

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

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**1939**

### **“The Lost is Found After Many Years”**

Seven years ago, a car speeding through the Helena Valley passed by a ranch, and while thus going a suitcase tied onto the back of the car fell off. The bag sprung open and the contents, which were hundreds of dance orchestrations spilled out and blew around.

A small girl named Genevieve Kinney seeing all of the music lying around went out along the road and irrigation ditches and picked this material up, dried the wet ones and waited for the owner of the music to come back. Her parents advertised in several of the newspapers that the music had been found, but received no answer.

Four years later, the family moved into the Townsend district, Genevieve and her sister, Lenore, started to high school here in their sophomore year, and later that spring they gave Harold Slater and another sophomore as many of the orchestrations as they wanted. They took their pick and as there never arose an occasion to use the music it was put away.

Sunday while looking over the music with his sister, the boy to whom the orchestrations were given, found several arrangements for “My Gal Sal” by H.J. Sweeney.

Monday Mr. Sweeney stated that he and his dance band who traveled under the name of “Doc Sweeney and His Knights of the Road” had lost their music and that their attempts to find it were of no avail. The first clue as to whom the music belonged was found Sunday.

Now all persons concerned are attending Broadwater County High School and “Doc Sweeney” is the professor of music here. – Old Baldy (Note: Dear Readers, in case you did not realize it, the little girl, Genevieve Kinney was Gen Walter, wife of John J. Walter, who many of us remember and her sister Lenore was Lenore Toney, wife of Gary Toney.)

**1950**

### **“Radersburg News”**

Billy Harris celebrated his 5<sup>th</sup> year Saturday with a party at which twenty-nine young guests were present. Games were played for which prizes were given. His mother Mrs. George Harris and aunt, Mrs. Bud Harris, served the young people a delicious lunch and each child received a special favor.

Steve Ralls, Joyce Ann and Rita Castleberry celebrated their tenth, fourth and third birthdays, respectively Sunday. Sixteen guests attended the triple party. Prizes were given for games and favors to each. Mrs. Jack Ralls and sister, Mrs. C. Castleberry, served lunch to the young people.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Greaves of Helena were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. John Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Greaves.

Alfred Doughty, Mary Grandchamp and Minnie Johnson were business callers in Helena Tuesday.

Mrs. Minnie Holdaway and son, Bill, spent one day last week visiting relatives in Helena.

Mrs. Myrtle Rockwell of Townsend visited her daughter, Mrs. Clark Edenfield, a few days of last week.

**1961**

**“Local News”**

A group of little friends were invited to help Rhonda Lee Marks celebrate her 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday Saturday, Sept. 28 at her home. Those present were Trina and Jeff Hinch, Gary Wogamon, Marta and Brad Scoffield, Vicki and Larry Molitor of Helena, Jimmy and Johnny Marks, Tammy Campbell, Cathy Olsen, Shane Welch, Pixie Iverson and Curtis Campbell. Games were played and later they gathered around the table to watch Rhonda Lee blow out the candles on her cake and to present her with a little gift from each one. Cake and punch were served the group.

**1967**

**“Youth Pass Hunter Safety course”**

Twenty-nine Broadwater County boys and girls successfully passed the hunter safety course given recently at the court house. The course consisted of five sessions of two hours each. Instructors for the classes included Maurice Boster, Tony Francisco, Chuck Holling and Joe Dwyer, assisted by the local game warden, Jack Foster and Sheriff Malcolm Henry.

Sheriff Henry has the patches issued by the Fish and Game Department at his office and the youngsters can get them Friday night at 9:00 o'clock.

Those passing the course were: Michael Descharm, Eugene Kennedy, James Wm. Toma, Mark E .Kieckbusch, Henry W. Foss, Mike L. Delger, Lester R. White, Randy Herbst, James A. Horne, Tommy Ragen, David Thompson, James F. Real, Jr., Donald D. Damuth, John N. Johnson, Douglas Miller, Allen Doyle Miller, Spencer C. Holling, Ronald Graham, James M. Armstrong, Bob Gearheart, Gary M. Campbell, Mike Foster, Matthew L. Meyer, John Potter, James Foster, Judiann McNulty, Clifford D. Wogamon, Susan Sautter and Brent Helmick.

**1978**

**“East of Townsend News”**

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Marks and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Flynn visited the Toston and Centerville cemeteries checking to see what improvements could be made.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry white and family were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Lewis and family.

Maybelle Kling of Clancy is spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Marks.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Whaley visited in Malta last week at the Kelly Whaley home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meyer visited with Mr. And Mrs. Bob Teague at White Sulphur Sunday afternoon.

JoAnn and Joe Marks and Carla Toeckes attended the CYC in Boulder Sunday.