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RICHARD OTT



Judge & Mrs. Richard B. Ott

Alene L. Miller 1915

Birthday

Married - Alene Miller 1922

Feb - 8, 1935 Olympia, Wash

Place

ATTENDED REUNION

MAY 22, 1965

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SIGNATURE	
BIRTH DAY	
BIRTH PLACE	
FATHER	Sebastian Ott
MOTHER	DA Patricia Williams Hennings 1915
President of	

Miller Takes Post as Masons' Master

William Miller was installed as master of the Ritzville Masonic lodge Wednesday at the Masonic hall.

Others installed for 1954 were Pete Miller, senior warden; Sam Walter, junior warden; John Ott, secretary; Jake Hoefel, treasurer; Robert Cady, marshal; James Kadlec, chaplain; Earl Logan, senior deacon; Frank Laird, junior deacon; Albert Hansen, senior steward; Kenneth Smith, junior steward; and R. A. Bierman, tyler. Installing officers were Eugene Phillips and Dan Lytle of the Lind order and Richard B. Ott, grand chaplain.

Amanda Ott Bur. (515)

Amanda

NOT AT BOTTOM Rg

Rich. has adopted a baby boy one month old, he now has two adopted children, a little girl which they took when she was 3 months and is 5 years old. Amanda letter to my mother (Rg) — 51 19-39

Legion Post Ends Sessions Until Fall

The final meeting until fall of J. C. Newland post of the American Legion held Thursday evening, June 20, voted to endorse John McPhee of Spokane as department commander. Should McPhee be elected he would be the first state commander from the eastern district since Richard Ott of Ritzville was named in the late 1930's.

Delegates to the state convention of the American Legion August 8, 9 and 10 in Spokane will be Lynn Reeve, John T. A. Smith, Dale Vick and Larry Maher.

Alternates will be 1 Smith, Josie Labes Roessler and Emil We Local officers to be September 5 will be commander; Lloyd I junior vice commander; Russell Tele assistant; Paul Fick lance officer; Ralph Streeter; Otto Halwas, World service officer, and B. laff, World War I se fier.

The post is consideration of a plaque honoring veterans in one of the cemeteries. Streeter is of the group working

Negative

Judge and Mrs. Richard Ott, Olympia, are spending this week in Ritzville visiting their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hennings, and other relatives in the area. 11/2-11/6-1-16

Judge Richard B. Ott 1915
Alene Miller 1923

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RICHARD B. OTT
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
RITZVILLE, WASHINGTON

THE STORY OF A BUSY MAN

Everybody's busy these days, even judges. Here's the current schedule Judge Richard B. Ott is wading through:

- Sept. 10 — Court at Walla Walla
- Sept. 12 — Court at Ellensburg.
- Sept. 13 — Court at Prosser.
- Sept. 14 — Court at Ritzville.
- Sept. 15-16 — Court at Walla Walla.
- Sept. 19-20 — Court at Yakima.
- Sept. 21 — Court at Ritzville.

Richard B. Ott Feb Outlines Laws 1940 At Woman's Club

Richard B. Ott Was the guest speaker Tuesday afternoon at the Women's club meeting in the Desert hotel, speaking on new laws enacted at the last legislature and answered questions for the large attendance.

A quartet, Mrs. Marion Stafford, Mrs. Stewart Skinner, Mrs. Martin Schwartz and Mrs. Amanda Bier, sang, accompanied by Mrs. J. C. Kittel.

The business meeting and roll call followed the program. Refreshments were served by Mrs. E. B. Lundgren and Mrs. Amanda Bier.

Mrs. J. C. Kittel will review "Reaching for the Stars," at the March 12 meeting. Hostesses will be Mrs. D. A. Scott and Mrs. G. H. Lemman.

Democrats sweep nation and state. Richard B. Ott leads Republican ticket in county in being elected state representative. FDR polls 1,484 votes in county to 855 for Herbert Hoover. 11/14/41

Richard B. Ott elected president of First National Bank of this city succeeding W. H. Miller, resigned. 4/14/41



The Law of Life

Author Unknown

The tree that never had to fight
For the sun and sky and air and light,
That stood out in the open plain
And always got its share of rain,
Never became a forest king,
But lived and died a scrubby thing.

*The man who never had to toil,
Who never had to win his share
Of sun and sky, and light and air,
Never became a manly man,
But lived and died as he began.*

Good timber does not grow in ease;
The stronger wind, the tougher trees,
The farther sky, the greater length;
The more the storm, the more the strength;
By sun and cold, by rain and snows,
In trees or man, good timber grows.

*Where thickest stands the forest growth,
We find the patriarch of both,
And they hold converse with the stars
Whose broken branches show the scars
Of many winds and much of strife . . .*

This is the common law of life.

Leonard F. Jansen of Lind admitted to bar, sponsored by Richard Ott, Ritzville attorney. 3/25/48



RITZVILLE and ALLIANCE



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Dear Roy:

I was most pleased to receive your letter of June 17 and also to learn where the cheese came from that we received some time ago. My housekeeper, for some reason, failed to make a note of the sender and I was waiting patiently for someone to write to me. Needless to say I least expected such a generous gift from you and I want to thank you most kindly for thinking of me so generously. I hope that some day when you come up to an Alumni Banquet that I can repay your kindness.

It just so happened when you were in this part of the country that I was trying a will contest case in Spokane and I would have been most pleased to have had an opportunity to visit with you.

With reference to the High School Alumni affairs, we have a most active alumni association and we entertain the graduating class each year, as well as the class who are celebrating their 25th anniversary. It will not be long now before we will have the 25th and the 50th anniversaries both being celebrated.

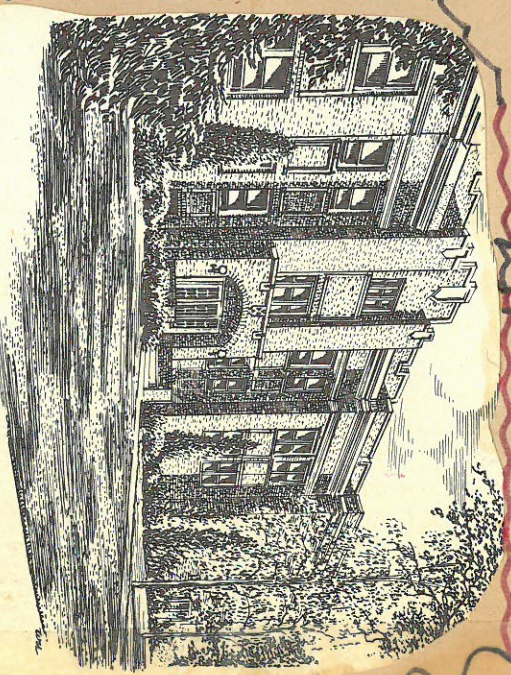
The Alumni Association started in 1905 and Bill Danekas and Hattie Lewis Emerson apparently will be on hand for the 50th anniversary in 1955. I notice that your graduation was in 1909. I hope that you will come up to Ritzville for one of our meetings before that time, but I surely hope that you will pay us a visit in 1959 if not before. You being a life member will receive the notices of the meeting about one month before they are held and I am sure you would meet many of your friends and renew old acquaintances if you could find time to attend one of these affairs. You stated the last banquet you attended was in 1937. I am sure that you will be amazed at the growth of our organization since that time.

I read with a great deal of interest your mention of a memorial building being built in Modesto by the Legion. Having gone through this period in Ritzville I know that your problems are many. We have now paid for a \$130,000.00 building and we are very proud of our accomplishment. Our Memorial Building here is a real asset to the community and the Legion can well be proud of their accomplishment.

I want to thank you again for remembering me so generously and I sincerely hope that you will pay us a visit soon.

With kind personal regards and best wishes,

Rich B Cox



Ritzville High School

Ritzville, Washington

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Washington State ¹⁵ ₉₅

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R. B. Ott Installs

Seattle Officers

Will Attend Meet

In Wisconsin Soon

State commander Richard B. Ott of the American Legion installed new officers in the Seattle Post No. 1 Tuesday night and spoke on his efforts to get the concerted opinion of the legion on state and national issues to guide delegates at the national convention in Milwaukee September 15 to 18.

Ott has polled the executive committee of the organization on foreign policy to be endorsed and urged by the state at the convention. The legion will endorse an all-out national defense program, favoring increase of the navy to full two-ocean strength, increase of the coast artillery, increase of the air force to equal and air force in the world and compulsory military training for young men.

The foreign policy of the legion cannot be revealed until after the convention, because of the national constitution and by-laws. ⁵⁴⁹¹ ₁₄₄₁

Ott will install new officers of the Spokane post next Monday night.

He and Mrs. Ott will leave September 12 for Milwaukee to attend the national convention with the balance of the Washington delegation.

10 Years Ago—

(September 4, 1947)

School registration totals 484 compared to 487 last year on opening day.

Richard B. Ott is elected national vice commander of American Legion. ⁴¹⁴¹ ₁₄₄₁

Twenty-three pigskin candidates turnout for Rex Thomson, Roy Klein, Dick Skinner and Ed Tesch are considered among top prospects.

City council approves \$106,708 preliminary budget.

Judge Ott Is Named

to Legion Position

SEATTLE — Judge Richard B. Ott of Ritzville is one of 46 Washington state American Legion members named to national legion committees this week.

State Adjutant Fred Fuecker said Judge Ott has been assigned as a member of the Legion's national distinguished guest committee.

During his year as department American Legion commander, which ended this week, attorney Richard B. Ott of Ritzville traveled 32,000 miles, visited 92 posts and 20 district conferences, addressed 46 high school assemblies and 22 chambers of commerce, made 16 radio addresses, added 2,000 members and three new posts to the state Legion rolls.

Parade and simple services mark Armistice day, with national vice commander Richard Ott of the American Legion giving the principal talk.

Legion Post Accepts First Vietvet



NEWEST LEGIONNAIRE GETS PIN
Judge Ott Presents It to Tippy Shroll

New Vet Pinned

Fr. MacHenry

Says Answer

Is Discipline

Americans have acted and talked as though only they were right, in each of the wars of the 20th century, the Rev. Bruce MacHenry told veterans of those wars here on Veterans day.

In each of those wars preachers asked to pray for peace, a righteous peace, one in which "our enemies were in the wrong. Shouldn't we ask God what is the right way of this life?" the speaker asked.

Continuing to probe with questions, vicar MacHenry asked his listeners how dictators got into office around the globe. Answering the question he said dictators gained their footholds when the people were too concerned with self and their own affairs.

"The people didn't exercise their great privilege of having a say in their government." And he noted more than one-third of local voters failed to go to the polls three days earlier.

C. J. Newland post of the American Legion received its first Vietnam veteran, Danny "Tippy" Shroll, as a member Friday night.

A charter member of the Legion here, State Supreme Court Justice Richard B. Ott presented a membership pin to Tippy and handed him membership papers. The ceremony took place during the post's traditional Veterans day potluck dinner and program.

Tippy Shroll

Is Given Pin

by Judge Ott

come for the meeting from Quincy, their home now.

BARNEY WAS post commander and for six years adjutant. In honoring the post's newest member Judge Ott said Danny had been president of his graduating class at Ritzville high school in 1959. He was captain of the baseball team and played basketball and football.

Shroll served for four years and three months in the U. S. Navy. His ship came within three miles of fighting during visits to Vietnam. Judge Ott also noted Shroll had represented the Legion post at Boys State in 1958.

The visitor returned to his home town noted that the American Legion is the largest veterans organization. "It had to merit its size."

In visiting during dinner Judge Ott had related that about a dozen fellows kept the Legion alive here during its first two years. Meetings were held in his law office, Judge Ott said. Others at the dinner recalled that Judge Ott had missed attending only a couple of the Boys States held in Washington.

One was last summer when he and Mrs. Ott toured Spain and the Holy Land for nearly two months.

MASTER OF ceremonies Ralph Streever noted that the Armistice day potluck dinner had been established as a tradition of the post in 1936 when Walter Athey was commander. He asked veterans of World War I, and their wives, to stand. There were about a dozen couples who responded.

Commander-American Legion

Seniors Planning for Last Events

Members of the senior class at Ritzville high school will hold class day Tuesday, May 27, and the class picnic is scheduled for the following day.

On class day at an assembly will be read the class will and prophecy.

The picnic has been scheduled for Coeur d'Alene all-day.

Judge Richard B. Ott of the state supreme court will be the main speaker at commencement exercises at 8 p. m. Tuesday, June 2, in the new high school gymnasium.

The Rev. R. W. Rieger will preach the sermon at the baccalaureate in the high school auditorium at 8 p. m. Sunday, June 1.

Following in the post custom, just before making their buffet selections the diners joined a grand march to spirited music played by Mrs. R. E. Edwards.

Others at the dinner tables recalled events of the first Armistice day 48 years earlier. The day had found the old timers in widely scattered locations, but each had vivid memories of its events.

Post commander Cliff Ahern opened and closed the meeting. He extended warm welcome to the distinguished visitors, Judge and Mrs. Ott, and to the newest post member, Danny Shroll and Mrs. Shroll.

The Rev. W. Bruce MacHenry was the speaker of the evening. An account of his talk appears in another column. Commander Ahern noted with pleasure the excellent turnout, and invited all to return for Legion meetings.

25 Years Ago—

(August 24, 1933)

Scores of men battled two stubborn grass and stubble fires near Washlucna that burned over 800 acres.

Business firms offer generous awards to 4-H exhibitors during county fair.

Bruno Siefaff assumed lease of Union service station.

Richard B. Ott was elected commander of the seventh district of the American Legion. Carl Crowley and Fred Gfeller of Balfon district reported each thrashed better than 20,000 bushels from the 960 acres each farmed.

Justice Ott Delivers Annual Address for Memorial Day 5/30/65

OLYMPIA — (Special to the Journal-Times) — The faith, courage and vision of the American people some day will lead to permanent peace throughout the world, state supreme court justice Richard B. Ott of Riverville declared in a Memorial Day address here Monday.

Justice Ott spoke before traditional Memorial Day services at the capital grounds. He said: "Let us by our own lives and conduct as an example for the peoples of the world, endeavor to extend the divine doctrine of the sovereignty of the individual to other nations of the world, to the end that we shall actually

see the day when permanent peace will encompass the world and all mankind."

JUSTICE OTT declared that it is in trust, as a foundation for truth, that the United States is willing to sit at the council tables of the world in an effort to settle international differences.

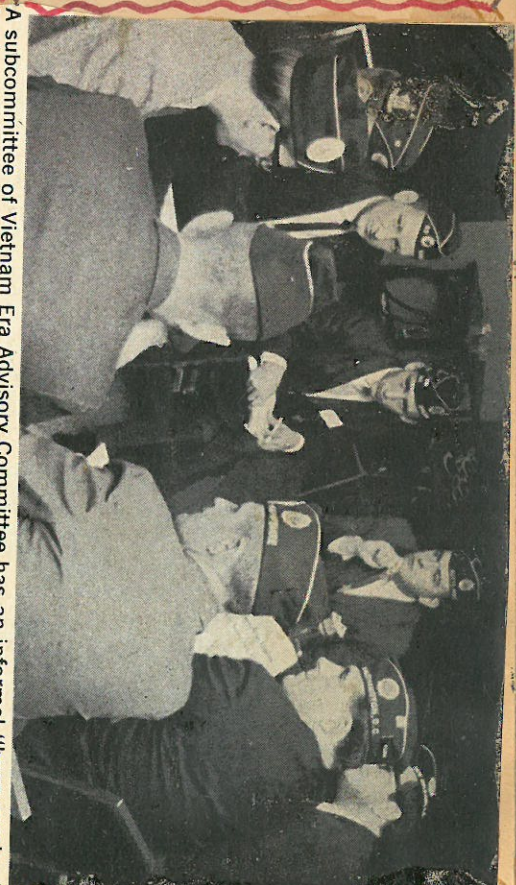
Memorial Day, he said, proves to the world the American character of loyalty — to those who have died in battle, to the nation's pioneers, and to the framers of the Constitution. "It is not our strength, our

economic wealth, or our large cities and rich farmlands which have made America great," Justice Ott said.

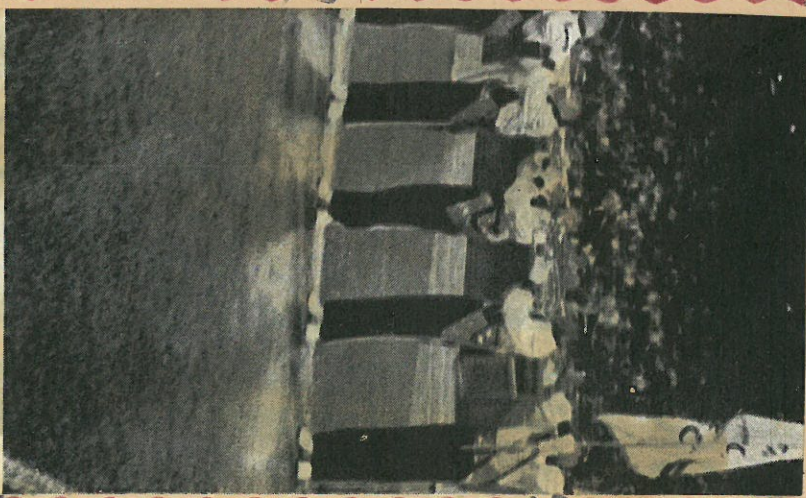
"It is the unqualified loyalty to the divine ideal of the sovereignty of the individual that has made America the foremost nation of the world."

THE RITZVILLE jurist declared Memorial Day also exemplifies the American characters of gratitude and gratefulness towards God "who in His infinite wisdom has so guided the destiny of this nation that we have never suffered defeat on the field of battle."

Justice Ott continued: "On Memorial Day . . . we pray that our future conduct shall permit us to continue to merit this Divine favor."



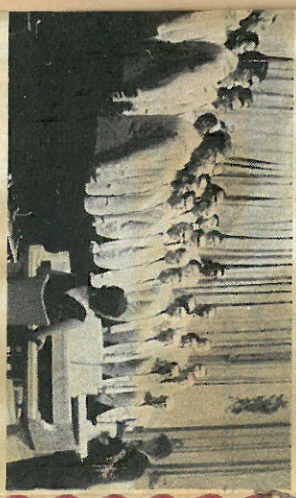
A subcommittee of Vietnam Era Advisory Committee has an informal "buzz session," Legionnaire at top left, facing camera, is Frank Naylor, Chmn of the entire Committee.



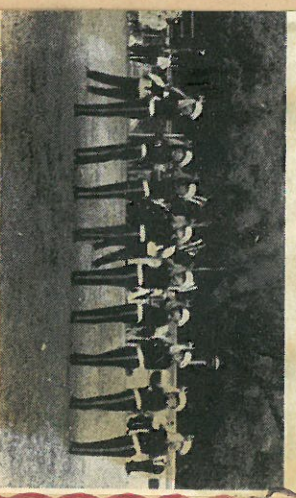
Bugle Championship at Fenway Park, Boston.



*Quartet—Cudworth Post 23, Milwaukee.



*Chorus—Post 15, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.



Firing Squad—Post 291, East Lynn, Mass.

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WILLIAM E. GALBRAITH
NATIONAL COMMANDER,
THE AMERICAN LEGION, 1967-1968

Judge of the Superior

RICHARD B. OTT
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
RITZVILLE, WASHINGTON

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RITZVILLE, WASHINGTON / THURSDAY, APRIL



JUDGE DRAWS NO. 1—Judge Richard B. Ott of Ritzville reaches into glass jug to draw first name at government land-drawing ceremonies for Columbia Basin irrigation tracts near Okanogan. Watching during last Monday's ceremonies was Chris Larsen, Wilson Creek farmer who is a director of the East Columbia Basin Irrigation district.

—Journal-Times photo.

Men of Courage

Virginia Katherine Oliver

Men of courage throughout the years
Have laid the sure foundation
Upon which was proudly built
Our great and mighty nation.
*Men of courage crossed the seas
To search for a better land,
And it took such men as these
For a nation that would stand.*
Men of courage bore the burdens
And the problems of their day,
Ever seeking for the wisdom
To work and serve a finer way.
*Men of courage still are needed
To lend the best they have to give,
That all our forefathers founded
May nobly and staunchly live.*

State's Bar Association Favors Candidacy of Ott for Judge

Judge Richard B. Ott of the state supreme court is seeking reelection to Position No. 2 in the state-wide general election, November 4.

His candidacy was overwhelmingly favored in the state-wide judicial poll conducted by the Washington State Bar association, which gave Judge Ott 1,851 votes and his opponent only 298 votes.

The poll is a public service performed by the attorneys to help inform voters on the quali-

State Bar Members

Favor Ott for Judge

A large majority of the votes cast in a poll of members of the Washington State Bar association went in favor of Judge Richard B. Ott of Ritzville who is seeking re-election to Position No. 2 on the state supreme court bench.

Judge Ott polled 1,851 votes to 298 for his opponent, William J. Millard of Seattle, the association reported this week.

tifications of judicial candidates.

JUDGE OTT has served four years as a judge of the supreme court. Before assuming the duties of judge of the supreme court, he served six years as a superior court judge in Adams county.

During that time, he was called to serve as a visiting judge in every county in eastern Washington, and in King, Pierce, Thurston, Clark, Skagit and Snohomish counties in western Washington.

He was prosecuting attorney of Adams county for eight years and city attorney of Ritzville for six years.

The judge also served as mayor of Ritzville, and was a state representative for two terms of the legislature.

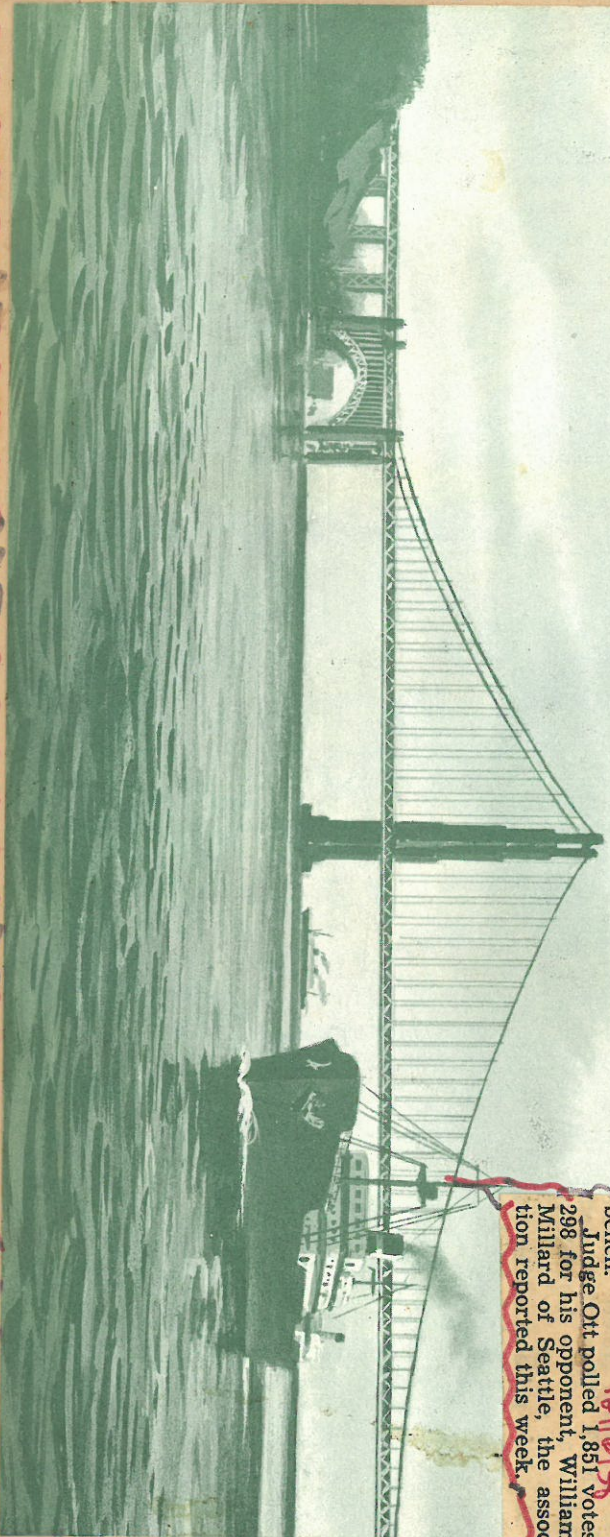
Judge Ott was admitted to practice law in Washington in 1921 and had a general practice in Ritzville continuously until beginning his service as a judge in 1949.

JUDGE OTT enlisted as a private in the infantry in 1918. After the war, he remained in the reserve, and re-entered active service in World War II.

In 1943, he was transferred to the judge advocate general's department and served there until his discharge in June, 1946.

He is a past commander and past national vice-commander of the American Legion. He has served as a speaker and counselor at the American Legion's Boys State for the past ten years. He is a past president of Ritzville Lions club and a past zone chairman of the Lions club.

Judge Ott is 61 years old and is a native-born Washingtonian. He and his wife, Allene, have been married 32 years. They have one daughter and two grandchildren.





Rosenoff Awarded ROPP
Karl Rosenoff (left) was presented a certificate Thursday evening for being the only active charter member of the American Legion post in Ritzville. Judge Richard B. Ott made the presentation. Rosenoff has been a Legion member since the post was founded 42 years ago. Journal-Times photo.

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RITZVILLE, WASHINGTON
To all that wrote and spoke and I do want to thank you many times over, and wish I could ask you where you got all those lovely shadows of pen velvet, & how long it took to make it etc.

Excerpt of a letter written to my mother, Mrs. E. D. Gilson at Los Angeles dated 5-19-1939. Most of the balance of it can be read in the 1939 Book. In the Mary Ann Bier Section.
Ray Gilson '09

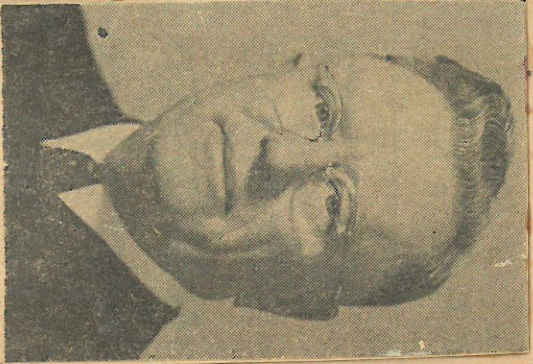


Audie Gilson & Amanda Ott live at the desk in the old RITZVILLE hotel where we stay for a week - during RTH 50 Anniversary Banquet. The first week in May - 1955. Amanda's Brother Judge Richards Ott - 1915 - one of our most noted Alumnus - was TOASTMASTER for the occasion - Ray Dyer Gilson '09

JUDGE of the SUPRE

ME COURT of the

State of WASHIN



NEW JOB? Ritzville's Judge Richard B. Ott was in the news again as his name was mentioned prominently for appointment to state supreme court following death of one of the justices. A quick decision by Governor Langlie was seen as the state court now is in session.

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The Rule of Three
Author Unknown

Three things to govern:
temper, tongue, conduct.
Three things to love:
courage, gentleness, affection.
Three things to hate:
cruelty, arrogance, ingratitude.
Three things to wish for:
health, friends, a cheerful spirit.
Three things to fight for:
honor, country, home.

Ritzville was born in Ritzville. He turned out to be certainly one of Ritzville's most famous sons. Now he is Justice of the Washington Supreme Court.



at STATE CAPITOL

Thursday, June 2, 1955

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Judge Ott Facing Limited Campaign

Friendly attorneys and other citizens will have to carry the brunt of Judge Richard B. Ott's campaign for election to the state supreme court, the Ritzville jurist said here Wednesday.

Judge Ott, who is serving on the state court by appointment, said the court from September 4 to December 4 will be tackling the heaviest docket in its history.

"Except for a few brief trips to key areas on the west coast," Judge Ott said, "I'm afraid I'll have practically no time for campaigning because of the heavy press of duties in Olympia."

JUDGE OTT is seeking election to complete the last two years of the unexpired term of the late Judge Ralph Olson. The Ritzville jurist was appointed by Governor Langlie in January, 1955, to fill Judge Olson's chair until the next general election.

Judge Ott will be opposed in the November 6 general election by Jeremiah T. Haggerty, Seattle attorney.

Haggerty is a 1931 graduate of the Gonzaga university law school. He practiced in Seattle during the mid-1930's before moving to California in 1937. He returned to Washington in 1949 to re-open a Seattle law office. Since there are no more than two candidates for the position identified as No. 4, the name will not appear on the primary ballot.

JUDGE OTT arrived in the Ritzville area Sunday after completing the last of 15 opinions he was assigned to write during the May 1 to July 1 supreme court session.

Here he has been relaxing a bit except on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons of this week, which he spent driving a harvest truck for his son-in-law, Willard Hennings, at Marengo.

Mrs. Ott had arrived about a week earlier to help her daughter, Patricia, with harvest.

IN RITZVILLE Judge Ott has been conferring with W. Walters Miller and Edward G. Cross, local attorneys who again will help spearhead his campaign as they did two years ago when the Ritzville superior court judge was defeated by Judge Hugh J. Rossellini of Tacoma. Miller and Cross said they are hopeful that most of the attorneys who served as county campaign chairmen in 1954 will accept their assignment again.

Judge Ott plans to visit in Spokane, Pasco, Walla Walla, Yakima, Ellensburg and Wenatchee next week before returning to Olympia by August 24 to begin reading cases involved in the fall session.

"BETWEEN September 4 and December 4," Judge Ott said, "the state supreme court will be presented with about 140 cases, the heaviest docket in its history."

"This means each department will have to hear one extra case per day, and it means each justice will be faced with writing a few additional opinions."

"In addition to these 140 cases, we will be considering other matters, including a swarm of applications for writs of habeas corpus."

"Because of a recent federal court decision, any number of prisoners feel they have an outside chance of gaining release by claiming error during their trial."

"As a result, 87 applications have been received from prisoners at the Monroe reformatory alone. Each must be reviewed by the attorney general's office, and the alleged errors must be brought to the attention of the court."

Judge Ott said his heavy fall schedule will leave only every other Friday and each Saturday available for limited campaigning.



8/14/56 Ritzville's Rich. JUDGE. and B. Ott will be seeking election to state supreme court in November general election. He is serving now by appointment.

Article Tells of Judge Ott

Judge Richard B. Ott of the Washington state supreme court as well as two other justices of that body is the subject of an article in the January, 1959, issue of "The Lion," official publication of Lions International.

A picture of Judge Ott, and also one of Judge Frank P. Weaver and Judge Robert T. Hunter are included.

All three are active members of the Lions club at Olympia, each has served as president of his home group, two are past zone chairmen and two have perfect attendance records of 15 and 17 years.

The outlines under Judge Ott's picture said, in part: "In his home town of Ritzville... he practiced law and was prosecuting attorney and superior court judge. He served as mayor, president of the chamber of commerce, state commander of the American Legion."

"A charter member of the Ritzville club, he is a past president, key member and past zone chairman, and is rapidly nearing the award of his 20-year perfect attendance pin."



SUPREME COURT. This is the first formal state supreme court portrait taken since Ritzville's Judge Richard B. Ott was appointed to the tribunal. Front row, from left, justices Matthew W. Hill, Joseph A. Mallory, Frederick G. Hamley (chief justice), E. W. Schwellenbach, Charles T. Donworth. Second row, Hugh J. Rossellini, Robert C. Finley, Frank P. Weaver, and Richard B. Ott. Three are east-siders — Ott of Ritzville, Schwellenbach of Ephrata and Weaver of Spokane.

Olympia, Was

RE-ELECTED=11-56

JUDICIAL

OFFICE	NAME	ADDRESS	Party Designation
JUDGES OF THE SUPREME COURT Position No. 1 (6 year term)	CHARLES T. "Carl" DON- WORTH	2227 S. Water St., Olympia	N. P.
Position No. 2 (6 year term)	LYLE "Butch" HIGGINS	Chelan	N. P.
Position No. 3 (6 year term)	ROBERT C. FINLEY	112 Maple Park, Olympia	N. P.
Position No. 3 (Short term)	HARRY ELLSWORTH FOSTER	2408 Franklin St., Olympia 1134 Federal Ave., Seattle	N. P. N. P.
Position No. 4 (Unexpired term)	WILLIAM J. MILLARD	503 N. Puget St., Olympia	N. P.
	RICHARD B. OTT	Rt. 6, Box 193-A, Olympia	N. P.
	JERRY T. HAGGARTY	206 Harvard, No., Seattle	N. P.

We, the undersigned attorneys of Ritzville, respectfully urge all of our friends and clients to vote next Tuesday for . . .

JUSTICE RICHARD B. OTT

. . . a distinguished jurist and a native of Ritzville . . . who is fully qualified to retain his seat on the Washington state supreme court.

Judge of the Supreme Court

Richard B. Ott X

PERSONALLY AND UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED BY

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LEONARD F. JANSEN

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Former Minister

Will Vote for Ott

Richard Ott

Is Candidate

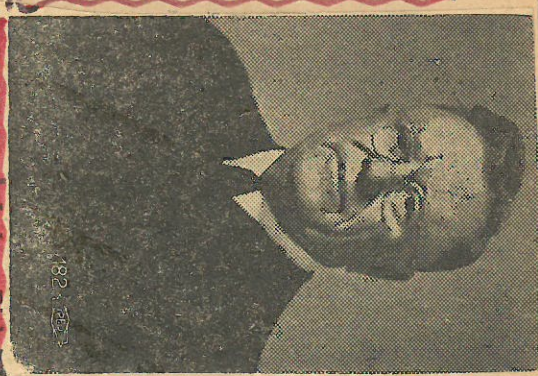
An 82-year-old retired Methodist minister, a former pastor of Trinity Methodist church here, has indicated quite a desire to vote for a former pupil of his.

The Rev. R. A. Gailey, who now lives near Seattle, stopped in at the Lynnwood Reporter office recently, and asked where he should register to vote. He wanted to be able to cast his ballot for Judge Richard B. Ott, candidate for the supreme court.

In 1915 Gailey had three boys who were juniors and seniors in Ritzville high school in a private class of speech and debate. Under his guidance the trio won the Inland Empire debating championship in 1915. The Ritzville judge was one of these boys, as were Nelson Lloyd and Russel Butch.

Lloyd is now a superintendent of schools in Washington, according to Reverend Gailey, and the pastor did not know where Butch resides at present. Reverend Gailey is now living just east of Alderwood Manor, about nine miles north of Seattle. He had a picture of his winning debating team, but preferred to retain possession of it.

Judge Ott Is Elected Acting Chief Justice
OLYMPIA — Judge Richard B. Ott of Ritzville Tuesday was elected by fellow justices on the state supreme court to serve as acting chief justice during absences of Chief Justice Matthew W. Hill.
Judge Ott recently was elected to the state bench after serving part of a previous term by appointment.
(December 27, 1956)
State supreme court justice Richard B. Ott will serve as assistant chief justice on his return to Olympia from the holidays spent here.



WINNER Judge Richard B. Ott of Ritzville retained his seat on the Washington state supreme court, following Tuesday's election.

LOCALLY Supreme court judge Richard B. Ott of Ritzville polled 2450 votes against Jerry T. Haggarty's 644. Ott outpolled Haggarty throughout the state to retain his seat on the high court bench.
In electing Dewald as commissioner voters placed 1783 "x's" in his column while giving Wahl 1434. Wahl won the Republican nomination in the primary against incumbent Pete Miller. Dewald was placed on the ballot by the Democratic central committee.
Henry J. Danekas, Ritzville Democrat, was unopposed in his bid for re-election.
Superior court judge George H. Freese was the "champion vote getter" of the county. Unopposed on the ballot, he received 2476 votes of confidence. Adams county handsly turned down initiatives 198 and 199. They also disapproved Senate Joint Resolution Nos. 3 and 22. They approved Senate Joint Resolution No. 4, 6, and 14.

Re-Elect JUDGE

RICHARD B. OTT

POSITION NO. 2

SUPREME COURT

Pd. by Citizens for Ott, W. W. Miller, Chrm.

HE HAS SERVED WITH DIGNITY AND HONOR

OFFICE	NAME	ADDRESS
JUDGES OF THE SUPREME COURT POSITION NO. 2 (6 Year Term)	Richard B. Ott	Rt. 6, Box 193-A, Olympia
	William J. Millard, Jr.	1000 8th Ave., Seattle
	Lyle B. Higgins	Chelan
	Henry C. Perkins	3929 N. 29th, Tacoma
POSITION NO. 3 (6 Year Term)	Robert T. Hunter	1 Loma Place, Ephrata
	Jerry T. Haggarty	10023 49th N.E., Seattle
	Fred T. Smatt	1116 23rd Ave. No., Seattle

STATE - JUDICIAL

Ott Mentioned as U.S. Judge

Judge Richard B. Ott of the Washington state supreme court and a former Adams county superior court judge, was among those mentioned as possible successors to the late federal judge Sam M. Driver.

Driver died at a Woodland, Calif. hospital last Friday from injuries received in a highway accident September 5.

Others mentioned for the federal judgeship in Eastern Washington include William B. Bantz, candidate for the U.S. senate; judge Frank P. Weaver, also of the state supreme court; judges Ralph E. Foley, Raymond F. Kelly and Ralph P. Edgerton, all of the Spokane county superior court.

Judge Edgerton often has presided in superior court at Ritzville when judge George H. Freese has been absent.

MOVING to OLYMPIA.

State Supreme Court Greets Judge Ott



OFF TO OLYMPIA. Ritzville's Judge Richard B. Ott cheerfully chucks a bag into his car trunk shortly before departing for Olympia, where Monday he was sworn in as a state supreme court justice. Accompanying him to Olympia were Mrs. Ott; his daughter, Mrs. Patricia Hennings; and his son-in-law, Willard Hennings. —Journal-Times photo.

Justice Ott Faces Convention of American Bar Association

State supreme court justice Richard B. Ott of Ritzville and justice Charles Donworth are representing the state court at the American Bar association meeting in Spokane this Thursday and Friday.

Justice Ott was asked to fill in for chief justice Frederick Hamley, who is virtually assured of an appointment in the near future to the circuit court of appeals in San Francisco.

stein Wrecking Co., General Delivery, Los Angeles, Cal." The letters bore a typewritten signature, "Doctor Bernstein." "The attempted bribe," Justice Ott said, "had of course absolutely no effect on the court's decision and the entire matter was turned over to the federal bureau of investigation."

The Ritzville jurist has been in Ritzville since last Wednesday but has been spending most of

his time working on three opinions in the superior court law library at the courthouse.

JUSTICE OTT and Mrs. Ott have been staying with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hennings. Saturday evening they were the sole representatives of their classes, Justice Ott for 1915 and Mrs. Ott for 1923, at the alumni banquet.

The Ritzville jurist said the supreme court will be in session through most of June and he expects to spend July writing opinions.

He will be seeking election to a 2-year term on the state court this fall, if he has opposition, he said, he will spend the rest of the summer campaigning. If he is unopposed, he plans to spend much of August in the Ritzville area.

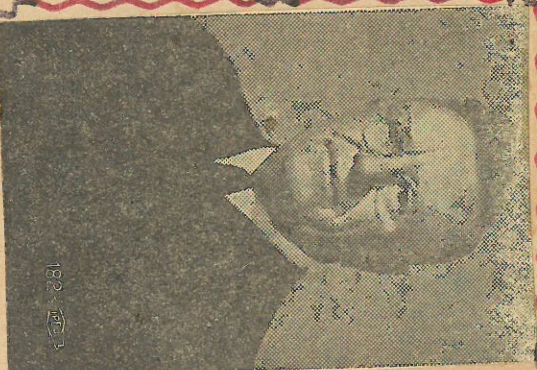
AS A SOBRIID aftermath of the supreme court bribery effort, Justice Ott reported this week, each of the justices received a typewritten letter reading in part:

"If you will send us a bill for \$1000.00 for legal services rendered, the amount will be paid. Send or have our law office send (the bill) the Bern-

Two county office races, one for state representative and another for state senator will be watched with great interest in Adams county as voters here and throughout the state cast ballots in the primary election next Tuesday.

Another race that will draw a lot of local attention will be that between three other candidates and Judge Richard B. Ott for position no. 2 on the state supreme court bench.

Opposing the former Adams county prosecutor and supreme court judge will be William J. Millard, jr., of Seattle. Lytle B. Higgins of Cheban and Henry C. Perkins of Tacoma.



Judge Richard B. Ott Temple of Justice Olympia, Washington



The Senior Diplomat To the class of 1918-1919 the 1918-1919 Club is Sons of 1918 Alumni Banquet May 25-1918

New Position Is Assigned to Judge Ott

State supreme court justice Richard B. Ott, home for the holidays, will depart January 4 to return to Olympia for the court's January term.

Judge Ott will be serving as assistant chief justice. Elected to the post by his fellow justices shortly before Christmas, the Ritzville jurist will preside over supreme court sessions whenever Chief Justice Matthew W. Hill of Seattle is absent.

When he is serving as acting chief justice, Judge Ott also will be responsible for considering motions for writs of habeas corpus, orders staying superior court actions, and other special appeals.

JUDGE OTT said here this week since becoming a supreme court justice about two years ago he has written 65 opinions and concurred in 510 opinions written by other justices — each after a thorough study of the case.

The judge said he has maintained his policy of keeping up with his work. All the opinions he was charged with from the court's last 1956 term were written and in circulation among other justices before he returned to Ritzville.

"Last fall brought the quickest consideration of a supreme court appeal in my experience," Judge Ott remarked. "An injunction concerning a Seattle bus drivers' strike was heard and decided in King county superior court on a Friday and was heard and decided by the supreme court in a special session the following day."

JUDGE AND MRS. OTT will leave Ritzville January 4 to attend a reception for retiring Judge B. B. Horrigan at Richland that evening. All the supreme court justices have been invited by the Benton-Franklin county bar association.

From Richland the Otts will drive to Olympia where the Ritzville jurist will begin reading briefs preparatory to the opening of another term January 14.

During this term, extending until the end of March, the court will hear 90 departmental cases and 12 en banc cases. All except two already have been scheduled.

NEW POSITIONS.

State supreme court justices Matthew W. Hill of Seattle (left) and Richard B. Ott of Ritzville had reason to congratulate each other recently. Judge Hill was elected chief justice of the state's highest tribunal while Judge Ott was named assistant chief justice.

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Dr. Leroy Gilson
209 Downey Avenue
Modesto, California

The Supreme Court
State of Washington
Olympia

Dear Roy: August 21, 1961

Thanks very much for your letter of July 25th. I was sorry I was unable to get over to the R.H.S. alumni banquet this year, but, from all reports I received at home this summer, it was the outstanding banquet of all. You did a lot of work on it, and the whole town is most grateful to you for it.

I think your idea of compiling a sort of history is very good. At the moment, I do not have any picture of me in my robe. I am going to have some glossies made for newspaper items and will send you one of those. A year from next January, I will be the Chief Justice of our Supreme Court, and of course I will have a picture taken as Chief. If your history will still be in the making at that time, I will send you a picture then.

I did not know that you were as active in the Legion as your letter indicates. I am still an ex officio member of the executive committee, having been Past Department Commander, and go to Boys State every year and speak upon courts. Last year they gave me a plaque and told me that was the fifteenth consecutive session I had attended. I do not think there is any other Legionnaire in this state who has been as faithful to the Boys State program as I have been. When I was National Vice Commander of the American Legion, I endorsed as a candidate for Commander a very eminent Legionnaire from Denver by the name of Hilyard. He was not elected and, as is the practice in National politics if you are not on the successful bandwagon, you are ostracized completely. The only record of my activity in the National organization is that I am on the Distinguished Guest Committee every year, on which some five thousand other Legionnaires are also members.

It was awfully good to hear from you, and I hope that before too long I will be able to send you the material requested.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

With the Chief Justice
Jan. 2. 1963

Sincerely,

Rich



RICHARD B. OTT, JUDGE

Dr. Leroy Gilson
209 Downey Avenue
Modesto, California

The Supreme Court
State of Washington
Olympia

Dear Roy:

September 1, 1961

In accordance with our recent correspondence, enclosed is a copy of the most recent photograph I have had taken in my robe. Trust this will be suitable for your purpose.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Rich

Dr. Roy Gilson
Modesto, California

The Supreme Court
State of Washington
Olympia

Dear Roy:

January 30, 1957

You will recall that when you were in Ritzville for the Alumni banquet last year I told you I was writing an opinion in which I was trying to define the word "of." You didn't seem to think that there was much trouble in defining it and that minds of reasonable people certainly should agree upon a definition. My opinion has now been published and I am enclosing it herewith, and you can see that I had considerable trouble convincing all of the court as to the true meaning of the word.

You need not return the enclosure, but I thought you might be interested in having a copy of it.

We have been having considerable snow here in the state of Washington and particularly in western Washington, where it is rather unusual. From all I can learn, you are having your share of it down in California too. I do not know just when the Alumni banquet will be this year, but I am going to make a special effort to be there and I hope that you will return again also.

With kind personal regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Rich

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[No. 33632. En Banc. January 14, 1957.]

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, Respondent, v. RICHARD A.
RINKES, Appellant.¹

- [1] Counties—Prisons—Ownership of Property—Ownership of County jail.
- [2] Indictment and Information—Constitutional Provisions.
- [3] Counties—Governmental Powers—Powers Delegated by State—Detention of Accused Person.
- [4] Prisons—Establishment and Maintenance—County Jails—Part of State Penal and Correctional System.
- [5] Same—Establishment and Maintenance—Statutes—Definition—What Constitutes.
- [6] Statutes—Construction—Meaning of Language—Specific Words.
- [7] Same—Construction—Rules of Construction—Penal Statutes.
- [8] Same.
- [9] Same.
- [10] Same.
- [11] Same.
- [12] Same.
- [13] Same.
- [14] Same.
- [15] Escape—Nature of Offense—Statutes—Construction—Legislative Intent.
- [16] Same.

WASHINGTON DECISIONS

CONTAINING THE DECISIONS OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
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OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON.

JANUARY 23, 1957.

Appeal from a judgment of the superior court for King county, No. 29562, Whitfield, J., entered November 30, 1955, upon a trial and conviction of escape. Affirmed.

Alan L. Froelich, for appellant.

Charles O. Carroll, Laurence D. Regal, and James J. Caplinger, for respondent.

ORT, J.—Chapter 320, Laws of 1955, p. 1419, amending the law relating to the crime of escape, became effective June 8, 1955. The amended law is as follows:

RCW 9.31.005: "The term 'escape,' for the purposes of this chapter, shall mean the unlawful departure of a prisoner from the custody of a penal or correctional institution of the state of Washington, with or without the exertion of force or fraud in the execution thereof."

RCW 9.31.010 [cf. Rem. Rev. Stat., § 2342]: "Every prisoner confined in a prison, or being in the lawful custody of an officer or other person, who escapes or attempts to escape from such prison or custody if he is held on a charge, conviction, or sentence of a felony, shall be guilty of a felony; if held on a charge, conviction, or sentence of a

[6] This court has not limited the meaning of the word "of," as contended by appellant, but has given it its full and broad meaning. In *State ex rel. Cowles v. Schiely*, 63 Wash. 103, 107, 114 Pac. 901 (1911), we defined the word "of" as meaning, "In the most general sense; proceeding from; belonging to; relating to; connected with; concerning."

In construing penal statutes, we are committed to the following rules:

[1-3] A county jail does not belong to the state of Washington. The King county jail belongs to the municipal corporation of King county. Although a county jail is not a Washington state penal institution, it is a definite part of the penal and correctional system of the state. All criminal cases must be commenced and prosecuted in the name of the state of Washington. Art. IV, § 27, state constitution. Except for certain transitory offenses, not here pertinent, an accused person is charged by complaint, information, or indictment, and the case is tried before a justice or superior court for the county in which the offense against the peace and dignity of the state of Washington was committed. The authority to provide a place for the detention of persons charged with the commission of a criminal offense, pending their trial, conviction, or sentence, has been delegated solely to the several counties. Apprehension, detention, and trial of an accused person are indispensable parts of the criminal process of this state.

[4] The legislature has made county jails a part of the penal or correctional system of the state by providing that the imprisonment penalty for misdemeanors and gross misdemeanors must be served in county jails. Hence, a county jail is a penal institution where criminal offenders against the state are incarcerated.

[5] The amended statute uses the word "prison." A county jail is a prison. In *State ex rel. Thompson v. Snell*, 46 Wash. 327, 333, 89 Pac. 931 (1907), we said: "The word 'prison' as used in the statute comprehends . . . any county jail."

RICHARD B. OTT, JUDGE

[15] Applying the above rules of statutory construction to the instant case, we hold that county-owned jails are not Washington state institutions, but do form an essential link in the chain of penal and correctional institutions of the state. The word "of," as used in chapter 320, Laws of 1955, p. 1419, was intended by the legislature to be given its common and accepted full meaning, and was not intended to be limited to the narrowest meaning of which it is susceptible. The common and accepted full meaning of the word "of" gives effect to the entire act and to each and every word, section, and clause thereof. The intention of the legislature is clear, when the act is read as a whole.

[16] We conclude that the questioned words of the law, "of a penal or correctional institution of the state of Washington," include county jails as "relating to; connected with; concerning" the state's system of penal or correctional institutions.

The judgment and sentence are affirmed.

HILL, C. J., MALLERY, WEAVER, and FOSTER, JJ., concur.

FINLEY, J. (concurring in the result)—Clearly recognizing that matters seemingly reasonable, logical, and commonsensical to one individual may not appear so to another, it is my best judgment that the result reached in the majority opinion is the most reasonable, logical, and commonsense one. Furthermore, the opinion cites an abundance of cases, and emphasizes acceptable and persuasive principles or rules of statutory interpretation in support of its disposition of this appeal. This is, or it seems to me it should be, sufficient.

But, in addition, it particularly seems to me simply too farfetched to think that the governor of this state, the members of the senate and the house of representatives, who enacted the herein-involved 1955 statutory amendment, consciously noted—and furthermore, that each and every one of these public officials deliberately approved or intended—the use of the preposition of, in this statute in its technical possessive sense, and for the specific purpose of distinguishing and applying different legal sanctions as between (a) state prisoners incarcerated in county jails

DECISIONS

"In the case of *State v. Hoffman*, 110 Wash. 82, 188 Pac. 25, it was held that penal statutes must be strictly construed. In the course of the opinion, the court said:

"Unless the language of the statute makes the conduct of the appellant criminal, there can be no recourse to the intention of the act to establish its interpretation. Though conduct may be within the reason of an act and the mischief to be remedied thereby, yet it cannot be punished as a crime if not so denominated by the statute. *Lewis, Sutherland's Statutory Construction* (2d ed.), § 520."

The majority states: "If, as contended by the appellant, the act 'now covers only escapes from state [owned] institutions,' RCW 9.31.010 is entirely meaningless." It was necessary, of course, to re-enact RCW 9.31.010 (eliminating "by force or fraud") in order to make it a crime to escape. I do not doubt that, in the back of their minds, the legislators meant to include escapes from county jails, but they did not say so. When they defined "escape," "for the purpose of this chapter," they limited it to the departure from the custody of a penal or correctional institution belonging to the state.

The judgment and sentence should be reversed.

ROSELLINI and DOWNWORTH, JJ., concur with SCHWELLENBACH, J.

[No. 34089. January 11, 1957.]

JOHN J. KENNETT, Appellant, v. DAVID LEVINE et al., Respondents.

[Reported in 149 Wash. Dec. 577.]

Petition for rehearing denied.

[No. 33781. January 11, 1957.]

In the matter of the Estate of ROBERT E. BAKER, Deceased. LOUISE F. WORTHEN, Respondent, v. ROSIE WEAVER et al., Appellants.

[Reported in 149 Wash. Dec. 581.]

Petition for rehearing denied.

RICHARD B. OTT, JUDGE

Reception Honors Judge and Mrs. Ott

Supreme Court Judge Richard Ott and Mrs. Ott were honored at a reception Wednesday, March 29 from three to five p.m. at a special room in Temple of Justice in Olympia.

The reception, hosted by the Supreme Court Judges and their wives was given in honor of Judge Ott's retirement April 1.

The reception room was tastefully decorated with baskets of flowers, as was the reception table.

Chief Justice Robert C. Finley was master of ceremonies for the event, at which other judges, attorneys, and prominent business men of Olympia gave talks.

Over two hundred guests attended to honor the couple, and present them a gift.

Judge and Mrs. Ott, and their daughter, Mrs. Willard Hennings of Ritzville were in the receiving line, along with judge and Mrs. Finley. Punch and cookies were served.

Ritzville friends attending were Mr. and Mrs. John Ott, brother of the honored judge, Ed Cross, Wesley Eckhardt and Representative and Mrs. Otto Amen.



Jovial Justices

These members of Washington State Supreme Court pose happily with Patti Finley, daughter of Judge Robert Finley, after they went backstage at Seattle Opera House last night to congratulate Miss Finley on her starring performance in "Bye Bye Birdie." Here Patti sits between her father (left) and Judge Richard B. Ott. Grouped around them (from left) are Judges Robert T. Hunt, Charles T. Donworth, Frank P. Weaver, Orris L. Hamilton and Chief Justice Hugh J. Rosellini. (AP wirephoto.)

JUDGE RICHARD B. OTT RETURN AFTER TEN DAYS TO THE SUPREME COURT OF WASHINGTON OLYMPIA

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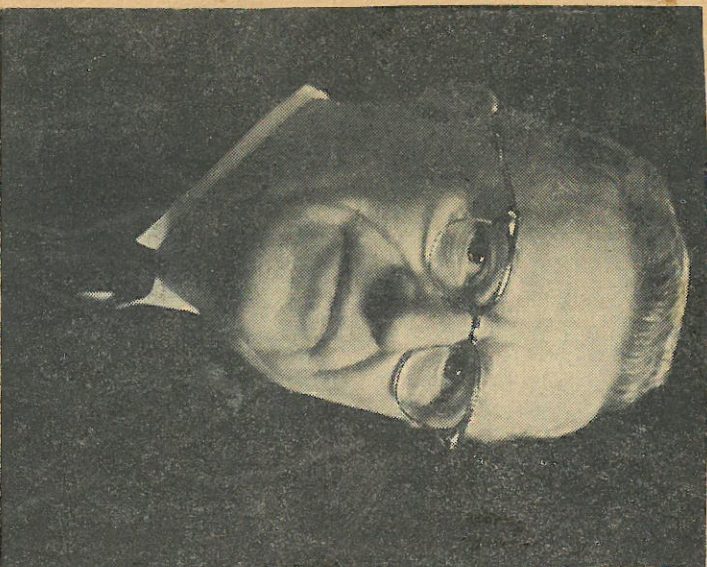
JUDGE OTT-RETIREES

Judge Richard B. Ott to Retire on April 1

Judge Richard B. Ott will retire from the Washington State Supreme court April 1.

He has served on the supreme court since January of 1955. He plans to serve as judge pro tem during the fall session of 1967. After that he and Mrs. Ott plan to travel.

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JUDGE RICHARD B. OTT

Terming himself "ex-hausted," Supreme Court Judge Richard B. Ott this week hangs out his retired shingle.

In a retirement card the distinguished jurist refers to himself as "ex" about everything, including Ex Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. On the reverse of his "business" card he declares himself "available for golf, fishing, boating, cribbage, gin, bridge and other games involving skill, fortitude and experience."

Perhaps with wisdom garnered in a lifetime in practice of the law and on the bench, Judge Ott plans to act as a judge pro-tem three months each year. He reached age 70 March 19. His retirement is effective April 1, 1967.

Judge Richard B. Ott is a native of Ritzville. He was born in the Ritzville Hotel March 19, 1897, and lived in Ritzville all his life until his appointment to the Supreme Court in 1955.

He was admitted to practice law in this state in May 1921. He opened an office for general practice of law here on June 1, 1921. He served as prosecuting attorney of Adams county eight years; as city attorney for six years, and as mayor two years. He had an extensive general practice of law in Ritzville until April 1, 1949.

Adams, Franklin and Benton counties, prior to the 1949 session of the legislature, constituted one Superior Court Judicial district. Because of the growth of the Tri-City area and the increased judicial work load it created in Franklin and Benton counties, a bill was introduced in the legislature and enacted into law in the 1949 session to segregate Adams county from the former judicial district.

The act created Adams county as a one-judge single county superior court district. April 1, 1949, the late Governor Arthur B. Langlie appointed Attorney Ott as the first superior court judge of the new district. It was known at the time of the segregation that Adams county's judicial business was growing but did not then have enough judicial work to keep one judge busy.

Judge Ott frequently volunteered to serve in other counties. During his nearly six years as superior court judge, he served in 23 of the 39 counties of the state. He was a frequent visiting judge in Seattle, Vancouver, Walla Walla,

Ephrata, Pasco, Prosser, Spokane, Colfax, Davenport, Newport and Colville.

One of Judge Ott's early experiences as a

judge occurred at 11:59 a.m., Wednesday, April 13, 1949. He was holding court in Judge Todd's courtroom in the eighth floor of the County-City building in Seattle. A violent earthquake nearly wrecked the building. Judge Ott promptly ordered, "This is an earthquake. Court's adjourned. If you don't know the way to the stairway, follow me."

Judge Ott tried nearly 300 contested cases as a superior court judge in the five years and nine months he served as a trial judge. Of these 15 were appealed to the Supreme Court. Three were reversed, three modified and nine affirmed. January 24, 1955, a vacancy having occurred on the Supreme Court caused by the death of Judge Ralph O. Olson, Judge Ott was appointed by Governor Langlie to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Court until the next General election. He was elected for the unexpired term. When he ran for a full six year term, the electorate of the state gave him a majority vote in every

county in the state, over that of his opponent.

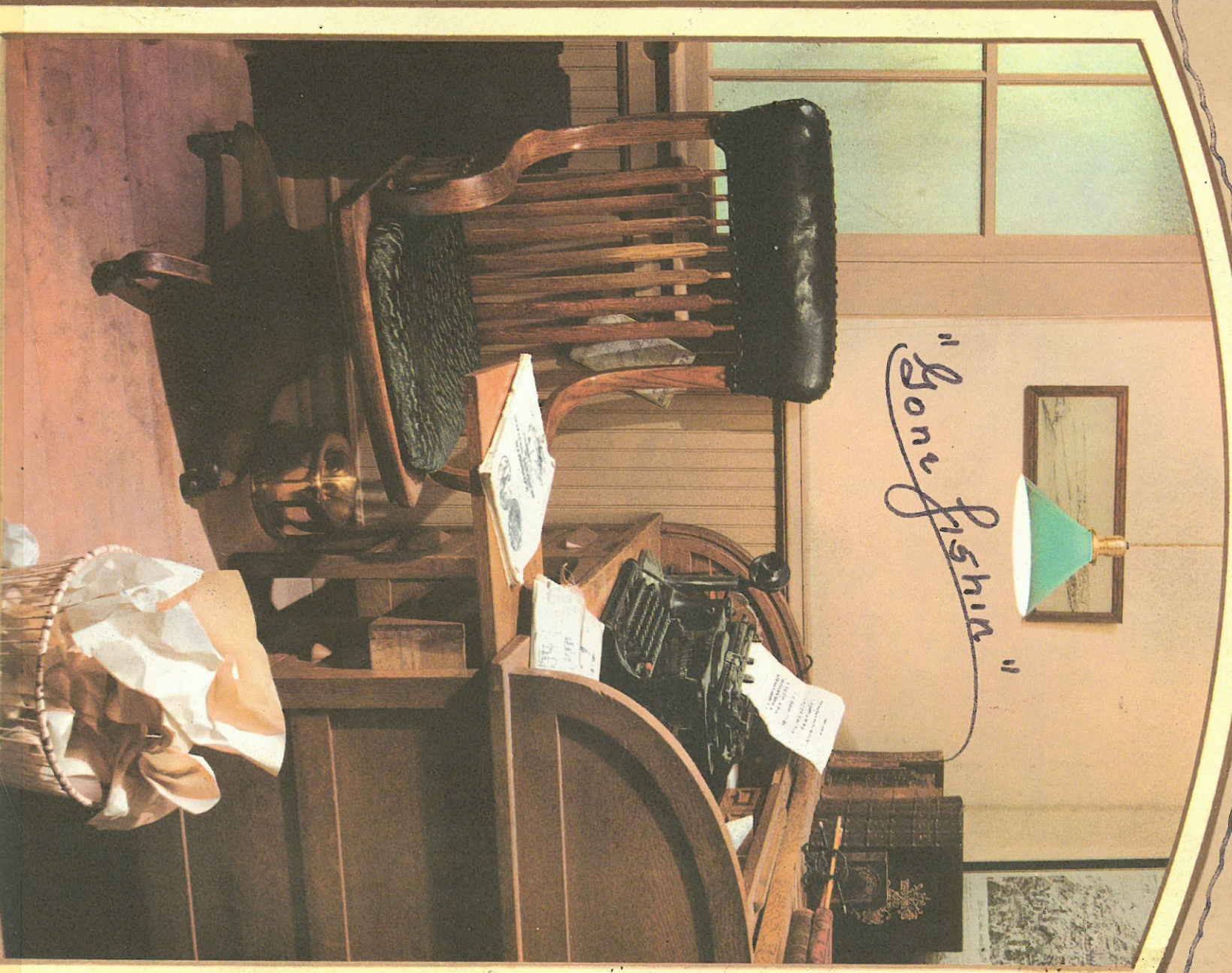
After more than 12 years' service as a member of the Supreme Court, during which time he served as Chief Justice for the constitutional two-year term, he has given notice of his intention to retire April 1, 1967 having reached the age of 70 years.

During his terms as Supreme Court judge, he has functioned as a member of the court on nearly 4,000 cases and has written nearly 400 opinions for the court and filed 16 dissenting opinions. He has agreed to return as a Supreme

Court Pro Tempore Judge for the three months fall term of court.

Judge Ott has had printed a retirement card which reads:

"RICHARD B. OTT, Retired. Ex-City Mayor, Ex-City Attorney, Ex-Prosecuting Attorney, Ex-State Legislator, Ex-Speaker Pro-Tem, Ex-Army Officer World War I and II, Ex-Department Commander and National Vice Commander American Legion, Ex-Superior Court Judge, Ex-Justice of the Supreme Court, Ex-Chief Justice of Supreme Court. EX-HAUSTED, Route 6, Box



"Gone fishing"

People 1916

APRIL 1st, 1967.

Judge Richard B. Ott Hangs Out His 'Retired' Shingle

193A, Olympia, Washington."

The reverse of Richard Ott's novel business card is quoted at the opening of this article.

Judge Ott will be remembered by many of the "old timers" as being the "father" of the Ritzville golf course which was made a municipal course during his term as mayor of the city of Ritzville. During his term as mayor also, the city established the municipal perpetual care cemetery. As secretary of the Ritzville Commercial club he promoted the construction of the swimming pool in the city park.

When asked by your editor if he would now return to Ritzville, he stated, "In my retirement years I expect to come back to Ritzville much more frequently than before I was retired from the court."

"I intend to live in Olympia as long as I can be of service to the Supreme Court. I feel physically able to serve three months each year. As long as I can be of service, and the court unanimously requests that I serve, I intend to continue to act in this honored capacity which has been so near and dear to my heart."

Judge Neill Is Candidate

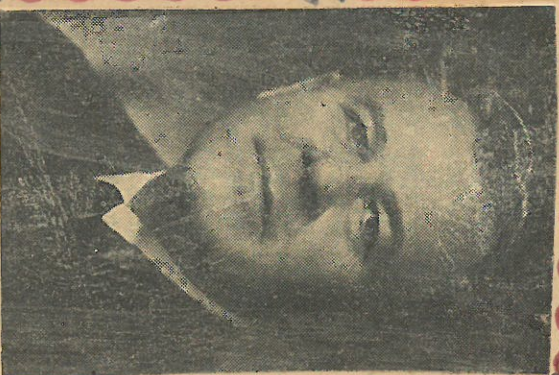
Judge Marshall A. Neill of the Washington State supreme court will be a candidate to succeed himself at this fall's election, he announced this week.

The judge will be seeking to retain the seat to which he was appointed in April, 1967, upon the resignation of Judge Richard B. Ott of Ritzville.

He will be running for the balance of an unexpired term which runs until January, 1971.

Judge Neill was a long-time member of the Washington State senate and after the most recent redistricting, represented Adams county as well as Whitman and Lincoln counties.

JUDGE MARSHALL A. NEILL



April 1st

Take Me Back

Hilda Lorber

How I love this country road
I traveled as a child,
For it brings back memories
Of flowers growing wild.

On either side of the road
I see them blooming there,
Along the rustic fences
Their fragrance filled the air.

Now as I walk down this road
In memory I see
A little child resting there
Beneath a willow tree.

How lovely this winding road
Where mountains touch the sky,
And the friendly people there
Greet every passerby.

Oh, to be a child again,
To smell the new-mown hay,
And watch a springtime sunset
As daylight fades away.

There's the hilltop where I sat
And whiled away the hours,
For it was so peaceful there
Surrounded by the flowers.

If I could go back in time
How happy I would be,
For I'd be that child again
Beneath the willow tree.

Senator Marshall Neill of Pullman was named a supreme court justice to replace Ritzville's Richard B. Ott who retired. 31M

Senator Neill Will Be Appointed

Governor Daniel J. Evans has announced he will appoint state senator Marshall Neill to the state Supreme Court to replace justice Richard B. Ott.

Neill served in the state house of representatives from 1949 to 1957. Since then he's been a member of the senate.

A sort of celebration broke out at Olympia following the announcement as members of both parties in both houses accorded their respects to the Pullman legislator. The demonstration in the senate followed adoption of

a resolution signed by every member and passed unanimously.

The resolution said in part that the senate has long recognized the judicial temperament, legal skill, political wisdom and leadership ability of Senator Neill.

Senator Neill was brought to a place of honor on the rostrum and it took several minutes for the applause to subside. In the memories of the oldest of the old timers around the capitol there has never been a greater acclamation than that given to Senator Neill.

Upon the resignation of Senator Neill from the legislature, the county commissioners of Whitman county will name a successor, according to state law. Senator Neill's current term of office is from the old districting. He now represents Adams and Lincoln counties as well.

Office Staff

Supreme Court Justice Richard B. Ott, far right, is shown with his office staff in Olympia. At left is Mrs. Lois V. Harris, secretary and standing is Thomas Heye, law clerk to Judge Ott.



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Faithful Alumni

Dr. E. LeRoy Gilson
814 14th Street
Modesto, California

RICHARD B. OTT
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
RITZVILLE, WASHINGTON

Dear Roy:

October 23, 1950

Our Secretary, Dora Schroeder, has just informed me that you not only sent in your check for your life membership but also included \$10.00 extra as a donation to be used by the Alumni Association in such manner as the Association sees fit. I want to thank you most sincerely for your generosity and for your subscription for life membership. I am enclosing herewith a life membership certificate. In the background of the certificate is the new high school building which you unfortunately were never privileged to attend. It is a beautiful structure and I am sure if you find it convenient to pass by this way some time you will appreciate the progress that has been made in this community since you graduated in 1909.

The receipt of subscriptions for life membership has been most gratifying to me. We expect to deposit all the money received from life memberships in a memorial fund, which fund will be separate and apart from the funds used for our normal operating expenses. The fund will be controlled by a Committee of one member from each of the last ten graduating classes and as the new class graduates, a new member will be picked for the Committee and the oldest one will be retired. The Committee will determine from time to time to what use this memorial fund will be placed to properly memorialize the High School and, incidentally, our Association.

As you were advised in our circular our first memorial will be the erection of the Victory Bell which was the bell we preserved out of the old school building which you attended and which you heard ringing many times and which building out-lived its usefulness and was torn down last year. We expect to have the Bell formally presented to the student body when we have our annual meeting in the spring at graduation time. In addition to this the Alumni Association of this year is going to present to the School an Inspirational Trophy. This trophy will be in the permanent possession of the School, but as each class graduates from the School the name of the member of the graduating class will be engraved upon the cup who was the greatest inspiration to his class and to his school for the four years of his attendance in the School. The name of the class member whose name will be inscribed upon the cup will be chosen by the Student Body Council of the High School. Only those who have a four-year attendance in our High School will be eligible.

It has been a genuine pleasure to me to have been elected president this year. When I took over, our finances were in very dire straits. When I turn over the gavel to the new president the finances of our Organization will be on a solid footing and much better than they have ever been before in the Organization. The credit for this achievement is solely due to members like you who still have an undying loyalty to the Ritzville High School. Thanks again for sending you check and with kindest and best wishes, I am,

Ritzville High School Alumni Association

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

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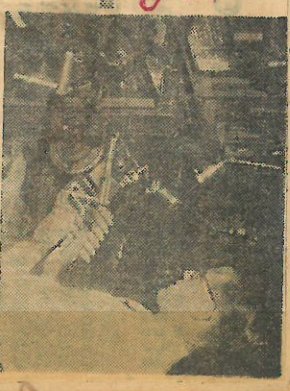
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Dr. E. LeRoy Gilson
IS A GRADUATE OF RITZVILLE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CLASS OF 1909 AND IS A LIFE MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE RITZVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

Dora Schroeder
SECRETARY
Richard B. Ott
PRESIDENT

RICHARD B. OTT
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
RITZVILLE, WASHINGTON

INSIDE AND OUT

By JOHN U. PAVLIK



A former publisher of the Journal-Times, Bruce A. Wilson, now of Omak, presented the program to the Ritzville Lions club Tuesday evening. And a novel program it was, too!

"Some 1½ years ago when the civic improvement committee of this august body escorted me out of town," Wilson started, "I began to feel lonesome for some of the familiar happenings during my stay in Ritzville."

He then proceeded to reproduce by tape recording some of those events.

The Lions heard Ralph Albright, former Ritzville state bank cashier; Carl Spliid, former Old National bank manager; Dick Whitmore, Judge Richard B. Ott, Dick Everett, Roy Skinner, Hermie Ohland, George "Dutch" Gearhart and others who now reside in other areas.

They heard the voice of Eddie Kiehn singing a commercial, they heard puns on Ed Cross and Bob Newland as well as Joe Sinclair, the piano of Irma Ruth Allert, the melodious voices of Celia Ann Streeter and Milt Sackmann teamed as a duet and other interesting bits of Ritzville happenings during the past ten or so years.

Very truly yours,

Richard B. Ott



PROGRAM

Richard B. Ott--Toastmaster

Invocation Edward G. Cross

Address of Welcome President Donald D. Danekas

Response to Welcome..Lawrence Kramer, 1955 Class President

DINNER MENU:

TOMATO JUICE COCKTAIL
HAM WITH SPICED PINEAPPLE RINGS
SCALLOPED POTATOES
STRING BEANS--WOIDED FRUIT SALAD
RELISHES--POTIS--BUTTER--JAM
ANGEL FOOD DESSERT--COFFEE--TEA--MILK

Introduction of 1955 Class Members Gary Danekas
(Recognition of parents and grandparents of 1955 grads)

Roll Call of Classes--1954 through 1931 Toastmaster



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Introduction of 1930 Class

Bert Pierce

Roll Call of Classes--1929 through 1906

Toastmaster

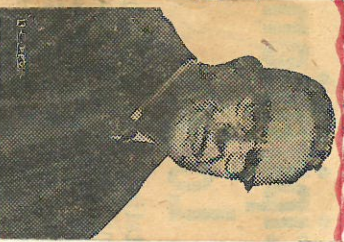
Introduction of 1905 Class Members

Toastmaster

Trumpet Solo

Gary Danekas

(Accompanied by Ronald Heimbigner)



Judge Supreme Court, 4 yrs.
Judge Superior Court, 6 yrs.
Trial Attorney, 30 yrs.

Schoolday Memories

Glenn Liviller

I live in hearing distance
Of a simple country school,
Where the bell swells out its music
In the morning when it's cool;
Calling little lads and lassies
From their work and from their play,
There to come and make a study
Of the problems of the day.

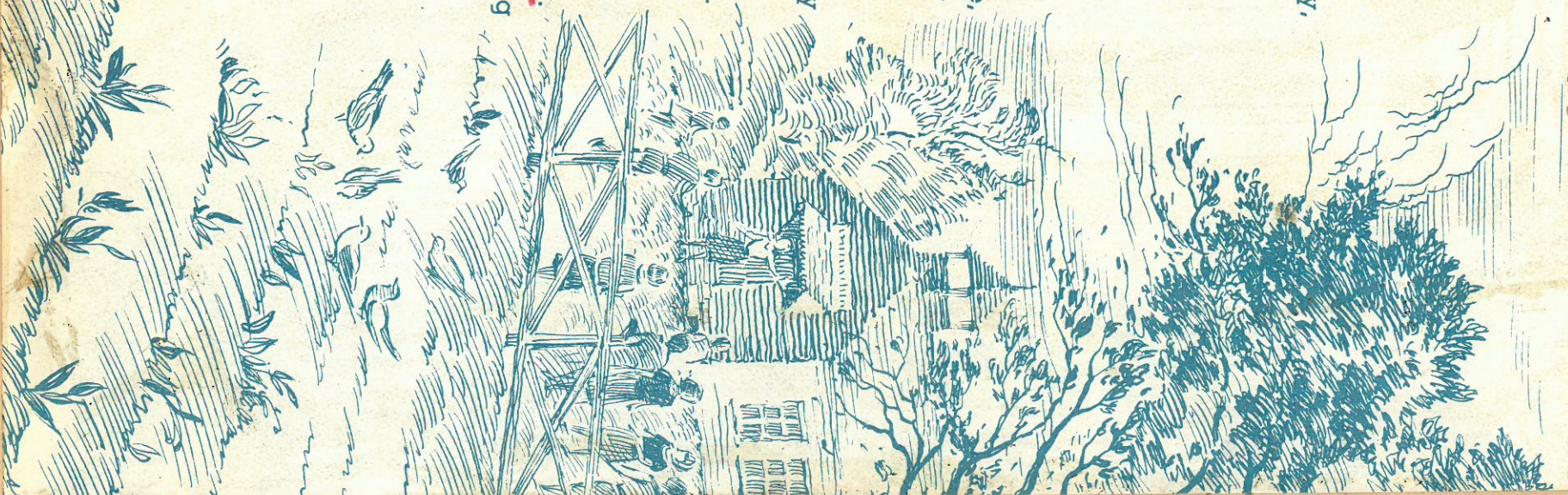
When I'm in the field and working
And the bell begins to ring,
I would take my dinner bucket,
Shout aloud, begin to sing,
Scamper down the dusty highway
As I used to long ago,
But a sudden recollection
Changes things for me, you know.

It's the same old dusty schoolhouse,
And the same old clattering bell . . .
It's the same sweet morning music
That I used to love so well;
But I'd be a perfect stranger
If I really went today,
They would think that I was funny
And they wouldn't let me stay.

But it starts me off a-thinking
Of the things that now are past . . .
Opens many recollections
Through life's dusty looking glass,
Most of all the many faces
That I used to meet each day,
Then I wonder all about them,
What they do and where they stay.

Then sometimes when I am thinking
Of the pleasant things now past,
Why I really have to wonder
Why they couldn't always last?
But the greatest link in nature
And the wise eternal plan,
Is to change a little schoolboy
To a strong and thoughtful man.

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BACK HOME

Mrs. Leon Gering Leaves Volume of Poetry About Life's Events

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"Its lakes and dams and lumber mills; Its hills with cattle teem. And myriads of flowers abloom 'Gainst theauteous evergreen.

"There is beauty that's so inspiring As we cross the mountain range With its waterfalls and snow peaks—Their wonders never change.

"It's a place where fish and game abound, Where deer the forest tread; And miles and miles or orchards Their fragrance of blossoms shed.

"For our state has a store of untold wealth; Numerous dairy farms and mines, The mighty Columbia's harnessed power In thousands of homes now shines.

"Its churches and schools are of the best, No wonder its praises we sing. When we speak of our dear Washington A lump to my throat it doth bring."

WHEN MR. AND MRS. Gering moved from their farm on the Judge Ott place to their new home at 1114 South Division, she cultivated a lovely garden which she wrote of in "My Garden."

"A garden is a precious spot To shed our cares and woes—A place where we can toil a while And breathe the fragrant rose. "No place on earth does half so much To ease a tired mind And free us from life's worries If we peace of soul would find.

"For in the beauty of God's flowers Every headache disappears And I love to think He lingers there Just to call and soothe my fears."

"The Snow" could have been written on any of a number of wintry days such as area residents have experienced recently.

"The neighbor's roof is a white ice cake Yet snow keeps falling flake by flake. The shrubs are covered with cotton puff balls The trees are loaded; then—whoosh! it falls. A snow white blanket spread all around And marshallow steps lead to the ground. The wires above are with popcorn strung The eaves of the roofs are with spangles hung. A round bush gleams like an ice cream cone Every post has a huge cup cake for loan, I gaze at this fairylad and softly pray Oh please, oh please, no tracks today!"

"IN ILLNESS" expresses the faith in God Mrs. Gering used as her theme in several poems.

"What can I do when hope is gone And fears engulf me like a throng And I'm swept along by a terrible tide With dread and terror on either side What can I do and where can I turn? I can pray, I can pray, I can pray! "What shall I do when there's no escape From a bitter cup that I must take, And my body is wrapped in a blanket of pain And morning seems endless in coming again. Where find peace once more, and trust in God? I can pray, I can pray, I can pray!"

One of her last poems was "Lonely Shoes."

"They stand just inside my closet door, This pair of shoes that I so often wore. Each time the door's ajar they look at me Half expectant, half expectant, and oh, so patiently—The days, the weeks, the months pass slowly by. Upon such faithfulness one could rely! And my tears slip unheeded to the floor—Why tell them I won't need them any more?"



Judge Given Award

10/12/1967

Judge Richard B. Ott was presented a certificate of appreciation for his work while supreme court chief justice for the formation of a press-bench-bar committee which worked out a set of voluntary rules for press coverage of trials. Journal-Times publisher John U. Pavlik is shown here congratulating Judge Ott after presentation was made at annual convention of weekly newspaper publishers September 26-28 at Olympia.

—Jerry Zubrod photo

Mrs. Elise Wollenberg Funeral Services Held Here Tuesday

The death of Mrs. Elise Ott Wollenberg on January 10 at the Ritzville Memorial hospital closed another chapter in the ranks of the pioneers of this community.

Mrs. Wollenberg came to Ritzville in 1896 with her family, the Sebastian Otts at the age of 11. She was the oldest of five children, having been born October 31, 1885.

Her father was co-owner of the Ritzville Flour Mill with his brother, Andrew Ott, whose family arrived in Ritzville at the same time.

Less than two years later and with the addition of another child in the family, the mother died during a typhoid epidemic. The raising of the new little brother, Richard B. Ott, fell on the shoulders of Mrs. Wollenberg.

Her father at this time owned and operated the Ritzville Hotel and many times she was called upon to help as a waitress in the dining room or take over the kitchen when an unreliable cook would quit at a moment's notice.

She married Ferdinand Wollenberg in 1905 and for a number of years they farmed in the Itby and Hartline districts of Lincoln county.

Four children were born to this union. They are L. Harold Wollenberg of Ingewood, Calif.; Leroy Wollenberg of Huntington Beach, Calif.; Ella Fransen of Glendale, Calif.; and Frederick Wollenberg, a navy pilot, who became one of the early casualties of World War II.

After giving up farming, Wollenberg became a grain dealer and worked at Marcelus, Mohler, and finally at Edwall where the family lived for over 30 years. He passed away in 1955.

Since his death, Mrs. Wollenberg has resided in Ritzville. The past three years she has been a resident of Hillcrest Manor because of ill health aggravated by a broken hip.

Besides her children, she is survived by three grandchildren, and a brother, Judge Richard B. Ott of Olympia, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Mrs. John Ott of Ritzville is a sister-in-law. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist church, Zenith chapter No. 55 of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Ritzville Senior Citizens club. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Joseph Castle Tuesday at the chapel of the Danekas Funeral home. Gordon Swyer sang "In the Garden," and "The Old Rugged Cross." He was accompanied by Mrs. Orville Moeller. Pallbearers were Walter Ott, Edward Cross, Willard Hennings, Lou Iksis, Fred Wollenberg and Ted Ott. Interment was made in Ritzville Memorial cemetery.

SISTER

Mrs. Florence Waltnier Gering had lived all her 55-year lifetime in Adams county before her death caused by cancer on July 18, 1958.

And during the lifetime of "a country girl," as she was described by her husband, Leon, she recorded in poetry her experiences which last month were published in a book titled "Life in a Little Cottage" by Faith and Life Press of Newton, Kan.

Mr. Gering said that in all the years he had known his wife, she had always been able to see beauty in everything. As each poem was completed, she put it in a scrapbook, never intending for them to be published. Some were printed in the Menno Mennonite church paper and all were admired by her friends in the area.

WITH MUCH encouragement by her friends, she finally consented to have her observations published. But because nearly two years of preparation were necessary for publication, which included beautiful photographs by her second cousins, Elma and Willard Waltnier, taken in South Dakota and some Mrs. Gering had taken in the northwest, death came before she could see the volume a reality.

In a poem, "Our Cottage," she described what could have been her birthplace on the old Waltnier place 20 miles west of Ritzville or the homes where she and her husband lived on the Len Reeder place south of Lind or Judge Ott's place on Rattlesnake Flats after their marriage in 1929.

"I love our humble little cottage With the roses near the door; Frilly curtains at the windows, The gleam of polished oaken floor. Sheen of silver and lustrous linen, Sparkling china and old glass, Comfortable chairs and worn sofa, Books and music the time to pass.

"FOR ITS WINGS shield us in summer from the heat of broiling sun And the icy blasts of winter—It's our rest when day is done. A place to share with all our friends And loved ones we adore, For God is always welcome there—Howe could we ask for more?"

Life on the farm offered inspiration for several of her works. "Wheat Fields" is one of them.

"Whose heart hasn't thrilled at the sight Of fields of golden grain Stretching for miles and miles Upon the vast terrain? Wheat that is ready to harvest, And gleaming in the sun—A picture of God's tender mercies, A work of art that is done.

"It is our life, our very existence, Toil and labor and faith abide. But God gives the rain and sunshine And blesses it beside.

"From the beginning of the ages He gave crops to farmers in, Resplendent in all their beauty. And the Staff of Life within!"

OF WASHINGTON Mrs. Gering had this to write about the "Evergreen State":

"I was born in the state of Washington And lived here all my life. And I love the golden wheat fields, Its forests so removed from strife.

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Centennial Mill Is Sold

The Centennial Mills, Inc., grain elevator at 301 E. Main has been sold to Maitland Hubbard, grain buyer for the Balfour-Guthrie Co. in Portland, Ore., according to Hank Davis, manager of the elevator.

Hubbard has bought the elevator as an independent investment and it will not be affiliated with the Balfour-Guthrie concern. No purchase price was announced.

Hubbard told Davis that the operations would remain the same except that the elevator will no longer handle feed. The name will be changed to the Adams County Elevator Co.

Mrs. Amanda Bier recalled some of the history of the mill for the Journal-Times. Some of the dates may not be completely accurate, but the paper is indebted to her for helping to recall the past.

When the Andrew and Sebastian Ott families came to the United States in 1896 from Germany, they bought the mill from a Benninghoff family. The mill is believed to have been built in 1887.

The Ott brothers began making flour after changing the name of the mill to the Ritzville Flouring Mills. A calendar dated 1901 is hanging in the lobby of the Ritzville hotel which states that the mill manufactured White Lilly, White Fawn and Krone flours. At that time, much of the

milling work done at the mill was for the wheat growers in Montana who would have the grain milled in transit and shipped on to bakeries in California.

Also, the farmers in this area grew what they called bluestem and turkey red wheats to make the Krone flour.

In 1901, the Ott brothers sold all but 25 per cent of their interests in the mill to Morritz Thompson who owned the Centennial mills. At that time the mill was capitalized at \$100,000.

In about 1930, Morritz Melburn, young cousin of Thompson, took over. Then, in 1940, the mill was almost closed. But protests from the townspeople and the Ott interests made it clear that they wished the mill to remain open. And it did.

Later, in about 1944, the Ott interests were bought out and the name of the mill was changed to Centennial.

Davis said the flour operations were closed down in 1948 and since then, the elevators have only been used for storage. He has been with Centennial since 1947 and moved to Ritzville in 1950.

Sign Maker

Uses Gold

Leaf Skills

Miss Sandra Wollenberg of San Francisco was a houseguest of Mr. and Mrs. John Ott last week. She also visited with her grandmother, Mrs. Elise Wollenberg of Hillcrest Manor.



Gold Leaf Letterer

George Hovig (left) bends to exacting task of applying Japan lacquer to reverse of gold leaf on window. Watching closely is Dewey Allen, pupil of George's. Artisan later rubbed out entire top line, re-did it. He felt proportionate size of two lines wasn't quite right.

—Journal-Times photo

Hotelman George Hovig pursued an old trade Saturday, for himself.

Passersby at the Ritzville hotel observed the always-busy proprietor putting a gold leaf sign on the window. It's a trade he learned many years ago in New York City, George said in response to query.

Craftsmen or artisans who can do the work are scarce. Ritzville sign painter is understudying Hovig and hopes to master the skills involved. Even though commissions are not frequent the gold leaf lettering trade can be highly profitable.

SIGNMAKER HOVIG said the commercial value of the two-word, two line sign, Ritzville Hotel, would be about \$90. He expected to spend about two days in making the sign.

Gold leaf comes in books, one sheet between each two pages. The super thin 22-carat gold sheets are about 3 1/2 by 3 1/2 inches in size. The Ritzville hotel job took three books, at a cost of \$2.75 per book, Hovig said.

Applying the fragile sheets, or portions of them takes much skill and patience. To pick up a sheet or a portion of a sheet the artisan brushes a thin, broad camel hair brush over his own hair, thus accumulating a charge of static electricity.

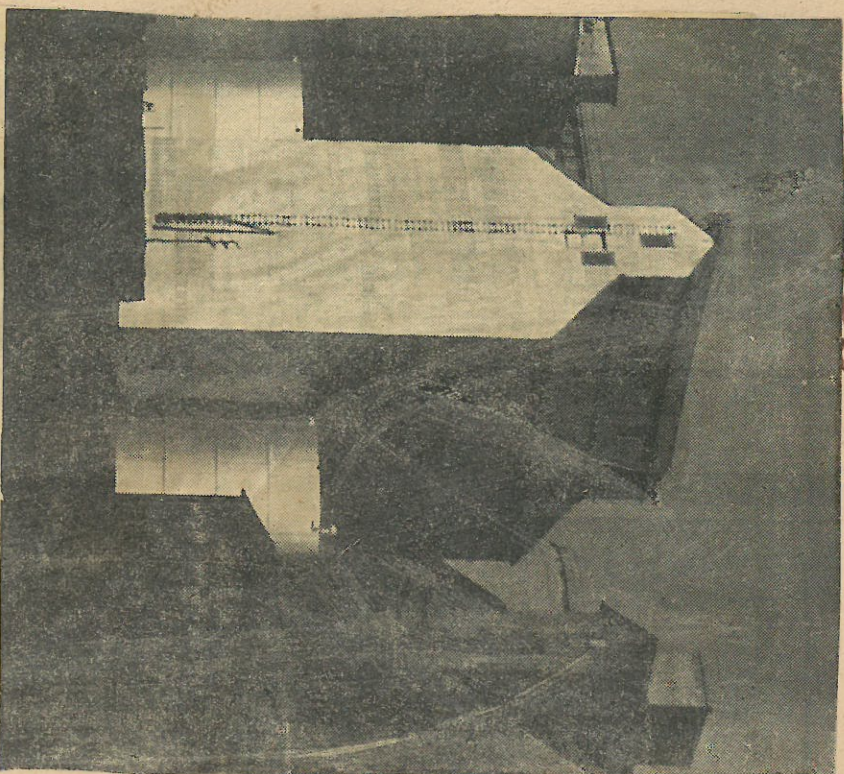
He then lays the brush on the piece to be picked up from a work bench and it adheres. The piece may then be gently and accurately adhered to the inside of the window pane. Surface area for the sign has earlier been coated with a mix of water

The gold leaf must dry until it is glossy in appearance. Hovig explained, before the next step, painting on the letters. This is done by applying black Japan lacquer on top of the gold leaf layer and in the precise size and shape of the letters to be depicted.

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THEN WHEN the lacquer has dried, the excess gold leaf may readily be removed. Hovig explained he was using two shades of gold leaf on the hotel sign job, as is done on most signs. The deep or burnished gold is used on narrow or script letters. Letters with broad lines, as the Word Hotel in Hovig's sign, will show lemon gold leaf at the interior areas of the letter strokes.

Hovig has spent the last several months in thoroughly reconditioning, redecorating and remodeling the Ritzville hotel.



"Lights and Darks"

Recent photo by Bert Kendrick is of local grain warehouses. Kendrick says he's been capturing with a camera the various moods and meanings of the same buildings for years.

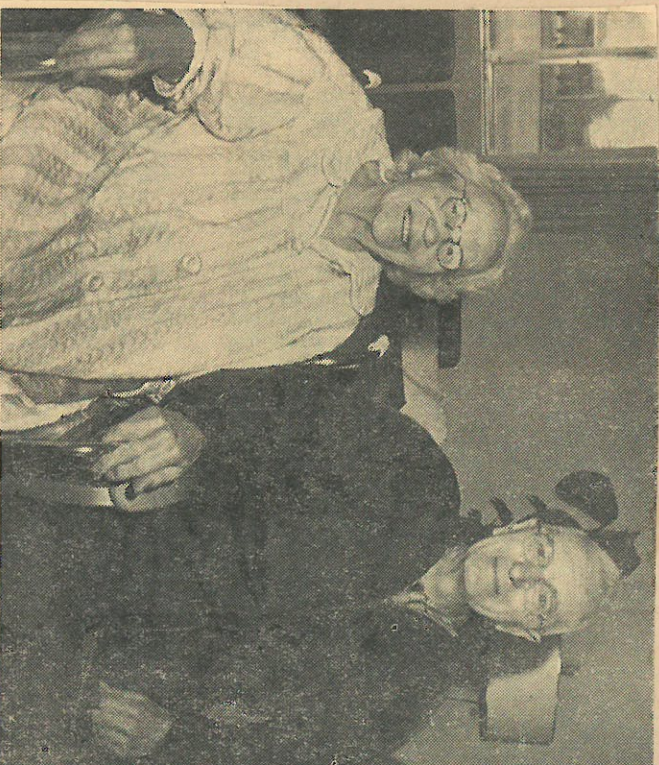
—Kendrick photo

Journal-Times account of
The razing by fire of the
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in the 1918 Book (Shirley) or
Mrs. John Ott Section-R.S.

Brother and Sister

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Mrs. Elise (Ott) Wollenberg and her brother, John, recently got together to reminisce about the days when their father built the house.



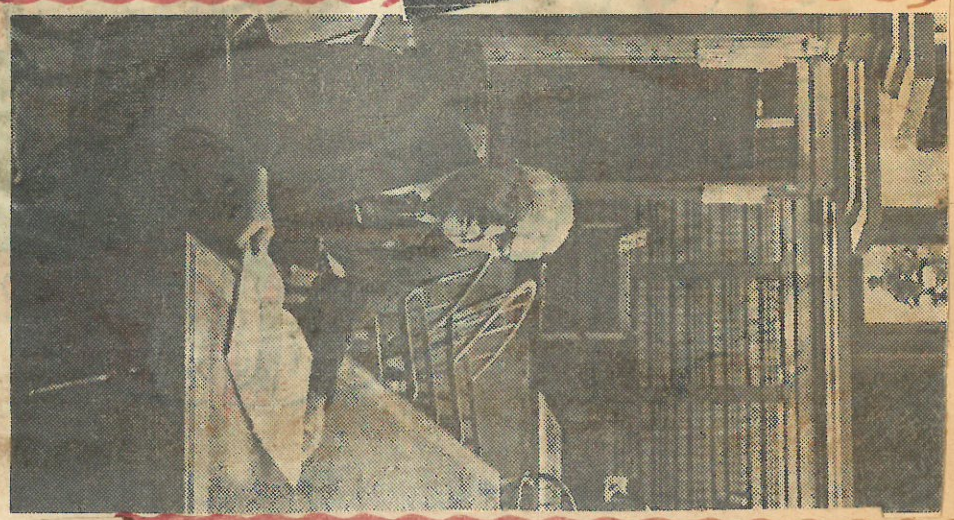
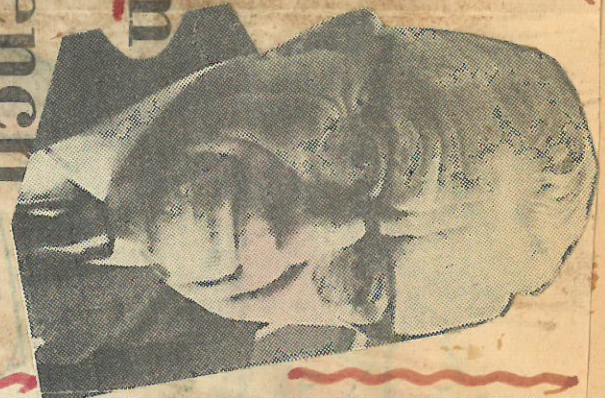


Don Duncan's
Driftwood Diary
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*Spent in
 Grand Forks, 1909*

He hit grand slam without leaving bench

THE SEATTLE TIMES, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1971



Judge Ott in the State Supreme Court's library.

JUDGE RICHARD B. OTT always had the notion it would be nice to sit on the bench in all our 39 counties.

The judge sat on 25 benches as a Superior Court judge out of Ritzville, Adams County, from 1940 until he went on the State Supreme Court in 1955.

Superior Court services was impossible during his 12 years on the high court, two of them as chief justice. And when he retired from the court April 1, 1967, he immediately began serving as a Supreme Court judge pro tem.

Two years ago — free at last to pursue his goal — Judge Ott notified judges of the remaining 14 counties he'd welcome the opportunity to be visiting judge.

In 1970, Judge Ott put seven more counties in a scrapbook that includes the cases he heard and photographs of the courthouses in which he presided.

Judge Ott started off fast this year, quickly getting six counties out of the way. Only Pacific County remained.

Finally, October 1, he sat in the South Bend Courthouse and heard a foreclosure case, No. 16622, Wildner vs. Long. And when it was over, he removed his black robe, heaved a satisfied sigh and went outside to take a photograph of the courthouse.

At 74, Judge Ott can look back on a memorable legal career.

It is doubtful if any other judge in the state's history ever managed to hear a case in every county, and it is equally unlikely that any ever embarked on the study of law as a young man after hearing his father say:

"If you're going to be a crook, do it on your own."

JUDGE OTT'S father, who built the Ritzville Flouring Mill and the Ritzville Hotel with his brother, had little use for lawyers. He felt he had been "slickered" by a couple of attorneys at one time and he wasn't about to pay his son's college expenses for a legal career.

Fortunately the elder Ott changed his mind long before he died. He was very proud of his son, "an honest lawyer."

Dick Ott worked his way through the University of Idaho by waiting table, delivering mail on his bicycle and playing drums, mostly self-taught, in dance bands. He interrupted his education long enough to pick up a second lieutenant's commission in the infantry in World War I.

In World War II, he rose to major as a legal officer. But he was thankful that a "case of gallstones" prevented him from proving his patriotism a third time in the Korean conflict. Judge Ott's career is perhaps best recapped by perusing a little card he carries:

Ex-mayor, city attorney, prosecuting attorney, state legislator, speaker pro tem, state

The Seattle Times

commander and national vice commander of the American Legion, Superior Court judge, judge of the Supreme Court, chief justice of the Supreme Court.

And "exhausted."

Judge Ott, who is long on wisdom and warmth if rather short in stature, surely is kidding about the latter. He is a demon golfer — "it's exactly 500 steps from my front door in Olympia to the first tee of the golf club to which I belong"—and the Ott's winter place, a mobile home in Mesa, Ariz., is on the ninth tee of an 18-hole championship course and within easy driving distance of spring training headquarters for six big-league baseball teams.

The judge also admits to being a devotee of games of skill involving playing cards.

Ott's legal creed is perhaps best summed up in this little poem in the notebook that covers the more than 200 cases he heard around the state as a visiting judge:

"As I view the smoldering embers,
 these are the minor regrets;
 When I am right, no one remembers;
 when I am wrong, no one forgets."

Things generally worked out well for the judge. Born in Room No. 1 of the Ritzville Hotel, he practiced law in an office across the street from the hotel for many years. When he became Adams County's first Superior Court judge, he simply moved his office to the Courthouse behind the hotel.

There wasn't too much for a judge to do in sparsely populated Adams County, so Judge Ott made himself available to hear cases throughout Eastern Washington. By the time he was appointed to the State Supreme Court by the late Gov. Arthur B. Langlie, he had earned a reputation as a fair, if stern, visiting judge.

Only 17 of more than 4,200 Superior Court cases he heard ever received a written opinion by the State Supreme Court on appeal. Of these, 11 were affirmed, three were modified and three were reversed.

"When I got on the Supreme Court, I used to hound my colleagues for having reversed me on those three cases," Judge Ott said with a laugh.

ON THE HIGH COURT Judge Ott had a reputation as a "dissenter." He rather enjoyed being a maverick, particularly on those rare occasions when his dissenting brief was so good a new vote was taken by the justices and it became the majority opinion.

The judge has compiled five hard-cover books containing State Supreme Court opinions while he was a member. They are entitled "The First 100 Opinions," "The Second 100 Opinions," etc. The fourth "100 Opinions" was completed after he retired and was serving as a Supreme Court judge pro tem. The fifth book contains 56 dissenting opinions by Judge Richard B. Ott.

The jurist's greatest disappointment?

"Having the United States Supreme Court reverse our 9-0 decision upholding the loyalty oath for University of Washington professors. It made me mad. I had the feeling that when they got through theorizing, they actually were trying the courts instead of the defendants."

Judge Ott also explained the "mystery" of how a certain Supreme Court judge becomes chief justice.

"The justices elect him, but it's political," he said candidly. "The senior judge who is coming up for election gets to be chief justice. It's supposed to help him get re-elected. I got it in 1965, got elected and retired two years later — 12 days after I turned 70."

No sooner had he retired than Judge Ott was back on the high court as judge pro tem, carrying a full workload. Later he got himself reinstated as a lawyer, paid his bar-association dues and waited for telephone calls so he could finish his 39-county goal.

PERHAPS JUDGE OTT'S greatest single contribution to the law in this state was the formation of the Bench-Bar-Press Committee which set up ground rules to assure defendants a fair trial and the "public's undeniable right to know."

Judge Ott was the first president of the committee, which received nation-wide publicity. He was presented a certificate of appreciation by the Washington Newspaper Publishers Association.

The day is coming, Judge Ott believes, when press cameras increasingly will be allowed inside the courtroom "if they do not detract from the dignity of the court."

Because of his short stature, Judge Ott always had to take along his own robe when he served as a visiting judge. The others touched the floor.

The judge also recalls the small county courthouse, with "park benches" for seats, where there was just one men's restroom in the entire building.

"I'd signal the bailiff about 10 minutes before a recess and he'd rush down and hold a spot for me," Judge Ott said. One treasures such memories.

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Richard B. Ott
The visiting judge

Why was he so happy to sit in Pacific County's Courthouse?
 Read Don Duncan's Driftwood Diary next Sunday

Judge
Richard B. Ott

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CECIL PETT JOHN

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106 Good R. Rd
Kentfield, Calif.

Birth day
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Will the youngest passed away last year
ago at Sonoma? No children? He wife lives
alone in a beautiful country home near
there

Made from Jay Pettigohn

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Old Testament

And the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend.

Exodus 33:11

A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

Proverbs 17:17

A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

Proverbs 18:24

Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go.

Proverbs 22:24

Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

Proverbs 27:6

Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so doth the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel.

Proverbs 27:9

Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not; neither go into thy brother's house in the day of thy calamity: for better is a neighbour that is near than a brother far off.

Proverbs 27:10

But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend.

Isaiah 41:8

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New Testament

...Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.

St. Mark 5:19

And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.

St. Luke 15:6

These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.

St. John 11:11

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

St. John 15:13

Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

St. John 15:14

Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

St. John 15:15

And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

James 2:23

Fannie Phillips.

Dec

Mr 1915
 NORMAN ROBINS

White River Timber Co (better returned-1961)
 Pasco, Wash.

Birthday
 Place

Absent at 50th Reunion

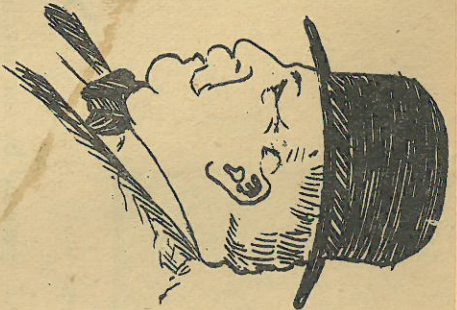
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MAY 22, 1965

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BIRTH DAY	
BIRTH PLACE	
FATHER	Fred Eugene Robins
MOTHER	Emma Mansell
	Bro. Fred E. Mansell class 1921
	Sis. Mabel E. Brochner class 1918
	Sis. Martha Elizabeth Robins class 1916
	2210-23rd Ave, Pasco, Wash.

New NW Ryallup-Wn

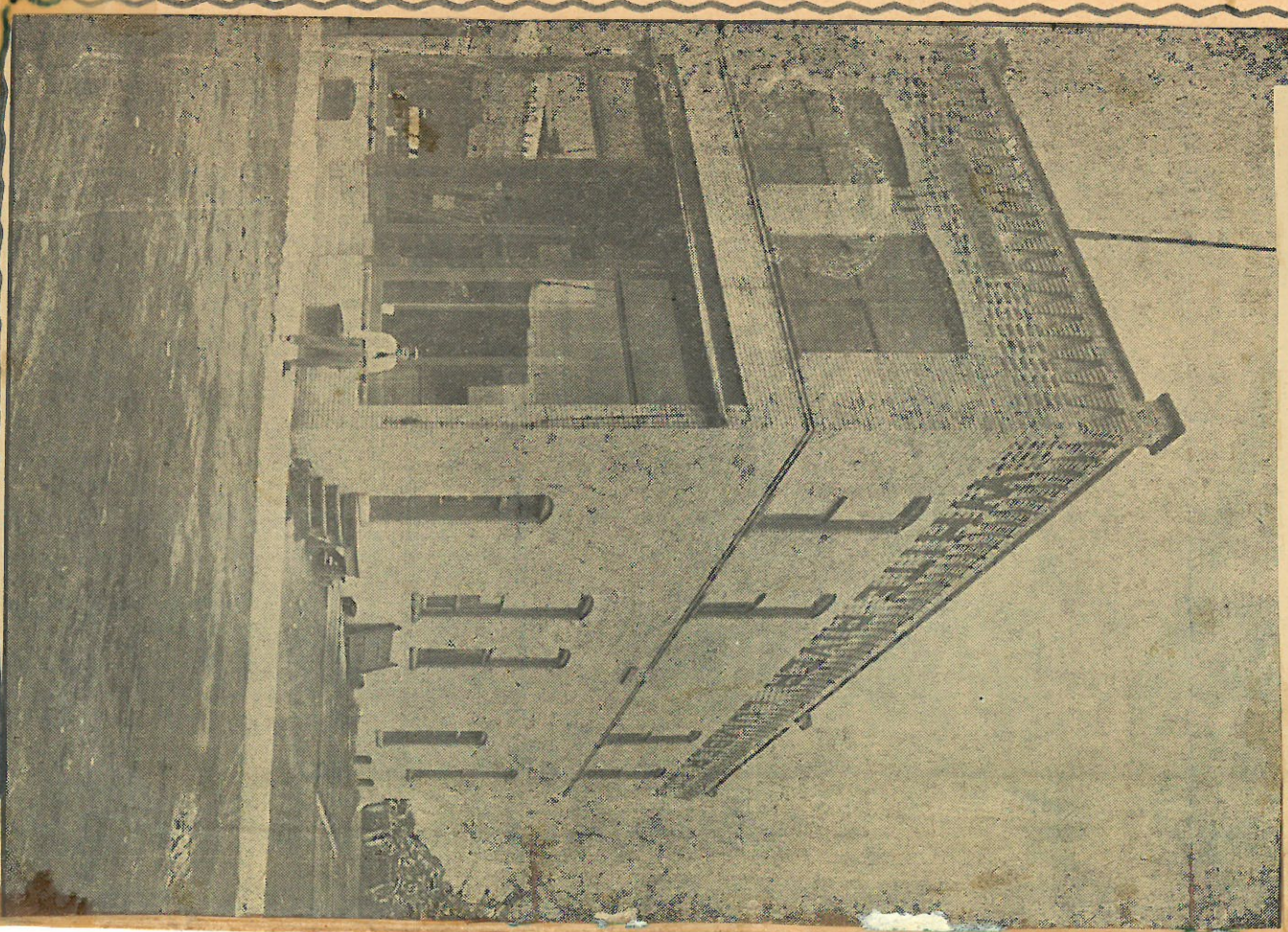
White River Lumber Company



F. E. Robbins

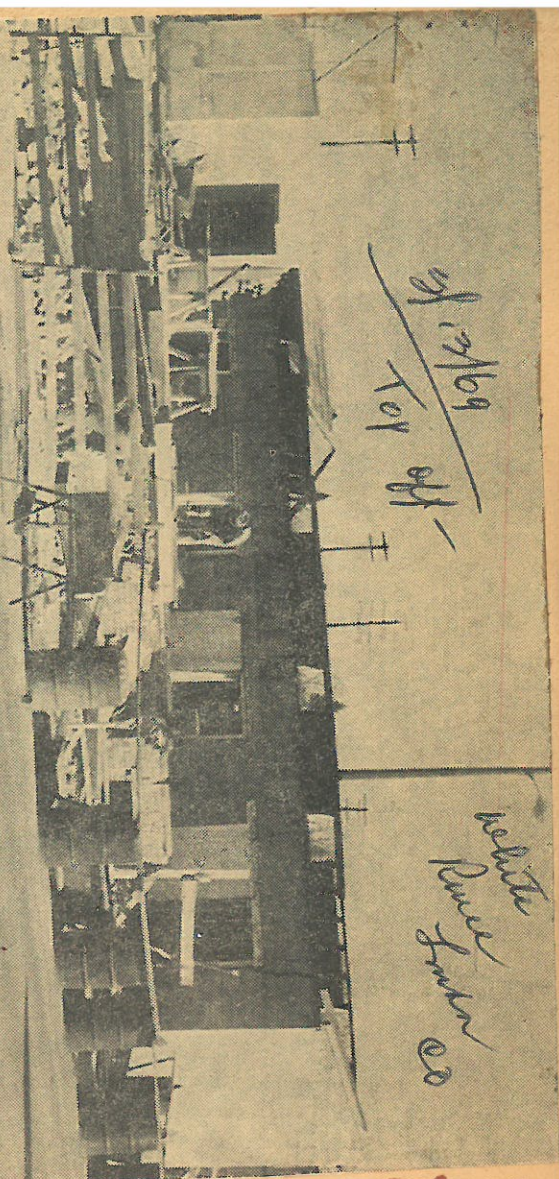
50 Years Ago—
 December 8, 1910
 (Washington State Journal)
 By a majority of 50 votes, F. E. Robbins was elected mayor of Ritzville Tuesday over his opponent, E. A. Davis.

Manager of the White River Lumber Co.; president First National Bank. Born in Maine, August, 1866. Came west 1887. Ritzville, 1899. Leading factor in financial circles. Pastime, trying to convince strangers that he isn't ex-President Taft.



White River Lumber Company Building, Ritzville

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Landmarks Disappearing

Marion 15

In various processes of being torn down are the old Methodist and later Seventh-day Adventist church, at left, the old Lutheran parsonage which will have the upper story removed and then moved to another lot, center, and what remains of the former White

River Lumber Company building, at right. The church has been extensively torn down inside and the shell may remain until next winter. Razing of the White River property has been underway for several months and is expected to be completed soon.

JOSEPH ROSENOFF

Birth day
Place

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Assets of approximately \$87,881 will be used for the Joe and Lucile Rosenoff scholarship fund at Washington State university, according to a final report which was approved Sept. 27 in probate court. Rosenoff's will provided for the fund with two-sevenths of the "rest and residue" of assets to the estate. The fund will include a condominium, valued at \$42,439 and \$45,442 in cash value.

Taxes on the estate included \$11,963 in federal estate taxes and \$6,100 in state inheritance taxes. The estate was valued at \$486,707.

Sunday Picnic Honors Rosenoffs of Pullman

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rosenoff of Pullman were honored Sunday with a picnic at the city park given by relatives.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Emil Wellstrand, Mr. and Mrs. William Rosenoff, Mrs. Anna Danekas, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Rosenoff and Rex, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Danekas and family and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Tecky and family.

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1635 P.m. Alder St
Portland, Ore - (1940)

Birthday
Place

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DECEASED

SIGNATURE
BIRTH DAY
BIRTH PLACE
FATHER Lewis III
MOTHER

Ruby Schoonover.

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Heffie Scott

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EMMA SITTINGER

(24)

Mrs. Fred Alber - 510-10th St
Snohomish, Wash - 1961

Birthday
Place

Absent

in South Reunion

MAY 22, 1965

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SIGNATURE	
BIRTH DAY	
BIRTH PLACE	
FATHER	Conrad Blacksmith at Kitsville
MOTHER	Emma
Sis	Glenn Harrison Mrs. D. W. Harrison 1900-11-11-1994
✓	Lillie Sweet at Kitsville

Portland
Died 11-10-92
Orphans

al-Times, Thurs., Apr. 13, 1972

Rites Tomorrow for Lillie Sweet Who Died Monday

Funeral services for Mrs. Lillie Sweet, 77, will be held at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow at the chapel of the Danekas Funeral home.

She died April 10 at her home, 314 East Fourth Ave. Her husband, Dr. Wendell Sweet, died in 1962.

She was born Sept. 12, 1894 at Ridgely, the daughter of Conrad and Emma Sittner.

Mrs. Sweet is survived by three sisters, Mrs. W. W. Harrison of Portland, Oregon, Mrs. Fred Albers of Seattle and Mrs. Ben Wold of Portland. Also surviving is a niece, Mrs. Art Every of Cincinnati, Ohio, and three nephews, Harland Wold of Portland, Hobart Sittner of Seattle and William Wolsborn of Yorba Linda, Calif.

She was a member of the Philadelphia Congregational church here.

The Rev. Ernest Sprenger will conduct the funeral service. Cremation service will follow. Pall bearers will be Eugene Weber, Victor Rogel, Russell Telecky, Gilbert White, Jed Rowe and Emil Gust.

Milton Sackmann will sing, How Great Thou Art and The Lord's Prayer. Mrs. Orville Moeller will be the accompanist.

Sister

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BERTHA THOM

Birthday
May

ATTENDED REUNION

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MAY 22, 1965

Bertha Thom
608 So. Stevens, Spokane



Bertha Thom - 5/22/65

**Services Held
for Mrs. Thom
Here Tuesday**

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret Thom, who was 90 years old May 5 and a long-time resident of Adams county, were held Tuesday at the Zion Congregational church.

Mrs. Thom died Saturday in a Spokane nursing home. She had been there two years. Officiating at the services was Rev. R. W. Rieger. Pallbearers included Marvin Horch, Alfred Horch, Everett Horch, Melvin Denny, Norman Krause and Arthur Stromberger.

Interment was held at Ritzville Memorial cemetery.

Mrs. Thom was born May 5, 1870, in Minonk, Ill. She came to Adams county with her husband, Marcus, 58 years ago and they settled on a farm southwest of Ritzville.

The couple retired from farming and moved to Ritzville in 1936. Mr. Thom preceded his wife in death in 1950.

She was a member of the Zion Congregational church.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. George Horch and Miss Bertha Thom, both of Spokane, and Mrs. Lawrence Schafer of Ritzville; three sons, Pete of Hope, Idaho, Walter and Edward, both of Ritzville; 20 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

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BIRTH DAY	
BIRTH PLACE	
FATHER	Marcus Thom Died 1950
MOTHER	Margaret Thom Born May 5-1870 Died 7-1-1962
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	Bro. Wafer Ritzville 1926
	515-Arina Ritzville 1930

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married Helen Detting 1921
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her picture in 1912 Book
Arina Thom
Section

Bertha Thom

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AUDREY TILLER

Mrs. Everett S. Edwards (SKEE) 1916

205 East 6th Ritzville, Wash

MARRIED Everett S. Edwards - June 30-1930

Worthy Matron of Zenith APT
Ritzville, Wash. Oct 1925 - 36



Birthday
Place

Anna Knudsen
1914-1965

ATTENDED REUNION

MAY 22, 1965

Women Plan to Make Girls State Favors

Members of the Past Presidents parley of the American Legion Auxiliary started work on favors for Girls' State, last Friday evening at the home of Mrs. S. E. Edwards.

They will make 450 lapel pins from plastic spoons, marked with the American Legion auxiliary insignia and other lettering, for girls of Washington state who will attend Girls' State at Ellensburg in June.

Legion Women Slate Election

This Evening

Election of officers for the American Legion Auxiliary will be held on the first meeting of the month instead of the second, as is customary, said Mrs. Fred Langenheder, publicity chairman.

The meeting will be this evening, Thursday, at the Legion hall. A slate of officers to serve for the coming year will be presented by the appointed nominating committee, Mrs. John Klettke, Mrs. S. E. Edwards and Mrs. G. E. Bentz. Members are reminded to take contributions to the Ritzville Electric store building for the country store booth for Str-Up days on May 3 and 4.

COFFEE HOUR HELD

Mrs. Walter Morach of Spokane was honored at a coffee hour Saturday morning at the home of Mrs. S. E. Edwards when 25 friends visited with her. Mrs. Morach formerly lived here in Ritzville.

Poppy Posters to Receive Cash from Auxiliary

Poppy posters are completed and ready to be judged, said Mrs. Cliff Ahern, chairman of the poppy program of the American Legion Auxiliary, at a meeting of the group last Thursday evening at the Legion hall.

Cash awards will be made to the first, second and third place winners. Posters made by members of high school art classes for the annual poppy poster contest will be displayed in a decorated window of Columbia Gas company. The auxiliary's poppy days are scheduled for May 24 and 25.

Mrs. Elizabeth Reddie, president of the past presidents' parley, reported that her group has finished 450 favors for the Washington Girls' State session.

The report of the nominating committee was presented by Mrs. S. E. Edwards. The nominated slate of officers include president, Mrs. F. W. Hall; first vice president, Mrs. N. S. McMurray; second vice president, Mrs. Lavine Thaur; secretary, Miss Gay Hilzer; treasurer, Mrs. Tom Underwood; chaplain, Mrs. Henry Fenderer; historian, Mrs. Ida Miller, and sergeant-at-arms, Mrs. Larry Maher.

WSCS Plans Turkey Dinner

The regular meeting of the WSCS of Trinity Methodist church was held in the church social rooms Wednesday following a potluck luncheon.

Devotions, which were led by Mrs. R. E. Edwards, included a vocal solo by Mrs. Maynard Galbreath.

Mrs. A. Lars Nelson of St. John, district president, presented her report on the fifth national assembly of the WSCS held in St. Louis recently. Mrs. Nelson was a delegate from the district.

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Bro Dr. J. H. P. L. S.

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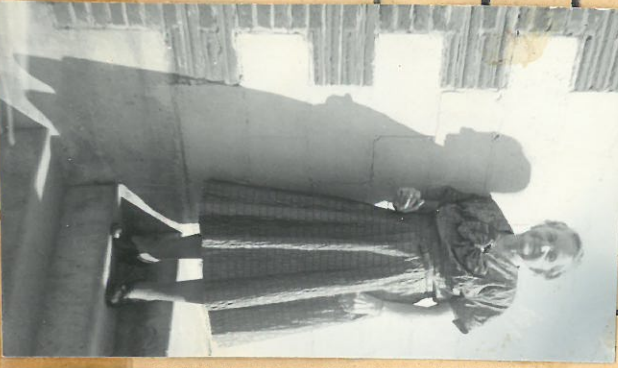
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Wife - mother

Da. Nancy - 1919

Mrs. Jack Stimpf



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Andrew Tiller

Edward - 1915

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Ritzville, Wn., Journal-Times, Thurs., June 30, 1966

Audrey - Bill - Thelma - Mae -



Mrs. Edwards Finds \$20 Bill Issued by State of Missouri

Mrs. S. E. Edwards may be over \$200 richer as a result of a find she made.

She was going over effects of her late father, L. M. Tiller, when she found a \$20 bill of the State of Missouri. Dated Janu-

ary 1, 1862, the bill takes the form of a promissory note.

Set forth on the bill's face is the state's promise to pay to bearer the face value, together with interest at the rate of 10 per cent per annum. Mrs. Ed-

ward's husband, a handy man with figures, informed his wife the note by now would have accumulated \$208 in interest, if not compounded.

A hundred and four years have elapsed since the note was issued. Ten per cent of a \$20 bill is \$2, so \$208 is due.

Pursuant to this rather intriguing knowledge, Mrs. Edwards has had a picture of the piece of currency made. She forwarded the picture to the treasurer of the State of Missouri, to inquire if the accruing interest will be honored.

Printed in black ink, the bill measures 6 3/4 inches by 3 1/4 inches. It is signed in red ink by Commissioner W. Shields.

Drawing Is Made for Jury Service

Sheriff Clint Rowe has summoned 90 good and lawful men (and women) to jury service in superior court.

Their names were selected by lot, as provided by law, by officers of the court. The court in turn directs the sheriff to advise the persons whose names were drawn of their impaneling.

Within commissioner district No. 1 all 30 persons have Ritzville for their mailing address.

They are Rachel Borgens, George R. Burrill, Lee E. Burroughs, Walter Deking, Reuben Derr, Audrey Edwards, Helen L. Hanson, Melvin L. Hurst, James Kadlec, Lloyd Kinzel, Lawrence J. Kramer and Harvey W. Laib.

Other district 1 jury panel members are Lewis H. Lobe, Dorothy J. Maier, Rita M. Marshall, Irene McMurray, Mrs. Mary Moore, Laura M. Miller, Thelma Nauditt, Barbara Ottmar, Mrs. Reuben Rehn, Bertha Schoesler, Fred Stonaker, Clyde S. Telecky, Raymond Telecky, Lawrence E. Thiel, David J. Wacker, William G. Wahl, L. J. Walenta and Ted C. Wellstrand.

District 2 jury panel members include Edwin Beck, Velma C. Biermann, Gene W. Carlock, Lind, Leo A. Dyck, Ritzville; Waldo Eden, Lind; Evelyn M. Fode, Lind; Agatha Franz, Ritzville; Henry Gering, Odessa rt. 1; Henry Gerlock, Lind; Samuel E. Graber, Odessa rt. 1; and Richard L. Kagele, Ursula Kagele, Ritzville rt. 1.

More district 2 names are Hugh L. Keith, Charles August Labes, Jr., Wallace B. Lindsay, Daniel Talbert Lytle, Rose T. Lytle, Curtis D. Meilke, Lind; Carol A. Murdock, Warden rt. 1; and J. Boyd Phillips, Carl Rasmussen, Clifford L. Reed, Walter Rehner, Stephen Roberts, Gordon K. Smith, Hazel Lois Swarts, Kenneth C. Swarts, Ernest Teague, J. H. Watkins and Robert S. Wright, Lind.

Names of residents in commissioner district No. 3 drawn were Ernestine A. Blankenbaker, Othello; R. E. Bridges, Jane Cook, Clifford Dopps, Othello star route east; Raio Eastwood, James L. Erickson, Harold F. Ferguson, Othello; and Nova R. Glen, Othello star route east.

More district three citizens impaneled are Martin J. Johnson, Othello; John H. Jordan, Othello star route east; Fred O. Keene, Lloyd Kennedy, Othello; Virgil Leavitt, Othello star route east; and all these persons each of whose mailing address is Othello:

M. Elaine Manning, Orval G. Olson, Mrs. Jane S. Rogers, Bertha Roloff, Glorian Roloff, J. D. Sampson, Walter A. Sietaff, Elden Simmons, Jack P. Tam, Peggy J. Thompson, Oscar J. Turner, Shirley Jean Vietzke, R. C. Wallace, Mrs. Elsie L. Welch, Lester Winfrey, Niel E. Wright and Mrs. Harvey G. Yager.



'Twas Good Reading

Informal reunion Thursday night brought together, from left, Mrs. James Kadlec, Mrs. A. H. Varner, Mrs. Julia Morach and Mrs. R. E. Edwards. Long, long ago in Ritzville, these and a half dozen other women read and listened to good books each Monday evening while darning.

Journal-Times photo.

WSCS Holds Parley Here

Mrs. R. E. Edwards gave the evocations when the Woman's society of Christian service of Trinity Methodist church met Wednesday for a noon luncheon with a theme of "The Islands wait His Word."

A solo was sung by Ruth Tebb. Mrs. James Webb presented the new quadrennial oals.

Reports were given by Mrs. Charles Baumann and Mrs. Otis Amen, who attended the Spokane district meeting of the society.

Others attending the parley were Mrs. Clarence Oestreich, Mrs. Max Meyer, Mrs. Lloyd Hillis, Mrs. James Kadlec, and Mrs. Webb.

It was announced by Mrs. Gillis that plans have been completed for the book review by Mrs. Ruby Raittsback of Spokane October 26.

Mrs. Edwards New President

Mrs. Audrey Edwards was elected president for next year of the Past Matrons club Monday at the home of Mrs. Clarence Oestreich.

Also elected were Mrs. Shirley Ott, vice president, and Mrs. Mary Pierce, secretary-treasurer.

S/Sgt. Lynn Moat of the Spokane air filter center was guest speaker and gave a talk on Ritzville's need for more Skywatch crews.

Other members attending the club's last meeting until fall were Ida Kreager, Lillian Galbreath, Maude Thiel, Edith Johnston, Alma Galbreath, Florence Schaefer, Thelma Nauditt, Beatrice Duncan, Martha Moon, co-hostess; and Grace Muir of Salem, Ore.

Parley Group Holds Party

The Past Presidents' Parley of the American Legion auxiliary had a potluck dinner and party on the evening of June 16 in the auxiliary room of the Legion hall.

Mrs. Elizabeth Reddie was installed as president for the coming year and Mrs. Ralph Koch as secretary.

Court whist was played with Mrs. Reddie receiving high score and Mrs. Ralph Streeter low.

Mrs. H. R. Kastle was hostess for the evening. Others attending were Mrs. Arthur Buhl, Mrs. S. E. Edwards, Mrs. Fred Langenheder, Mrs. N. C. McMurray, Mrs. Ida Miller, Mrs. Emil Wellstrand, Mrs. Reddie, Mrs. Streeter and Mrs. Koch.

Ladies Crochet Afghan Pieces

Afghan making for patients' use in veterans hospitals filled the evening as members of the Past Presidents' Parley of the American Legion auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Emil Wellstrand Friday evening.

Squares of wool were cut and the ladies used wool yarn to crochet around each square. Later the pieces will be sewn together to make the afghans.

Those attending and working at the meeting were Mrs. H. R. Kastle, Mrs. S. E. Edwards, Mrs. Ida Miller, Mrs. Ralph Streeter, Mrs. Albert Schmidt, Mrs. Alice Kison, Mrs. Arthur Buhl and Mrs. Fred Langenheder.

The next meeting of the group will be on March 10 at 8 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Ida Miller.

Father, Son Hunt Deer

Tom Edwards of Richland got a spike buck deer the first of last week.

He and his father, S. E. "Skeet" Edwards of Ritzville, spent two days in the Cascades out from Goldendale. They used a motor bike to advantage in getting up some of the hills. The country they hunted is mixed wheatlands and trees.

Tom had a tag for a doe, his father relates. He got one shot at a running doe, but missed, through the trees.

The men enjoyed seeing a dude ranch and landing field, in the area around Mt. Adams. Since Tom is a pilot and plane owner, it reminded them of an-

other future adventure. The Richland man has hunted pheasants in Adams county. His father and he make an appointment to meet at a ranch in the Benge area. Skeet drives down and sees that there are no cattle on the runway, and Tom flies up from Richland.

The Edwards got their mule deer quite well down from the mountains and had little difficulty in dressing it out and loading it. They took it to a butcher shop in Goldendale where they had it packaged.

Will Honor Charter Members at Red Cross Meeting Monday

Adams county chapter of the American Red Cross will observe the 40th anniversary of its being chartered when it holds its annual meeting at Trinity Methodist church, Ritzville, Monday evening, October 6.

The business session and program will be preceded by a dinner to be served at 6:30 p.m. by members of the WSCS of that church.

Charter members of the chapter and others will be honored Monday evening.

They include Mrs. David A. Hewit of Ritzville, who was elected the first chapter chairman; Mrs. L. W. Richter, first vice chairman; Mrs. V. A. Char- gois, secretary, and Mrs. James F. Lansing, treasurer.

Members of the executive committee were Mrs. J. Johnston, Mrs. W. O. Lewis, Mrs. C. A. Harris, Mrs. John Traux, Mrs. H. E. Gritman, Mrs. J. M. Koch and O. H. Green in charge of finance.

Others named to fill vacancies were Miss Lydia Bauer, Mrs. D. A. Scott and Miss Carrie Schragg.

FOLLOWING the dinner and a brief business meeting, a program will be presented as follows:

"History of Red Cross and the Adams County Chapter in World War I" will be given by Mrs. John Ott.

Mrs. R. E. Edwards will present a piano medley of World War I tunes.

Guest speaker will be John A. Mowery, chairman of the Spokane county chapter of the American Red Cross. He will talk on "Red Cross — On the Job."

During the business session, seven members of the county board of directors will be elected. At the same time awards will be presented by Miss Gladys Tibbot, Red Cross field representative.

The board of directors will

Honor Night Set for Eastern Star

An honor night for past matrons and patrons will feature the November 14 meeting of Zenith chapter No. 55, Order of the Eastern Star.

Also to be honored will be Mrs. S. E. Edwards, a 50-year member and past matron of Zenith chapter.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson of Spokane will show slides of their recent trip to Africa. Mrs. Johnson is a past worthy grand matron of the State of Washington, O. E. S. The meeting will begin at eight o'clock at the Masonic hall.

Legion Auxiliary Installs Officers

The American Legion Auxiliary held their last meeting of the season Thursday evening with installation of officers.

Mrs. P. J. Reddie was installing officer. Officers installed were Mrs. Albert Nauditt, president; Mrs. Ted Miller, first vice president; Mrs. John Klettke, second vice president; Mrs. N. S. McMurray, secretary; Mrs. Lavine Thaut, treasurer; Mrs. Pauline Kechter, sergeant-at-arms; and Mrs. R. E. Edwards, historian.

meet after the annual session to elect chapter officers. Eight members will be chosen to serve on the executive committee for one year.

MRS. ELMER Schoesler is chairman of the ticket sales for the dinner. Proceeds will go toward ladies of Trinity Methodist church. They also may be purchased at the Red Cross chapter office in Ritzville. Other committee working on phases of the annual meeting were:

Annual report — Mrs. Jan- sen, Mrs. Bruno Sielaff, Mrs. Harold Bauer; nominating — Cleon H. Brewer, chairman; Mrs. George N. Stenson, Mrs. Jan- sen; program — The Rev. W. H. Ritchey, Mrs. Bauer, James Kadlec.

Audit and financial records — Lee Burroughs; dinner arrangements — Mrs. Howard M. Seim, chairman; Mrs. L. R. Haight and Mrs. Robert Telecky.

Mowery, who will be the principal speaker, is a young attorney who is a graduate of the University of Washington Law school. He also is a veteran of four years service with the 3rd infantry division of the army in World War II.

Mrs. Edwards Observes 50th Year in Star

A 50-year member and past matrons and past patrons of Zenith chapter 55, Order of the Eastern Star, were honored last Thursday evening at the Masonic hall.

Receiving recognition for 50 years of membership was Mrs. S. E. Edwards in whose honor an addenda was given. A gift of the chapter was a 50 year membership pin which was pinned on her by her husband.

Also honored were 16 past matrons and 8 past patrons of Zenith chapter. They were introduced and their services were acknowledged by worthy matron Mrs. James Kadlec and worthy patron James Kadlec.

Margaret Wadsworth chapter 225 of Lind was represented by Mrs. Lee Hoxsey, worthy matron; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Deaton, past patrons and past matrons of the Lind chapter.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson of Spokane showed slides of northern Africa which they had taken during a trip there. Mrs. Johnson is a past worthy grand matron of the grand chapter of Washington.

Other Spokane guests were Mrs. and Mrs. Walter Morach, longtime friends of Mrs. Edwards. At the conclusion of the evening refreshments were served by Mrs. Austin Jerpe, Mrs. Larry Streuter, Mrs. J. D. Brewer and Mr. and Mrs. Al Kramer.

Turkey Dinner Slated Oct. 30

Ladies of the WSCS of the Trinity Methodist church are making final plans for the Halloween turkey dinner to be held in the church social rooms at 5:30 and 7 p.m. Thursday, October 30.

Mrs. R. E. Edwards, chairman of the ticket sales, urged those wishing tickets to buy them as soon as possible since only 250 will be available.

Mrs. Ralph Snyder and Mrs. Gail Howell are co-chairmen of the dinner committee. Other members are Mrs. Alfred Heine- mann, Mrs. Walter Rosenoff, Mrs. George Wagner, Mrs. Wesley Plager, Mrs. Lou Allert, Mrs. Max Meyer and Mrs. Rex Phillips.

Serving on the dining room committee are Mrs. C. A. Oestreich, chairman; Mrs. William Rosenoff, Mrs. Stan Telecky, Mrs. Lloyd Gillis, Mrs. James Kadlec and Mrs. S. E. Edwards.

Legion Ladies Eye Birthday on March 15

The 50th anniversary of the American Legion will be honored Saturday evening, March 15, with a potluck dinner at the Legion hall, Mrs. B. E. Sielaff, golden anniversary representative of the unit, told auxiliary members last Thursday evening.

Extensive plans are underway, she said.

An order for 2500 poppies was placed for the auxiliary's annual poppy sale, and a contribution of \$5.00 was made to the Chapel of the Four Chaplains, a national honorary memorial.

Treats of candy and nuts, which were to have been used for the canceled Christmas party, were reported given to Lakeland Village.

Congratulations were extended to the unit secretary, the former Gay Hiltzer, who was married to Michael Dorman during the holidays. The Past Presidents' Parley reported they had started work on the 450 favors required for Girls State in June when they met at the home of Mrs. S. E. Edwards.

The next auxiliary meeting will be February 6 at the Legion hall.



Wadley Wilson-Vie Vogel-Skee

Dr. E. Leroy Wilson
Modesto Calif.
209 Downey Ave

March 26th 1974

Dear Ray —
Have discovered that I never
returned the films to you of my
50th reunion. So very sorry. I am
trying to put things away for safe
keeping.

I didn't get to see you last year.
Things are just getting too big at our
annual banquet. Will try to go
again this year as it is my daughter
Helen's 25th.

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John 506-1918

Pat Matrons and visitors - Audley was one of them - there was a program and a few skits. There were very few from out of town due to the weather and the distances -

Listening to the Night Owl I often wish I could get in on some of their discussions. I could sure tell them a few things about some things and people -
From a blind Night Owl -

Letitia A. Jillev
Ritville Wash -

P.S.

Mother wrote this first and I have tried to copy it the best I can - She writes so many lines together, other wise she does real well - She still is able to live alone, that way she can listen to the Night Owl when she wants to - I am afraid the Radio listening at 3 or 4 o'clock in the a.m. wouldn't be too good when the man of the house has to get up and get to work early in the morning - You certainly do have an interesting life, I can see how you can keep up with so many activities. Don't you ever feel like you are getting old and want to do nothing but "set" like I do? I will be looking forward to your visit in 1959 for your 50th birthday of the Aleutian - With best wishes to you both - Audley and Everett -



Mother-Letitia -

I just now found your letter of Dec. 7, 1972 - you asked about Kenneth Compson. He died many years ago. He, his heart was bad.

I was visiting Matron in 1935+26. Everett was a worshiper Matron at the same time.

Audley
Audley Edwards
Wesley Terrace
Dee Plains, Wash -
98188

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Again the best of everything to
you both and maybe I will see
you at the Bangquet?
ANS'D 4/24/14 Audrey.

Copy of my response on Page 6 on



Xmas 1912 Address 72

I had a bad accident and other
things last fall and was in hospital
and convalescent home for 3 months
I am now living at Wiley Street
in retirement home - I intend at

all the ambition and ability
you have and I hope you will
have for many more years -
Hope you can put these films
where they belong after all these
years of neglect on my part -
Give my best regards to Fred's
and I hope you are both in
good health.

Modesto California.
April 26, 1974.

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Dear Audrey:- Received your letter and the films and thanks. I'll use this big type as it will be easier to read. I know your letter didn't call for an answer but I wanted to write you again before the next banquet. My memories of the Tiller family are very pleasant to remember especially of Willis as we were pretty close in Ritzville when he worked for the phone Co next door to the store I worked in and after that when we were in college we were together a lot especially in the music field. Then I enjoyed the times when I returned to visit your mother who was a remarkable woman who liked to visit of old times. I had a short talk with Tom last year and as I told him I have quite a lot of his families material and hope to get it in readable form in the near future (Edwards). The grand folks came to Ritzville about the time mine did (the Harrisses and the Kellers and they went to school at the same time.

Yes I read about your accident and felt badly about it How about old folks staying off of ladders and roofs just plant you 2 good feet on the ground and walk. You know that I am and always have been a walker and happily Laddie likes it too and we manage to walk miles every day and love it. Gosh I guess I am getting along as we all know each other's ages from the Class we were in when we were 18. I will have a birthday a week from Mon. Apr. 29th and will be 38 I mean 83 but I feel as good as I ever did (I'm knocking on wood) Laddie just came in, she goes to the beauty parlor every Fri. A.M. and I stay home and do a little house cleaning then we go to the Chuck wagon just down the street where I go to the Masonic Luncheon Club and she eats with some of the wives. I still go to the Kiwanis Club on Wed there and enjoy it a lot. 45 year member. I am an honor member now which means

I don't have to keep up my attendance like I used to to keep in good standing but I hardly ever miss anyhow and go to other clubs at inter-club meetings. So you see about all I live for now is parties, stags, banquets, dinners etc. I still play for the EOs, White Shrine, Lodge and patrol the Amaranth and the Legion. Last night I went out to the Del Rio Country Club and played for an old time vaudeville man who put on a show for a friend of mine. He said it would cost him \$100 for music accompaniment for a

tries to pick up someone in the town where he works. He sang, juggled, danced, and told jokes and they just wowed. Yes also card tricks. I try to avoid getting into and group where I have to rehearse or be scheduled to play like for dances etc. We love to square dance which is great fun and good exercise. I didn't want to get wobbling any sooner than I have to and the whirling is great for stability. I am historian (imagine that) for the Shrine Club and last Fri. they had a party at a new swanky mobile club house and the gave me a new jeweled fez and auctioned my old one off for \$32 but I got it back to put it out to pasture. Our Matron is a cute woman and she had a big Ford bus and she takes 12 of us to sister lodges for the All offices parties and there are about 3 every week now and our officers fill the bus and we give her \$1 a piece for gas and have a swell time in the bus. We just had our own party which was Hawaiian and was glad I learned to play the uke in Ritz. You are very fortunate to have 2 such wonderful kids Tom and Nancy. We didn't have but Laddie's brother who lived here had a daughter who has a family of 4 kids and have ~~been~~ taken them over to help in any we can mostly financially but they come for to our house a lot and it is a Godsend for Laddie as both Paula's parents are dead.

Here's Good Baby Sitter Too.

Quie is a good cook they love to come here and I play with them in the "big Room" as they call it. Only one has the inclination to play any music but I am exposing it to them a lot. They are ages 2, 4, 6 and 8 3 girls and a boy. The father is a fine fellow and is a machinist. He makes \$7. Imagine that. My first steady job as with Scotty Joyce the plumber who paid me the large salary of \$4 a week and I earned every cent of it. The next summer he raised me to \$5. But I did make a few dollars in addition to that with the help of my folks I was happy. And I did evere him and Mrs Joyce who lived as neighbors on nob hill. Scottie taught me to clog and to do some juggling too. I still can do them enough to know how.

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I see by the Journal that the banquet is to be May 25th and that Alma Scott Calbreath will be the TM. Last year not a word could be understood as the PA system was bad. They said had been corrected. The Class of 1924 is a all class of 23 of which about 6 are dead and no info so their turnout will probably be all. Just a few are in Ritzville.

AT-1945-98

I just got my new driver's License for another 4 years and hope to drive up as we want to see the Spokane Fair too. It won't be long now. Tempus Fugits as Socrates or some wise man said. Last year I spent some time with the Class of 1948 the 25 yr class where I saw Marylyn and Jim a fine man, and Tom. This year I think I will concentrate with the Golden Rs as they usually get together at some home after the banquet. I think I can get more information there of the older group. I don't know where your city is Des Moines, but I assume it is near Seattle. I hope you have a nice place where you are happy. Those homes they are building for the seniors are great aren't they. They are building one just across the street from our home called the Ralston Tower. They put it up in 23 days prefab and our was. Lunch Club had as their

program today a lady who showed pictures of it and told about the construction, rates etc. I am enclosing a brochure of it so you can see it better. They say it is pretty well filled now with applicants. It will be ready about Oct. 74 (T: is is Sat. Apr. 20 1974) we just walked in from McHenry Village about 7 mi and Laddie was a little tired so I will finish this and mail it Mon. Our Club is Sg. dancing tonite theme "April showers".

I looked over the sheets for your family to refresh my memory. You certainly were a very active girl for Ritzville. Have an acct of your 50 yr at Star and many clippings of your work. Also the one where you found a \$20 bill of the State of Mo. That should have been valuable as an antique. That reminds me if you have anything in regard to any of your kids pictures, data, letters, please take it with you to the reunion and I'll be glad to have it. I have 16 sheets full for skee and I think I put in for him and Sam appropriate memorials sheets.

Your letter was dated March 26th which was our 56th wedding Anniv. I was W. Pat in '39 & Laddie was '45. I was gr. Organist for Cal in '47 and Sup. Org for the White Shrine in '59. Was Mor Master of Modesto in 1942. We just finished a new Temple cost 1/2 million. It is quite a struggle to get money to pay it but we are working hard on it. Had the Dedication with Grand Master. Apr. 6th. I taped the whole thing and took pictures.

I've just about filled this page so will bring this epistle to a close. I really didn't intend to write so many pages but I hope it will be easy reading. You can do it in a sheet at a time maybe. As I said this is a sheet

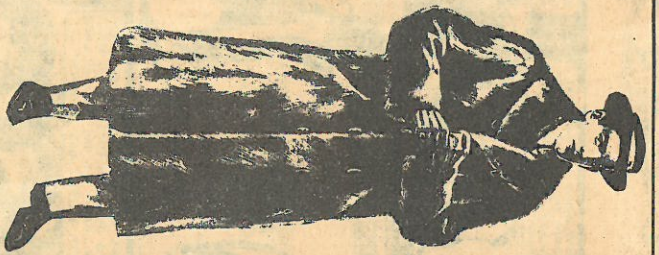
and answer and you can destroy all I am mailing when you finish with it. Hopefully (isn't that the word they are using at now?) we will get together for a few words at the reunion. My first one back after graduating was my 25th in 1934. The next was 31 15th with Johnnie Strop & Leota and

John was quite ill at that time. He lived 24 years in 31 I spent most of my time with Willis & Ella. Love

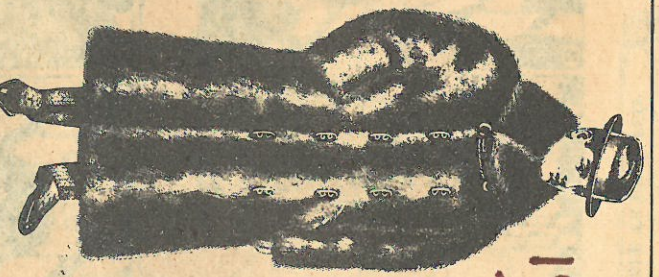
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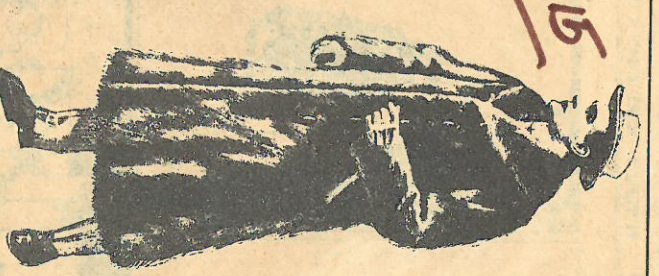
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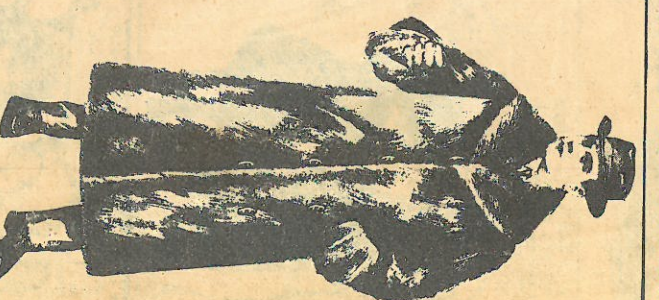
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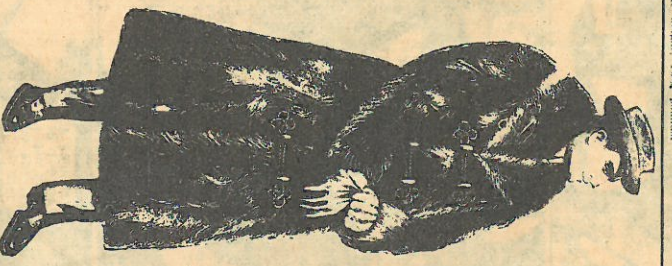
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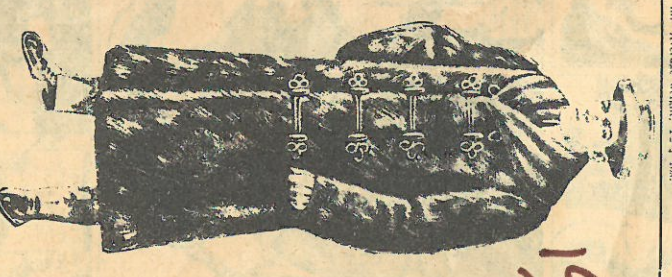
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4W6004 Dogskin Coat. Color, black. Good in collar. Body lined with heavy quilted and padded black satin. Knit wristlets. Two warm, broad outside muff pockets. Striped sleeve lining. Leather arm shields. Knit wristlets. Length, 52 in. Average weight, 10 1/2 pounds.

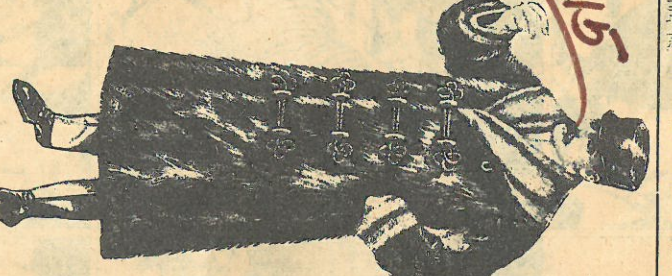
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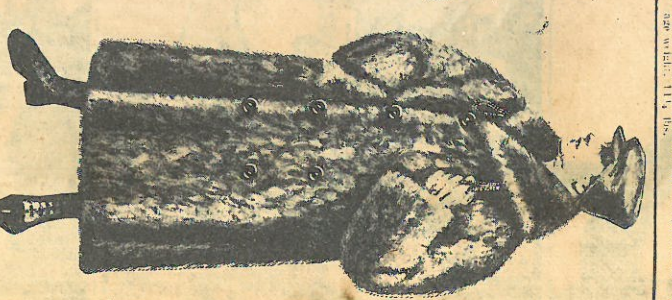
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3650 Black Galloway Muskrat Trimmings \$3650



1950 Dark Brown China Lamb \$1950

4W6010 Natural Galloway. Color, black. Nothing but very best selected black fur. Collar, high. Body lined with extra heavy quilted and padded black satin. One inside pocket. Striped sleeve lining. Knit wristlets. Length, 52 in. Average weight, 10 1/2 pounds. Made from the toughest looking skins after being for 4W6010 have been \$25.75

4W6012 Natural Galloway. Color, black. Selected quality. Collar, high. Body lined with heavy quilted and padded black satin. Closes with two rows of brass and knobs. Two outside pockets. Striped sleeve lining. Leather arm shields. Knit wristlets. Length, 52 in. Average weight, 12 1/2 lbs.

4W6014 Natural Galloway. Color, black. Selected quality. Collar, high. Body lined with heavy quilted and padded black satin. Closes with two rows of brass and knobs. Two outside pockets. Striped sleeve lining. Leather arm shields. Knit wristlets. Length, 52 in. Average weight, 12 1/2 lbs.

4W6016 China Lamb Coat. Color, dark brown. Very soft, thick and woolly. Closes with two rows of brass and knobs. Two outside pockets. Striped sleeve lining. Leather arm shields. Knit wristlets. Length, 52 in. Average weight, 11 1/2 lbs.

If you think fur coats were for women only, please take a look at a 1915 Ward's Catalog which featured 3 full pages of men's furs! We solemnly feel that men's furs will come back some day.

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MARIE TINKER⁽²¹⁾

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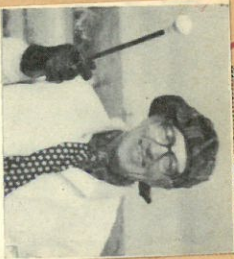
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The Diplomatic Class-

RITZVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HISTORY & LIBRARY.

This LIBRARY consists of 75 books with loose-leaf sheets and according to circumstances, can be added, deleted, or altered. RITZVILLE HIGH SCHOOL graduated it's first CLASS in the year of 1905 with 13 students. There is a book for each CLASS beginning with 1905 up to and including 1980. In 1956 the school celebrated it's 50th ANNIVERSARY with a banquet at the Marcellus Grange Hall with over 500 in attendance. Our DIAMOND Jubilee will be in May of 1980 when we will celebrate our 75th year. I have no intention of carrying this history beyond that date.

Each book is 12" x 14" in size and the sheets are reinforced with scotch tape. Each SHEET contains the following information: NAME of each GRADUATE, (full name if possible), address, signature, birthday, names of husband or wife and children, their parents and dates, relatives who graduated or attended RHS, school and college records, marriage, and where live and work, and any other data or information which can be gathered from newspapers, magazines, letters, interviews or from any other source possible.

I have endeavored to arrange the material in a neat and orderly fashion and the names alphabetically and chronologically when possible. I realize many mistakes have been made in placing correct data in the proper place but so many of the names are duplicated. Mr. Vic Rogel helped me immensely in the identification of families also Mrs. Mabel Burrill and Mrs. Robert Clark. (Miller) and many others too too numerous to mention. Of the faculty Mr. Lloyd was wonderful in his assistance.

I started this record in the month of May, the 25th of May, 1905 when I was present at the first graduation at the Old Congregational Church and obtained the signatures of the graduates on onion skin paper and you will notice that when they signed 50 years later the writing was very similar. I then DEDICATED the books to our first SUPERINTENDANT, PROFESSOR JOHN HENRY PERTINS, who started the RHS

"Ma, did you hear the step ladder when it tumbled over?"
No, darling. I hope papa didn't fall."
"Not yet—he's still hanging onto the picture moulding."
Words from teachers all remind us,
We must not cut up our desks,
And departing, leave behind us,
Names and numbers like the rest. Peggy, '16.



Heavens Roswell

This project has been quite expensive in that I have taken the Journal-Times (2 copies) for many years for information. Also subscribed for the Harvester and purchased 5 or 6 copies each year of the Annual, the Kernel. While visiting the banquet each year hundreds of pictures were taken and I hope placed in the proper place. To do this it took every minute of my spare time of work but I didn't mind any of these things as I enjoyed it so much and I have always been under the impression that it was worth while. That I shall never know for sure. It is my hope that the library will come to rest in the addition that Vic promoted onto the high school building and there they will repose and be available to future generations. If anyone thinks it is necessary to continue the records say on to the year 2000 or more maybe some individual who in his or her dotage has a weakness for cutting out paper dollies, saving clippings from the papers, and fasting in pretty picture books will carry on there must be someone in the around \$500 of us who were fortunate enough to have had the opportunity to attend and gather the fruits of knowledge and experience in Ritzville High School, the finest, the best, the most excellent school on earth.

Doyle Gilson

Love to you all

Roy Gilson, Class of 1909.

There are also 25 larger books 15" x 17" beginning with the year 1951, our 50th, which cover the ANNUAL BANQUETS AND REUNIONS, The GOLDEN 40'S, 50'S, 60'S, 70'S, 80'S, 90'S, and the 2000's.

