

## **What Happened this Week in History”**

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**August 20**

**1903**

### **“A Beautiful Service”**

#### **“The New Catholic Church in Townsend Dedicated to the Worship of God”**

Note: This is a very lengthy article, but following are the first few paragraphs.

Sunday last will ever be remembered as an interesting day for the Catholics in this town and valley, and its records form a bright chapter in the history of the church of that denomination. In the forenoon a procession of young men at least 40 strong on horseback acted as advance guard to the Bishop and priests, who attended church at Canton. In the evening at 7:30, exercises of great importance to the church at this place began.

With solemn ceremony and ritual the new Catholic church of town was dedicated on Sunday last to the worship of God by Bishop Brondel of Helena. A very large congregation that numbered over 400 came to be present at the dedicatory ceremony.

### **“Local News”**

On Thursday morning of this week ground was broken for a new brick building, intended for a printing office. The dangers of fire in the present locality of the Star office renders it almost imperative to move the plant. While we can ill afford to build at the present time, we can less afford to take chances on our machinery going up in smoke. There is very little in a printing office that can be moved in case of fire. Insurance on our plant at 5 percent will pay interest on the cost of a fire proof building large enough for our requirements. We hope to be moved and ready to do business in our new quarters by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. J.P. Hardy last week secured 21 gallons of huckleberries. This is either evidence of the prolific yield of that fruit this season or that she found an exceptionally good patch.

F.T. McCormick has concluded to revolutionize the postal service from Townsend to some of the rural places. He says: “Men are scarce” and he can’t afford to risk the chance of a sunstroke by venturing out in the day time so he has about concluded to make night trips. Of course, if the weather man gets wind of these

revolutionizing schemes Fick's troubles will end. The atmosphere will be cooled and Uncle Sam's business move in the same old rut.

## **1925**

### **"Local News"**

Miss Mary Whaley arrived in Townsend on Thursday from her nurses training in Billings and will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Whaley, in the valley for a short time.

Mrs. Tom Williams and daughter, Miss Dolly, were callers in Townsend from their home near Radersburg on Saturday.

There will be a dance in Radersburg on Saturday evening, August 20<sup>th</sup> given by "the Merry-Makers orchestra".

Mrs. Gene McCarthy and children returned to Townsend on Sunday evening after an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Freezer of Two Dot.

Miss Gladys Noble returned to her home at Johnson after attending the summer school at the State Normal.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. E. Ward departed on Sunday overland in their Buick car for a trip to the Flathead and other points west. Ray Ward has charge of the management of the Townsend Garage during the absence of Jim.

Dance at Glenwood August 29 at the enclosed pavilion. Music by "the Harmony Kids". six piece orchestra of Toston. Dance tickets including supper \$1.50.

## **1953**

### **"Radersburg News"**

Mrs. Estella Knight was a busy woman last week, conducting business in Townsend Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Harris and children and Mr. and Mrs. Lan Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Seaman and children took a Sunday drive, going to see Frontier Town of which they had heard so much.

Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Williams and Cathy of Blackfoot, Idaho spent the week end here with Mr. and Mrs. John Williams and Tommy.

Mary Grandchamp's birthday was celebrated yesterday (Monday) with dinner at the home of Annabelle Doughty and a surprise party in the evening by a group of friends.

Mrs. Jack Ralls and children and Mrs. Annabelle Doughty were business callers in Townsend Saturday.

## **1970**

### **"Local News"**

Gene Cook was surprised Friday evening when several couples arrived at their home honoring him on his birthday. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Diehl and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Vesly, Mr. and Mrs. Art Ellis, Bonnie Holling, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Colby, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Campbell and granddaughter, Miss Carla Hawley and Mrs. Cook, the hostess, who served a delicious chicken dinner.

Hiking into Hidden Lake and Lake Grace in Birch Creek Basin for an overnight campout and fishing last Wednesday were Joe Davey and two boys, Joe and Ryan, of Carmichael, Calif., Troy Helmick and two boys, Dean and Brent, Bill Kearns, Wayne Mathis and Vic Vesely.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Carson and family of Thousand Oaks, Calif. visited a week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carson, and at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Turcotte.