

# REMEMBERING FROM THE FILES

*One hundred years ago*

**February 24, 1910**

The Ritzville Times

The citizens of Starbuck are excited over a case of diphtheria discovered in the public school last week at that place. Not until one death had occurred was it discovered to be diphtheria.

The cold weather has stopped work on the new church in Ralston but work on the school goes right ahead.

Miss Pearl Farrier won the medal in the speaking contest at the High school under the auspices of the W.C.T.U. last Saturday evening. The six other girls who took part in the contest were each given a school pin.

Washington State Journal

Even those who voted against a new High school are today glad that they were not successful. These are the days that decide the future of Ritzville. 'Tis the testing time.

T. H. Osborn, "The Drummer Evangelist," is certainly appealing to the saved and the unsaved of Ritzville. This is because he is in earnest, is a sweet singer, but most of all, because he knows in his own life that "Jesus saves." He has no time for sin, but his heart does go out to the sinner.

*Seventy-five years ago*

Ritzville Journal-Times

**February 28, 1935**

Following a week or more of freezing nights which kept the farmers out of the fields, the weather moderated and a drizzling rain has been falling since last night.

## A PHOTO FROM 1985



1985 Ritzville Journal photo

**PINEWOOD DERBY** winners from the Ritzville Cub Scouts' Blue and Gold Banquet held Feb. 23 were, left to right: Mitch Reynolds, first; Reid Templin, second and Best of Show, and Scot Klettke, third.

Adams County Pomona Grange officers installed for the coming year included: Ralph C. Gillis, master; E. A. Graham, overseer; Wm. Nissen, steward; Wm. Kautz, assistant steward; E. C. Cline, lecturer; Mrs. H.F. Beckley, secretary; Clarence F. Olson, treasurer; Mrs. John Shimek, Flora; Mrs. Roy Scott, Ceres; and Mrs. Maude Teske, Pomona.

*Fifty years ago*

The Ritzville Journal Times

**February 25, 1960**

One of the major projects of the Ritzville Lions Club is the planned installation of new four-way street

marker signs at every intersection in the city.

Ritzville Warehouse company is planning to build an office building at the northeast corner of First and Columbia where the Phillip's 66 service station was torn down last week, according to warehouse manager Don Danekas.

Glen Shelman was elected president of the Blue Ribbon Garden club at their recent meeting. Other officers elected were Jay Heinemann, vice president; Beverly Heinemann, secretary; Garnet Templin, treasurer; Ellis Carter, Journal-Times reporter; Charles Baumann, 4-H news reporter; Jerry Kulm, program chairman; John Oestreich, junior leader; and Garnet Templin, associate member.

Ritzville high school will be seeded No. 1 from the Bi-County league in the Northeast District Class A basketball tournament.

*Twenty-five years ago*

Ritzville Adams County Journal

**February 28, 1985**

The parking area at Ritzville's municipal airport had an unexpected visitor last week when a vintage DC-3 belonging to the United Parcel Service tied the "record" for being the largest airplane ever to use the local runway. Its original destination – Spokane International – was closed due to fog.

The Adams County Road Department has had to manufacture extra warning stakes and flags in order to mark the 120 sections of county road which had to be closed due to hazards created by excessive runoff water.

Pipe is being laid as the first step of the City of Ritzville's \$1.2 million water system improvement project, with blasting to be done in the flats in order to remove rock from the route of the new line.