

# REMEMBERING FROM THE FILES

## *One hundred years ago*

**January 27, 1910**

The Ritzville Times

Last Saturday at a meeting of the school board it was decided to call a special School Election to vote on the question of bonding the district to raise money to build a new High School.

The W.C.T.U. gave an entertainment and served refreshments at Gilson's hall Monday evening.

During the 27 days so far this month Undertaker O.R. Haight has had but two funerals. Mr. Haight is the only undertaker in this city of 3000 people and a large tributary territory. The figures speak well for the healthful condition of Ritzville and the surrounding country.

## **Washington State Journal**

It is definitely settled about the new depot. In this connection we have good news for our people. The contract for the new depot has been cancelled, and plans and specifications are now in course of preparation for another depot much larger than the one the company was contemplating building. The new structure will be two stories high, with steam heat, and every other convenience known to modern railway station houses.

## *Seventy-five years ago*

**Ritzville Journal-Times**

**January 31, 1935**

Conrad Schafer and a crew are busy this week making alterations in the G. Fischer building on the corner of Washington and Railroad, putting it in shape for the occupancy by February 15 of the

## **A PHOTO FROM 1985**



1985 Ritzville Journal photo

**VOLUNTEER** workers at the Ritzville Life Care Center were honored during a ceremony last week, with this scene showing most of the volunteers who attended the special function.

Columbia Basin Dairy Products company. The building was leased last week from Mr. Fischer by Joe Bates and M.F. Chartrand of Ellensburg.

John Evans has invented what he terms a snow plow shovel, incorporating the basic principles of the mechanical snowplow in a convenient hand tool for removing snow from sidewalks. It operates simply by pushing ahead of the operator on the sidewalks. It saves energy ordinarily spent on swinging the shovel.

## *Fifty years ago*

**The Ritzville Journal Times**

**January 28, 1960**

A Ritzville couple, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Werner, who live at 801 N. Division, will celebrate 69 years of married life tomorrow. Mr. and Mrs. Werner were married January 29, 1891, in Warrensburg, Russia,

nearly 18 years before they came to the Ritzville area to settle. She is 87 and he is 88.

The Ralston Juvenile Grange officers were installed under the direction of Ivan Graham.

Mrs. Barbara Snyder of the Bar U ranch about 10 miles northeast of Washtucna, had the misfortune of having her cookhouse completely destroyed by fire Wednesday, January 20, in the morning about 10:30 a.m. The fire evidently was started from an overheated chimney.

Ritzville intermediate school principal Clarence Ness announced the seventh grade honor roll for the first semester's study. Seventh grade students on the honor roll at Hawthorn included Phyllis Whitman, Edlu Thom, Garnet Templin, Joan Stromberger, Janice Slonaker, Nancy Evans, Joyce Klein, Karen Kirkendall, Kristin Kayler, Susan Farrar, Myra Rowe, Darlene Schragg and Sharyl Steinmetz.

## *Twenty-five years ago*

**Ritzville Adams County Journal**

**January 31, 1985**

A volunteers recognition party was held at Life Care Center on Jan. 23 with residents, staff and volunteers attending. Theme for the party was "volunteers, our greatest natural resource."

Michele Kiesz was the honored guest at a baby shower held Jan. 27 at the Philadelphia Congregational Church. Hostesses were Diane Borth, Patti Schilling, Connie Sackmann, Coletta Kagele, Monty Longmeier and Lori Olson.

The fifth annual Wheat Land Communities' Fair Wampum event has been set for Saturday, March 23, at the American Legion Hall in Ritzville with a theme of "Buggy' on Down to the Fair," part of the "Catch the Fair Bug" motto.