

# A PHOTO FROM 1984



1984 Ritzville Journal photo

**A BABY BOOM** has hit Ritzville Memorial Hospital's obstetrics ward this year, with six babies being born so far, including two on Monday, Sept. 17. That was the first day that this new unit could be used, with LPN Judy Hibard shown here with two-hour-old Dustin Charles Gilchrist, son of Terri and Donny Gilchrist. The pad where Dustin is lying is specially heated, and the modern equipment also monitors the infant's core temperature.

## REMEMBERING FROM THE FILES

### *One hundred years ago* The Ritzville Times **Sept. 16, 1909**

Active work has begun Monday morning on Ritzville's new \$40,000 hotel when Contractor S. S. Schuler put a force of men to work cleaning the ground preparatory to the excavation. The building is to be finished by February 1.

An eruption occurred at the Teachers institute at Lind last week when Prof. Charles L. Timblin, head of the educational department at the state college at Pullman, openly advocated dancing and card playing by the school teachers. He suggested that the teachers should become social leaders in their communities, and to this end he thought that teachers should be skilled in these social diversions, and should so instruct the young people when necessary.

Davenny Brothers have secured the contract for the furnishing of the linoleum that is to be laid on the floors of the Carnegie library.

### *Seventy-five years ago* Ritzville Journal-Times **Sept. 20, 1934**

Julia C. Burroughs, 72, a resident of this city of 46 years, the widow of the late Dr. Frank Burroughs, pioneer Ritzville physician, died Saturday in a Spokane hospital, where she has been a patient for more than a year.

Ritzville day will be held on Wednesday, October 3. The committee has shifted the day from the usual Saturday to Wednesday and has outlined a big day, including the awarding of many valuable prizes, a free auction sale and a dance at night.

S. A. Wells, Adams county's first politician, is dead. The man who was instrumental in securing the division of Adams and Franklin counties from Whitman in 1883, passed away at his home in Spokane last week, at the age of 79.

A new amendment to the high school constitution was made at the first meeting of the Red "R" club. It states that the boys' high school sweaters are to be worn by boys only. Separate sweaters will be provided for the girls.

### *Fifty years ago* The Ritzville Journal Times **Sept. 17, 1959**

Area farmers and ranchers are urged by county agent Bob Martin to have their cattle vaccinated for bangs disease before federal money is gone.

A \$10 per month pay increase for all deputies in county offices is one of the main factors increasing the proposed 1960 preliminary Adams county budget by about \$22,000 over this year's.

Larry Benzel of Benzel Ford Sales left Tuesday morning for Detroit, Mich., to attend "Dearborn Holidays." During the event the 1960 line of the Ford Motor company will be shown dealers from all over the United States.

Washtucna schools opened with an increase in enrollment of 10 per cent. The elementary school has 112 on the roll and the high school has 48 pupils enrolled.

### *Twenty-five years ago* Ritzville Adams County Journal **Sept. 20, 1984**

The fifth baby to be born at Ritzville Memorial Hospital this year became the first infant to receive attention on the facilities' new Intensive Care Monitoring system. The \$7,000 piece of equipment is designed to stabilize any babies with post-birth complications, but in this case it served during a normal birthing procedure.

The wooden farm equipment Jeff Melcher, 18, and his brother Rodney, 15, hand crafted in their farm shop during the past year earned the duo the best of show awards in the open youth craft categories at both the Wheat Land Communities' Fair and the Adams County Fair.

Ritzville school directors awarded a contract to Loomis Truck & Tractor, Inc., of Lind for a new school bus at their September meeting Monday evening.

Harry and Clara Schwisow celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Sept. 15, with a reception and dinner given in their honor by their daughter, Barbara Schwisow from West Covina, Calif.