

“What Happened this Week in History”

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1902

“Local News”

Misses Mabel and Mildred McKnight are the proud possessors of a new bicycle.

The Bell Telephone company are arranging to put in their instruments in town. They have a force of men putting four wires between here and Helena, also a force preparing the poles for use in town and on the line to Toston via the main county road. The line will be in operation as soon as the work can be done.

Trustees for the new county high school have been appointed by Miss Eva Harrington, County Superintendent of schools, as follows: W.H. McDonald of Winston, Benjamin Smith of Radersburg, Thomas Cotter of Canton, G.E. Pool, G.W. Gilham and T.N. Averill of Townsend.

A very pleasant fishing party enjoyed the gentle, cooling, influences of Deep Creek Canyon last Sunday and not only report an elaborate catch, but a splendid time in general. The personnel of the party were as follows: J.G. Blessing and wife, W.C. Eversole and wife, J.J. Byrne and wife, J.P. Kearns, wife and children.

1941

“Local News”

Miss Bonnie May Bruce is enjoying a visit here with her grandmother, Mrs. Chas. Bruce, in the valley and her uncles, Norman and Wallace, in Townsend. She arrived from Missoula this week.

Mary Agnes Ragen is spending the week in Helena valley visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Dave Middlemas.

Two soldier boys, Ross Babcock and Edward Fossum, who had enjoyed a two week's furlough here with relatives left again today to continue training at Camp Lewis.

Mrs. George Kieckbusch gave her little daughter, Phyllis, a party on Monday afternoon, it being the little girl's sixth anniversary. Invitations in the mail several days ahead provided much anticipation for the following little guests who had a gay time playing games and feasting: Patty Nash, Marjorie Ward, Charlene and Myrna Kruse, Eleanor Olsen, Harriet Anderson, Karen Cheney, Beulah Helner, Carol Ann

and Garrel Sutherland, Myrna and Jimmie Ross, Anna May Gilmore, Sherrell Cartwright and Larry and Teddy Kieckbusch.

1958

“Dance and Anders Sell Marietta Mine”

Al Dance and his son-in-law, Harry Anders, have sold their Marietta mine, located about 15 miles northwest of Townsend, to the Northern Milling Co. Paul Raber of Zortman, president of the company, was in town last week making preparations to continue with mining operations.

The Marietta is one of the oldest mining properties in Broadwater County and has been in operation, off and on, for about 65 years. Mr. Dance has had the property about 40 years, and Mr. Anders has been associated with him the past 12 years. Mr. Dance has operated continuously, with the exception of the war years.

1975

“Townsend News”

Those attending the Rotary picnic were: Mr. and Mrs. Hubert White, Mr. and Mrs. Lanny White, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Grossman, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kearns, David Kearns, Mr. and Mrs. James Kearns; Mr. and Mrs. Logan Davis; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ragen; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Meyer; Mr. and Mrs. Tony Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. Skip Kellicut; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Foss and guests; Mr. and Mrs. Garrison Rains; Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hooks; Mr. and Mrs. Kieckbusch; Bradley white; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Flynn; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sullivan; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Connors; Miss Helen Connors; Mr. and Mrs. Bud Neifert; Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Berglund; Mr. and Mrs. Al Copeland; Mr. and Mrs. Mel Pottruff; Mr. and Mrs. James Armstrong; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Ingersoll; Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Holzwarth; Mr. and Mrs. Terry Carmody; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Ferrat; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilmore; Mr. and Mrs. Troy Helmick; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hines; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Nichols and several guests.

Sunday evening visitors at the home of Annie Bisby were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schmidt of Charlo. Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt also called on Mrs. Diehl. The Schmidts are formerly of Winston.

Mrs. Larry Boster of Whitehall spent the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Sherlock Nave while Larry and their two boys, Bret and Bart, caped out and fished in the surrounding area.

The employees of Co-op Supply recently purchased a painting done by local artist, Jeanne Edmonson and presented it to the business in honor of the move to its new home. To the painting has been attached a metal plaque reading: “Dedicated to Co-Op Supply new home, June 1975” and employees names listed are Dave Campbell, manager; Fleeta Brammer; Russel Raisland; David Johnson; Mike Jones and Ernest Reed. The five directors listed are Curt Spatzierath, William Guffey, Walter Rauser, Frank Slifka and George Dundas.