

“What Happened this Week in History”

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1903

“Radersburg Items”

Will Duff and a man by the name of Walters had a very close call at the Blacker mine Sunday night. As Will Duff was pushing a car of ore toward the shaft and was within about 20 feet of the mouth, 50 sticks of giant powder, which were being thawed at the bottom, exploded knocking him down and rendering him unconscious for a short space of time. His hat was blown from his head and twisted all out of shape, while his ear drums were nearly burst by the force of the explosion. Mr. Walters, who was a short distance behind Duff, was thrown down and his face bruised, otherwise he was uninjured, though his watch was blown from his pocket and hung by the chain when he came out. Like most other serious matters there were some ludicrous incidents happened. For instance a man who was farther down the tunnel and not injured at all by the explosion, became bewildered and in trying to make his escape ran full tilt into a solid rock wall instead of out of the exit as he expected. The steel bucket weighing 500 pounds, hanging in the shaft was literally blown to pieces and (according to the engineer who judged by the slack in the cable) must have been blown 30 feet high.

1925

“Local News”

Mrs. John Freeser is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Gene McCarthy and family this week, having come from her home in Two Dot ten days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Hardy and two daughters were Helena visitors Friday afternoon enjoying the movie “Uncle Tom’s Cabin”.

Mrs. Wm. George and Mrs. W.K. Parker spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Townsend visiting Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Neild and family.

Mrs. Mahony of the valley spent Wednesday in Townsend.

Fred Schmitz motored to Helena Monday of this week and was accompanied by Mrs. W.D. McCormick, who visited her daughter Mrs. Fred Averill and family for the day.

J.S. Connors greeted friends in Townsend Tuesday morning having been away for a week at Alhambra Hot Springs.

“Toston News”

Chas. Watkins was a business visitor in Townsend Friday.

Mrs. Stubblefield went to Helena Thursday to accompany Mr. Stubblefield home from the hospital where he has been for treatment.

The Toston orchestra played for the dance at the Kimpton school house Saturday night. All report a good time.

Mrs. Otto Anderson and Mrs. Harry Mackey left for Butte, where they will visit for a few days with the former's daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Hob Lorentz.

Bish Williams and wife were up from Townsend Sunday for a visit at the Winslow Williams home.

1953

“10th Birthday Celebration for Carol Horne”

Carol Horne was ten years old February 1st. On the preceding Saturday at the Methodist Youth Center she was hostess to a Valentine party in observance of the event to the following little friends: Beth Thompson, Helen Braley, Darel Johnson, Madelene Massa, Robbin Alley, Wendy Williams, Patsy Kelly, Cathy and Linda Bucy, Caroline Cartwright, Donna Fell, Carol Campell, Martha Marks, Phyllis Nield, Bonnie Marcotte, Helen Damuth, Billie Hugulet, Niel Stewart, Gary Myers, Douglas Head and Dean Massa.

In games played the winners were Helen Braley, Dean Massa, Carol Horne and Robbin Alley.

Pink and white favors were used and each guest had an individual cake lighted while the big cake centered the table.

“Local News”

Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Ragen, Mrs. Robert Kapiinos and Mrs. James Ragen motored to big Timber Thursday for a day's visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. Schneider and family.

Airman 3/C “Doc” Kieckbusch of Topeka, Kan. Arrived in Townsend Sunday to spend a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kieckbusch, and his brothers Don and Larry.

Claud Cartwright and daughter, Sherry, and George Kapinos motored to Dillon Friday for a brief visit. On their return they were accompanied by Mary Ann and Bobby Kapinos, who will visit here for a few days before returning with their parents to their home in Seattle.

Mrs. William Duehr and daughter, Sue, motored to Bozeman Thursday for a day's visit with friends.

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“Toston Briefs”

Jema and Scott Miller and Jema's roommates, Diann Johnston and Sandy Jeff, all students at Rick's College, Rexburg, Idaho were weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Miller and Family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Flynn attended the Townsend-Manhattan game at Manhattan Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bieber Jr. and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bieber Sr. and family.

Mrs. Gladys Van Vliet and Vicki of Butte and Mr. and Mrs. Murrill Finch and Heather of Helena visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Plummer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Johnson and Patti, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rauser and family and Steve Berberet were among toston people attending the Winter Fair in Bozeman Saturday and Sunday.

A birthday party was held in honor of Franklin Slifka Friday evening. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Ken Witman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slifka, Mrs. Gladys Johnson, Mrs. Jean Johnson, Mrs. Harry Johnson. Mrs. Vera Quinn and Mr. and Mrs. Cleon Cass.