

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

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**April 13**

**1939**

### **“Local Briefs”**

One of the Easter events of interest was the Easter egg hunt and party given to entertain the children of St. John’s Episcopal church school. The party was held Monday evening from 4:30 until 6:00 in the guildhall where the young people had a happy time, each finding a generous supply of brightly colored Easter eggs. Games and festival refreshments were provided by Miss Edith Agnes Ballard, Mary Ann Clare, Mary Ann Petsersen and Betty Watkins.

Miss Grace Lynch departed for California last week and will visit for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Wallace enjoyed a week end Easter visit from their daughter, Miss Edna, who is attending school in Billings.

Miss Lillian Daniels returned to Billings after having spent Easter vacation here. Her sister, Miss Irma, was also home from her school work in Winston.

Miss Doirothy Bloomquist returned to Townsend Tuesday evening from Butte where she had spent the Easter vacation and opened the Bobette beauty salon again.

G.L. Ewing has a big job on his hands, but one that will give protection against wind, water and even fire to his hotel. He started operations to reshingle the large Townsend hotel this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Marks and sons, Ronald and Donald, and Mrs. Walter’s father, William Walter, are in Missouri visiting relatives. They motored there last week and say they are enjoying their sojourn after a pleasant trip down. They are at Kirksville, the former home of the Walters.

**1950**

### **“Sitton’s Service Now Open for Business”**

Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Sitton have moved to Townsend from Radersburg and have leased the former Knapp service station and have living quarters in the station.

Mr. Sitton has named his business. “Sitton’s Service”. Townsend welcomes the new family.

### **“Townsend Shorts”**

Allan Damuth was nine years old on April 8 and the anniversary this year was celebrated with Easter play and motifs. An Easter egg hunt was entered into by Ray Thompson, Jimmie Thompson, Henry Wieferich, Billie Flynn, John Wallace, Larry Bomer, Gordon Clark of Townsend, Harry and Larry Damuth of Logan. Mrs. Hal Damuth and daughter, Sallie Ann, and Mrs. Glenn Clark and daughter, Gloria, came from Logan and Mrs. Lee Todd joined the group from Townsend for the birthday treats.

### **“Local News”**

Mrs. Jack Broderick, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Broderick and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton DeBorde were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Allred in White Sulphur Springs Easter day.

**1961**

### **“Kite Flying Contest”**

Nearly two dozen youngsters of all ages entered kites in the annual kite flying contest Sunday at the airport. This affair is sponsored each year by the American Legion Post 42. Keith Valentine, committee chairman, was assisted by Frank Holloway, Mike Huth and Leroy Bacon.

Little Marion Kieckbusch, 4 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kieckbusch, was the youngest participant. Jim Valentine had the kite with the longest string; Donna Doig won the prize for the highest flying kite; Danny Herbst had the funniest kite; Kenneth Toney had the steadiest flight and Trudy Bucy had the most trouble.

Other youngsters entered in the contest were Steve Valentine, Mark and Ron Kieckbusch, Dan Chamberlain, Mike Valentine, Jerry Bucy, Rodney Davis, Randy Herbst, Candy Davis, Deborah Herbst, Dorothy Doig, Kenneth Doig, Ray Horne, Harvey Delger and possible others whose names were not on the list.

Each boy and girl got a prize in addition to each one getting a free show ticket. These tickets are good up until April 22, but are not good for the fight pictures Friday and Saturday nights.

Firms contributing prizes were Rex Theatre, Francisco Pharmacy, Time Shop, Legion Lanes, Carlson Hardware, Townsend Drug and Gambles.

## **1967**

### **“Twenty-five Boys are Practicing for Track Meets”**

About 25 boys have turned out for the track program and due to wet and cool weather, they have been kept inside for their workouts. Of the 25 boys most are underclassmen. The squad will have only four returning lettermen. They are Dale Sprout, Brad Tarrant, Mike Perry and Joe Jepson.

### **“Unusual Double Silver Anniversary is Celebrated”**

It is unusual for two brothers to be married to two sisters but it is even more unusual for them to have been married the same day.

Such was the case on April 4, 1942 in Townsend when Helen and Martha, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. O.J. Allen, were united in holy wedlock by father Tracy, to George and Cloyd (better known as Bud), sons of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Harris of Radersburg.

The couple have since resided in Radersburg and, at present, love side by side. The brothers are now retired after several years engaged in mining.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Harris are Terry and Sammy, who are employed away from home. Sammy has seen service in Vietnam. Twins, Susie and Sally, and Rita are at home.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. George Harris are Billy, in the service in Germany, Paul, Barbara and Ronnie. There are nine double cousins.

**Note:** there is additional information in this article.

## **1978**

### **“Radersburg News”**

Tops Ralls and Mrs. Terry Eaton and girls, Tracy and Trudy were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ralls Sunday. The occasion being Tops birthday. Happy Birthday. Tops.

Ida Smith made a business trip to Three Forks Thursday. And also visited with Marion Toma. We had coffee and chatted for an hour. Marion wanted to know about everyone around here. She sure misses Radersburg.

A great big thanks goes too Neil Moldenhauer, Jeff Soneson, Craig Hankins of Winston and to Doc Williams for the work and use of their machinery for our drain field. Also to Art Sitton. This being without a kitchen sink and bath room is for the birds, especially when you have had them. At the cabin I don't mind.

Sunday afternoon there was quite a crowd around here. The Toston Jaycees have entered a bed race in Manhattan. The event will be held Saturday, April 15 at 5:0 p.m. Everyone is welcome. They will supposedly start at the Jaycee and Jayceen meeting house in Manhattan and travel through the main street for one mile.

Jim Nelson and Curt Spatzierath and John Johnson came Sunday afternoon to help Alan build the bed. (I guess you would call it a "bed buggy"). It has two small bicycle wheels in the front and two larger ones behind. A rod across the two front handles to steer it and all built on a bed frame. I had a ride on it Sunday night. Sounds like fun to me.

We are going to re-name Radersburg to "Motorcycle" town or "Two-Wheel" town. Sunday there must have been near a dozen motorcycles in town. Even Butch Puttin was out riding one. Going back to your second childhood Burch. They all seem to be having fun. But it sure puts the TVs out of working order.