

LOOKING BACK

BLAST FROM THE PAST

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25 YEARS AGO

Billy and Jeanne Corrin and 5-year-old sister Britany announce the arrival of their son and brother, Ladd William; 10 pounds, 11 ounces, 22 inches long, born today at Falls Memorial Hospital.

After 21 years as a U.S. Postal Service employee, Punk Wento, 62, is retiring.

40 YEARS AGO

A girl was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Donald LaValley.

Lt. and Mrs. Wayne Lindstrom, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, are parents of

a daughter, Kimberly Marie, born today.

Weatherman Ed Behrenbrinker retired today, ending a 33-year career predicting weather.

50 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Hilden, International Falls residents since 1934, were honored last Saturday at an anniversary dinner party at the Rex Hotel at 1:30 p.m. The occasion was the golden wedding anniversary of the couple.

Notice — On New Year's Day all of the M&O parking lots will be plowed out. It is requested that anybody

coming into the mill on New Year's Day park someplace other than the parking lots or leave their keys in the car.

Len Costley, Borderland's Paul Bunyan, celebrated his 77th birthday anniversary today with his family.

A girl was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Vacura; 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

60 YEARS AGO

A South International Falls serviceman, who would have been discharged from the Army Jan. 15 was fatally injured in a traffic accident today while

enroute home for a belated holiday furlough. The victim was Pfc. Donald Vold. He would have been 22 years old Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Piekarski, 1315 13th Ave., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Diana Margaret, to LeRoy Tveit, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Tveit, Roosevelt.

Kenneth Hultman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hultman, Jameson Addition, arrived home last Thursday afternoon following his discharge from the Air Force at Parks Air Force Base, San Francisco, Calif., on Dec. 29.

Len's Lunch, popular eating place at Third Avenue and 15th Street, is changing hands over the New Year's holiday. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Croasdale, owners of the cafe for eight years, announced they have sold the business to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Peterson, former Falls resident who spent the last several years in Alaska. Anderson Furniture Mart owns the building.

70 YEARS AGO

Mrs. C.G. Whitney and son, Arthur, left last night for Minneapolis, where Arthur will enroll as a student at the University of Min-

nesota.

Mrs. LaReine Hanzel, 817 Seventh St., entertained this evening at an informal party in honor of Miss Florence Zeipen's birthday.

Sgt. and Mrs. Leon Fuller (Dorothy Valentine) are parents of a son born today in Northern Minnesota Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hodgdon, 220 1/2 Fourth St., entertained four couples this evening at their home. Later in the evening the group attended the New Year's party at the Elks Hall.

Governor urges Minnesotans to take precautions to prevent influenza

Health officials offer tips and guidance to prevent the spread of influenza in Minnesota

DAYTON STAFF REPORT

Gov. Mark Dayton and Health Commissioner Dr. Ed Ehlinger urge Minnesotans to take precautions to prevent the spread of influenza in Minnesota. According to the Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota is currently experiencing one of the worst influenza seasons in recent memory, with 359 people hospitalized since October.

"I urge Minnesotans to be vigilant, and take all necessary precautions to protect themselves, their children, and their loved ones from the threat of

influenza," said Gov. Dayton. "We are taking this threat very seriously, and will continue doing everything possible to prevent the further spread of this illness in our classrooms and communities."

"Influenza can be a serious, life threatening illness for people of all ages," said Commissioner Ehlinger. "Every year in Minnesota we see serious illness and scores of deaths from influenza. This year's strain of influenza appears to be causing more severe illness than in the recent past. It's important that all Minnesotans take steps

to protect themselves and their loved ones and prevent the spread of influenza."

Preventing the Spread of Influenza

Gov. Dayton and Commissioner Ehlinger offered the following information and guidelines to Minnesotans on preventing the spread of influenza in Minnesota.

■ *Get Your Flu Shot* – The best way to prevent influenza is to get a flu shot



Gov. Mark Dayton

– and it is not too late; the influenza season typically lasts through the month of April in Minnesota. The Department of Health offers a simple online tool Minnesotans can use to find a clinic in their area to obtain a flu shot. Influenza vaccinations also may be given at other locations and times not listed on the vaccine finder tool. Check with your physician's office or regular walk-in clinic about getting vaccinated against the flu.

■ *Stay Home* – Stay home from work or school if you are sick. Avoid exposing yourself to others who are

sick with flu-like illness.

■ *Cover Your Cough* – Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue whenever you cough or sneeze. Then, throw the tissue away. If you do not have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your sleeve.

■ *Keep Clean* – Clean surfaces you touch frequently, such as door handles, water faucets, refrigerator handles, and telephones.

■ *Wash Your Hands* – Wash your hands often with soap and water, or with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available.

■ *Rest and Exercise* – Get

plenty of rest, physical activity, and eat healthy to stay healthy.

The symptoms of influenza, which tend to come on suddenly, can include a sore throat, coughing, fever, headache, muscle aches and fatigue. People who become severely ill with influenza-like symptoms should see a physician.

For more information about influenza, and how to prevent the spread of the flu in the home, workplace, school, or community, visit the Minnesota Department of health website at www.mdhflu.com.

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Social Security questions answered

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Q: Why is it so important that my baby have a Social Security number?
A: Your child may need a Social Security number if you are planning to open a bank account, buy savings bonds, obtain medical coverage, or apply for government services for the child. Your child will also need a Social Security number if you are going to declare him or her on your taxes. Getting a Social Security number for your newborn is voluntary, but it is a good idea to apply when your child is born. You can apply for a Social Security number for your baby when you apply for your baby's birth certificate. The state agency that issues birth certificates will give us your child's information and we will mail you a Social Security card with the child's Social Security number. Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber for more information.

Q: I am about to retire, but I still have a young child in my care. Will I receive additional benefits for the child I care for?
A: When you qualify for Social Security retirement benefits, your children may also qualify to receive benefits. Your eligible child can be your biological child, an adopted child, or a stepchild. In limited circumstances, you may also get benefits for a dependent grandchild. To receive benefits, your child must be: unmarried; under the age of 18; between 18 and 19 years old and a full-time student (no higher than grade 12); or 18 or older and disabled from a condition that started before age 22. Read more about planning for a disabled child's care at www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/yourchildren.htm.

Q: I suspect that someone I know is collecting Social Security disability benefits when they shouldn't be. What is the best way for me to report fraud?
A: Social Security has zero tolerance for fraud and uses many proven tactics to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse. Our Office of the Inspector General is relentless in its pursuit of people who conceal work activity while receiving disability benefits. We investigate and seek prosecution for people who receive benefits for a child or children who aren't under their care, or who fail to notify Social Security of the death of a beneficiary and continue to receive and cash checks of the deceased. We also depend on you to help stop fraud. Report fraud online at <http://oig.ssa.gov/report> or call the Social Security Fraud Hotline at 1-800-269-0271.

Q: I haven't received my Social Security Statement in the mail the last few years. Will I ever get one again?
A: In September 2014, Social Security resumed mailing Social Security Statements to workers ages 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, and 60 who aren't receiving Social Security benefits, and who don't have a my Social Security account. Rather than once every five years, those over age 60 will receive a Statement every year. Instead of waiting to receive a mailed Statement once every five years, people are encouraged to open a my Social Security account at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount so they can access their Statement online, anytime.

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