

“What Happened this Week in History”

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“Joint Artists’ Recital in Townsend Monday Evening”

Much interest is being shown in the concert that is to be given in Townsend next Monday evening, Sept. 14th when Miss Dorothy Averill, violinist; Miss Martha Hutcheson, pianist and Miss Margaret Christy, cellist are to appear at the high school gymnasium to play a varied musical program.

All are outstanding musicians who have won recognition for their talent in their different lines.

Miss Averill, a former Townsend girl, granddaughter of Mrs. T.N. Averill and Mrs. W.D. McCormick, of Townsend, is a graduate of Julliard School of Music of New York City, and has won many scholarships during her three years of study in the metropolitan center. This summer she had studied under Conrad Held at Pittsfield, Mass., and since arriving in Helena to spend a short vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F.H. Averill, received word of a monetary scholarship awarded to her for her outstanding work during the summer. It was a gift of Mrs. Collidge. She will return to New York to continue her studies the first of October.

Both of the other artists, who will play in the joint artists’ recital in Townsend Monday are also graduates of the Julliard school and classmates of Miss Averill. Miss Christy has her Masters Degree in music from the Columbia University as well. They come highly recommended and their concert is sure to be met with extreme interest and approval here.

The program will commence at 8:15. The charge is 55¢ for adults and 25¢ for children of school age.

This trio are giving concerts in Missoula and Kalispell this week-end. They received very favorable press reports for their concert in Helena last night.

“Kidnapper of Four Townsend Boys is Taken, Confesses”

A man giving his name as Leslie Nelson, recognized by two Townsend youths as the one who kidnapped them last spring, was picked up by Sheriff Mike Bergen of Meagher County Sunday after the boys had reported his whereabouts to the sheriff.

On May 17, 1936, Stanley Mongrain, Don Whaley, Willard Lofgren and Bill Stiner, all of Townsend, were forced in their car at the point of a gun in Helena when en route to Missoula and ordered to drive out of town. Later three of the boys were liberated and Mongrain ordered to continue his driving while the desperado took a longer ride only to return to Helena and asked to be let out near the Great Northern Depot. The pseudo kidnapper disappeared and police were unable to learn of his whereabouts until Sunday when Mongrain and Stiner recognized him at the White Sulphur Springs rodeo.

He was with his brother and the two convinced the Meagher County sheriff that he had a job in Helena and would not try to get away and asked to be released, having first confessed that he did force the boys to take him for a ride as their story was told, but gave no sensible reason for his act. He was turned loose, according to Sheriff Bruce, of Broadwater County,

who took the matter up with the Lewis and Clark County sheriff and as yet nothing more has been done.

“Thirty-two Turn Out for Football”

A squad that was large in numbers, but small in tonnage reported for the first regular football practice at the high school Tuesday afternoon. The majority of the candidates are determined to make up for their lack of pounds in speed, determination, tenacity, ferocity and teamwork.

Eight regulars from 1935 who graduated last spring, left lots of holes in the lineup. This condition was not helped any this fall when it was learned that Big Bill Kenny, star Senior tackle, would be unable to play at all due to an appendectomy performed late in August. This was a severe set-back as Bill was destined to be a tremendous factor in the success of the team. Others unable to turn out because of illness are Dan McCarthy sole prospect at center, and Albert Olsen at guard, Ralph Clare has been dropped from the squad. This leaves 5 lettermen from 1935 and a flock of alternates and freshmen.

Prospects for a winning team therefore, are not promising enough to erase the frown on the coach's face. The average weight of the squad is about 130 pounds per man, while the average of the team likely to start the first game will not be much heavier. There are 7 seniors, 6 juniors, 4 sophomores and 12 freshmen out for practice now. Two more juniors another frosh and a senior by the name of Roy Nelson are expected out soon. The latter has played for three years at Lyford, Texas, and will undoubtedly take care of the center position here, as he weighs 165 pounds.

This week the drills emphasize plenty of punting, passing and running for every member of the squad. After a vacation of three months, the boys require plenty of running to harden their legs, increase their wind and strengthen their hearts. With two weeks remaining before the first game it will be possible for the coach to give more individual time to new aspirants to the team. Promising backfield men, nearly all midgets, are: Peterson, Clark, Ellis, Wallace, Malone, Buckingham, Berberet, Gabisch; ends: T.J. Seery, Conrad, Moudree, Peterson, B. Johnson, Miller; tackles: Guffey, P. Kenney, Goodwin, Connor, Sitton; guards: Moudree, Walter, Mannix, Barthule, R. Kenney, Bigler; center: Ridgeway, Nelson, James, Mongrain. Other candidates include R. Moudree, Moody, Reynolds, B. Clark, Daniels, Smith.

During September practice will be held at the fairgrounds, but from then on all games and practice will be held on the new athlete field adjoining the high school as it is expected to be finished by then.

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“Cub Scouts Active Again”

Cub Scouting is getting under way again this week after a summer recess. Den meetings will be held this week with Den Mothers Mrs. Bud Burt, Mrs. Adaline Damuth, Mrs. Clarence Fisher and Mrs. Bob Wogamon.

Bill Kieckbusch, Cubmaster of the Townsend Pack, announces that the first pack meeting will be held at the multi-purpose room of the grade school Wednesday, September 30, at which time all Cub Scouts and their parents are urged to attend. Also, youngsters interested in

getting in Cub Scout work are asked to attend the meeting, accompanied by their parents. New members will be assigned to dens at that time.

“Plan to Organize Drum, Bugle Corps”

A meeting will be held next Friday, September 18th, 8:00 p.m., at the Legion Hall to try and organize a Drum and Bugle Corps.

Anyone interested in any way in a Drum and Bugle Corps is urged to attend this meeting. You need not be a member of the American Legion.

Contact Frank Upton, Troy Helmick or Jim Johnson for any further information or if you are interested, but unable to attend this meeting.

“Extend Ski Lift”

Volunteer workers have been busy this past week rebuilding the towers at the Grass Mountain ski lift and have extended the lift about 400 feet higher up the mountain.

Also, the beginners' area has been graded and the rope tow rebuilt with a nylon rope to haul the skiers up. A new shack is being built to house the lift machinery on the tow so that, come winter, everything at Grass Mountain will be in tip top shape.

“Crow Creek News”

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Kitto and children toured Gates of the Mountains Sunday.

Miss Roene Taylor was a Monday overnight guest of Miss Arlis Feistner.

Mrs. Don Cazier, Carol and June, Mrs. Boyd Cazier and Karen and Danny Williams attended the MIA opening social in Three Forks Thursday

John and Otto Feistner were business visitors in Helena Tuesday. Mrs. Junior Lewis and Mrs. Mike Lewis were also in Helena Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sheffield and family came from their home in Cody, Wyo., to spend the Labor Day weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Booher.

Little Forrest Sanderson of Townsend is spending a few days with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sanderson and family

“Valerie Horne is Five”

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Horne, Karen and Deena entertained at dinner Sunday in honor of their daughter and sister, Valerie, who was five. Guests included her grandparents and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Fandrich and son, Abe, and her great grandmother, Mrs. Bertha Hinch, all of Townsend. Dee Ellen and Howard Hensley joined them for cake and ice cream. That evening Valerie and her friend, Robin Williams, attended the show in Townsend.

“Cost of Schooling Then and Now”

Time was when “back to school” meant getting only little Johnny out from under and back into teacher's hands. But this year almost half the nation will be involved in some kind of schooling.

While more than 37 million children will go back to the public schools, some 4.5 million youngsters will be attending colleges and universities. In addition, according to World Book Encyclopedia, there are about 50 million Americans who take part in some kind of adult education.

Of course, it may be just a course in good grooming or flower arranging, but it's still a long way from the days when only a handful of privileged young men could sit around gabbing with a Socrates or a Zeno.

As the number of those involved in education has risen, so have the costs. Back in 1880, it cost an average of \$7.91 a year to educate a child. By the turn of the century, it was \$13.87. In 1940 the cost was about \$91.64. And today, the United States spends an average of more than \$400 a year for each child.

Where does the money come from? More than half the cost – 56 per cent - is borne by the local school district. The state contributes about 40 per cent and the federal government, about 4 percent.

“Toston Briefs”

Franklin Slifka spent Saturday through Monday in West Yellowstone on business.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rauser were Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Etwiler, Jim, Mary Lee and Janet and Robert Berry, all of Townsend.

Those transacting business in Bozeman the past week included Byron Johnson, David and Steve, Mrs. Carl Kolberg and Roxie and Mrs. Walter Rauser.

Gerald Berberet spent Saturday and Sunday in Helena with Mr. and Mrs. Austin and family and Monday he visited friends in Anaconda.