

“What Happened this Week in History”

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“Annual 4-H Clubs Picnic Will be Held Sunday Here”

“A good chance to relax, eat, play and watch the good old American game of baseball, will be provided at the 4-H Club picnic,” said County Agent W.O. Zirstein, which will be held in Townsend at the city park on Sunday, July 19th.

This is a county-wide gathering of 4-H clubs and it is suggested that each family bring their own lunch including ice-cream and lemonade and they eat in a large family group. The 4-H club recreation committee, consisting of Mrs. John Mannix, Mrs. W.P. Thomas, Jack Nelson and Ed Spangler have been appointed by Lawrence Poe, chairman of the picnic committee and will have games ready for both boys and girls.

The speaking program, if any, will be short said Mr. Zirstein. The main event of the day will be a baseball game under the direction of Dick O’Hearn, between the Duck Creek CCC’s and the Whitehall CCC’s.

There are ten 4-H clubs organized and active in Broadwater County. Some of them were slow in organizing, but now approximately a 75 membership including 51 girls and 19 boys is reported.

The clubs which represent the Broadwater body are named below with the names of their leaders and officers:

4-H Hustlers, Baby Beef – Lawrence Poe & W.E. Spangler, leaders; Jack Nelson president; Mary S. Spangler, secretary.

Johnson Pioneers, Garden – Mrs. Geo. Christie and Sam Goodwin, leaders; Raymond Goodwin, president; Douglas Christie, secretary.

Crested Wheat Grass – Lonnie Merritt, leader; Erie Mannix, president; Arlene Perkins, secretary.

Business 4-H Club, Baby Beef – Lincoln Ballard and Frank Shearer, leaders; Stanley Lockwood, president; Ernest Miller secretary.

Broadwater Home Economics, First Year Clothing Club – Mrs. L. Shindoll and Mrs. W.P. Thomas, leaders; Frank Harvey, president.

Snappy Stitchers, Clothing - Mrs. H.M. Sperry and Mrs. Alta Olsen, leaders; Mary Patterson, president; Adaline Poe, secretary.

Meadow Clark Club, Luncheon – Mrs. Geo. Bridgewater and Mrs. Wm. Wall, leaders; Peggy Bridgewater, president; Blanche Babcock, secretary.

Canton Breakfast Club – Mrs. J. Mannix and Mrs. W.J. Gaab, leaders; Arlene Perkins, president; Frances Wieferich, secretary.

Sew-sew, Toston – Mrs. L.W. Middleton, leader; Mitzie Booher, president; Alice Gruber, secretary.

Pancake Floppers, Breakfast – Viola Barker, leader; Louise Goodwin, president; Rose Sanz, secretary.

“Townsend Baseballers Made Record in Sundays Games”

Townsend won both games of the “double header” Sunday taking the first game from the CCC boys from the Duck Creek Camp by a 15-0 score, and repeating the shutout performance in the second game to defeat Manhattan by a close margin of 2-0.

“Snick” Lockwood qualified for the “Iron Man’ class by pitching both games. The Big Boy was never in trouble and was going strong at the finish. He struck out 16 men in the first game and allowed only two hits and in the second game against Manhattan practically duplicated the performance with 13 strikeouts and two hits.

The local team with a strengthened lineup, looked good Sunday, being charged with only two errors, one in each game and getting 12 hits in the first game and four in the second.

“Here and There Around Town”

Mrs. Frank Lenahan of Winston was in Townsend Friday visiting her husband and attending to some business in the county seat. Mr. Lenahan has been making Townsend his headquarters while engaged as Section Foreman for the N.P. for several weeks and expects to move his family to Townsend to occupy their own home the first of September.

Paul and Eddie Ragen have been in Butte this week with their string of thoroughbred race horses. They recently returned after several months spent in Kansas City where they entered several races.

“Watson News”

Henry Miller of Diamond City was a business caller in Townsend last Monday.

Leslie Watson has been doing a “land office business” poisoning gophers the past week with poison procured from the county. The rodents have come in vast numbers of late and several in the vicinity are going to use the poison on them. They threatened to completely destroy a patch of oats for Leslie until he got the poison which he says is more than good.

About fifty people of the neighborhood, Rock Creek and White Sulphur Springs descended upon the Bingham home for a charivari on last Thursday and made merry until about three o’clock in the morning with music, dancing and cards. When the vanguard of the party arrived, Mr. Bingham was at the Paymaster Mine about ten miles distant and did not intend being home that night, but, headed by M.D. Holmes, several of the men folks drove to the mine, rolled him out of bed and brought him to the party. Refreshments of cake, sandwiches olives and pickles were brought and served by the sponsors of the party.

“Radersburg News”

Floran Bottler and two sons, Melvin and Leslie, motored to Basin Sunday and were guests at the home of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Barraugh and family.

Frank Galvin and Jim Sitton have gone to Elkhorn where they have employment.

Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Kimpton have moved to Hassel where he has employment.

“Effectually Recalled ... a Snow Storm on July 4th”

“I spent my first Fourth of July in this city, after coming to Montana over fifty years ago,” said Mrs. T.N. Averill, pioneer of Jefferson and Broadwater counties when visiting some Boulder residents one evening this week. “On that day snow flakes as big as saucers fell, it seemed to me” recalled Mrs. Averill.

We had spent a most enjoyable day picnicking at Boulder Hot springs and on our way home, there was a sudden change in the weather. A flurry of snow falling in that mountainous country brought a new experience to me as I had been accustomed to the mild summer weather of Michigan which made me wonder just what kind of a climate Montana had.”

Mrs. Averill, pioneer newspaper woman of Townsend, came to Montana as a bride in the spring of 1882 and made her first home with her husband, the late T.N. Averill in the then famous mining town of Wickes. Of the occasion spoke of in the foregoing paragraph, Mr. and Mrs. Averill, in company with some Wickes friends had planned the Independence Holiday at Boulder Hot Springs, a then much talked of resort and known for its unusual hot springs, a distance of about 12 of 15 miles from their homes in Wickes. The trip was made by horse and buggy conveyance.

After reaching the springs which at that early date was already improved with one small building and an outdoor swimming pool, the party enjoyed the day resting and picnicking under the trees on the grounds, and swimming in the healthful waters of the pool supplied with clear hot water from the Boulder Hot Springs, in recalling the setting. Mrs. Averill was asked if the picnic lunch contained such delicacies as fried wild chick, for in those days the wild game was plentiful. “No, we didn’t have wild fowl, but we did have all the mountain trout we could eat and the phenomenal feature of the day was when we caught the fish from a trout stream and without moving could cast the line into a boiling hot pool in such close proximity to the trout stream that the fish could be cooked. Both ice-cold springs and boiling hot springs spouted out of the earth in the same section close to each other. We cooked eggs by placing them in a sieve and extending them under the boiling water in the springs until they were cooked,” she continued.

In Boulder, Mrs. Averill visited her grandson, Donald L. Hollaway and wife and her great grandchild, little Trena Lee Hollaway, a sightseeing trip around the city and out to the springs having recalled the fact that she had not visited these sites since that first Fourth of July in 1882. She had traveled thru the town by train, but had not happened to return to the places spoken of in all those years. The trip was made by automobile over the beautiful scenic highway from Townsend and although road conditions have changed, there was little change in the general appearance of the country except for some improved cattle ranches along the way, a few small railroad stations that were not there when she made her initial trip up the bottom of the gulch by team.

After a year and a half spent in Wickes, Mr. and Mrs. Averill moved to Townsend where Mr. Averill could better follow his trade as a contractor and builder as the Northern Pacific railway was being built through the Missouri Valley and a new town called Townsend was in the making. And so they settled in Townsend and have resided there since - an integral part of the life of the town and community. Mr. Averill bought an interest in “The Townsend Star” in 1897 and, until death, edited and published the leading weekly newspaper of the upper Missouri River valley. He passed away in 1921 and Mrs. Averill has conducted the affairs of the business since. She goes to the office every day and has an active part in the operation of the business.

Although a pioneer of the community in which she has resided for 54 years of her life, Mrs. Averill is modern minded and her reminiscences of early day history and events are rare. "I prefer to live in the present rather than in the past." Said this progressive business woman. "I enjoy assisting in the development of the future of the community and state. I have the affairs of the days of yesterday well fixed in my memory, yet I rarely ever recall what has been. It is what is before me today that matters. I am especially pleased and interested with the economics workings of the "new deal".

I enjoyed going back to Jefferson County and seeing the progress made in ranching, mining and to the erection of the beneficial state institutions to make the lives of the state's afflicted happier and better. I remarked as I rode along 'Who wouldn't pay a few extra taxes to enjoy the blessings of good highways and improved living conditions for myself and others?' I realize that having lived in another day, I can better enjoy this great progressive age, contrasting the rough pioneer life with our modern lives. It is a coincidence that my grandson and his family are beginning their married career in the same locality that I began mine. It, like all of Montana, is a fine place to live and it would take more than a snow flurry on the Fourth of July to scare me out of this grand state."

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"Centennial Skit to be Presented at Legion Meeting"

Chief attraction for local residents at the American Legion state convention which starts today in Helena will be the Centennial Skit competition to be held Saturday night. Winning skits from eleven Legion District contests will compete for \$1,000.00 in prizes. Broadwater Post No. 42, winner of the District 6 event, will be first on the program. The skit contest will be held at the American Legion ball park in Helena at 9 p.m., Saturday, July 18. Troy Helmick, Post Commander, says, "We hope to bring home some of the prize money and we invite all Townsend people, members of the Legion or not, to come in and see our entry and give us their support."

Members of Broadwater Post and Unit attending will be Troy Helmick, post commander; Bob Myles, finance Officer; Bob Green Adjutant; Ray Nydegger, Dist., 6 Vice Commander; Jerry Duehr and James Johnson; Mary S. Upton, Dist., 6 president; Ann M. Sitton, unit president; Muriel Gabisch, Gen Walter and Lenore Johnson.

State Legion and Auxiliary officers promise one of the largest conventions ever with many activities and productive meetings as well as lots of fun and all interested parties are urged to attend.

"Local News"

The Jim Girdler and Ray Doig families vacationed in Yellowstone last week. They also visited Mrs. Girdler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Blakeslee near Pray.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Frhyling and daughter, Nancy, left last week for a vacation trip to California. Enroute, they stopped over at Arco, Idaho for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Gale Z. Brammer, former Townsend residents.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Zollinger and Mr. and Mrs. John Ulmer spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Yellowstone Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sanderson and children visited over the weekend in Bridger with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson.

“Radersburg News”

Miss Bonnie Bruce of Townsend spent a few days as guest of Miss Jane Williams.

Misses Merrilee and Marsha Miller accompanied Mrs. Minnie Doughty to Helena Monday night.

Miss Merrilee Miller left for Billings on Wednesday to enter the “Miss Montana” contest in that city.