



113-119 N. 4th St.

Guist Agency-Mike Maxson I.D.S.; Mademoiselle Beauty Shop; Going's first owner, Francis Burchell, Charles W. Mongan Sr. Built first story in 1891 and second story in 1895. Photo by Donna Kennedy

a saloon for many years at 113 North Fourth Street. It is possible that Jesse James and his gang could have stopped for a few beers at Phil's Saloon before going to the Ogle County Fair to race their horses. The Ogle County Farm Bureau had their first operation in this building. Most any businesses you can think of have been operated in this building. Present ones are Guist Agency, Maxson I.D.S. and Mademoiselle Shop, and Amoco Warehouse. Present owner—Charles W. Mongan, Sr.

As we move down to 111 North Fourth Street we see a small frame building on the hotel property about sixteen feet square with an 8' lean-to on the east side which served as the kitchen. Chain restaurants serve "hamburgers by the billions." Times have changed as to numbers and prices, but I believe 100,000 or more "Burgers" were served here each year! The price for two burgers and a cup of coffee or glass of milk was 15¢, later raised to 25¢; breakfast of two eggs, toast, coffee and American fries was 20¢, later 25¢. Evening meal prices varied from 35¢ up to 50¢. When you worked for 20¢ an hour, six days a week, it took a good share of your earnings to eat. Operators of this restaurant were Arthur Gruber, and after his death his brother, followed by Hal Snodgrass and his son. The last operators were Mr. and Mrs. Stoner who closed the operation and bought the restaurant (The

Oregonnaire) across the street. Gone is the 5¢ hamburger and the building, but not the memory of those prices.

You are now approaching The Sinissippi Hotel, address 101 North Fourth Street, built in 1847 by some records, 1849 by other records. Builders were Henry A. Mix and Emerson at a first cost of about \$8,000; there were 57 rooms (the author has 57 keys with numbers from 1 to 57). When the building was razed, the office part of the hotel was a separate building which had been included in the superstructure. East of the Hotel office was a restaurant. The dining room was the width of the main building. A kitchen extended north to a two-story building where the girls who worked at the restaurant and hotel maids roomed. From the restaurant area east were two other businesses. The first was a barber shop where four and sometimes five barbers worked from early morning to eleven o'clock on Wednesday and Saturday nights. Shaves were 10¢; haircuts were 25¢. Most all businessmen would have a shave before opening their stores. There was a small room in the northeast corner of the barber shop which had a bathtub, lavatory and a hot water heater where for 25¢ you could have the use of this facility to take a bath and change from work clothes to your best "bib and tucker." Some of the first shop owners were Rush and Woodworth, then Woodworth for many more years. Others followed, but as the barber business slowed (safety razor), the shop closed and became part of the variety store in the southeast corner of the building.

In the early part of the century, Otto Garard came to Oregon and purchased the variety store and ran it until his passing, after which Mr. Ralph Lee purchased the business and moved it to 311 Washington Street and took on the Ben Franklin franchise.

The vacated area soon had a new tenant. The Gamble Store's first owners were the Shinkles. Then Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Pauls operated it together until his death. Mrs. Pauls continued to operate the store alone until her marriage to Edwin Zumdahl when they operated it together. They stayed at that location until about a year before the hotel building was razed. They moved the store to 220 Washington Street where it is now operated by the current owners as Basler's Ace Hardware.

The Amoco Service Station at the present time is located on the former hotel property. (The west 92' of lots five and six in block 27 of the original Town of Oregon) on a land/lease contract.

As we proceed east from the hotel property, 314 to 306 Washington Street, this area had a number of wood frame buildings during the 1800 era and early 1900s. The buildings contained many different kinds of stores; confectioners: (Eyster and Ogle, Murray and Lauver, and others), milliner: (Mrs. Garnhart), a hardware: (Gilberts). All had burned out before 1924. By the fall of 1924, weeds had grown up, and the area was quite a jungle. One frosty morning when the people came uptown and downtown, they saw a large "No Hunting" sign, which had been placed there during the night.

During the late 1920s, Francis Burchell purchased the east 40' of lots five and six (314 and 312) Washington Street and had a building built. The first tenants were Doeden and Johnston at 314 and Al Shepp's Boston Store at 312. In February 1940 Clyde Koontz purchased the remainder of the vacant property and had plans made for a two-story building having two stores on the first floor, bowling alleys in the basement, with offices and apartments on the second floor. Construction began about March 1. It was completed and fully occupied by the year end. This was the most modern and well-built building in the business area of Oregon. In February of 1974 a fire started in the bowling alleys in the basement. All during the night it burned, in spite of three fire departments, consuming the entire inner structure and the roof. After clean-up, the second floor walls and steel were removed, the roof replaced on top of the first-floor walls, the building was remodeled, and the Ben Franklin Store reopened November 1, 1974. The present owner is Jerald McLane.

306-304. Built by F. G. Jones as a general store in the 1880s before he became a piano manufacturer in later years run by Fanny Jones for many years. For a number of years it was a bake shop. Then purchased in 1940 from the Jones family by Mr. Francis Burchell and leased for ten years to the Kroger Grocery Company. In 1950 a new lease for 20 years, it was completely remodeled and 302 Washington Street was added for the butcher shop and storage area. The lease expired in 1970 and the Kroger Company closed the store and left Oregon. The building later was sold and remodeled for a graphics service which was not successful and closed. The present owners, the Warren Millers.

302 Washington Street, owned by Francis Burchell's father who was a druggist and ran a store for many years. There was a soda fountain in the store—maybe one of the first in town. After the store was closed, son Francis and his high school friend, Frank Gantz, took the fountain to The Ogle County Fair and were doing a land-office business until the Fair officials discovered that those who drank their sodas became very happy and quite boisterous. Result: "Concession closed." About the turn of the century the Utility Company rented this building for an office and a supply depot until they built a new building on South Fourth Street. The Leo Piper plumbing and heating shop was there until it became part of the Kroger 20-year lease. Thereafter part of the graphics service. Present owners are the Warren Millers.

300 Washington Street—possible builders Nohe and Ettinger in the 1880s. Their names could be seen on the awnings when they were merchants there; then Ettinger and Hettiger; then the Seibert Grocery; then sold to Charles Mongan, Sr., remodeled, and became the home of The Oregon Paint Store, managed by Charles (Pete) Lowery, then Bonnie and Joe Dvorak; it later was part of the failed graphics service. Present owners the Warren Millers.

We are now at the intersection of Washington and Third Streets. Most are not aware that this intersection was planned as the center of Oregon, but when the location of the Court House was changed from Franklin and Seventh Streets to the present location, Washington and Fourth Streets became the business center of Oregon.

Across Washington Street at 301 we see a 22' wide frame building with a square store front on a pitched roofed building. Old records show the building was built for Harvey Jewett in 1859, who ran a drug store here. He was the father of Thomas (Tom) Jewett, also a druggist. On Christmas Eve in 1911 a fire started in the buildings next to it, burning all the buildings completely to the Lee Allen Store, 311 Washington Street. However, the Jewett store was saved, maybe because the fire hydrant was at the corner. After the fire the Jewett building was moved sideways into the west side of Third Street, put on blocks, wooden steps were built at the front and back doors, and thus operated until the store was moved into the new brick building at the old location. After the fire and the new building, Claud Jewett, son of Thomas Jewett, also a druggist, ran the store with his father. After the retirement of his father, Claud carried on the business until he sold to a Mr. Heatherington. After being Heatherington Drugs, it became Gliddon Drug Store and then when sold to Mr. Roy Decker became "Deckers Walgreen Drug." After Mr. Decker's death the business was purchased by Jerry Laughlin. In 1986 the owners are Mrs. Jerry Laughlin and her son, James.

Before the fire, many different businesses were located in this space from 301 to 311. Mr. Brown had a jewelry store and also sold novelties. I bought caps for my cap gun as a boy five years old. It was in this building that the fire started. There were questions around town, as Mr. Brown had problems of a double nature, but arson was never proven.

309 Washington Street. John Farrell had moved a building from Jefferson Street that was back of 135 South Fourth Street to this location on Washington Street and ran a confectionery store at the time of the fire. In early 1912 I remember sitting on the iron railing that protected the steps to the basement of the Allen Store, watching the digging of the basement. Teams of horses pulled road scoops to the elevator which was powered by a gasoline engine which conveyed the dirt and gravel to the one-yard wagons on Washington Street. It was hauled and unloaded in a large ditch which began at 211 South Fourth Street and ended at 206 South Third Street. I knew most of the teamsters, John Ulferts, Barney Rock, Harry Messenger, and the Clark brothers.

After the new buildings replaced the ones burned out in December 1911, some other merchants who moved into these locations were—303: U.S. Post Office, Bergers A&P Store and others. 305-307: McCallister Bradbury Company, D. D. Dye, A. J. Allum Company. 309: John Farrell, Claud Reber, Cledons Confectionery, Jones and Eyster, Faradines Confectionery, Nicolson's Firestone

Store, D. D. Dye, and now part of Allum Company.

311 Washington Street. A store known as Allen and Hastings and later as The Allen Store, was divided into three sections. From the front entrance was the dry goods department, with the dry goods counter on the left where Edith Dausset or Ruth Conners measured off cloth of your wish by the yard. Buttons of brass were imbedded in the top of the counter 36" apart. As you left this section, the store was divided by a free-standing partition. To the left of the partition, the smaller area of the two rooms was the shoe department where the congenial Mr. Allen fitted and sold you shoes, cash or charge. On the right side of the partition you entered the grocery part of the store where you met Wilbur Reed, head clerk of the department or Herbert Conners. In this part of the store you could purchase homemade butter from my grandfather's farm which was one mile west on the Pines Road. The butter was made by Grandmother Annie (Traver) Wernick. Fresh eggs were also taken to the store by Grandmother. These items were traded for groceries, dress goods, overalls, shoes and one important item never forgotten—J. T. Chewing Tobacco for my grandfather and two uncles. The store was closed soon after Mr. Allen's death. I have the spool cabinet from that store, now Fischers Book Store.

313 Washington Street. This location was a bank during the middle 1800s. The foundation of the vault still is in the basement. Many others were tenants: Knapp Jewelry, Sweeney Jewelry, Hulse Hardware, Wright Paint and Wallpaper, Doeden's Hallmark and now the east half of Shouer's Hallmark.

315 Washington Street. Possible first business was City Meat Market, operated by the Saulsbury family; later Lewis, then Lewis and Speed. It ended its meat service when the Ripplingers moved across the street. After the death of Hiram Johnston, the building owner, Wendell Doeden purchased the building, had it remodeled and moved from 314 Washington Street to this location. When Mr. Doeden's Hallmark line increased, he expanded the store to include the front part of 313; after purchase by the Shouers, they have further expanded into all of 313 and 315.

317 Washington Street. This location was a bank until the bank purchased the corner location 321 Washington Street and built a new building in 1914. After they moved to their new location, R. W. Thorpe bought the property and started The City Drug Store; after operating until the 1930's he sold the business and property to Mr. Crawford who operated the Drug Store. The store was purchased by the Robert Leaches, who purchased 319 Washington Street, had it remodeled and moved their store to 319. Then 317 was remodeled for a medical clinic and rented to Dr. Bowen who practiced there for a number of years after which it was rented to a loan company, purchased from the daughter of the Crawfords. It was then rented to Grahams Jewelry for a short time and was sold to the Felker Drug which expanded into this area.

319 Washington Street. Had many different tenants

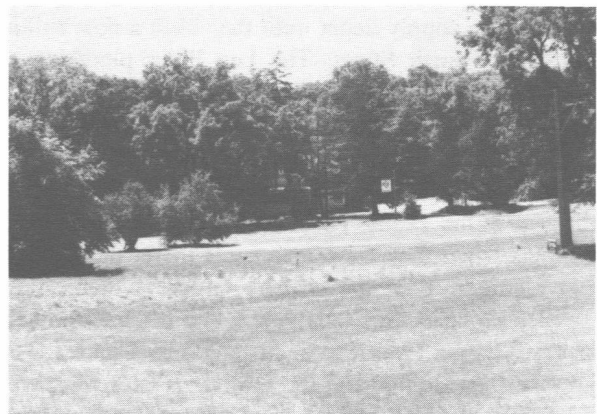
over the years. In particular: Woodings Clothing Store, Wooding and Nordman, James Murdock Clothing, Alton Rhoads Clothing. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leach purchased the west one-half of the building, had it remodeled and moved their drug store from 317 to 319 which was sold to Felker Drug which is now located in the entire building.

321 Washington Street. Namely the southeast corner of Washington and Fourth Streets. At this location on the east portion of the property there was a confectionery store. I believe one of the owners was Ferd Ripparger. On the larger part of this property, the corner portion, stood the Stroh Drug Store. After Mr. Stroh's passing, it became The Charters Drug Store. The Ogle County State Bank purchased both buildings on this location and built the present north half of the Rock River Bank.

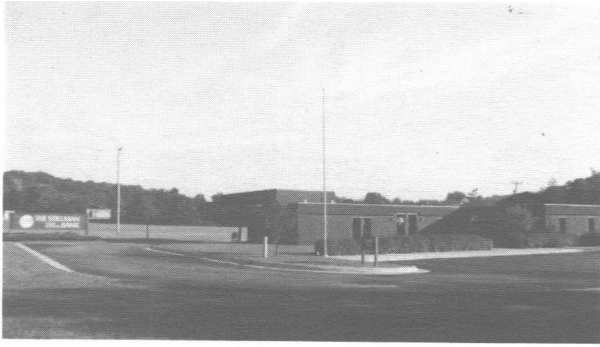
Starting north of Oregon on Highway 2, going through town, over the viaduct, and continuing south, these businesses were operating in 1987. (All photos by Donna Kennedy)



Silo Supper Club. RR3 on Highway 2 (North).



Chateau R.S.V.P. Lounge. North on Highway 2. William "Bill" Heinz



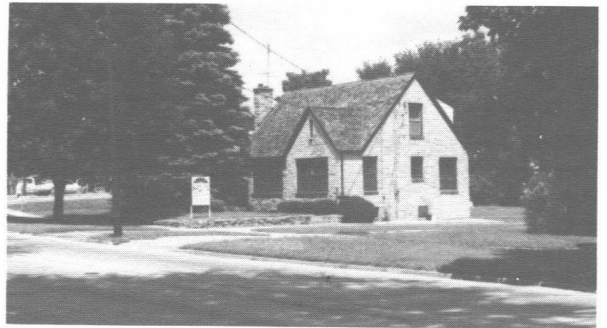
Stillman Valley Branch Bank. North on Highway 2. Mr. Rhodes, manager.



H&R Block. 203½ N. Fourth Street. Formerly Jim White's Real Estate and Insurance. Then Homer L. Seloover Ogle Agency.



Blackhawk Steak Pit. North on Highway 2. Peter and Jon Tsioles



205 S. 4th St.

Site of Methodist parsonage; then Charles Mongan's house; then Elmer Riley residence; then Doris Schoening Title Agency. (Photo by Donna Kennedy)



Riley's Gulf Station (1919); later Dan's Gulf; presently Dan's Sunoco/Marathon.



Dan's Sunoco. South Fourth Street. Dan Roos, owner



Now—Citgo Gas Station. Known as Dillion Oil Company, 712 South Fourth.



Southwest corner of 4th and Madison. "Movie Time." Ed Harazin. 210 S. 4th. Also The Pizza Place; Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co.; and Katherine Bailey, DPM—all 210 S. 4th St. (Photo by Donna Kennedy)



R&S Auto Sales, Fourth and Gale Street.

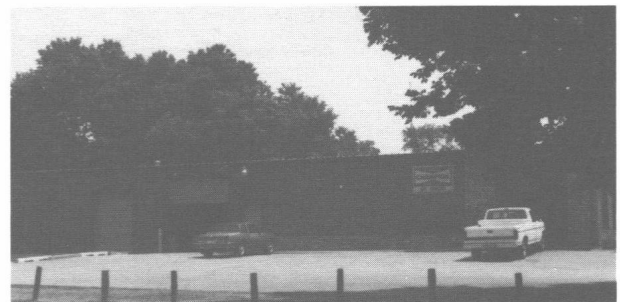


712 S. 4th St.

Presently Citgo Station on Highway 2 going south. Photo shows Phyllis Wiley Stamper on right-hand side and Frank and Erma Himes in front of their gas station (Himes Phillips 66). (Photo courtesy of Edith Fridley)



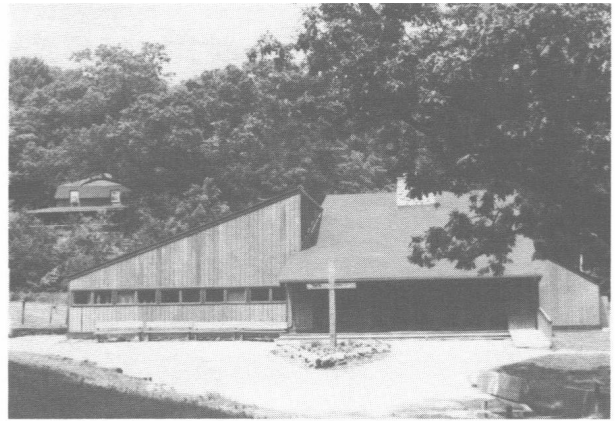
Short-Stop Mart. Highway 2 South. Darrell Kump



Sieg Illinois Company. Highway 2 South. Ken Giese



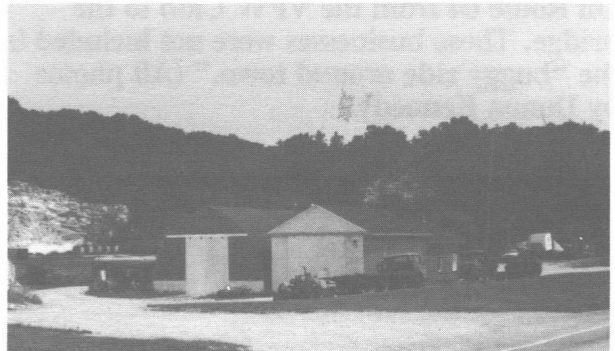
Seven Seas (formerly Stenhouse Restaurant). Seventh and Hill Street. Spiro Glenis



Outdoor Ministries Lutheran Center



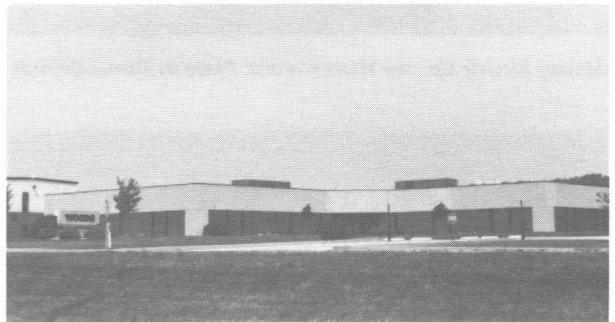
Gary's Sunoco Service. South Seventh and Highway 2. Gary Schultz.



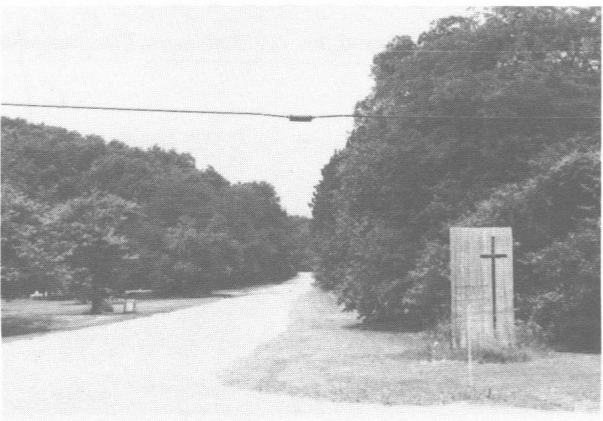
Myers Testing Lanes. South of Oregon on Highway 2. Jack Diehl



Ruan. West side of viaduct on Highway 2, South.



Woods Division of Hesston Corporation. Route 2 South. Bo Vanman



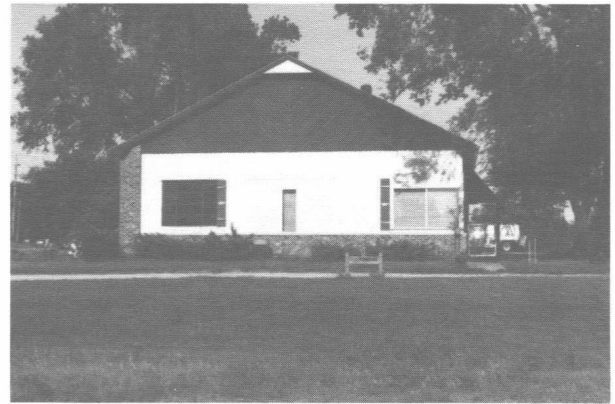
Outdoor Ministries Lutheran Center. Highway 2 South.



JR's Chicken Shack. Route 2 South. Sheila McInturff



Maestoso Kennels. Route 2 South. Mrs. J. P. Bartlett

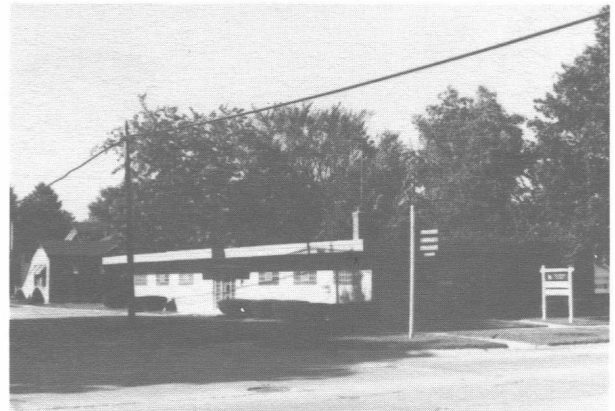


Dave Martin's. Highway 64. West side of Oregon. Also Lee Lutz, Import-Export.

On Route 64 from the VFW Club to the bridge. These businesses were not included in the "buggy ride around town." (All photos by Donna Kennedy)



Massey Electric Co. Jim Massey, owner. Photo by Donna Kennedy



Hulsebus Chiropractic Clinic. Seventh Street and Washington



Oregon VFW 8738 Club. Highway 64 and Oregon Trail Road.



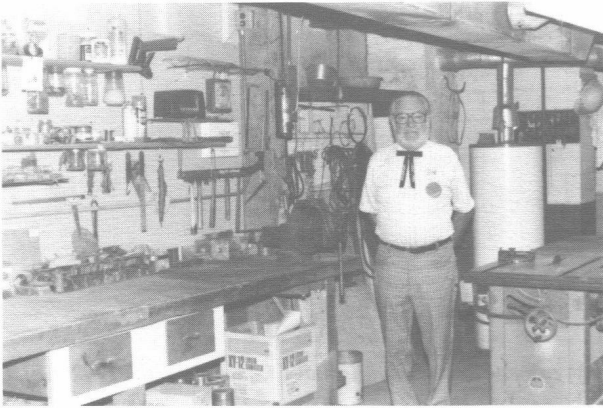
Williams and McCarthy Law Office. 607 Washington. Kim Krahenbuhl and Steve Pemberton



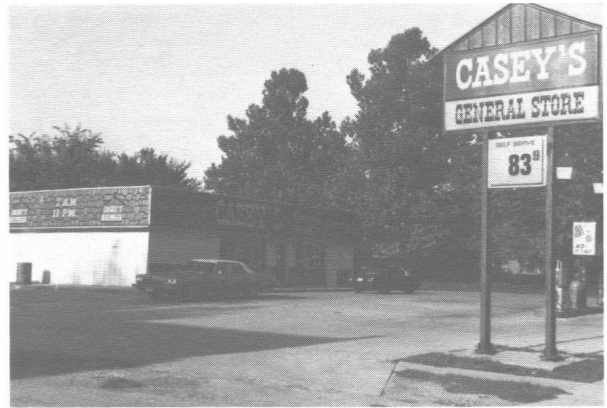
Maple Lane Apartments. 320 Lovers Lane and Oregon Trail Road. Steven Anderson, Mgr.



Mini-Mart Liquors. 513 Washington. Jacobson Ingraham, Mgr.



Charles Mongan's Shop. Basement of S&S Compuype. 110 Washington.



9th & Washington St.

Was the Old Hansen's station; then Casey's General Store. Photo by Donna Kennedy

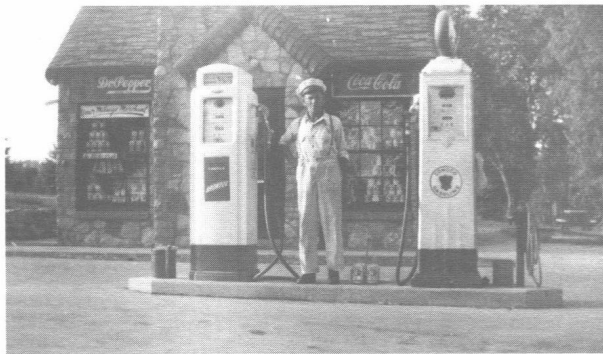


Robinson's. East Washington on Highway 64 by the bridge. Now Traver's Roofing.



9th & Washington St.

Hansen's Gas Station—where Casey's is now. Hansen worked for Bemis Motors. He leased a deal with Smith Oil and opened the station in 1931.



1000 W. Washington St.

Built in 1934 of native limestone. Owned and operated by Richard Mongan until 1952. It was a Conoco Station.

On Route 64 East of the bridge. (All photos by Donna Kennedy)



1000 Washington St.

Was Mongan's Conoco Station; then Jeannie's Beauty Bar. Photo by Donna Kennedy.



Oregon Chrysler. Highway 64 East. Ike Reinis.



NAPA Auto Parts. Route 64 East.



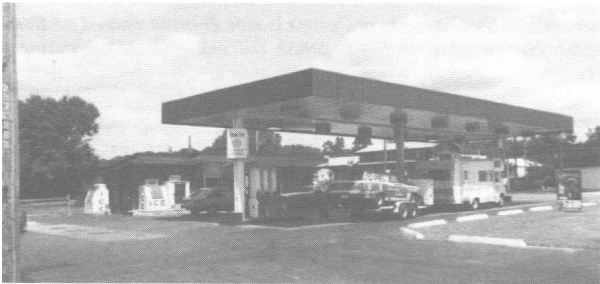
Kopper Kettle Restaurant. Highway 64 East. Mr. and Mrs. Messenger.



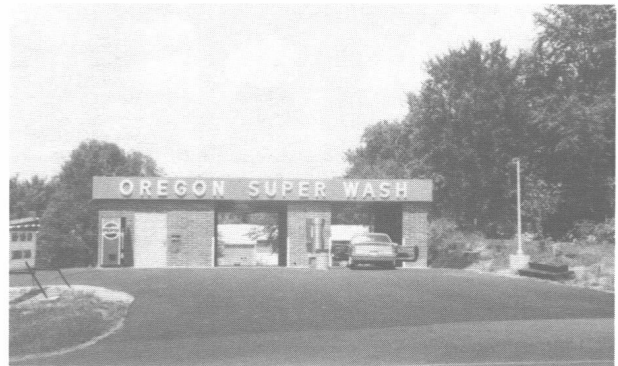
Oregon Ready-Mix. Route 64 East. Robert Rogers.



Etnyre's Office. Engineering and Graphics. Highway 64 East. They have since moved to their new complex on South Daysville Road.



J&L Oil Company. Highway 64 and River Road. Gene Wright.



Oregon Super Wash. Route 64 East. Richard Rhoads.



Phillips 66 Station. Route 64 and River Road.



Kappenman Clover Farm Store. Route 64 East. "Kappy." Now Country Club Cowboy Restaurant. Norm Breseman



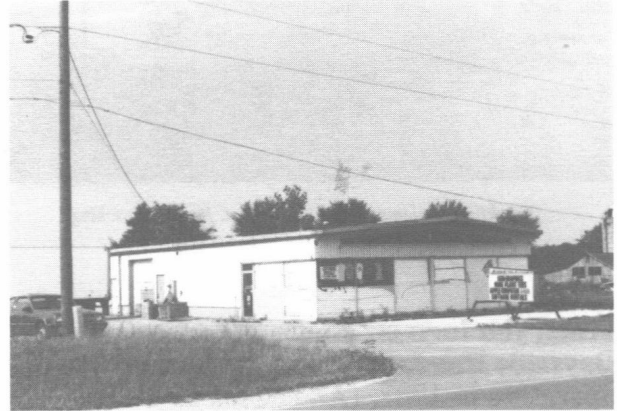
Countryside East Apartments. Route 64 East. J. L. Allum



Bruns and Sons Construction. Route 64 East. Leonard Bruns



C. H. Ehmen Industries. Heating-Plumbing. Route 64 East. Gary Fruin



Serigraphics. Route 64 East. Terry Schonfelder. Formerly Tim Whitney Buick.



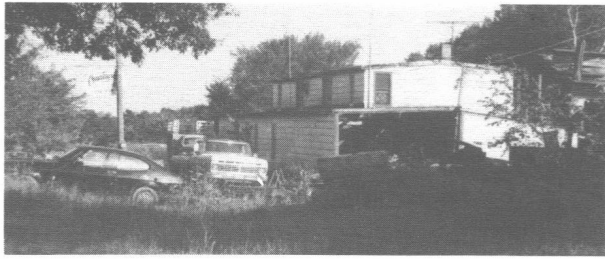
Ogle Lumber Company Office. Now J. H. Patterson Company. Route 64 East.



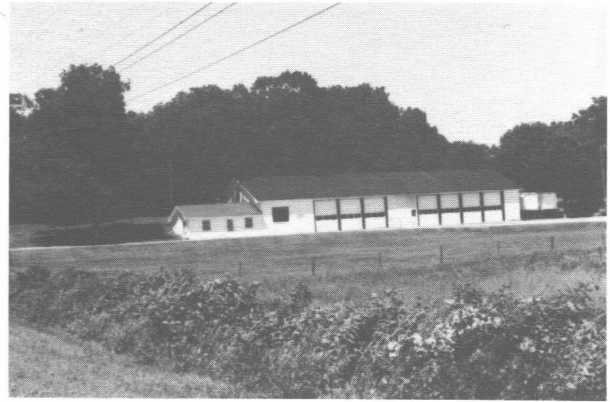
Oregon Stone, Inc., Route 64 East.



Graphic Arts Express. Route 64 East. Edwin "Pete" Meiers



Auto Salvage. Route 64 East.



Martin Well Drilling Company. Daysville Road. Jonas Martin



Stocking Implement. Route 64 East. Ronald Stocking



Oregon Golf Club. Daysville Road

When you turn off Highway 64 East onto Daysville Road, these are the businesses operating in 1987. (All photos by Donna Kennedy)



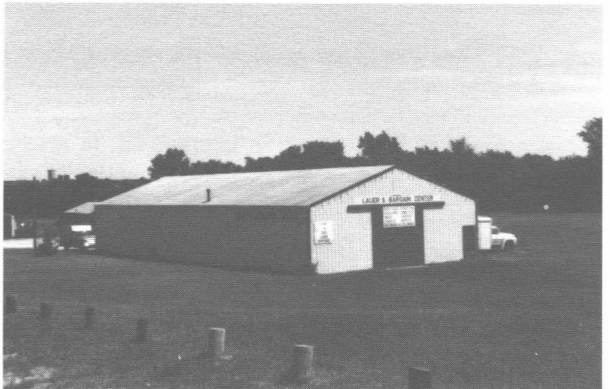
Aken's Auto Body. North of Commonwealth Edison Building on Daysville Road.



Formerly Helle Lumber. Now Used Implements. Daysville Road. Janssen



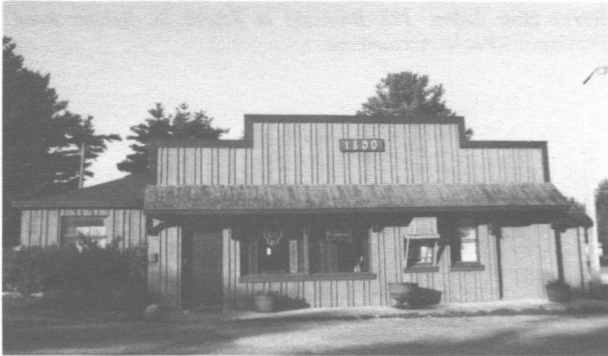
Commonwealth Edison. Daysville Road.



Jim Lauer Insulation. Daysville Road.



"Other Place"—"Fireplace"—now "The Filling Station." Daysville Road. Charlie and Fred Stenzel



1890 Club. Daysville Road. Edward "Ed" and "Dodie" Delores Gecan



Sinnissippi Forest and Saw Mill. RR 1, Lowden Road. Warren Miller

Businesses not covered in "buggy ride" around town by Anne Jones. (All photos by Donna Kennedy)



Spangler's Plumbing and Electric. 101 S. First. Krug, Evans, Mongar Snorr.



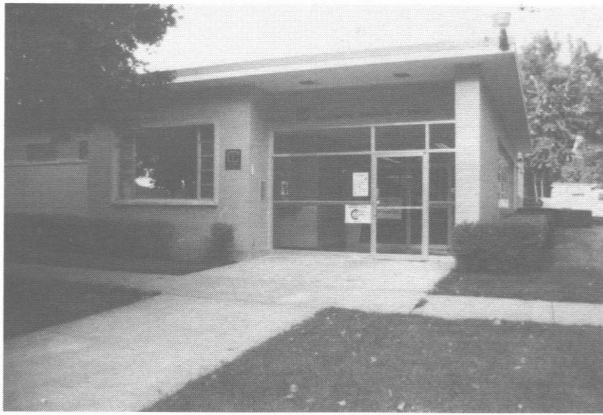
Pee Wee's Auto Repair, 103 S. First. Dewayne Patterson



K&M Feed Store. First and Jefferson. Richard Adams, Gerald Myers



River Terrace Apartments, South First



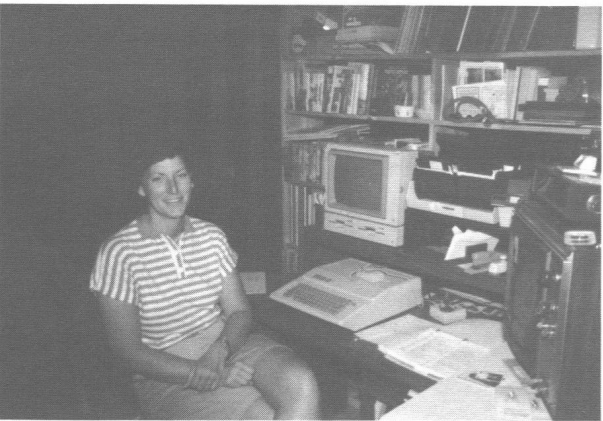
Continental Telephone. 210 N. Fifth. Carl Swon, Mgr.



Ankney's Dairy Freeze. 711 S. Fifth and Highway 2. Donna Ankney



Brass Insurance Agency. 203 S. Sixth. Emerald Brass

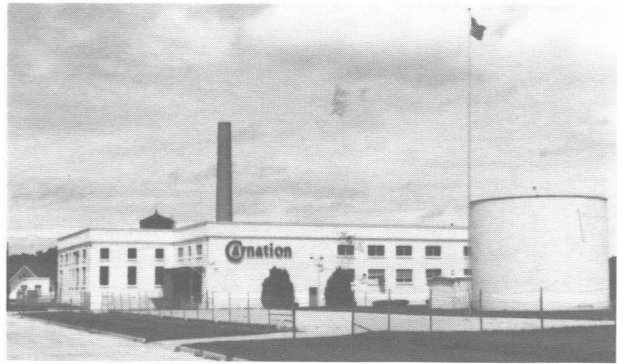


3012 S. Ridge Rd.

Computer Services—Deb Wubben owner. (Photo by Donna Kennedy)

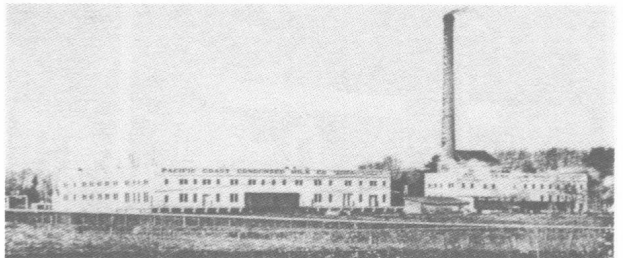


Edith White Fridley and her sister, Nancy White Croft, with Mrs DeLorbe in the DeLorbe Greenhouse that was behind DeLorbe's house at 705 South Seventh Street.



1011 S. 2nd St.

Carnation Condensed Milk factory built in 1910. Operated until recently but with a number of product changes.



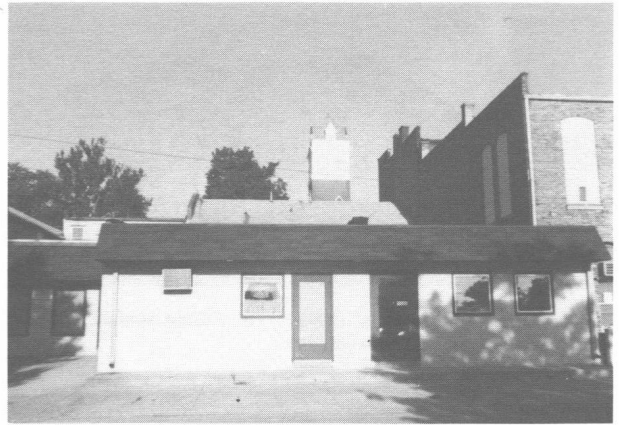
Built in 1910. Later called Carnation Milk factory.



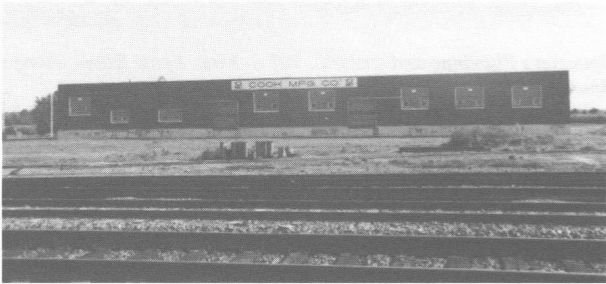
Oregon Chiropractic Clinic. 200 N. Sixth. Jeffrey Cates, D.C. (Formerly Dr. Lloyd Wood, D.C.)



Oregon Day Care Center. 102 S. Second. Jessie Hinkle



Terry's Hair Salon. 123 Backside of Fourth St. Behind Rood & Frankiewicz Public Accountants



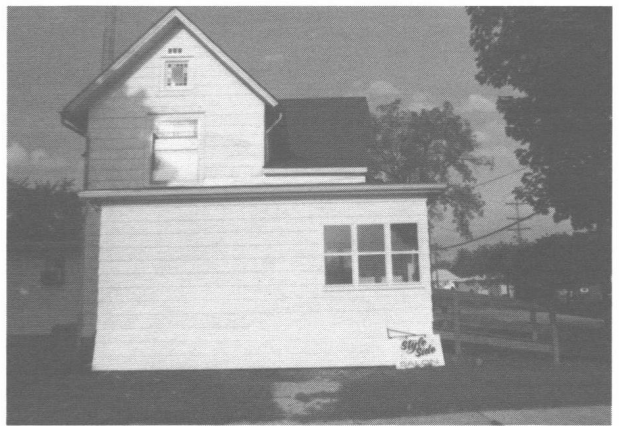
Cook Manufacturing. 1200 S. Second. Fred Smith



Alfano Pizza, 801 S. Fourth. Peter Alfano, Jr.



Johnston Plaza. Third and Jefferson. Jesse Flores, Mgr.



Style Side Beauty Salon. 110 N. Fifth and Franklin Street. Joyce Bruns



Blackhawk Apartments. 406 S. Third



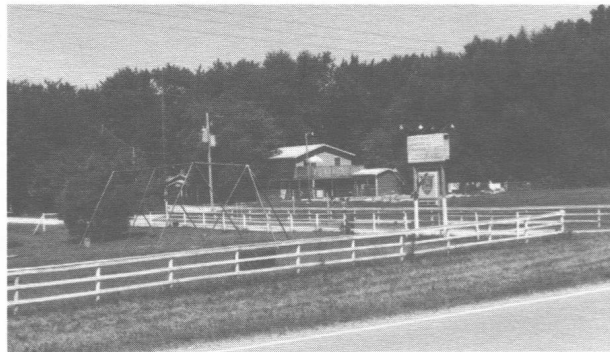
Cann TV Sales and Service. 200 N. Fifth. Morrie Cann, owner



Travis Plastering and Fencing. Honeycreek. RR 1. Harry A. Travis



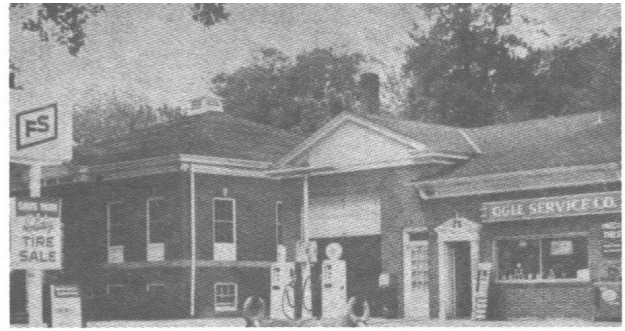
Al's Place. North River Road. Chuck and Bill Thompson



River Road Camping and Marina. North River Road. (Formerly Virginia Lake)



The two ladies walking at about 317 Washington St., were Lillian Peterson and I (Mrs. Wilbur Reed). Notice the two-level board walks along Washington Street. It was convenient to step out of a buggy to the first walk, then one step to the second level. Notice Etnyre Sprinkler on the left. (Photo provided by Mrs. Wilbur Reed)



104 S. 5th Street. Ogle County F. S. Service Station. Purchased by Hollie Guist, Sr. Purchased by County Board and now part of Ogle County Court House complex. (Photo by Donna Kennedy)



106 S. 5th Street. Ogle County Court House Annex. Was the office of the Ogle County Farm Bureau. (Photo by Donna Kennedy)



I believe this was the Taxi owned and operated by "Whitey" Waterman, probably on their way to Amboy, Illinois (which was "wet") after Oregon voted "local option" (dry). (C. W. Mongan, Sr.)



Animal Crackers Pet Grooming. 909 S. Fifth. Karen Novak



Pineway Foods and Liquors. Tenth Street and Pines Road. Dan Durl



Dayton Superior. Adams Street.



Skip's Shape Shop and Johnson's Appliance Sales and Service. 810 S. Tenth. "Skip" and Reed Johnson, owners



Merna's Magic Mirror. 407 Hill Street. Merna Toms



Country Side Apartments. 301-303 S. Tenth.



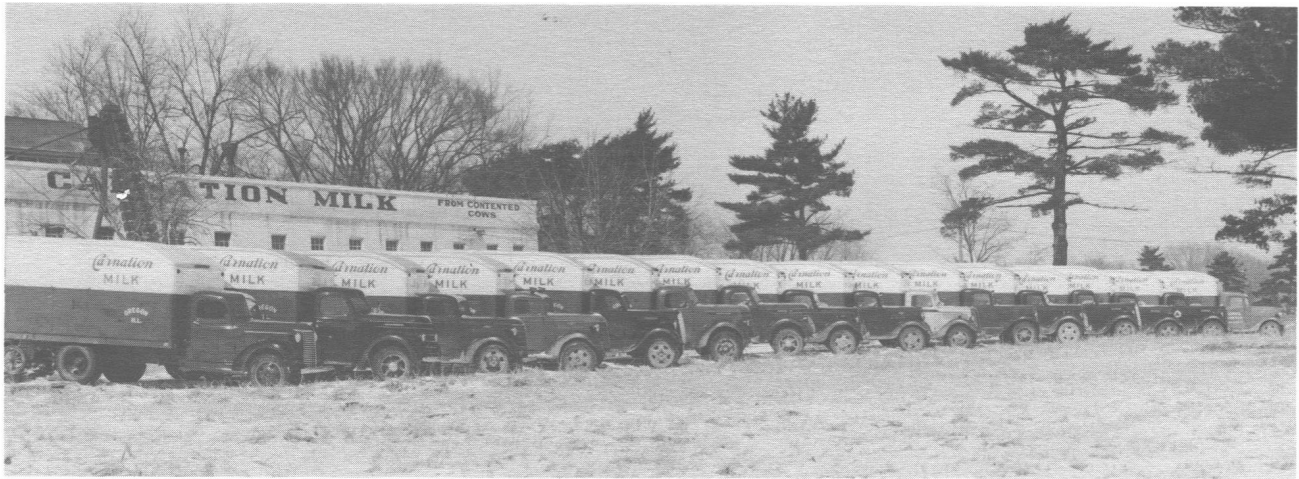
Travis Landscaping. Honeycreek. RR 1. Randy Travis



Dam, elevators, Moore mill, and water wheel house. Possibly before 1880. Until 1847 paddle wheel boats were going up Rock River to Rockford, and maybe even to Beloit and Janesville, Wisconsin.



Picture taken from East side of Reservoir Hill. Riverview Cemetery on the left. High monument is John Phelps family burial lot. Blackhawk statue was not on the river bluff at this time. Long row of trees near the river was the west line of road which is now Route 2.

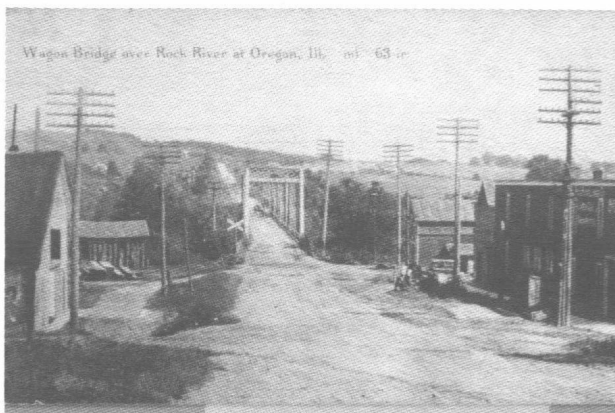


A lineup of the Carnation Milk trucks, after the team and wagon days. Photo by Joe Fletcher

There are three possibilities for “LIBERTY HILL”

1. Page 299 *History of Ogle County 1878*: This elevation point on the outskirts of Oregon, was named by an old gentleman from Yankee Settlement, Illinois, named Teller.

2. Page 737 *Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois and History of Ogle County*: It is claimed by some that the reservoir hill near our city received its name of Liberty Hill, because Judge Ford adjourned the court at the time of the trial of the Regulators from the house where that September term of 1841 was being held, the site of which was between the old Catholic church and the old red building called “the skating rink,” to the hill in question, and at that place received the verdict of acquittal and there restored to liberty the 102 then on trial. I have



Washington Street looking east toward old iron bridge. The E. F. Davis Lumber yard is on the left. Waldie and Mattison Lumber yard is on the right. It was later Spahn and Rose. Next to the river is a tavern with living quarters above.

failed, however, to substantiate this and must regard it as pleasant fiction.

I am rather of the opinion that it got its name from another criminal case in our courts, when a prisoner being without counsel or means to employ one, the court performed its duty by appointing an attorney to defend. This attorney requested the privilege of consulting his client and taking him to an adjoining room, it is said, pointed out this eminence, remarking, on top of that hill you will find liberty, and he legged out and did get his liberty.

3. Letter dated 12 April '88 from Leonard J. Jacobs, Apt. 1, 2208 West Oranewood, Phoenix, AZ 85021:

Dear Mr. Mongan:

In regard to “Yankee Settlement,” you already probably have input but—

I looked in A GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL ATLAS OF THE UNITED STATES by E. Kay Kirkham and a “Yankee Hollow” is/was in the northwest corner of Jo Davies Co. and a “Yankeetown” is/was in central Woodford County. (Illinois)

There were no population figures for the two in the federal 1880 census but both appear to have had a post office at one time.

Conjecture—The man may have been at one time employed in the lead mines near Galena (Jo Davies). The name Teller in German means (dinner) plate. It could be he left in the mass exodus from Europe in 1848 (“forty-eighters”). They really valued “freedom” and “liberty.”

But there was no “Yankee Settlement” listed in the book I looked at.

Sincerely,
Leonard J. Jacobs



Taken from Court House looking at southeast Oregon in 1890s. Foreground shows Methodist Church steeple (eventually blown off by a tornado); the F. G. Jones home is at center; Fourth Street is at lower right hand corner; white building at center bottom has since been moved to Jefferson Street between Third and Fourth and is now known as Library Court Apartments. House with two chimneys immediately left of steeple is old Methodist parsonage.



Taken from Court House of northeast Oregon in 1890s. Note wood buildings in the first block. Fire has taken practically all of them. Includes North Second, Third, and Fourth Streets from Washington Street to Monroe. At left rear along the river is St. Mary Church (presently Church of God); center rear is the grain elevator; next is south half of Schiller (now Conover Square). You can barely see the towers of the mill right by the dam. The T-shaped building in center of picture is Rock River Hotel. In foreground is North Fourth Street; at far left are livery stables and feed stores and in center foreground is Sinnissippi Hotel. Note all the chimneys!

Organizations



Rock River Band (early 1900's). Notice pointed bandstand at left rear.
Back row: Floyd Ellis, Glen Eddleman, George Sitler, Ernest Landers, Ed Connor (leader), Charles Grow, Emery Frye, Howard Schecter, Dee Teller.
Middle row: Sam Smith, James McDowell, Homer Eddleman, Clint Keplinger, Mo Aldstrand.
Front row: Billy Ray, Dick Himes. (Photo courtesy E. G. Landers)

LODGES AND ORGANIZATIONS LISTED IN OREGON BY 1878-1909

Compiled by the 1909 Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois and History of Ogle County and written by Charles Mongan

Oregon Lodge, No. 420, A.F. & A.M. Organized September 10, A.D. 1863 under a dispensation from Thomas J. Turner, Grand Master. Number of members in 1878 - 59.

Oregon Lodge, No. 94, I.O.O.F. The Charter of Oregon Lodge, No. 94 was issued by H. L. Rucker, Grand Master, in 1851. Number of members in 1878 - 36.

TEMPERANCE ORGANIZATIONS - 1878

A lodge of *I.O.G.T.* was organized May 1877. *W.C.T.U.* was organized about the same time, May, 1877. Number of members in 1878 - 600.

More information on these organizations can be found on pages 498-499 in the 1878 history of Ogle County (H. F. Kett & Company).

SOCIETIES - OREGON DIRECTORY 1898-9

M. W. A. Economy Camp No. 131 meets first and third Thursday evening of each month. Hall 300 Washington Street - upstairs.

A.F. & A.M.—Oregon Lodge No. 420 meets first Wednesday of each month, on or before full moon. Hall - 302 Washington - upstairs.

R. A. M.—Rock River Chapter No. 151. Meets third Tuesday of each month. Hall - 302 Washington - upstairs.

E. O. S. Sinissippi Chapter 324. Meets first and third Thursday of each month. Hall - 302 Washington - upstairs.

Y.M.C.A. Rooms—300 Washington - upstairs. S. J. Lindsay, Secretary.

G.A.R.—Oregon Post No. 116. Meets second and fourth Monday evening of each month. Hall in Court House.

Knights of the Globe—No. 11. Meets first and third Monday in winter and third Monday in summer. Hall - 300 Washington - upstairs.

Knights of Templar—Dixon Commandery No. 21.

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

I. O. F. No. 3374. Meets third Wednesday of each month. Hall - 300 Washington Street - upstairs.

The 1905 Directory of the City of Oregon, Illinois, Compiled by Frank B. Schneider, does not have any lodges or societies listed.

In *The Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois and History of Ogle County, Volume II, 1909*, page 689 through the first column of 694 are listed the Fraternal Societies of that time, which were Masons and Eastern Star—Odd Fellows and Rebekahs—Modern Woodmen and Royal Neighbors—Mystic Workers of The World—Court of Honor—Knights of the Globe—Yeomen of America and Knights of Columbus.

In the aforementioned Volume II, 1909, pages 694 through page 697, are listed: The Social organizations that existed in Oregon at that time. Ladies Philanthropic Sewing Society of Oregon, The New Atlantis, Oregon, Chautauqua Circle, Oregon, The Victoria Club, Oregon, Delphian Club, Oregon, The Umzoos, Oregon, Home Culture Club, Oregon, The New Century Club, Oregon, Two-Penny Club, Oregon, Oregon Woman's Council, The Commercial Association of Oregon, The W.C.T.U. of Oregon, Oregon Bachelors' Club—The Owls, Oregon.

ITEMS FROM

OGLE COUNTY REPUBLICAN REPORTER

(submitted by Lois Cline)

Did you know . . . ?

1. At one time during the 1920s there was a bowling alley in the basement of the Masonic Building.
2. Dr. William J. Mix was the first doctor in Oregon. He came in 1836.
3. There was a Mothers' Club in 1913.
4. The Burlington Depot burned 3/13/13.
5. Gollman Bros. Circus was in Oregon 5/1913. Pat Bacon and Ernest Landers worked with them.
6. Margaret Fuller Island, Eagle Nest Bluff and Ganymede Spring were dedicated September 17, 1880. 1,500 attended. Oregon had two little steamers, Rover and Occidental, and a large barge by which visitors reached the island. A picnic was held at noon. The Rock River Cornet Band played. A chorus group also sang.
7. In 1940 Franklin Lundstrom composed and produced a show, "Men about Town." The Oregon Mens' Chorus presented it at the Oregon Community High School. It was a rousing success. Also lyrics for "Red Heels and Moonlight" written by Marjorie Seibert Stiles, proved highly pleasing. Casts of these productions were local "celebrities."

8. In May 1940 Robert Smith, son of Mrs. H. A. Smith (Jessie Salzman, Oregon teacher) was selected as a member of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. He recently retired.
9. Oregon had a Better Business Association in 1940.
10. In 1940 The Oregon Junior Legion Drum and Bugle Corp had been a great success for over three years.
11. January 20, 1921—Les Myers and crew harvested a crop of ice; river frozen seven inches thick.
12. An ad in the February 2, 1921 paper states: Boys' blue denim overalls made with double knees and seat, ages 3-6, \$1.00; 7-12, \$1.25—The Allen Store.
13. Mix Park was once known as the "Thistle Park."
14. The March 1921 showing at the Star Theatre was Lon Chaney, Betty Blythe and Lewis Stone in "Nomads of the North."
15. March 1921, at a hotly-contested election, the Community High School District was put in effect.
16. May 1921 Bemis Motor Co. moved to a new garage on North Fourth Street, two doors north of past location.
17. June 1921—The city buys new fire truck—a Reo, 1½ ton chassis, equipped with two American La France chemical tanks and 200' of small hose for chemical use, with 1,000' of hose and all modern equipment necessary for its handling.
18. December 1908—Miss Emily Cartwright has been busy the past two weeks arranging the books in the new library and Saturday evening it was opened to the public for the first time.
19. February 1909—Home talent play "Down in Dixie" presented for the benefit of the band was presented at the Opera House.
20. March 1909—Did you know that Lorado Taft was a cousin of President W. H. Taft?
21. April 1909—Oregon band and orchestra carnival every evening at Opera House. There also was a voting contest for the most popular young lady.

AMERICAN LEGION

Provided by Martin "Bud" Eakle; notes from Ogle County Reporter

Shirley Tilton was killed in battle 11/4/1918.

8/14/1919: About 25 discharged soldiers and sailors met in the Community House in this city last Monday evening and organized a Post of the American Legion. The following temporary officers were elected: Edgar E. Bickenbach, Chairman; Claude S. Jones, Vice President; B. A. Cottlow, Secretary; Albert S. Gale, Treasurer.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Robert H. Engle of Freeport, District Chairman, who explained the principles of the organization. It is one of the rules of the order that no military titles are to be allowed at meetings and the use of such in civil life is to be discouraged. All discharged men are eligible to membership and those who have not already signed the application for a charter