

# Olney Memories #166

## January 25, 2026

Hi there Everybody,

Happy New Year to everyone and Greetings to the OM's # 166. Hope everyone had a nice Christmas and a good beginning of the New Year. Spread the word about Olney Memories to your friends and relatives and schoolmates and let's get some new and more people on the roll! Currently we have 560, yes at times we have had up in the 600's but sadly we must remember some have passed away so we it's always nice to add new ones to our address list. And please remember to send me you email address change if you have one....don't want to loose you in the shuffle! Now think about some things of the past, things of school, after school activities, things pertaining to Olney and your childhood and jot them down and send them to me...I'll be waiting to post them in the next issue. J Thank you much!

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As always, Ann, I so appreciate your continued effort to produce Olney Memories.

I believe the demise of the Mayday parade was two fold. For the last few years, it became more and more difficult to get the older kids to participate. They would sneak out and no longer be a part of the parade. This raised fears of liability, both for the participants in the parade with our litigious culture and fear for liability for the kids that were to participate but played hooky instead

Tom Weber

Class of '64

(Hey Tom, Really good hearing from you. Since your not working out of your office on Main St. I don't see you around town anymore when I come up to visit friends and the relatives! I miss seeing you and always think of our good times we had there for awhile. Thank you so much for your contribution for the OM's, it's so much appreciated. I'll bet you have some good memories tucked under your belt you could send us of our school days and of all your siblings in the big house on Elliott! Everyone just adores that big house of on the corner of Elliott and North East St and of the Weber's living there with their family. Good memories and good family Tom.... Ann)

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Mary Ann Marks Malone

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As a child, I remember going to Red Hill for Sun rise services every Easter with my parents and sitting in the car listing to the service given over a loud speaker. I guess they don't have them anymore, what a shame.

(Margaret Ann here... So good to hear from you, I too wish they had the Cross still going. Mom and Dad and I also would go to the Cross on Easter and other times of the year when there were revivals or special church services. It was something special wasn't it. Thanks so much for writing in, I hope you are doing well and your family is as well. Hugs to you, M. Ann )

Mary Ann Marks Malone

Class of '69

Jeff Wilson

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Hi everyone, this is Jeff Wilson I also have many fond memories of my years at Central, starting with kindergarten with Mrs. Godfrey, Mrs. Liger, Mrs. Eagleson, etc, all good teachers but my favorite was Mrs. Washburn. My parents Neil (Stormy) and Florence were owner/ operators of Wilson's mobile home park which was located near the Dog & Suds, (the old Dairy Queen) and 500 Platoline (which has been torn down). Dad packed us up and moved us to central Florida right as 5th grade was completed and I just wasn't ever able to get back to the Midwest except for occasional visits with family even though I've always wanted to. Miss the chowders, the old Olney swimming pool, the May Day parades etc...

Jeff Wilson

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**Michael Zimmerle**

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**Doug Menendez is my brother's son. I am hoping this will help him to find more information about his family,**

**Mike Zimmerle**

**Class of '71**

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Hi Ann, I'm attaching a letter that I hope you will include in the next edition of "Olney Memories". I recently discovered that Harvey Loy Zimmerle (class of 1957) was my birth father, and I'm hoping to get some information about him from any of his remaining high school classmates.

My Uncle Mike Zimmerle, suggested this as a possible way to get the word out to ERHS alumni.

I also copied Judy McKinney on this email, as Mike said she is part of the ERHS yearbook/reunion committee.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the attached letter, or if you think it is inappropriate for your publication.

Thanks!

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Judy Murry McKinney

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Four generations of my family attended Cherry Street School. My mother and father Robert and Eleanor Gilbert Murray, me Judith Murray McKinney, my daughter and son Janet McKinney Everett and son Sean Robert McKinney and my granddaughters Jessica Everett Van Duke and Lauren Everett McClain. Also Noble had a May Day Parade for many years.

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(Ann here, Thanks for writing Judy, My my, you might win the prize here (although no prize however) but if there were one, you just might be the winner! That IS a lot of generations in one family to go to one school; absolutely amazing! Happy to have this on record.

Judy McKinney

Class of '57

Ann Here,

Below are a few articles Loy Zimmerle sent me to be posted at my leisure for the Olney Memories. I have posted them periodically. I haven't posted any of the articles from his collections he had kept for awhile, so I will send a few now. He was a friend of mine, also the father of Doug Mendez. Loy as we now know has passed away.

Loy Zimmerle

A Council meeting pertaining to the saloons, Lame Shoulder and Bowers Drug Store. The third article submitted being is about The 34<sup>th</sup> Commencement at Hyatt's Opera House.

(These three articles from the newspaper were given to us by the late Loy Zimmerle to be used in the Olney Memories)

### ~~COUNCIL WILL~~ NOT ACT.

At the special meeting of the city council at 2 p. m. Thursday it was decided by a vote of 5 to 3 not to re-license the saloons.

Hon. Ed S. Wilson, John Lynch and R. B. Witcher spoke for fair play but Aldermen Moore, Wilson, Daubs, Bourell and Higgins could not be moved.

The saloons will have to stay closed.

### **Lame Shoulder Cured.**

Lame shoulder is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles and quickly yields to a few applications of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. Mrs. F. H. McElwee, of Boistown, New Brunswick, writes: "Having been troubled for some time with a pain in my left shoulder, I decided to give Chamberlain's Pain Balm a trial, with the result that I got prompt relief." For sale by Wm. Bowers.

## The 34<sup>th</sup> HS Commencement at Hyatt's Opera House!

### Commencement.

The thirty-fourth annual commencement of the Olney high school will be held Friday evening, June 1st, at Hyatt's opera house. Dr. David Felmly, president of the state normal at Bloomington, and a most fascinating speaker, will give the address. His subject will be, "The Functions of the High School in Our American Life." To hear so able a speaker on so important a subject, is a privilege that rarely comes. The choruses, now being prepared by the school children, will also be features of the program.

This commencement closes what is in some respects the most successful year in the history of the school. Both the total and daily enrollments of the high school surpass any former year. The senior class, twenty-eight in number, is also the largest ever graduated. Such growth is a tribute to superintendent, principal, and teachers, and a source of pride to the citizens of Olney.

Commencement seats on sale Wednesday morning, May 30, at 8 o'clock. Prices 35, and 25c. and 15c.

Loy Zimmerle

Class of 57

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One year I remember for the May Day Parade, several of us boys wore sack dresses. That was when they were in fashion. I believe that was around 1958 or 1959.

Joe Myers

Class of 1960

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Hello folks. I have been reading the memories about the Mayday parades. What a bunch of memories there are. The progression is impressive yet the core value and purpose remained. Amazing. I went to Central and participated every year except one. The family went on vacation and I rode along. I remember some part of each of them very well. Especially, the teachers trying to “herd” us and keep us together. Focusing wasn’t something a grade school kid did well. Marching down Main was always a treat. To be able to walk down the street where normally you would get yelled at for being there was cool. After doing a little research I found my family had 3 generations of participants in the parades; myself, my Mom Ann, and Grandma Venus along with my brother and Mom’s aunts and uncles. Does anyone else have 3 generations or more? The May Day Parades started in 1872 and were shut down in 1977.

David P. Schnautz

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