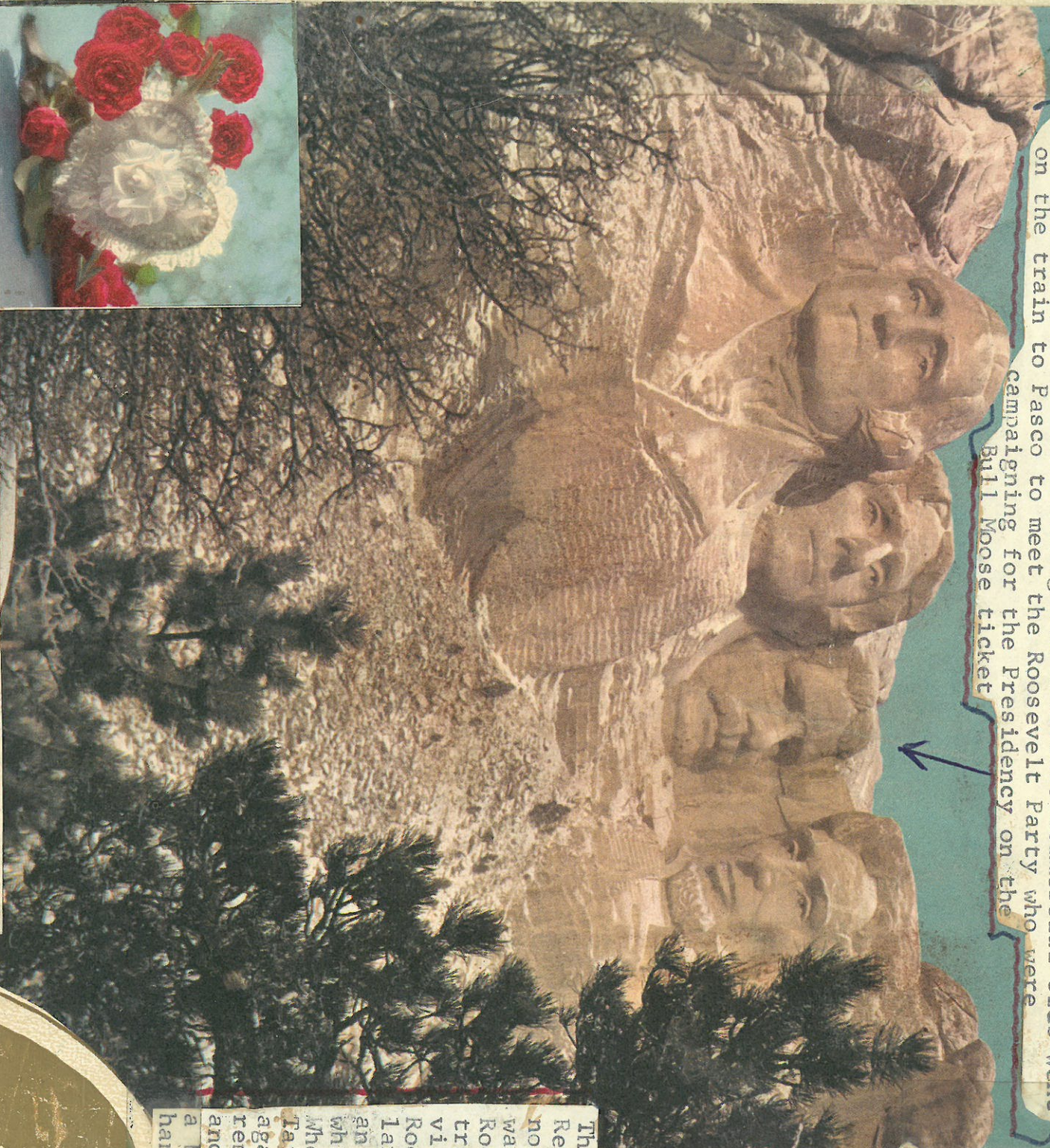


CLASSES of 1906

These four famous men who were Presidents of the United States are Presidents Washington, Jefferson, Madison, and Monroe. Teddy Roosevelt was President from 1901 to 1909 all through the time that Ritzville High School was in formation and start. He and his party came through Ritzville on April 7th, 1911 and my father with a group of men representing the Ritzville Commercial Club went on the train to Pasco to meet the Roosevelt Party who were campaigning for the Presidency on the Bull Moose ticket.



Teddy Roosevelt had large and prominent front teeth and when he smiled as in speaking or grimacing they were very noticeable. However they were his downfall. He had a lot of teeth filled during his lifetime and I remember distinctly of seeing an X-ray picture of an abscessed tooth in his upper right bicuspids in Collier's magazine which it was claimed was the indirect cause of his death. The article was lost in the shuffle. Roosevelt was a proud man and did everything he could to save his teeth from extraction and dentures but it undermined his health.

These important events happened during the early years of Ritzville High School.

The IMPERIAL CLASS OF 1906.

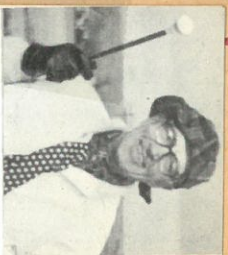
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 Christenson, Zelma
 Davenport, Harry G.
 Hughart, Samuel
 Lewis, Laura
 Newland, Emma
 Perkins, Laura
 Shelly, Lydia
 Schuler, Perry
 Smith, Newell E.
 Walton, Mattie

The Bull moose Party split the Republican Party and Wilson was nominated by the Democrats. Taft was the Republican Nominee. Then Roosevelt supported Taft. The train from Pasco arrived in Ritzville about dusk that evening and Roosevelt was presented with a large stick of bread which was an imitation of the "BIG STICK" which he used to bust the trusts. When Roosevelt campaigned for Taft he came through Ritzville again going west and I distinctly remember I ran up to the train and he grasped my hand and I got a big thrill out of shaking the hand of a President. Roy Gilson



THE IMPERIAL CLASS of 1906

The picture below is a facsimile of the Old RITZVILLE moving picture theatre located just across the street from the depot on the SE corner of Washington and RR Sts. The original or first theatre that I remember was just across the street from this one on the corner which later became the John F. Irby Hardware Store. The old sign can still be seen on the side of the old brick building. Music was furnished for the pictures and intermission by Claire Despain, piano, Earl Clark, flute, Harry Pettijohn, Clarinet, and Everett Pettijohn Drums. Sometimes just Earl and Claire played together the 2 of them. Then Kathleen Hallin with different players like Packy McFarland and Everett played. Packy also played violin for dances in the Ott's Hall with Katie. Then in my Junior and Senior years I played for the silent movies piano and some times Elmer Tuten, played violin with me. He was the brother of Mrs. Warner, who with her husband they operated the theatre. The piano was in the pit just below the screen and I had to watch the picture and play accordingly along with the action on the screen. Those days there were many chases and I played running music for fast horses. In a pathetic scene like death bed I would play "Hearts and Flowers" or something similar. The great saxophone played of the day came through and asked for a job to play some tunes at intermission for a few bucks and I remember he played one of his own compositions called "Saxaphobia" which I later learned to play on the E flat saxophone and I thought it was a beautiful number. Roy Gilson. 3-15-1973



Roy Gilson

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Treas.-Harry Davenney.

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I love you truly, truly dear,
Life with it's sorrow,
Fades on the morrow while you are near,
For I love you truly, truly dear.

TOM ADAMS

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THOS. ADAMS. Scientific Spokane Debating Team, 3; R. H. S. A. A., 2; 3, 4; Captain Cadet Corps, 3; Star, 2, 3, 4; Forum, 2, 3; Athenian, 4; R. H. S. representative at W. S. C., Interscholastic Oratorical Contest, 4th Prize, 3; Foot Ball, 4; Wheat Staff, 4; Class President, 3, 4; Class Basketball, 3; Class Baseball, 4.



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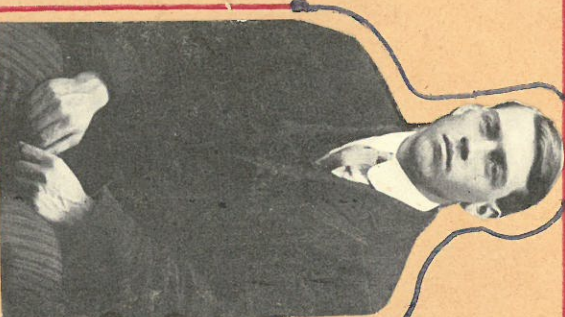
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Manager

Father - J. M. Adams Auctioneer

Mother

Brother - Oscar (Attorney) Orator



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Foreword

We now shift the responsibility of this volume from our shoulders to yours, kind reader, with the hope that whatever you find of value will receive due commendation and that you will look upon its defects with charity. We wish to thank all those who have striven to make this publication a success.

THE EDITORS

J. Oscar - Son

Conway Adams - Pasco.

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FATHER	J. M. Adams - Auctioneer
MOTHER	Br J. Oscar Adams - City Attorney of Ritzville

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Some Adams

Wish I could find out about what happened to this brilliant, silver-tongued orator—THOMAS ADAMS. He was abigman, affetic—played hard back on the foot ball team—member of the Athenian Debating Club—and in the picture of the suffix in this Book. F. H. C. "me" was mightyproud to sit next to him in the group picture taken at Treadwell's photo gallery. Tom was also Captain of the R.H.A. Cadet Corp picture & account of which you can find in the first Big Book made in 1955 after our 50th ann. at Bonquet. on May 21-1955 when Judge Richard (Ritchie) Ott was Toastmaster. Tom was also a member of the STAR Literary Society to which he contributed orations. In Sept. 1905 I entered R.H.S. as a freshman. We were small green skill caps. Preminary tryouts were held for the Debating Team organized by Prof. A.P. Casey. Teacher in H.S. Thomas chosen on the team to debate Spokane & Wallawalla. In those days 70 years ago the country was faced with great problems such as it is today 1975

Roy G. 1st son

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1974

It was high noon the day before the Big Game with Stanford, and the University of California's Class of 1906 reunion began right on schedule yesterday—just as it has for every one of the past 68 years.

Class secretary Harold G. Sharp, 90, stood at the front door of Berkeley's venerable Hotel Durant, only a block away from the campus. Sharp, a retired civil engineer, was wearing a dapper brown suit with a red chrysanthemum pinned to a lapel.

But there was something forlorn about the

UC Chancellor Albert Bowker (left) spoke with 90-year-old Harold Sharp ('06) and his wife, Mary, ('05).

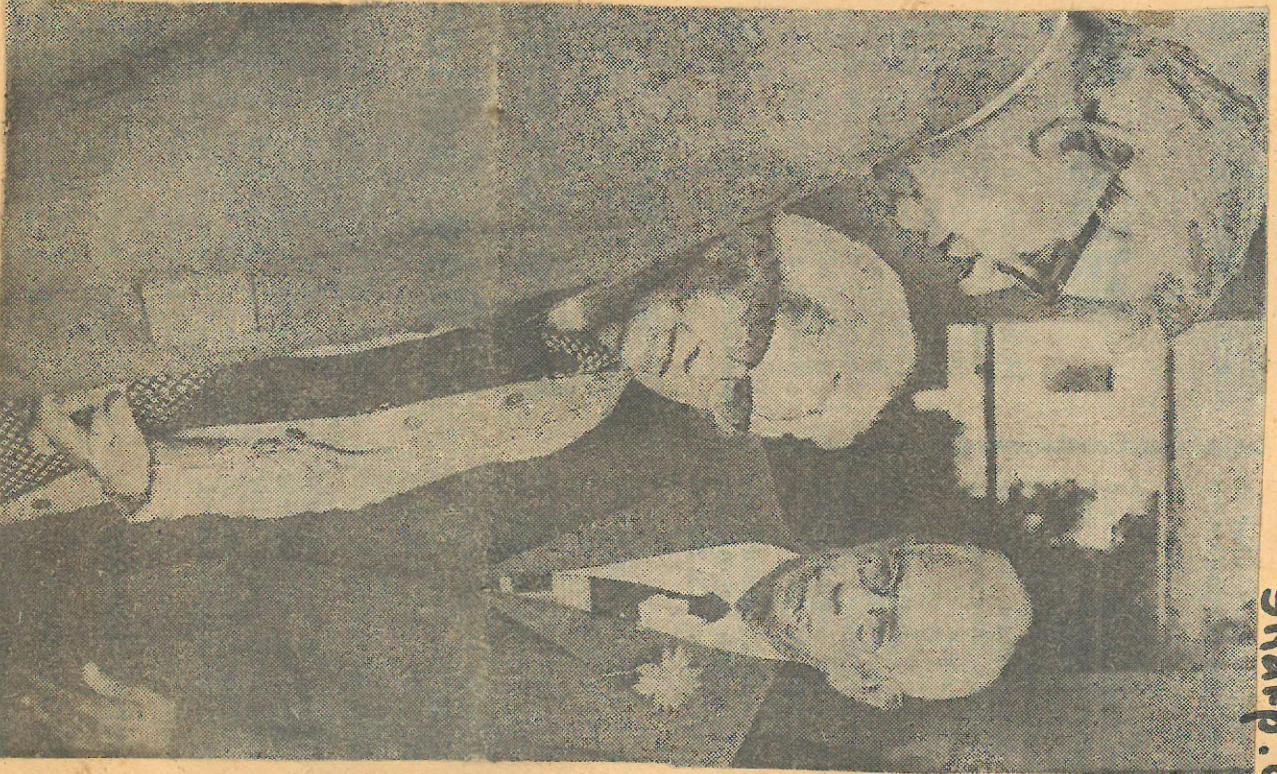
gentleman's expression. "I'm afraid I'm the only class member who could make it—I'm the last one," the Old Blue announced sadly.

Only last year, three classmates had joined him in a jovial luncheon reunion filled with reminiscences and high-spirited talk about UC's football prospects.

The four, who were among the last survivors of the original 400-member graduating class, had made a determined effort in recent years to, in Sharp's words, "keep our ranks

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Father of M. Adams
Fuecio O'neer



Just Put this into
a little space but isn't
it interesting. This
is "Down to the LAST
MAN" situation. The
last man—Harold G.
Sharp. Evidently had a

romantic association with his wife. many wa. o. g. There is more to the story which was on Back page Oct. 7. But if deemed to have misplaced it I hope to find it Father. (1-25-75)
Roy G. 1st son '09

Last
Of the
class
of '06

Thomas Adams

12th Jan '33

Written - 1-25-1925

Salustatorian

As you notice Tom was " of his class the same tower I had in my class of 1909. The text

of my speech you will find in the 1909 Book -

Tom was the leader of the team which tried out for the Debating Team which was to Debate other High

Schools During 1905-6. I (Boy Giffson) was the 3rd member of the Team. I distinctly recall it was a pleasant evening on the Date of Sept. 24-1905 - on a Tuesday Evening. My mother was

due to give birth to a Baby and she was up and around the house helping to get supper for our family of 11 Boys & 1 Girl. She sat on a dining room chair for a while then began to have pains & she went into the library & laid down and the couch. I was very unhappy for her discomfort - as I loved her very much and I was reluctant to leave for the scheduled debate. However, at 11 PM I worked my way across town to the Central School Building in which the High School was located and the Debate try out was had. I recall the subject was the "Open Shop" & I was on the affirmative. I had made up a speech & practiced it diligently & I was the last speaker being only a Freshman. Tom was the first

speaker. Bill Fletcher the 2nd. I made my speech and ended it with a strong statement following with the expression "to wit" AND THAT'S A LEAD PIPE CINCH!" I got quite a bit of

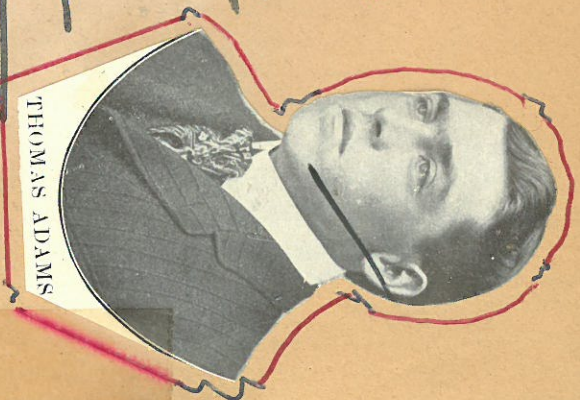
applause and some laughter at my enthusiastic expression. But that year I didn't make the Team as there were some real smart & brilliant fellows such as Newell Smith

Perry Schuler - Harry Pettigohn - Sam Hughton. The Fletcher Bros etc who were chosen on the 1st Team. However, what I was

feeling up to was that after our Debating Session was over I hurried home and to my joy I found that I had a Brand New

Baby Brother - Dr. Burroughs. Who brought all six of us into the world had been there at our home on No 6 Hill & Gene. As I

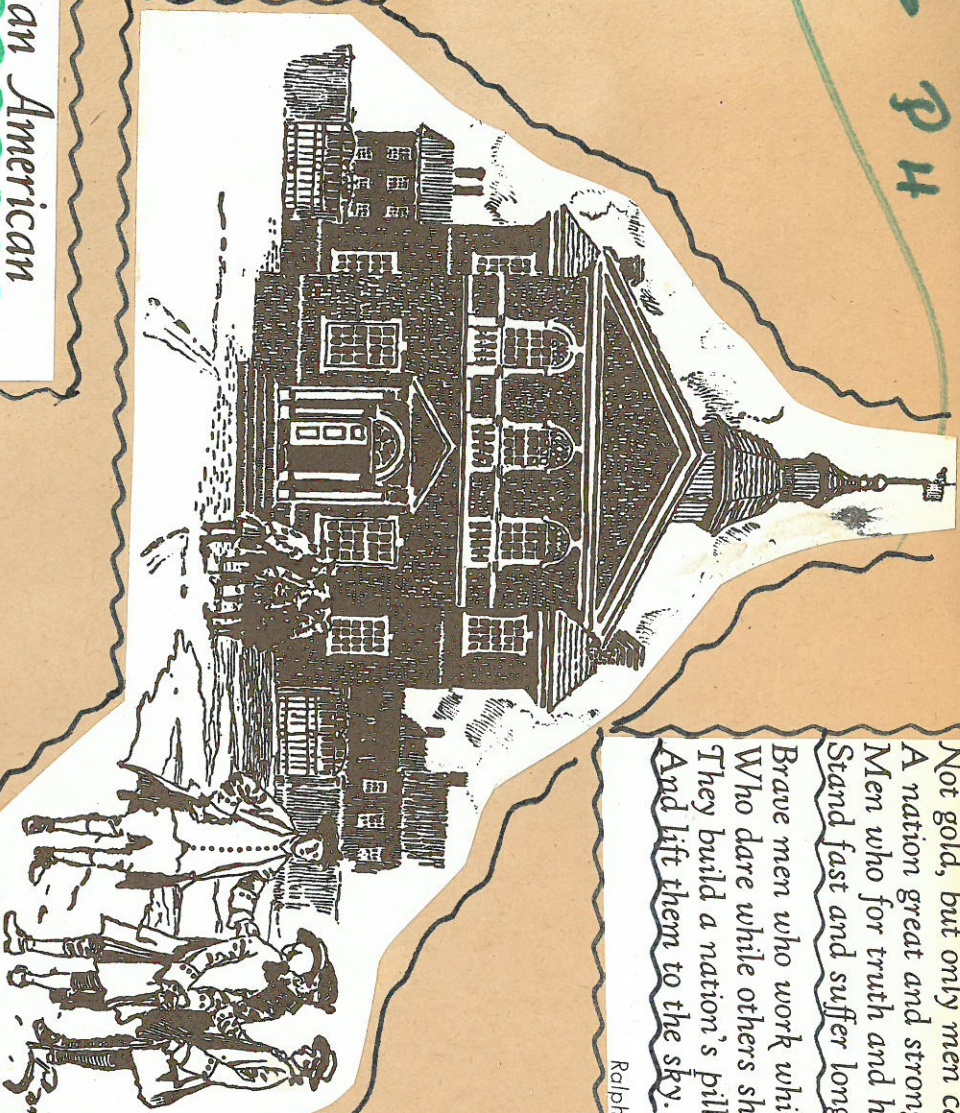
Came in the front Door I hear a Baby Cry & it was a Brother named Baby Boy - whom after he stopped BOUNCING - was named WILSON THEODORE GILSON - Wilson (after my Father - step-father - Al Wilson of Lebanon, Ore - and "Teddy" however - a political favorite of my father. He was Father Ouellet's this one vote this day - Jan 25, 1925. As a sequel TED died in L.A. on Dec. 23-1974. age 49 yrs. 2 mos & 29 days. He attended his funeral in late Dec. 74 - 81 had the privilege of placing "Taps" at Forest Lawn



Yakov P4

Not gold, but only men can make
A nation great and strong;
Men who for truth and honor's sake,
Stand fast and suffer long.
Brave men who work while others sleep
Who dare while others shy,
They build a nation's pillars deep,
And lift them to the sky.

Ralph Waldo Emerson



Jo Be an American

Lucille McBroom Crumley

I wish to dream and build,
To fail and to succeed.

I want to earn my daily bread,
Not have existence guaranteed.

I want to face life's challenges;
Stand unafraid, erect and proud,
To think for myself and to act
American . . . free, unkept, unbowed

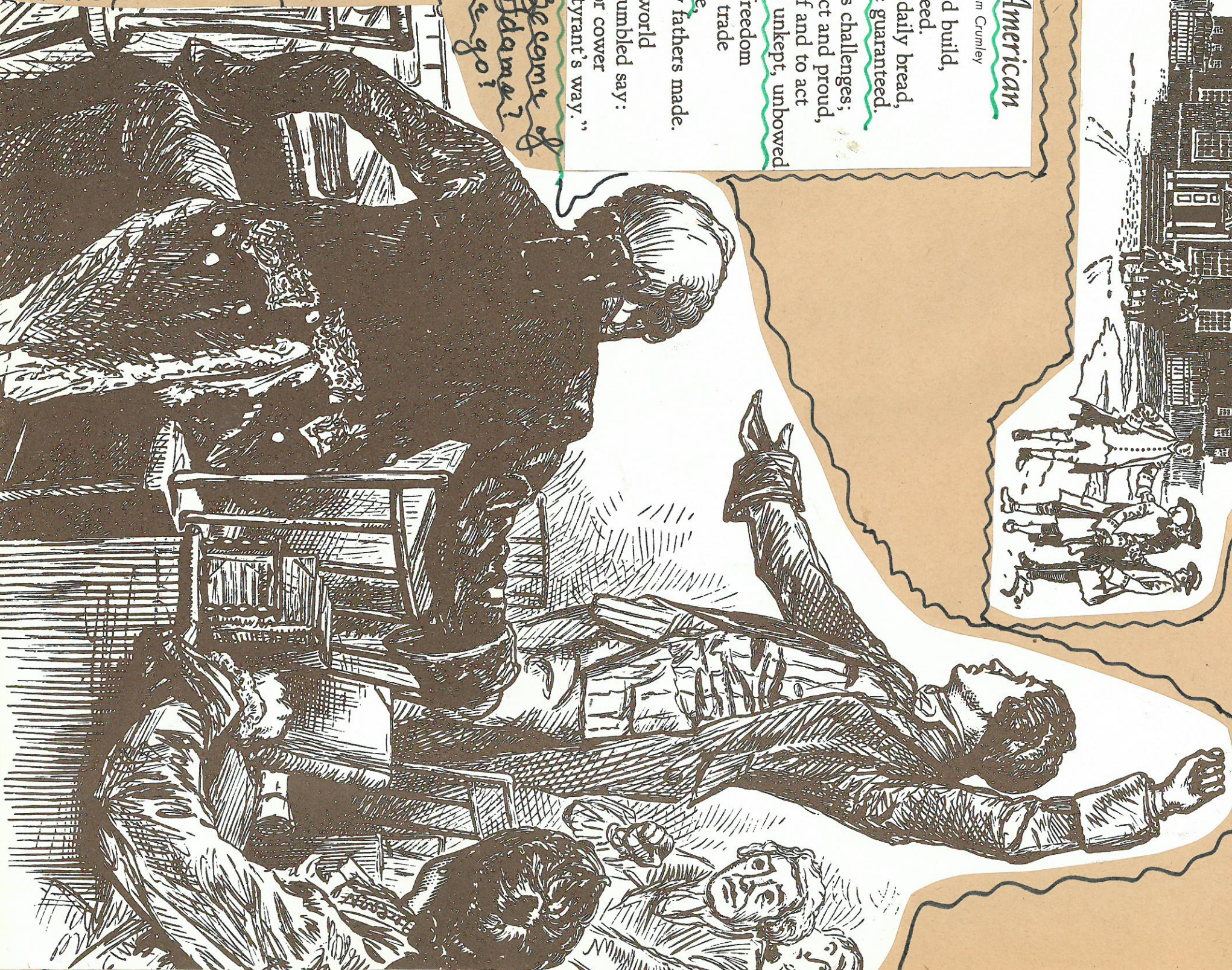
I do not wish my freedom
Nor my dignity to trade
Or barter for a dole,
The precedents my fathers made.

And so I face the world
To boldly and unhumiliated say:
"I will not bow nor cover
For any master or tyrant's way."

What ever became of
Thomas Paine?
Where did he go?
What did
he do?

He was a
sort of
ideal man
to me. So
gentle-kind
and yet a
firm strong
speaking
voice-maybe

Someone will
find out & write
it down here.
Roy Gibson



ZELMA CHRISTIANSEN

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Zelma

ZELMA CHRISTENSEN. Classical. Girls' Glee Club, 4; Class Secretary, 4; Star, 4; Class Prophet.

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Mrs. Guy E. Howell - Treasurer
1341- Seignour - South-Salem, Ore.
Birth Day
Birth Place

Daughter Jean Reed -
Saw her in Salem - May 1945
at newspaper office.

Father

Mother

Brother

Bro-in-law

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JOHN THIEL
Vice President

H. E. CHRISTENSEN
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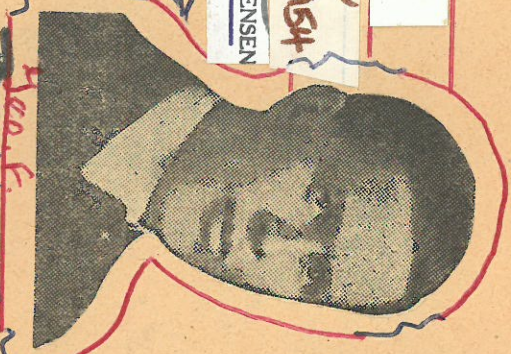
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One Dollar Starts an Account with

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Geo. E. Christensen
Brother
Tall dignified

Geo. E. 4" guy



Brother - Geo. E. Christensen

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SALEM, OREGON

Jean gave me this card. BUT
I have forgotten what she
said was her relation to
these people in Birmingham

Christensen Dies in California; Former County Clerk in Ritzville

March-1954

STEVENSON, Wash.—A man who played several key roles in Ritzville's earlier days and later became even more prominent in Stevenson died last week in Long Beach, Calif.

He was George F. Christensen, sr., 79, Stevenson banker and former member of the Democratic national committee and the Washington state legislature.

Christensen lived in Ritzville for a number of years at the turn of the century.

He operated a dry goods store in Ritzville and served as Adams county clerk from 1908 to 1907. He was president of the Adams County Abstract company for six years and editor of the Ritzville Times, later consolidated with the Adams County Journal, for two years.



Christensen was a brother-in-law to G. E. Lovell, Ritzville attorney who practiced in partnership with Richard B. Ott during his final year in Ritzville before moving to Spokane.

Arriving in Stevenson in 1910, Christensen plunged into an even more active life.

He became chairman and president of the Bank of Stevenson, serving as chairman at the time of his death. He served several terms as mayor and was a school board member for 25 years.

Christensen was chairman of the Washington Democratic Central committee from 1918 to 1922. He was a Washington delegate to the Democratic national committee from 1922 to 1930, when he resigned to join the Republican party.

AFTER THIS transition Christensen went on to become vice chairman of the Republican state central committee in 1937. He was a Democratic member of the state senate from the 16th legislative district in 1923-25 and a Republican member in 1931-33, and served in the house of representatives from 1943 to 1947.

Christensen was elected a prohibition-repeal delegate to the national constitutional convention in 1933. A native of Minneapolis, Minn., he was buried last Saturday in Stevenson.



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GEORGE F. CHRISTENSEN

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Geo. F. Christensen - died - March

1954-03-19

If we noticed little pleasures as we notice little pains - If we forgot our losses, and remembered all our gains - If we looked for people's virtues, and their faults refused to see - That a comfortable, happy, cheerful place this world would be!

Courtesy The New England Adage

HARRY DAVENNY

H.D. '06
 Class 10



HARRY G. DAVENNY. Scientific. R. H. S. A. A., 2, 3, 4; Forum, 2, 3; Athenian, 4; Cadet Corps, 3; Wheat Staff, 4; Baseball, 4; Class Basket Ball, 3.

Dr. Harry G. Davenny - D.D.S. U.S.F. 1914
 Whitman College Walla Walla Id - 1910
 Phi Delta Theta -
 Died - 6-30-1916 in Seattle, Wash
 (as Reported by Whitman College Bulletin)
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Father Merchant
 Mother Merchant
 Brother - Fred Merchant
 Brother - Alton Merchant

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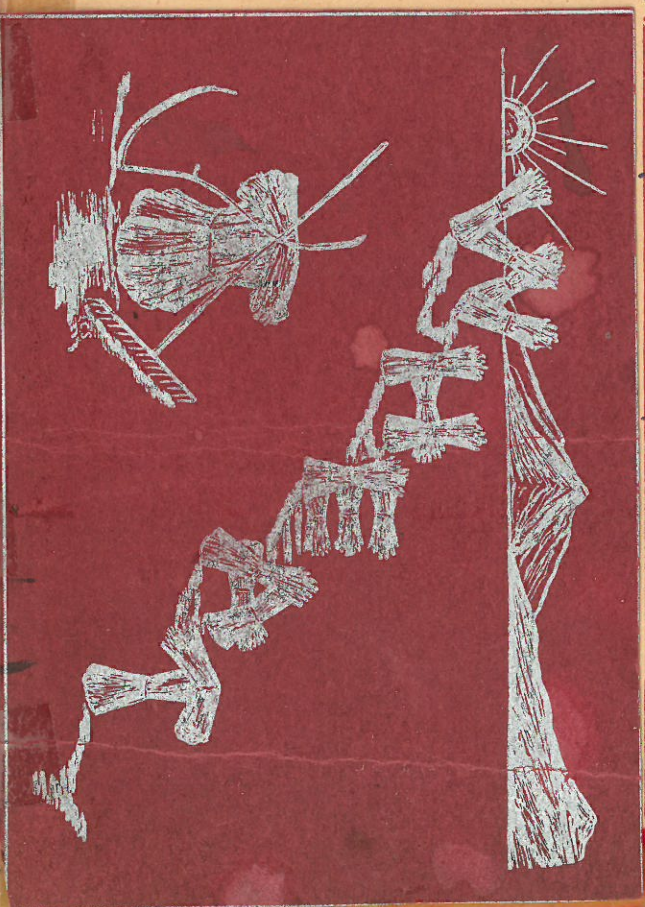
Bro Fred -
 Bro Alton

Merchant
 Davenny Ritzville



The Saturday Night - BATH!

Harry Davenny - Business mgr - 0



to have a long time since I have seen or heard of you, but I truly got word of you, when the no further alumnae. I hope you are married now and have a family. I wish I knew from you, so you can tell me all the news of yourself and family. I know you will and tell me all our old friends. I am young and a town of you, I am a kind of the new since then. If you can send me \$20, as soon as you get it, I will be very thankful and will repay it, as soon as I get my check.

Yours old Pal.
H. G. Davenport

H. G. Davenport
1317-3rd. Ave.
Seattle, Wash.
Have him more than 20-19
Dr. Roy Gilson
209 Davenport Ave.
Modesto, Calif.



Complied with his request (touch) but no response. I read in the Whitman College Bulletin the Alumnus Issue of Sept. 1967 that HARRY G. DAVENNY DIED in Seattle, Wash. on June 30, 1966 I was at Whitman College during the year 1909-10 when Harry was there as a Senior. We both belonged to the same Fraternity the Phi Delta Theta. He graduated in June of 1910 and we worked in the grocery of his brothers Alton & Fred at Ritzville. In Sept he went back to the University of Pennsylvania and after a 4 year course graduated with the Degree Doctor of Dental Surgery. He returned to Ritzville and when he went to Spokane to take the Washington State Dental Board I went along as his patient and like to think I helped him pass the examination to receive his license. He then opened up an office in Ritzville where Dr. Lloyd Haight now has his office. Roy Gilson

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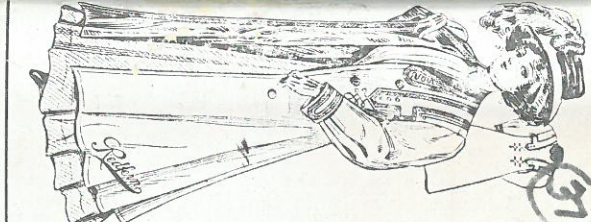
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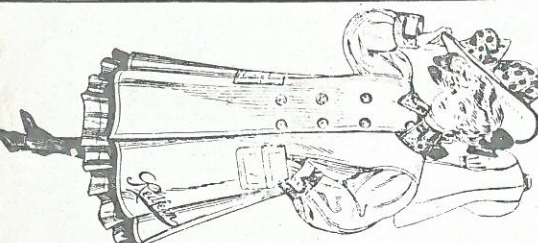
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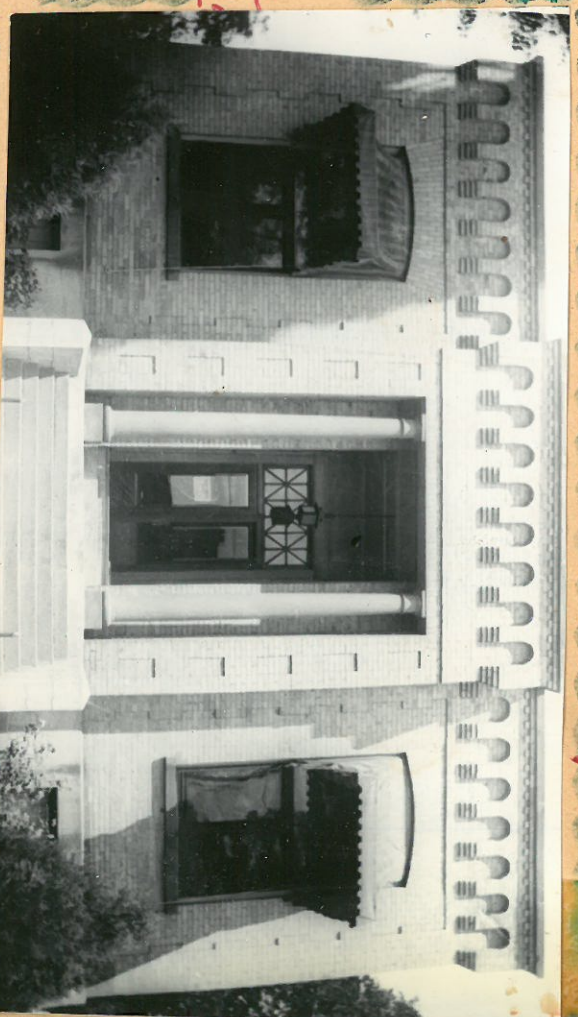
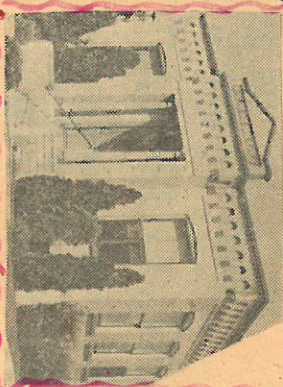
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Deceased
Bayer
Graduate of Whuman College - 1910



Father -
Librarian Carnegie
Library - Ritzville



SIGNATURE
BIRTH DAY
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FATHER
MOTHER

was Librarian in
Carnegie Library

Sam's father, Mr. Daniel Hughart, was the first Librarian. I was impressed by him as a silent-erabby person but later I realized he was just doing his job in trying to

Keep us kids

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

It was more than ten years ago that the citizens of Ritzville first established a reading room for the use of the public, and with the gift of about 675 volumes by Daniel Buchanan, there began what has since grown into a library of over 5100 volumes, having a paid Librarian and occupying quarters which

the was a small quiet man with a set of full gray whiskers. Dark

Summers passed and he looked at you over the top of the very seriously

Mrs. Myers Resigns Librarian Position

Mrs. Florence Myers, head librarian in Ritzville for many years, has resigned effective June 1. Mrs. Myrtle Schwartz will take Mrs. Myers' place, according to an announcement by Mrs. Lloyd Haight, chairman of the library board. Mrs. Haight said the board has appointed an assistant

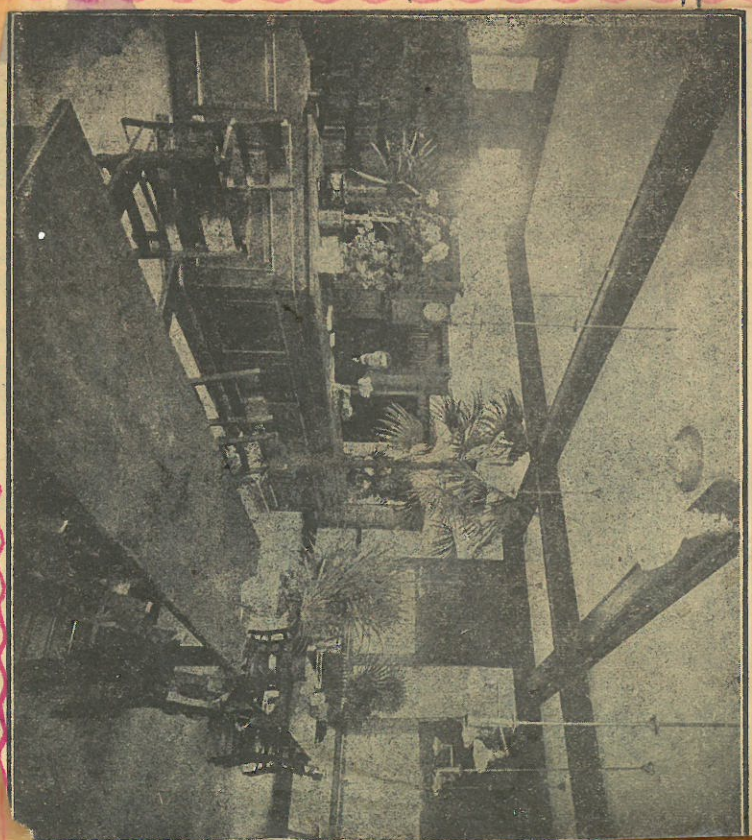
Voters Offered Sitting Service

There will be free baby-sitting service for all interested voters between the hours of 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the city library basement.

The intermediate Girl Scouts and the fourth grade Brownies are offering this free service to teh voters on election day as a means of getting all possible voters to the polls. There will be one adult and four to six girls at the library basement during these hours, allowing children to be left there while the parents go to the polls to vote.

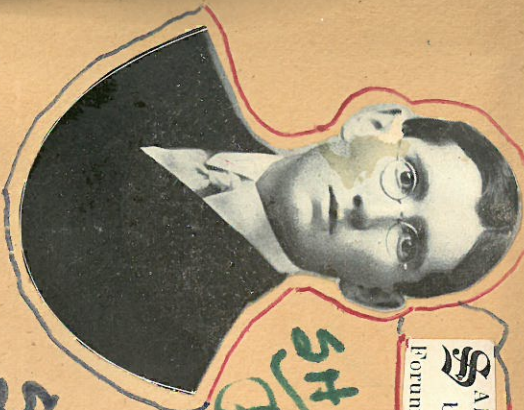
New Books Listed by Mrs. Gillis, Local Librarian

Mrs. Lloyd Gillis, Ritzville public librarian, disclosed the following list of new books added to the libraries shelves during the months of May and June. Recently acquired books in the adult fiction section are: "The Crown of Glory" by Agnes Turnbull, "The Big Eye" by Max Ehrlich, "Nine Brides and Granny Hite" by Neill Wilson,



Interior Ritzville Public Library.

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Samuel Hughart-
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Local Library Will Celebrate National Week

Like many good causes in America, the libraries have a week during which attention is called to their activities and services and this year "National Library Week" is April 16-22.

Mrs. Florence Myers, librarian, said the Ritzville public library will celebrate the national week by offering borrowers one day on which they may return books without payment of fines.

The day will be Tuesday. "In some instances of long overdue books and magazines, the fines amount to more than the value of the book," Mrs. Myers said. "Fines are charged at the rate of two cents a day. "In some instances, books are out of print and cannot be replaced. The loss of a magazine breaks a complete file.

"For these reasons, we very much want the books and magazines returned. They mean more than the fines," Mrs. Myers said.

She said after Tuesday, a single notice will be sent to all persons with overdue books and magazines. If the books or magazines are not returned within 30 days, legal steps may be taken to secure the return of the material," she added.

Persons willfully retaining books or other material at the library may be found guilty of a misdemeanor, according to a state law.

Library Group Plans to Aid Book Readers

A group of Ritzville patrons meeting at the library Saturday evening, discussed possibilities of forming a "Friends of the Library" auxiliary.

Such organizations are now operating in some of the larger cities in the state.

Ritzville library this year is commemorating its 50th anniversary.

It is hoped that at the open house scheduled for November 20, during National Book week, persons interested in encouraging wider use of the library in community life will sign up as "Friends of the Library."

"Friends of the Library" are personal ambassadors to clubs and organizations, inviting use of available materials for programming and research. In some communities they sponsor and procure story-tellers for children's story hours, which is a project contemplated by the local group.

"Friends of the Library" seek to advertise the little known services of their library. For instance, sources of information are available from the University library or from the Bibliographical library serving the Northwest and parts of Canada.

THESE REFERENCES are available quickly and free of charge through the local library. . . though seldom requested, backers said.

Suggestions offered by the group concerned placing a library sign along the present highway and the new limited access highway, a bulletin board in the business district, new books for the children's department, story hours, making books available on a rotating basis for the hospital and allowing space for the Adams County Historical society records.

The library board will be host to the open house November 20 in the library parlors.

If do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth, Genesis 9:13



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Samuel's father - Effluent Librarian for years -

Ritzville's Library Draws Praise

Adams county delegates to the Friday Governor's Regional Conference on Libraries in Spokane heard praise for Ritzville's "spruced up" library from Miss Currier, former Mississippi state librarian, in her "outsider's view" of eastern Washington libraries.

She commented on redecoration and new furniture for Ritzville's Carnegie building to the 315 conference delegates.

In the Spokane area since February 1 working as consultant on a merger study, Miss Currier has toured many libraries in the eight-county area from which delegates came.

The Mississippian found libraries generally well located. "But even though they are in the right place, that still doesn't mean that you can find them," she emphasized, suggesting some business for sign makers.

Appearance ranged, she said, from "as beautiful as I have ever seen" to "the worst."

service programs to "skyrocket." She found materials on shelves "tragically spotty and uneven," recalling "rows and rows of low-grade children's trash, out-of-date pot boiler novels and hideously-mended tomes which are unloved and unread."

On the brighter side, she also saw "rich and valuable" collections of art, science, music and Northwest history.

Deploing the lack of trained librarians—which she found especially severe in non-urban areas—she suggested a solution in a "beefed up" in-service training program that is a joint project of all libraries in an area which "must man its barricades with untrained troops". She revealed that "credible library work" is being done by persons without graduate degrees.

Miss Currier believes strongly in giving the library user access to all materials, and she was happy to find lending policies being liberalized in some areas. "More books are getting home now and that is a great leap in the right direction," she said.

saw public libraries remiss here. School and college libraries are making progress, she said, "but the public libraries had better get with it or they are going to be left at the post."

Sensing a welcome "mounting groundswell of citizen interest," she pointed out that "people are sometimes more imaginative and more excited than librarians about what librarians are doing."

Strongly supporting cooperation between all types of libraries, she warned against too much talk and too little action. "Cooperation is like heaven—everybody talkin' about it ain't goin' there," she jibed.

Specific recommendations from the 12 groups that discussed ideas stirred by morning speeches and the "multi-media" Library of the Future presentation generally supported Mrs. Currier's views.

In a conference-end verbal summary, John Fahy of the Eastern Washington State College faculty pointed to "almost unanimous" support of the partially-autonomous proposed statewide library network plan, described by State Library Commission member John

The plan would link all types of libraries together to transmit both graphic and printed material, utilizing computer-produced directories of holdings of all. The state system would tie into a national hookup.

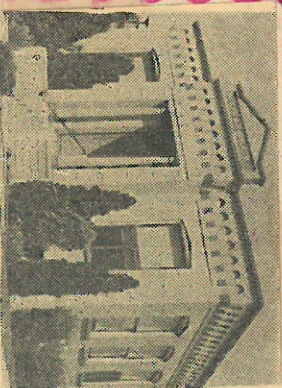
Gov. Daniel J. Evans, in his luncheon address, asked: "Does the local, community library, standing alone, represent the best and most effective means available to serve the knowledge explosion?" He pointed to the 1,000 new books published daily in his support of the network and regional development.

Discussion groups also asked for: Special attention to now-unserved remote and isolated areas; more programs for "special" groups (aged, infirm, young); longer library hours; more cooperation, especially between school and public libraries; and more money, perhaps through tax structure revisions.

A strong plea was made for more public involvement, too. "What is going on in the library is taking place with the shades pulled down....pull the shades up, and let the public look through."

Fahy urged on behalf of the discussion groups in his summary. Mrs. Aaron Thiel and Mrs. Fred Schmidt of Ritzville served on the regional planning committee. An exhibit of Adams county library service was prepared by Mrs. Thiel for the conference.

Steve was born Oct 1906 To the library Remember the day it was dedicated Royal Son - 09



Library Marks Anniversary; 50 Present

The 60th anniversary of the Ritzville library was observed with open house at the building attended by about 50 persons November 20.

Mrs. Gladys Puckett of the Spokane library reviewed briefly a number of current books. Of the non-fiction books widely enjoyed this winter, Mrs. Puckett recommended several, including:

"Queen of France" by Castellet; "Fine Art of Reading" by Cecil; "Russia Revisited" by Fischer; "Bridgehead" by Frank; "Face to Face" by Menta and "Where Did You Go? Out! What Did You Do? Nothing" by Smith.

THE LATTER book was chosen by Readers' Digest for its December issue condensation.

"Rawhide Journey", a story for young adults based on the building of the railroad between Walla Walla and Wallula in 1870, was recommended for light fiction reading.

Introduced to those attending the open house were Mrs. Florence Myers, Ritzville librarian; Mrs. Myrtle Swartz, assistant, and members of the library board Mrs. Loyd R. Haight, Mrs. Jack Kittle, Mrs. David Hoetel, Leonard Jansen and James Kadlec.

Mrs. Puckett pointed out that in many communities such activities as the open house are sponsored by an organization of national recognition but of local government entitled "Friends of the Library."

SUCH AN organization could devise fund-raising projects to supply the local library with facilities not provided in the budget, she said.

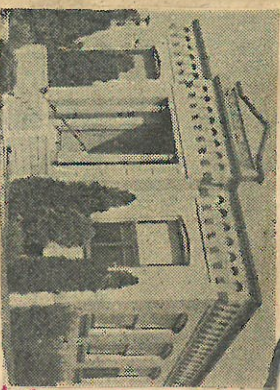
During the refreshment hour, a member of those present signed a pre-organization book of "Friends of the Library." Active organization is proposed during the new year.

Anyone interested in participating in this organization is being invited to contact Mrs. Henry L. Green, chairman.

covered stone

Carnegie Library

This beautiful building is the gift of Andrew Carnegie Philanthropist
 5th 1906
 451 noted on for map past 10 years in the house first
 194
 8/29/68



Donis Books Given to City Library

A gift of more than four hundred books covering many of the finest works of literature in the western civilization was received by the Ritzville city library Tuesday at noon.

Mrs. Myrtle Schwartz, city librarian said that she had expected the books, "but not this soon."

She is faced with an immediate problem because of the early delivery date. The books which were part of the estate of long-time resident of Ritzville, Vic Donis, need new shelves. Mrs. Schwartz said she will bring up the matter in the next meeting of the city library Board. The Board meets Tuesday.

Mrs. Schwartz said this of the gift, "the memory of Vic Donis will live on for many years. Known as a man of learning and deep interests in world affairs and in the field of literature, he was also a man with the interests of his community in mind."

The books, 408 in all, include, the complete works of Voltaire, the works of Mark Twain, the works of Joseph Conrad, Guy de Maupassant, Victor Hugo, Tolstoy, Dumas and many other giants of literature. At the board meeting Mrs.



Masterpieces in World Literature

Mrs. Myrtle Schwartz looks over the collection of books given to the city library by the late Vic Donis. The collection includes works that range from Plato to Herbert Hoover. Mrs. Schwartz said she now would like to see the collection in "a suitable setting."

Victor Donis - Emily Donkard 1945

Schwartz said that she will try to convince the members that the book collection should be kept together as a unit. "If you put them on the shelves," she said, "they lose their meaning as a gift."

Ritzville Library Nears Norm Says Mrs. Swartz After Parley

Mrs. Myrtle Schwartz, Ritzville librarian, attended a recent library conference in Tacoma. 5/16/68

Much of the business of which she described as "very interesting but far afield from the usual library scope of interest and operations."

The conference was held in the Winthrop hotel with about 275 librarians attending. The theme was "the challenge of urban growth." Mrs. Schwartz said that, while the growth of cities can have a profound effect on library operation, some of the subjects discussed under the general heading had little or no relevance to libraries.

For example, she cited discussions of transportation problems, housing, air and water pollution, integration.

next door-west
 But Henry Amer family left
 must have been completed
 Dedicated about 1900 as we
 left this place about that time
 moved to our new home on
 nob hill next to where the
 family of Watson myer lived

One report on Saturday, she added, was to the effect that librarians need some image building: "the old image of a librarian should receive decent burial." At the same time Mrs. Schwartz pointed out that some libraries are indeed old fashioned. She said she was amazed at the number of libraries within the state which don't have phones.

A suggested norm for libraries brought up at the meeting was that they have an average of 10 books per capita. She added that Ritzville was rapidly approaching that norm. The library now has a shade under 10,000 books and there are, she said, 1000 active cards.

Redecorating Brightens Library

Ritzville's public library has a bright new look.

Outside and inside, new paint has been applied. A 16-foot double sided, six-shelf book cabinet has been built and installed out front and center of the old book stacks. It adds an inviting prospect as patrons enter.

"This is our browsing shelf," librarian Myrtle Schwartz commented. Books the casual reading public might never realize are on hand can be put in this showcase, so to speak. Mrs. Schwartz said she had placed several reference works out front now, and has noticed children especially have begun using them where they weren't disturbed before.

BROWSING IS something that's almost gone from libraries as a custom, the enthusiastic book lover remarked. "People are in too big a hurry, and if you can't show them what they think they want in just a couple of minutes, they're on their way."

She added that a library is for browsing and that you can't enjoy what it has to offer if you're in a hurry.

Added in this year's improvement program at the library is a reading table and chairs installed in the junior department. Because of the rearrangement of books made possible by the new shelf fixture, the Ritzville library is not chock-a-block full of books for the first time in 14 years that the present librarian has been there. "IT'S A REAL pleasure, I can

assure you," Mrs. Schwartz said. As a community project members of the Snappy Snippers 4-H Sewing club volunteered to help move the books from their places on the old shelf spaces to the expanded shelving provisions. It was a project planned for several weeks, and carried out last Thursday afternoon.

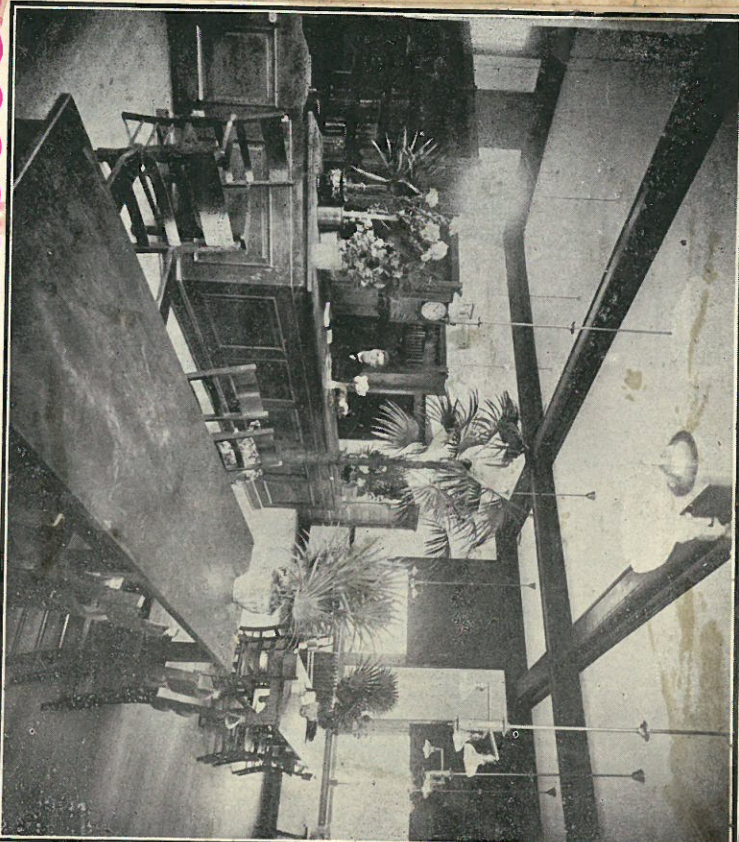
Club leader Mrs. Richard Telecky helped by directing the girls' efforts. Each used a dusting cloth. It was something like moving the furnishings all around a home that has been added on to, made a six-room house instead of a five-room house.

The girls who went to the city library after school Thursday were Karen Jacky, Nancy Telecky, Julie Hinz, Christine Kubik and Sandy Werth. Club members Doris Jane Lyman and Jaidine Brewer weren't able to be at the book moving bee.

LIBRARIAN Schwartz listed other recent improvements at the library. Last year the building received a re-roofing job. A new history was put in. The staff has a new typewriter to use.

Old, dark-stained wood facing in the reading rooms has been recovered with light colored finishing plywood.

"We think the library is a pleasant place to spend some spare time, and we invite you to come here and enjoy the treasure house of information that awaits your inquiry," Mrs. Schwartz said.



In the Public Library at Ritzville

'Books by Phone' Coming

By 1980 Ritzville students may be able to go to their local library and obtain books on the Quantum theory, the plays of Moliere, or the science of aerodynamics.

The books which are not on Ritzville public library shelves would, as Mrs. Myrtle J. Schwartz, local

librarian, explained be speeded to the library by means of a direct telephone network proposed to link libraries all over the state.

Mrs. Schwartz learned about the proposal at what she termed "the most important conference I have attended in my 14 years of library work." The meeting of 75 librarians of Eastern Washington took place in Spokane earlier this month.

Mrs. Schwartz explained that librarians around the state would be grouped in regions. Then each library within a region would have a direct line to a central library where listings of all books available in public libraries of the state would be kept. A given book could be traced down within minutes and

mailed directly to the requesting library.

She said that there is already an inter-library loan program in the state, but that ordering a book through it is time consuming both for the librarian and for the person who wants a book. She added that there are not now any comprehensive files of all state books as those envisioned by the program.

Librarian Schwartz thought the idea of the network was good; but she indicated some reservations. She pointed out that it might cost several hundred dollars to install the equipment. And, once it was in operation, it might drain off the books of smaller libraries such as Ritzville's.

Maybe in the future some Ritzville students will add here a history of this great old Ritzville Ritzville Ritzville who promote it?

How well I remember the day it was dedicated

The corner stone was laid. As I recall it

was at the location as indicated on the map

on the page. As I recall it was a nice day with

a small group of citizens then. It must have

been on a Saturday as I wasn't in school

that day & I never missed. I watched the placing

of the metal box with articles put in

as usual such as local papers (news) the

program of events. Those participating at

the day were very young boys & girls

was it a day of joy & pride?

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I'll on my head and was knocked

as out. The result was a little

excitement as I still carry a

horse-shaped scar on the

left side of my head just above

the temple. It bothered me

or my pride as the hair

did not grow in the scar

hidden by my hair but

now when I'm married I

with wedding anniversary

has receded with the advance-

ment of old age - nearly 15 years

and the scar is fear is rather

table as I am but the incident

is still there. If you look

at my school picture you will

notice I parted my hair on the

left side so as to cover the

scar. This is only one instance

of my boyhood which I have taken

time to write down when

anyone will ever read this

you can see I carried my

semblance of interest

I spent all my tender

years in this block and

how well I remember many

other things which happened

on that corner but that

is another story - that

you - Roy G. Olson - 3/26/19

LAURA LEWIS

HL-26

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LAURA LEWIS. Scientific. Girls' Glee Club, 4; Star, 3, 4; K. K., 3; Class Artist, 4; Author of Class Song, 4; Wheat Staff, 4.

Mrs. Fred W. Johnson

East Rowan - 10 Mrs. J. H. Spence

Birth Day

Birth Place



06

Laura B. Johnson
2521 E. Rowan Ave
Spokane 29

Laura wrote me several letters and also on July 1, 1958 sent me the following:-
1 copy of the 1906 Annual of Wheat.
1 copy of the 1907 " Javelin
1 copy of the 1909 " Speelyet
These have been a wonderful help in furnishing material for the Classes of 1905-6-7-8 and '09 in pictures and write-ups used in these books.
Roy Gilson

Laura B. Johnson,
2521 E. Rowan Ave
Spokane 29
Wash.



Father -

Mother -

Sister - Mrs. W. R. Peters

Aunt - I

Niece - Zerita Peters - 1910

Daughter - Born in 1944 -

Son - Born in 1936 - who has daughter

50 Key + wife

from Laura (Lucia) Johnson

Born in 1957 -



CONTENTS: MERCHANDISE
POSTMASTER: THIS PARCEL
MAY BE OPENED FOR POSTAL
INSPECTION IF NECESSARY.
RETURN POSTAGE GUARANTEED.

FROM Laura B. Johnson

2521 E. Rowan Ave
Spokane 29 Wash.

TO Mrs. Fred W. Johnson

814 - 14th St.

Proctor

Calif.



Laura Lewis Johnson
wonderful person
our neighbor and
sister of Mrs. W. R.
Peters + aunt of
Zerita - class - 1910
I could write a
Book on her per-
sonality. Graduated
Irene and of the
Peters family -



Milliners kept busy fashioning elegant hats like the one shown.

1906

Mrs. Laura Johnson,
2521 East Rowan Ave.,
Spokane, Washington.

1949-14
1958

Dear Laura:-

Laura Johnson
2521 E Rowan Ave
Spokane 28
Wash.



Laura Johnson - 1956

Dear Roy

1958

July 14

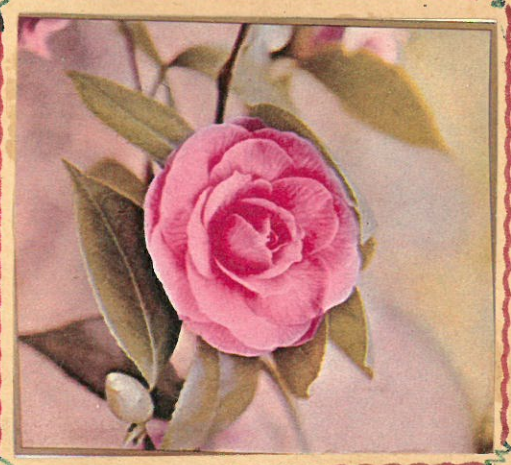
Sorry to keep you waiting so long for the books but had to find them & let all look them over. They almost decided to keep them but I thought they were better for you to have. Sorry they were so depapadated but the children have evidently been looking at or using them for play. I hadn't seen them for 30 years or more (Note most anything is delapidated after 30 years even me-RG). I have been alone for 20 years here and there and couldn't keep a home so lived in apartments. I have been NURSING as an LPN. all this time so have been busy. I surely enjoyed visiting with you and all the others, it brought back so many memories and people I hadn't thought of for years. We saw Ted (my brother, Gilson) and he showed us thru the big battleship at Wilmington about 1926. Floyd and Florence, (my sister and her husband, (Turners) Fred (Johnson) Ona and I were shown thru the big boat by Ted. It was the Utah. (Ted was in the navy then). We were helping Floyd in the Department S tore in L.A. (It was on Pico Ave). Then we bought a store at Pice & Vermont in which we worked for 3 years then returned to Oregon. Some time before we sold that store your folks came to L.A. from Bend. Ore. They traded their house hold goods for ours in L.A. We lived in the big brick house across the river from the Bned Hotel and they lived in the house at L.A. a 13 room place. That is why I knew they had so much stored in the upstairs closet and it was still there when we moved back to Spokane in 1933. We surely hated to leave L.A. but grandpa Johnson (Fred's father) was very sick and wanted Fred to come home. Your folks were like home folks to us and we surely enjoyed visiting with them. Then Florence & Floyd were there and we had such good times together. Like many we lost our money during the depression in 1930. But I have my daughter 14. My son is 22 and married to a lovely girl and they have a very sweet daughter 7 mos. old. (My granddaughter). That is Laura's).

I had better quit before you get tired reading this (Never) get tired of reading news from a graduate of RHS. RG). But she went on to philosophize some on life and her thoughts were very wise. Laura always was a very deep and lovely person and she had the gentleness of a good nurse. In the prophesy of the Glass written by Zelma Christensen she was pictured as a nurse out in the field during the war and English and Russian Soldiers were all around and she was rendering first aid to the wounded and she was awarded the Vistorian Cross for bravery and how close it came to happening as she did the same for many of her patients whom she cared for so lovingly for so long) RG.

you can imagine my pleasure and surprise to receive the 1905 Jewel and 1906 sheet a week or so ago and I want to thank you for them. You may not assured that I will take good care of them and if I can get a 1907 Sheet yet the list will be complete. I have most of it recorded though. The pictures I took at the banquet were fairly good as flash-lites go, people moving around, eating, excited and restless and good poses are hard to get. I am bust putting them in the book and hope you can be there next year and you can help me correct them.

I am enlarging the negatives I got from Mr. Floyd Height and was surprised at the results. Can identify most of the. They were the classes of 1900 and 1901. I am going to take portraits of the stories which you wrote and pictures of the Seniors on 1906 so the books will remain intact. I am also reproducing class pictures which I have of the 2nd and 4th grades under Prof. Holmes which was about 1900 and I was in the 3rd grade also have the one of the year following and with modern methods we can do wonders with old photographs.

I didn't get up to Spokane last year but hope to make it next year so there are several people I would like very much to see again. I also have a few relatives there yet. I am going to write to Amanda soon so she too so wonderful to me and was so interested in the books and pictures for one who was not a graduate. Often the meeting at Bob and Jennies Bill Rosenoff and I went to the Class of 1903 party at the Legion Hall. We had refreshments and I played for community singing and Bill led for about an hour. They surely had a ball. How well I remember the time in '34 when our 25th year was honored. John Kemel, Johnnie Stoops and many of those passed on were there to greet us. There were not so many then. We had the banquet in Ott's Hall. Johnnie soon it able to go that night. I remember how you used to write long stories by long hand and you got tired and cramp. Well again hope to see you next year. Make a special effort to be there if you can. Just close now and get to work. Sincerely, Roy Garrison



88 '06
Jan 2

Laura Johnson
2521 E Rowan Ave
Spokane 28
Wash.

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LL'ol - ^{Page 3} Laura Lewis = Johnson ^{Page 3} 14



Mar 12 '59

Dear Roy -

I want to
thank you and wish
you the best and hope
both of you are well, busy
and happy. And that you will have
a good summer when it comes. Also
hope to see you in July will be happy
and when you come to Spokane
I want to spend to have these moments
to spend you. Goodnight is a sleeping
of my Edwards, but perhaps you

received it at that time(clipping
of death of Mrs. Nora Edwards and a
brief history of her life. She was
the mother of Skinnay and Skee Ed-
wards.) Emma Bassett sent it to me
then and I found it in some of my
papers. Laura Simpson(Perkins) who
lives at Green Bluff said she wanted
to go down also. There are many more
here that I don't know their names
or addresses.
I and my family are fine and I
sure enjoy my great grand-daughter,
she is cute and active. My Grand-son
is taking a college course in science
of some kind. Granddaughter-14- is
first year in High School at Rogers.

They have a cabin at
Deer Lake. You would
enjoy a vacation there
It is now a big lake
but nice, good beach
and fishing. They can
hardly wait for sum-
mer to come.

We have had a
lovely winter, very
few cold days, lovely
snow storms and how
nice the world looks
all decorated with
shining snow. I am
sorry we have so few
birds and wild life.
It seems this is an
age of destruction,
they shoot almost any-
thing that moves,
birds of all kinds,
chipmunks, squirrels
and sometimes people.
Spokane is getting
to be quite a tough
town, so much crime

But this is an age of
speed and many other
conditions that don't
help.
I don't know how
you feel but I think
we have too many tav-
erns, too much smoking
drinking and dope is
getting a hold here
too.

Well, I think we
had more good, clean
fun in our day. we
didn't
need to
be so
afraid

Dear Roy & wife:-
Dec 20, 1962
2521 E. Rowan Ave.,
Spokane, Wash. 28.
I received your letter and Xmas wishes-
and thank you for the picture. I enjoyed
the Annual Banquet if I could only go each
time. But so many have passed away this
year and many more before another year
passes.

I retired last spring (1962) and took
it easy for a few days. Visited relatives
for a few months and upon return to Spo-
kane was called upon to help an elderly
lady for 2 months This was about Sept-1-62
Returned home Nov. 2, 1962 was called to
companion an elderly lady on a trip. Her
husband was along but he was a business
man and didn't want to leave her alone.
We went to Chicago, Montreal, Ottawa,
Toronto, and Quebec and took in all the
sights. I didn't waste much time sleeping
as I was in the Dome Car to see as much
of the country and sights as possible so
it was a wonderful trip. We came back to
Boston where their daughter & family live
We visited with them and they took us on
a sight seeing bus and we took in all the
historical Buildings. and parks and homes.
Had dinner at the Wayside Inn, saw the
Little Red School House where Mary's Little
Land, in the song, was sent home; Paul
Revere's House which was supposed to be
just as it was when he was there, My, that
furniture was really something and also
saw Old Ironsides, quite a boat. I could-
nt figure how they did all that wood &
stone carving. I surely enjoyed the trip,
and returned home Dec 8th, 1962.

I think it is great if you can get a
History of the Ritzville High School and
if I can help let me know. (She is being
called on for help). I am glad you had a
nice trip this summer. Newell wrote that
he was so disappointed that he missed you
I think his health is failing. (Yes it was
and he passed away in Feb. 1967.) (Smith-
RHS 1906). Newell is a good Christian man
has had a troubled and mixed up life. I
can't complain about life tho as I have
my youngsters and they are good to me.
Maybe we will see each other this year
at Reunion time & I am wishing you and
your wife a Merry Xmas and a Happy New
Year. As ever,
Laura B Johnson

Well Roy all isn't bad any way. I am
well with the same patient, done 3 yrs. now.
I like my work and feel fine. But I often
think of all my old friends - The times we
spent together. I think you again I plan to see
you soon. Love Laura.

The last letter I received from Laura Lewis
Johnson is above dated Dec 20, 1962. She was
a great help in sending data on RHS Graduates
She sent me a copy of the 1906 annual wheat
which has long since been incorporated into
the 1906 Banquet Book No. 2 A. The last I
heard was 9 years ago and I am almost afraid
to try to reach her as if alive she would be
about 84 or 5 now. Roy Gilson - 7-1-1971.

SIGNATURE	
BIRTH DAY	
BIRTH PLACE	
FATHER	
MOTHER	RITZVILLE
Sister - Mrs. J. R. Peters	
Aunt - Zerita Peters (1910) Dec	

wrote to her - and Reid - 8/26/73

Mr. Wilson: Aug 23, 1973.

Received your letter to Laura Johnson. I am her daughter. I knew your father & your brother Ted but don't believe I have ever met you, but have heard mother speak about you. She is 87 years old & is in a nursing home. She is quite well physically but her memory is gone. She still knows me but that is about all. As for the first graduate of Cityville High School, I don't know of anyone to give you information. Laura Johnson has passed away also. I am sorry that I couldn't be of any help.

Sincerely
Anna Cox

I was glad to hear that Laura was still alive but sorry that she will never write to me again. I hadn't heard about Laura Perkins Simpson or Frank Perkins (brother) told me to write her but more space - Roy Siason - 1909

EMMA NEWLAND

E. J. Pope
Jan 11



EMMA NEWLAND. Scientific, Star, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Glee Club, 4; K. K. 3; Vice President, 3.

Mrs. Albert H. Pohl
1800 Taylor Ave. Spokane, Wash.
Birth Day
Birth Place

Among the numerous students leaving to attend college are Emma Newland, '06; Bob Newland, '08, and Chas. Newland, '09, who are to attend W. S. C. this year.

The only Ritzville news I got is through Dad. Our concerned about Esther and Emma Newland's story - they are in a nursing home. I had to go around with all of the newland boys and find if hard to realize that Bob is an "elder" citizen and Hickman and Charles gone.

Beattie

Note from
Zora

Spring
1914

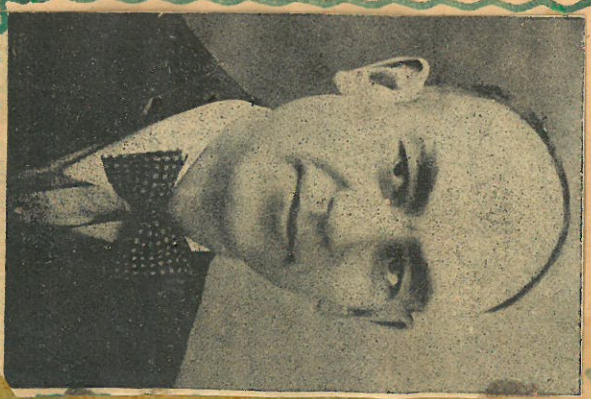
MOTHER
Brother Robert Newland-Ritzville '08
" Charles Newland 1909
Sister Esther Mrs. John Trux
Pros. Atty. Dec
Bro. Hickman Newland
Alabama County



John Trux
Attorney, also representative from...
...to Adams county, in 1908...
...in 1907, practicing attorney...
...and...
...and...

Da-Renee
Mrs. Richard Fairlie
born 50119th St-50017th-4148th

06



ALBERT A. POHL

Ritzville, Wash., Thursday, Nov. 4, 1937.

Golden Anniversary Celebrated By Store

Fifty years of merchandising in Ritzville and Adams county will be celebrated this weekend and all next week by the Myers-Shepley company with a huge anniversary sale. A. A. Pohl, manager, announced today.

The Myers-Shepley company is the oldest store in Adams county, operating continuously under practically the same name and with the same management centered in practically the same family during most of its life.

Pohl has been with the store for almost 28 years, and became owner and manager February 3, 1937, when he purchased the interests of Eugene F. Shepley, grandson of Franklin Shepley, founder of the institution. Pohl was manager of the dry goods department many years prior to that time.

Interesting History

The history of Myers-Shepley company reads somewhat like the history of nationally-famous merchandising institutions. It started with the small capital and great ambition of Franklin Shepley in the fall of 1867, on the corner now occupied by the Carnegie library.

A few months later, the firm of F. Shepley and Son was formed and survived until 1900 when Franklin Shepley died. Fred B. Shepley proved a worthy successor and soon consolidated with I. W. Myers, who operated a grocery store on the site now occupied by the present store. At that time, J. H. Finck also became associated with the store.

Mr. Myers' health began failing soon and he retired from the company in 1906, trading his stock out and maintained to serve the public with the greatest efficiency.

Store Well-Equipped

In the summer of 1926, Fred B. Shepley died, the reins of the business passing to his son, Eugene F. Shepley, who sold this year to Pohl. Shepley was a member of the American Legion and took an active part in civic affairs, being elected mayor shortly before he disposed of his interests here.

Pohl has always been active in civic affairs and now serves as a member of the city council. Among his valuable assistants in the store are Mrs. William Miller, office manager; Arthur Reiber, John Kagele and Art Roloff, grocery department; Miss Dena Koch and Miss Esie Brockling, dry goods department; and Jed Rowe, men's department.

The Myers-Shepley company is housed in one of the finest and most modern store buildings in the Inland Empire. It is the newest merchandising building in Ritzville, with one exception. The store is modernly equipped throughout and maintained to serve the public with the greatest efficiency.

Wednesday,
October 2nd, 1940.

*This letter should
have been returned
earlier*

*Laura Lewis's yard 11 1/2
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Dear Mrs. Gilson--

Thanks so much for your lovely letter received recently. Of all the many nice letters I received, I really think yours was the nicest. It was so aptly worded, and sounded so sincere, and so like your own kind self. I am sure, if she could have read it, Mamma would have felt as I do. Who knows, maybe she read it over my shoulder, and thanks you too.

I have been delayed in answering the different letters, due to just one thing and another preventing. Have had to run back and forth to Long Beach on business, and then have had company several times, some of them unexpected. That, and trying to get back to normal just seemed to fill the days so I couldn't get at letter writing.

I sold the store last Friday. Got just about enough out of it to clear off the many indebtednesses. But, I am thankful to get rid of it at all. It was nothing I could run myself, and to depend on help was not a paying proposition. Mamma kept the cousin who helped her far too long, and I don't intend to wet-nurse her along another 14 years like Mamma did. If Mamma hadn't felt such a bounden duty to that cousin, she, Mamma, would have been alive today. But, she just worked herself to death for others. For 2 years we have been after and after her to quit, and get a few years' rest and peace of mind, before her call came, but she felt she couldn't as long as the cousin stayed down here. And, everytime there was a chance for the cousin to go North, she just wouldn't, so she really was a millstone around Mamma's neck. Now, she will have to get out on her own, and she will find and maybe appreciate, too late, just what all Mamma did for her, during these past lean years.

nicely

I feel as you so phrase it in your letter that she has found the "peace that passeth understanding", and I am content and reconciled to it all, for I know she is so much better off now. So much better than she had been for so many years past. I really don't grieve like one might think, for I carry into my daily life the constant thought of the Peace and Rest from all earthly worries and aches and pains that she now enjoys. I feel the good Lord in his mercy just stepped in and took a hand when he thought it best, and gave her the break she wouldn't give herself.

Was surprised to learn that you folks were no longer in Hollywood. You certainly have a large place to take care of. But, just don't you go doing too much, at your age, it isn't advisable. Do try to take it a little easier, if you can. Seems as if you have just worked and worked, and worked, every since I knew you. You had better rest, too.

*Copy of letter from Laura's sister Mrs. M. R. Gilson
Peter wrote Oct. 2-1940 from Long Beach, Calif.
She died shortly after in 1940. M.R. Peters 1-28-53*

Golden R Reunion to Attract 27 Grad 13

The Golden R club will have at least 27 of its members present for a reunion Saturday in connection with the annual reunion of the Ritzville High School Alumni association.

Golden R club members are alumni of Ritzville High School whose graduation took place more than 50 years ago.

Learned about most recently, among those planning to attend, was Emmie Pohl, Seattle. Her graduation date precedes 1910. Her husband, Al Pohl, worked for the Myers and Shepley store here for many years.

Mrs. Pohl has a daughter, the former Renee Pohl, planning to attend the reunion of the 25-year-ago graduating class. She is now Mrs. Richard Faille of Seattle.

The Golden R club will hold their reunion at the Gritman Senior Center following the Saturday night banquet. 5-24-73

Two graduates of 1910 live in Ritzville, Bessie Young Langenheder and Andrew Towers. Both plan to attend the reunion. Two graduates in 1912 also live here,

Ralph Gillis and Anna Ott Manke. Other 1912 graduates who plan to be here are Nettie Tice Kluss and Alvina Thom Horch, both Spokane. Graduates of 1915 planning to attend are Audrey Tiller Edwards of Ritzville, Bertha Thom of Spokane, Henry A. Horn of Pullman and Richard Ott of Olympia.

Two of the class of 1916 live in Ritzville, William Wertheimberger and George Freese. A 1917 graduate, Anna Scott King, lives at Pullman and will be here. Lina Snyder Buhl, Ritzville, is a member of the class of 1918.

From the class of 1919 will be Louise Ott Webb, Pullman, Delia Greenwalt Rouse, Spokane, Faith Fassett Hubbard, Seattle; and Mona Thiel Rehn, Ritzville.

The class of 1920 will be represented by Esther Thiel Potter of Seattle. Three local persons graduated in 1921 and will attend. They are Daniel Kembel, Jake Hoeftel and Alice Gillett Oestreich. Also a 1921 graduate and planning to be here is Ruby Greenwalt Oman, Spokane.

The class of 1922 has three members, all Ritzville residents, who will be at the reunion. They are Roy Oestreich, Lydia Miller Manke and Irene Rowe McMurray.

*Emmie Pohl
(Emma Newland)*

Dr. Renee

Talked to her

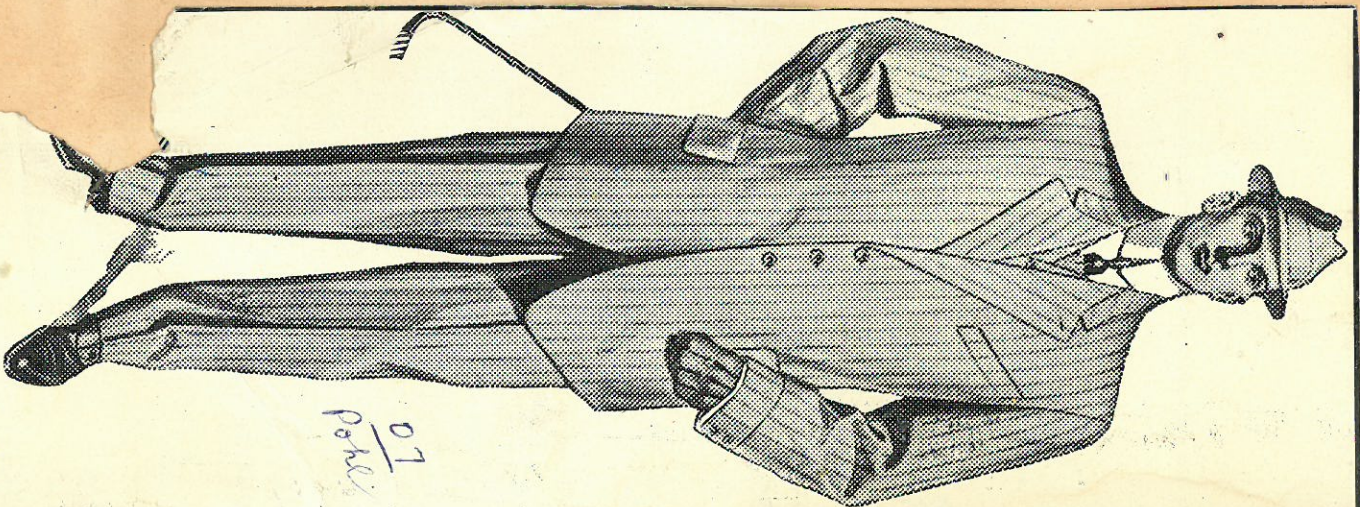
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Del Rey Gutsen

6/26/12 1909



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Myers-Shepley Co.

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AURA PERKINS. Scientific. Wheat Staff, 4; Crescent, 2, 4; Girls' Glee Club, 4; K. K., 3; Captain Girls' Basket Ball Team, 3.

Wm. W. Simpson Dec.

o K. C. Rembold-Spokana, Wash.

704228 in 1959

with pay -
with place



Father - John Henry Perkins (Teacher)

mother - Missie. (died in Spokane, Wash
May 20-1960 - age 94 yrs)

Brother - Frank Anderson Perkins (1909)

Brother - Fred
Santabarbara, Cal.

SIGNATURE

4706-1st Ave No 34. Spokane

**BIRTH
DAY**

June 24, 1889

**BIRTH
PLACE**

Liberty Mo.

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John Henry Perkins (first city & school bldg)
E. Perkins (came to Wash - in 1896)

MOTHER

Minis Beckind.

First City &
IND Co School Bldg
Came to Wash - in

Brother-Frank Anderson Perkins

Class of 1909-

9402 Keenway
Seattle, Wash

Brother - Fred

1871

330 Oldm.

Road

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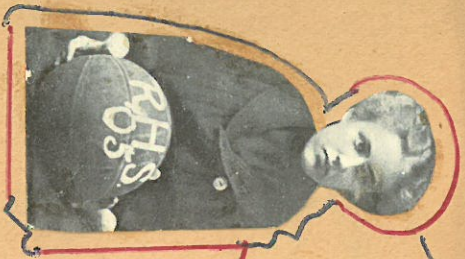


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Laura Perkins—"It was very clever, I never enjoyed a joke more."
Virgil B.—"You refer to the check I sent you for fifty kisses?"
Laura P.—"Yes."
Virgil B.—"What did you do with it?"
Laura—"O, Earle Thompson cashed it."

J. D. D.
1906

PERRY SCHULER

Off'd
Jan 11



Minister

PERRY SCHULER Scientific. Forum, 2, 3, 4; H. S. Orchestra, 3; R. H. S. A. A., 2, 3, 4; 1st. Lieutenant Cadet Corps, 3; Captain, 4; Star, 2, 3, 4; Walla Walla Debating Team, 3; Cheney Debating Team, 4; Captain Track, 4—; Manager Wheat, 4; Foot Ball, 4

Deceased

Born at

Date



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Among the contributors to a minister's donation party was a small but very bright boy belonging to one of the families of the congregation. After obtaining his mother's permission to spend his money for anything he pleased he went to the village store and returned home with a neat package. In it was a pair of suspenders, and attached to them was a card upon which was written in a scrawling hand: "Ladies Home Journal. For the Support of our Pastor."

The young pastor of the Christian church, Perry Schuler, '06, has returned East to resume his study of theology.

Father - Shonto S. Schuler
Mother -
Brother -



BIRTH PLACE

FATHER

MOTHER

Dr + Mrs E. C. Salmon

814-14th St.

Modesto

P 3-1496 - Encls.

At the advice of Mrs. Alma Galbreath we visited this lady, Mrs. Mary Martin who was making a piece of fancy work for Laddie to put in a frame and to place on the wall later.
This is the old S.S. Schuler house where Perry lived in Ritzville. Mr. Schuler was the Tyler in the Masonic Lodge at Ritzville when I was initiated into the Lodge. He was a carpenter.

Roy Gilson



Dec. 25-1955

Dear friends
Just received the picture
which the picture
hope to have at your
fine place soon.
(Xmas - 1955)
Best wishes to you both
Mary Martin

Died. May - 1961

Mrs. Scheel
Is Hostess

Mrs. Will Scheel served a luncheon to the Woman's Relief corps at her home Thursday with seven members attending.

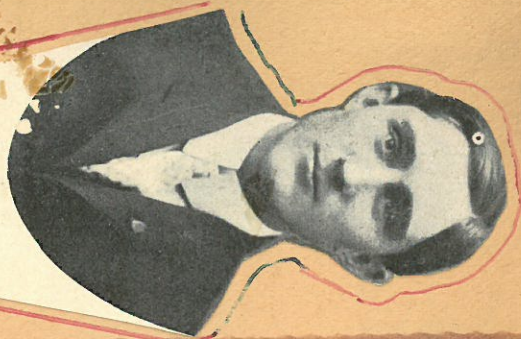
During the brief business meeting the group discussed the coming convention which will be held at Centralia in June.

Word was received of the death of Mrs. Mary Martin, a member of the corps and a former resident of Ritzville.

The next meeting of the corp will be at the home of Mrs. Walter Nissen on Thursday, June 15.



PERRY SCHULER



PERRY SCHULLER

Dear John, Aug 1st 1956
The 27th of July
received the material
for the Old Lady's port-
ure. Since that time,
I have done some work
on the same.
I hope to have the
Old Lady over your fire

Rev. Perry

Schuller

Place by the middle of
Sept.

So far have spent 16.75
for the material in-
cluding box, postage, four pack
successes by mail and mail

Dear John, Sept 1-1956

unable to finish
picture as promised.
am waiting for your
order made ago,

Two days with no
finished picture.

Mary Martin

Ortville, Wash.
Sept. 7 1/2 '55

Mrs Martin lived in
the old white house
which 55 Schuller

Gift raised
his family in picture

on opposite page with
Mrs. Mary Martin Gilson

Putville, Wash.

Feb. 3rd 1956

Dear Dr. + Mrs. Gilson

I hope you received
my note written in N.Y.
I returned home safe
+ sound, but very tired
I was unable to get a
trip to the hospital, Minn
was able to get one
coming home. I made a promise
to send your picture by Thanks
giving, but no such luck. I
have been in the hospital for
8 days and for the last three
weeks under the Dr's care.
If it is possible

I will work hard
so that you can enjoy
the Old Lady with me
with best wishes

Mary Martin

She must have been sick
for a long time after that as
she never finished the picture
and according to the clipping
on other page she died in May
1961. I told her to keep the
amount we had paid her for the
picture as I suppose the poor
soul needed it worse
than I did. Roy Gilson. 1973



side of the road

In The Chapel

Aileen Leibert

Let me pause in the chapel, by the side of the road,
And leave my burden, each day.
Let me gather a portion of strength, dear Lord,
As I kneel a moment, to pray.

There, in the tranquil chapel small,
Apart from the din and strife,
In communion, Lord, I'll find new faith
And guidance, for daily life.

Then, I'll share my blessing with others, Lord,
Yes, share, for the World to see,
That a man's life is made far richer,
When he pauses a moment—with Thee.

Feb 1906
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LYDIA SHELLY



Lydia

SHELLY, Scientific, Girls' Glee Club, 4; Star, 2, 4; K. K., 3; Wheat Staff, 4; Valedictorian; Class Artist, 4.

Deceased

Born at

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Rutledge Nov
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Father
Mother

SIGNATURE
BIRTH DAY
BIRTH PLACE
FATHER
MOTHER
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Do Roy
In memory's closet
Keep a pearl for me
Your friend
Louisa (Shelly)
sister

We wrote in each other's
autograph album.
09 Jim Roy (Gifson)



LYDIA SHELLEY - SCIENTIFIC -
Girl's Glee Club-4; Star-2-4; K. K. 3;
Wheat Staff 4; Valedictorian 4;
Class Artist - 4.

1906
J.P.

Lydia Shelly

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NEWELL E. SMITH

NEWELL E. SMITH. Scientific. Forum, 2, 3; Athenian, 4; Walla Walla debating team, 2; Cheney debating team, 4; Foot Ball, 4; R. H. S. A. A., 2, 3, 4; Second Sergeant, 3; Star, 2, 3, 4; Class Basket Ball, 3; Editor of Wheat, 4.



N. E. SMITH

Deceased - Feb 26 - 1967 1907

For 15 years - 1414 9th St - Longview, Wash

1966 - Portland, Ore

Died - Feb 26 1967 - Portland - Ore

Born at Little Rock - Ark

We are sorry to relate that Newell Smith, '06, while in town did not honor the High School with a visit



1966

Newel Smith Dies 84 in Portland Hospital 1967

Word was received by Mr. and Mrs. Alex Smith of the death of Newell Smith, a brother of the late Warren A. Smith. He died February 26 at a hospital in Portland, Ore. He was a 1907 graduate of Ritzville high school and resided in his youth in the Ralston-Lind area

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Her head was pillowed on his breast, and looking up in a shy way she said: "Do you know, dear Ralph, that 'You mean dear Newell, I think.' He interrupted smiling fondly at her mistake. "Why yes, to be sure. How stupid I am. I was thinking this was Wednesday evening."

Father - Robert Pizzaro Smith (Farmer)
Mother - Helen Smith (Farmer)
Brother - Allen (Farmer)

The N. E. Smiths
1414 9TH AVENUE
LONGVIEW, WASHINGTON

AIR MAIL



1414 - 9th
Longview, Wa.
May 11, 1959.

ALUMNI affair on the 23rd of May, and, as yet, haven't fully decided. It will depend upon how I feel. However, I may get a ticket and if I shouldn't go I can consign it to the ashcan. If I should go it will be by train and will plan to leave here on the eve of the 22nd and change to a train at Portland, Ore. at 9-45 P.M. and arrive at RITZVILLE 6-30 A.M. Saturday.

Thinking that you might be making the trip by rail, we might, by chance, get together and ride on the same train. I have been a little off color for some time and when the time comes I might be "unsold" on the whole idea.

There are so few that I once knew that can be there that I sometimes wonder that I will get the thrill that I should. I have mislaid your card so don't have your street address so am taking a chance that you will get this. I trust that you are well and will be able to make the trip, and if I should succeed in going that I may have the opportunity to visit with you for a few minutes anyway. Drop me a line and let me know if you are planning to be there and that might help to "PEP" me up a little. If I should go this year it will perhaps be the LAST for me. I have been there only once since 1912 and suspect that once more will be all they will be able to endure

Will close for now and and will appreciate a line from you. Sincerely,

NE WE LL. (Smith).

(PS.) Note by Gilson. (We both went. Nothing would have kept us away. This year was my fiftieth. The other time he mentioned that he came was in 1956 which was his fiftieth. He and Laura Perkins (Simpson) were the only two who returned then. So he said he would show up at my 50th. He did. We had a long talk of old times. He staid at the Hotel Ritzville and we were at the Womach's Motel. Three members of the noble Class of 1909. (Where, OH, Where is Pearl Shearer, we need her so much now. We are all three so. SO, SORRY, the way we treated her. Please come back, Pearl.) I wrote to Newell and told him how glad (???) the people were to see the OOLD grads and not to be discouraged. In fact they would probably not even realize you were there. In fact Newell came several times in the ensuing years to be present at the Banquet and Class reunions. He was thrilled.



at 61 Banquet

Among the joys
of Christmas time —
The old ones and the new
There's one that stands out

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from the rest —

Remembering friends

like you!

Merry Christmas

The N.E. Smiths

Newell & Margaret

12/25/57

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Longview, Wash.
Dec. 10. 1959.

Newell & Margaret
rma 1964



Just For
You

MRS. NEWELL E. SMITH
4023 N.E. 80th
Portland, Oreg. 97213

To wish you
a Merry Christmas
and the happiest kind
of New Year!

1414 - 9th Longview

Newell and Margaret

Margaret & Newell

Mrs. or Mrs. N. E. Smith
1414 - 9th Avenue
Longview, Wash. 98632

SIGNATURE

1414 - 9th Ave Longview, WA 98632

BIRTH DAY

Mar 23 - 1886

died at Portland, Ore
Feb 76 - 1961 - 84 yrs 11 mos
25 yrs

BIRTH PLACE

Little Rock - Arkansas

FATHER

Rudolphus Rame Smith Farmer

MOTHER

Jeanette McLean Smith

Bro - Warren

Newell - E. Smith & Co

this manuscript to do with

it as I chose - Roy Gilson

The Roy Gilson Family, Greetings:-

I have been trying to get out a few Christmas Cards and have decided that just a bare card seems a little cold when mailed to a close friend, so have been been writing a few lines with each and it seems to take a little more time, especially when I have to use that "hunt and peck" system on a type writer. Long hand writing by me is almost unreadable and typing is almost as hard to read.

We are both as well as can be expected of people of our age. We are having wonderful weather, almost as nice as Calif. Night temperatures of around 50 to 60. only one frost so far this fall. I have been re-living the few days spent on the trip to the 1959 Alumni gathering and have decided, the Lord willing I'll try to get back for next year's affair.

I assume that you and yours had a nice trip and Ritzville will see you again next year. I have been working during my spare time and when in the mood on a little write up on the early days of Adams County as I remember it and the progress as I see it since my Family's arrival there. I find that it is surprising to find the thing coming back to mind when I get the thinking.

I wrote a, what I thought was a detailed train of events and after I had it written I discovered that a lot of that now seemed important to the story had been overlooked. I have started to write a revised version and it looks like it might be big enough to bind in the semblance of a book. I had written a story that was published by the Saturday Evening Post back in the early thirties and it seems that the present publishers of the Ritzville paper ran onto it not long ago, and asked Warren if I would write something covering the growth and development of the Big Bend country. I am not working to get anything more in print so will complete and then consign it to the fireplace.

This article that the Post printed was sure a life saver. It paid me \$400.00 cash and that was a lot of money to me at that particular time. Its title was A Big Bend Farmer Speaks Up. I wrote under the name of Jas V. Sayre and it was printed in the Feb. 3rd. 1933 issue. I got something of a thrill from it for the reason that the Post mailed me several letters that they had received, in most cases questioning my accuracy, in statement of facts. I only planned to extend personal Holiday Greetings when I started to write, so pardon the intrusion. I would be glad to know how the world and it's people are treating you two. With the expression of our wish for a VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY

HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR to you and yours, with love, and remain

12/20/57

The N. E. Smiths

Newell & Margaret
both well and happy
Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year

1414 9th Avenue

Longview, Washington

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N. E. SMITH

I L I V E D T H E R E
Narrated to Nevl Smythe, Jr.,

I was born and lived in Little Rock, Arkansas and attended its schools, finishing the tenth grade. At the beginning of the eleventh grade for me the segregation problem moved in the picture, resulting in the Governor calling the State Militia in to handle the problem. As a means of enforcing the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling the President of the United States turned the problem over to the army resulting in the closure of the schools and educational problems were left to the private school procedure. This private program expense was passed on to the patrons of the schools which was somewhat of a burden to the middle and lower income class of citizens. My own family was one of those that were ~~severely~~ severely affected. Many were not too sure of the outcome or the length of the struggle to get this affair settled. My own family held several hearings on this matter and finally decided that I might join the army of migratory workers and in that way acquire a little first hand knowledge of the world and the problems that others throughout the country were faced with.

During these family discussions, I had assembled any and all ^{help} information that was available, that might me decide as to a travel program that would avail me of the best opportunity for employment. I had read the advise of Horace Greeley "Go West, Young Man", so with his words in mind and the travel information in my hand, I decided on a southwesterly course which would eventually bring me to Los Angeles and into a very well populated part of the United States.

With the contents of the piggy bank in my pocket as an emergency fund and a strong desire to see a portion of the Western part of the country, I proceeded to hitchhike in that direction. I picked up whatever jobs available that I was qualified to do, and on completion moved on till another one open.

I had often thought that I would avail myself of a trip through California and Oregon, possible on through Washington into British Columbia, in fact if the employment would be sufficient to cover travel expenses, my thumb was taking of the transportation element, I felt inclined to see as much of the world as possible.

^{his} With thought in mind, I started northward from Los Angeles, working in vegetable gardens, vineyards and occasionally other jobs. I eventually got into the timbered northern part of California and worked a while at ~~wood~~ in a saw mill, then on to Klamath Falls, Oregon for a few days work.

June 29th, 1959. Modesto, Cal.
This was the letter I wrote to Newell after returning home from the banquet. Sent him a picture of himself and Laura and one of we three of 1909. There were 11 in the Class of 1906, 2 returned, 3 are deceased and 6 failed to get back. The answer to my letter will be found on following pages. We corresponded thru the years and I certainly enjoyed his letters. He was quite a prolific writer selling many of his stories to magazines. On the opposite page I urged him to write his life story from the start.

have that thought of comforting you with the days when you were a young blade. I did enjoy looking the picture you had and sorry things were so hectic that we couldn't reminisce some more. I would give a lot to see that diary your father used to keep. I remember each night he wrote it up at least a whole page. Well keep up the old spirit Newell and plan on being there again next year. The Gold Settle Club is pretty well along now and you won't be alone in that respect. Next year if I make it I won't be bothered by being the honoree guest or making speeches and can relax and take it easy. I am busy now not only in my office but travelling around the State of Cal as Supreme Organizer for the White Shrine, a Masonic organization. See you in May 1960. Sincerely yours,

I was looking over some of my pictures and I come across this of you and Laura Perkins which I took in 1956 at the clummi banquet. You 2 were the only ones there from your Class. The Classes didn't amount to much then did they as far as numbers are concerned. We only had 5 and 3 were there to make it. I was looking over your letter and wonder if you got any thrill this year at the reunion. I don't think it is in any of us old codgers to get the thrill we used to but I do enjoy going up each year and it makes a good vacation. I get more of a thrill if any out of some of the new people I meet each year. It seems that the old ones look at you and you think they say to themselves "Gosh he's getting old". The new ones don't

4 I got over to the Oregon coast for a time and acquired a little

more logging and sawmill experience there. Eventually, I arrived at Portland and found them in the midst of a big celebration, the 100th One hundredth Year of Statehood. After a very enjoyable week there, I got the just to be on my way, and arranged with a fellow that was making a trip north on Highway #99. It developed soon after leaving Portland that he had an errand in the Grays River country, and it developed that this was his first trip to these parts and he was not too sure of himself. The names of the towns that we passed through were somewhat confusing, so, as a safety measure he decided to make enquiry of a Service Station attendant. He drove in to the station and asked the lad at the pump to tell him the name of the town down river from there, the reply was "Skamokawa" the name of this town please "Cathlamet", what is the name of this country? the reply "Wahkiakum". He then turned to me and said, "let's go!" as we drove off he remarked that this attendant could speak no English and that he was as much in the dark as before. The fruits of his mission appeared to be not what he had hoped for and he was returning to Portland, thus leaving me without transportation as of that moment.

I decided that I would find an eating place and stretch my legs before trying to make another "ride" contact. After a very satisfactory meal, I started on a little walk around this town to see what it consisted of.

N. E. SMITH

In a very nice little residential part of town, I learned later that it was a district occupied by laboring people, grocery and bank clerks, factory workers, machinists, plumbers, in fact a very good class of people. I also learned that most of this district had been built by G.I. loans and at a time when the G.I. building requirements were very strict and required a good class of building material as well as a high class of builder service. These home had been kept well painted and all had very nice lawns and lots of flowers and shrubs.

As I leisurely walked down the street, I noticed a man, apparently of retirement age, who had the appearance of having just finished the job of mowing and raking the lawn. He was just then lighting his pipe, and appearing to be in an approachable mood and I being curious, stopped and made an enquiry about the size of his town and its principle industry. I also asked about the distance to the state's Capital, to Tacoma and Seattle. Our home problem prompted me to ask as to the name and political faith of his state's Governor.

Longview, Wash
July 13, 1959

Dear Friend Roy:

Your letter with the pictures arrived and I was more than pleased. Our home burned in 1923 resulting in the loss of a few of the choice pictures and many were of my schoolmates and you can appreciate why I am so glad to get them. I only wish the festivities had been for a week then I might have gotten a chance to refresh my mind and reacquaint myself with "Whoos Whoos". You know I was only there from Noon Sat till 5PM Sunday which didn't didn't give me much time to "bone up".

I spent about 4 hours in the cemetery reading the inscriptions on the headstones and markers and while it was a little depressing yet I am glad that I went. I spent Sunday M. with Warren my only bro.

(Note by Roy) 2 days is a very short time to make up 50 years of memory so I usually arrive on Mon. eve and have all week to "live it up again Resuming letter) Before I forget it, if and when you can make a copy of that photo of Father and Mother, the kitchen helper & all the youngsters. Let me know & I will send it to you. Remember now I don't want it to get away but can spare it for time enough for you to get a copy.

That is the only copy or picture I have of my mother except one taken in Michigan, a family group with me less than a year old sitting on her lap (Note by me- "He never sent me the picture. He said I was in it"). Please bear in mind that these letters which I put in these books from graduates and friends are only excerpts and any material of disparaging, mean, sensational, too personal, exaggerated statements or maligning remarks about anyone is destroyed. Roy Gilson).

Continuation of Newell's letter- "Drop me a line if and when you have the time, and, remember, if you should have occasion to be up this way will enjoy having yourself & wife spend a day or two with us. Don't let yourself be WORKED too hard. In my case, I can sincerely say- THAT IS GOOD ADVICE BUT I DON'T NEED IT. Sincerely, N E W E L L

LONGVIEW
JUL 13
5:45 PM
1959
WASH.

Newell
Margaret
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6 In answer to the last question, he replied that he had heard a lot of names for him, a couple of which he suggested might look O.K. on an office door but several would not be allowed in print. He advised that the name on the Democratic ballot at the 1956 election was Albert Rossellini. He followed by mentioning the names of several of former Governors of his state, among them were John R. Rogers and Earnest Lister being among the earlier incumbents and had stood out because that they had not been subject to too much public criticism. He mentioned Roland Hartley as being Governor while the present Capital building was constructed and under his influence the purchase of many gold plated spittoons at \$100.00 each were purchased for use in its various chambers and halls. After their installation, it became necessary to purchase chains and lock to prevent the spittoons from being stolen for souvenirs. Clarence Martin, a later incumbent fostered and succeeded in getting the Sales Tax law on the statutes. The original law called for 2%. This rate has undergone several raises and now is 4%. He mentioned others of later dates and suggested that they had all had some bearing on legislation, and had enjoyed respect as well as hatred by the citizenry of his state.

He continued on and gave me a very detailed and interesting account of the early days of that part of Eastern Washington, known as the Big Bend Country as he remembered it.

I am now endeavoring to retell this story as he told it to me, in the pages that follow. I have made some effort to verify this story and, by and large, it is quite authentic. From this point I am writing in the first person, in other words, he is telling you this story, instead of me.

I can see now logical way to get into this picture, except that I start as far back as I know. I knew very little about my Father's parents except that his mother died when he was quite small and soon after her death his father was stricken with T.B. then called consumption and was advised by his doctor to change climate, as that was the only remedy known at that time for T.B. He arranged with three families for each to take and care for one of the children, two girls and one boy. He then closed his Cooper shop and arranged to make a trip to the mining district of California. I think that I have been told that he made two trips, one by Orteam and one by "Windjammer" by the way of Cape Horn.

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it again. Boy Gibson

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I have a copy of a letter that he wrote to the family who was providing a home for my father bearing a date of 1853 and an address of Indian Diggins, California. In this letter he told something of the country and about his health and nature of employment. I have a letter also that was written and mailed by the Sexton of a cemetery Honolulu, Hawaii, then called Sandwich Islands, telling of my grandfather's death and burial there. The year was 1856.

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My father and two sisters grew to adulthood in the part of Michigan on the Eastern shore of Lake Michigan near Muskegon. My two aunts married and lived in that vicinity their entire lives. My father married and to this union were born two boys. The mother died at the birth of the second child. This babe was given over to a family that my father had known from his childhood and was raised and treated as one of their family, in fact was known as their son and carried their name throughout his entire life.

My father met my mother and they were married in 1876 and my father's older son was apart of that new family and made their home his home till he reached maturity and married and set up his own home. My mother was old enough, at the death of her father that she was able and did pass on to me a lot of the details of her family. She told me that her parents were both born in the state of New York, he father was of Scotch descent, he mother was of Holland Dutch extraction. Soon after their marriage they migrated to Michigan by ox team by way of the then famous Huron Swamp. In the year 1832 and settled on the shore of a lake, named Lake Orion. This lake is located about fifty miles north of Detroit and now is listed on the map as Orion. This farm was the home of her parents throughout their lifetime. To this union was born, five boys and four girls, my mother being the youngest of the family.

My grandfather had passed away before my father and mother met, and at his death he had bequeathed 80 acres to my uncle, 80 to my aunt and 80 to my mother, property that he had acquired in Lapeer County, the next county to Oakland County, where the home place was located.

When my parents were married they moved into a log cabin on this 80 acres that had been given to my mother. It was heavily timbered with a variety of all the different hardwood timber native to that part of Michigan. This log cabin was built in a clearing of perhaps, two acres. In this cabin my brother was born in August 1877.

My father spent the eleven year following their settlement there in clearing and burning the timber. People of those days could only think in terms of farming, so the big problem was to get down to a stump farm first, then as time went on, eventually, with the cutting and removal of these stumps the farm would become a "real" farm. He has remarked many time in his later years that he had haul with oxen to log dumps and burned enough hardwood to have made him well to do if he had it as late as the year 1900.

The tract owned by my aunt, which adjoined on the north had had a, then considered a splendid house, built on it. She had been stricken and died, resulting in the breaking up of her family, and my parents had moved across the road in to her house. I was born there in March 1886.

The clearing of timber and farming among the stumps had been very strenuous for my father and a year after my birth, he and a neighbor had become a little discouraged with their prospects for a little easier way of life, decided to make a little trip west and see what it all looked like. Accordingly, tickets were bought and they came to Portland, Oregon, arriving there on March 27, 1887.

My father had had considerable experience as a carpenter, and especially in the framing of timbers such as used in bridge construction and with these qualifications he had no trouble in getting on the payroll of the builders of the first bridge being built across the Willamette River, named the Morrison St. Bridge.

In the late autumn father entered into a bargain to assist with the movement of live stock to Eastern Washington and on completion of this job, he made a deal to build a house and barn for a partnership of two sheepmen, known to the very old settlers as Hewett & MacDonald. This sheep ranch was located on the lower Cow Creek. This creek was the outlet for Sprague Lake and emptied into the Palouse River at the extreme southeast corner of Adams County.

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During this building program, my father became interest^d in a

160 acre tract on which a filling had been made, a 14 by 16 foot cabin had been built, a few acres had been plowed and the homesteader has a team of horses, setv of harness and a wagon which he offered to sell for \$100.00 including a relinquishment on the homestead.

A deal was accordingly made and my father made a trip to Walla Walla, the closest federal land office, and turned in the relinquishment and filed a homestead on the tract. These few acres of plowed land had been needed to wheat.

Father advised mother of his act and proceeded to find a buyer for the Michigan property. she, with my brother and myself together with the wife and family of the neighbor who had made the trip west with father ^{came} to Hitzville, arriving on Christmas Eve 1888. Because of my minority I have no vivid recollection of the trip or too much that transpired for some time after our arrival. It was the later end of 1889 that any happenings can be recalled. The events of that period of importance have been relived by the family and it seems that I almost remember them, however I am sure that they are resurrections from the conversations that were carried on in ^{or} home later.

My father kept a diary from his early manhood until his death in which he made a record dally of the activities of the various members of the family, the weather. I have one of the volumes that cover the period from Jan. 1st. 1886 to Dec. 31st. 1902 and this has been a partial reminder in assisting with a clearer conception of the early events of my life. I often meet a pioneer and refer to this volume to settle my mind on matters under discussion.

My father, with a few neighbors, had cut and stacked the grain grown on their few acres, and being desirous of converting anything not vitally needed for themselves into cash, succeeded in a deal with a sheep man with headquarters in Eastern Whitman County, to bring his sheep to Adams County and avail himself the grass pasture that would be available during open weather and these grains stacks could be available for use when snow prevented grazing. This man, Johnson by name, made my father's place his headquarters during th winter. This 14' X 16' cabin was the housing for the herders during his stay there. This cabin was fitted with double deked bunks, thus providing facilities for twelve sleepers. The heat was provided by, then modern cook stove, and

Kerosene was used for lighting.

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I remember vividly, the summer of 1890 because of the death of the wife of a neighbor, and because of the lack of mortuary facilities, a neighbor was sent on a mission to Ritzville to purchase lumber and the necessary hardware with which to build a coffin. Hinged chest handles were used for this casket that my father built. While this trip for material was being made, my father assisted in preparing the body for burial. This motherly left a daughter about my own age and my parents took her into our home. She only lived a few months and upon her death the construction of a casket was repeated and she was buried beside her mother in a little fenced lot on her father's homestead.

Her father continued to live on this homestead until such time as he could make final proof and get a deed, and during these years this burial spot was protected and cared for, but he had become very lonely, sold the place and moved away. ~~XXXX~~ During these years the lot had been undisturbed but within a few years the fence rotted and fell, and in a very short time the farming preparation ignored the spot and probably no one living in that locality could tell anyone about it or point out the spot. Any evidence of a grave had been obliterated before the year 1919.

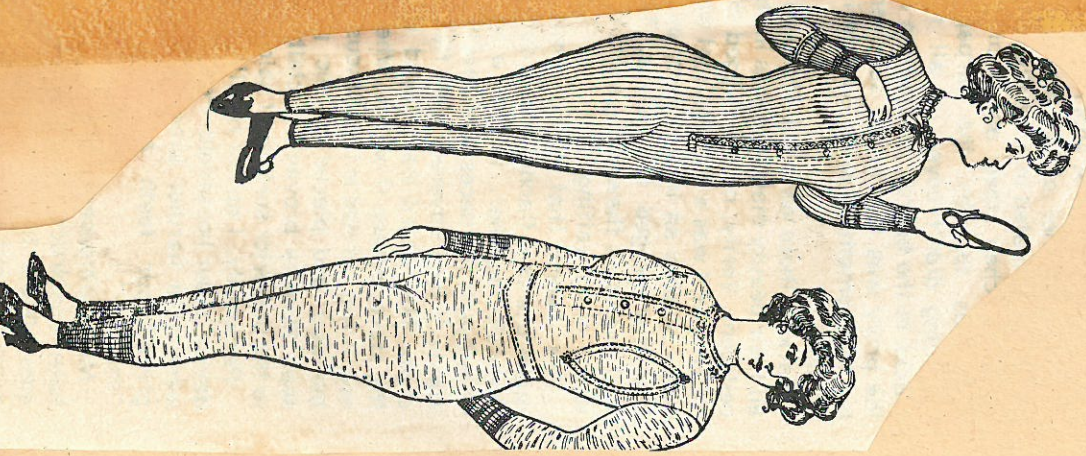
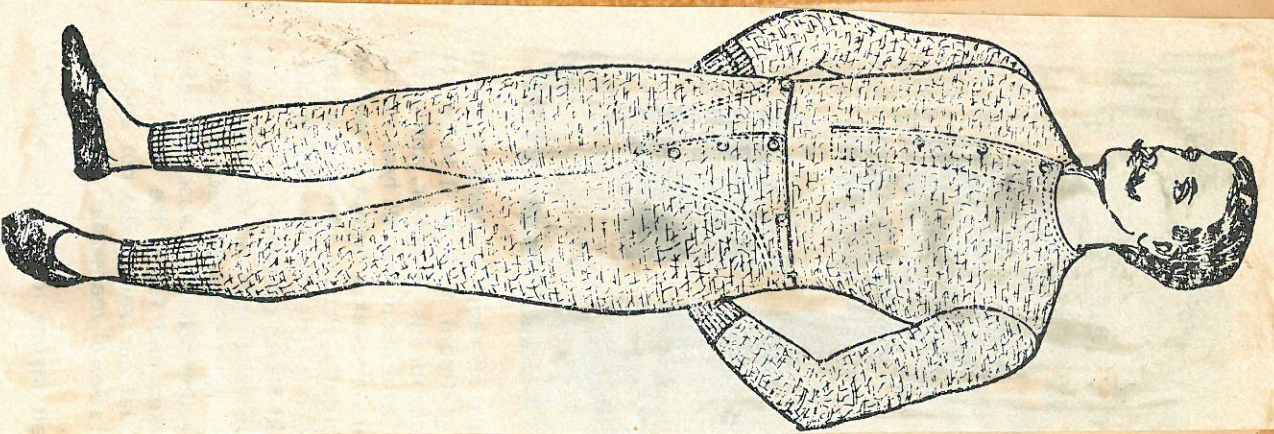
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My father's homestead was located eighteen miles south of Ritzville, fifteen miles southeast of Lind, and fifteen mile north of Washburn. This area was quite level and was, and still is, called Rattlesnake Flat. The reason for this name is not clear to me, since there has never been, to my knowledge, a snake of any kind, seen there. This Flat had a splendid stand of native grass, called Bunch Grass, and justly so for it was possible to walk through it rather than on it. By June this grass, if not pastured, would attain a height of twelve to eighteen inches in height and was mowed often by settlers to supplement their winter feed supply. There was a few small sage brush scattered in this grass but was noticable, however, farther west and northwest this brush grew decidedly rank and its removal was necessary before farming operations could be begun. This removal operation was accomplished by use of railway T rail being dragged by a team hitched to each end and driven side by side, thus getting a breaking action at ground level. After a trip across the field a return trip was made covering the same strip again and this would make removal fairly easy. The trunks of these bushes were of sufficient size to be usable for fuel, and could be seen around their homestead cabins, in large piles.

The growing of grain did not look too encouraging until the year 1897. During early June of that year a very spendid rain came with favorable weather for a few days after, the result was a very gratifying yield per acre. The acreage was small but from this an increase of population developed, and within a couple of years a large part of that country was settled and Homestead Cabins could be counted in hundreds.

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The U.S. Government had offered as an inducement to any railroad that would build a line connecting the west coast with the lines in the eastern part of the country, would be given a Grant of every odd numbered section of land for a distance of twenty miles on each side of its roadbed. They also included in this Grant a provision to select like amounts of land that might have been homesteaded on odd numbered sections. to provide for this the Government had set aside an additional strip spoken of and remembered by the settlers of that day that still live, as a ~~land~~ Lien Strip. This land was acquired by the Northern Pacific Railway, because of the fact that they were the first Railroad to meet the Government's requirements. The R.R. Co. offered this land that they had acquired, through private sale, at prices ranging from fifty cents to three dollars fifty cents an acre. At this time a settler who have not previously used any of his land ~~and~~ rights could homestead one hundred sixty acres, file on a timber claim, also purchase a pre-emption. Thus by using all three, he could file on a homestead which required that he live on it and make it his home for five years, after which he could arrange with the Govt. Land Office, publish notice of intention to make final proof for the required number of weeks, then on a date designated by the Land Office, appear, with two witnesses and, under oath declare that he had complied with the law regarding residence, and substantiated by the two witnesses, also under oath, he would in due time receive a patent, (deed) to the property. Upon filing on a timber culture, the requirements were to plant a specified number of acres of this claim to trees, or the seeds of trees, each year for a specified number of years, after which final proof could be made, similar to that required for a title to a homestead. My information regarding the acquirement of a pre-emption is not too clear, but am sure that it was through a purchase at a fixed price per acre, upon payment over a period of time, after which a title could be obtained. This timber culture and pre-emption privilege was withdrawn by the U.S. Government, perhaps about 1895, leaving only the homestead privilege to those who had not used this right previously. Under the three privileges mentioned, it was possible to obtain four hundred eighty acres of government land. I know of a few cases where this really happened.



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The availability of railroad land made its purchase possible and was used by homesteaders, quite often purchases could be made on land adjoining their homesteads and resulted in individual holdings of several hundred acres in one body.

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With this influx of settlers that this 1897 crop had encouraged, a considerable fencing followed. The section lines were quite universally recognized as location for public roads, and this idea was observed in building fences. The establishment of public roads was the authority of the county commissioners, and was acted on upon petition of property owners. The result was that public benefits were regarded seriously in granting these petitions and establishing of public roads. The result was that not every section line was used, thus making it possible for property owners to farm several hundred acres in one field. In later years, through retirement, death, and other elements personally to the owners.



During the early years of this locality, the problem of shopping for groceries, fuel, clothing, also the services of a doctor and the purchase of drugs was serious. The element of distance and time required was the big problem. Horseback, team and wagon, or walk was the only way. It required the entire day and a few hours of the evening to make a trip to Asheville, the largest town near us, resulting in these trips were as far between as possible. This condition was partially overcome by an increase in the amounts purchased. Our grocery list consisted of a three or four months supply of flour, often as much as fifteen fifty pound sacks of flour, often twenty five pounds of coffee, the popular brands being Lion Head or Arbuckle, packed in one pound packages and unground, often two fifty pound sacks of salt, the use for livestock had to be considered in this item. Also socks and overalls for the men folks, stockings and calico for house dresses for the women folks, also sugar and condiments for the kitchen. This coffee had to be ground, and the theory was that it should be ground only for the day's use, since ground coffee lost its strength if not used at once. This theory required a mill for grinding and often was of the type that wash held between the knees while being used. The hopper was filled with enough of the whole berry coffee for the pot, the housewife sat on a chair with the mill between her knees and proceeded to grind what coffee the hopper contained after which she emptied the little drawer located in the base of the mill into the pot to be brewed. This operation created a distinct sound and when heard by the late sleepers was an alarm, the last call for breakfast.

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The services of a doctor was the necessity of a trip to town and a wait of four or five hours for the doctor to drive to the farm. This resulted in a wait of, often twelve to fifteen hours before medical services could be rendered. Fortunately the doctor carried a quantity of medicines with him and would measure out the amount for the job, thus taking care of a trip to the drug store.

The water problem was another of the major problems of the early settlers. In the major part of that country it was necessary to dig or drill wells, since ^{the} streams and springs were non-existent. The only other possibility was, if possible, to arrange with a neighbor who might have already provided himself by having dug or drilled a well for himself. The costs were large, at those day's standards, of a well and could only be enjoyed by those who had had other assets to bring with them when migrating to those parts. The depth of wells varied from one hundred to four hundred feet and the then cost of fifty cents per foot for dirt and three dollars fifty cents for rock, soon ran into a sizable sum. The amount of dirt varied from sixty to one hundred feet and it seemed that the depth of dirt had some bearing on the overall depth of the well. The first drilling rigs that were available were of the horse power class. Later steam rigs took their place and time was reduced as these steam rigs were faster and more efficient. My parents had a variety of experiences in the matter of wells, the first one was attempted with a horse powered rig and resulted in failure. The driller had the misfortune of getting a sand bucket stuck at a depth of one hundred twenty-five feet and not being able to get it out was forced to quit. Later, a steam rig was engaged for another attempt and at a depth of approximately depth 66 three hundred thirty feet met up with the misfortune of getting a string of drilling tools stuck, following this with getting a "fishing set stuck, after which he too, moved out. These drillers ^{guaranteed} water or no pay. He was forced, because of financial loss to get into a new area, hoping for better results, and succeeded. After a few successes returned and was successful in finishing a very satisfactory well. These well-drilling ventures extended over a period of several years, resulting in our being forced to continue to haul our water. My brother, after filling on a homestead succeeded in getting a splendid well at a depth of four hundred feet. This depth necessitated a larger investment in pump and windmill than the ~~shallow~~ shallower wells but was better than not having a well.

During the early days when, for financial reasons, wells were not common, the settlers without wells were confronted with the necessity of hauling their water from some neighbor's place where the financial element had been overcome. The methods for this hauling operation was carried on by the use of wooden barrels which had one head removed, and these barrels were set in the wagon box, on end and after being filled at the well were covered separately by burlap after which a metal hoop was forced down over the burlap to hold it in place. This covering was not entirely waterproof but reduced the loss materially over not having any covering at all. The motion of the wagon over the uneven surface of the road caused a considerable slopover which the burlap had a decided reducing effect. As time went on and purchase of material became possible, wooden tanks were built to replace the wagon box and were large enough to hold as much as four hundred gallons, and without any loss of water in transportation.

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A few of the early settlers ganged up with a neighbor and made efforts to dig wells by hand. These wells were at least four feet in diameter, in order to provide room for the use of digging implements and make the use of a bucket possible for removing the diggings.

This operation was undertaken by a couple of neighbors, one man did the digging while the other operated the windlass for the removal of dirt and to bring the man in the "hole" up for food and water, also for a change with the man who had been working above ground.

During the operation one day, a small stone became dislodged at the top of the well and fell into the well, then about ninety feet in depth, hitting the man below on the head, causing instant death.

At that time there was no cemetery in the community, so after some theorizing, a small butte located about six miles north of Washuona and about one-half mile east of the road connecting Altaville and Washuona was chosen as the place for burial. This place was mentioned, reverently as Burying Ground Butte and is probable known and spoken of by that name yet. A story became well known in later years about this incident, that this part of eastern Washington was so healthy that it was necessary to kill a man in order to start a cemetery.

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These hand digging operations were of interest to the novice, as the soil element was variable, anywhere from twenty to one hundred feet in depth, then follow a rock formation that was anywhere from soft to extremely hard, and required the use of Giant Powder. These charges of explosives were set in small holes that had been drilled by the use of tool steel hand drills by the use of a heavy hammer. After the drilled holes were finished the powder was placed in these holes, after having the cap and fuse attached, and fine sand was used to fill the space not required for the powder. This sand was tamped in as tightly as was safe and then the fuse was lighted. The fuse was of a pre-determined length sufficient to allow for time for the man at the windlass to hoist the "powder man" to the surface before the explosion. This operation was done at quitting time in order that the smoke would have sufficient time to clear out before morning.

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In connection with Adams Co.'s firsts, I recall that this sheep man mentioned earlier had brought to the homestead, a lad of perhaps nineteen years of age, to assist in the care and herding of the sheep. This lad had gotten some very vivid impressions of the "Wild West" and had some very thrilling stories that he told of his (?) experiences in this tough western environment. These stories prompted my brother to dub this lad, Jesse James. I had not definite recollection of this occurrence, but later events occasioned considerable conversation in my home and as a result I am able to pass it on. The duration of this employment was of short duration and later this lad became associated with a bunch of fellows who had established headquarters in a rather rugged area in western Wiltman County several miles south of the town of Sprague, and had become known as the "Hole in the Wall Gang" because of their habit of appropriating live stock and other items of value, the sale of which took care of living and drinking expenses. At that time Sprague was the county seat of Lincoln County, also their point of purchases. The accuracy of this county seat element is not too essential to this incident. The location of Lincoln County's seat is now Davenport and may have been moved from Sprague before this time. However, one day "Jesse James" came to Sprague and a deputy sheriff there had a warrant for his arrest that had been issued at Ritzville. Upon the arrest, the sheriff removed a belt with two "six shooters" attached and proceeded to return the prisoner to Ritzville by tying the bridle reins of the prisoner's horse to his saddle horn. The distance to be covered was about twenty five miles and during the trip the prisoner's horse lagged so that the prisoner was four or five feet behind the sheriff's horse.