman had purchased half of the store when he became manager and, upon Haviland’s death in 1911, he bought the other half. When his sons, Lee and Fred, became old enough, he changed the name to F. Biederman and Sons.

Still later, Fred’s two sons, Harry and Lee, became active in the business and Harry joined the *Our Own Hardware* chain in 1924. The brothers took over the business upon the death of their father in 1931.

The store continued with its hardware sales. At one point, they also sold dynamite, but they considered storage of it too dangerous in town so they stored most of it on a farm site by Zachary Ln. and 85th St. N. in Maple Grove. Farm machinery was sold at the store until 1945.



Biederman Hardware (Our Own Hardware) in 1951.



Osseo Our Own Hardware in the 1970s.

Lee Biederman was killed in a car accident in 1955 and Harry took over the entire business after buying out his brother's half from his widow, Arilla. Upon Harry's passing, the building was purchased from the Biederman estate by Wiley enterprises in 1976, and the original building, which was situated almost up to the sidewalk on Central Ave., was torn down. A new building had been built right behind the original store frontage, so contents were moved to that newer facility and the front part became a parking lot as it is today.

Bob Roden of Osseo bought the contents in 1977 and operated out of the newer building as an *Our Own Hardware* store until 1985. He was very experienced in hardware and carpentry. It was sold again but went out of business shortly thereafter.

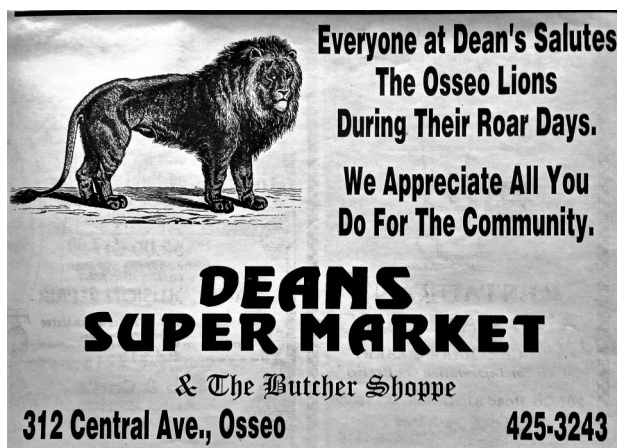
312 CENTRAL

Next up is *Dean's Super Market*. As we learned earlier, they started out across the street at 311 Central Ave. After doing business there for over nine years, a house belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Killmer was



Dean's in the 1990s.

torn down across the street and another house owned by Harry Biederman was moved to make way for the store. In the fall of 1973, an addition to the north end of the building was begun and was completed in January 1974. At that time, there was a giant Elm Tree at the south end of the parking lot which was 129 years old.



Dean's salute to The Osseo Lions in years gone by.

In 2005, the Hansen brothers, Brad and Brian, purchased the store. They were second generation grocers following in their parent's footsteps. The business is still going strong today and is beloved by everyone in Osseo and the surrounding communities. Along with the extensive product line, reasonable prices, and frequent deals, Dean's also has friendly staff who are always willing to help out, including bagging your groceries and carrying them out to your car. Dean's is a true home town gem and we're extremely lucky to have them.

In 2022, during Covid, *Dean's Supermarket* renovated the store. The renovations included: new carpeting, ceiling tile, a new exterior sign, cashier counters, and a handicap-accessible ramp.



Dean's today - also pay attention to their brand new signage!

332 CENTRAL ⁴⁰

I'm sure many of you have wondered about "that old white brick building next to *Dean's*." This is another one of the buildings in Osseo that has a long history. It's typically referred to as the *Killmer Building*.

It was built in 1908 by Charles F. Killmer, with input from his wife, Margaret. At the time, he considered opening it as a saloon. They eventually decided it would be a hardware store. An interesting fact about the construction of the building, from Allen Killmer, is that the walls use flat pieces of Flag Stone, not cement blocks. The door on the left lead to apartments upstairs.

Once the building was constructed, it opened as a hardware store, started by Ed Killmer and William Schrader. In 1912, William Schrader left the partnership to move to Minneapolis and Ed Killmer's brother, Louis, decided to purchase his share. They named the Store *Gambles* and the partnership lasted for five years until Ed took over the Ford Agency they

built next door in 1914. This left Louis as the sole owner, running both the hardware store and a tin shop. In 1915, he gave up on the hardware store and tin smithing and went all-in on doing electrical work.

When Louis was still running the hardware store and doing tin-smithing, the basement of the building was a shop for him and he worked on numerous things, such as: tin-galvanized iron, ventilators for roofs of milk houses (for farmers in the area, to help get high humidity out of the milk house), and radiator repair for tractors that Herman was repairing in a shed in the back.

In 1917, Louis Killmer, having spent the last few years learning all about electricity, started to wire farms and homes throughout the country and in Osseo. Until at least the 1960s/1970s, the building was home to *Killmer Electric Company*.

When Louis' son, Allen, was discharged from the Navy in 1945, he started a small radio repair shop. In October, 1950, Louis decided to retire and Allen took over the business from him. Though retired, Louis formed a partnership with Allen, combining the father's many years of electrical experience with Allen's radio and electrical education. In 1952, Allen received his Minnesota Master Electrician license and officially started his own electric appliance service business. The *Killmer Electric Co.* operated until 1975, when it was purchased by the Palmer family, who expanded the business to include highway/heavy, industrial, utility and energy construction with a strong emphasis on airport and airfield electrical construction.



This photo of the Osseo Hardware Store was taken about 1912. On the left is Louis Killmer.



Osseo Hardware Store. On the left is William Schrader. In the center is Ed Killmer. The person on the right is unknown.



Gambles Store Osseo, Minnesota Roy Schrader and ??

Gambles Store. Roy Schrader was the brother of William Schrader.



The Killmer Building in 1951., when it housed the Killmer Company. Note the addition in the back.

In a conversation back in 1967 that Mabel Trombley had with Ed Killmer about this history, Ed had to reminisce about cigars. You've heard of tricksters tying a string to a wallet and pulling it away when someone reached for it? Back in the "old days", when there were wooden boardwalks instead of sidewalks, tricksters would nail cigar butts to the boardwalk. When someone tried to pick it up, they would fall head-first on their nose. Not that Ed was guilty of this, but he was known to many as having a love of pranks.

During the 1980s, a business named *The Dog Groomery* operated out of the Killmer Building. Other noted uses of this building throughout the years include: the first Ford garage in Osseo (located in the shed behind the building), a print shop for the *Osseo Press*, *Cab & Nels* restaurant and beer joint, an appliance sales/repair business, a radio and television sales and service business (owned by Allen Oscar Killmer), and a barber shop.

For several years, C.R.O.S.S. (Christians Reaching Out in Social Services) also operated out of this building. The organization was founded in 1977 with a Board of Directors consisting of 10-12 dedicated people from local churches. It is a non-profit 501c3 organization that began its operation located in "the barn", formerly Wilmes property on County Rd. 30, next to the Osseo Junior High School. It later moved to two other locations, one being the upstairs in the Killmer Building. In 2004, it relocated from a small warehouse in Osseo to a newly-constructed building near Rogers, where it is still located. It serves people in Osseo, Maple Grove, Rogers, Champlin, Dayton, and Corcoran.

Since its founding, CROSS Services has honored its roots in faith and remains steadfast in its mission, driven by values and compassion, hope, stewardship, and service to others. CROSS Services provides a comprehensive range of services, including a healthy-options food shelf, referral services, financial assistance, referral services, a thrift shop, and children's programs. It serves more than 14,000 people annually. CROSS Services empowers families in transition and crisis, enabling them to achieve stability and self.

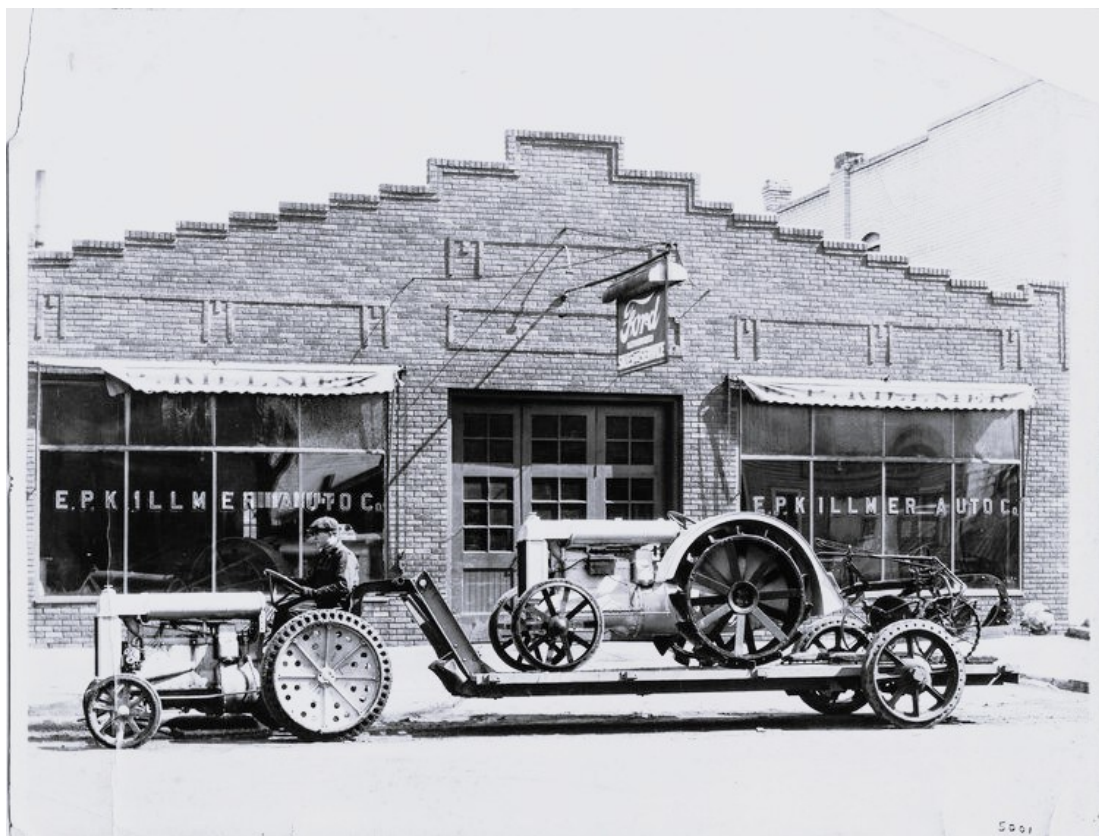
In 2022, owners of the long-vacant building, Jesse and Jordan Dickinson, asked the Osseo City Council for approval to update the space for a potential brewery, including adding a third level and expanding to the south to allow for a covered patio and brewery equipment. The plan was for Brian Lasley, Ian Stanford, and Joe Lien, the owners of *Thelema Brewing Co.*, to renovate the space. As of 2025, no work has been completed. The last note, from March of 2023, was that the original architectural design wasn't structurally sound due to the age of the building (which they learned a year into the process) and that they hoped construction would start that summer.

340 CENTRAL ⁴¹

As mentioned in the previous section, Ed Killmer left the hardware business around 1917 to take over the Ford Agency he and brother Louis Killmer had built next door, in what is considered by many to be one of the most impressive buildings in Osseo. The location provided both auto sales and repair, with an expansive garage space in the back.



The Ford Agency in the early days.



E.P. Killmer Auto



Ed (left) and Louis Killmer in 1914. In 1951, Ed had the distinguished honor of being the largest Ford Agency in the country.



Osseo Sports and Osseo Sports Train World in the 1980s.

They operated out of that space for several decades.

In the 1950s, the location became home to the *Brayer Motors Chrysler/Plymouth* dealership, who occupied the space until 1965. That's when *Bottlers Supply and Manufacturing Co.* took over the building. They were a world-wide supplier of bottling machinery, owned and operated by Cornell M. Wing, his brother Elwood N. Wing, and John Palmgren. They were one of three rebuilders of bottling machinery in the United States at the time. Prior to moving to Osseo, they were operating out of Minneapolis (since 1935). They also manufactured and designed special types of machinery used in the carbonated beverage and food processing industries.

In 1969, *Osseo Sports* was formed as a separate division, taking on Scorpion snowmobiles, John Deere, and Chrysler Out Board Motor dealerships. That portion of the business was managed by John Palmgren. After *Bottlers Supply and Manufacturing Co.* left the space, *Osseo Sports* continued to operate out of the space for many years, even expanding to include *Osseo Sports Train World*, with both closing in 2014.

The space was purchased in 2017 by Jordan Dickinson, owner of *Union Speed and Style*, who set out to renovate/rebuild the 100+ year old structure. Established in 2004, they specialize in chassis fabrication, sheet metal fabrication, and upholstery of high-end specialty cars and motorcycles. In 2021, *Union Speed and Style*, along with *Two Muses Tattoo*, another business in the space, had their grand opening.

415 CENTRAL

On the west side of the street stands Osseo's City Hall building, which houses the City Offices, City Council Meeting Room, Fire Department, Police Station, Library, and Community Center / Senior Center. The original City Hall was built on that same location in 1902. The second floor was referred to as Sampson's Hall and was a gathering space for all sorts of community events. Outside the building, it was also common for the community to gather, surrounded by laughter and music as the Auxiliary and the churches played music and sponsored ice cream socials.⁴²

In October of 1966, the building was torn down. In place of the old City Hall, a new City Hall was constructed, being completed in 1967 (at a projected cost of about \$114,300). At the time, it was an ultra-modern municipal building.⁴³

As of 2025, the Osseo City Council is discussing building a new City Hall. They're currently assessing four options:⁴⁴

- Option A would move the police department to the former newspaper building on the corner of 2nd St NE and 1st Ave NE. After that, the existing city hall would be remodeled and expanded. One of those additions would include space for a dispensary.
- Option B would build a new community center in Boerboom Park and move the community center to that space. Then, the newspaper building would be remodeled to become a new library and dispensary.

The third phase of the project would remodel the current city hall to become the police department and administrative building.

- Option C would move the police to the newspaper building. After that, city hall would be torn down and a new city hall would be built in its place, with a new administrative space, fire department, library, and dispensary.
- Option D would build a new community center and council chambers. It would also tear down city hall and build a new city hall that will contain city administration, the fire department, library, and the police department. The newspaper building will contain a dispensary and the library.



Osseo City Hall in 2025.

The Osseo Library has also played a large part in Osseo’s history. In 2022, the Osseo Library celebrated its 100th anniversary. The Osseo Branch of the Hennepin County Library has been an active part of the community since 1922. Librarian Ruth Evans wrote in the Bulletin of the Hennepin County Library, Vol 4., No. 2, April 1950: “On Feb. 1, 1922, The Osseo Branch of the Hennepin County Library was established in the commercial clubroom



Original Osseo City Hall and Fire Station

on the upper level floor of the Hovorka drugstore, with Mrs. Rosalie Killmer as librarian.⁴⁵

“Sometime before 1929 the library moved to quarters in the front of the council room in the Town Hall. Books were easily accessible to everyone attending meetings, and supervision of the books was difficult. Mrs. Harvey Norelius became librarian April 1, 1931, and served until 1942 when she moved from Osseo. A succession of librarians filled in at Osseo during the war years, Mrs. Ralph McHugh, Mrs. Pearl Wiley, Mrs. Roy Ward, Mrs. Merle Ramsted, Maude Dahle, Dorothy Cook and Barbara Carland.

“In June 1948 Mrs. Ruth Evens was appointed librarian. About this time, the village council was approached and asked about having the small room formerly used as the village jail cleaned and used as a library. The council members were very cooperative; the room was cleared of old jail cells, the walls painted a cheery yellow and green, fluorescent lighting installed. Draperies and colorful books have made a pleasant transformation.

“Children are active users of the library, and are encouraged to read interesting books for the informational value, as well as stories for pleasure.

“Because a number of Osseo residents were interested in making the Osseo Library of greater value to the community, a Friends of the Library Group was officially organized in November, 1949, after a number of preliminary meetings. The purpose of the group is to help the library promote as far as possible the use of books and other library

materials available to them from the county library, and add to the cultural interest of the community. Two reading groups and a garden group have already been organized, a hobby show held in February was a great success, and as the need arises the club plans to sponsor other projects of interest to its members.”



Osseo Library in the 1940s.

BOERBOOM PARK⁴⁶

There had been several parks around Osseo in the early 1900s but none within village limits. In 1937, a new park was set up across from the City Hall. With the aid of the *Townsend Club* and donations from businesses and



Soldiers from Osseo who participated in the Civil War 1861-65 standing by the old Osseo village hall. Front row left to right are John Hechtman, Abraham Knoble, Thomas Kelly, Oscar Champlin, Robert Munn, James McConnell, Leo Cook, Eli Haviland, George H. Smith, George Savage. Back row left to right are J.H. Mitchell, C.E. Evans, David Alexander, A.J. Smith, Same Gowl, F. Stacy, Henry Curtis and O.P. Henry. ⁴⁸



Civil War Memorial



Civil War Ladies Relief Corps of Osseo. The organization was designed to assist the GAR and provide post-war relief to Union veterans. ⁴⁹

Back row (left to right) standing are Mrs. Cook, Pauline Evans, Mrs. Walters, Mrs. DeWitt Smith, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Margaret McConnell, Ardelle Whitney Setzler, Suzy Curtis, Grace Champlin Staples.

Middle row (left to right) Helen Eddy Evans, Ella Dubuque, Mrs. Eli Haviland, Flora Smith, Georgie Smith, Della Johnson, Francis (Frankie) Fullerton.

Front row (left to right) Gussie Cook, unknown, Matie Smith, May Savage, Mable Curtis, Mary Setzler, Mae Henry, Stella Owen, Ella Evans, Champlin, Agnes Savage.



Boerboom Park



Boerboom Park War Memorial



Spanish-American War, WWI, and WWII Memorial



Memorial for wars following WWII.

residents, a large granite monument was erected there in memory of those in the community who served in the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) in the Civil War. Their names were embossed on a bronze plaque mounted on the monument.

On Thursday May 30, 1946, which was the first Memorial Day following the war, another Honor Roll of solid granite was added to the memorial. On bronze plates noted the names of the men and women who served in the military forces during the Spanish-American War, World War I, and World War II. Picnic tables were also added to the grounds, as well as a roofed shelter. Joseph W. Finley of St. Paul, Commander of the American Legion for the department of Minnesota spoke at the dedication.⁴⁷



Father Boerboom

In August 1957, Mayor Victoria Joyner honored Father Boerboom because of his interest, loyalty, and good works for the whole community during his 40 years of service to the community. That's when the park was officially christened as the Father Boerboom Park (we've been told it's pronounced *Ber-Bum* and not *Bore-Boom*).

In 1990, through the efforts of residents and a donation by the American Legion, major reconstruction of the older monuments, new landscaping, and new flags, poles, and benches added to the beauty of the park.

500 CENTRAL

Though *Realife Cooperative of Osseo* now takes up much of the block, this space was once occupied by *Central Sports* and a *7-Eleven*. Prior to that, the home of Ruth Evans stood here. Ruth was Osseo's long-time librarian.



Central Sports

501 CENTRAL

On the northwest corner of 5th St. and Central Ave. now stands an apartment complex named *5 Central Apartments*. In the 1980s, this space was occupied by *Apco Gas Station*, owned by Johnny Evans.



Apco Gas Station

521 CENTRAL

A little-known gem of Osseo used to do business here. From about 1962 to 1973, *Ronco Coaches* sold specialized camper beds at this location. Very little information can be found about the business, but a lot of people are very nostalgic about the campers. Even Eldon Tessman, long-time Brooklyn Park farmer and member of the *Osseo 150th Committee* before he passed away in 2024, used to own a Ronco Camper. His eyes lit up when reminiscing about it.

In 1974, Woody Blair, having over 33 years experience in transmission repair and mechanical jobs, moved his car repair shop to this new location, naming it *Woody's Car*

Repair and Auto Parts. The last known business here prior to *5 Central Apartments* was *Central Auto Repair*.



Ronco Coaches at 521 Central.



Ronco logo



1972 K/5 Ronco Camper



Ronco Newspaper Ad

523 CENTRAL

For many years, this was one of the homes of *Osseo Shoe Store*, owned by Don and Irene Francis. They first opened their business in 1946 in a different location in Osseo referred to as “The Glass Block.” They moved several times before finally relocating to this spot on Central Avenue in 1950.⁵⁰



A Aart's & Tim's Quality Plumbing in 2011

After the shoe store, the space was occupied by A Aart's & Tim's Quality Plumbing before moving to their new location on County Rd. 81. Tim's Quality Plumbing was started by Tim Lindholm in 1981 and he continues to run a successful business.

529 CENTRAL

One of the first known businesses at this location was the dental office of Dr. James Purvis. His wife, Ina, worked with him and also played organ and piano for many funerals held at *Evans-Nordby*.



Michal's Shoe & Repair

Following that, the space was occupied by *Michal's Shoe & Repair*⁵¹, one of the older businesses in the area. The owner, Michael Zastawny, was in the business for over 60 years. He repaired leather boots, shoes, purses, jackets, and even stuffed animals. He learned the trade as a teenager while working in the original *Michal's Boots and Shoe Repair*, which his father opened in 1962 in the former Brookdale Shopping Center. He later took over the business and moved it to Osseo in

2000. One might wonder why the name of the business was *Michal's* when his name was Michael. The sign-maker accidentally left out the 'e' and they decided it wasn't worth fixing it. Mr. Zastawny operated the business until retiring in 2023 at the age of 75. The location is now the home of *Downtown Smoke Shop*, owned by Aysar Awawda.

532 CENTRAL

The *Allan's Floral and Gift Shop* was located on the southeast corner of 6th St. and Central Ave. It was owned and operated by Mrs. Myrtle (Archie) Allan.



Allan's Flower and Gift Shop in the 1980s.

Floral arrangements, plants, and corsages were made for funerals, weddings, birthdays, and church altars, etc. They lived in their home directly behind the shop. During the 1950s, a greenhouse was added to the location, owned and operated by their son Robert (Bob) and Barbara Allan. Bob managed and grew plants for the greenhouse while Barbara made corsages for Proms, etc.,

while also arranging floral bouquets for many other occasions. They also have various gift items, available for newborns or birthday celebrations. Arrangements for local church altars were delivered by Bob on Saturdays. Osseo residents knew when they purchased plants for their sprint gardens that they would flourish because of the special touch Bob had with his horticultural knowledge. The business closed when retirement came.

An interesting tidbit is that, in 1975, the old part of their house was 119 years old, dating back to 1856. There are stories of the house being built by Pierre Bottineau and the entire structure being constructed without any nails.

608 CENTRAL ⁵²

In 1975, James Tierney laid the foundation for this three-generation family business in a house in Osseo. In the mid-eighties, his stepson, Jeff, began helping with installations of central vacuum systems. They tore down the original house and replaced it with the business that currently houses the Osseo vacuum business and showroom. In 1999, Jeff and his son, Jason, took over. Today, the showroom and all business operations are fully run by Jason Erickson.

Over the years, their products lines and services have evolved and expanded to meet the trends of the industry, but their devotion to the community, and their reputation for personal, quality service has never changed.

625 CENTRAL ⁵³

Now home to *Benedictine Living Community*, this was previously home to another senior living community known as *Steeple Pointe*. They had been at this location since St. Vincent de Paul, who had been there for many years, relocated across the street in 1989.

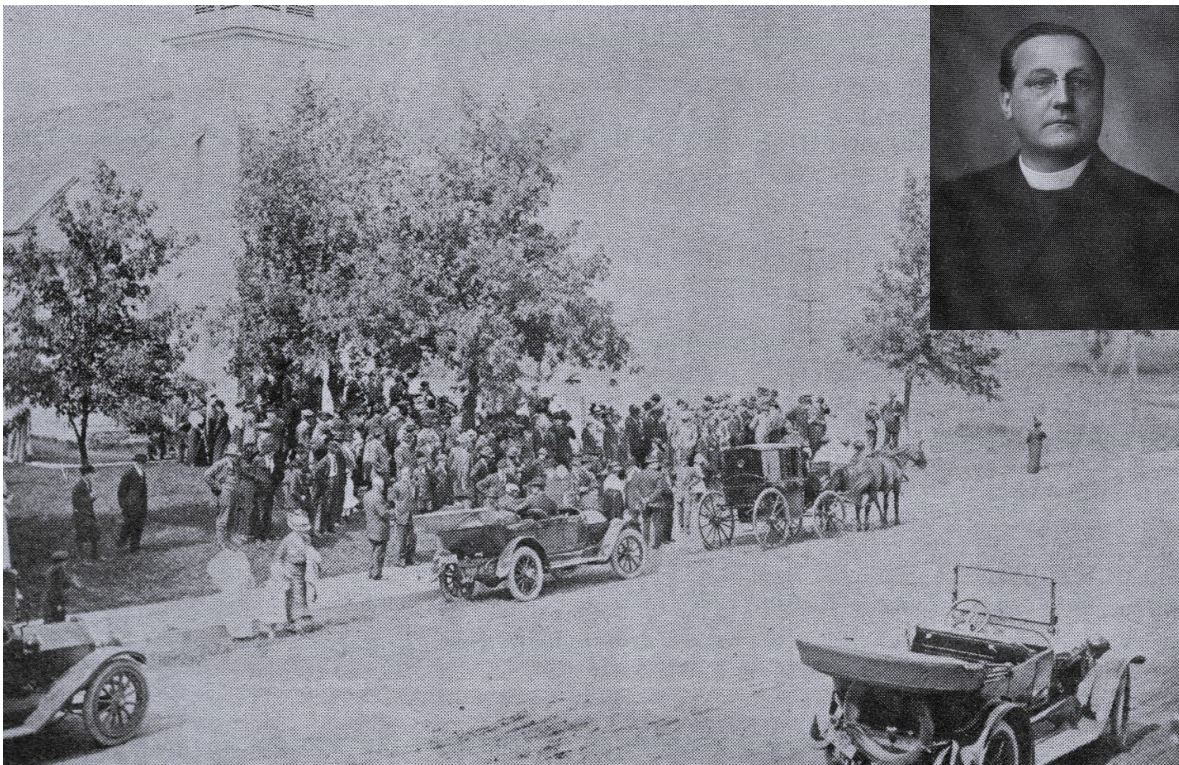
Benedictine stands where the *Church of St. Louis*, Osseo's first church and Hennepin County's first Catholic church west of the Mississippi, was built in 1856 (by Pierre Bottineau and volunteers).

In 1864, it was decided that a larger and better church was needed. Peter Aubart and Louis Hamm went around for a whole week from St. Paul to St. Michael, returning with \$85 in donations. This was enough to help build a

new church on the site. They renamed it the Church of St. Vincent de Paul. The church was built on what was then named Main Street on land donated by Peter Gervais.

In 1880, as the parish grew, the sanctuary was enlarged to 16 by 20 feet and a sacristy of 16 by 28 feet was added. This is the building you see in the picture below and on the next page. A new steeple was added in 1890 to house the existing bell purchased in 1865.

After *St. Vincent de Paul* moved across the street in 1989, *Steeple Pointe* honored the church by keeping the steeple and placing it high atop their building. Unfortunately, it had to be removed and eventually destroyed due to age. However, original stained glass from the first St. Vincent de Paul church can still be seen in two of *Benedictine's* front windows.



St. Vincent de Paul parish in September of 1914. This was a sad occasion, as it was the funeral and burial of beloved priest Father Savey. ⁵⁴



St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

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