

“What Happened this Week in History”

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“Jack Horne Leads in Contest for Pest and Rodent Control”

This is how the rodent and pest control contestants stand at this time according to reports received at the county agent's office. Contestants are reminded that this year's contest closes on Oct. 15 so that not much time remains to build up more points. A check of \$20.00 has already been received from the State Fish and Game Commission to pay their part of the prize money.

The names and the points of the contestants follows:

Jack Horne – 8310 points; Bennie Webb – 6620; Douglas Christie – 6225; Thos. Ellis – 6000; Geo. Hough, Jr. – 5400; Joe Kirscher – 4905; Marion Ostle – 4545; Eddie Daniels – 4280; Donald Shearer – 3600; Mary Sue Spangler – 3140; Connie Mannix – 2910; Aubie Smith – 2985; Delores Perkins – 2320; Jack Bridgewater – 1895; John Lynch – 1890; Ernest Miller – 1080; Robert Mathew – 990; Wayne Perkins – 950; John O'Dell – 490; Harley Moody – 160; Tom Sarman – 160.

“Personal Happenings”

T.E. Connors departed the later part of the week for Seattle to meet his sister, Miss Mary, who is just returning from a cruise to Alaska and another sister, Mrs. Bonar Russel, who is enroute to Montana for a visit from her home in Hollywood. They are expected to arrive here Saturday.

Miss Ossia Taylor and Miss Hazel Thomas are spending the week in Glacier Park, according to word received by friends here and will be back in Townsend the first of the month to take up teaching positions again in the city schools.

Mrs. A.V. Safley returned to Townsend Saturday from Seaside, Oregon where she had been enjoying the healthful salt seawater and vacationing on the coast.

Paul Ragen left Wednesday for Missoula with the Ragen Bros. string of race horses and from there they will be taken to Spokane.

Louis Green returned the latter part of the week from Portland where he had attended a family reunion having not visited at his old home for 25 years. He made the trip by plane, reporting a fine trip, but states that Montana looks better than any place else and that Townsend and surrounding country is a finer place than the rest of Montana.

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“First Flight”

Naval Aviation Cadet Bradley C. White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert G. White of Townsend, made his first solo flight in a jet aircraft, July 17 while undergoing basic jet flight instruction with Training Squadron Nine at McCain Field Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Meridan, Miss.

He made this memorable flight in a North American “Buckeye” jet trainer after having flown some 18 hours of dual instruction. Basic jet training is composed of 90 hours of flight

experience in the “Buckeye” and 200 hours of academic instruction in aircraft engineering, meteorology, navigation and leadership.

Before being transferred to his present base, young White was stationed at the U.S. Naval Air Base Training Command at Pensacola, Florida where he was honored by being selected from a group of 342 candidates as “Student of the Week” for the week of May 6. His commanding officer, R.E. Orcutt, stated “in recognition of his outstanding performance of duty in flight, academic and military areas of training as a student naval aviator, primary phase basic training,” he earned the above honor.

“Working Bee at Rodeo Grounds”

Officials of Broadwater Rodeo and Fair Association were gratified beyond words Sunday when so many people turned out to assist with finishing up the grandstand and corrals. It is estimated that over 100 people were there during the day, and about everything was completed.

The CowBelles have the thanks of all the Association members for the fine breakfast served. Many people who had never been out to the rodeo grounds looked it over and were amazed at the amount of work that has gone into the plant and were surprised that it is so well built.

A corps of women and children spread over six gallons of paint covering seats in the grandstand and painting the backboards. Frank Blaisdell, president of the Association, asked the “Star” to extend their thanks to all who contributed in any way to the fine work day.

“Everything is Set for Big Rodeo Saturday – Sunday”

The grandstand, arena, pens, chutes, announcer’s stand are all complete and everything is ready for a big show at the rodeo and fair grounds. Mike Quinn of Boulder is trailing his rodeo stock across the mountain today and Townsend’s first rodeo in years will get off to a big start Saturday with another fine show Sunday. For particulars of events see the add on another page of the “Star”.

Announcing the shows will be Eddie Shipman of Ennis. Pickup men will be Carl Holt of Ennis and Allen Woosley of Wilsall. Up to last night 64 entries had been received and officials expect many more before closing time.

In addition to the regular events there will be a kid’s calf riding contest for youngsters 10 to 15 years old (boys or girls) and a cow riding contest each day by the Jaycees. Those entering the calf riding must sign up at the Town Talk before Friday night. (Parents must sign.)

Bill Berberet and Tom McNulty, parade chairmen, report a large number of entries for the Saturday parade which will start at the depot at 10:30 sharp. A special invitation has been extended to all old timers to participate and all who can are asked to wear Centennial dress. In addition to the traditional cowboys and girls, there will be floats, old autos, horsedrawn carriages and novelty acts. A special prize will be given for the best entry in the cowboy category for small children.

The rodeo will get under way at 2:00 p.m. sharp each day and will go through, rain or shine.

“New Cashier for Montana Power”

The Helena office of Montana Power has appointed Mrs. J. Garrison Rains as successor to Mrs. Marguerite Petersen as cashier for the Townsend office of the company. Mrs. Petersen will retire as of October 1.

Mrs. Rains will start working Friday with Marguerite for training until she takes over in October.