

“What Happened this Week in History”

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“Personal Happenings”

Miss Jean Graveley has been very ill at St. John’s Hospital in Helena. Her mother, Mrs. Gordon Graveley, is with her.

Among Townsend visitors attending the North Montana Fair at Great Falls this week were: Mrs. D.S. Buisson, Mr. and Ms. J.S. Connors and Miss Josephine Connors, Mrs. Paul Ragen, Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Ragen, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. M.B. Ness.

A very pleasant feature of the week’s social events was a social meeting of St. John’s Episcopal Guild at the home of Mrs. Burton Thompson on Deep Creek Monday afternoon. Five sets played auction bridge while others visited. Mrs. M. Taffner was high scorer and Mrs. Al Schwab was low. Mrs. L.G. Ballard assisted Mrs. Thompson in serving a most delicious lunch at the close of the afternoon.

Mrs. Julia Albright of Helena paid Townsend a visit Tuesday of this week. This was the first time Mrs. Albright, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Reynolds, had visited Townsend in many years. Her father was the first manager of the Townsend Hotel and went from Townsend to Winston where he operated a ranch successfully until his death. Mrs. Reynolds passed away a few weeks ago and Mrs. Albright attended the proving of the will in the district court here.

The Sterrett building being constructed at present has the coat of stucco applied to the exterior and Contractor Domhold is placing the wall and ceiling finishing at the present time.

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“Beginning of the End”

This is the beginning of the end for the old Holy Cross Church which was razed two weeks ago by Glenn Perry. This landmark in Townsend since 1902 will be missed by many residents, especially old timers of the area. It was started during the pastorate of Rev. Francis O’Farrell, the first resident priest in Townsend in 1902, and dedicated Oct. 16, 1903 by Bishop John B. Brondel, first bishop of the Helena Diocese. Architects and contractors were Dan and Ed MacRae, brothers of the late Mrs. Thos. Swift and Mrs. Mike Gurnett. The plastering and masonry were done by Joseph Blessing, half-brother of W.J. Hayes, long a prominent resident of Townsend. An unusual fact, according to Mrs. Wm. Gaab who furnished this history, was that a member of the first confirmation class by Bishop Brondel now lives across the street from the church, namely, Will Sherlock, now 94 years. Old. Funds for the building were furnished through the generosity, sacrifice and industry of the congregation and money earned by activities of the parish ladies.

“Local News”

Mr. and Mrs. Don Lewis and children spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs.. Jim Norwood and attended the Last Chance Stampede.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Davis met his sister, Mrs. Doris Anderson of Lewistown at the head of the Judith River Sunday for a picnic. Their daughter, Candy, who had been visiting in Lewistown, returned to Townsend with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Del Wallace are spending a week in Tacoma, Wash. Visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnson, daughter, Gail, and Susan Geisser, and Mr. and Mrs. Logan Davis, son, Lance, and Fred Noyd, spent the weekend at Jackson Montana.

Miss Terry Sullivan left last week for a two weeks vacation in Elko, Nevada.