

Memory Lane

100 Years ago

In one of the most closely contested school elections in years in this city, {Phillip Wentz was elected as a director for a three-year term over Henry Billigmeier. The vote was for Wentz, 76, and for Billigmeier, 65. Fred Maas was elected treasurer with 91 votes

Two more new cars have been purchased here within the past week. Dam Schulz or south of the city, has a Chevrolet coupe and Christ Haux of northwest of town is driving a new Chevrolet landau.

Lightning did considerable damage to the Gottlieb Strobel home 4 miles northwest of Denhoff last Thursday when it struck the swelling knocking out one side of a room. The room was occupied by Gottlieb Strobel and his brother Emmanuel, both of whom escaped uninjured

Annie Wahl, with a year average of 96 S, is the winner of the \$5 gold piece given by C. P. Stone of Fargo to the student having the highest scholastic average this year. Miss Wahl was closely followed by Edna Berg, whose average was 95 S. Mary Weber was third with 94 S.

75 Years ago

Rev Orlo Wilbur Dircks, Ottawa, Kansas, died Saturday

afternoon of a heart attack while driving his car from Minneapolis to McClusky. He was found dead in his automobile about 3:15 p.m. Saturday by DeMott Rhoads of McClusky.

Rev Dirks apparently suffered a heart attack while driving over the Highway 7 detour between Goodrich and Denhoff, His automobile ran off the road and into a ditch filled with water, only the front end being partially submerged. County Coroner Alvin Berg said an inquest was not considered necessary.

With the 7th Infantry Division, U. S. Army, in Korea, Private Johnny Bohara, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Z Bohara, Mercer, ND, recently was awarded the Combat Infantry badge for exemplary performance of duty in ground combat against enemy in Korea.

He is fighting wit the 17th Infantry Regiment commanded by Wiliam W. (Buffalo Bill) Quinn.

His regiment participated in two amphibious landings and later spearheaded the United Nations Advance to the Manchuria border. Recently, the "Buffaloes" knifed through enemy resistance and secured the eastern end of the Hwachon Reservoir in North Korea during "Operation Rug-

ged." Bohara was inducted into the army last fall and wears the Korean Service medal in addition to the Combat Infantry badge.

50 Years ago

Patricia Stalnaker, Daimond, Ohio, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Froehlich of McClusky recently received notice from the Library of congress, Washington, D.C. that she is now qualified to transcribe the written word into Braille. The course involved nine months of intensive study followed by completion of a 38-page manuscript done entirely in Braille.

Weldon Wagner was elected as a new rural director of the McClusky School Board in Tuesday's school district election. Unofficial returns show that he defeated Marian Maguire 61 votes to 53. A total of 115 votes were cast. Roger Markovic, running unopposed as a city director, polled 95 votes. Lloyd Lauer received 11 write-in votes.

David Dick graduated from Mary College with a Bachelor of Science Degree, majoring in accounting and business administration. He is employed by Basin Electric, Bismarck. David is the son of Mrs. Emma Dick of McClusky

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voluntarily entered the danger area through a helicopter drop, so he could administer aid and evacuate the wounded. Armed with a rifle, pistol and medical bag, Pitsenbarger refused evacuation nine times while he helped others get to safety. He repeatedly collected and distributed ammunition to soldiers under fire. He continued assisting others, while fighting the enemy even after being wounded three times.

"Pits," as he was affectionately called by his friends, would fall in battle. He epitomized the motto of pararescue jumpers, which is quote: "These things we do...that others may live."- unquote.

His body was later found with his rifle in one hand, and his medical bag in the other. He was 21.

For his actions taken on April 11, 1966, William H. Pitsenbarger of Piqua, Ohio, was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor and promoted to staff sergeant.

The families started and children produced by those he rescued will always be Staff Sergeant Pitsenbarger's legacy.

He did, so others may live. It is an ethos shared by so many of America's fallen heroes.

From those who absorbed the blast of a grenade while saving their friends, to those who died rescuing crew from a sinking ship, we take this day to reflect on ordinary Americans exhibiting extraordinary valor.

To honor the legacy of the fallen, we should all commit to the freedom offered by the

greatest nation on earth. A land where patriotism eclipses politics, where the American Flag is displayed proudly and frequently and where military veterans are society's true celebrities.

We must NEVER forget the families of our fallen. Long after the battlefield guns have been silenced and the bombs stop exploding, the children of our fallen warriors will still be missing a parent. Spouses will be without their life partners. Parents will continue to grieve for their heroic sons and daughters that died way too early.

We need to be present for them, not just as members of The American Legion Family - but as American citizens. Nobody can replace these fallen heroes - especially in the eyes of their families - but we can offer shoulders to cry on, assistance with educational expenses and assurances that their loved one's sacrifice will not be forgotten.

There are many ways to honor the fallen. While we can still enjoy recreational activities over Memorial Day weekend, we take this moment - this special moment - to remember the price that was paid for us to enjoy our American way of life.

Remembering and honoring the legacies of those who didn't make it back is the true meaning of Memorial Day.

Let us remember that tyrannical regimes have been toppled and genocides stopped because Americans sacrificed life and limb. Let us remember that terrorist plots were foiled

and killers brought to justice because Americans were willing to pay a high price. Let us remember that without a U.S. military, the world would be a far more oppressive and darker place. Let us remember that freedom has no greater friend than the American soldier, sailor, airman, Marine, Coast Guardsman and Space Force Guardian.

The Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion charges our organization to "Preserve the memories and incidents of our association in all wars."

The true way to honor the fallen is to live in a way worthy of their sacrifice. That means strengthening our communities, helping our fellow veterans, supporting military families, and teaching the next generation what this day truly means.

We must tell their stories.

We must speak their names.

We must ensure that our children and grandchildren understand that the freedoms they inherit were paid for with courage, service, and sacrifice.

Abraham Lincoln said a nation that does not honor its heroes will not long endure. He was right. But we should also ask ourselves, would a nation that didn't honor its heroes be a nation in which we would want to live?

Your attendance here answers that question.

We are here for them.

Thank you, God Bless America, God Bless Our Veterans and God Bless our Gold Star Families.

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A copy of the Bid Document including specifications of windows can be requested by emailing Faye.Hagen@k12.nd.us, or by calling the office at 701-363-2470.

All bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "BID - Window Replacement".

Bids may be mailed to the office (PO Box 499) or dropped off in person.

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