

“What Happened this Week in History”

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1941

“Sewer Work is Progressing Fine”

Progress on trenching for the laying of the pipe in the new sewerage system for Townsend is advancing at a better rate in the last few days of digging. The large cat used in trenching the trunk line is working within ear shot of the Star today; just along side of the rear door of the Townsend Mercantile company and Ruth's place. Men are laying the pipe as fast as is possible and blocks are laid and covered in sections. With good luck the street in front of the high school gymnasium will be covered and partly smoothed out by the time the big Charity Ball is pulled off on February 15th.

“Winston News”

Among those from Winston who attended the Birthday Ball at Townsend were: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Diehl, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Muffly, Mr. Ralph Locowich, Mr. Leslie Miles and Miss Violet Miles.

Henry Meyer and Mr. Morris Miles made a business transaction, and Mrs. Morris Miles is now the manager of Hank's place in Winston.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kelly and Mr. Lowell Mires and Miss Viola Walters of Townsend called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G.N. Mires and Miss Rosella Mires on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Diehl attended the show in Townsend on Sunday evening.

1958

“Radersburg News”

Mrs. Dick Buckingham of Townsend spent Thursday here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O.J. Allen, brother, Harry Allen and sisters Mrs. George and Mrs. Bud Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. John Williams and son, Tommy, were Helena visitors Thursday and Friday, remaining as overnight guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Greaves and David.

Mrs. Jack Ralls was a business caller in Three Forks and Townsend Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lavinder escorted a group of young people on a skating party Saturday. Those enjoying the fun were Lenny Harris, Terry,

Sammy, Sally and Susie Harris, Billy and Paul Harris, Mary Jane Puttin, Alberta Thurston, Frankie Romer, Phyllis Smith, Merrilee, Devin and Marsha Miller.

Sunday dinner guests at the Bud Harris home in celebration of Terry Harris' 15th birthday included Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Seaman, Barry and Lois Seaman, George Rollings, the honor guest, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Harris, brother, Sammy and sisters, Sally, Susie and Rita.

"Toston Briefs"

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Evans motored to Dillon Sunday and spent the day with Richard's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lee McCracken, and his mother. It was the birthday of the latter.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slifka and son, Richie were Helena visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Marks and daughter, Nancy, and Mrs. Moody visited Mrs. Marks' mother, Mrs. Hattie Hargrove, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Greaves returned home Thursday from a month's visit with relatives in California.

1975

"Teacher Profiles"

This is the first of a series of teacher profiles to be published in the Townsend Star. Each profile will tell a little about one of the teachers in our schools. Principal Herb Sprout is the first 'profile'.

The principal is the key man in the school, according to Herb Sprout, "he has the key to the janitors room, the front door, the sick room,..." The sense of humor thus expressed is one of the reasons Mr. Sprout is a favorite among the students of the grade school. A second reason would be his attitude towards his profession.

"What makes a teacher tick?" After 20 years of teaching, 19 of them in Townsend, Herb Sprout, says it's the rewards; not only the monetary reward (though that's nice too) but the comradeship and feeling that you have the students' confidence, that you can be of some help towards their ultimate success. This must balance the disappointment of seeing students who do not avail themselves of the opportunity offered them to prepare themselves for this competitive society.

Herb, a native of Ennis, is active in community affairs, presently serving as chairman of the City-County Planning Board, Vice-president of the P.T.A. and is active in Rotary and various other groups.

1997

"Southall Honored with BHC's Fern Kirley Award"

Linda Southall – winner of this year's Fern Kirley Award for volunteerism – brings inspiration to Broadwater Health Center's Nursing Home in more ways than one.

The 32-year-old Townsend woman routinely travels seven city blocks on a battery-powered scooter named “Herbier” to share interdenominational Bible study with residents of the nursing home. “She started coming to our nursing home three or four years ago because her grandmother was here,” said Jaque Swenson, director of nursing at BHC. “And when she visited her grandmother, she visited with everyone else, too.”

She has always been willing to lend a hand to help residents, Swenson explained, noting that never once has she heard a word of complaint from her.

“Her example is such an inspiration because she is out doing things for others,” Swenson said. “She stops and encourages people to do the best they can with their disabilities.”

“Ever since I was 2 months old, my mom always wanted me to be independent, despite my disability,” Southall said after receiving the award and a bouquet of roses. Southall also volunteers as a tutor for the school district, where she urges younger people in the community to visit their elders in the nursing home.

“Turcotte Now a Captain”

Michelle H. Turcotte has been selected for a promotion in the Air Force the rank of Captain.

She is the daughter of Helen Turcotte of Townsend, a 1988 graduate of Broadwater High School, and a 1992 graduate of Montana Tech. Capt. Turcotte earned her master’s degree from the University in Nebraska – Lincoln in 1996.

“Flynn Makes Honor Roll”

Kyle F. Flynn of Townsend is among the 301 students named to the Fall Semester 1996 Honor Roll at Western Montana College of the University of Montana.

To achieve the honor, students must carry a 3.33 grade-point average in 12 or more semesters.