

# REMEMBERING FROM THE FILES

*One hundred years ago*

**May 12, 1910**

The Ritzville Times

Again the Ritzville Commercial club has demonstrated its usefulness. Al. G. Barnes trained animal show, brought to this city under the auspices of the club, was the best and cleanest exhibition of its kind ever seen in Ritzville. There was not a degrading feature in the main show or any of the lesser attractions connected with it and there were no gamblers and hangerson with the show.

Washington State Journal

Carry Nation visits Ritzville. The famous "smasher" addresses an afternoon and evening meeting in our little city on Monday. The woman whose hatchet has made her fame and fortune has come and said: we have seen and been heard.

T.C. Armstrong, representing the R. L. Polk directory people, has been in town this week.

*Seventy-five years ago*

Ritzville Journal-Times

**May 16, 1935**

With appropriate ceremony, the new baseball field at the high school was dedicated Sunday in the presence of a large crowd. After getting off to a shaky start, the Ritzville team settled down to beat the Occidental Life of Spokane by a score of 10 to 7.

A great many farmers are finding that their buildings are being undermined by rats which have comparatively recently made their appearance in this section of the country.

The directors of the Adams-Lincoln Pioneer

## A PHOTO FROM 1985



1985 Ritzville Journal photo

**TENNIS TEAM** at Ritzville High School had the most participants, 22, of any other spring sport at the high school. Team members are, left to right, back row: Lori Olson, assistant coach; Debbie Graber, Kirk Sager, Angie Hennings, Dennis Eng, Marty Erdman, Chris Hille, Catherine Fitzpatrick, Brigitte von Olnhausen and Gaynel Gering, head coach. Middle row: Chris Gering, Angie Strange, Lori Armstrong, Michele Caldwell, Melanie Gust, Beth Gardner, Cori Erdman, Kristy Kin Kade and Rob Hauff. Front row: Mandy Talley, Todd Schmidt, Rob Morgan and Jodi Snider.

association outlined plans for the pioneer picnic to be held at Sprague Lake on Thursday, June 27. Included in the program will be children's sports in the morning, an old fiddlers' contest, and old-time free dance in the afternoon and a modern day dance at night.

The J.L. Cross residence on College hill is undergoing extensive remodeling.

this week and its 20th consecutive year of service to Adams county farmers.

Rimrock Grange celebrated its 30th anniversary Friday evening, May 6. New regalia, purchased by the Grange auxiliary, was presented to the officers by Mrs. Virgil Sitton, master.

Mrs. Orville Oestreich was announced "Mother of the Year" Wednesday evening, May 4, at an annual banquet sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Eagles aerie and auxiliary in Ritzville. Her daughter, Peggy, wrote the winning essay nominating Mrs. Oestreich from all Hawthorn school mothers.

*Twenty-five years ago*

Ritzville Adams County Journal

**May 16, 1985**

"Drop in, Mt. St. Helens Did" is the theme of two signs erected at the Highway 395 entrance to Lind. The Tredecim Club purchased the signs and they were put up by the Lions Club.

Teddy Bears' Picnic will be the 119th entry in the 46th annual Spokane Lilac Festival/Armed Forces Torchlight Parade this Saturday night in downtown Spokane with the Ritzville High School band to accompany the float through the 210-unit parade route.

This weekend is the five year "ash anniversary" for Adams County and every place else affected by the volcanic eruption of Mount St. Helen's on Sunday, May 18, 1980, in southwestern Washington.

The new commander for the Ritzville VFW Post 2555 to be installed next week is John Glenn of Washtucna with Dick Miller, first vice commander; Terry Clodius, Washtucna, second vice commander; Jerry Weise, adjutant/quartermaster; Vic Hilzer, judge advocate and R.E. Schaefer, surgeon.

*Fifty years ago*

The Ritzville Journal Times

**May 12, 1960**

Big Bend Electric Cooperative, Inc., is celebrating the 25th anniversary of the rural electrification program