

“What Happened this Week in History”

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1938

“Senior Class Pleases Large Audience by Amateur Play”

When a Townsend audience gives a home talent cast a curtain call that is news. Last Friday night in the high school gymnasium one of the largest audiences to ever attend a high school production enjoyed to the fullest the dramatic accomplishments of the senior class when they presented the play “Junior Sees it Through”, by Herbert L. McNary.

Jack Huth, playing the role of Junior, starred the show. Kenneth Biggs as Pa Harbeck and Kate Berberet as Grandma Harbeck were also strong supporters of a good cast and the parts played by Eddie D’Arcy as George and Lorraine Hancock as Lynda could be ranked in the star group. Others in the cast were Marilyn Clark who took the part of Mrs. Harbeck; Florence Pennington as Esther May Matthews; Joe Gabisch as Howard Randall; Marilyn Myers as Miss Reynolds; Jack Horne as Morris Shulerman; and Bill Ridgeway as Judge Thatcher.

The personnel of the play staff were: prompter, Betty Kieckbusch; property manager, Dorothy Blakely; lighting, Bill Clopton; stage manager, Bill Biggs and Geo. Gabisch; publicity manager, Jack Horne; programs, Irene Feldt, Betty Kieckbusch and Helen Kruse.

1949

“Canyon Ferry Cemetery Being Moved”

Two public hearings regarding movement of graves from Beaver Creek and Canyon Ferry cemeteries, both within the reservoir area of the new dam were conducted at Townsend and Helena recently by the Bureau of Reclamation.

The nearest relatives of the dead have been, wherever possible, contacted and given a choice of locations to where the graves will be moved. The Bureau is moving the graves to either Helena, Townsend or Winston Cemeteries without charge.

As the Canyon Ferry cemetery will not be inundated, but will be on an island in the lake, relatives were given an option of leaving the grave at the present location, but they were required to sign a waiver alleviating government from any obligation of providing transportation from the shore to the grave,

The Beaver Creek cemetery will be completely flooded and all of the graves will be moved to new sites.

The unmarked graves, many of which are found at Canyon Ferry, will be moved to a plot in the old A section, originally established as Placer cemetery near Winston a resting place for dead miners, has been purchased from the county for that purpose.

According to some of the early day residents of the area, many of the unmarked graves at Canyon Ferry were those of victims of the famed claim jumper war in Cave Gulch in the early days.

However, many were marked with wooden slabs, but time has erased the markings or the boards have been carried away leaving the mound undesignated.

The 50 odd graves at Canyon Ferry include many names which are synonymous with the pioneer area. Family names, often duplicated on the headstones include Nolan, Harris, Dwyer, Gustafson, Hoffer, Aastrup, Cassidy, Conable, Williams, Maloney, Angel and Dotosn.

1955

“Legion and Auxiliary Joined by Rex Theater and Woman’s Club in Community Christmas Activities”

The annual kiddies’ Christmas tree and treats sponsored by the Broadwater Post 42 American Legion will be an event of Friday afternoon, December 23rd. The treats are given at the Rex Theater where Ben and Jack Sautter will give the kid of the community a free Christmas show, a program, that has become traditional, since it has been in progress since World War I for about 25 years.

All school children and preschool children in the county are invited. There will be three shows to take care of the entire group, pre-school at 11:00 a.m.; grade school at 1:00 p.m. and high school at 2:30 p, according to the Rex management.

Both the Legion and Auxiliary are ready and waiting to start out with their full sleigh of toys, baskets and gifts to help make a Merry Christmas at home and to the Vets at Fort Henry Harrison.

The Auxiliary will remember their adopted boy at Miles City and have sent a generous check to the committee for the gift table at the Fort. The large box of gifts wrapped by the Townsend Woman’s Club and the beautiful toys returned from Deer Lodge will help the Legion and Auxiliary in the Santa program.

1966

“Due to Efforts of Pete Cartwright Yellowstone Boys Ranch Gets Calves”

Twenty-one calves were loaded out for the Yellowstone Boys Ranch at Billings last Friday. This is only part of the total that will eventually be given to the boys ranch to be fed out and sold and also for food. Pete Cartwright has been contacting ranchers for several weeks lining up calves to be donated. He expects six or seven more will be sent to the ranch. The boys ranch will accept any calf as long as it is healthy. The extra care that can be given to a calf that may be blind is no problem and the calves that would not do good in a large bunch will do well with the extra attention. However, most of the calves loaded out last week were good big healthy calves.

Following is a list of ranchers who have given a calf or intends to give one: Hubert Plymale, Wayne and Laird Plymale, Harold Marks, Bill Diehl, Charlie and Robert Masolo, W.D. Williams, John Williams, D.D. Davis, Robert Harris and Al Grandchamp, Phil Whaley, Larry and Dan Sullivan, Albert and Bill Kimpton, Hunsaker Brothers, B & L and Townsend Cattle Co., Mrs. Louise Rankin, Perry and Jed Stanfill and Pete Cartwright.

Buck Anderson (CA Ranch), Three Forks; George Sinton, Manhattan; Mike Quinn, Boulder; Brian O’Connell, Helena; Harry Brainard, Manhattan; Jim Keith White Sulphur Springs and Jim Tew, White Sulphur Springs.

Pete has taken quite an interest in the Boys Ranch at Billings and was instrumental in a similar project a few years ago. He asks any ranchers that may have an extra calf and wishes to give it to a worthy cause to contact him and he will see that it gets to Billings.

