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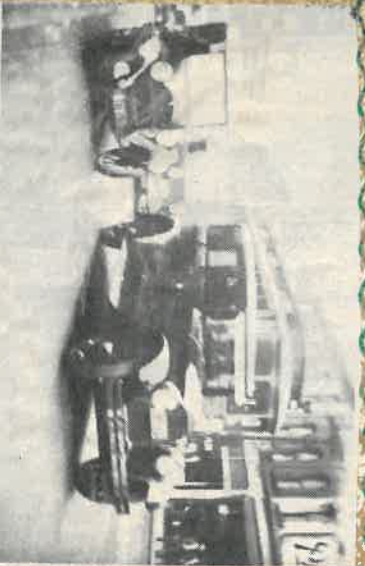


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REMEMBER THE YEAR?

Notice the streetcar and the traffic
in those days



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1925 — YES, SIR, THAT'S MY BABY Key E Flat Key G

Yes, sir, that's my baby,
No, sir, don't mean maybe,
Yes, sir, that's my baby now.
Yes, ma'am, we've decided,
No, ma'am, we won't hide it,
Yes, ma'am you're invited now.
By the way, by the way,
When we reach the preacher I'll say
(with feeling)
Yes, sir, that's my baby,
No, sir, don't mean maybe,
Yes, sir, that's my baby now.

It was the year young Gertrude Ederle, who worked hard at swimming because her father said she could bob her hair if she made good, failed in her bid to swim the English Channel. In the nation's capital, a resurgent Ku Klux Klan showed its strength by staging a march by 40,000 of its white-cloaked members down Pennsylvania Avenue; in the nation's largest city, smooth-tongued orator Jimmy Walker was sworn in as mayor.

ments were as intriguing then as now: One furniture manufacturer claimed that if parents would buy his product, they would succeed in keeping their children at home and away from the speakases. Other advertisers offered better bargains, like the Ford touring car for \$290. The United States did not escape its share of disasters this year: One tornado killed 250 and injured 1,800 in Murphysboro, Ill. Over in England,

Nobel Prize for Literature, while down in Florida, where the people in our picture were having fun at a tea dance in Miami's old Flamingo Hotel, millions were about to lose their shirts. All over the nation, since the beginning of the decade, people had been buying land in the sunshine state, sight unseen, for speculation or a place for retirement. Much of it was man-grove swamp or under water and the real estate boom was about

ELOISE BAUER

Barber

Life Member

Mrs. Wm. Rainey

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BIRTH DAY
BIRTH PLACE
FATHER
MOTHER

10 Waipapa Circle - Honolulu - Hawaii

Peter Bauer

Bro - Oris (Deceased) 1934

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The accompanying Gramophone Records can be played only on 33 1/3 RPM instruments. For maximum enjoyment it should always be kept in this protective envelope, away from heat.

countered a thunderstorm and was torn to pieces. Fourteen of the crew were killed. Two flying boats of a North Pole Expedition, each carrying three men, hopped off from Spitzbergen. One was commanded by Captain Roald Amundsen, discoverer of the South Pole, the other by the explorer, Lincoln Ellsworth, the sole American among the adventurers. An unhappy aftermath of another expedition occurred when Frederick A. Cook, who falsely claimed to have landed at the North Pole, arrived at Leavenworth, Kansas. He had been sentenced to serve fourteen years and nine months—not for his polar claims—but for using the mails to defraud.

A national sensation took place in Dayton, Tennessee, when John T. Scopes, a high school teacher, was put on trial. He was charged with violating a state law forbidding the teaching of evolution. William Jennings Bryan appeared as one of the prosecuting lawyers; Clarence Darrow and Dudley Field Malone were defense counsel. It was a combination of camp meeting and three-ring circus in which the "Fundamentalists" had a field day, while the notion rocked with incredulity and laughter. Scopes was found guilty, and fined \$100 and costs. Bryan died of apoplexy in Dayton at 65 and was buried in the Arlington National Military Cemetery.

An elderly wealthy man, E. W. ("Daddy") Browning, adopted the luscious Mary Spas as his daughter. She was 16, and the Queen's County Surrrogate voided the adoption. Undeterred, Browning looked elsewhere. Leonard Kip Rindlander, scion of an exclusive family, shocked society by asking the court to annul his marriage with Alice Jones, when he discovered that she was the daughter of a Negro. A jury at White Plains found for the defendant. More than \$580,000 in gems were stolen from Mrs. J. P. Donohue, daughter of the late chain store magnate, F. W. Woolworth. The jewels were recovered and returned more or less intact. Students of the College of the City of New York voted 6 to 1 against compulsory military training.

Fashion demanded clothes that were completely contrary to the feminine figure. Dresses were straight from shoulder to knee—narrow line models—bespangled with cut beads, silk and metal embroidery.

The new and resplendent \$60,000,000 Union Station in Chicago was opened to traffic. At Chicago, also, Colonel Charles R. Forbes and John W. Thompson, St. Louis contractor, were found guilty of conspiracy to loot the funds of the War Veterans' Bureau. Each was fined \$10,000 and sentenced to two years in prison. At Trenton, New Jersey, George L. ("Tex") Rickard and his co-defendants were charged with conspiracy to violate the law by illegally distributing the Dempsey-Coppenier fight film. Rickard and two others were found guilty and fined \$7,000 each. Dempsey was placed on the "ineligible" list for failure to answer a challenge by Harry Willis, a Negro contestant.

The Hungarian government, fearing something mysterious, censored crossword puzzles. Venezuela banned radio receiving sets because they kept people from working. The body of King Tur-Ankhamen was taken from its coffin in the royal subterranean tomb at Luxor, Egypt, by Howard Carter. For a young man buried 3275 years ago, King Tut was remarkably well preserved. Queen Alexandra, 81, widow of

Edward VII and mother of King George, died in Sandringham, England.

Premier Mussolini of Italy mobilized the Fascist National Guard to "protect" the railways. Incidentally, he closed all opposing political clubs. The first President of the German Republic, Frederick Ebert, died of peritonitis at a Berlin hospital. The elderly and reactionary Field Marshal Von Hindenburg took his place as President. After eleven years of partial prohibition, Russia became completely wet. Whiskey, brandy, and especially vodka appeared in every cafe, restaurant, and store. The Red Army no longer suffered from lack of toasts.

In sports, Harold E. ("Red") Grange was the sensation of the year. He helped the Chicago Bears beat the New York Giants 19-7 in a professional football game which was witnessed by 70,000 spectators. His share of the gate receipts exceeded \$25,000. In the World Series, Pittsburgh (National League) beat Washington (American League) four games out of seven. In soccer, Princeton won the Intercollegiate Championship tournament, defeating Cornell in the final game 5-0.

The motion picture industry put its best and most expensive foot forward with Ben Hur, \$6,000,000, the costliest picture made thus far. The Wizard of Oz was billed more or less accurately as "the greatest sensation among screen classics since The Birth of a Nation."

Is Zai So? with James Gleason, co-author who also played one of the leads, opened the theatrical season and ran through 618 performances. Walter Hampden had an eight weeks' run with Othello. Judith Anderson and Holbrook Blinn starred in Willard Mack's melodrama The Dove. Ziegfeld put on Louis 14th with Leon Errol, and won an immediate success. Lionel Atwill and Helen Hayes scintillated in Caesar and Cleopatra, giving Bernard Shaw's idea of what happened when the Serpent of the Nile was a sixteen-year-old glamor girl and the great Roman was a bold old gentleman of fifty. Cradle Snatchers was a farce which starred Mary Boland and Edna May Oliver, and included, as a minor character, one Humphrey Bogart. Michael Arlen's The Green Hat was a naughty success with Katherine Cornell in the leading part.

In literature the Pulitzer Prizes were awarded to Edwin Arlington Robinson for his book-length poem, The Man Who Died Twice; in biography to M. A. DeWolfe Howe's Barrett Wendell and His Letters; in history to Frederic Paxson's A History of the American Frontier; in fiction to Edna Ferber's novel, So Big.

The concert season had two sensational surprises. Borrah Mineevich, the Kreisler of the harmonica, was a featured soloist with Vincent Lopez at the Metropolitan Opera House, and Paul Whiteman and his Concert Orchestra outdid themselves in their third Metropolitan concert of the season.

The song hits of the year were even more varied than usual. They included such extremes of sentiment and humor as "Yes Sir, That's My Baby," "Yearning," "What?" by Kern, Harbach, and Oscar Hammerstein II, "Just A College Snail," Rodgers and Hart's "Here In My Arms," the ever-popular hits by Irving Berlin, "Remember," and "Always."

ELSIE BIERMAN

Mrs Roy - Smith

1925 — YES, SIR, THAT'S MY BABY Key E First

Yes, sir, that's my baby,
 No, sir, don't mean maybe,
 Yes, sir, that's my baby now,
 Yes, ma'am, we've decided,
 No, ma'am, we won't hide it,
 Yes, ma'am you're invited now.
 By the way, by the way,
 When we reach the preacher I'll say
 (with feeling)
 Yes, sir, that's my baby,
 No, sir, don't mean maybe,
 Yes, sir, that's my baby now.

SIGNATURE	150 Wood St. Salem, Ore
BIRTH PLACE	
BIRTH DAY	
FATHER	Will P. Piam
MOTHER	Augusta (Mrs) Herb. Seckman 515 - Mabel St. Portland, Ore 1924 Mrs. F. Adelman 3904 N. E. Flaminga - Portland, Ore

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E. W. Bierman
Funeral Held
Yesterday

The funeral service of Edward Water Bierman, 72, was held yesterday morning.

He died April 10 at Sacred Heart hospital, having been a patient there for two weeks. He was in failing health the last three or four years.

Mr. Bierman worked for the flour milling company here for many years and in recent years was employed as a carpenter.

He was born Dec. 2, 1889 in Ritzville, the son of William and Augusta Bierman, long-time Ritzville family. Edward lived here all his life. He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran church.

His wife, Leona, survives at the home, 601 East Main Ave. Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Donald (Thelma) Bauman, Lind; a step daughter, Mrs. Marie Scarpelli, Spokane, and three sisters, Mrs. Ed (Clara) Surfus of Portland, Ore., Mrs. Herb (Mabel) Lehman of Portland, and Mrs. Roy (Elsie) Smith of Salem, Ore.

There are five grandchildren, three step grandchildren and a great grandchild surviving.

Dr. Alfred Carter, Kennewick, and Pastor Floyd Yokers conducted the funeral service at the chapel of the Danekas Funeral home. Dr. Bruce Hille sang "I Need Thee Every Hour" and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." He was accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Orville Moeller.

Pall bearers were Arnold Schumann, Joel Blankenship, Edgar Collison, Carl Heinemann, Gottlieb Schütz and Roy Oestreich. Honorary pall bearers were Clint Rowe, Edward Siegel, William Miller and William Wellstrand.

Concluding services and vault interment were at the Lutheran cemetery here.

Brother



Old Photos

Myself in 1912 with a blue feed doll
buggy and buttercup doll. I
remember the doll because a little
jealous friend of mine threw the doll

1912

in the oil on the garage floor. It made
my grandmother so angry she went
directly across the street and into
our friend's house and spanked the
jealous little girl.

RUTH CRABB 25th

Mrs. Girsberger

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BIRTH DAY	
BIRTH PLACE	
FATHER	
MOTHER	

THEODORE FARRIER

Wife Member

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E 939 - 140th Spokane

BIRTH DAY

BIRTH PLACE

FATHER James S. FARRIER Die ~~Aug~~ 23-1941

MOTHER Mary ffice Die Jan 1-1958 age 90
Mrs. Hoffm

Sis - Pearl Phoebe - Die - 2-1-71 1911

Bro Ralph H. (Deceased) 1912

RUSSELL GRIFFITH

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BIRTH DAY	11-28-18
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FATHER	
MOTHER	

A^RILEEN HAMILLE = 25

Mrs Boyd Jacobs

SIGNATURE	
BIRTH DAY	Nov Boston Pa - Olympia
BIRTH PLACE	
FATHER	Hester
MOTHER	

NEELIE HEIMBIGN

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Neelie's 21st Anniversary Heimigners Note Father's Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Heimign
er entertained Tuesday after-
noon with a surprise birthday
party honoring his father, Hen-
ry, on his 89th birthday.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs.
John Lenhart, Mr. and Mrs.
John Hoffman, Mrs. Jake
Stromberger, Mrs. Henry Ben-
zel, Mrs. J. C. Weizel and John
Reiber.

Unable to attend were Mr. and
Mrs. Mike Thiel, E. C. Pflu-
grath and J. P. Weizel.

Webers Visiting Relatives Here

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Weber of
Stockton, Calif., are visiting
Mrs. Weber's father, Henry
Heimignet, and other rela-
tives in Ritzville. **Neelie 25**

H. P. Weber was honored at
a birthday dinner Monday
evening at the home of Mr. and
Mrs. William Miller. Weber is
Mrs. Miller's uncle. **Christmas 23**

Also attending were Mr. and
Mrs. G. P. Weber, G. P. Weber
and H. P. Weber are brothers.

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BIRTH DAY	11. 1304 Jackson- Spokane
BIRTH PLACE	
FATHER	D - 1870 Frank, Russia
MOTHER	Katherine Koch
	Bro - Andrew Selawitny 1921 571 So. Harrison St.
	Bro - Christian H. Sch. Cal - 1933
	515 - Helena Nevada born 1925

Henry Heimbigner, 90 Tells About Pioneer Days

"The world today is altogether different. You couldn't like it any better than it is now."

The gentleman making that statement has nearly nine decades of experience to base his opinion on. He is Henry Heimbigner of Ritzville, one of Adams county's pioneers who will celebrate his 90th birthday December 15.

Heimbigner was born in 1870 near Frank Russia, and came to settle near Bickleton with his parents when he was seven years old. The family stayed there through one harvest, then moved to Walla Walla.

WHEN HE was old enough to homestead in 1891, he moved to Adams county where railroad land was selling for \$4 an acre and settled on 160 acres thick with tall bunchgrass about nine miles north of the growing Ritzville.

Several Bickleton immigrants had settled in the area earlier and Heimbigner felt right at home as he began his new venture shortly after he reached his 21st birthday.

Jacob Bastron helped him break his first 30 acres of ground with an old "footburner" plow pulled by a strong team of horses. In those days, he recalled the squirrels were so numerous that they would run underfoot as the settlers walked in their fields preparing the soil for more crops.

After opening his small acreage, he went to Walla Walla to work in harvest to make enough money to come back to the farm and plant his first crop.

THE FIRST two crops were almost entirely eaten by squirrels before the grain could be harvested and he remembers pulling the plants from the ground with Bastron so the animals could have not only the stems but the roots for feed during the winter.

Although he and Bastron were able to break more ground each year, the crops failed the first two years because of squirrel damage. Yields on most farms were averaging three to five bushels an acre. And the third year was not much better, yet he had the comfort of his first wife, Katherine Koch, whom he married in 1894.

Then the next year, fortune smiled on the young couple and the fourth crop on the new land was good. From the money he received from a 30-bushel an acre yield of bluestem wheat bringing 70 cents a bushel in 1894, he was able to pay his debts, buy three horses, a gang

plow and a wagon. From then on he farmed independently of Bastron, who had helped his young friend get a start in a time termed by Heimbigner as "very difficult."

"I WORKED very hard for years, but I like it most when we got 400 acres opened," said Heimbigner. "I always saved so I had a little money ahead."

Mr. and Mrs. Heimbigner continued expanding their farm and buying and selling other land in the area until they had gradually built up two sections and 80 acres. And during this time, they followed the transition of farming methods from mowing and raking the wheat before threshing to shocking the stocks before threshing to the reaper which enabled the farmers to put shocks directly through the thresher.

Heimbigner was forced to retire from farming because of ill health in 1916 and never used a tractor or a combine on his own farm. The family, by then numbering nine children including five who were married, moved to Ritzville and the farm was rented for five years before a son, Herman, moved onto the farm in 1921.

Tragedy struck the family in 1918 when Mrs. Heimbigner died during a local flu epidemic. Four school-age children were still at home to care for.

TWO YEARS later, a widow with four or her nine children still attending school, Mrs. Mary Amend, happened to be visiting Ritzville in the spring and she was introduced to Heimbigner by George Schoessler. They were married two weeks later on April 14, 1920. She passed away December 1, 1953.

During his childhood, Heimbigner did not have the opportunity to go to school because there were no schoolhouses nearby and he had to help support his family. And from his experiences, he has formed some definite opinions about what the young people of today should do.

"The children of today should be glad to go to school. When I came to Adams county, I can remember working all day cutting a cord of wood for a dollar and would be wringing wet in the evening.

"I didn't have the schools to go to, but now I wish I had had the opportunity to learn to read and write," said Heimbigner.

AND OF the luxuries and leisure time of modern-day living, he had this to say:

"The people today are much better off but they don't know it. If a man owns something, he



OLDTIMER RECALLS. Henry Heimbigner, shown at the Adams County Memorial hospital where he was staying recently, will celebrate his 90th birthday December 15. He recalled some of his early life during an interview with the Journal-Times and expressed some views that nearly nine decades of experience have left with him.

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ought to stay with it. Some of the people today don't know what they are doing.

"Some of the boys now have nothing to do. They travel around and shorten their lives and they don't take care of themselves at all. And too many people are spending their money for fun. But they should work hard and save their money. We are here to make our living and to do the right work."

And of family life he expressed this view:
"The families today should stay home more and enjoy what they have."

He also had this opinion of politics:
"Most of today's politicians promise lots and when they get in they don't fulfill their promises and are voted out by the people."

ALL NINE of his children are living and please him frequently by visits.

They are Mrs. H. P. (Lydia) Weber of Stockton, Calif., Mrs. Fryd (Emma) Rein of Spokane,

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whom he has been living with off and on recently, Mrs. Art (Hattie) O'Donnell, Mrs. M. S. (Edna) Prehar and Miss Nellie Heimbigner, all of Spokane, Frank and Herman of Ritzville, Andrew of Ellensburg and Chris of Seattle.

His nine step-daughters are Mrs. John (Katie) Schorzman, deceased, Mrs. Ed (Lizzie) Schenmp of Quincy, Mrs. Chris (Lena) Handel of Denair, Calif., Mrs. M. E. (Mary) Keller of Dryden, Mrs. Joe (Mollie) Shurer of Woodland, and Mrs. Herman (Charlotte) Heimbigner, Mrs. Gottlieb (Katherine) Klesz, Mrs. Gene (Martha) Stimpson and Mrs. L. E. (Pauline) Thiel, all of Ritzville.

He has 19 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

What are the secrets to living a full and long life?
"I think that going to church and leading a Christian life is the best way to live a long and full life," said the old gentleman who now has lived 44 years in retirement after retiring because of "ill health."

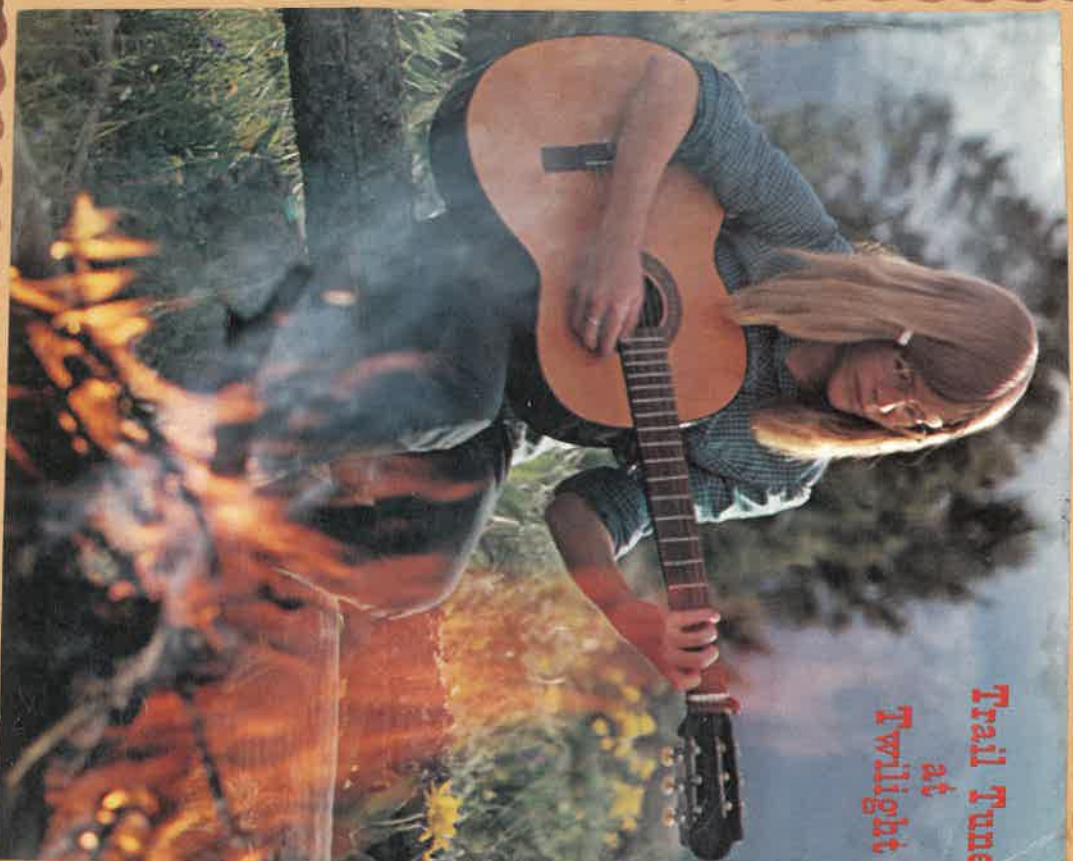
ARLEENE HEINEMA

Mrs. W. H. Warner Jr.

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BIRTH DAY	
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FATHER	Herman
MOTHER	"Marge" Orchestra Spokane Marguerite (Mrs) Mary Minyard
	515 - Margaree (N. 108 Howard) 1929
	Bro - Edie pp - Hayblash 1932
	515 - Grace Mrs W. G. Phillips Ho-1 & Co. Piquen. 1935 Duo Vegae, Ner.

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DANCE.....MARGE MINYARD'S ORCHESTRA

RUTH HOEHEL = 25



RUTH ESTHER HOEHEL, born November 5, 1905, on the home farm 16 miles west of Ritzville, Washington, daughter of Friedrich and Theresia Hoefel.

Attended grade school in Ritzville and graduated from Ritzville High School in 1925. Played four years of competitive tennis in high school. Was captain of high school basketball team for three years and took part in all school play activities.

LOCAL NEWS
Miss Edna Hoefel of San Francisco, Calif., and Miss Ruth Hoefel of San Mateo, Calif., are houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wolsborn. They plan to be here through the holidays and will visit with relatives and friends. They are Mrs. Wolsborn's sisters.

Edna & Ruth in 1919



Member of Philadelphia Congregational Church, Ritzville, Washington

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Present address: Apt 306 - San Mateo, Calif.

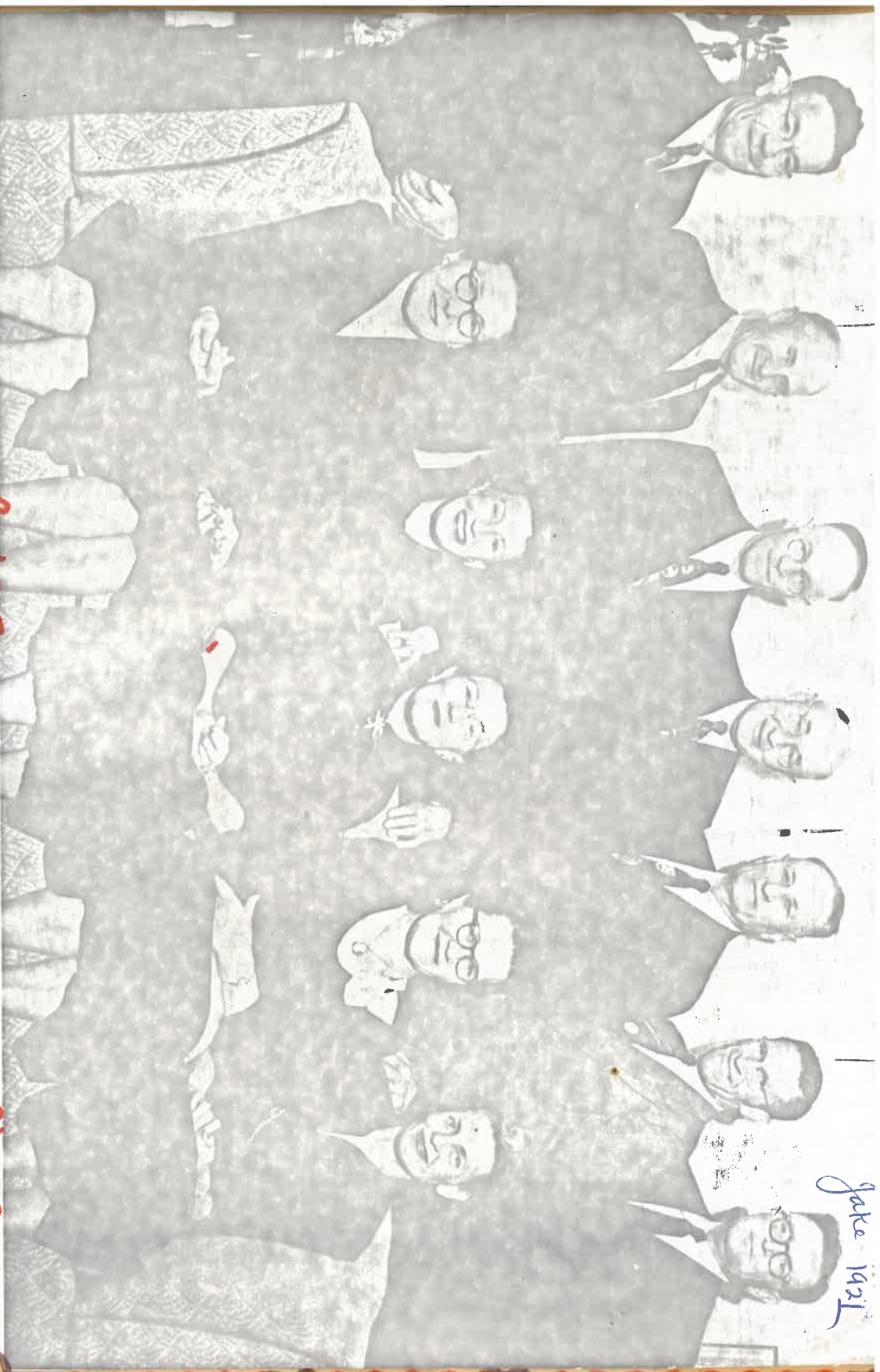
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FATHER	Friederich Born 11-21-05 - Same place	
MOTHER	Theresia Born 11-21-05 - Same place	
Nephew	Walter - Wash. D.C.	1930
"	Fredrick - Wash. D.C.	36
"	Ted - Thurston	39
"	Marian (Mrs. Hugh Murray) - Ed. Hoefel	41

Mother's home from 1916 to 1952
RITZVILLE



FATHER AND MOTHER

Worked 8 months for Ritzville Trading Company. In 1926 moved to Lodi, California, and worked for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company in the commercial business office. Transferred to Sacramento as the first traveling relief service representative for three years, covering the territory from Oregon State line to Bakerfield Inland Division, then transferred to Richmond to coast division relief service and first woman instructor in this division out of San Francisco. After three years settled in Burlingame and is in 1964 acting as Service Representative "Greeter" at San Mateo, California. She has been employed by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company for 37 years.



The Hoefel children, January 1952. Front- Anna, Ruth, Leontina, Emma, Edna. Back- Carl, Emil, John, David, Robert, Chris, Jake.

November 21, 1865 - January 22, 1952

The sudden death of Father was a heavy blow to Mother. It left her with the burden of raising and providing for a large family and of harvesting the crop which was ripening. However, with the help of the older children she managed to stay on the farm until the fall of 1916. After an auction sale of her personal property she rented the land to Emil and moved to Ritzville, Washington, where she purchased a house and lived there for the rest of her life.

She was privileged to have most of her children living near enough that she was able to visit them often and to be visited by them. Many pleasant and happy hours were spent in her home by the family and friends. It can be said that in raising such a large family Mother did not have an undue amount of worry over the behavior of the children. They lived and worked in unity and tried to make her life a pleasant one. However, during the depression years beginning in 1931, she worried a lot when she lost most of her land due to crop failures and her income became very limited.

In 1946, Mother had a light stroke from which she partially recovered and some time later she had a heavier stroke which affected her left side and she lost the use of her speech. She was never completely bedfast for any length of time, neither did she suffer much pain during her illness and was able to move about in a wheel chair most of the time. John lived with her and during her illness his presence made life much more pleasant for her and the family will always be grateful for his kindness to her. All the children did what they could to help along so that she was able to remain in her home, especially those who lived near her.

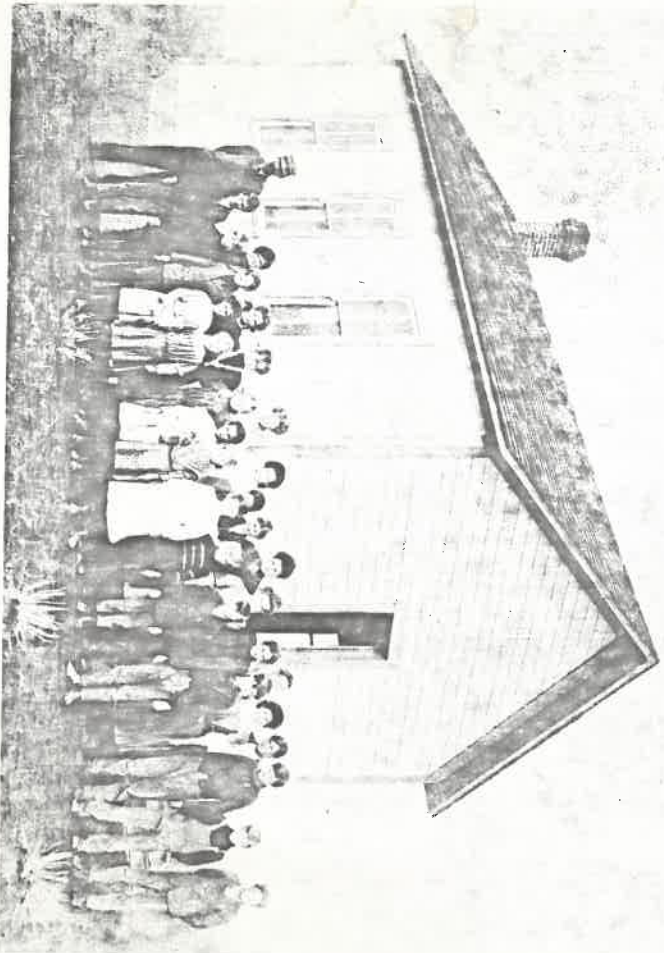
On January 22, 1952, she passed away in her home at the age of 86 years, 2 months and 1 day. During her lifetime she sacrificed much for her family. Let us always remember her as a kind and loving mother.

She was a member of the Philia Congregational Church in Ritzville and of its Senior Aid. Beside her twelve children (Fred died in 1945 of a heart attack,) 14 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren, she left one sister, Christine Niederreiter, living in Germany.

ADAMS COUNTY RURAL SCHOOLS

We and the Miller's were very fortunate in having the District 51 schoolhouse so near our homes. It had opened in the fall of 1901 and in January 1902, shortly after our arrival, David, Robert, Fred, Emil and Leontine started to attend this school. It was located a half mile north of our home and two miles from the Millers. Later it was moved to within a fourth mile of our house. All of the Hoefel children except Edna, started school in this building.

No transportation was ever provided for the pupils, no matter how far they lived from the school. Some had to walk several miles across the fields which was especially hard for the younger children during the winter months. Twenty-five years later when most country schools became consolidated with the town schools, comfortable buses picked up the children practically at their doorsteps.



Adams County School District #51 - 1908

Joe Lamb, Director; Gus Frieske, Reinhold Frieske, Roy Lamb, Fred Miller, Emma Deeg, Emma Hoefel, Anna Hoefel, Sophia Miller, Martha Frieske, Mable Lamb, Martha Romple, Malthia Frieske, Minnie Romple, Martha Lamb, Don Romple, John Frieske, Jake Hoefel, Grace M. Engstrom, Teacher; Rienhold Kosanke, Leontina Hoefel, Ted Frieske, Lester Lamb, Samuel Kosanke, Emma Frieske, Daniel Frieske, Fred Deeg, John Hoefel, Simon Kosanke

Most all rural schools were built on the same plan. The school room which took care of all the classes was entered from a vestibule where the coats were hung. Here were also kept the lunch pails and the water bucket with its long-handled dipper, and the wash basin with the community towel. In the winter the lunch pails were lined up against the wall behind the stove to keep the food from freezing or to thaw the food which froze on the way to school. The wood and coal heater which was in the main room had a steel jacket around it for heat circulation.

About 40 pupils made up the eight grades which one teacher taught, making from 35 to 40 classes a day. While the teacher was busy with the older students, others helped with the primary grades. The teacher was also the playground supervisor and took part in all the games. The only windows in the schoolhouse were along the north wall and from experience the baseball field was on the windowless side. The school yard was roughly a city block in size, fenced in on the corner of a wheat field. A small barn occupied one corner of the rectangle and the "His" and "Her" conveniences were in opposite corners along the back fence. The schoolhouse was usually kept in good repair by volunteer labor by the parents. Many schools had a bell and the most coveted favor was to ring it.

The teachers boarded out among the families of the pupils, usually nearest the schoolhouse. Later, before consolidation took place, some districts built teachers' cottages. The salary paid by District No. 51 in 1901, was \$50 a month, and was raised to \$120 by 1924. The school year lasted all the way from sixteen to thirty-two weeks. Many teachers were young and inexperienced and at times found it difficult to handle the big boys but they learned fast. Many of the women teachers married local men and became part of the community.

The early 1900's was the transition period for Adams County. The first generation were immigrants and spoke the language of their fatherland and brought the pattern of their living with them. The second generation, their children, adopted the American way of life and almost

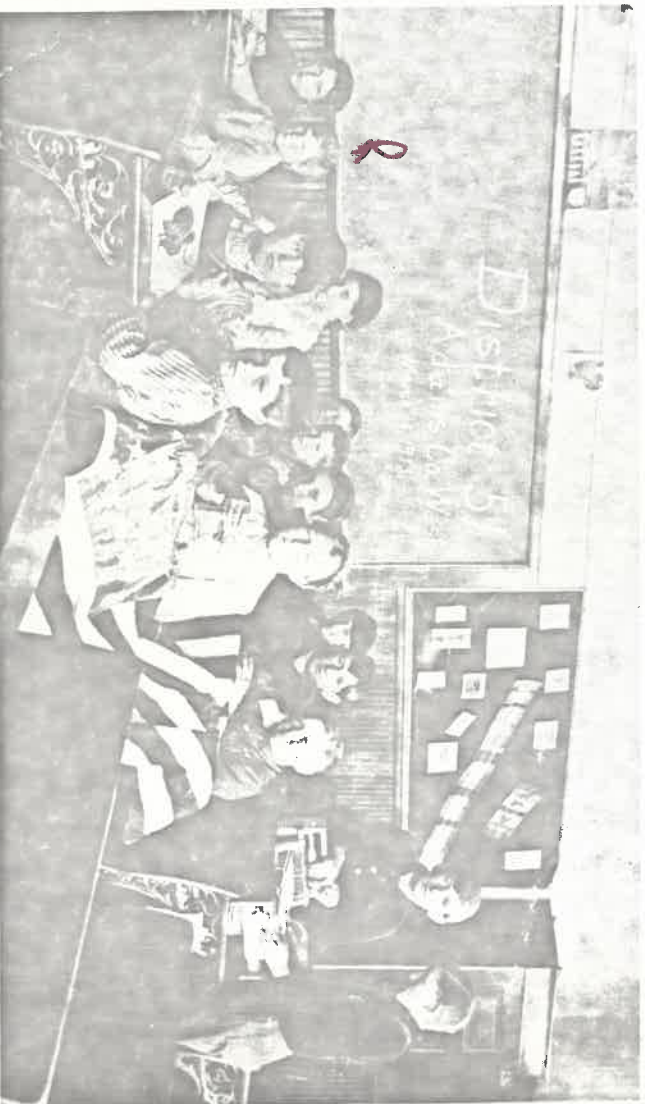
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Front row - Ike Reiman, Carl Hoefel, Chris Hoefel, Bertha Frieske, Ella Triebwasser, Ruth Hoefel, Anna Hoefel, Matilda Frieske, Martha Lamb, Jessie C. Hinton (teacher), Garfield Reiman. Back Row - Bernard Triebwasser, Reinhold Frieske, Jake Hoefel, Eddle Triebwasser, Martha Frieske.

completely lost contact with their relatives and friends left behind, and the customs of the countries from which their parents had come. Over the years the school was probably the greatest single factor in bringing about this complete assimilation of so many people from so many different parts of the world.

As beginners in a new language, it was embarrassing at times for the older pupils to start at the bottom, learning to spell dog, cat, rat, etc., with the younger children, and when answering roll call to say "absent" when they were present, but we could tell when we were wrong on seeing the teacher smile or the other children laugh.



Left to right - Bertha Frieske, Ruth Hoefel, Ike Reiman, Martha Lamb, Carl Hoefel, Martin Slate, Chris Hoefel, Ella Triebwasser, Anna Hoefel, Garfield Reiman, Bernard Triebwasser, Jake Hoefel, Eddle Triebwasser and Reinhold Frieske.

After school had been in session for some weeks, an evening program was planned to which the parents and neighbors were invited. In preparation for it an eagle with spread wings was drawn on the blackboard and a curtain installed, as it was to be a variety program of singing, reciting and a short "western" skit to end the evening.

Being short of actors, Dave was given a part in this play. He was to say a few words near the end and fire a gun, no mention being made about the size of the gun. When his turn came he said the few words, pulled the trigger and fired the old 45 caliber pistol. In the small room it sounded like a cannon, it rattled all the windows and the stovepipe, the women screamed and the children cried and badly scared all of the audience and nearly wrecked the end of the play. After that his acting career was at an end.

After 1904, more friends and relatives from Basyrjamka and other villages arrived and stayed with our family until such time as they could get settled on their own land. While this made much extra work, especially when some overstayed, our parents considered this a service which they owed to others. Gradually this too came to an end and life became a little easier.

By 1912, steady progress was made on the farm and living conditions improved. As the younger boys became old enough to help with the work, it was decided that the older ones should look for other work. After twelve years of hard work the family was able to enjoy a little leisure.

Being interested in church work and not having traveled any great distance since coming to Washington, Father and Mother decided to attend the General Conference of the German Congregational churches, held in Kulm, North Dakota, in June 1912, also to visit friends and relatives living in the Dakotas. The trip was made by train and after a very enjoyable time they returned to Ritzville on Sunday, June 30, 1912. Upon their arrival Uncle Chris Rieker, husband of Mother's sister Magdalena, came to take them to their home on the farm in a Model T Ford touring car. About 5 miles west of Ritzville, on passing a farmhouse, a dog ran out and in trying to avoid a collision, the car turned over. Father was so badly injured that he never regained consciousness and died July 1, 1912. Mother was slightly injured and Mrs. Rieker had a broken rib.

Father was buried in the Zoar Church cemetery, 15 miles west of Ritzville, and his remains were later moved to the Ritzville Memorial cemetery. He was 48 years, 4 months and 9 days old at the time of his sudden death, which was only 10 years and 6 months after his arrival in the United States. His life was dedicated to the Christian way and his concern was to establish his family in a Christian community, and this he lived to see.

During his short residence in the United States he made many friends, he was always willing to promote good will and gave generously of his time and talents. He was proud to be a citizen of this country. He was a great admirer of Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt and believed in the philosophy of the Republican party.

In his diary Father remarked this about their reason for leaving Russia for the United States: "Before leaving Basyrjamka we had most everything we needed in material things. We are making this change for the love of our children in the hope that a brighter future will be theirs." We have not considered any hardship too great to bring this about. Let us not forget this and never cease to be grateful for his and Mother's farsightedness.

JULIUS HORN = 25

SIGNATURE	
BIRTH DAY	1619-14th Ave Scotch Bluff-Mebr-
BIRTH PLACE	
FATHER	
MOTHER	

DORIS JONES = 25

1959-Mar 1 ret. ✓

Mrs Harold Sawyer

SIGNATURE	Doris Jones (Mrs Harold)
BIRTH DAY	301 111 54 St Aberdeen 3009 Bikes Ave. N. Seattle 1922 98143
BIRTH PLACE	Spokane, Wash.
FATHER	Elmer E. Jones
MOTHER	Julia Stewart Jones
	Brother - Howard M. Jones

- Chickens: (See)
- Raymond (Paul)
- Edwin Bennett
- Carroll Thomas
- Virginia Catherine Hummerston
- Fred Lamotte
- Physicist (Grand)
- William Elmer
- Donna (Grand)
- Harry (Grand)
- William (Grand)

AMANDA JUST=25

Life Member

SIGNATURE	
BIRTH DAY	
BIRTH PLACE	
FATHER	Oscar Just
MOTHER	P
Beata (Sis) 1921 (Dec 11/21)	21
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Emma (Sis) 1928 (Berger)	28
Bro - William - 1921 (Dec)	21

IRENE KANZLER

Mrs. Ben Behar

Highlander

25

SIGNATURE
BIRTH DAY
BIRTH PLACE
FATHER
MOTHER

504-11th RITZVILLE

Miss Fred
am Kanzler

515-Eds (Mrs. Fark) 1921
209 11th RITZVILLE

MOLLIE KANZLER

Mrs Pearl Sford

25

SIGNATURE	
BIRTH DAY	Nov 30 Maple - Spokane
BIRTH PLACE	
FATHER	Henry Kanzler
MOTHER	

ARTHUR KIESZ

Supr of School

SIGNATURE	<i>Millwaukee, Ore</i>
BIRTH D/Y	
BIRTH PLACE	
FATHER	<i>Mrs Piaw-Kiesz</i>
MOTHER	<i>Katherina</i> <i>1871-1929</i>

25

Services Held for K. Kiesz

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for one of Ritzville's pioneers, Katherina Kiesz, in the Philadelphia Congregational church. She was 86 years old.

The Rev. Herbert Haemmelmann officiated. Interment followed at the Ritzville Memorial cemetery.

Mrs. Kiesz died last Friday after a lengthy illness.

She was born in Russia January 28, 1873 and had been in the United States 64 years. She moved to Ritzville 58 years ago after living in the Dakotas.

Her husband, Wilhelm, died 10 years ago.

Mrs. Kiesz was a member of the Philadelphia Congregational church and a member of the Senior Ladies Aid of that church.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Emma Borgens of Ritzville, and Mrs. Lydia Dorn of Tacoma; three sons, Edward Kiesz of Odessa, Gottlieb Kiesz of Ritzville, and Arthur Kiesz of Milwaukie, Ore.; and one sister, Mrs. Lean Carle of Walla Walla.

She had 18 grand children, 31 great grand children and 2 great great grand children.

³⁵ Art Kiesz of Milwaukie, Ore., was in Ritzville for last week-end to visit his mother, Mrs. Wilhelm Kiesz.

Rite for Hunting Victim Held Sat.

Several Ritzville people went to East Wenatchee Saturday to attend the funeral of Ray Keller who was killed in a recent hunting accident at High Prairie, Alberta, Can.

Keller was the son of Mrs. Mary Keller of Cashmere, and the nephew of Mrs. Lawrence Thiel, Mrs. Gottlieb Kiesz and Mrs. Herman Heinbigner.

Attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Thiel, Mr. and Mrs. Kiesz, Mr. and Mrs. Heinbigner, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Telecky, Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Thiel, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nendam, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kiesz, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Kiesz and Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Heinbigner of Harrington.

MOTHER

AURELIA KLEINKN

Mrs Oglesbore

ECHT = 25

SIGNATURE	
BIRTH DAY	11-14-03
BIRTH PLACE	West-Spokane
FATHER	Dan
MOTHER	

MARTIN KRAMER

25

SIGNATURE	
BIRTH DAY	Odessa
BIRTH PLACE	
FATHER	Peter B.
MOTHER	

LILLIAN LEHMAN

Mrs Gordon Speck

25

SIGNATURE
BIRTH DAY 9901-22ND-45 8.11-Edmond SD
BIRTH PLACE
FATHER <i>John Speckman</i>
MOTHER

J. C. LEHMAN RANCH FOR SALE

The "J. C. Lehman Ranch" is approximately 7 miles south of Ritzville on Highway 395 and consists of 670 acres cropland, 103 acres pasture land, 30-bushel average.

Description: Portion of SW¹/₄ Sec. 16, portion of Sec. 17 south and east of railroad, E¹/₂ and NW¹/₄ of Sec. 20 less railroad right-of-way, all Twp. 18 N., R. 35, EWM.

Sealed bids in writing to be accompanied by \$2,500 earnest money. Address all bids to Box A-12 c/o Ritzville Journal-Times, Ritzville, Washington, 99169. Bids must be post-marked on or before August 15, 1968. Terms to successful bidder — \$20,000 to \$30,000 down, including earnest money, 6 per cent interest on unpaid balance.

Notice of rejection to unsuccessful bidder and return of earnest money. Title policy showing insurable title. Sellers reserve right to reject any or all bids. Possession September 1, 1968.

Edna Lehman Ely
Lillian Lehman Speck

HELEEN REESE-25

Mrs. Ratyph -

Former

SIGNATURE		
BIRTH DAY	6930-8.11	Termin Piger - Orn
BIRTH PLACE	Portland	
FATHER	Mark	
MOTHER	Bro. Donald	224 NW 30 PL Portland - 1934
	Mark Goodrich Reese	1930

MARTHA REIFF = 25

Mrs. Ted Baber
Waterville

Brother Carl - musician - Po

Sisters in book 1934 - Ruth (Mrs Harry Steimetz)

SIGNATURE	Waterville	
BIRTH DAY	Waterville	
BIRTH PLACE	Waterville	
FATHER	Carl Reiff	worked at Irving Co
MOTHER		
	515 - E 15 th 1930	new north Columbia RHS 1930
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Days of Reunion
with John Steimetz Band

Ruth - basket in Denix
Variety Show - Kragg Days 1935

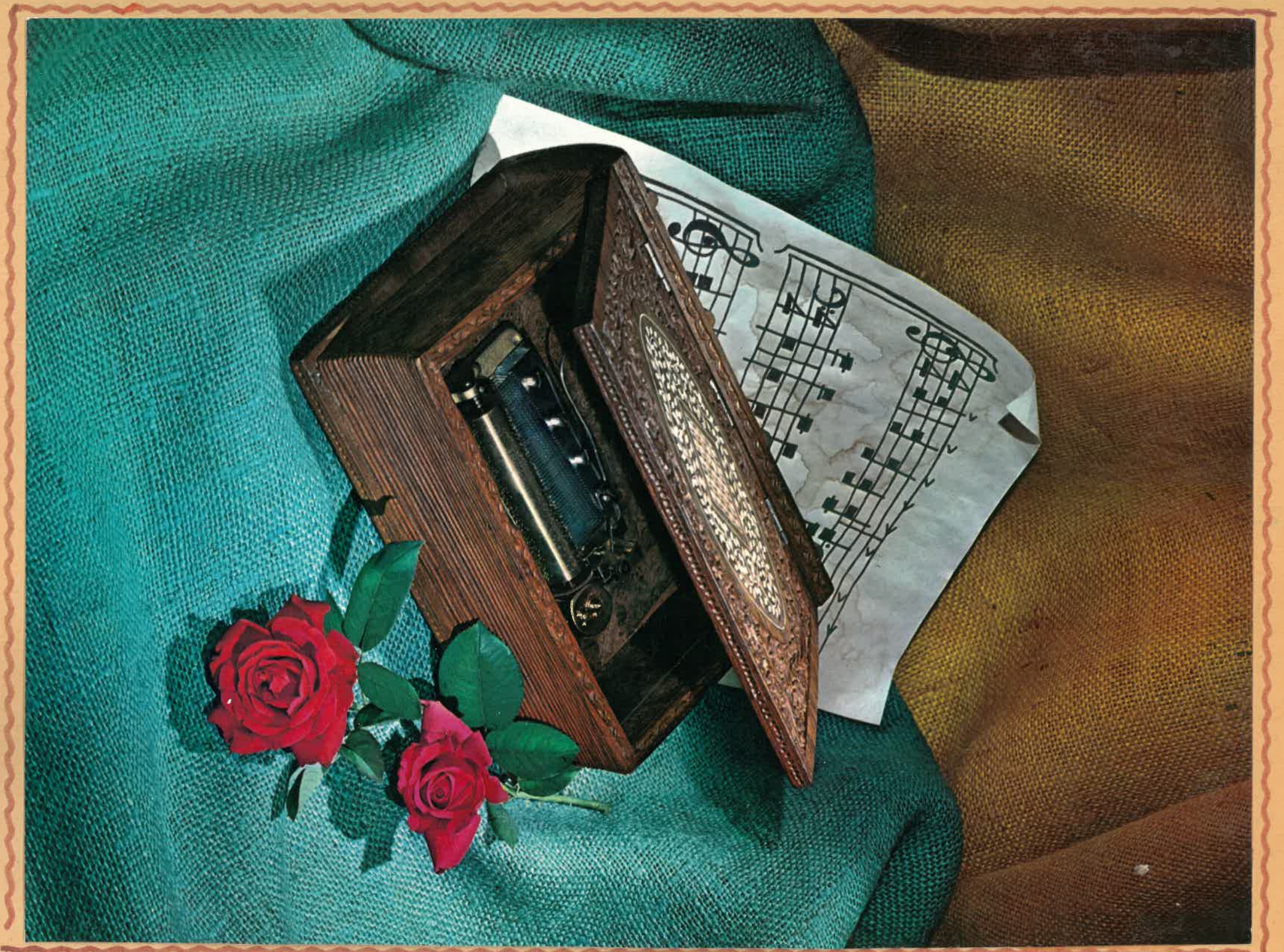


1925 — YES SIR THAT'S MY BABY

Key E Flat

Key G

Yes, sir, that's my baby,
No, sir, don't mean maybe,
Yes, sir, that's my baby now.
Yes, ma'am, we've decided,
No, ma'am, we won't hide it,
Yes, ma'am you're invited now.
By the way, by the way,
When we reach the preacher I'll say
(with feeling)
Yes, sir, that's my baby,
No, sir, don't mean maybe,
Yes, sir, that's my baby now.



ELMINA SCHAEFER

Mrs. Edwin Schaefer life member

25

SIGNATURE	Elmin Schaefer	RITZVILLE
BIRTH DAY	Dec 17 05	
BIRTH PLACE	Buckleton Wash	
FATHER	George Schaefer	
MOTHER	Emma	
	Bro - Lawrence Schaefer	RITZVILLE 1924
	NEO - MARRIED Lillian Anderson - 1932	1932
	Rx Box on Dayton, Wash	

LESLIE SCHAEFER

25

SIGNATURE	<i>Leslie Schaefer</i>
BIRTH DAY	
BIRTH PLACE	
FATHER	<i>Jacob B. Schaefer</i>
MOTHER	<i>515- Hannah</i> R417 1924

WALTER SCHOESSLER

Walter went & married Anna McRae (1930)



Schoessler Rites Held

Funeral services for Henry Schoessler who passed away at a local hospital May 3 at the age of 80, were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday from the Zion Congregational church. The Rev. R. W. Rieger, pastor, officiated.

Mr. Schoessler was born in Hitchcock county near Culbertson, Neb., on May 3, 1879. He died following hospitalization for more than two years.

He came west by covered wagon train in 1882 to Walla Walla, Wash., and on to Ritzville six years later in 1888.

Mr. Schoessler and Katherine Yost were married in Lincoln, Neb., on February 9, 1904. They farmed 3 1/2 miles northwest of Ritzville until he retired.

Four sons were born to this marriage, Harold, who is deceased; Walter, Raymond and Marvin, all of Ritzville. He also is survived by one sister Mrs. Fred Thiel of Astoria, Ore., and eight grandchildren.

His wife preceded him in death on October 28, 1946. He was a member of the Zion church.

FATHER	MOTHER	BIRTH DATE	PHOTO PLACE
Henry Schoessler (Died 1939)	Anna McRae (Schoessler)	1930	RHS
Bro Harold E Schoessler	Dee	1923	RHS
Bro Marvin	B. G. Hill	1915	RHS
Bro Raymond	Mrs. Gerriet Bergert	1918	RHS
Bro Robert	Raymond - Marie Schuler	1911	RHS

Father - Henry - Born May 3 - 1879 - died May 3, 1959 - age 80

Mother - Katherine - born Feb 9 - 1904 - mother

SCHOESSLER-25

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John Tanner Is Navy Pilot of Phantom Jet

Lieutenant, j.g., John Tanner visited briefly here in November with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schoessler and Bob. He was spending a leave from the U.S. Navy with

his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Tanner in Spokane, before going to Vietnam on duty. Tanner is pilot of a Phantom jet assigned to the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk.

Local Couples Enjoy Touring Into Canada

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sanger and Mr. and Mrs. Walt Schoessler returned Friday night after a trip of about three days to Pentiction and Kelowna, B. C.

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Nissens Host Pinochle Party

St. Patrick's Day was the theme Saturday evening as Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nissen entertained at a party at their home.

Four tables of pinochle were in play. Prizes for high scores were received by Mrs. Don Koehler and Ole Von Ohnhausen. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schoessler received low, and Mrs. Von Ohnhausen won the traveling prize.

Pinochle Party Held at Nissens'

The Walter Nissen home was decorated with fall flowers and Halloween motifs on Saturday evening for a pinochle party.

A lighted jack-o-lantern was the centerpiece for the buffet table. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stonaker, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Galbreath, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. Vern von Ohnhausen, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest von Ohnhausen of Seattle, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schoessler, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sanger.

Schoesslers Visit Coast for Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schoessler were guests in Seattle last weekend of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hergert, their son-in-law and daughter.

The two couples attended the wedding Saturday evening of Miss Mandy Yost and Allen Powell. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Ralph Yost and the late Mr. Yost, a cousin of Schoessler.

Schoesslers, Guests Entertained at Yule

The holiday weekend was filled with many invitations for Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schoessler and their weekend guests, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hergert of Seattle.

Friday they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Galbreath. On Christmas Eve they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Schoessler.

The Walt Schoessler's son Robert was not able to be home. He is stationed at Cameron Bay in Vietnam where he has been since September.

Miss Alice Lawrence closed a very successful term of school in the Bennett district two miles west of town, Friday.

Four of her pupils were neither tardy nor absent during the entire term. Those making the record were Edmer Schoessler, Hazel Bennett, Harold Schoessler, and Walter Schoessler.

AGATHA TESKE

25

SIGNATURE

1103 Colorado St - Pittman -

BIRTH
DAY

BIRTH
PLACE

FATHER

MOTHER

LAURA THIEL = 25

Mrs. Arthur Heinemann

SIGNATURE	
BIRTH DAY	201 6th Der Ritzville
BIRTH PLACE	
FATHER	Peter Thiel
MOTHER	Bro Aaron Thiel Ritz 1932



"MY FAVORITE RECIPE"

BARBECUED SPARERIBS
By **MRS. JACOB KLAUS**

Mrs. Jacob Klaus of Portland, Ore., provides this week's favorite recipe. She is the former Leah Thiel, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Peter Thiel of Ritzville.

Before going to Portland she worked for the telephone company.

She has two daughters, Lois and Ruth.
Mrs. Klaus said they serve these delicious ribs with cooked rice, baked potatoes and a vegetable salad.

BARBECUED SPARERIBS *Leah's* 75

- 3 to 4 pounds pork spareribs or 1 clove garlic, minced
- lean beef shortribs
- 3 cans tomatoe sauce
- 1/2 cup vinegar
- 3 teaspoons sugar
- 1 medium onion, minced
- 1 cup hot water

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Arrange the meat in a good sized baking pan. Combine remaining ingredients in a saucepan and simmer until slightly thickened or about 15 minutes. Pour over the meat and bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) until the meat is tender or about three hours. Do not cover. Add a little water if needed but the richness of the sauce should not be too greatly thinned. Extra good served with hot buttered hominy and a green salad. Serves five to seven.

HAROLD WOLLEN

BERG = 25

SIGNATURE
 7901-84 Ave-Jinglewood, Calif.

BIRTH DAY

BIRTH PLACE

FATHER

MOTHER

SIDE ONE

- 1. DINAH DON'T BRING LULU**
IF I HAD A GIRL LIKE YOU
Fox Trot Medley with Vocal Chorus
- 2. BROWN EYES—WHY ARE YOU BLUE?**
DRAFTING AND DREAMING
ONLY A ROSE
Fox Trot Medley with Vocal Chorus by The Foreman Trio
- 3. COLLEGIATE**
SAVE YOUR SORROW
ALABAMA BOUND
Fox Trot Medley with Vocal Chorus by The Foreman Trio
- 4. FIVE FOOT TWO, EYES OF BLUE**
MOONLIGHT AND ROSES
I'M SITTING ON TOP OF THE WORLD
Fox Trot Medley with Vocal Chorus by The Foreman Trio

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SIDE TWO

- 1. REMEMBER ALWAYS**
Waltz Medley with Vocal Chorus
- 2. WHO? JUST A COTTAGE SMALL**
HERE IN MY ARMS
Fox Trot Medley with Vocal Chorus
- 3. YES SIR, THAT'S MY BABY**
YEARNING
Fox Trot Medley with Vocal Chorus
- 4. THE VAGABOND KING**
NEAPOLITAN NIGHTS
DOWN BY THE WINEGAR WOKS
Waltz Medley with Vocal Chorus

class song

Notes by Louis Untermeyer

1925 was a run-of-the-mill year—the usual quota of accidents, scandals, political maneuvers, and threats of crises. At home the Florida boom was on. The political scene was not without its humors. The tight-lipped President Coolidge took his daily exercise—in the White House—on a headless and tailless monster known as an electrical hobby-horse. He seemed to like it. The first case in a "padlock crusade" against liquor sellers was won when Federal Judge Hand cancelled the lease on a hotel and ordered the place padlocked for three months.

A boxing match marked the end of Madison Square Garden, at that time logically situated in Madison Square, at 23rd Street, instead of at 50th Street and 8th Avenue. Its classic lower and bronze statue of Diana shooting at the moon went to New York University. The Navy dignifiable airship "Shenandoah" left Lakehurst, New Jersey, bound for St. Paul, Minnesota. While passing over Ohio, it en-

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1925 — YES, SIR, THAT'S MY BABY Key E Flat
 Key G

Yes, sir, that's my baby,
 No, sir, don't mean maybe,
 Yes, sir, that's my baby now,
 Yes, ma'am, we've decided,
 No, ma'am, we won't hide it,
 Yes, ma'am you're invited now.
 By the way, by the way,
 When we reach the preacher I'll say
 (with feeling)
 Yes, sir, that's my baby,
 No, sir, don't mean maybe,
 Yes, sir, that's my baby now.

SONGS OF OUR TIMES

1925

countered a thunderstorm and was torn to pieces. Fourteen of the crew were killed. Two flying boats of a North Pole Expedition, each carrying three men, hopped off from Spitzbergen. One was commanded by Captain Roald Amundsen, discoverer of the South Pole, the other by the explorer, Lincoln Ellsworth, the sole American among the adventurers. An unhappy aftermath of another expedition occurred when Frederick A. Cook, who falsely claimed to have landed at the North Pole, arrived at Leavenworth, Kansas. He had been sentenced to serve fourteen years and nine months — not for his polar claims — but for using the mails to defraud.

A national sensation took place in Dayton, Tennessee, when John T. Scopes, a high school teacher, was put on trial. He was charged with violating a state law forbidding the teaching of evolution. William Jennings Bryan appeared as one of the prosecuting lawyers; Clarence Darrow and Dudley Field Malone were defense counsels. It was a combination of camp meeting and three-ring circus in which the "Fundamentalists" had a field day, while the nation rocked with incredulity and laughter. Scopes was found guilty, and fined \$100 and costs. Bryan died of apoplexy in Dayton at 65 and was buried in the Arlington National Military Cemetery.

An elderly wealthy man, E. W. ("Daddy") Browning, adopted the flaccid Mary Spas as his daughter. She was 16, and the Queen's County Surrogate voided the adoption. Undeterred, Browning looked elsewhere. Leonard Kip Rhineland, scion of an exclusive family, shocked society by asking the court to annul his marriage with Alice Jones, when he discovered that she was the daughter of a Negro. A jury at White Plains found for the defendant. More than \$480,000 in gems were stolen from Mrs. J. P. Donohue, daughter of the late chain store magnate, F. W. Woolworth. The jewels were recovered and returned more or less intact. Students of the College of the City of New York voted 6 to 1 against compulsory military training.

Fashion demanded clothes that were completely contrary to the feminine figure. Dresses were straight from shoulder to knee—narrow line models—beaprigged with cut beads, silk and metal embroidery.

The new and resplendent \$60,000,000 Union Station in Chicago was opened to traffic. At Chicago, also, Colonel Charles R. Forbes and John W. Thompson, St. Louis contractor, were found guilty of conspiracy to loot the funds of the War Veterans' Bureau. Each was fined \$10,000 and sentenced to two years in prison. At Trenton, New Jersey, George L. ("Tex") Rickard and his co-defendants were charged with conspiracy to violate the law by illegally distributing the Dempsey-Carpentier fight film. Rickard and two others were found guilty and fined \$7,000 each. Lumpsay was placed on the "ineligible" list for failure to answer a challenge by Henry Willis, a Negro contestant.

The Hungarian government, fearing something mysterious, censored crossword puzzles. Venezuela banned radio; receiving sets because they kept people from working. The body of King Tur-Ankhamen was taken from its coffin in the royal subterranean tomb of Luxor, Egypt, by Howard Carter. For a young man, buried 3275 years ago, King Tut was remarkably well preserved. Queen Alexandra, 81, widow of

Edward VII and mother of King George, died in Sandringham, England.

Premier Mussolini of Italy mobilized the Fascist National Guard to "protect" the railways. Incidentally, he closed all opposing political clubs. The first President of the German Republic, Frederick Ebert, died of peritonitis at a Berlin hospital. The elderly and reactionary Field Marshal Von Hindenburg took his place as President. After eleven years of partial prohibition, Russia became completely wet. Whiskey, brandy, and especially vodka appeared in every cafe, restaurant, and store. The Red Army no longer suffered from lack of toasts.

In sports, Harold E. ("Red") Grange was the sensation of the year. He helped the Chicago Bears beat the New York Giants 19-7 in a professional football game which was witnessed by 70,000 spectators. His share of the gate receipts exceeded \$25,000. In the World Series, Pittsburgh (National League) beat Washington (American League) four games out of seven. In soccer, Princeton won the Intercollegiate Championship tournament, defeating Cornell in the final game 5-0.

The motion picture industry put its best and most expensive foot forward with Ben Hur, \$6,000,000, the costliest picture made thus far. The Wizard of Oz was billed more or less accurately as "the greatest sensation among screen classics since The Birth of a Nation."

Is Zai' So? with James Gleason, co-author who also played one of the leads, opened the theatrical season and ran through 618 performances. Walter Hampden had an eight-weeks' run with Oheloh. Judith Anderson and Holbrook Blinn starred in Willard Mack's melodrama "The Dove." Ziegfeld put on Louis 14th with Leon Errol, and won an immediate success. Lionel Atwill and Helen Hayes scintillated in Caesar and Cleopatra, giving Bernard Shaw's idea of what happened when the Serpent of the Nile was a sixteen-year-old glamor girl and the great Roman was a bald old gentleman of fifty. Cradle Snatchers was a farce which starred Mary Boland and Edna May Oliver, and included, as a minor character, one Humphrey Bogart. Michael Allen's The Green Hat was a naughty success with Katharine Cornell in the leading part.

In literature the Pulitzer Prizes were awarded to Edwin Arlington Robinson for his book-length poem, The Man Who Died Twice; in biography to M. A. DeWolfe Howe's Barrat Wendell and His Letters; in history to Frederic Paxson's A History of the American Frontier; in fiction to Edna Ferber's novel, So Big.

The concert season had two sensational surprises. Bertha Minovich, the Kreisler of the harmonica, was a featured soloist with Vincent Lopez at the Metropolitan Opera House, and Paul Whiteman and his Concert Orchestra outdid themselves in their third Metropolitan concert of the season.

The song hits of the year were even more varied than usual. They included such extremes of sentiment and humor as "Yes Sir, That's My Baby," "YeARNING," "Whoo?" by Kern, Harbach, and Oscar Hammerstein II, "Just A Cottage Small," Rodgers and Hart's "Here In My Arms," the ever-popular hits by Irving Berlin, "Remember" and "Alwayy."

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As proof of his fitness, nonagenarian Ian Friml does buck-and-wing dance.

He wrote it in 1925

Composer Rudolph Friml wrote "Only a Rose" 45 years ago. Today, at 90, he still lives at a hectic pace.

ing like a siesta to restore an old man."

Asked his reason for all that physical exercise, he said, "It keeps me young. That and my music. Maybe the two go together. When I'm home, I'm at my piano at least six hours a day, maybe to work off some of my energy, maybe to renew it. Maybe it works both ways. Anyhow, it keeps me happy and busy." Then he added: "Do you want to know something? I'm thinking of writing another operetta."

At his age?

"Sure, why not?" Friml said. "I'm only 90."

He walked over to the piano and his nimble fingers began producing a medley of some of his songs that fit up the musical world nearly half a century ago. "Indian Love Call," "Toujours, L'Amour," "Only a Rose," "Song of the Vagabonds." Soaring melodies that were so thrilling then, still continue to thrill whenever they are heard.

The irrepressible Friml added his clear, deep singing voice from time to time while he grinned happily. He told stories about those years long ago, cracked jokes about temperamental stars he once had to deal with—and then suddenly he became very serious.

"Music is a gift of God for everyone," he said. "I say to every father and mother who have small children—let them learn to play something, just for future enjoyment. They don't have to become great and famous, but they will get some future peace and happiness, and energy, too. I learned to play the piano when I was a small boy and I thank God for that."

Friml was born in Prague where his father, a poor baker with a passion for music, sent him to piano lessons when he was aged 6. The boy was quickly recognized as a prodigy, and before long was playing the organ in church. At 14, he was enrolled at the Prague Conservatory of Music; at 25, he came to the United States as accompanist for violinist Jan Kubelik. Eight years later, he was ready for the big time.

His first real break came when he accepted a commission from Victor Herbert to write the music for "Firefly." It was such a hit that Friml became the new lion in musical circles and, he said, his eyes twinkling, "It gave me such a wonderful feeling that I wanted to roar without ever stopping."

Friml believes in enjoying life at every level. He's a hearty eater, with goulash and paprika his favorite dish, washed down with wine or beer. At parties, he drinks champagne. He quit smoking 10 years ago when told it wasn't good for him.

He knows how to take good care of himself. When he gets tired he simply takes a siesta for an hour or so. By instinct, he's his own good doctor.

And he has his own brand of advice for the elderly.

"If people let themselves think old, they are old," he said. "Most of it is in the mind anyway."

"When a man gets along in years, too much of his thinking is with yesterdays. He drowns himself, submerges all his hopes in yesterdays. But from where I stand, with my 90 years of yesterdays, I like to speak out for today and say a strong word for tomorrow."

He went on to say:

"Let me tell you something that I have known for a very long time. Memory is sweet but memory is not a place for action. The past is a mighty good guidepost but a very poor hitching post.

"Today is for action, and tomorrow is for action. When our yesterdays fade away from us, and they usually do, we still have today, with tomorrow lying ahead. Doesn't the poet say that yesterday's seed is tomorrow's blossom, or is that one of my old songs?"

Talking, kidding, clowning around as he usually does, Friml gets sharply serious on this subject of age. He feels that most old people sign their pre-death warrants with a sageing, defeatist attitude.

"They still need to learn the lesson of the rooster, a mighty good music master if you ask me. I've never yet heard a rooster who didn't sound as if he were glad a new day was born. When a man is 90, a rooster's daily proclamation is just wonderful news, wonderful music."

Friml is a very religious man. Every Sunday, when he's home, he attends church. "I never miss saying my prayers to God at least once every day," he said. "When I talk to God it gives me a great feeling of happiness. That is the way my parents taught me and I have never changed."

Paying tribute to this country, which gave his talents fruition and fame, he added:

"I shall always be thankful to God for bringing me here, the most generous nation the world has ever known. I've loved living here, working here, and participating in the democratic processes. The American people, for all their divisions and counterpoints, make the greatest harmony the world has ever heard. This 90-year-old man's prayer is that we will never let the sour notes rule the symphony while we all make music together."

It was getting close to midnight in the hotel suite, and the crowds of well-wishers finally were gone.

One of the last to leave was an old friend, actor Pat O'Brien, who for a gag photo felt Friml's muscle with a gee-whiz, double-take look. Friml loved that. "I'm just as big a ham as anybody else," he said happily.

The composer still didn't show any signs of fatigue after a continuous round of activities that would have exhausted a lesser man. He wanted to visit a couple of nightclubs, but his wife said no. He was going to bed.

But before he did, he had one final comment about age:

"Don't let old age give you a closing-up feeling," he said. "That is the best way to handle

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