

“What Happened this Week in History”

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1902

“Local News”

Mrs. VanVoast has completed a very fine selection of Broadwater county views. She has them in book form or by single card. Don't fail to see them.

A.C. Carson advertises a fine line of robes, blankets and all kinds of leather goods. Call and look his stock over.

Joseph Woods of Eagle Gulch was in town a few days this week.

On December 31st, Winston is to have a Grand Masquerade ball. This diversion will be given by some of the young men of that place and will no doubt be a hummer. Music will be furnished by the Broadwater orchestra and is sure to be as good as that place has ever had. The Durnen Hotel will furnish the supper and if anyone goes away hungry, report to headquarters and draw down the price. D.J. Lane will be general director. William Robbins, W.S. Williams and George Balentine will manage the floor. C.E. Henneberg and George Mires will arrange for your comfort in a true western manner, while H.E. Johnson, George Lambert and W.S. Dodge will receive you in Metropolitan style. You can't afford to miss it.

1941

“The U.S. Is at War With Japan, Germany & Italy”

War was declared on Japan by the United States Monday following an unexpected attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii Sunday and similar attacks on other United States possessions in the pacific. Japan declared war on the U.S. three hours after the surprise attacks.

A declaration of war has been declared upon the United States by Germany and Italy this morning and Congress this morning declared war on these two axis powers.

The senate vote of 82-0 and the house vote of 388-1 told their own story of unity in the face of common danger. The speed with which the two chambers granted President Roosevelt's request for a declaration was unprecedented.

The single adverse house vote was that of Miss Jeannette Rankin, Republican congresswoman from Montana, who was among the few who voted against the 1917 declaration of war on Germany.

“Home Boys at Wake Island Believed to be Safe Yet”

News from Wake Island is the news that the majority of locals is anxiously trying to pickup up by radio or other means. The first authentic news and perhaps the only reports that can be forthcoming for a week or two came last night when the Philippine clipper piloted by J.H. Hamilton landed in San Francisco. The clipper was turned back on its flight to Singapore last Sunday by radio warnings and landed at Wake just a short time before the bombing commenced at the hand of the Japs.

The clipper rescued the Pan American personnel and arrived safely home last night with nine aboard bringing the first authentic news of the first raid. Damage done as reported was the burning of the hotel and some of the government buildings. However, it is a well established fact that adequate cellar shelters against bombing have given the men who are working there protection and relatives feel they are safe for the present at least.

1958

“Winston News”

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Diehl returned home from California on Wednesday, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Morgan of Seattle. Their itinerary included a visit to Disneyland, Knott’s Berry Farm, and Hollywood where they saw the Lawrence Welk show. On their return trip they visited some of the fabulous nite spots in Las Vegas. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lemon in Salt Lake City and took a tour of Temple Square. The Morgans departed for Seattle Saturday.

“Radersburg News”

Charles Masolo of Winston was a business visitor in Radersburg Tuesday.

Mrs. Bud Harris and Mrs. Geo. Harris entertained at a birthday dinner Sunday for their mother, Mrs. O.J. Allen and Mrs. Rita Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Harris. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. O.J. Allen and son, Harry, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Harris and family and Mrs. And Mrs. Bud Harris and family and Miss Colleen Siebold of Townsend.

“Service of Admission for Girls Friendly Society”

The Service of Admission for the Girls Friendly Society was held on Monday evening, Dec. 8, in St. John’s Episcopal Church. The Rev. Ralph Krohn conducted the ceremonies.

The Junior group was presented by Mrs. Wm. McElwee who is their leader. The girls are Dorothy and Donna Doig, Cynda Holland, Marcia Lots, Vicki Huth, Susan Aldworth, Lynn Meyer, Candy Davis, Trudy Buck, Susan Rains, Linda Damuth and Mary Ellishag. Their assistant leader is Mrs. John Schreiner.

The Senior group was presented by their assistant leader, Mrs. Don Hollaway. They are Donna Fogland, Deena Hollaway, Sydney Sherwood, Mary Lee Etzwiler, Coy Jane Damuth and Sharon Rains. Mrs. D.W. Neifert leads this group.

Members of St. Mary's Guild who were admitted as Associate Members are Mrs. Wm. McElwee, Mrs. Clint Holland, Mrs. Geo. Damuth, Mrs. Geo. Krohn, Mrs. Geo. Lots, Mrs. Garrison Rains, Mrs. Lyman Etzwiler, Mrs. Wally Rauser, Mrs. Clarence Fisher, Mrs. Don Hollaway, Mrs. John Poole, Mrs. J.G. Braley and Mrs. Wm. Aldworth.

After the services St. Mary's Guild entertained the group with games in the parish hall. Refreshments were served and Mrs. Irma Meyer led the group in singing Christmas carols.

1975

"Traditional Townsend Tree"

THANKS JACK – Jack Sautter has opened the Christmas season in Townsend again with the raising of his traditional 25 foot Christmas tree out in front of his Rex Theater. This year he adorned it with a special string of lights and decorations that when lighted give the entire downtown area a glow. We all know it is the season to be jolly when the Sautter tree rises, and the end of the holidays when the tree comes down. Jack cut the tree up in the Deep Creek area.

The other strings of city lights that criss-cross Broadway will be put up this week by local citizens and city crew volunteers, along with the pole decorations, according to Chamber President John Jepson. But no matter who does what for the holiday season, it just would not be the same without the big Christmas tree in main street that the Sautters have been putting up for over 35 years. Thanks, Jack!!