

# REMEMBERING FROM THE FILES

*One hundred years ago*

The Ritzville Times

**December 30, 1909**

New station coming. Official says we must wait for completion of branch line. All kinds of reports are afloat concerning our new railroad station. The superintendent of buildings and bridges told one of our attorneys a few days ago that the plans have been drawn and approved but the building would not be erected until the cutoff is built out of here to the west.

Just at dark on Saturday evening in Washtucna Electrician Baughn turned a wheel at the station by the little falls of the Palouse, the water rushed through the turbine, the dynamo started, and in the city hundreds of incandescents twinkled in the mist of the December evening. At 6 o'clock the row of arcs on Main street brightened the business district.

*Seventy-five years ago*

Ritzville Journal-Times

**January 3, 1935**

Commemorating the 25th anniversary of its founding, the Ritzville commercial club, now the chamber of commerce, will present a program of unusual merit in connection with the annual election banquet to be held at the Ott hall on Friday, January 11.

The first 1935 baby reported to the Journal-Times was born Wednesday, January 2, to Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Rauter of Warden. Dr. Sweet is the attending physician, and mother and child are under the care of Mrs. Phillip Metzner.

Conrad Schafer is on crutches this week, the

## A PHOTO FROM 1985



1985 Ritzville Journal photo

**LAYERED LUMBER** is one of the abstract pieces which reflect the amount of snow which can accumulate during a late December blizzard. The December snowfall in many areas of the Inland Pacific Northwest has set a new depth record.

result of an infection caused by his stepping on a rusty nail.

In 1933 there were 92 births recorded from Adams county, at the State Department of Health in Seattle, according to Dr. E. R. Coffey, state health director.

*Fifty years ago*  
The Ritzville Journal Times  
**December 31, 1959**

A "treasure chest" of gifts is awaiting the first Ritzville

area baby of 1960! Again Ritzville merchants have joined forces to offer the No. 1 arrival a flying start in life. The baby must be born within the boundaries of the Ritzville, Benge or Washtucna school districts after midnight December 31, 1959.

Twenty area families received the spirit of Christmas last week when contributions through operation "Jingle Bells" were delivered to their homes.

Ritzville volunteer firemen have flooded the new ice skating rink they built on city and county property at the west end of Second avenue and area residents can skate anytime the ice freezes.

A primary election for the city councilman-at-large post was assured for Ritzville February 9 when two more men filed for the seat before the Christmas eve deadline. M. LO. (Marty) Heimbigner, owner of Airport bowling lanes, and Barney Streeter, well driller with John Davidson, will be on the primary ballot with incumbent councilman-at-large Bert Koch, Signal oil products distributor.

*Twenty-five years ago*

Ritzville Adams County Journal

**January 3, 1985**

Byron Wagner, manager of Big Bend Electric Co-op, Ritzville, has been appointed to Governor-elect Booth Gardner's Energy Advisory Committee.

A budget of \$6,727,166 in expenditure appropriations for 1985 was adopted by the Adams County Commissioners during a public hearing held on Monday, Dec. 31, at the courthouse in Ritzville. The total budget for 1985 is \$9,565,711.

It's Bi-County time for the Bronco basketball teams, with the Creston Comets and Lind Bulldogs marked as opponents for Ritzville's opening weekend of league action.