

# A PHOTO FROM 1984



1984 Ritzville Journal photo

**RITZVILLE FHA MEMBERS** Sherri McBride, Angie Hennings and Ellen Weber won the regional FHA Knowledge Quest competition last weekend at Spokane, qualifying for the state contest next spring. FHA advisor is Leanne Stewart.

## REMEMBERING FROM THE FILES

### *One hundred years ago*

The Ritzville Times

**October 21, 1909**

Bids will be opened this week for the erection of the new school house at Ralston.

Work on the school building in Washtucna was completed this week. The floors have been oiled and all the painting is done. The building is ready for use.

W. A. Gildersleeve received word that machinery for the electric light plant in Washtucna was shipped October 8 from San Francisco. Wilson Ford, the electrician, is busy wiring houses and preparing to install the lights.

County Engineer H. W. Pettijohn says there will be about 20 road crossings on the line of the new railroad out of Ritzville. The engineers are making overhead and under crossings wherever possible. There will be about 10 of these, and the remaining will cross the county roads on a level with the road.

### *Fifty years ago*

The Ritzville Journal Times

**Oct. 22, 1959**

The new U.S. 10 freeway around the Ritzville city limits should be open by November 15 if there are no severe changes in the weather, a spokesman for the state highway department said recently.

Stars of last week's bowling activity at the Airport lanes were Bob Blodgett and Henry Steinmetz. Blodgett capped his three-game set with the highest game seen at the lanes this season – a big 257 to give him a 617 scratch total for the evening. Steinmetz rolled games of 190-209-222 to lead his team to an important three-point win. His 621 scratch total is the first 600 series of the season for the City league.

Left halfback Klaus Wiebhe and right tackle Dale Knuth were named back and lineman of the week by vote of the Bronco squad after their smooth performances in the Pomeroy game last Friday night.

### *Seventy-five years ago*

Ritzville Journal-Times

**Oct. 25, 1934**

Myers-Shepley Co., pioneer store of Ritzville, is celebrating its 47th anniversary with a clearance sale, which starts tomorrow and ends Saturday, Nov. 3.

Byron L. Sutton, who thirty-seven years ago was made an Odd Fellow in the local lodge, was present at the Tuesday night meeting. Ritzville Lodge No. 58 presented Mr. Sutton with a thirty-five year jewel.

The old house at the corner of Adams and Broadway, built by Wm. Snyder, former Ritzville merchant, more than forty years ago, is being torn down, and the lumber will be taken to Washtucna for another house Mr. Snyder is erecting. The work of razing the old landmark is being done by Frank Benward, A.L. St. John and A. T. Little.

### *Twenty-five years ago*

Ritzville Adams County Journal

**Oct. 25, 1984**

Lind Homecoming royalty will be officially presented during a ceremony at the football field. Homecoming Queen is Dawn Watson with princesses Noelle Gering and Kristy Haase.

The Adams County Ambassador's 4-H Club elected Dale Williams president with Sandi Williams chosen as vice president. Shelley Gardner will serve as secretary-treasurer and Beth Gardner is reporter.

Fred Blauert, Washtucna, was elected to his fourth consecutive term as president of the Wheat Land Communities' Fair. Mark Schoesler was re-elected to serve as vice president and Fritz Coon will again be treasurer. Don Hollenback of Washtucna was elected to the position of secretary with Don Kagele of Ritzville serving as assistant secretary.