

# THIS DATE IN HISTORY

## EVENTS OF LOCAL INTEREST

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### 1919: 100 years ago...

**Andy Mike** of Garden City was in the city Wednesday on business. **Mr. and Mrs. E. Heyn** and **Mrs. J. H. Heyn** and two children autoed to Pipestone Minnesota Wednesday. **Miss Bernice Brand** of Marshall Minnesota is in the city for 2 weeks to fill a vacancy at the Western Union office here. **B. L. Hunt** of Aberdeen is in the city for a few days looking after business matters. **Mrs. William Bornitz** and daughter **Mabel** of Goodwin were shopping in town Wednesday. **Miss Katherine Easton** of Cass Lake Minnesota is making a several days with it at the **J. H. Nieshome**. **Mrs. C. F. Hagee** of Toronto spent Wednesday as a Watertown visitor. **Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Little** are the proud parents of a 7lb daughter born Tuesday. **Martin De Ville** was here on business Wednesday from Waverly.

### 1944: 75 years ago...

**Sgt. Allen Mitchell**, a former student and history teacher in Watertown high school, now stationed in Normandy, has sent **Supt. D.D. Miller** an interesting collection of leaflets and propaganda material that Allied armies have dropped over Normandy and Germany since the invasion started. One of the leaflets is the "Safe Conduct Pass," dropped over German lines. Printed in both German and English, the pass states, "The German soldier who carries this safe conduct pass is using it as a sign of his genuine wish to give himself up. He is to be disarmed, to be well looked after, to receive food and medical attention as required, and is to be removed from the danger zone as soon as possible." Other leaflets, printed in French, were "Urgent messages to the French people from the supreme commander of the Allied expeditionary forces," giving what to do directions to the French people, after the invasion started. They were warned not to encumber the roads, and to get their families out of the danger zones as quickly as possible."

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### 1979: 40 years ago...

The women's auxiliary to the Barracks No. 1950 of World War 1 veterans met at the Regional Library with **Mrs. Carletta Belatti**, president, in charge. General orders no. 10 from The Torch were read. A thank you letter from the Veteran's Administration at Sioux Falls was received. It was announced members are to keep a record of miles traveled in visiting nursing homes, shut-ins and helping in other ways. The birthday song was sung for **Barbara McNulty, Laura Miller** and **Hilda Hendrickson**. A get well card was sent to **Lena Johnson**. Following the meeting Mrs. Hendrickson invited the Barracks and auxiliary to her home for lunch. The next meeting will be August 21 at 1:30 p.m. at the Salvation Army Citadel.

### 2004: 15 years ago...

**Sheldon Powell** Watertown was recently awarded academic distinction scholarship at Northern State University. Applicants for this scholarship must have an ACT of 21 or above, rank in the top 33% of their graduating class and have a minimum High School GPA of 3.0 or above. Sheldon, is the son of **Bruce and Vicky Martin** and graduated from Watertown High School. His major is international business in German with double major in Psychology and coaching. **Jerod Kieso**, Watertown was recently awarded the Academic Distinction Scholarship at Northern State University. His major is management information systems with a minor in business.

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