

“What Happened this Week in History”

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1939

“Local Briefs”

Miss Wilma Houston, who has been working on the R.R. Kimpton Ranch is home to get ready for the opening of school.

Joseph J. Davey arrived here the latter part of the week from Spokane and is enjoying a vacation with his wife and family before they all return to Spokane and their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Hooks presided over a cabin party at their summer home on Deep Creek Sunday evening, thirty-five guests enjoyed a buffet supper under the trees in the garden across the creek from the cabin. For entertainment a horse-shoe tournament out of doors and bridge and other card games indoors were provided. Mr. and Mrs. Hooks will close their cabin for the summer this week.

Pat Hooks spent the weekend in Willow Creek visiting his grandmamma, Mrs. Wm. Carpenter, and his aunt, Rena Thompson.

Mrs. Al Dance and daughter, Katherine, and Ms. Elmer Boeh returned home the latter part of the week after having enjoyed a vacation trip to the San Francisco fair.

1950

“Townsend News”

John Schwisow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schwisow, was five years old Saturday and to celebrate the occasion was host to a group of his young friends at an afternoon party from 2 to 5 o'clock. A peanut hunt and various other games were enjoyed after which refreshments were served. A circus motif was used, the table centered with a large clown, from which paper streamers were run to each place setting, at the end of which were balloons and paper hats individually monogrammed with the guests' names. The cake with five lighted candles, was decorated as a “big top” with animal candle holders. Guests were Joanne Duffy, Davey Kearns, Carol Engler, Gloria Fryhling, Kenny Sears, Bert Tarrant, Paul, Richard and Linda Schwisow.

On August 22 Phyllis Neild was seven years old and to celebrate the occasion her mother, Mrs. Ed Neild served cake and ice cream with decorations in pink and white to the following school mates: Laura Jean Maynard, Beth Thompson, Sally McClure, Donna Merritt, Martha Marks and Wendy Williams together with Phyllis' sisters as guests.

On Monday, the 28th, Edwina Neild was four years old. Her guests were Carol Antonetti, Laura Plymale, Michael Plymale, Beverly Merritt, Dennis Merritt, John Marks and Edwina's sisters, Barbara, Marcia and Phyllis. The same refreshments were served and the same favors were used for Edwina's party as was used for Phyllis'. The setting for each occasion was the spacious lawn.

1961

“County Delegates Show up Well at 4-H Congress”

Four members of the Broadwater County 4-H Clubs represented the county at the 4-H Club Congress in Bozeman last week. Members were Elaine Sandon, Kathleen Iverson, Jim Webb and John Marks.

Each member participated in various activities at Congress, as well as competing in the judging and demonstration contests. In the competition the following ribbons were won: Kathy Iverson, blue demonstrations; Elaine Sandon, blue in demonstrations, white in livestock judging; Jim Webb, blue in demonstrations, red in livestock judging; John Marks, red in demonstrations and red in livestock judging.

Kathy Iverson also won this county's delegate in junior leadership, taking part in the activities designed to help them to be better leaders in their clubs and communities.

Jim Webb acted as master of ceremonies at the main banquet. He did a splendid job. He stated after the banquet, that this was one of the outstanding events in his life up to this point. By having this honor, Jim met many important people that most of us only hear and read about in the paper.

Each of the members have expressed gratitude to their sponsors, the Broadwater County Farm Bureau, State Bank of Townsend and Teslow, Inc.

Mrs. Earl Webb was chaperone for the girls and Wayne Gibson for the boys. Mrs. Webb served on the evaluation committee which is sometimes called "the eyes and ears of 4-H Congress". This committee has the responsibility of seeing that future Congresses are improved by correcting the mistakes and weaknesses which occur at the Congress.

We are proud of our delegates and would like to invite any group, whether it is 4-H or not, to have these members speak at one of their meetings.

1967

"Local News"

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tidyman and three children of Sacramento, Calif., were overnight guests last Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carson. Mr. Tidyman is a nephew of Mr. Carson. Mrs. Tidyman is a neice of Mrs. Paul Green, whom they also visited.

Mrs. J. Clifford Wallace of Stevensville and her daughter and grandson, Mrs. Kenny Roberts and son, David, of Missoula were weekend visitors with Mrs. Mary Thompson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Watterson and children were weekend visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnson in Bozeman.

Miss Candy Davis of Coeur d'Alene is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Hank Walker and family.

Mrs. Virgil Karhoff, son, Russell and Don Cazier flew to Denver last week. Russell, student pilot, flew the plane with his instructor, Mr. Cazier. They visited Mrs. Gary Gibson and family in Granby Colo. Mrs. Gibson is the former Mona Karhoff.

1978

"Boulder Bar Cemetery Receives Lift"

Work and pleasure were combined on August 28 when five members of the historical Society Board and their wives or husbands met to work at the Boulder Bar Cemetery. Sounds of chain saws and hammers broke the quiet of the timbered bar as the fence around the cemetery was repaired, a gate constructed and a large wind fallen tree was removed. A sign routed out by

Jess Campbell was mounted at the entry to recognize the final resting place as Boulder Bar Cemetery”.

At work were Laird and Eva Plymale, Jess and Rose Campbell, Earl and Pauline Webb, DeVon and Barbara Domer, and Frank and Rose Flynn. They had been joined for potluck at Flynn’s place on Clear Creek by Grace Hollaway and Hale Snyder.

The Boulder Bar or Graveyard Bar Cemetery, now on private property, served Diamond City and Confederate Gulch in the heyday of gold mining. It was used first in 1866 and as recently as 1905. A scholarly miner, Chauncey Wood, often “read words” from the Bible over the deceased. Chauncey and, before him, Gov. W.H. Vance, kept a record of the people buried on the Bar.

Recorded were sixty-five or seventy burials. However, names were often omitted. Those known to have been buried there were M. A. Spiegel 1868, Fanny’s Babe 1866, Thomas Cooper 1886, John Vogel 1895, B.J. Snelling, Stephen Watson 1879, John Buckingham 1899, Grace Buckingham 1903, Emily Nissis Buckingham, Davey Baby, Minnie Christie 1899, John Christie, Pat Gillian 1892, Gov. W.H. Vance 1899, Baby Boy Piper 1903, James Kinney 1905 and Margret Smith 1880.

Al Yerdun, cabinet and miner, made the ornate Spiegel marker and built a fence around the cemetery, tending it until his death in the 1920s.