

Reminiscing...

(Looking back over past Ozone issues by Linda Sherman)

75 years ago – Dec 14, 1950

A public hearing granted to J. J. Seher, suspended superintendent of the Steele Public School, will be held Friday, Dec. 15th at the Steele community building, open to the public. Seher is charged with several things, including the refusal to carry out board orders, and inciting rebellion among teachers and pupils of the local school against members of the school board. Mr. Seher claims the charges are unfounded and says that he will carry his case into the courts if not vindicated at the public school board hearing held here tomorrow.

The welfare committee of the North Dakota Educational Association directed that three association members make an investigation of a school row at Steele. The committee’s action in ordering an NDEA investigation of affairs at Steele was taken on the recommendation of the association’s executive secretary after he had made a preliminary investigation.

Steele has been made a flag stop for Northern Pacific Fast Trains No. 1 and 2 to allow passengers to depart from and board the train to all destinations where the service is rendered. The Public Service Commission concluded that stopping Trains No. 1 and 2 on flag at Steele allows a sufficient length of time to receive and let off passengers with safety. Steele has been a regular stop for all passenger trains of the railroad for a year or so. When it becomes a flag stop for Trains 1 and 2, Steele will be a regular stop only for Trains 3 and 4, known as the “Local.”

C. G. Foye, local postmaster, announces that the windows of the Steele post office will be open to the public on Saturday afternoons, Dec. 16 and 23, to serve them better during the Christmas holiday rush season.

Albert E. Motl, Tappen, son of Mrs. Ralph Polasky; Edw. Zimmerman of Steele; and Chas. Kaczmarek of Pettibone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Kaczmarek, left Saturday for induction into the army services, going to Ft. Riley, Kansas for their basic training.

Deaths – Mrs. Leon V. (Jeanette Margaret Munn) Leshner, 52, Steele; Mrs. Belle Dexter, 92, Dawson; Isabelle J. McCoy, 91, Dawson; Gustave F. Olson, Tuttle.

50 years ago – Dec 17, 1975

Charles R. “Tiny” Linden, section foreman for the Burlington Northern Railroad at Tuttle, has been named

“Employee of the Month” in the Twin Cities Region.

Thomas Thompson of Steele was presented with the Bismarck District Highway Department’s 1976 Safe Driving Award. Mr. Thompson is Leadman of the Steele section and is responsible for the maintenance of over 100 miles of state highway. Other members of the Steele section are Frank Barnick, George Barnick, Paul Ritchie, and Joe Sperle.

Pettibone Public School has received a special award for its participation in a national school lunch project to honor our nation’s 200th birthday.

The Dawson Fire Department was called to a fire at the Marvin Ballensky farm, 9 miles north of Dawson. A pole barn was almost a total loss along with all of his milking equipment.

25 years ago – Dec 13, 2000

The Bank of Steele and the Medina branch are now named Northland Financial. With the bank services going beyond just deposits and withdrawals to include insurance, investment in securities and stocks, as well as leasing, the new services are now combined under Northland Financial. Rumor had it that the bank was sold to another financial group, but that is not the case.

Coming Dec. 18th - The New Generation of Tanning -The Wrap Around System. Superior tanning in half the time at Looks by Lisa/Beauty Hut.

Area schools receiving grants from the ND Dept. of Public Instruction to purchase hardware, software, internet service, and training in technology use for teachers, are Driscoll, \$5000; Pettibone-Tuttle Elementary, \$5394; Robinson, \$5100; Steele-Dawson, \$10,690; Tappen, \$6286; Tuttle-Pettibone High School, \$5,000; and Wing, \$5 000.

Deaths – Delores Mae Stroh, 65, Bismarck, formerly Tappen; Elmer Morlock, 71, Minneapolis, formerly Pettibone; Allene Mae (Sawyer) Pederson, 94, Bismarck, formerly Driscoll; Helen (DeKrey) Hinger, 90, Wishek, formerly Pettibone; Mary (Eastburn) White, 100, Steele, formerly Dawson.

10 years ago – Dec 9, 2015

The Coffee Cup presented a \$1500 donation to the Golden Manor to help cover costs of a fence installed after the expansion of the Coffee Cup fueling area next to the Manor.

Deaths – Dennis Wendell Haugen, 66, Wichita, KS; Mabel Weippert, 92, Minot, formerly Robinson.

5 years ago – Dec 9, 2020

Alene Gamble is the new manager of the Tuttle Community Store, and Rebecca-Ann Hughes is her “right-hand woman.”

Seasonal Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on December 12 at the Kidder County Court House, brought to you by the Steele Area Betterment Committee.

Deaths – Wayne R. Burkett, 90, Chico, CA, brother of Beverly Johnson of Wadena, MN; Sharon Christensen, 75, Bismarck, formerly Steele-Driscoll; Gary Dean Eberl, 70, Dawson; Carl Wesley Nicholson, 81, Mandan, formerly Tappen; Myra (Buchwitz) Wallenvein, 65, Bismarck; William E. Kapp, 87, Jamestown; Larry Leonard Quale, 68, Driscoll.

1 year ago – Dec 11, 2024

Sarena Lawler of Driscoll was hired in September as a paraprofessional at KC School to implement health education topics for pre-K through 12th grade. This position was made possible by a ND Department of Health grant that the Kidder County District Health Unit applied for and was one of 23 awardees statewide who



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received the grant.

The James Valley Composite Squadron Cadet Andrew Douglas, son of Joshua and Angelina Douglas of Steele, received the General Ira C. Eaker Award at a special ceremony Nov. 12th. This award is the Civil Air Patrol Program’s

second most prestigious award. It recognizes sustained excellence in all four areas of cadet life: leadership, aerospace, fitness, and character.

Deaths – Glen DeKrey, 94, Bismarck, formerly Steele; Craig Steven Wamsley, 64, Casper, WY, formerly Steele.

KIDDER KORNER

I’m made of sand, and I might have a moat. Build me near water, but I’m not a boat. What am I? Answer: A sandcastle

I have a sail but no captain or crew. I fly in the sky, and kids love me too. What am I? Answer: A kite

I’m sticky and sweet and come on a stick. But eat me too slowly, and I’ll do a quick trick. What am I? Answer: A popsicle

I buzz and I hum and I fly all around. In the summer, you’ll hear me; my wings make the sound. What am I? Answer: A bee

I’m made of sand, and I might have a moat. Build me near water, but I’m not a boat. What am I? Answer: A sandcastle

Riddles for 5th Grade Students
What has a heart that doesn’t beat?

Answer: An artichoke
What has a spine but no bones? Answer: A book

What has cities but no houses, forests but no trees, and rivers but no water? Answer: A map

Riddles for 4th Grade Students
The more you take away from me, the bigger I get. What am I?

Answer: A hole

I’m full of words, but I can’t speak. I’m full of knowledge, but I can’t think. What am I? Answer: A book

I fly without wings, I have a tail but no fur. I swim without fins, and I’m known to purr. What am I? Answer: A catfish!

I bear the weight of knowledge on my shoulders every day. You’ll find me full at dawn and lighter by the hallway. What am I? Answer: A backpack!

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