

“What Happened this Week in History”

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“Doings of a Week”

Jack Lacey, the gentlemanly, polished, female heart-breaker mixologist in the Townsend House emporium, put on a new front this week. Nobody knows where he got it, but just the same, he has it.

Chas. Kanouse went to Madison county Tuesday, via the automobile, with a land buyer who is looking over some farming property Kanouse has in that county for sale.

“Doc and the Dog”

The Opinion man has noted since he has been in town that any time you want to find Dr. Gilham first find the dog and you have found Doc. The other day a stranger in town was looking for the doctor and asked a passerby where he could be found at that time, he was told to look around and when he found a Chesapeake pup – not a houn’ variety – lurking around on the sidewalk the doctor would be in easy distance. He walked a block, saw the dog, stepped in to the first door and found the doctor.

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“Personal News”

Harold Slater and a group of boys who hiked in to the Tizer lakes above Crow Creek last week-end following the closing of school, departed for his home in Lewistown.

Miss Helen Connors, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. J.S. Connors, and other members of her family here for the past three weeks, expects to go into Yellowstone Park Saturday to commence summer operations. Miss Helen is head auditor for the Yellowstone Transportation Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carson and little daughter, Helen, spent the week-end in Valier visiting Mr. Carson’s sister, Mrs. James Tidyman and family.

Five young people of Townsend took part in a piano recital at the Placer Hotel in Helena Monday evening, pupils of Javin and Justine Pfeiffer. They were Ann and Pat Ragen, Shirley Sautter, Norma Morris, and Louise Kieckbusch. Their parents accompanied them.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Hilderbrand and daughter, Dorothy, of Helena were out from Helena for Sunday spending the day with Mrs. K. Huth. Miss Dorothy will depart for Los Angeles Thursday where, on the 15th, she will be wed to Louis Houston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Houston of Townsend.

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“Townsend Water Tower Photogenic”

At the Film and TV Awards Banquet held at Montana State University in Bozeman Emmanuel R. Quintero received the trophy for the best color photography with his photo of the Townsend water Tower. Quintero, a major in Film and TV at MSU, is married to the former Mary Lee Etwiler.

“Local News”

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Sprout attended the Varsity-Alumni football game at Western Montana College in Dillon Friday evening. Their son, Dale, played for the varsity.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Graham and family moved to Helena Saturday where they will make their home.

Allen Lundborg and Tom Ragen left Friday for Portland where they will be joined by Bob Lundborg of Chalis, Wash. and all will enjoy some spring skiing at Timberline Lodge, Mt. Hood.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Whaley hosted a family gathering Sunday in honor of their niece, Mrs. Robert Wells and daughters of Tulsa, Okla. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Whaley of Canyon Ferry, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Barraugh and daughters of Helena, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Huth and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Huth and family, Mr. and Mrs. Heinie Huth and family, Brad Lane, Mrs. Henry Huth and Bill Huth.

Mrs. John Ragen, Patti and Danny left Friday to join Mr. Ragen and Ed Ragen at Assiniboine Downs, St. Charles, Manitoba, Canada where they will be for the summer with their race horses.

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“...the glory of their spirit”

Driven indoors by rain, members of Townsend veteran organizations and the public gathered Monday at the American Legion Club to pay tribute to meanings of Memorial Day that run deeper than barbecues, family outings and a holiday from the work week. “We must remember those who never had the chance to celebrate because they paid the ultimate price during wartime,” said Rep. Gay Ann Masolo (R-Townsend), keynote speaker for the second year in a row for the ceremony. “They never got a chance to go camping, boating, fishing and have barbecues on Memorial Day.”

In history’s 128th observation of Memorial Day, Masolo also reflected on the spirit of faith demonstrated by those who came home from wars. She quoted the words of Capt. Gerald Coffee, expressed to his church after he had been held as a Prisoner of War for seven years in Viet Nam. “Faith was really the key to my survival all those years. Faith in myself to simply pursue my duty to the best of my ability and ultimately return home with honor. Faith in my fellow man, starting with all of you here, knowing you would be looking out for my family, and faith in my comrades in those various cells and cell blocks in prison, men upon whom I depended and who in turn depended on me, sometimes desperately. Faith in my country, its institutions and our national purpose and cause...And, or course, faith in God – truly, as all of you know, the foundation for it all...”

Masolo encouraged the group to recognize the efforts it took to make America what it is today. “You don’t see people standing in line to get out of our country – only to get into our country.”

Following the ceremony, members of the Color Guard gave a presentation at the Broadwater Center Nursing Home.