

“What Happened this Week in History”

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1902

“Local News”

Mr. and Mrs. O’Conner, who have been living in the Thos. Cotter residence, have removed to the house on Cedar Street formerly occupied by C.H. Lafever.

Ex Lieut Governor A.E. Spriggs was in town on business Tuesday.

James Kitto of Radersburg was in town transacting business on Monday.

Cecil Doggett departed for Dillon on Sunday evening, where she will attend the State Normal during the year.

F. A ug Heinze has a bond and lease on the Blacker mine at Radersburg and is now putting in machinery with which to work the same. Mr. Heinze has the cash and disposition to make the mine pay if anyone can and should this property turn out as its friends think it will, Old Radersburg will again take its place at the head of the list as a rustling business center.

The telephone gang are busy these days putting in their exchange. The line extends practically all over town and will be a marked convenience to those who have business relations. The poles in town are large and tall, thus placing the telephone wires out of contact with those of the electric light plant. From a business appearance the new enterprise is up to date.

1941

“Famous Actress is Having Modern Bungalow Erected on Broadwater County Ranch”

Mrs. Dave Williams of Beverly Hills, Calif., who has been in Montana for the past three weeks is spending a good deal of her time at the Williams ranch in Crow Creek valley. With her came P. M. Kay, a carpenter, who with Henry Lavold of Toston and others are busy constructing a guest house for her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Hornblow, famed star of the movies, known as Myrna Loy.

This building is being built over a full basement and will when completed, be a modern log bungalow with living room and kitchen on the first floor and bedrooms and bath on the second floor. Each floor will have a fireplace.

Mrs. Williams expects to be here about two months and it is hoped the work will be finished by that time. Owing to business, Miss Loy will not make the trip to Montana this year.

The guest house is being constructed just north of the original homestead cottage which was built many years ago by her grandfather, the late David Williams. The homestead house was refinished and improved by the same contractor last summer.

Both the maternal and paternal grandparents of Myrna Loy spent the greater part of their lives in and around Radersburg and it was her maternal grandfather, who was an early day carpenter and with his partner, Cedarburt, built many of the coveted pieces of cedar furniture made from native wood that can be found in many of the homes of this district today.

1958

“Crow Creek School Holds Open House”

The new Crow Creek school house was open for inspection by the public Sunday afternoon. Many came to view this fine new building which will take care of Crow Creek's school needs for many years. There are two classrooms, a big entrance hall, two rest rooms and a furnace room. The teachers, Mrs. Leonard Cain and Mrs. Ed Jurnisch, were there to welcome visitors.

This is the fourth year for Mrs. Cain as teacher in the Crow Creek school, while Mrs. Jurnisch is a newcomer this year.

There is an enrollment of 36 this year, 13 in the upper grades and 23 in the lower grades. Enrolled are 7 in the 1st grade; 4 in the 2nd grade; 4 in the 3rd grade; 8 in the 4th grade; 5 in the 5th grade; 4 in the 6th grade; 1 in the 7th grade and 3 in the 8th grade.

The seven beginners are Donna Hunsaker, Steven Hunsaker, Billy Kittoo, Lois Feistner, Geo. Conrad, Pamela Kitto and Dixie Turman.

“Drives Stage Again”

Royal Smith, one of the old time stage drivers, was drafted to drive the stage at Virginia City recently. The regular stage driver, who drives an old time stage there for the enjoyment of tourists, became ill while Mr. Smith was visiting in Virginia City and he was called upon to perform the task.

1975

“Toston-South of Townsend-Crow Creek-Radersburg News”

Betty Horne drove a busload of kids to the football game in Belgrade Friday afternoon. Some of the kids from this area going were: Valerie and Deena Horne, Marion Hansen, Dee Ellen Hensley, Trish Dudas, Micky Williams and Laura Sanderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sanderson and family were in Yellowstone Park over Labor Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lewis and family were in Virginia City and Nevada City over the Labor Day weekend.

Curt and Zelda Diehl were in Fort Benton Monday on Business.

Franklin, Judy, Joanne and Doug Slifka went through Glacier Park Saturday and Sunday. The scenery was just beautiful and they also saw a grizzly bear.

Valery Horne celebrated her "Sweet 15" birthday with a slumber party Saturday evening. Invited guests were Vicky and Connie Rauser, Marion Hansen, Dee Ellen Hensley, Joanne Slifka, Jody Wilson and Laura Sampson.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Broderick went to Helena Labor Day to visit Mr. and Mrs. Cass Castleberry.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Sitton and Dennis Sitton went to Fairmont for Labor Day.

Mr. and Mrs. George Harris entertained for dinner Sunday for Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harris and three children of Townsend, Barbara Harris and Alan Gullickson of Helena, Shari Parker of Willow Creek and Bill and Ronnie of Radersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim D. Nelson of Missoula visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Webb and Ray over the weekend.