

Reminiscing...

(Looking back over past Ozone issues by Linda Sherman)

75 years ago – Sept 21, 1950

Carl Omodt of Steele, veteran railway employee having 42 years of service with the Northern Pacific Railway Company, has retired.

Jiggs Salter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Faye Salter of Steele, was injured in a farm accident. The tractor he was driving overturned backwards, pinning him underneath. He suffered a crushed chest and broken vertebrae. A neighbor came to his rescue.

Driscoll’s baseball club trounced the Steele aggregation by a lopsided score of 21 to 4 at Driscoll last Sunday. The battery for Driscoll were Koon, Ben Orne, and Bill Brown; for Steele - Johnson, V. Smith, Albrecht, and Dougherty.

Paving operations on Highway 10 through Kidder County are now progressing rapidly by the Butler Construction Company of Grand Forks.

Pvt. Floyd Billington, Jr., formerly of Tappen and 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Billington, Jamestown, left for Camp McCoy, WI with the 465th Reserve Field Artillery Unit.

Serving aboard the flagship of Capt. B. L. Austin, USN Commander of a Service Squadron in the Far East, is Lorne W. Heth, electricians mate second class, USN, of Tuttle. The squadron’s mission is assisting in the defense of South Korea and ensuring that Chinese Nationalists cease all attacks on the China mainland.

Miss Dorothea Schwartz of Steele has been appointed here for the Ingathering of Canned Goods for the Crippled Children’s School at Jamestown. In order to avoid waste, personnel at the school say they have an ample supply of pickles, pickled beets, carrots, jams and jellies.

Mrs. J.J. Seher was elected president of the Steele Fine Arts Club. Other officers are Mrs. Waldo Lane, vice president; Miss Ruth Thieling, secretary; and Miss Laura Fogderud, treasurer.

Pictured: Tuttle’s three oldest residents - Mr. Hammra, 89 on June 23; Mrs. Hammra, 88 on

March 4; and Mrs. Hinkel, 87 on December 30.

50 years ago – Sept 24, 1975

Mrs. Coleen Zerr of Tuttle was named Girl Scout Neighborhood Chairman in Tuttle by the president of the Sakakawea Girl Scout Council. She replaces Mrs. Julie Weisenberger whose term has expired.

The William L. Smith Estate is offering for sale 95 acres of standing corn in Kidder County. Sealed bids may be delivered to the Woodlawn Hotel in Steele. Janet Elizabeth Davis, Executrix of the Estate of William L. Smith, deceased.

Deaths – Jesse Bryan Hatfield, 79, Vancouver, WA, formerly Steele; Mary Lindell, 32, Billings, MT, sister of Raymond and Alvin Schultz of Steele.

25 years ago – Sept 20, 2000

Paul Smokov of Steele and Richard C. Tokach of St. Anthony have been selected as Honorary Lifetime North Dakota Stockmen’s Association Membership Award winners by the NDSA Board of Directors.

Valens Meier of Steele died Sunday, Sept 17th in a farm accident involving a combine 3 miles north of Steele

Rodney Ludwig, son of Roger and Lorraine Ludwig of Steele, won the world championship of Computer Bridge in the Netherlands over Labor Day weekend. Rodney and his wife, Pamela, reside in Fargo with their two daughters.

Kidder County Sheriff Harvey Fettig and the Steele Fire Department came to Insurance Commissioner candidate Gorman King’s rescue when his car caught on fire on I-94 near Steele.

Jon Kapp of the 439th Engineer Battalion was awarded the Army Achievement Medal for his outstanding achievements during Annual Training 2000 at McAlester Army Ammunition Plant in Oklahoma. Jon is a native of Dawson. His father, Jake Kapp, was also in the Army and served in Vietnam as a tanker.

Stephanie and Tyler Strand, daughter and son of Terry and Mary Ellen Strand of Steele,

worked with other teens for over 2 years to earn a trip to Rome with World Youth Days.

Michael Bruce Livingston received the commission of Second Lieutenant in the Army Reserve. He is a grandson of Hazel Hagel of Steele.

Deaths – Valens S. Meier, 40, Steele.

10 years ago – Sept 16, 2015

Barry Vannatta is the new Kidder County Sheriff.

Arlin Fylling is the new principal at the Kidder County School in Tappen and is teaching Social Studies (U.S. History) to the senior class and physical education for every class up to the ninth grade.

Collected by the Steele 2% Sales and Use Tax in 2005 - \$62,670.94. Collected in 2014 - \$280,455.05.

Clarence Hust and friends entertained during supper at the Tappen Harvest Fest on Labor Day weekend.

Deaths - Lyle Hetletved, 90, rural Chaseley, formerly Robinson.

5 years ago – Sept 16, 2020

Farmers and Merchants (a re-organization of the Kidder County Oil Company) in business since 1924, is expanding. In addition to gas, coffee, and other e-store items, the store will have more hardware, farming and ranching needs as well as expand on what they currently sell. The team is Irene Schatz, bookkeeper, David Johnson and Dave Benson in the shop and delivering fuel, and Dale Dockter, resident parts expert and running the retail side. Board members are Rob Dewitz, Tyler DeVore, James Cusey, Kenny Fischer, and Tim DeKrey.

KC football is undefeated after a win against Napoleon-Gackle/Streeter, 52-26. The Wolves are ranked number one in the latest State Class B poll.



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Approximately 23,000 9-hole rounds were played at the Cottonwood Golf Course this season.

1 year ago – Sept 18, 2024

The ½% of the City of Steele sales tax allocated for economic development generates approximately \$100,000 per year which is used to stimulate the local economy. Recent recipients of funds from the tax are Nita’s Attic, NoDak Meats, Mad Moves Roller-skating Rink & Café, Nineteen26 Campground and Lodging, and the Ruff Family roof work on the former Presbyterian Church.

The 2nd Annual Angela Korth Memorial Suicide prevention Color Run and Silent Auction will be held Sept 21st.

Kidder County School Homecoming Court: Jayden Macinnis, Drew Harr, Traeh Schmiege, Carson Kartes, Abby

Keily, Glendalee Martinez, Cianna Fanta, and Lillian Mittleider.

The Lady Thunder MPB Volleyball took first in the Valley City Optimist Tournament, beating Ellendale, Four Winds/Minnewaukan, Oak Grove, Our Redeemers, Wyndmere/Lidgerwood and Valley City. Violet Bohl had her 1,000th Assist against New Rockford on Sept 10th.

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What did the hat say to the head? I’ve got you covered.

Where do werewolves purchase gifts? Beast Buy.

Why did the thief shower before robbing the bank? So he could make a clean getaway.

Why did the strawberry cry? His parents were in a jam!

What kind of shoes do ninjas wear? Sneakers.

Why was Cinderella so bad at soccer? She kept running away from the ball!

What has 4 wheels and flies? A garbage truck.

Why can’t you hear a

pterodactyl going to the bathroom? Because the “P” is silent!

Knock knock. Who’s there? Interrupting sloth. Interrupting sloth who? [20 seconds of silence] Slooooooooooooooooooth.

Knock knock. Who’s there? Figs. Figs who? Figs the doorbell. I’ve been knocking forever!

Knock, knock. Who’s there? Banana. Banana who? Knock, knock. Who’s there? Banana. Banana who? Knock, knock. Who’s there? Orange. Orange who? Orange you glad I didn’t say banana again



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