

“What Happened this Week in History”

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1912

“Doings of a Week”

Deputy Brown, right hand bower of the sheriff’s office, was up to Winston this morning, Friday, and gathered in an individual for burglarizing the R.F. Miles saloon Thursday night. As the aforesaid individual was in an inebriated condition when brought in, the officials were unable to locate him on name, but this will come out in the wash before the court.

B.I. McDonald this week secured the contract for the basement work of the Doughty building. Mr. McDonald has what is known as the Ironiting process which is guaranteed to be water proof, and in securing this contract he will be able to demonstrate his claim that he has a process that will keep water out of Townsend basements – a problem that has been baffling heretofore.

1940

“Toston”

Mrs. and Mrs. O.T. Allen of Townsend have moved to Toston and are living in one of the Jurries houses.

Mr. and Mrs. George Danielson and children of Shawmut were callers Sunday at the Jas. Greaves home.

Mrs. Cora Shull had as 4th of July dinner guests, Mrs. J.N. Johnson and Walter Townsley.

“Crow Creek”

Geo. Webb is enjoying a visit from his niece, Mrs. Grace Berdice of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Meeker of Billings and Miss Evelyn Huller of Willow Creek were recent visitors at the Mike Massa home. Mrs. Massa accompanied them to East Helena for a short visit at the Tony Vollmer home.

Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Klein and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smazal of Townsend enjoyed a day’s outing on Deep Creek Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Poe and daughter, Adeline, visited Sunday in Butte at the home of Mrs. Margaret Williams.

1968

“First Class Rank Earned by Scouts”

David Brammer and Brent Helmick became the first two scouts from Troop 210 to qualify for the First Class rank. A Board of Review consisting of Larry Watterson, Herb Sprout and Bill Kearns convened July 2 to make the final determination of qualifications for a Boy Scout rank. Bob Gearheart, Jim Armstrong, Dick Ellis, Bill Kirley and Spence Holling qualified for Second Class rank.

To achieve a rank of Scouting, a boy must pass a number of skill and knowledge tests required for a respective rank. When all these tests are passed the Scout appears before the Scoutmaster for a “Scoutmaster’s Conference”. At this conference the Scoutmaster determines if a Scout has

retained all the skills and knowledge required for the rank and if he has advanced in character along with the rank. Finally, the Scout appears before the Board of Review who serve as a final check for the Scout and Scoutmaster to insure that the Scout indeed possesses the skills, knowledge and character required for a specific rank.

“Local News”

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cartwright and Cindy attended the rodeo in Ennis July 3 and 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Sprout took in the rodeo at Ennis over the Fourth. They were accompanied home by Mr. Sprout’s nephew, Kelvin Alm of Seattle who remained until Saturday night.

Miss Sandi Ewing was home from Denver to spend the Fourth with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ewing.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Grover and three children of Brigham City, Utah spent the week end in Townsend visiting the Mel and Grant Grover families. The Scott Grovers lived here until a few years ago.

Bud Doggett of the local Forest Service staff, took a crew of Blackfoot Indians to Arizona last week to help fight a large forest fire south of Winslow.

1996

“Guard Offers First-Ever Townsend Appreciation Day”

The Montana Army National Guard plays host for its first-ever Townsend Appreciation Day at the Limestone Hills Range, July 24. Visitors can see the Bradley Fighting Vehicles in action during live-fire gunnery training exercises.

A bus departs from Massa Park on Broadway at 10 a.m. Guests will receive a briefing on the Bradley’s capabilities and watch as fellow Montanans from great Falls Company D 1-163rd Infantry qualify on the vehicle. A lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs will be served at noon. The bus returns at about 2 p.m.

All Townsend and Broadwater County residents are invited to attend Townsend Appreciation Day with their families and friends.