

“What Happened this Week in History”

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1902

“Local News”

Several members of the Merritt family of Hassel came down Saturday and were the guests of friends over Sunday, returning to their mountain home on Monday.

On Thursday while Ed Sloan and G.G. Watt were out hunting, on passing through the field west of Job Thompson's house, they were met by a wild steer. At first they paid little attention to the brute, but very shortly were convinced that they either had to take leg bail for security, or make a bold stand with “present arms”. The former method was chosen, Watt leaping a chasm about 20 feet wide (more or less) and Sloan taking to the brush. Some unknown cause (possible the color of the hair) attracted the mad animal toward Sloan who, in looking forward for a place of hiding and glancing backward to apprehend his enemy's designs, stumbled and fell, lighting on his back, head and feet erect. The steer missed the feet, but woe be unto the head; it came in contact with the forehead of the beast and first blood was counted for the latter. However the onslaught was not repeated, but the hunters reached home considerably in advance of scheduled time.

1941

“Local News”

Mr. and Mrs. D.L. Hollaway and little daughter, Trenna Lee, spent the week end here visiting relatives.

Miss Alice D'Arcy left yesterday for Billings where she will enroll in normal school.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Arnet are making preparations to move to the ranch home of Mrs. Arnet's mother, Mrs. Geo. Ramspeck in the upper valley. They will commute to their work. Mrs. Arnet is the clerk in the law office of Attorney and City Clerk Frank T. Hooks and Mr. Arnet is dragline operator for the Cooley Gravel Company, now operating gold dredge in Indian Creek canyon.

Miss Gloria Kapinos and Miss Peggy Bridgewater, who are student nurses, came home from Great Falls for a few days rest and vacation this week.

Ben Clopton arrived here this week from Hollywood, Calif., to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Clopton and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Massa and daughter left yesterday to visit friends at Flathead Lake and Polson.

Wallace Schreiner and Miss Geraldine Hardgrove attended the football game in Butte Saturday and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schreiner and family.

1958

“Local News”

Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Brisbin of Bozeman visited relatives in Townsend over the week end.

Mr. Mark Hopkins of Helena was a recent visitor at the home of his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Garrison Rains.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Dance spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Butte on business.

Elwood Ragar, teacher in the Choteau schools, visited Bill Huth and other friends in Townsend last Thursday. Mr. Ragar taught here several years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Whaley and family of Vaughn visited last week with his sister, Mrs. Henry Huth, and family and other relatives.

Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sullivan were their daughter, Mary Pat of Butte, their son, Pete of Helena, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sullivan and son, Mike, of Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Peterson, Stan Wilson and Carol McDonaldson, all of Helena.

1975

“Townsend News”

Don't forget the Annual Halloween Party at the schools Friday night. Grade school kids go to their classroom; pre-schoolers go to the Multi-purpose room; Junior High School kids to the Multi-purpose room and High School kids to the Old Gymn. For those who are new in town and don't know what to expect, you'll see lots of shining eyes and big grins. The room where it's most fun is the Multi-purpose Room where the little kids have the time of their lives scaring each other and eat themselves full of candy and punch. It becomes almost chaotic but the whole town has a wonderful time watching the little kids just let go. So dress up your little tyke and wander over. The evening is paid for by the Townsend Merchants, the Townsend Rotary Club and many, many individual contributors who really care quietly. And we who have kids say “Thank you”.