



On Your Wedding Anniversary

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C. W. RATHBUN  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

Roy



With the  
Face that  
only a  
mother  
can love.

The day the Lewis calendar year are having  
an anniversary; Congratulations - I think  
many more; be the alumni banquet  
be after soon I will be the 13rd of May  
time, I was I will be the 13rd of May  
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well be here or not, (ANNIV. 46th 3rd 18-64  
I hope this party - Sunday Bell & Clara 1964  
Whispery - 3/26

# WHEAT

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## School is Now Open

Boys and girls will dread the drudgery less if, as an inspiration, they are given a pen they will be proud to write with. Such a pen is the

**Waterman Ideal Pen**  
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DOWN BY THE OLD MILL STREAM Key F  
Down by the old mill stream,  
Where I first met you,  
With your eyes so blue,  
Dressed in gingham, too,  
It was there I knew, that I first loved you,  
You were sixteen, my village queen,  
Down by the old mill stream.

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THE entertainment given Friday afternoon, October 2, was exceptionally good for the first attempt. When it was about half over a surprising thing occurred. When everybody's attention was riveted upon that part of the program where the description of a woman's headgear largely figured, a tall, hardy and robust looking individual clad in a typical tourist's suit of high leggings and tan shoes, and with a three months' growth of dark beard and mustache on his face, made his appearance in the High School assembly room, took a seat in the Senior section and appeared to be much interested in the program. After very careful investigation the person in question proved to one Stanley Nantz, former superintendent of the Ritzville schools. After much greeting and hand shaking he was urgently pressed to give an account of himself, which he did. His talk was very interesting, describing his experiences in Alaska, which he related during vacation months. He left Saturday morning for an extended trip to eastern cities with no definite object in view.

With this number of "Wheat" we start on another year. We hope the students will do all in their power to make Wheat a great success this year.

### 50 Years Ago—

February 16, 1911  
Official figures of the recent census show Ritzville has a population of 1,859; Lind, 831; Hatton, 161; Washucna, 300; and Cunningham, 153.

New officers of the Ritzville Commercial club are E. D. Gillson, president; E. D. Davis, first vice-president; S. S. Frantz, second vice-president; D. A. Davenny, treasurer; and J. J. Joyce, R. A. Chittenden, H. E. Grimman and J. F. Lansing, directors.

G. W. Bassett of Washucna went to Olympia with a bill drawn up to make Washucna the county seat. But he decided it was useless to have it introduced in the legislature and he returned home. **How Father**

## Ralph Streeter Is Chairman of Legion's 50

Bill Moeller, commander of C. J. Newland Post No. 51 of the American Legion, today announced the appointment of Ralph Streeter of Ritzville as the post's 50th Anniversary chairman.

He has been an active Legionnaire for 35 years and is a veteran of W.W. I. **0940**

The occasion is the observance of the American Legion's golden anniversary, beginning September 1 and signalled by Gov. Daniel J. Evans' recent issuance of a proclamation calling for statewide observance of the anniversary. All of the state's 212 posts, as well as all of the others nationwide, will participate. **9/19/68**

The themes will be the commemoration of the victory of World War I, the founding of the American Legion in Paris in 1919, recognition of 50 years of Legion service to the nation, and the establishment of a perspective role for the Legion in the future.

Charles Stewart went thru the Junior class at R.H.S. in class of 1909 went in the service in ill world wars killed in action in France - Ritzville Legion Post name after him.

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MOA  
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# FRANK JONES

Deceased - ~~born~~ <sup>July</sup> died 1944 at Blaine, Wash - age 50  
 Married Miss Kate Bier of Blaine, Wash  
 Married Miss Kulu Mowar 1905 - she died in 1934

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Appearance	June 27-1891
Birth Day	Secretary
" Place	Sweden
Father	Joseph Jones
Mother	Elizabeth (Bert) Jones
Sister	Mary Ann Jones
Brother	The Elder Jones
Brother	Elmer - Seattle
Daughter	Elizabeth - Born in 1936



Frank Jones

We extend a hearty welcome to all ex-

### THE FACULTY.

There has been a great change in the High School faculty this year, Professor Smith being the only teacher remaining from last year. Professor Stone, an Oberlin graduate, teaches the sciences and Latin; Miss Sweetser, a graduate of Whitman College, teaches history and English literature, and Miss Graham, a graduate of the same college, has modern languages and mathematics.

Friday morning a very interesting talk was given to the High School by Rev. T. T. Denharat of the Episcopal church of Ritzville. He talked about the good influence that Shakespeare, through his works, has brought into the world. We enjoyed his talk very much and hope he will come again.

The Elgin Mirror we have also received. As we told you last year, Mirror, you could improve yourself greatly by appearing in book form and by having a few cuts and a cover design.

The first Ex. received this year was a good little paper, "The Manzanita," from Watsonville, Cal. "A few more cuts and a cover" design would improve you greatly, Manzanita."

**A** GAIN all the members but one of the class of 1909 are together at the dear old R. H. S. They are already looking ahead to the time when they will pass out of this High School and each one take a separate path out into the world.

Our class is very small—six boys and not a single girl. But in spite of the size of our class we will try to make it the best class that ever graduated from this H. S.

- The following is the list of officers:
- President Roy Gibson
  - Vice President Will Thiel
  - Secretary Frank Jones
  - Treasurer John Stoops

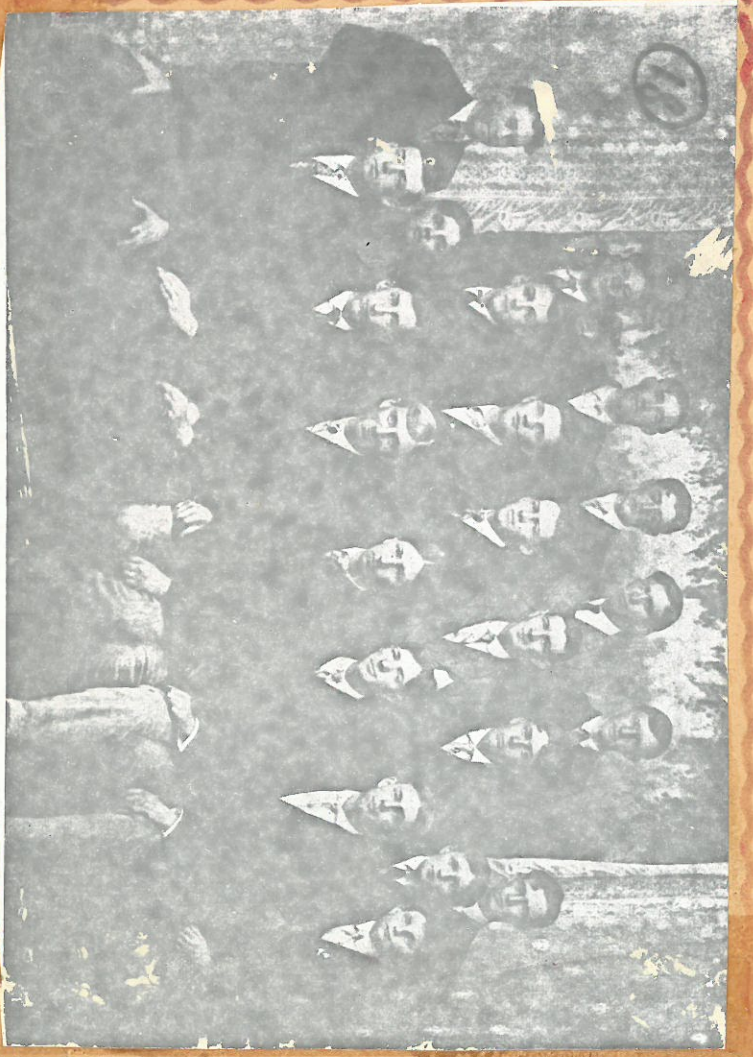
Bennie is still the same old playing kid. He always has a bunch of trinkets and other things to play with. He also has had the honor of sitting in the front seat.

Miss Sweetser (in U. S. History): "Then John Smith ruled the New Leatherhands (Netherlands.)"

The Freshmen put up a flag, but it was such a disgrace to the school, so the Seniors took it down and put up an American flag.

The Seniors wonder if the Sophs and Freshies had enough candy and cake for their party.

John says: "Gee, that cake was good." He did not get any of the candy.



BOYS' GLEE CLUB

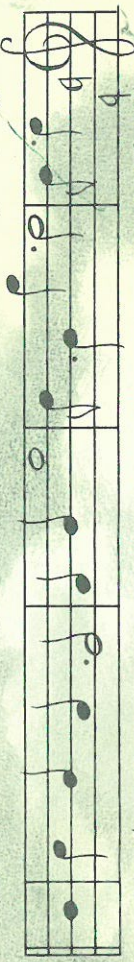
Frank W. Jones - Born June 21-1891 -  
Died at Blaine Wash. in 1940 aged 49

# Rock of Ages

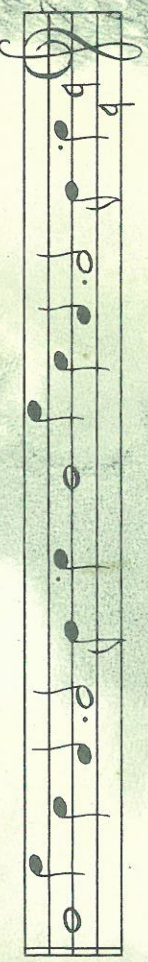
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Top lady

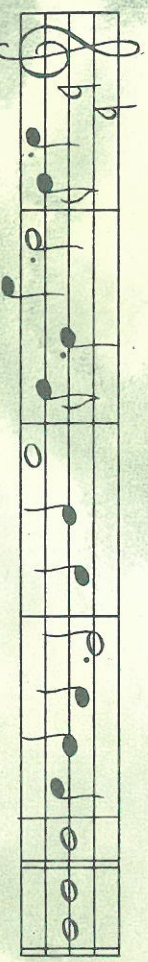
T. Hastings, 1830



Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;



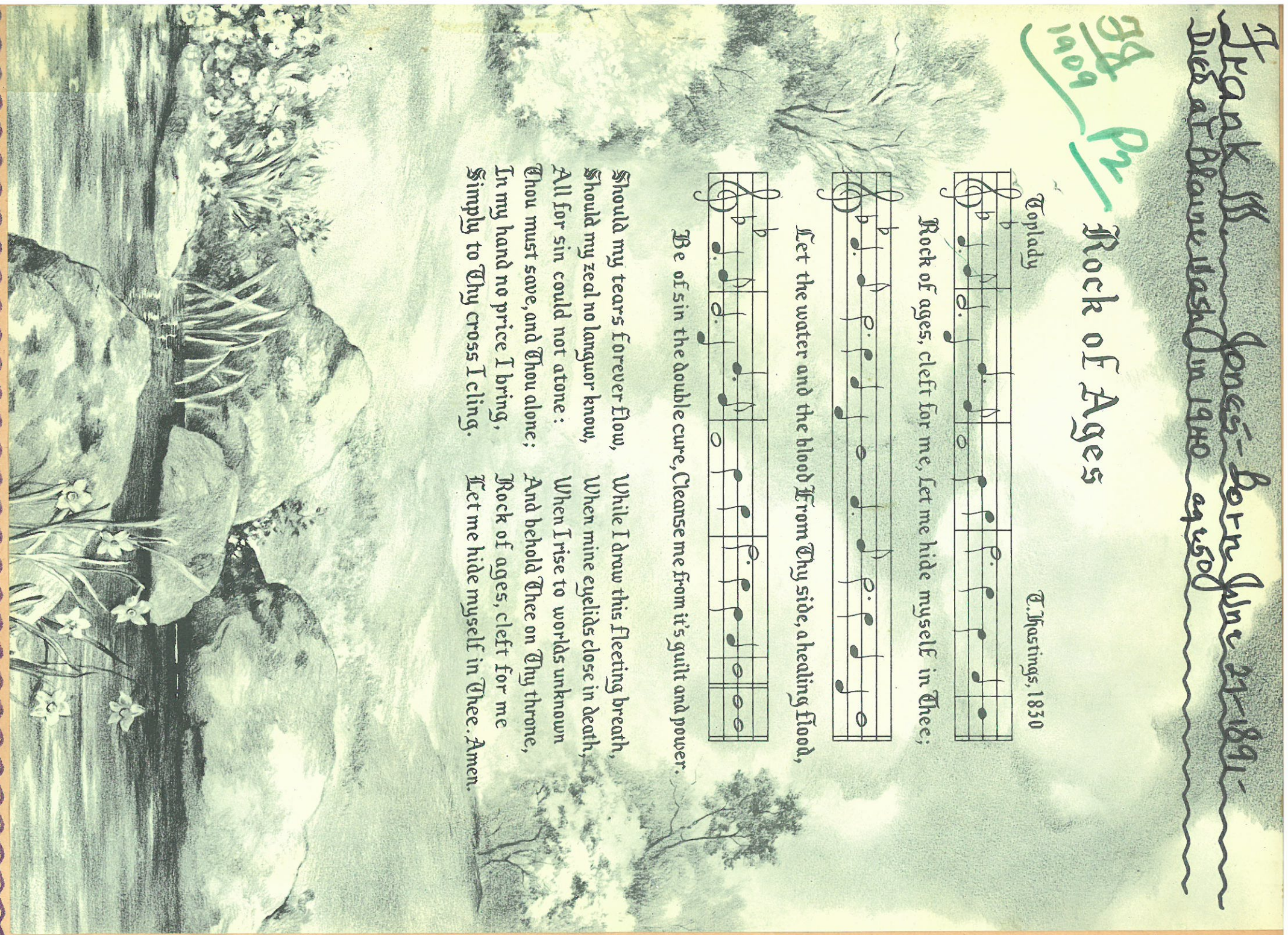
Let the water and the blood from Thy side, a healing flood,



Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Should my tears forever flow,  
Should my zeal no languor know,  
All for sin could not atone:  
Thou must save, and Thou alone;  
In my hand no price I bring,  
Simply to Thy cross I cling.

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I rise to worlds unknown  
And behold Thee on Thy throne,  
Rock of ages, cleft for me  
Let me hide myself in Thee. Amen.



# Charles J. Newland

*Newland*

American Legion  
 Defers Date -  
 3/15/69

Legion, Auxiliary  
 Golden Day  
 3/16/69

Auxiliary  
 1909  
 His Sent By Bob 5-14-19

C. J. Newland Post No. 51 and his auxiliary will celebrate the golden anniversary of the American Legion, Saturday, March 15 with a potluck dinner and program.

The potluck will get underway at 6:30 p.m. and a program geared to World War I veterans will ensue. Master of ceremonies for the evening will be W. Walters Miller, who is a past commander of the post.

The program will include the roll call of the Legion's charter members, two of whom remain living. They are Elmer Miller who resides in Seattle and Brandt Klingel.

Deceased charter members include Sidney S. George, Karl Rosenoff, Alvin Rowe, Eugene F. Shepley, Albert A. Pohl, B. B. Houshield, H. W. Bauer, F. W. Wolburn, Paul E. Morach, Virgil R. Kirkham, Willis L. Tiller, Martin D. Thiel and Fred E. Haupt.

The charter members of the auxiliary unit also will be recognized.

SIGNATURE	BIRTH DAY	BIRTH PLACE	FATHER	MOTHER

**Legion Post Is Pleased**

To the editor:

The members of the C. J. Newland Post have asked me to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the newspaper coverage and your efforts that were put forth to make our "Fiftieth" year birthday party such a success.

Also our thanks for the fine workmanship on our programs. This was a beautiful piece of work and appreciated by all who received one.

1931  
 C. J. Newland Post No. 51  
 Frances M. Kembel,

## Ask Legionnaires To Register Soon

Members of the American Legion and unaffiliated World War veterans will be asked to register voluntarily for national defense service at home before Saturday, February 22, Commander W. T. Sickman of the local post said today.

Purpose of the registration, which is being carried out on a nation-wide scale by the American Legion, is to provide the leadership of the legion with an inventory of the assets of the organization in man power, experience and special training that could be made available to the government if needed in the defense of the nation.

C. J. Newland, Post No. 51 in Ritzville will undertake to register all legionnaires and unaffiliated veterans in this community and surrounding area.



In observance of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the American Legion, veterans of this nation's two World Wars, and their ladies, attended a dinner and program conducted by Ritzville's own C. J. Newland Post 51 in the American Legion Memorial Building last Saturday evening, March 15.

A Grand March honoring World War I veterans and their ladies led by Commander and Mrs. Bill Moeller, officially opened the evening's program, followed by the invocation delivered by the Rev. James Grant, pastor of St. Agnes Catholic church.

The Legion's traditional salute to the flag was led by Commander Moeller.

A potluck dinner offering a wide variety, viz, The Charles J. Newland Post of the American Legion. So "CHARLIE" you are in our hearts and the hearts of your N T R Y M E N.

document with the behavior of people today. "The Legion constitution ranks with Lincoln's Gettysburg address," said Miller.

Commenting on the Legion's 50-year old constitution in which it is clearly stated that law and order must be maintained within this nation, Miller affirmed that the original founders of the Legion "must have had in mind that without law and order — society was not worth fighting for."

Speaking in a lighter vein, Miller remarked that "special praise is due the lady Legionnaires of the Ritzville area who have the courage to admit they are nearing the 50-year mark."

A highlight of the evening's events was the cutting of the 50th anniversary cake by Legionnaire Elmer Miller of Seattle and Mrs. Francis Hall. Of the 15 charter members of Legion Post 51, which held its first meeting on November 24, 1919, in Ritzville, Legionnaire Miller is one of two living charter members. Brandt Klingel, of Spokane, is the other living charter member of the post, but was unable to be present for the anniversary observance.

Legionnaire Miller stirred the memories of assembled comrades by recounting that "some members of his high school faculty heaved a sigh of relief when we enlisted. We appreciated Ritzville and school more, after two years of military service."



On May 8th 1973 Bob wrote me a letter and sent this picture of Charlie Newland who was in our Class until the end of the Junior year when he went to Pullman & took the senior year in WSC prep school in 1909. Bob writes, "I am sending you a picture of CHARLIE that I think was taken in the spring of 1914 the year he graduated from Washington State College. Charlie always regretted that he didn't finish his high school with his Class of 1909 as he told me that in your Senior Year one has lots of fun with old friends that one had gone thru the 4 years of high School while in the prep department they were all new to him and he was just a small cog in his class".

Well we still consider Charlie one of us and shall always include him in our reunions and activities. He was in the service of his country when he lost his life in World War 1 in Europe and the Ritzville Post of the American Legion was named after Charlie.

Mar. 15. 1969

# The C. J. Newland Post

*Chas. Kiffel in action in Europe - W. W. I*



Herschel Heimbigner was elected commander of the C. J. Newland American Legion Post No. 51 and his wife Lorene was named president of the Legion auxiliary at meetings held last week.

*Mrs. - 1953*  
They and their entire states of officers will be installed in two ceremonies at the Legion hall Thursday, June 4. Sprague will conduct a joint installation here for officers from the Ritzville, Ohello, Lind, Odessa and Sprague posts. The auxiliary installation will precede the other ceremonies.

**OTHER LEGION** officers named at last week's meeting were: Howard Seim, first vice commander; Harry Labes, second vice commander; Josie Labes, adjutant; John T. A. Smith, finance officer; Ralph Streeter, historian; Bruno Sielaff, World War I service officer; Ivan Graham, World War II service officer; Pete Lefevre, sergeant-at-arms; and Emil Wellmerd chaplain.

Wilmerd Heinemann and Gideon Bentz were named to two-year terms on the board of trustees, while Bruno Sielaff was elected to a one-year term. Larry Benzel and Herman Heimbigner will continue their terms as trustees.

**AUXILIARY** officers elected under Mrs. Heimbigner are: Mrs. Adeline Seim, first vice president; Mrs. Maude Rosenoff, second vice president; Mrs. Lina Buhl, secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth Eddie, treasurer; Mrs. Normadine Kulm, sergeant-at-arms; Mrs. Mollie German, chaplain, Mrs. Freda Arnst was named to the executive board.

Legionnaires named Hershel Heimbigner, R. B. Ott, Wilmerd Heinemann and John T. A. Smith as delegates to the state American Legion convention to be held in Yakima in August. Bruno Sielaff, Howard Seim, Josie Labes and Gideon Bentz were elected alternates.

In the auxiliary session, Lorene Heimbigner, Adeline Seim and Alma Benzel were named delegates to the state auxiliary convention, scheduled at the same time. Mabel Sielaff, Maude Rosenoff and Doris Kagele were the alternates selected. *W. W. I*

## 'Pancake Feed' Slated by Legion

Members of the C. J. Newland American Legion post will stage their annual pancake feed with auxiliary members and local Korean war veterans as special guests—at 6:30 p.m. this Thursday at the American Legion Memorial hall.

The supper will be followed by entertainment and Legion and auxiliary meetings. In charge of the feed is the kitchen committee headed by Ted Rowe with Emil Wellsandt, Wilmerd Heinemann, G. E. Bentz, Lucy Telecky, Josie Labes, Harry Labes, Carl Kechter and Herman Heimbigner as members.

*Mrs. - 53*  
The entertainment will include Emil Wellsandt's showing colored slides taken at last year's pancake feed and Christmas party and a shower held to celebrate the marriage of Mrs. Lucille Telecky (ne Dankas), former post adjutant.

# The American Legion



## Labes Elected Legion Head

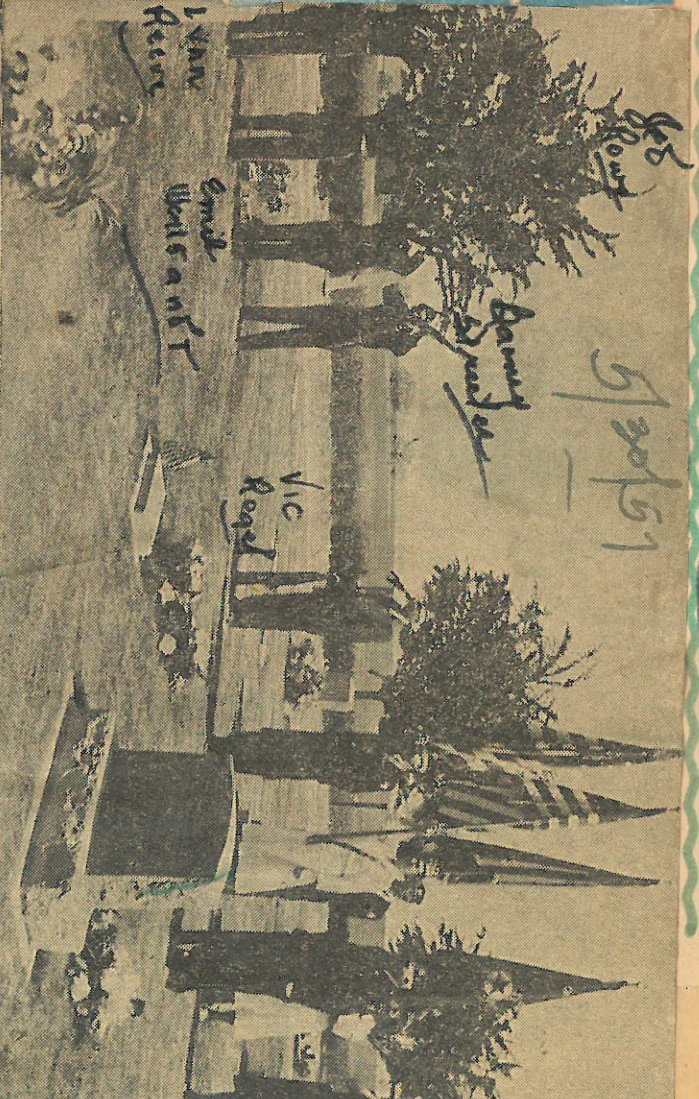
Harry Labes was elected commander of the C. J. Newland American Legion post Thursday evening.

Other officers are Lloyd Oberst, first vice commander; Lynn Reeve, second vice commander; Wilmer Kiesz, chairman; John T. A. Smith, finance officer; Virgil Reoesler, adjutant; B. W. Sielaff, World War I service officer; Otto Halwas, World War II service officer; Larry Schuh, sergeant-at-arms; Ralph Streeter, historian. Harry and Josey Labes, Reoesler, and Reeve are convention delegates and Smith, Emil Well-sandt, Sielaff and Howard Seim alternates.

## Legion Fetes 36th Birthday Next Thursday

Members of the C. J. Newland post will celebrate the American Legion's 36th birthday with a special program next Thursday evening, March 17, at the American Legion Memorial hall.

A 6:30 p.m. potluck dinner for Legionnaires, their wives, and auxiliary members will be followed by a program, entertainment and dancing. Leonard F. Jansen will be principal speaker at the program while Dick Whitmore will serve as master of ceremonies and the junior chamber of commerce chorus will present several numbers.



## WE SALUTE YOU!

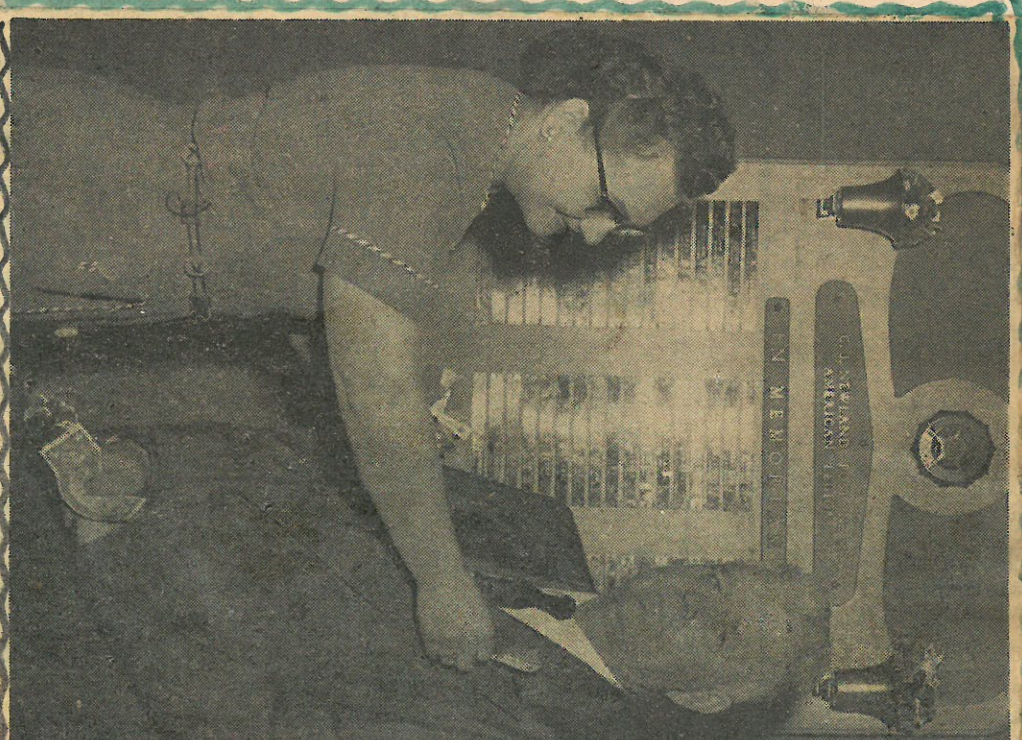
Legion, and the auxiliary's color guard are shown at the Luther cemetery in Ritzville during ceremonies Memorial day in honor of the dead. Previously the group had appeared at the Ritzville cemetery and later in the day went to Washtucna's cemetery. Members of the firing squad are, from left Lynn Reeve, Jed Rowe, Emil Wellсандт and Barn Streeter. Shown at the right of the photograph as color guards are Vic Rogel, Ralph Streeter, M George Kagele and Mrs. Pat Reddie (hidden). Color bearers are Larry Maher, Mrs. Joyce Mowle, Llo Oberst and Mrs. John Klettke.

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Program chairman is Roy P. Scott. Assisting him are Pete Lefevre, Emil Wellсандт, Herman Heimbigner and Ivan Graham.

The American Legion originated at a caucus held by members of the AEF of World War I in Paris, France, on March 15-17, 1919, commander Howard Seim of the local post explained.

No Legion meeting will be held next Thursday. At their parley last Thursday post members heard Maurice E. Bowler of Post 9 in Spokane speak on Legion programs. Bowler is a past department vice commander. The Legion also approved purchase of ribbons to award winners in the grade school free throw contest.



## FIRST SALE.

Mayor H. E. (Husky) Schoesler buys the first American Legion poppy from Mrs. Joel G. Members of the auxiliary will be selling poppies produced hospitalized veterans this Friday and Saturday. —Kendrick photo

John T. A. Smith was our 15th commander, serving from 1937-38. Under Commander Smith a county grave registration program was set up, and the C. J. Newland post was switched from the seventh to the eighth district.

G. D. Cundy, 1938-39, presided while the grade registration program was being completed. One of the outstanding meetings of his term of office was held at Washuona.

**SERVING AS** commander in 1939-40 was R. G. Warskiński. During his term a flag pole was installed at the cemetery. He also appointed the longest standing committee in post history. Charged with collecting pictures of past commanders, it has been on the job for 14 years.

Bill Sickman was commander in 1940-42. A large Memorial day program was staged, and an installation team was organized. R. B. Ott was elected department commander.

A. M. Kendrick, 1942-43, presided as the local post hosted another district meeting. This year the first World War II veteran joined the post.

Ralph Streeter was the 20th commander, serving in 1943-44. Activities included promoting a World War II honor board and a VE day program in August of 1944. During this term the post's first new building committee was appointed.

**HERMAN** Heimbiener was commander in 1944-45. More improvements were made on the old hall, and more thought was given to a new hall. An Armistice day parade and a steak dinner at Lind highlighted the year. Two Boy Scouts were sent to a Scout camp.

When H. W. Cooke led the post in 1945-46, the largest initiation of new members in post history was conducted. An option was taken on property for a new hall, and a temporary clubhouse was purchased.

Ed Rowe was commander in 1946-47. His term saw appointment of the first board of trustees for the Legion club, which opened for business. Richard B. Ott was endorsed for national vice commander, and was chosen for the post.

W. Walters Miller, 1947-48, appointed a committee to get going on the new building. During his term the building finance committee made headway, and the C. J. Newland post was well into its largest project in history.

**THE 25TH LEADER** of our post was Larry Benzel, 1948-49. During his term a citywide Hal-lower party was held. The membership quota was surpassed early in the year. Uniforms were purchased for post commanders and the Legion firing squad.

During the term of Ivan Graham, 1949-50, the new American Legion Memorial hall, financed largely by the sale of bonds to public-spirited citizens, was opened. The post helped with the playfield lighting project, and a large book program was carried out.

Barney Stretcher was commander in 1950-51. A memorial plaque was ordered for the new hall. One of the largest Armistice day programs in our history was staged. The new \$150,000 Memorial hall was completed, and a giant dedication program was staged.

Gideon Bentz, commander in 1951-52, included reviewing the junior American Legion baseball team among his projects. The squad, drawn from Ritzville, Lind, and Big Bend, was swept to the Legion birthday with an army stew dinner.

**NOW I SHOULD** like to mention our past commanders, who built so well on this foundation, and a few of their outstanding achievements during their term of office.

A. A. Pahl, the first commander, who served during 1919-20, stressed the need of a home for the post. He organized a championship basketball team, and also a football team which defeated Ritzville high school's eleven in 1920.

Victor La Frenze, 1920-22, was unable to achieve outstanding successes because most of the membership had lost interest and meetings were held only at spasmodic intervals.

Dr. H. F. Adler, commander in 1922, succeeded in getting the dues set at three dollars per year. Later they were changed to five dollars per year.

Leon Bodinger, 1922-23, was commander while the post still more or less was "limping along." There was some discussion regarding the organization of an auxiliary.

We have no record of the activities or meetings of the post under Brandt Klingel, who served during 1923-24.

**SIXTH POST** commander was Ira P. Rowe, who held that post from 1924 to 1929. During these years the post was just barely able to hold onto its charter, though it can be recorded that \$25 was donated to the local swimming pool.

The C. J. Newland post began rolling under the administration of E. F. Shepley, 1929-30. A World War I honor board was erected, and a drum and bugle corp was organized.

The rifle club was organized. An auxiliary unit was organized, and the local post won a national trophy for its membership activities.

Under Dr. W. H. Sweatt, commander in 1930-31, the rifle club captured state honors, a district meeting was held for the first time, and a junior baseball team was organized. The post also raffled off a Ford roadster for \$713 as a fund-raising scheme.

**UNDER HOMER** Reed, commander in 1931-32, the drum and bugle corp and the auxiliary drill team both won district honors. Still seeking a suitable home, members of the post proposed the purchase of the old community hall.

Richard B. Ott was our tenth commander in 1932-33. During his term of office the post took part in a parade at the Walla Walla di strict meeting and honored the auxiliary with a large banquet.

Commander Ott went on to become district commander, department commander, and finally a national vice commander.

Emil V. Mellsandt, 1933-34, directed activities including a giant Christmas party, sponsoring the Sea scouts, hosting a Fred Campbell, 1934-35, reign-ed as the post discontinued the Sea scouts but gave support to a Soap Lake hospital, staged well-attended smokers, and purchased the former community hall.

**BRUNO E. SIELAFF** was commander in 1935-36. That year the post promoted a carnival, installed a kitchen in the community hall building, and put on an Armistice day parade that was out of this world, with 360 persons participating.

During Walter Athey's term of office in 1936-37 the post re-modeled the old community hall into the best dance hall in the city. A potluck was established as an annual Armistice day tradition, and a soap box derby was sponsored.

## American Legion 4th Birth

Material on the history of the American Legion at C. J. Newland post was taken from a press given by Ralph at the Legion birthday last Thursday).

February 15, 1910, 20 of the A. E. F. in Paradise, accepted an invitation from Theodore Roosevelt, of the former President, Roosevelt, to discuss forming a veterans' organization.

agreed to further this on the veterans had re- o the United States and h 8-9-10, 1919, the first of the American Legion place at St. Louis, Mo. Lindsay of Texas was the first presiding officer. can be no doubt as to s the founding father American Legion. That es without question to 2 Roosevelt, Jr.

**C. J. NEWLAND** American post in Ritzville was d late in the fall of 1919. r members who laid dation for the local post gene Shepley, Sidney 2, Karl Rosenoff, Alvin are the only two of this group still living in Ritzville.

The post sold the old community hall, which now houses a bowling alley, and held a baby shower for its post adjutant (Lucille Telecky), probably the first of its type in American Legion history.



# FRANK PERKINS



Married - Marybelle Thompson - 1911

Celebrated 50th Wedding Anniversary - Seattle Wash. 5/24/1963

Signature Accepted

1402 Keen Way - Seattle Wash.

Birth Day Jan. 18-1891

Place Liberty - Missouri

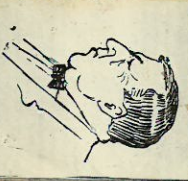
Father John Henry Perkins

Mother - Mrs. H. H. E. - Spokane

Sister - Laura (Barnum) - 1906

Brother - Perkins - Calif. Rancho Santa Barbara 333 Old Mill Road - Santa Barbara, California Zip No 93105

D. J. Behringer of Ritzville was elected secretary-treasurer of the Adams County Sunday school association at the annual convention of the group in Ritzville last Sunday.



Father



Frank Perkins



David Behringer



Frank Perkins

David H. - 1948 - Bookkeeper & Cashier - First Nat'l Bank  
112 - 11th - Corner - Fremont - Seattle, Wash. Xmas 1968.

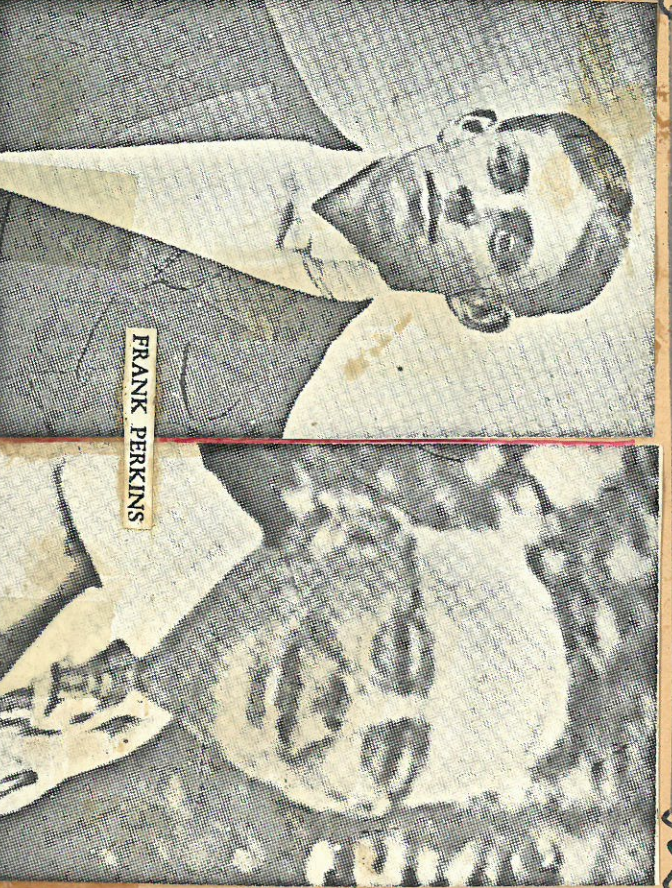
Hi folks:-  
Yes, we are all for a visit to old RHS in 1969 - It's a deal - We are in the same house and both feeling fine except the age bug.



June 4-1909

May 25-1959

**LEAVE FOR MAYO CLINIC**  
Mr. and Mrs. Behringer Will Seek Advice of Famous Doctors.  
Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Behringer left Wednesday for the Mayo clinic at Rochester, where both will be under observation and treatment for several weeks.  
Mr. and Mrs. Behringer have been in poor health for some time, and he secured a leave of absence from his duties as cashier of the First National bank a few weeks ago in order to seek further medical advice. He was in a Spokane hospital for several months and the worry over her husband's condition undermined Mrs. Behringer's health.



FRANK PERKINS

Buy some of the diet on the same form as the same form give you a copy Tuesday

We had a nice trip to Port Angeles, Spain & Massena this year was about a month less than the two years. This is our last land trip from now on its going to be boat. I make it out at the Church, now 16 years - I am keeping the house & yard & some other things for some other when I go. Best to your best.

Frank & Maebel Perkins

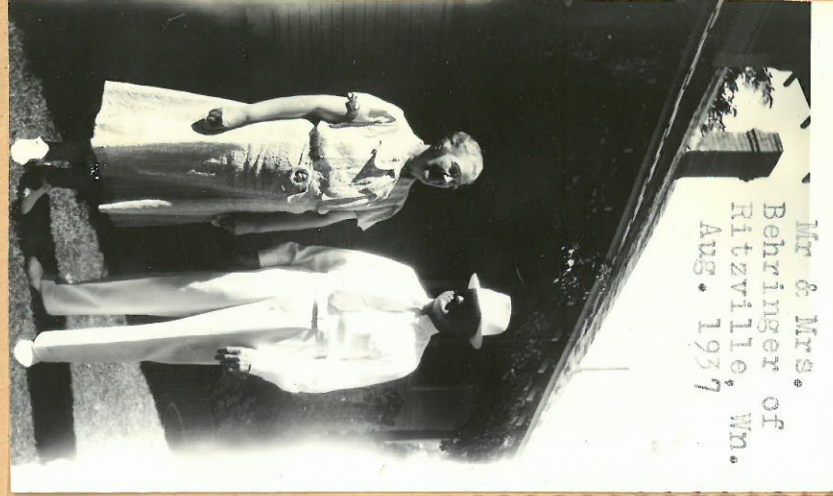
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Christmas - 1910

Hi Jacks!  
Another year gone by & we are older wiser you. You don't seem to bother me now our first wedding at St. Cloud. Mabelle would love weddings and I have seen their two nice boys. Anne June, this year, but well know he out so they have found a man to love my peach, I am glad cause I have a lot of love word to do.

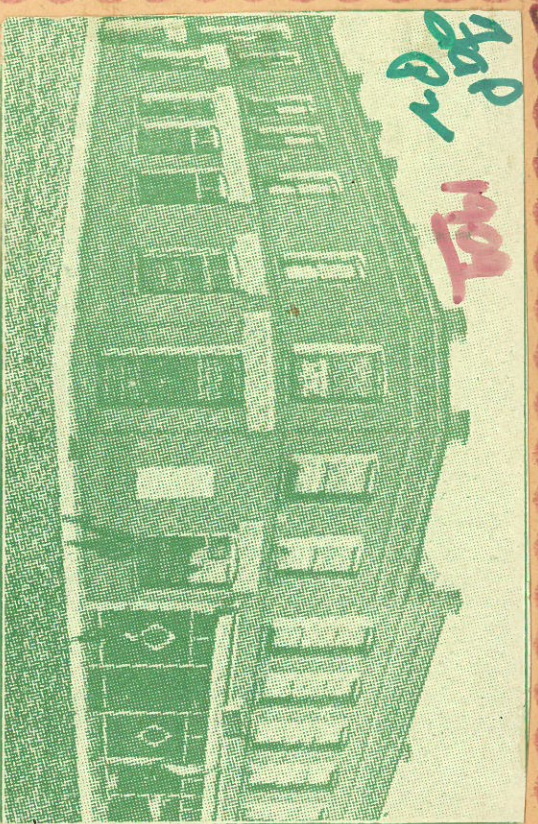
Being you miss you this last summer when you were sick. Don't do that any day - you come here & stay at your lady ones - you have plenty of women & would know how perses to love you stay here - You are not taking any trips. This year - decided to stay in our home instead of going into a winter most home. So we had up the house - mabelle got going on a trip, Frances, Gertrude all set & may go next year, M. Hope you had have a happy holidays season -

Mabelle & Frank



Mr & Mrs. Behringer of Ritzville, Wn. Aug. 1937

Minnie and David Behringer



Spokane 1909

First National Bank in Ritzville, Wash.

CHARLES E. JONES, President  
R. L. ADAIR, Vice President



Visiting friends here one day last week were Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Steen of Seattle. Mr. Steen formerly was employed at the Old National bank here.

FRANK A. PERKINS,  
Secretary-Treasurer

7402 KEEN WAY NORTH  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON



SEATTLE AUTOMOTIVE WHOLESALERS ASSOCIATION

DEC. 13, 1971



David J. Behringer  
Died 12-11-1948

Mrs. Behringer  
Funeral Services  
Held Here Tues.

Mrs. Minnie Behringer died Saturday at University manor in Spokane. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the chapel of Danekas Funeral home. Interment was in the Ritzville Memorial cemetery.

Minnie Risley Behringer was born February 20, 1873 at Lanark Ill. She attended public schools there and Illinois State university. She taught in the Lanark public school for 15 years.

She married David J. Behringer at Boulder, Colo., on June 26 1906 and the couple came to Ritzville. They lived here 42 years. He was employed as a cashier at Old National bank and retired in 1938.

Mr. Behringer died April 11, 1948. Just same year Mrs. Behringer moved to Spokane to live. She was a member of the Lanark Methodist church and after she came to Ritzville, joined Trinity Methodist church in 1910. She was very active in its Sunday school and other church organizations. Frank p9.

DEAR ROY & LADDIE,  
PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR NOT ANSWERING YOUR LETTER OF MAR. 23RD. 71.

WHICH INCLUDED A LOT OF INFORMATION AND LITERATURE, WHICH WE ENJOYED VERY MUCH. YOUR INFORMATION RE BILL THIEL WAS THE FIRST WE KNEW THAT HE HAD DIED. WE DO NOT TAKE THE RITZVILLE PAPER ANY MORE AND CAN NOT KEEP UP WITH ALL THE NEWS. IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE HAVE BEEN IN RITZVILLE. I HAD TO STOP AND FIX THE MACHINE, WHICH IS ABOUT 60 YEARS OLD) WELL ROY, WE ARE THE ONLY TWO LEFT FROM THE CLASS OF 09 AND IT MAY NOT BE LONG NOW UNTIL WE ARE GONE. I OFTEN WONDER HOW MANY ARE LEFT FROM THE 05-06-07-08 CLASSES. WALLY AND PEARL DID NOT CALL US WHEN THEY MOVED TO SEATTLE SO WE DID NOT KNOW THEY WERE HERE. AS SOON AS WE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER WE CALLED AND PEARL HAD PASSED AWAY. SHORTLY AFTER, LOYD HAIGHT AND WIFE CAME OVER TO SEATTLE TO BE AT THEIR DAUGHTERS HOME AND WE CALLED THEM & HAD THEM AND WALLY FOR DINNER. WALLY WAS NOT SO GOOD THEN AND I HAVE TRIED TO GET HIM ON THE PHONE, BUT HAVE NOT TALKED WITH HIM SINCE. WE HAD A NICE VISIT WITH THEM THE NIGHT THEY WERE HERE. GOT OUT THE OLD BOOKS AND PICTURED AND RECALLED A LOT OF INCIDENTS THAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST. LOYD WAS SWEET ON GERTRUDE IRBY AT ONE TIME. GERTRUDE WAS A GOOD FRIEND OF MABELLE'S BUT SHE DIED LAST YEAR. SHE WAS LIVING IN DESMOINES, IOWA.

TO GET BACK TO YOUR LETTER, I DO NOT RECALL WHAT I SAID AT THE MEETING, EXCEPT I CALLED IT TO YOUR ATTENTION THAT YOU WERE KISSING MY WIFE TO MUCH DURING THE BANQUET., SO ITS TO LATE NOW TO MAKE UP SOMETHING AS YOU NO DOUBT HAVE GONE TO PRESS.

MABELLE HAS NOW RESTONED FROM THE UNIVERSITY CONG. CHURCH, WHERE SHE WAS WEDDING HOSTESS FOR 18 YEARS. THE MINISTER AND MEMBERS GAVE HER A BIG RECEPTION AND A GOOD BONUS WHEN SHE LEFT. SHE IS GETTING USE TO STAYING HOME AND WE LIKE IT VERY MUCH TO BE ALONE FOR THE TIME BEING. HOWEVER, SHE FELL, ABOUT A MONTH AGONE AND HURT HER KNEE AND ANKLE SO BAD THAT SHE HAS BEEN IN BED MOST OF THE TIME, UP TO NOW, BUT IS ON THE MEND AND GETTING HER XMAS STUFF TO MAIL. THIS IS AND OLD ELECTRIC TYPEWRITER AS I TOLD YOU ABOVE AND I HAVE A HARD TIME GETTING IN ALL THE LETTERS, HOPE YOU CAN MAKE OUT WHAT I AM TRYING TO SAY, AND THE DARN THING DONT SPELL RIGHT ALL THE TIME. FRANK- (Perkins)

HATTIE LEWIS EMERSON ALSO DIED THIS YEAR. THEY LIVED AT THE RETIREMENT HOME IN SPOKANE. LAURA ~~ODSTXXX&&~~ WENT TO SEE THEM, SINCE HATTIE DIED, LATHIE HAS BEEN IN BAD SHAPE AND SOMETIMES DOES NOT KNOW YOU. I KEEP BUSY ALL THE TIME. I HAVE MY SONS STAMP COLLECTION THAT I HAVE BEEN KEEPING UP, TO GIVE TO HIS SON LEE. LEE IS IN A ROCK BAND AND IS HERE IN SEATTLE THIS WEEK PLAYING AT JOINTS ETC. ~~THEY~~ FOUR OF THE BOYS ARE STAYING WITH US WHILE THEY ARE HERE IN SEATTLE. ~~THEY~~ ARE A GOOD BUNCH OF KIDS TRYING TO MAKE THE BID TIME. THEY HAVE BEEN IN LA FOR THE PAST YEAR, NOW IN SPOKANE FOR A WHILE BUT GOING BACK TO L.A. NEXT MONTH. HIS SISTER LIVES IN SPOKANE WITH HER MOTHER, WHOSE HUSBAND IS V.P. OF THE WASH. WATER POWER CO. LEE AND PAMALA ARE THE CHILDREN OF OUR YOUNGEST SO GORDON WHO HAS POLIO DAUGHTER, HOWARD WAS KILLED IN BELGIUM DURING THE LAST WORLD WAR. SHE, MARILEYN, IS MARRIED AND LIVES IN OKLA. SO WE WENT TO SEE HER LAST OCT. DROVE THE CAR AND MADE IT FROM SEATTLE TO ENID, OKLA. IN 4 DAYS. TOTAL ROUND TRIP WAS CLOSE TO 4000 MILE. WE GET ALONG FINE IN THE CAR, MABELLE DRIES SO DO I AND WE CHANGED ABOUT VERY HOUR, SO DID NOT GET TIRED. WE ALSO HAD ~~YES~~ A TRIP TO PALM SPRINGS LAST JAN. FOR TWO WEEKS. HOWEVER, WE WENT BY PLANE

WE WENT WITH A DR. AND HIS WIFE, GOOD FRIEND, RENTED A CAR AND WENT ALL AROUND THE COUNTRY.

FRED IS NOW RETIRED AND LIVES AT RANCHO SANTA BARBARA, 333 OLD MILL ROAD, NO 3, SANTA BARBARA, CALIF. IF YOU ARE EVER THERE GO ~~AND~~ SEE HIM, HE IS ALWAYS HOME, NEVER GOES ANYPLACE, HOWEVER, HE IS IN GOOD HEALTH.

LAURA LIVES IN SPOKANE AT 4706 1ST AVE, NO 34, SPOKANE, WA. 99206.

BY THE WAY FRED'S ZONE NO IS 93105. LAURA'S NAME IS MRS. W.W. SIMPSON. SIMPSON WAS POSTMASTER IN SPOKANE BUT PASSED AWAY SEVERAL YEAR AGO.

YOU ASK ABOUT MY BIRTHDAY, I WAS BORN IN LIBERTY MO. JAN. 18. 1891 - GOSH - 80 YEARS AGO. LAURA'S BIRTHDAY IS JUNE 24. SHE WAS BORN, SAME PLACE, LIBERTY MO. 1889.

IN TODAY'S PAPER, SEATTLE TIME WAS THE ARTICLE ABOUT RICH OTT I KNOW YOU WILL BE INTERESTED IN IT. YOU MAY KEEP IT TO PUT WITH YOUR OTHER TON OF PAPERS.

WE STILL LIVE IN THE SAME HOUSE THAT YOU CAME TO VISIT MANY YEARS AGO. WE HAVE FIXED IT UP UNTIL IT IS REAL NICE AND WE EXPECT TO STAY HERE UNTIL WE CANT TAKE CARE OF OURSELVES. WE HAVE INVESTIGATED SOME

RETIRED HOME S IN SEATTLE BUT WE FEEL THAT WE ARE TOO OLD TO GO IN ONE NOW AT OUR AGE. TO MUCH INVESTMENT FOR WHAT WE WOULD GET OUT OF IT.

I AM STILL SECY-TRES OF THE ASSN. AS LISTED ON THE FIRST PAGE. THEY DONT DO ANYTHING EXCEPT DEAL WITH LABOR AND THATS ONLY EVER THREEYEARS AS LONG AS ~~THEY~~ WANT TO PAY ME, ITS OK WITH ME. I AM ALSO THEIR TRUSTEE ON THE HEALTH AND WELFARE FUND, THE TRUSTEE MEET VERY MONTH -NO PAY BUT IT KEEPS ME THINKING.

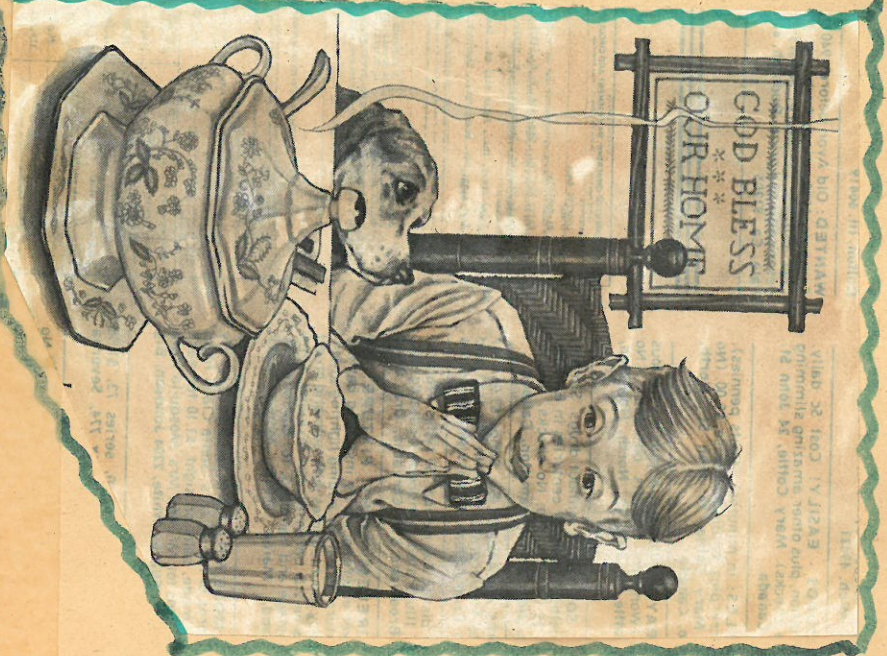
STARTED THIS LETTER A FEW DAYS AGO BUT THIS ROCK BAND HAS KEPT US BUSY. THEY DID NOT PLAY LAST NIGHT BUT TONIGHT THEY GO TO BELLEVUE COM. COLLEGE AND TOMORROW NIGHT IN PORT ANGELES, THEN THE NEXT DAY TBEY GO BACK TO SPOKANE.

WANT TO GET THIS MAILED TODAY SO WILL CLOSE WITH BEST WISHES TO YOU BOTH.

*Answers 1/3hr copy of answers sheet from 1st sheet*

FRANK & MABELLE PERKINS.

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*To the Perkins  
(Xmas 1971)*

*Christmas Greetings  
and good wishes*

*For a Happy New Year  
& many more -*

*Frank &  
Mabelle*

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RTZVILLF WASH.

Modesto, California, July 2, 1972. Sunday

Dear Frank & Mabelle:- I suppose our letters don't call for an immediate answer as yours was dated Dec 13, 1971 but I have been wanting to write to you especially after the alumni banquet May 27th and answer your letter at the same time. I have been taking the Ritzville paper since a long time ago and keep pretty well up on the news. Your typewriter does about as well as mine that is in spelling but I guess we get our ideas across somehow. Lately I have been giving some of my old things to the new museum here and among them along with a lot of dental equipment was a typewriter an old No. 5 which I bought in 1931 for \$10 so it must have been 50 years old at least.

Laddie and I drove up in May and had a fine trip. I had every intention of coming back thru Seattle to visit you but we came thru Bend where she has a lot of relatives. We expect to go up in Aug. to the yearly family reunion. They have about 150 in the gang.

I took along a lot of samples of the Class books and they have a place for them now in a specially built room adjacent to the gym where the banquet has been held lately on a count of outgrowing the Grange Hall. They acquired the old vault which was in the office building at the Ritzville Flouring Mills.

They have the shelves all in ready for the collection. I asked them for another year to do more work on them. There was quite a crowd in to see them after the banquet which surprised me. Of course everyone has a page at least in his or her book which each one is interested in naturally. I don't have anything on Gertrude Irby as she didn't graduate or at least her name isn't in the list. In Loyd and Wally you certainly had 2 boys who would remember a lot of things to talk about.

In regard to the meeting when we had our 50th and you and I and Bill paraded around town with funny garbs on Ed Cross was MC and called upon each of us for our speech or swan song and that is what I wanted you to fill in. I didn't even get to hold Mabelle's hand that night but I made a copy of the sheet and wrote your speech as I remembered it. Don't you agree that was about you line of talk. Well if you don't agree just let me know and I will make changes, omissions or deletions. Now this is in the 1959 Book Page 8. There are 3 more pages fro the 1961 Book when Mabelle had her 50th and they are pages 34, 35, '36. I taped the whole program and you can read what happened. When Mabelle was on her way up and I guess shortly after she arrived by me you mumbled something and it got a laugh as you can read. I will admit that I may have put my arm around her or possibly gave her a sisterly smack on the cheek and maybe you were right but you sure had your wifes crossed as to which meeting it was. I think I have a kiss coming don't you agree Mabelle, might as well have the game as the name. I made up some brochures of the song sheets which I used for the banquet and also sending a program of this years meeting.

I expect you knew that Skee Edwards died on the Thur before the banquet which put quite a damper on the banquet. They had to have his funeral on that Sap P.M. at 1. P.M. However there were at least 500 there. I haven't all the information yet but someone told me that all the Class of 1905 were gone. I am going to write some letters this year and try to find out about some of the old grads. We are about the same age. I was born Apr 29 in '91 just 3mos and 11 days after you. That makes me 81 also. But if we are in good health and can sit up and take nourishment what's the difference. I think I told you I retired in August 1969 but still have plenty to do and don't take geritol either.

Thanks for all the info you gave me on your family. Maybe I'll write to Laura to find out what she knows about the Obers. I used to write many letters to Laura Lewis Johnson who kept me posted. I haven't heard from or about her for years. You folks seem to be in the same boat as we are, we love our home and want to stay here as long as we can take care of it. I take care of my lawn and plant lots of flowers and vegetables. I just love it. I guess I'm a farmer at heart. Thanks for the article about Rich Ott and it is in his place with embellishments. He was over to the doings but I can't reach him for any thing for the books. Tomorrow I'll go down to the new library and make some copies of the class reunions which appeared in the JTimes. Had a great visit with Ivan McCollom who was about Teddy Gilson's age born in 1905. They lived across the street from us and in the same house when we went to Bend. Ore in 1916. I asked him to send me his history and he sent me a fine record of his life. The other members of the Class of '22 I didn't know much only Leroy Oestreich who claimed he was named after me. Poor fellow. Paper out so so long. Roy Gilson.

"The Queens"

Mailing Card



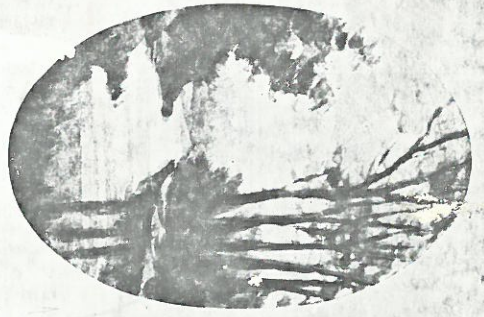
Mrs. E. A. Gilson  
Bend, Oregon

Don't know but  
that you have  
been to col. I  
have forgotten you  
got looking pretty  
good! Ra!  
Love + best wishes  
from  
Roy Gilson  
Dec 25, 1972

If You Were Here  
On Christmas times these Christmas rhymes  
All bear a message sweet,  
If you could be today with me,  
My joy would be com!



SENT copies of  
Banquet Program - May 21 -  
Page 5 - 8 - 1959 Banquet Be  
Pages 34-35-36-1961 Banquet  
1 - Pix Laddie & Doc  
1 - Clipping - SKEE Edwards  
1 - Roy & Susan - Shewing  
1 - "Pix - class of 1922  
1 - " Meet of Alumni Feb  
1 - Answer to Frank's  
on Page 8 - 2 and 3 -  
Wishing you a most enjoyable  
Christmas and a New Year  
of ever increasing happiness  
Mr. and Mrs. David M. McBringe



WHEN THE DAY  
is new, and glad  
When it is through,  
I'm glad w'er the Sky  
is blue,  
and glad when  
The rain comes, too.  
I'm glad I have  
Work to do:  
I'm glad I've a Friend  
like YOU!  
1925  
Belvinger

# BEHRINGER, David J.

Now look for no one  
 day - we have often that  
 would live down to sea, but  
 we never have - Save to you  
 husband + children + children  
 children - a very happy new  
 year <sup>for</sup> 1930 Minnie R, Behringer

FATHER

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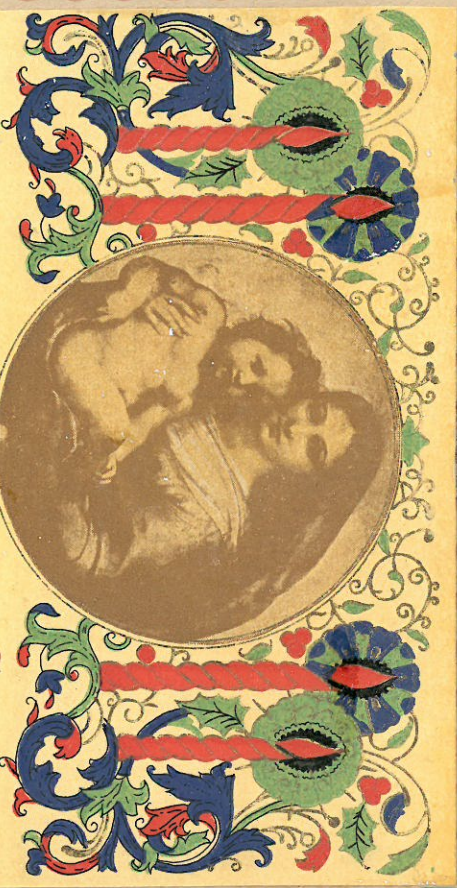
MOTHER

Minnie R. Behringer - Born Feb 20 - 1873 at  
 Bonak - Ill. Married D. J. Behringer at Appleton  
 Colorado - June 21 - 1901 - Lives in Ritgills - 43 yrs  
 Died - 6-15-1911 - age 38 yrs.

You get the Ritgills paper,  
 I am sure, so you get most  
 of the news, Mrs. Behringer 1-8-30

We are glad to hear the eld-  
 ren are all doing well. 1-8-1930

"The Gleaner" Snap out of it  
 + write me a line or two.



Christmas

Greetings

There are wonderful Gifts that are given today,  
 Gifts that are prized in a worldly way,  
 There are unseen gifts that gently impart  
 A richness of soul and a gladness of heart;

But the men, Star-led, with their gifts of gold,  
 Found the greatest gift that the world could hold,  
 And the power of that sacred Child holds sway  
 In the living and loving and giving today.

Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Behringer

Dear Friends: - Just suppose  
 you take your pen in hand +  
 push it a little to your old  
 time friends.

We are well + hope you  
 all are.

Fine winter weather!  
 Mrs. Starvo is as usual.

It was wonderful that she  
 got well again after being so  
 sick.

We like our preacher, Mr.  
 A. Attenborough, an Englishman,

church is going on so moral,  
 since we had in those "biggie"  
 nothing like it in our 25  
 years of residence here. We miss  
 Reed on where there is a great-  
 big place. Stal'ka!  
 Love to all!  
 Minnie R. Behringer.  
 Xmas 1930

See Mr. Gleason he should  
 put in some time hanging  
 around your open markets he  
 might run on to some of his  
 friends again. Stal'ka! 1-8-30

My dear. Post Card

Jan. 25, 1931 THIS SPACE FOR  
 COMMUNICATION

ADDRESS



Hope you are all  
 well + happy as  
 this leaves me.

I want forgotten  
 the Gleason  
 Reed  
 began.

You even if she  
 - writes. Good  
 - letter + kind  
 - an - Love + Mary  
 Mrs. Behringer

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Ritgide, W. N.  
Jan 6, 1930.

"My dear old 'gals'!" - The old "gal" is at it after all these months. I couldn't resist that card that you sent. 'Aa! Ka!' we sent you a card but it was returned & now I am "re-venting" it, envelope & all - so you'll see that my word is good.

Frankly know just where to begin on you -  
First of all, I'd say that Mrs. Starnis is a little better

we miss you even yet. we still have hilarious fun at times. Our last Miss. society we met in the church - Pat Luck dinner then the meeting. Had lots of fun we had an old Christmas party at one of our members. Had it in charge - Had a lovely program then exchange gifts. Santa was late with one pack which contained

an old coat for a "smaller figger". An amusing short old flannel coat for another

One of those little old black under coats was given for a Christmas a pair

Ritgide, W. N.  
Jan 6, 1930

Dear Loro (for a closer view)  
An immense box of long streamers in red, white & blue, for Mrs. Miller to wear to Womans Relief Corps etc.  
My me had a good time!  
I wish you could be with us again. we are still reading \$50.00 to Mrs. Williams.

She fully appreciates it.  
She returned the old Society about thanks giving time also about 1/2. I will smile entertain the Mrs. society.  
great work in the S. S. as I once did. I am too old for that. Just think we are the older generation now!

Church goes on as usual. we have a W. C. T. U. organization again. Shelony. Our aid is coming. The Commercial Club from just to-morrow night. They let me out

of the Roany work on account of my age. 'Aa! Ka! I have allowed down on the "Roany" in the last two or three years.

Good you like Cal. Spring conditions are very much improved since you lived here. Old street, paved down town streets, people are improving their homes more & can go to Spokane over for- feebly wonderful roads. we have a Straphonda & it is delightful.

Jan 9-1930

aid, to missionary - doesn't smoke,  
drink, lie, steal, play cards only  
listens to the radio - that's my  
good time! Show me like the  
radio! Ours is a gentle & a  
good one.

we have a small reading  
circle - there are 7 of us -  
Mrs. Johnston Mrs. Innes  
Mrs. Cunningham Mrs. Emerson  
Mrs. Pierce Mrs. Thiel

Mrs. Beckminger.  
I surely enjoy that. One reads  
the others sew, mend etc. meet  
every Tues. eve. Some cook out  
tea.

I had them here for a  
turkey dinner two days before  
Thanksgiving. Fine time.  
we got Bob Schuler over

the radio once in a while. we  
have not heard him for quite a  
while now.

when we get to bed to  
work any more we hope to  
move to Cal, I say, will  
try to be your neighbors so  
when you want to leave  
the apt, please for a day at  
a time see make your beds,  
we enjoy your letters so  
write two to my one. Come  
on up with some one who  
is driving this like the

favorable on Carlsons' - that's real,  
we went by train to Rockford  
see, 3 summers ago & then my  
sister Rick & Rubeard took

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# Her letter to

my mother

Roy Gilson

Mr. Dieb

in Spokane

my job

Minnie

Beckminger

Mrs. K. P.

letter

Jan 1930

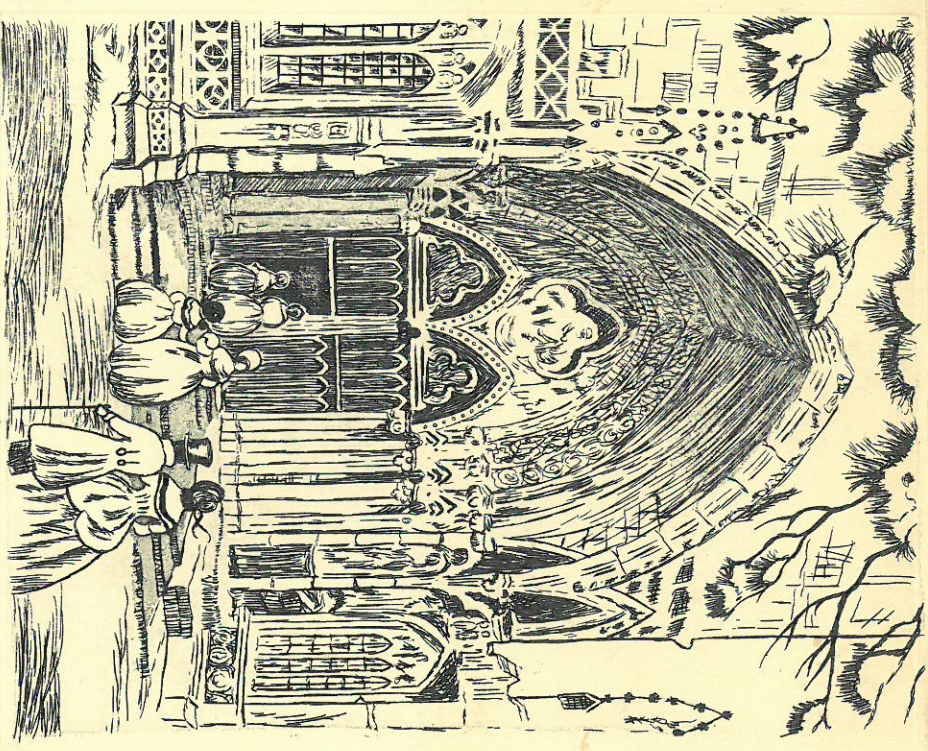
their car & drove this  
Boston where their daughter  
graduated. Show me toward  
the east & had one, grand,  
time. They have just got  
a beautiful new home in Rock-  
ford. His same daughter is  
to be married in July & they  
want us to come back again  
in summer but we cannot  
do it. You see we are getting  
old & no Florence, Roy, Byron,  
Reep, Darwin nor Ted to look  
after us - ~~we~~ we will need 15¢  
so we must keep it against  
that time.  
We fixed our house over

2 year ago. Put in new light  
fixtures, side light, repaired, new  
shades, screened the porch, took  
out chimney - enlarged bed room -  
got a whole new outfit for  
bedroom - got a Sturperville  
so we must go slowly for  
a while.

got some pretty & useful  
gifts - that a beautiful idea  
named Christmas tree out in  
the yard - colored light, wreath  
& tinsel in all windows - green  
holly, orange grape with icicle  
trimming inside so we looked  
pretty.

Now look for us some  
day - we have often that  
we'd live down to see. But  
we never knew - Saw to you  
Rubeard & children & children  
children - A very happy new  
year 1911 1930 Min. P. Beckminger

Mrs. + Mrs. E. J. Gilson 1931



Merry Christmas  
Happy New Year

### Friendly Christmas Greetings

Thank God for Peace this Christmas  
For Hope's bright star within the blue,  
Thank God for Friendship's golden flower  
That blossoms in my heart for you!  
Mrs. + Mrs. E. J. Behringer

1931

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- Q. A. What is this? An invitation.
- Q. A. Tom for? Yourself.
- Q. Who want me? Mrs. Cross Mrs. Behringer Mrs. Hamilton
- Q. A. S.S. Teachers.
- Q. A. That for? Social evening
- Q. A. When? Friday evening, Oct. 20, 1911
- Q. A. Eight o'clock.
- Q. A. Where? Home of Mr. and Mrs. Behringer



Season's Greetings

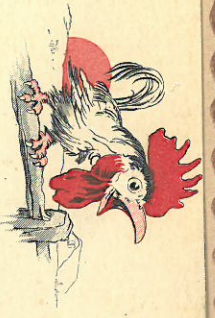
A merry Xmas  
+  
a happy New Year  
from  
Mrs. Maria J. Behringer

with love to "Old  
Sady Geeson"  
Dec. 25, 1915

JP 1409  
88  
By Behringers  
in Bank  
First Nat'l  
with Frank

May the spirit  
of Christmas  
be with you  
and happinell  
be yours  
throughout  
the coming year  
—★—

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Behringers



IF I WERE A BIG WHITE ROOSTER  
AND YOU WERE A LITTLE RED HEN,  
I'D CLIMB ON A FENCE CHRISTMAS MORNING  
AND CAROL AGAIN AND AGAIN:  
"MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

Mrs. E. J. Behringer  
Dec. 25, 1932

THURSDAY, AUG. 31, 1916  
Mrs. D. J. Behringer entertained the ladies of the Methodist church at a farewell party in honor of Mrs. E. D. Gilson at the Behringer home on Nob Hill last Thursday afternoon. A large company was present. Mrs. Gilson has been an active worker in the church for many years and the ladies will miss her very much.



# PEARL SHEARER

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Who is where is she? We need her now!  
All is forgiven!!

Mrs Pearl Shearer 7 Bendy

Signature	Star Rr 1 Bx 82
83805	Bonnerr Ferry, Ida
Quick Day	
" Place	
Yakur	
Mathur	

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Wrote to Mrs. Daffar Bauer Reilly  
412111 wrote Quick Day RUSHAD to send her invitation to  
209 Downey Ave.,  
July 10, 1970 1971  
Reunion

Mrs. Ruth Clark,  
Bonnerr Ferry, Idaho.

Dear Mrs Clark:-

On June 4th, 1909 the Class of 1909 of Ritzville High School graduated at Clark's Rink in Ritzville, Wash. During the last month or two there was a student named Pearl Shearer either from Davenport or Sprague who joined our Class to graduate with us. That seems to be the last time we heard from her and I don't know whether she was contacted by the Alumni Association or not but we would like to locate her if possible. She is a regular graduate of Ritzville High School and a member of the Class of 1909 and we would like to recognize her as such. I go up to the Alumni Reunion quite often and this year when I was there I asked Mr. & Mrs. Joe T. Wellstrandt if they happened to know of her and they gave me your name in hopes that you may be able to help us find her or that you may know where she is or what became of her. I think she said something about the fact that you were either moving to Idaho or would be there in June but not before. I keep a record of all the graduates and so far her page is blank. Do you think you could help us out in this either with her address or anything you know about her. The banquet is held every year and if she is near she may like to attend sometime. There are only 3 of our Class left one in Ritzville, one in Seattle, and myself in Calif. I would appreciate an answer to this inquiry and am enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope for your convenience in writing. Many thanks,

Yours truly,

Dr. E.L. Gilson.  
209 Downey Ave.,  
Modesto, California. 95354

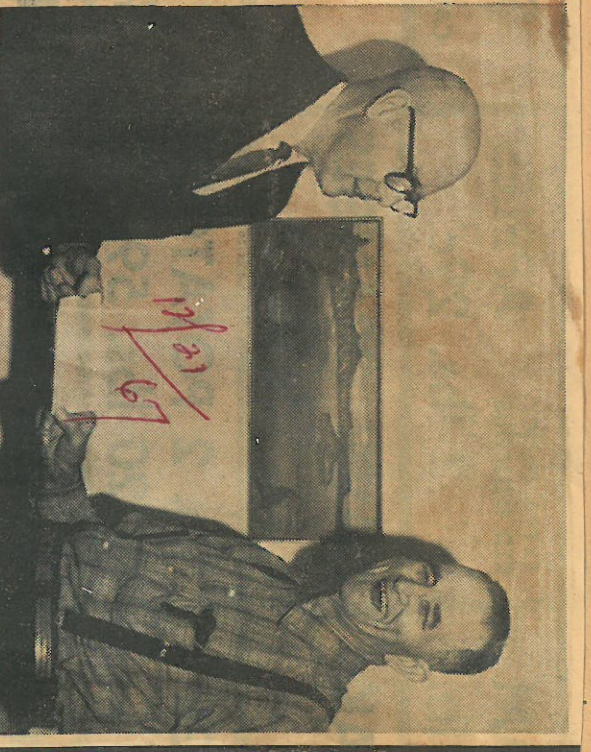
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at the 1965 Reunion Mrs. Esther  
Lue (Sandt) Smith - (goe T -  
told me to write to Mrs Ruth  
Edark of Bonnerr Ferry Idaho who would  
tell me how to get in touch  
with Pearl Shearer. Sure she  
the delivered my message  
to Pearl which resulted in the  
letter from Pearl on other side of  
this page.

PS 1909 P2 Bonnera Ferry  
July 15, 1970

Dear Mr Gilson  
It would be a very nice  
surprise to get your letter.  
I have often thought of the  
class I, wondered when they  
are now.  
I went to Lehigh Normal for  
1 year then got married.  
I spent five years in Lehigh  
& Philadelphia. Then two years  
in England. In 1917 I left  
there with my three boys.  
on the last passenger ship  
to leave there I have lived in  
since then I have lived in  
Washington 20 yrs, in San  
Francisco 11 yrs & am now in Idaho  
I hope that answers your  
query inquiring I would enjoy  
hearing from any of the class.  
Sincerely

Signature on 1st Page (Mrs Pearl  
(Shearer) Hendry ca



... paid in full - Johnson's  
after 32 years! Uncle

Grange Mutual Life Insurance Co., is proud to hand Frank Benward of Ritzville a check for over \$2,360. It is payment in full of his \$2,000 endowment policy, with dividends accrued.

Agent Gene Sifton presents the check in the picture above. Mr. Benward was 53 when he took out the policy. Had he not reached the age of 85, the endowment could not have been paid, under the policy's terms.

Agent Sifton was born just a mile from the farm near Washucna on which Frank Benward grew up. He's known Gene Sifton ever since he was born.

Congratulations, Frank Benward, on receiving a paid-up life insurance policy, and on reaching the fine old age of 85 years.

### Grange Insurance Agency

Agent, Grange Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Nampa, Idaho  
GENE SITTON, Agent 704 1/2 W. First-Ritzville

### Tom Shotstall Services Held

Funeral services for Tom Shotstall, 77, a retired farmer, were held Wednesday at the chapel of the Danekas Funeral Home.

Rev. Alfred Wain officiated at the services. Interment was at the Ritzville Memorial cemetery.

Pallbearers were Henry Amen, William Scheel, Dean Scheel, George Oestreich, Cliff Graham and S. J. Williams.

Shotstall died Saturday at the Adams County Memorial hospital. He had been there 19 days.

He was born in Poweshiek county, Iowa, on December 27, 1883, to Theodore and Sarah Shotstall. They came to Washington in 1901 and homesteaded west of Ritzville. Shotstall moved to Ritzville in 1951.

Shotstall, a bachelor, is survived by two brothers, Bob Shotstall of Ritzville, and Charles Shotstall of Medical Lake.

### Old Timer Back on List

Frank Benward subscribed again for the Journal-Times last week. He had been off the list a few months while in the hospital and rest home here with illness.

But outside of that period he's been a Journal-Times reader since he first came here in 1897 or '98.

As a boy Frank worked for the Ritzville Gazette, a weekly newspaper published by the then sheriff of Adams county. Frank remembers his job as "flooding the rollers with ink" and running a proof of the weekly edition over to the courthouse for the sheriff to check up on.

He says there was a German language paper published here at the time also. The Benward family moved to a homestead seven miles west of Providence in 1901. Frank lived there and farmed until his retirement in 1946. Since then he has lived in Ritzville.

# JOHNNIE'S STOOPS

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Deceased - 1st Spokane Wash - 7-28-1940 age 52  
John Calvin Stoops - Married - Deola Cox  
June 30-1912 - in Seattle  
5/4/14

John Calvin Stoops  
Funeral - W.B.  
The Danekas  
Spokane  
She Dies 8/13/1951

Signature

Good cheer is no hindrance to a good life—Aristippus

Birth Day

Jan 21-1888 DIED in Spokane  
11281440 age 52

" Place

Arkansas -

Father

Wm. C. Stoops - DIED - 1913 - RITZVILLE  
Age - 1854 age 59

Mother

Katherine - 1854-1931 - age  
1854-1931-71

Brother

Sam - Kansas  
L.A.

Sister

Karen Stoops - 1934 RIB

Sister

312-16th Dr. Seattle, Wash  
Flora Stoops (Johnson) West

Sister

Bro. George - 1852 - 1905 - 1905

He worked here together - Roy  
Gordon - 1927 - 1927  
MELVIN 1930

The baseball game Sunday proved disastrous for the Ritzville boys. The game started off in fine shape, with Ritzville scoring the first run, and Wolf striking out the first six men up, but that didn't last long, and the Connell boys commenced to do business early in the game. The Ritzville lineup included Stoops, Rosenoff, Kalkwarf and Herring.

For a Good Shave or Bath  
Go to WOOD'S  
One door East of German-American  
State Bank, Railroad Ave.

Obituary in herge  
Book of Danekas  
1909 of Danekas



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Mrs. Benward  
Services Set  
Here Friday

Funeral services for Mrs. Frank Benward of Ritzville, who died of a heart attack shortly after arriving at the Adams County Memorial hospital Monday, will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the chapel of the Danekas Funeral Home.

Rev. Alfred Wain will officiate at the services. Interment will be at the Ritzville Memorial cemetery.

The Danekas Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Bessie Haile Benward was born to Mr. and Mrs. Newton C. Haile September 9, 1885, in Billings, Mont. She attended school in Billings, Missouri, and the old Hilland school seven miles west and three miles south of Providence.

On February 2, 1903, she was married to Frank Benward in Ritzville. The couple farmed near Washucna for 28 years before retiring 13 years ago and moving to Ritzville.

Mrs. Benward was a member of the Methodist church. She was a past noble grand of the Rebecca Lodge in Washucna and a past oracle of the Royal Neighbors in Ritzville.

Surviving are her husband at the home; a daughter, Mrs. Guyla Taylor of Spokane; four sisters, Mrs. Anna Howes of Grangeville, Ida, Mrs. Ethel Munderig of Tacoma, Mrs. J. E. Murphy of Washucna and Mrs. Scott Shophire of Santa Ana, Calif.; a brother, Jack Haile of Tacoma; and two grandchildren.

Also surviving are four half-sisters, Mrs. Olive McClancy and Mrs. Elsie Stury, both of Springfield, Mo., Mrs. Gertrude Johnson of Marionville, Mo., and Mrs. Lucille Knowewetter of South Bend, Ind.; and two half-brothers, Bert Haile of Republic and Walter Haile of Corpus Christie, Tex.

Relative

## Prever Give Up!

Two frogs fell into a deep cream bowl,  
One was an optimistic soul,  
But the other took the gloomy view,  
"We shall drown," he cried without more ado.

So, with a last despairing cry,  
He flung up his heels and said, "Goodbye."  
"I can't get out, but I won't give in,  
I'll just swim around till my strength is spent,

Then I will die the more content."  
Bravely he swam till it would seem  
His struggles began to churn the cream.



On top of the butter at last he stopped,  
And out of the bowl he gayly hopped.  
What is the moral? 'Tis easily found,  
If you can't get out, keep swimming round.

Author Unknown.

Sent in by Joseph Nagle.

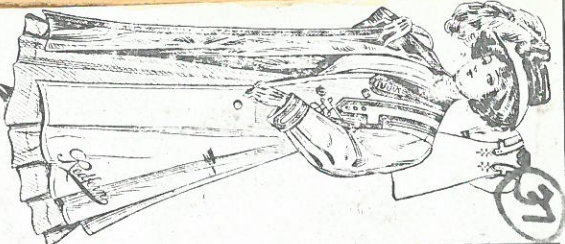
"Now, tell me why I've punished you."  
"That's it," sobbed Johnny, "you nearly pound the life out of me, and now you don't even know why you did it."

Davenny Bros., Ritzville, Wash.

The Most Complete Line of Ladies' Furnishings in Adams County.

New Features of the Redfern Garments

All Satin folds and Trimmings consist of Skinner's guaranteed Satin.  
All satin lined coats come with the rubber arm shields and are made with a neat shirred pocket in the lining on either side of the garment.  
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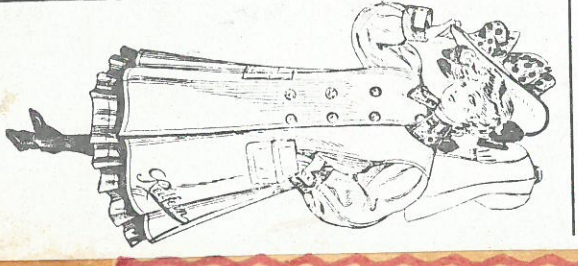
We are showing 50 style of REDFERN SUITS priced from \$14.50 \$40.00

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You can't fail to be pleased from this assortment and we invite inspection.

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RITZVILLE WASHINGTON





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# BILL THIEL

William F Thiel - Married Clara -

1911

206 East 17th St RITZVILLE Wash.

Ray Lewis Mrs Lewis Bill Thiel

Allen Thiel  
206 E. 7th.  
Ritzville, Mont. 99169

Spokane  
Quint Roy Feb-1958-1890

" Place

John

Martha

Sister Pauline (Belmont) Earl

Ben Stanley 11 Thiel Mrs

Bro - Reverend Fred Leander

## Jury Awards \$61,920 Sum

An Adams county superior court jury Wednesday afternoon returned a verdict of \$61,920 in the land condemnation case involving Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Bierman and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Bierman.

Last week Thursday another jury had awarded Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Galbreath \$67,510.

William Thiel, foreman of this week's jury, handed the verdict to bailiff Henry Ahlers at 2:30 Wednesday. The jurors had deliberated about 1 1/2 hours. A poll of the jury indicated the verdict was not unanimous.

Both the Galbreaths and the Biermans were represented by the firm of Miller, Jansen and Sackmann of Ritzville.

The recent snow has caused joy in the hearts of the grade children. Numerous "fox and goose" trails may be seen in the vicinity of the schoolhouse, snowballs are plentiful, and coasting is good.

## Christmas Party, Golf Match Dates Are Set by Lions

Several future events were announced, including a golf match with Spokane Central on June 5 and the annual Christmas party set for December 16, when the Ritzville Lions club met Tuesday evening at the American Legion Memorial hall.

Clarence Ness was received into membership by William Thiel of the club's education committee. Frank Sayre was his sponsor.

It was announced that signs to be placed on main roads at intersections near Ritzville listing the names of ranches along these roads, are ready for installation.

Bob Hays, secretary of the Association of Washington Gas Utilities, through charts showed how he said industry and jobs are being bettered through the use of natural gas.

Rudy Rossing of the Eastern Washington Natural Gas company introduced Hays. Ralph Danekas was program chairman.

## Grace Chapter Enjoys Program

Grace Chapter of the Philadelphia Congregational church held its regular meeting Tuesday evening.

Hostesses were Mrs. Roy Koch, Mrs. Art Hirling, Mrs. John Lenhart, Mrs. Walt Athey, Mrs. Fred Benzel and Mrs. Emil Gust.

## COUNCIL TO MEET

The semi-monthly meeting of the Ritzville city council will be held in the municipal building at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, June 3. These council meetings always are open to anyone interested or having problems to take up, mayor Bill Thiel said.

**OTHER ITEMS** of business at the council meeting included a request by sheriff Clint Rowe that "no parking" stripes be painted along certain streets.

The council voted a \$1.75 an hour pay rate for men employed by water superintendent Fred Benzel, Jr., on the water system improvement project.

Mayor William Thiel appointed councilmen Gideon Benz and Everett Schaefer as a legislative committee of the council to attend a committee meeting in Odessa this evening (Thursday). Thiel said he also planned to attend.

Councilmen took no action on the recommendations by Rowe and Dr. Lindsay, but informally indicated the matter would be taken up later.



## Mrs. Thiel Wins Ladies' Award

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Schaefer and Mrs. Martha Moon entertained with a dinner-bridge party Sunday evening at the Schaefer residence.

Mrs. William Thiel won high score for ladies, Mrs. Jake Hoefel second high and Mrs. Gail Howell low. Men's high went to Ellsworth Edwards. Gail Howell won second high and William Miller received low.

Other guests were William Thiel, Jake Hoefel, Mrs. E. E. Edwards, Mrs. William Miller, Mr. and Mrs. David Hoefel, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Thiel and Mrs. Jeanette Gillis.

## Mrs. Moon Is Hostess for Bridge Club Meet

Mrs. Martha Moon recently entertained the 10 to 1 Bridge club at her home.

Guests were Mrs. William Thiel, Mrs. William Miller, Mrs. Charles Womack, Mrs. Wesley Magers, Mrs. Ben Schaefer and Mrs. Jake Hoefel.

## Lions District Meet Slated at Ritzville

About 125 are expected to attend the district 19E meeting of Lions clubs to be held in Ritzville April 26, the local club was told at its dinner meeting Tuesday night at the American Legion Memorial hall.

A business session will be held on Saturday, April 26, and there will be a golf tournament for those interested the following day on the local course.

MILT SACKMANN reported that framework for signs to be erected at main road intersections to list farmers living on side roads is ready. The signs themselves are awaited. Scotchite with black letters will be used, Sackmann said. The signs are being made at the state penitentiary.

He credited Walt Weilsandt with being a major help in the sign project. Weilsandt in turn thanked all Lions who contributed in any way.

LEE BURROUGHS told of an area convention of the Lions clubs to be held May 22 to 24 at Yakima.

A nominating committee consisting of Lawrence Thiel, W. G. Danekas and William Thiel was named by president Flint Howell to report at the next club meeting.

After the business session, Bert Fredrick showed color slides of hunting trips to Canada and scenes around Ritzville.

## 5-4-114

Last Saturday Cupid (Bill) Thiel and Leslie Bennington started for Odessa via Bennington's airship, and for the most part the trip was a nice one, fair weather and good roads, but about three miles out of Odessa they had an accident, that is, they lost a wheel and after running about 300 feet they missed it, and after a little search found it lying in a ditch alongside the road.

## LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Colwell, Miss Alma Wertenberger and Mrs. William Thiel were in Spokane last Monday.



Invocation

PROGRAM

11 a.m. Thiel 1909

Invocation



ON THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING DAY  
MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM THIEL

Kendrick Studio photo.

# Golden Wedding Fete Honors William Thiels

Mr. and Mrs. William Thiel were honored on their golden wedding anniversary with a reception at the Philadelphia Congregational church Sunday afternoon.

Hosts for the event were Dr. and Mrs. Stanley W. Thiel and family of Mattoon, Ill. Dr. Thiel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Thiel.

Mrs. Stan Thiel and children were unable to attend. A taped recorded message was given to the honored couple from their grandchildren, each offering a message of congratulations. Their son also taped the program that was presented during the afternoon and presented it to his parents.

A large crowd was present to honor the couple. The Rev. Ernest Spengler spoke to those present. Mrs. Boyd Hille sang several selections, accompanied by Mrs. Gertrude Edwards.

A highlight of the program was a talk given by the Rev. P. I. Thiel of San Leandro, Calif., who had been accompanied by his son-in-law Charles Stewart. He is a brother of Bill and is almost 90 years old. Everyone present was delighted with the many anecdotes he gave about the couple.

Drawing a great deal of attention was a table containing many of the original wedding gifts the couple had received. Also on the table were pictures of the wedding, childhood photographs of each and many other pictures of years gone by.

The serving table was tastefully decorated with a gold satin cloth overlaid with net. A four-tiered anniversary cake was featured and flanked with golden tapers.

Mrs. Richard Wertemberger and Mrs. Ernie Deking were in charge of cutting and serving the cake. Mrs. Earl Colwell was in charge of the silver coffee and

tea services. Mrs. Henry Rehn presided at the crystal punch bowl. Miss Alma Wertemberger was in charge of the guest book, which was signed by many local and out-of-town guests.

Those in charge of the general arrangements of the event were Mrs. W. F. Eichner, Mrs. Martha Moon, Mrs. David McRae, Mrs. Frank Marshall, Miss Marie Kramer, Mrs. Margaret Martin, Mrs. Victor Rogel and Mrs. Dan Roloff.

## Jayceettes Plan Dedication Soon

The Ritzville Jayceettes will dedicate new playground equipment Monday at 2 p.m. at the city park and will present it to the city.

Mrs. Dale Schafer will be in charge of the dedication of the equipment that the group purchased for the Ritzville park.

William Thiel, mayor, will be accepting it in behalf of the city. The public has been invited.

*The shape these people gave felt well & happy - he are doing all baby eye dead see your future you will here -*  
*5/19/60*  
*Bill & Alana*

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## POPPY SALE PLANNED

Mayor Bill Thiel has the first poppy of the 1960 sale sponsored by the Ritzville American Legion auxiliary planned on by Sandra Weber. Miss Weber and Vicki Kramer (left) are members of the Junior Activities club who will be helping other club and auxiliary members sell poppies Friday and Saturday to raise funds to aid in disabled veteran rehabilitation.

Thiel was absent from school a few days on account of sickness.

*May 25 1959*

*The soul is strong that trusts in goodness—Messinger*

*Pay 2*



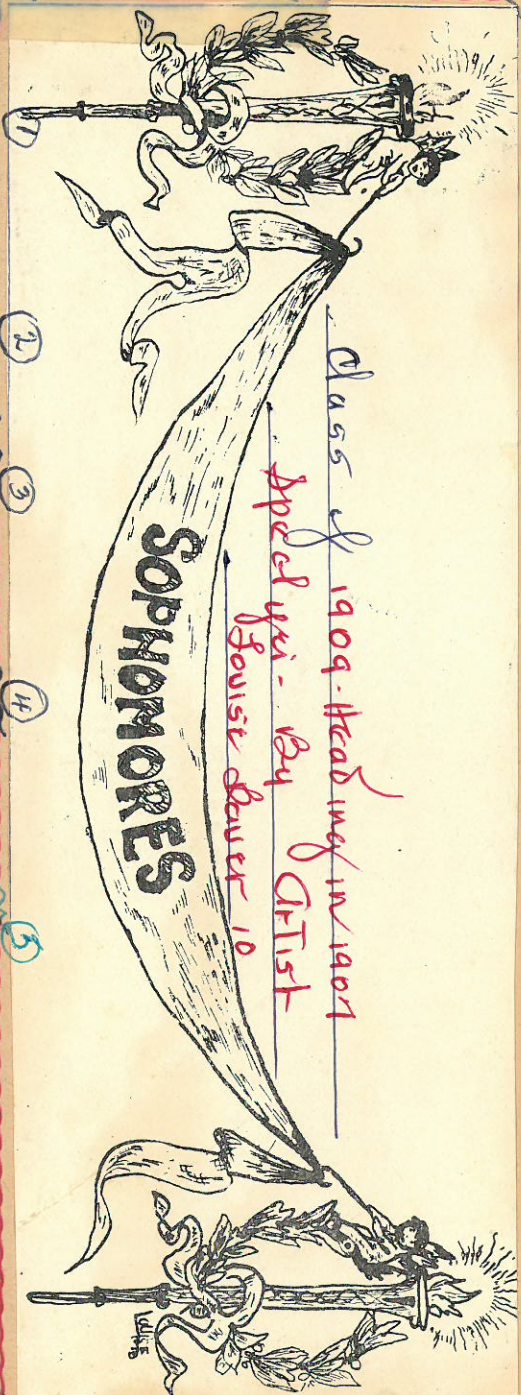
WILLIAM THIEL



WILLIAM THIEL

*Burdens become light when cheerfully borne—Ovid*

*Bill & Alana*  
*See Book 5 F Range*  
*for more Details*  
*Account of Bill Thiel*  
*Class of 1909 Page*  
*Me to 39*



## SOPHOMORE CLASS HISTORY

**1** WE ENTERED the High School in 1905 with nineteen members, and the brains of the whole class would just about fill a walnut shell. We were as green as grass and so weak that our knees trembled. In fact we could scarcely come up stairs alone. We had learned that the safest way to deal with savage animals was to get close to them and look them in the eye, so we lined up in the front seats before Prof. Casey. (Two pupils in the Zoology class still believe in this theory.) In about a week we were able to take our eyes from the teachers and looking behind us beheld our enemies, the class of '08, grinning at us with a grin of superiority. In about six weeks we were strong enough to keep our own caps. By spring we were so brave that Bennie even ventured to throw spit balls at the teachers, and even solemn Thiel was seen to smile when a well aimed ball hit Casey's bald head.

Later in the year honors began to fall our way and as "virtue has its own reward" many of us took part in the German play. We even timidly entered athletics and did not come off badly in a field-meet.

In June we separated for the summer, Frank Perkins having decided that it would take his full time to attend to his milk customers. Bennie played marbles and Charley Newland hoed potatoes. The others wished to show off to

**2** fond parents how much a year in High School had done for them.

When school assembled in September, we being the stronger chose the back seats and gazed at the thirty Freshmen who were timidly surveying their new surroundings and casting envious looks at the upper classmen. We sympathized with them in their weak and immature condition, remembering our former Freshmen days. We knew that they being so tender and weak would receive so much abuse at the hands of the upper classmen. However, they may console themselves that all have had to pass through this stage, and now it is their turn.

We noticed the first day that some of our teachers had changed, we supposed that they were unable to stand teaching such intellect as the Freshmen had. Some of our class had also dropped out because they could not stand the strain of charming wild beasts.

This year we take an active part in athletics and excel many of the upper classmen in them. We have basket-ball, foot-ball, and base-ball players. Among them are: Roy Gilson, the speedy pitcher; Chas. Newland, one of the best men on the gridiron; Stoops, an all-round athlete; Perkins, the phenomenal shortstop, and Lesley, the man who gets there just the same. The rest are first-class rooters.

our behalf, Miss McIntyre, seeing that the could not agree as to back seats in History 11, thoughtfully assigned the separate seats to each pupil and now we may pay much better (attention)? Prof. Sandstrom, the bugologist from Minnesota, is the man who makes Ben re-member(?) lessons, and is the only accurate guide to true pronunciation, Miss Hurn, the lass "with the delicate air", but who walks ten miles in a day, and rules that Class of "Hurn" with a strong hand. Prof. Taylor, the allround man who thinks that there is nothing too good for the High School, and it's pupils. Under this efficient corps of teachers it would be a poor pupil indeed who would not advance.

We feel that our SOPHOMORE year is a success, and always keeping our motto in mind, let us strive for the advancement of our CLASS, and for the HIGH SCHOOL. And, when, at last, we gain the goal of success, we will always look back upon our HIGH SCHOOL days with pride, and have the pleasure of knowing that we made the best of our opportunities. So we move together, a CLASS composed of:-

**3** BEN, the studious, (who disproves more geometry propositions than he solves.

**4** WILL THIEL, the solemn, (never been known to smile but twice)

**5** FRANK PERKINS, the walking dictionary, and funny page of the Sunday paper.

**6** LAURA SCHRAGG, the dashing brunette.

**7** LOTTIE CARLSON, the sober blond

**8** WILL LESLEY, WHO MIND NOBODYS business but his own.

**9** HARRY MCCOMB, the dancing master (not yet but soon).

**10** CHAS. NEWLAND the young politician who dives deep into the questions of State (future Judge of Superior Court.)

**11** JOHNNIE STOOPS, who never stoops but to conquer.

**12** ROY GILSON the man with the "prince z" (future latin teacher)

**13** FRANK JONES-the immortal and author of this effusion.

(continued)

When it comes to singing we are "right there with the mus tard", and some of the best singers in the Glee Club belong to our Class. Our voices will fill the largest auditorium in the city, (and sometimes empty it).

We take an active part in the Debating Society, and it does not take long for the observer to see that we are no "scrubs" at this sort of work. We believe that our Faculty is composed of the best teachers that can be had and much of our advancement is due to their untiring efforts in

1909-12

### Debating

**E**ARLY in the year, in preparation for competing in debate with the other high schools of the state, a debating club was formed. This resulted in finally choosing Wilbur Moon, Roy Gilson and Frank Jones as our representatives in debate.

The first school met was the Sprague High School at Sprague. There we succeeded in coming off victorious. Some time later the team, which was now cut down to two, consisting of Roy Gilson and Frank Jones, met the team from Colfax at this place and were

defeated, but not ingloriously. The boys put up a splendid argument and would probably have won if the contesting team had not been girls.

Even with this defeat we have nothing to be ashamed of, for it is the first time Ritzville has entered the interscholastic debates. Next fall the purpose is to organize the debating club early and do some hard work preparatory to entering the contest again, and with full determination to win out.

## Council Hears Pool Heating Plan; Airs Courtesy Parking Suggestion

The city council voted unanimously Tuesday evening to give the Ritzville Lions club permission to install a unit to heat water at the city swimming pool.

The city dads also decided to postpone a decision on a chamber of commerce proposal to issue courtesy overtime parking tickets to out-of-town shoppers.

Fred Slipper, representing the Lions club civic improvement committee, told the council the organization had made tentative plans to heat the pool water, beginning this summer.

**THE LIONS** club, he said, thought a heated pool would be a "definite asset" to the city, particularly since many tourists will be entering the city next year to and from the Century 21 Exposition in Seattle. He said the heater unit will cost about \$1,700 and that installation costs could be as high as \$700 if volunteer labor is not used.

The city agreed to pay an estimated \$350 annually for natural gas fuel.

The Lions also were given permission to build a horseshoe court in the park.

Several council members gave a cool reception to a chamber of commerce proposal to issue courtesy overtime parking cards

to out-of-town visitors stating that the city appreciates their patronage and requesting the early return of the shopper.

**THE CHAMBER** also proposed in a resolution that in case of a deficit in parking meter revenue, part of the deficit would be assumed by the businessmen.

Most of the council opposition was expressed because the plan would discriminate against local residents. Councilmen H. R. (Jack) Kastle thought that laws are made for all people. And he asked how the local police will tell who is really from out of town and who is not.

Kastle noted that many local drivers have cars with license plates issued in another county or state.

Mayor Bill Thiel felt parking meters weren't driving away trade from out of state.

"It's the trade from nearby communities Ritzville is losing because of parking meters," he commented. "And we would have to take out parking meters to eliminate this problem."

M. L. (Marty) Heimburger felt out-of-state drivers would not pay a parking ticket anyway and suggested that they be given a courtesy note in hopes that they would remember the city when talking to their friends.

**BUT RUDY** Koch felt that if people from out-of-state started

And the city dads also changed fees at the pool, voted to build a ramp and doorway into the filter room and discussed having the freeway entrance to Ritzville designated as "Business Loop 90" routes Tuesday evening.

Benner Cummings, Ritzville Swim club instructor last season, and Gary Chase, last year's pool manager, asked the council in a letter if they could return to the city again this summer.

**CUMMINGS WANTS** to coach the swim club and Chase would like to again be pool manager. Chase would be paid by the city while Cummings would coach the club free of charge.

Councilman H. R. (Jack) Kastle felt the city should ask Cummings and Chase to teach the swimming program this summer rather than have instructors approved by the Red Cross.

Chase is a qualified Red Cross instructor, but Cummings had his water safety instructor's certificate revoked after a hassle with the Red Cross a few years ago.

Kastle said Cummings is an "outstanding" swimmer instructor and that "we have had the Red Cross program the last two years and it has been a failure."

He did say, however, that if the people wanted the Red Cross program, that is their business.

**COUNCILMAN G. F. Bantz** pointed out that the Red Cross swimming program is recognized nationally and that Cummings' program would not be recognized anywhere, regardless of whether the youngsters learn to swim.

City clerk Richard Miller noted that a water safety instructor's certificate is required by a state health department regulation before any person can teach swimming in a public pool.

Miller said the Red Cross and the YMCA issue WSI certificates and he nor city attorney Milton Sackman could say whether other organizations' certificates would meet the health department's regulations as well.

Mayor Bill Thiel and councilman Robert Geschke felt there had been too much emphasis on the swim team.

## Council Eyes Six-Year Plan for Streets

The city council started work Tuesday evening on a program which could mean better arterial streets in Ritzville during the next few years.

The council learned that a law passed by the special session of the Legislature provides that cities and towns will receive an additional one-half cent of the state vehicle fuel tax, which is expected to yield an additional \$7,200 annually to the city.

But there is one condition: The city is required to prepare a comprehensive six-year road program before January 1, 1962, and file the program with the department of highways.

**THE PLAN** must include the names of the streets forming the arterial system, information about the streets and the estimated cost of all projects on which funds derived from the increased revenue will be spent.

The act provides that the funds must be matched by 25 per cent of other funds in the city's coffers with 75 per cent from the proceeds of the one-half cent additional tax.

The additional tax and the matching funds must be used exclusively for the construction, improvement and repair of arterial streets.

Mayor Bill Thiel suggested that the council street committee contact county engineer W. W. Athey to see if he will work on the six-year plan with other council members. Streets included in the plan could be heavily traveled ones such as Division, First avenue, Main avenue and Broadway avenue.

**ROBERT MARON** asked the council to have a large mound of dirt and rock leveled at his property in the vicinity of Third and Cascade in Missouri Heights dumped there during the street-paving construction.

City clerk Richard Miller said he would contact consulting engineer Walt Woodward during a trip to Spokane to see if Woodward could get the contractor to level off the pile.

None of the councilmen had heard when the LID contractor is coming back to the city to repair and complete the work started last summer. The council still has a list of things to be done by Inland Asphalt before the one-year \$50,000 performance bond expires.

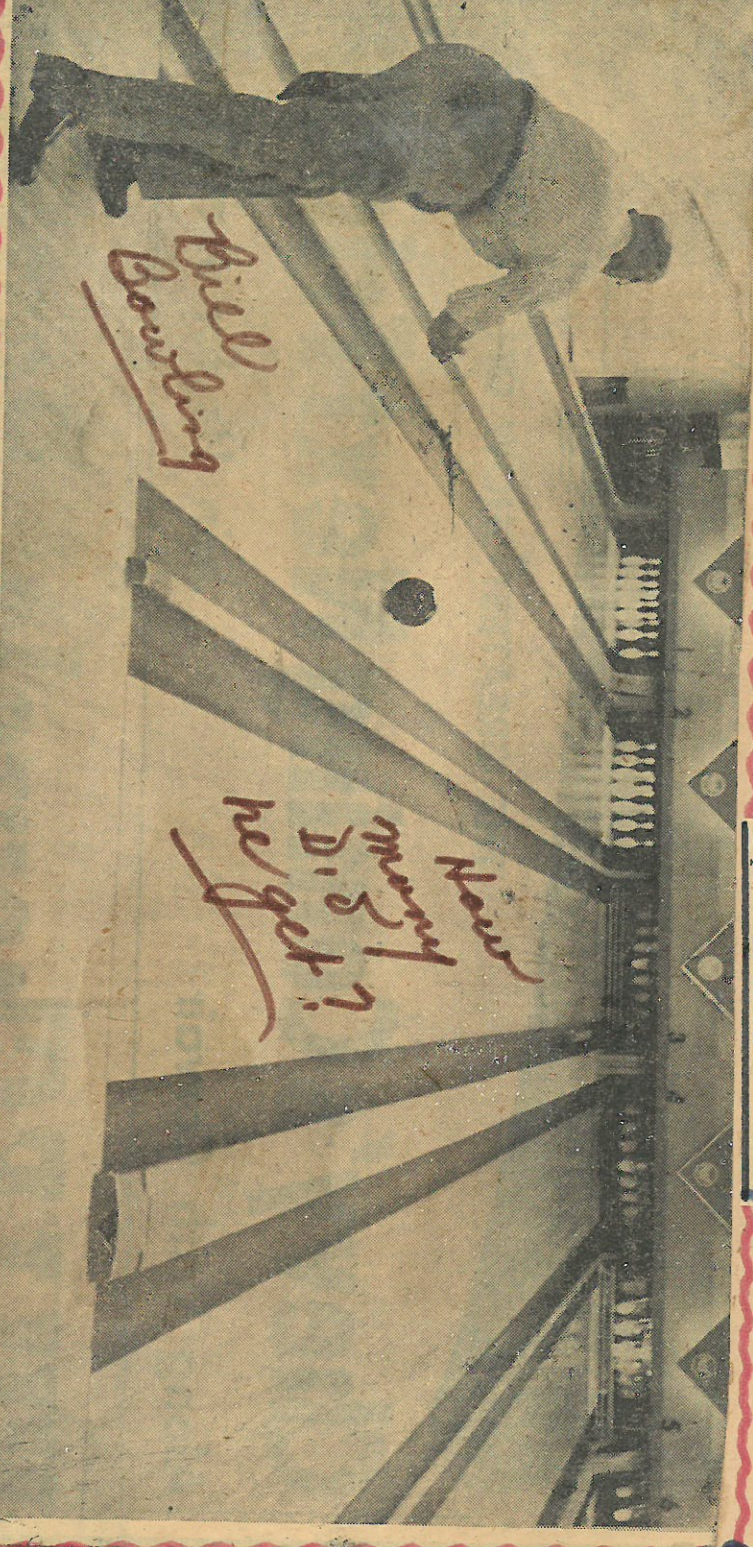
There has been some dispute between the council and city residents about how and where sidewalks should be constructed.

Because of confusion in the past, the council authorized Miller to draw up a set of specifications for sidewalk construction and location which will be issued with each building permit.

**AND STREET** and water superintendent Fred Benzel was authorized to inspect every location before sidewalks are built.

The council warned that every resident must have a building permit before sidewalk and many other types of construction is begun. The permits are available at the city clerk's office.

A building permit was issued to Dean Whitworth for a 24-by-20-foot frame addition to an existing house at an estimated cost of \$5,000.



*Bill Bowling*

*How many did he get?*

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### First Ball Bowled

Mayor Bill Thiel is shown bowling the first ball at Big Bend Bowl, Ritzville's new 10-lane bowling alley which opened Saturday at 1106 West First. Scores of residents in the Big Bend area attended the opening. The lanes are equipped with automatic pin

spotters. There is a snack bar and women's lounge in the \$100,000 structure. Manager and part-owner O. D. (Danny) Kutschkau said a grand opening will be held later. League bowling will begin Monday evening.

—Journal-Times photo





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*John Stroop*  
*Roy Gilson*  
*Bill Field*  
*Frank Perkin*  
*Frank Jones*  
*R. W. B.*  
*Blair* 1909

## Ralph Herring Funeral Held

### Here Saturday

The funeral service of Ralph Herring, 80, was held Saturday afternoon at the chapel of the Danekas Funeral home.

Mr. Herring died Mar. 16 at the Deaconess hospital in Spokane. He had been there for about two weeks.

He was born Feb. 29, 1892 at Ralston. His life had been spent in farming here at Ritzville, near Palouse and at Walla Walla. His home here in Ritzville was at 208 South Jackson St. *Don 344*

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. James Stager of Aberdeen, and by three sons, Donald Herring of Kent, Robert Herring of Liberty Lake and Darrell Herring of Spokane. *Grand - 75*

Also surviving are two brothers, Harvey Herring of Kelso and Arthur Herring, Salem, Oregon. There are 10 grandchildren and four great grandchildren surviving.

He was a member of the Methodist Church and of the Grange.

The Rev. John Sisk conducted the funeral service. Milton Sackmann sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Up the Garden." His organ accompanist was Mrs. Orville Moeller. *Rab 7-297*

The pallbearers were Al Kramer, Harry Labes, John Shoemaker, Charles Brauer, Leonard Fender and Tom Geman. Honorary pallbearers were George Hs, Henry Becker, Carl Hoefel, Fred Kramer, Edward Kantola and Rudy Vostril. *1-687-24*

Concluding services and vault interment were held at the Ritzville Memorial cemetery. Danekas Funeral home had charge of the arrangements.

### 50 Years Ago—

September 19, 1912

Virgil Bennington, accompanied by Roy Gilson left Sunday morning for an overnight trip to Walla Walla in Virgil's roadster. They expect to attend Whitman college this year. Virgil had the good fortune to have the auto presented him by his father.

J. T. Baumann, left the first of the week for Corvallis, Oregon where he will attend the agricultural college. He has been visiting with his mother, Mrs. C. Baumann.

The Schmidt and Dornier threshing outfit pulled their rig into the Warner ranch near Mesa, Saturday, after having threshed 25,000 sacks of grain on the flat.

Tossed up in his best bib and tucker, John Wellstead left for a short trip to Spokane Friday.

## C. J. Newland Legion, Auxiliary Note 49th Birthday with Potluck

C. J. Newland Post of the American Legion celebrated its 49th birthday last Thursday evening with 82 members and guests present for a potluck dinner and program at the Legion hall.

Local post commander William Moeller led the grand march and gave the welcoming address.

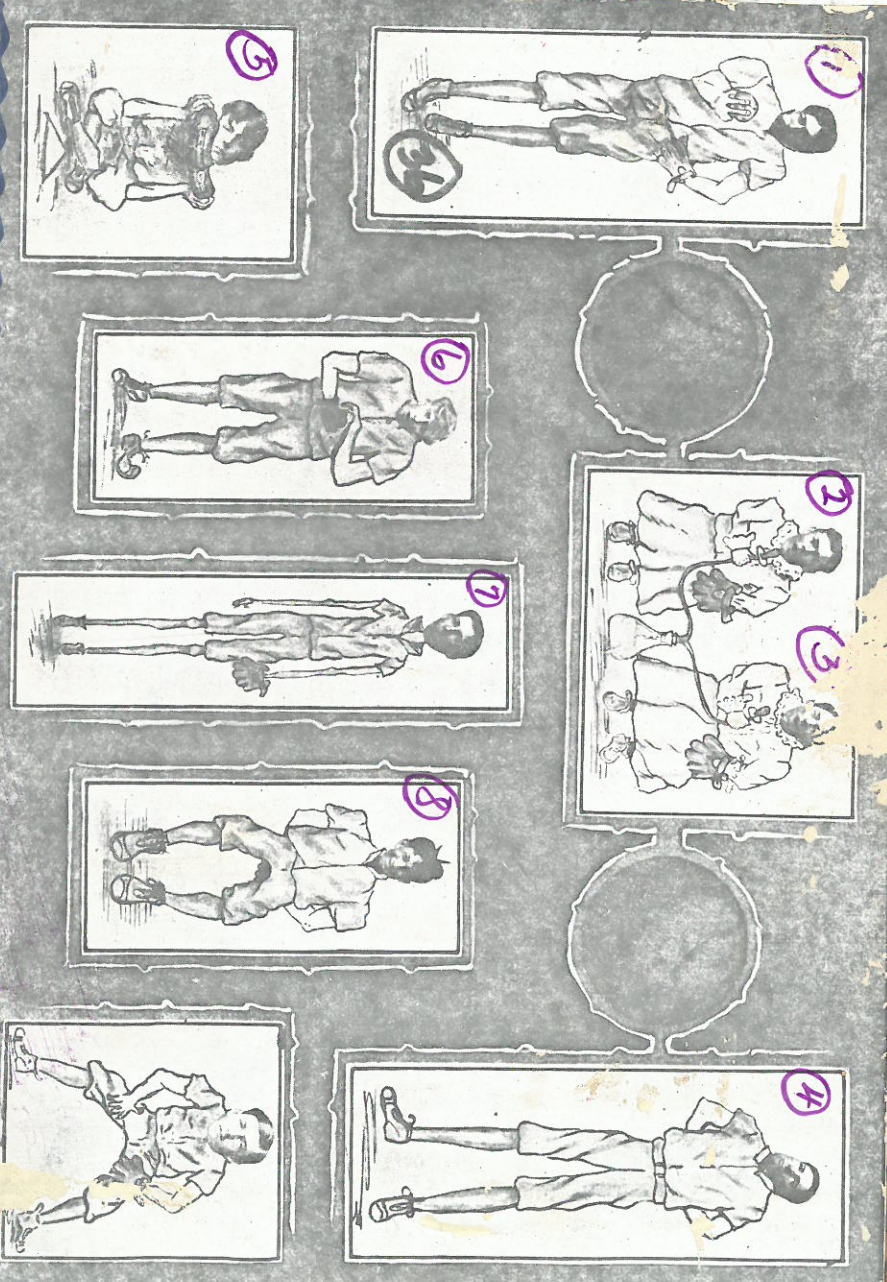
Ralph Streeter acted as master of ceremonies and in his remarks stated that the national organization was founded March 15, 1919, and the local post was started on November 24 of the same year. It was originally started for veterans of the first world war, but now also includes veterans of the second world war, and the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Two local veterans of the Vietnam war, John Timm and Dennis Greenwalt, showed movies and slides and commented on their tours of duty there. *7/28/68*

Main speaker of the evening was Gordon Swyer, local attorney. State of Washington department commander, William C. Denton of Wenatchee, also spoke.

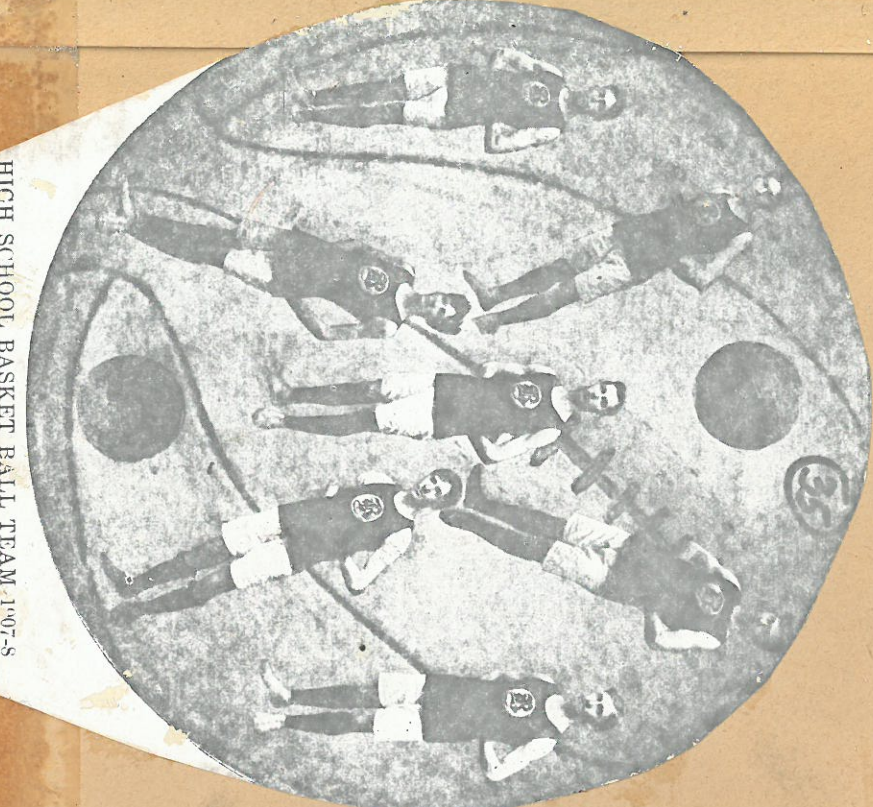
The program closed with a surprise number by a quartet of auxiliary members. Mrs. Ralph Streeter, Mrs. Ralph Koch, Mrs. Minnie Hall and Mrs. Emil Wellsandt sang songs, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. R. E. Edwards. Guests coming from out of town included Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beckler, Spague; eighth district commander Don Meyers, Chewelah;

eighth district vice-commander Cliff Voss, Spokane Valley; Forrest McKeenan, commander of post 54, and Mrs. McKeenan, east side department auxiliary president, Chewelah; Paul Kramer, post 98, Almira; Barney Streeter, past commander and long time adjutant of the local post, and Mrs. Streeter, Quincy; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Campbell, Lind, and Harold Suchland, Russ Wagner and Merle Sperring, post 105, Odessa. Checkered table cloths and ker- osene lamps provided a setting reminiscent of 49 years ago. Decorating and kitchen committee members were Mrs. Ralph Streeter, Mrs. Vernon Wellsandt, Mrs. Minnie Hall, Miss Alma Wertheimer and Mrs. Gideon Bentz.

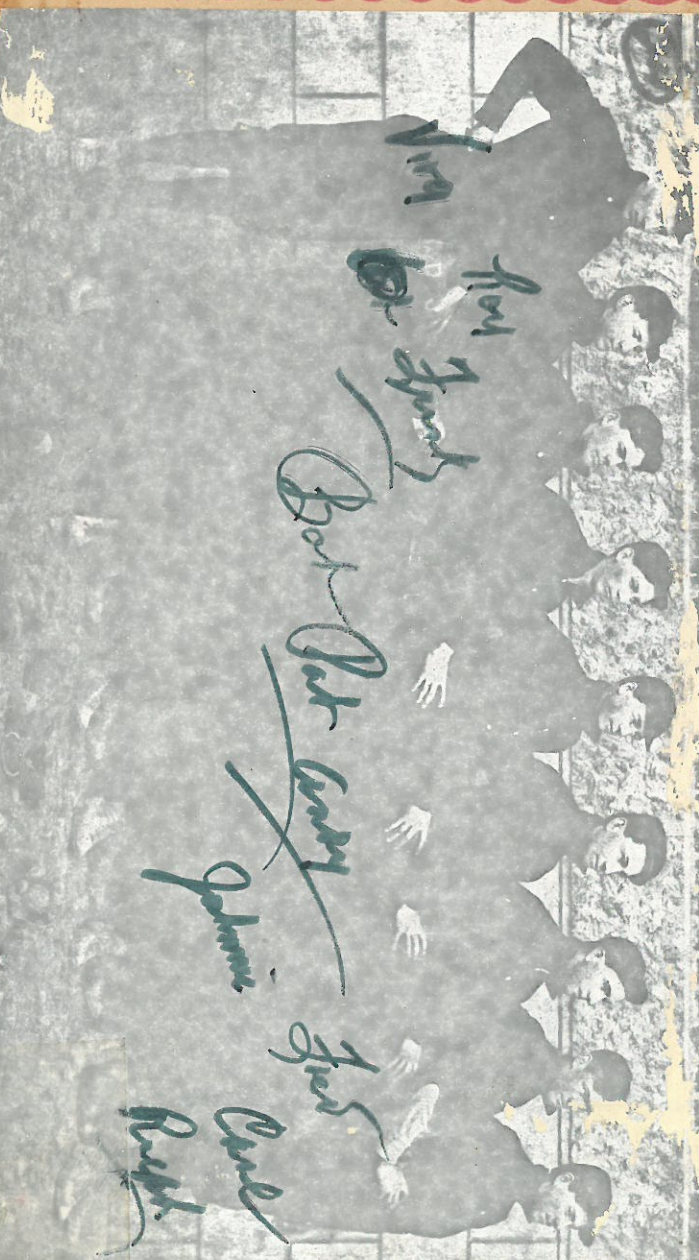


ABOVE=Virgil Bennington; 2-Fred Perkins; 3-Ralph Herring; 4-Roy Gilson; 5-Frank Perkins; 6-Johnnie Stoops; 7-Bob Newland; 8-Andy Towers; 9-Bill Rosenoff.

BELOW:- Virgil Bennington, Pitcher; Roy Gilson, Pitcher; Frank Perkins, Catcher; Bob Newland, 2nd Base; Bill Rosenoff, Center field; Andy Towers, R. Field; John Stoops, Pitcher & 1 base; Fred Perkins, 3rd Base and Ralph Herring, Short Stop.



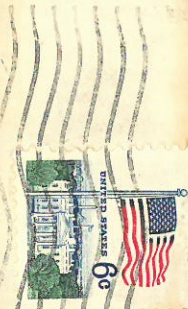
HIGH SCHOOL BASKET BALL TEAM 1907-8



HIGH SCHOOL BASE BALL TEAM 1907-8

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*Gordon Swyer*  
*William C. Denton*  
*Don Meyers*  
*Chewelah*

Prudence Mack  
Feb. 28-71



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Dear Jack & Rose

We want to thank you for the nice birthday card and letter you sent to Bill also the papers. I'm writing for BILL, I know he can't write and now Bill is in the hospital. He has pneumonia and we took him to the hospital Monday night and he isn't good. I know that you would like to know about asking this girl (Pearle Shearer). into your Class and you went to a lot of trouble to find her but you and Frank can decide what to do. Bill didn't get to the banquet last year (1970) as the noise is too much for him. We did go to the Golden "R" get-together but there weren't many there.

We don't know what the future has in store for us so don't think Bill will be able to attend the banquet. Every one should have the interest in the Alumni as you have. I suppose you saw by the Journal-Times that Pearl Procter and Bill Rosenoff passed away just a few days apart.

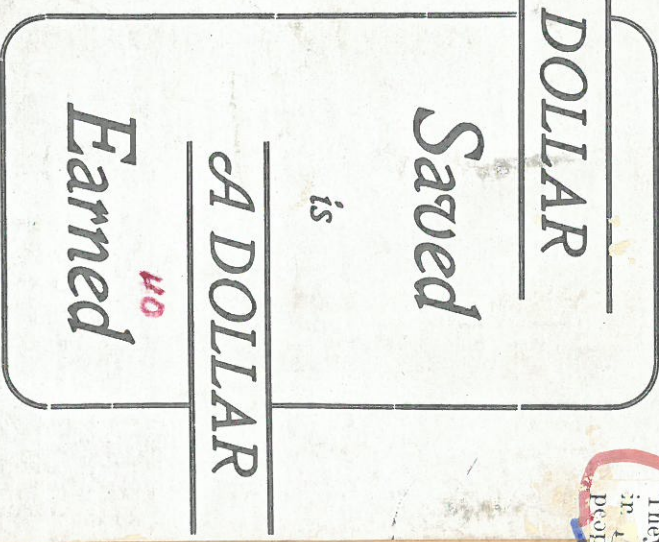
Our weather the past 2 days has been windy, dusty and cold but spring is in the air. **HOPE THIS FINDS**

both of you fine and  
enjoying yourself, your  
little weekend like you  
both were well & happy  
Sincerely  
Bill & Clara Steel

C. H. CLODIUS President  
JOHN THEIL Vice President  
H. E. CHRISTENSEN Cashier

Our account of last year's Seniors not publishing their annual, the class of '09 has bought all their cuts and stuff, which they expect to use in putting out their annual.

The Seniors are not sorry that they gave a play last year. They are about \$75 to the good, which will help them very much in putting out their annual this year. They also showed the people how good they could act if they only wanted to.



One Dollar Starts an Account with

The German American Bank

Dear Roy's haddie

A lo year celebration  
around you, I can  
remember enjoyed when I  
read you note.

I did not realize that  
we have been over 4 R185,  
that many years. as the  
notes the year go by we may  
now be 75 yrs. How How,

you both look well & healthy  
in the picture.

Clara has not been to well  
for some time. He has to take  
a bunch of pills for her  
head & blood pressure.

I feel pretty good most  
of the time; but old age  
is beginning to show.  
The old ticks are my own in  
a while, can't get around on  
part or I will be.

Clara & Bill  
Xmas  
1969  
Hope you can read this

MENTIONED ANOTHER REIGNION  
IN MAY-1970-BUT FRANK DIDN'T  
COME & WE'D A BIT MAKE IT.  
OCTOBER - MAR 22-1971

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1909 - DOWN BY THE OLD MILL STREAM Key F  
Down by the old mill stream,  
Where I first met you,  
With your eyes so blue,  
Dressed in gingham, too,  
It was there I knew, that I first loved you,  
You were sixteen, my village queen,  
Down by the old mill stream.



WILLIAM THIEL 3/6-71

## William Thiel Funeral Rite Held Friday

Funeral services for William Thiel were held Friday at the chapel of the Danekas Funeral home. He died March 8 at Ritzville Memorial hospital after an illness there of two weeks.

He was born at Ritzville Feb. 14, 1890. He went to work as a bookkeeper after finishing school at White River Lumber Co. Later he was county clerk for a number of years. In the 1920's he worked for the German American bank a predecessor of the present National Bank of Commerce. He was bookkeeper for McGregor Land and Livestock Co., at Hooper for 12 years.

He worked for the Big Bend Electric Co-operative until his retirement in 1958. He was the mayor of Ritzville from 1957 to 1962. After retirement he worked intermittently for Big Bend Fertilizers.

He and Clara Eckhardt, a Nebraska girl, were married in the bridegroom, the Rev. Peter Thiel officiating. The couple celebrated their golden wedding Feb. 12, 1967. Mr. Thiel was a member of the Philadelphia Congregational church.

Survivors are his wife, at home at 206 E. Seventh Ave.; a son, Dr. Stanley Thiel, Mattoon, Ill.; a sister, Mrs. E. J. Colwell, Ritzville; and a brother, the Rev. P. J. Thiel, Castro Valley, Calif.

There are five grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. The Rev. Ernest Sprenger conducted the funeral service. Merrill Womach sang Beyond the Sunset and In the Garden. Pall bearers were William Wertenberger, Floyd Thiel, Ernest Deking, Walter Deking, Jim Kozitka, and Gordon Rehn.

Burial was in Ritzville Memorial cemetery.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We wish to express our deep gratitude to our many friends and relatives, also to Dr. Ritter and the entire Ritzville hospital staff for their kindness and for the many memorials, flowers, cards and kind words of sympathy.  
Clara Thiel  
Dr. Stanley W. Thiel

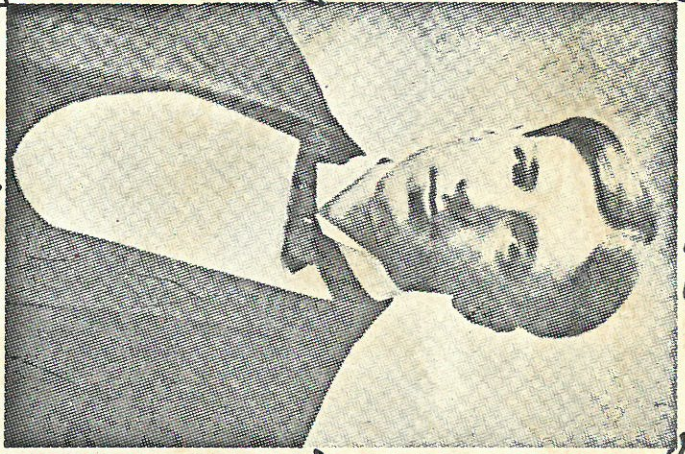


Funeral services for the late William Thiel were held Friday at the Danekas Funeral home. He died March 8 at Ritzville Memorial hospital after an illness there of two weeks.

Born 2/14-1890  
Died 3/6/71 - age 81 -  
Class of 1909  
Born 4/29/1891



WILLIAM THIEL

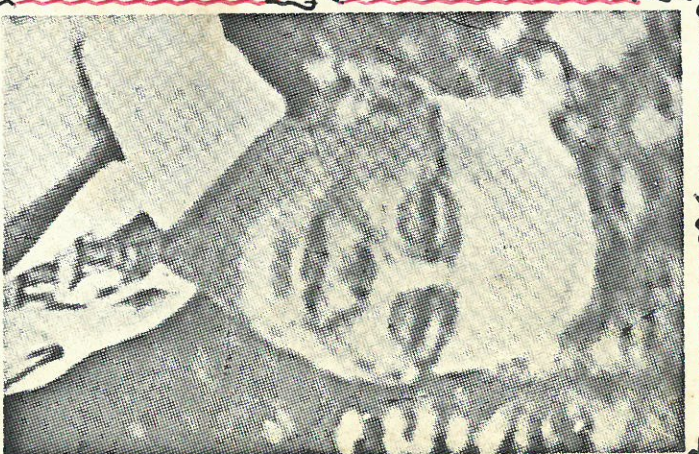
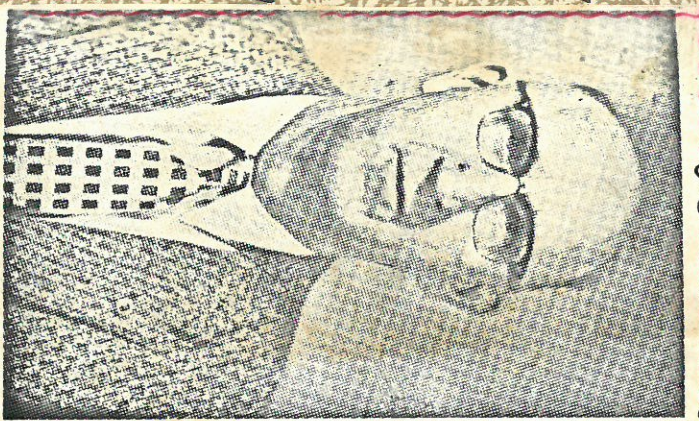


ROY GILSON



FRANK PERKINS

... them



*new*  
Born 2/14-1890  
Died 3/8/71 - Age 81 yrs - 55 days - Ritzville  
Monday  
Born Apr. 24-1891 - at Ritzville  
Born

We would like to honor the class of 1909 by dedicating this page in our Kernel to them. Also, we'd like to thank the Alumni Association for their help in our years of DREAMS.

## Grace Chapter Plans Bazaar

At the Tuesday meeting of the Grace chapter of the Philadelphia Congregational church it was decided to hold a bazaar and bake sale December 2 at the Washington Water Power company.

It also was decided to have the annual Christmas party and potluck at the December meeting and invite the husbands as guests.

Mrs. David Hoefel, home mission chairman, gave a report on the present-day missions in Africa.

Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. William Wahl, Mrs. Emil Gust, Mrs. Martha Moon, Mrs. William Thiel and Mrs. Roy Koch.

## Couple Feted on 58th Event

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schwisow honored their parents on their 58th wedding anniversary with a dinner at the Circle T Inn Sunday.

The honored couple and guests spent the afternoon visiting in their home. Present were Mr. and Mrs. August Stelaff, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schwisow, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Moeller, Mrs. Agnes Schwisow, Paul Teske, Rev. and Mrs. Albert Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. William Thiel, Mr. and Mrs. Paul McKinley, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Schwisow and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schwisow.

Miss Beata Schwisow was unable to attend.



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We, the members of the class of 1909, do hereby agree to disown the Sophomores because they did not give us any cake

