

A PHOTO FROM 1984



1984 Ritzville Journal photo
TESTING THE PUMPS
on Ritzville fire trucks involved use of the unlimited supply of water in the city swimming pool. Chief Thom Kembel reported that state regulations require the department to test the capacity of the truck pumps by using a suction procedure – in this case, sucking water from the pool into the pump and out a special spray cannon. The city's 1952 pumper truck being tested here pumped 813 gallons a minute, still a top-notch performance, while the new rigs pump around 1,500 gallons a minute. Firemen shown here are, left to right, Bernie Klemmer, Bob Benzel, Maynard Lund, Kembel, Bob Oestreich, Deni Atkinson, Tom Benzel, Scott Borgens and Bruce Benzel.

REMEMBERING FROM THE FILES

One hundred years ago

The Ritzville Times

Aug. 19, 1909

A fire at Wheatland last Sunday came near destroying the warehouses at that place. The grass was fired by sparks from a passing engine and before the railroad men saw it had gained considerable headway.

Teachers examinations will be held on August 26, 27 and 28 at the office of the superintendent at the court house.

The eighth grade examinations will be held this week on Thursday and Friday at Ritzville, Lind and Washtucna.

Work on the city reservoir stopped this week for several days, while the matter of the contractors' bond was taken up. On Thursday the bond arrived, but City Attorney Adams said it was not sufficient, in that it did not provide for maintenance.

Seventy-five years ago

Ritzville Journal-Times

Aug. 23, 1934

The Ritzville Country club not only brought home the trophy for turning in low gross score in the Big Bend tournament over Downriver Wednesday, but M. D. Thiel was low medalist with a card of 161 for the 36 holes. H. S. Snead of Lind was second with 166, while Walker of Odessa and Oswald of Wilbur tied for third, each with a 169.

Wheat prices up three cents over last Thursday. Although Chicago has been more or less erratic all week, with dealers having the "jitters" over the uncertainty of governmental action, the Coast market has registered a gain of three cents over last Thursday's quotations.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Stark of Washtucna were in Ritzville Wednesday. Mr. Stark completed his harvest this year the second day of July, the earliest ever known in that locality. His crop of winter wheat averaged about 28 bushels.

Fifty years ago

The Ritzville Journal Times

Aug. 20, 1959

A missile site will be constructed 20 miles west of Ritzville as soon as a superhighway can be built to the location, according to county commissioner Jess Dewald.

The Tesch Market has been sold to Harold Tesch, it was reported this week by Mr. and Mrs. Ed F. Tesch, former owners.

The Ritzville Jaycee swim club scored more victories last week over ranking swimmers from Canada and the United States to bring home two trophies from the fifty-third annual Kelowna international regatta at Kelowna, B.C.

An open class baking contest sponsored by the Adams county association of wheat growers will be held at the fair this year to select the baking queen of Adams county.

Twenty-five years ago

Ritzville Adams County Journal

Aug. 23, 1984

The fourth annual Wheat Land Communities' Fair and the 15th annual Ritzville Rodeo are likely to attract people from throughout the area. The Eagles are in the final stages of completing their new concession building while a four-corner food concession building next to the fair office should be ready. The Bronc Booster and FFA clubs are also building a concession booth.

While the quality of wheat and barley appears to be good throughout the harvest area, warehouse and elevator managers continue to report reception of an average crop where yields are concerned.

A public hearing concerning the implementation of an assessment rate to fund a noxious weed control program will be conducted by the Adams County Commissioners.

Soft white wheat was quoted at \$3.41 per bushel and barley is \$95 per ton.