

“What Happened this Week in History”

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1912

“Widow Stranded”

A middle aged woman with two children was put off the train in Townsend Thursday evening, in destitute circumstances. Marshal McCormick was called to look after the little family and took them to the Commercial hotel. The lady is from Missouri is a widow and is on her way to Spokane where she claims to have relatives. It seems that she started west without sufficient funds and is compelled to make the journey by easy states. She was put off the train at Livingston and a purse was made up there to forward her on to Townsend.

“Doings of a Week”

Harry Childs, the big gun of the Yellowstone Park, went tearing through town Wednesday in a big yellow automobile his destination presumably being Helena. He didn't stop to tell the Opinion man where he expected to wind up, but he ought to wind up in the police court if he goes through all towns like he did Townsend.

The little Marshman babe, who got so busy last week with poisonous tablets, is again about as frisky a kid as can be found in Townsend, well and hearty, and the chances are will gather in more tablets that look like candy the first opportunity offers. But mama will no doubt in future see that the little mischief doesn't get anything but real candy.

1940

“Senior Class Play Wins Favor from Large Audience”

A cast from the large senior class of Broadwater County High School demonstrated how a comedy drama can entertain the public on Friday night of last week when they put on the Samuel French production of Aunt Tillie Goes to Town.

Bill Watkins, playing the part of Mervin Tucker, demonstrated how a male can hurriedly change costumes, and makeup and act in a double role, as well as any professional that ever played under the “spot” here. Gloria Kaponis taking the lead for the ladies was good in her role as Aunt Tillie as was also Willis Smith who was Ronald Howland in the play.

It was an all-star cast. Other stars being Dixie Reynolds, Carmen Clare, Alyce Riley, Blanche Babcock, Bill Weed, Mary Patterson and Lenore Kinney. Eddie Daniels played the part of an oriental. He was superb taking the part of One Lung.

The production staff also deserve their share of credit for the success of the play. They were Robert Mongrain, Joan McCarthy, Marvin Dallas, Kathryn Dance, Rose Broderick, Vera Sorenson and Peggy Bridgewater .

Between acts a trio from the faculty, Miss Gladys Sternhagen, piano and Harold Slater, trombone, and R.E. Menghini, saxophone entertained with instrumental selections.

There are 54 seniors. This was the first of a series of pre-commencement public appearances. The Junior Prom will be given next followed by commencement week, May 10 to 15.

1968

“Who is Where in the Armed Services”

CTSN Art Graham arrived home last Friday for a two weeks leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Graham and family. Art has finished a cryptograph school at Fort Mead, Md. Upon completion of his leave he will report to Travis Air Force Base from where he will be flown to his next assignment aboard the USS Oxford.

Sp/5 Paul Schwisow arrived home Wednesday following his discharge from the U.S. Army at Fort Lewis, Wash. Paul has been stationed in Korea for the past 15 months.

“Winston – Clasoil News”

Thursday, young Bert Cobban was be 4 years old and his mother, Mrs. Robert Cobban, entertained at a birthday party for him that afternoon. Guests helping Bert to celebrate with cake and ice cream were Mrs. Bill Herrington and young children, Ira and Karen, Mrs. Wayne Herrington and Andre Prevel, Jr. That evening Mrs. Cobban served a birthday dinner for Bert and guests were his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cobban, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Moe, Joanne and John Cobban, all of Winston and Dave Schledewitz and children, Clyde and Sheryll of Townsend.

Mr. and Mrs. George Baum and Clarence visited in Townsend with Annie Bisby Monday evening. Mrs. Annie Lenahan was also a visitor and they all spent an enjoyable evening reminiscing over old times.

Mrs. Vincent Hohn reports that the Clasoil Mustangs are selling garden seeds for a project this spring and anyone interested in purchasing seeds can contact her.

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“Around Town News” by Mary Pat Martin

Barbara and Bob Wogoman, who recently returned to Townsend from their winter home, hosted Easter dinner Sunday for Pearl Barraugh and Marion Cass, Townsend; Cliff Wogoman, Helena; Courtney Wogoman, Billings; Stacia Wogoman and Roy Maxted, Linsey, Mitch and Mamie Hunsaker and Randy Welch, Helena.

Bill and Grace Berberet hosted Easter dinner for their sons and their families, Steve and Kathy Berberet, Shayna and Makayla, Lewistown; and Berber and Michelle Berberet, C. J. and Lane, Belgrade and their daughter and family, Barb and Rick de Martin, Levi and Jessie, Townsend.

Dorothy Colby was a dinner guest Easter at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Lynn and Donna Colby. Also there for dinner were Dawnetta Clark, Kylie and Cody; B.J. Colby and Aspen and Rich Balbach.

Deena and Lonnie Gobbs, Lane and Casey spent the week end in Culbertson visiting his parents, Howard and Mable Gobbs, and other relatives and friends.