

“What Happened this Week in History”

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1938

“First Showing of home Talent Play Opens Tonight’

Eighteen smiling little faces will appear on the stage tonight between the first and second acts of the play “Coast to Coast” as the close of the first part of the baby contest being conducted in connection with the home talent play given under the auspices of the Episcopal Guild.

After tonight the babies’ votes will be gathered up, the winners announced and presentation of prizes made at the second performance of the play tomorrow night.

Names of the contestants are: Marjorie Ward, Patty Nash, John Graveley, Myrna Kruse, Pauline Green, Roxy Blake, Peggy Davis, Marion Ellis, Grace Eleanor Olsen, Charlene Mahony, David Emmert, Don McCarthy, Jimmy Ross, Harold Hunter, George Graveley, Ethel Mae Tarrant, Marilyn Mockel and Shirley Ann Wallace.

Last week merchants were given a baby to sponsor. The child’s picture was placed on the placard to the stores and votes cast by placing a penny in a jar. A penny represents a vote and the first two receiving the greatest number of votes will be declared the winners, according to Miss Ruth Gardner, professional director. The money received in the jar will be used to purchase the prizes and defray the cost of the contest.

A very attractive window in the Lasby Drug Store decked up by Miss Marie Lasby is creating much interest in the contest.

The royalty play “Coast to Coast”, a musical comedy, is being put on by the following cast of Townsend people: Mrs. G.O. Lockwood, Joe Quist, Harry Anders, Chester Sutherland, Aletha Brisbin, Lowell Mires, Albert Olsen, Lawrence Gabisch, Merle Trumball, Ann Marie Zimmerman, Viola Walter, Pete Cartwright. The pianist is Mrs. Eunice Williams and Ruth Gardner is director.

1949

“Seniors to Present Comedy “O Promise Me””

Rehearsals are now in full swing for the Senior Class play, “Oh, Promise Me” the new three-act stage farce by Pete Williams, which will be presented Thursday evening, November 10 at 8:15 in the high school gymnasium.

Featured in the cast are the following seniors: Seth Miller, lawyer by Dick Bayles; Furber, a butler, Max Luna; Barry Hollis, a young millionaire by Ray Nydegger; Mrs. Sue Hollis, his aunt, by Romona Luna; June Hollis, his young sister by Alice Erickson; Kathleen, the cook by Alice Marie Miller; Ann Furber, a young actress by Betty Smith; Patsie Linden, a dancer by Billie Zimmerman; Mrs. Linden, her mother by Peggy Graveley; Gladys Vance, a dream girl by Sharley Williams; Ralph Saunders, a man with a purpose by Jacob Mitchel; Mrs. Jones, a young mother by Alice Erickson; Prompters are Betty White and Marlene Johnson.

Kenny Marcotte will act as stage manager with the rest of the class assisting.

Miss Campbell, Mr. Cusick and Mr. Reyner are faculty members in charge of production. They believe "Oh Promise Me!" is sure to prove one of the most successful plays ever presented in this community. Although it had its premier only last season, it has already established itself as one of the funniest farces I years, and is widely in demand for production throughout the country.

1955

"Much Pop and Many Prizes Feature Townsend's Youth Halloween Parties"

Monday was a big night in Townsend – a night when witches, spooks, big headed men and costumed creatures of all kinds danced and pranced at the eight parties prepared by the Townsend Rotary.

The Rotary wishes to thank all the organizations who helped.

At the high school the Mergenthaler Orchestra of Helena provided music from 9:00 until midnight. Before that hour the young people amused themselves with games and prizes were awarded Carol Cartwright - most original for the girls and Dannie Edwards for the boys; best Halloween - Binky Wallace and Judi Collins; prettiest - Carol Horne.

In the grades the following prizes were awarded: first grade: most original (candy cane) - Judy Stark; funniest (duck) - Richey Gill; funniest girl (witch) - Dorothy Doig; Halloween costume (witch) - Linda Damuth; prettiest (gypsy) - Kay Davis.

Second Grade: most original (pirate)- Timmie Hysell; funniest boy (tramp) - Brad Tarrant; girl (pumpkin - Barbara Gabisch; Halloween (ghost) - Lois Campbell; prettiest (fairy) - Laurie Lanning; most original (clown) - Gene Thompson; funniest boy (negro) - Joel Flynn; funniest girl - Connie Hysell; Halloween (ghost) - Donna Doig; prettiest - Cindie Holland.

Third grade: most original - Bert Tarrant; funniest boy - Terry Green; funniest girl - Linda Wallace; Halloween - Dick Nash; prettiest - Nancy Marks.

Fourth grade: most original - Douglas Arndt and Ray Ringer; funniest boy - Bill Goodwin and Chris Grover; funniest girl - Beverly Hahn and Mary Stiner; Halloween - Kathy Ouren and Richard Thompson; prettiest - Barbara Moudree and Sidney Sherwood.

Fifth grade: most original - Dixie Zindell; funniest – John Ulmer; funniest – Gloria Frhyling; Halloween – Mike Scoffield; prettiest – Judy McDonnell.

Sixth grade: most original – Jim Thompson; funniest boy – Bob McElwee; funniest girl – Paula Plymale; Halloween – Dean Massa/

At the pre-school party held at the Masonic Temple the flowing prizes were awarded:

Best Halloween – Jan and Keith Kirscher, cat and witch; ugliest – Marilyn Hardgrove – lion and David Evans - Donald Duck

Most Lady Like – Debbie Holland, Red Cross nurse; Most Gentleman like – Billie Specht as Davy Crocket; Most original – Carol Ann Geisser, Mark Geisser as Chinese twins; Prettiest – Cathy Ragen as Peter Pan and Russell Kipp as a rabbit.

One hundred and twelve children attended the party.

1966

"Rotary to Sponsor Film of Bobcat and Weber Game"

The Townsend Rotary Club is sponsoring the showing of a movie of the Bobcat-Weber football game. The movie will be shown at the legion Hall next Wednesday evening. The public is invited. The movie will be shown by Bobcat head coach, Jim Sweeney.

This is the game which ended in a heated fashion and created a lot of interest around these parts. If you are interested in football, they say you should see this film.

“Ted Ulmer Has Supporting Role”

Ted Ulmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ulmer will have the supporting role in the comedy “Tartuffe”, which will be presented in the theatre spot Saturday evening at 8:00 o’clock at the Montana State University in Bozeman. The University of Montana was honored to have the prime time of the Rocky Mountain Theatre Conference which is being held on campus in Bozeman this week.

Ted, a junior at the University of Montana in Missoula, is majoring in drama and is assistant costumer for the drama school. He is a graduate of Broadwater County High School, class of 1964 and was very active in all the plays and local shows. Mrs. Ulmer plans to attend the presentation Saturday evening.

“Bulldog JV Team Finishes Season with 6 Win Record”

The Townsend Junior Varsity football squad has completed a tough six game schedule this season and were undefeated. From all appearances a wealth of good material is being developed for future years.

Coach Rich Steadman was extremely successful in building a real desire to win into the boys. The six-game schedule has allowed the younger boys to gain an unusual amount of experience which will prove to be invaluable for future varsity play.

Members of the squad were: Juniors – Dale Antonich, Tim Evans and Dave Cameron; Sophomores – Tim Ragen, Dan Cameron, Warren Hysell, Scott Whaley, Tom Hohn, Tom Perry, Cleve Harrigfeld, Jack Jepson, John Boster, Greg Toney, George Lampman, and John Rains; Freshmen – Gary Richtmyer, Lary Richtmyer, Vic Sample, Robbie Ulmer, Carl Sherwood, Gary Adams, Marty Leanheart, John Flynn, Ted Baker, Scott Davis and Keith Kirscher.