

# REMEMBERING FROM THE FILES

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

The first basket ball game of the season was called at Clark's rink at 8 o'clock Friday night at which time Ritzville high school met and defeated Lind high school by a score of 7 to 15.

In a dispute over the pay for a two bit meal Monday night, S. R. Moyer had his under jaw broken in two places and several teeth knocked out by Fred Westerman, the well known restaurant man. Moyer is confined to his room with his face in a plaster cast.

Lantz is an enterprising place. We have daily mail now days. If we had a couple more stores, a blacksmith shop and a hotel we would have Bengedown.

S. L. Thomas, the well known Michigan Prairie wheat grower, has gone to California to spend the winter.

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

A modern, up-to-date lighting system has been installed in the Ritzville Trading company this week, with the addition of many new drop lights in the dry goods, grocery and hardware departments. The work was done by the Trading Company crew. The lighting capacity is now about four times that of the old system.

C.J. Newland Post 51, American Legion and the auxiliary, are sponsoring a dance to be held in Ott's hall Saturday evening, December 22. Music will be furnished by Roy Snider's dance band.



## *A PHOTO* *FROM 1984*

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**SEWING SKILLS** were practiced by Ritzville sixth graders like Stephanie Telecky when her class made cloth teddy bears as Christmas gifts. The students followed a pattern and sewed and glued the bears together, stuffing each bear with foam in preparation for the animals' careers as Christmas tree ornaments.

David Hoefel, J. N. Ott, H. J. Rehn, Chris Rieker and A.W. Sickmann attended the Washington State automobile dealers' association and code administration hearing held at the Dessert hotel, Spokane. Among the problems discussed were code rulings which affect the industry in Washington.

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

Santa Claus will arrive in Ritzville Saturday! Santa notified the Journal-Times yesterday that he will be in front of the Ritz Theater just about the time a movie sponsored by local merchants is scheduled to end at about 3 p.m.

G. E. Bentz was named president of the Ritzville chamber of commerce at a meeting of the board of directors Monday noon at the Circle T inn.

Raymond Danekas of Ritzville was elected chairman of the ASC county committee by the county convention held in the ASC office yesterday, according to Ivan Graham. Other committeemen elected were Paul Taylor, Othello, vice chairman; Paul Hoefel, Odessa, regular member; Roy Blankenbaker, Othello, first alternate; and Richard Wahl, Ritzville, second alternate.

Mr. and Mrs. DuWayne Jirava were charivariated at their farm home Friday evening.

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

The Ritzville City Council looked ahead to the future and took care of the past at its Tuesday night meeting by adopting the 1985 budget amount of \$2,660,020 and adopting an amendment to finalize the 1984 budget.

"Contained" is the word that Adams County Public Health Nurse Suzann Hauff uses to describe the present level of the hepatitis cases which have occurred in Ritzville the past four weeks.

A Monday snow storm forced scheduling changes at the Ritzville, Washtucna and Lind school districts early this week and caused the cancellation of the Ritzville school concert originally set for Monday evening, Dec. 17. All three districts had a late start on Tuesday morning.