

“What Happened this Week in History”

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1939

“Townsend Has New Oil Station”

Townsend has a new oil station. During the week the Consumers Oil company opened for business in the station recently built by Shaw and Graveley on highway No. 10 close to the string of new tourist camps built at the same time.

The owners of the new concern, Gene Goodspeed and Freeman Bruce of Helena, announce that they have taken a lease from Mr. Graveley and will operate their station from now on. This is the third station the for young owners, having two already in operation in Helena. Wallace Bruce, uncle to Freeman Bruce, will manage the affairs of the Townsend station.

In an advertisement in this issue, the owners announce the regular 73 octane gasoline at 20 cents per gallon and a high quality white gas at 18 cents per gallon. They claim that the gas comes from the refinery to their customers and that it is the best and together with the low prices is bringing the station its share of business.

1950

“Two Performances for Humorous Senior Play”

The Broadwater County High school seniors will present their annual play “act Your Age”, a three act comedy by William Davidson, December 4, 5 and 6.

The play concerns two 14-year old girls, Angey and Jerry, who started writing to a pair of lonesome sailors. Just to make it more interesting, they passed themselves off as grown-up young ladies. A matinee is scheduled for Dec. 4, with night performances Dec. 5 and 6. The cast includes: Angey, Sheila McCarthy; Jerry, Mary Kieckbusch; Cora, Dona Wallace; Gadget, Gary Welch; Jim, Del Morrison; Helga, Jean Graveley; Sandra, Roxy Ward; and Commander Stone, Ralph Cook.

The play is being directed by James Cusick and staged by the senior class sponsor, Miss Gudrun Vanvig.

1961

“Toston Briefs”

Mr. and Mrs. George Alex of Townsend were Thanksgiving day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lyall Middleton.

Bill Berberet drove to Lewistown Monday, returning Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kolberg and children spent Thanksgiving in Manhattan with Mr. and Mrs. Verwolf.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Plummer spent Thanksgiving at the home of Charles Plummer in Helena.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Campeau spent the Thanksgiving holiday in Belgrade.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Grady, Ann and Dick and Mr. Dick Grady, all of Townsend spent Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Berberet and family. Gerald Berberet, who attends Carroll College was home for Thanksgiving dinner.

Miss Olive Cain was home from Western Montana College at Dillon for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Flynn for Thanksgiving dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Flynn, Louise Flynn, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Flynn, and Ethel Dergseng and all the children.

1967

“Local News”

Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fisher and family were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fisher of Manhattan and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Cartwright.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Meyer and sons were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Meyer and family in Stevensville.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Frey were Thanksgiving guests of their son—in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Don Kieckbusch and family in Boulder. They returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Biggs and family were joined for Thanksgiving dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ewing and family, Mrs. Myrtle Biggs and Mrs. A.J. Swarts.

Joining Mr. and Mrs. John A. Plymale for the holiday were Miss Laura Plymale, Whitehall, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Plymale and family and Mrs. Nellie Sayer and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schneider and family were holiday weekend visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Ragen.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Scott and Mrs. Richard Bomar left by plane from Helena Monday for Camp Pendleton, Calif., to visit Lance Corp. Gene Scott who is a patient in the hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Gravage and family of Livingston were overnight guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fairfax McCarthy on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Lewis and family and Mr. and Mrs. Barry White and children went to Helena Thursday for the holiday with the ladies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Norwood.

1978

“Free Shows for Area Kids”

Jack Sautter, owner of Rex Theatre, has announced the show times for the annual Free shows that he sponsors for area kids.

The Rex Theater has been sponsoring the show annually for thirty years, much to the enjoyment of Broadwater children.

Monday, December 11, rural and town kids, grades one through 8 are invited. Grades one through four will view the show at 9:00 a.m. Grades 5 through 8 will see the show at 1:00 p.m.

Monday, December 18, high school kids are invited to the theatre at 10:30 a.m., for their Free show.

Sautter announced that he will not have a pre-school show this year, due to poor attendance in the past. He noted, however, that anyone wishing to come with the grade school and also visit Santa Claus after the show, are more than welcome.