

“What Happened this Week in History”

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“Doings of a Week”

Perry Carter of the Johnson Carter Co., is still confined to his home, but the bunch of baseball cranks around town hope to see him out soon even though his other Townsend friends are wishing that the doctor will keep him in bed some longer. It's a four to one bet that Carter won't give up the ghost as long as the baseball season lasts.

W.C. Daniels of Canton was in town the first of the week with a brand new automobile.

Fairbanks McCarthy and Ernest McCuin made a trip over to Radersburg Thursday in their buzz wagon.

1940

“Mrs. H.L. Sperling Takes Over Job of Mr. J.W. Johnston”

J. W Johnston, who has been collector of water accounts for the city for about a year has handed in his resignation to Mayor L.J. Anders. He gave as reason for his resignation ill health. Mr. Johnston had his office in the Horner building.

Miss Carmen Clare is taking care of the work until the first of September when the new appointee, Mrs. H.L. Sperling, will take over the water books to serve as collector.

“Cabins for Bum Haven Will No be Tolerated”

Albert LeSage “Black Frenchy” will make himself useful to city authorities in the next 30 days instead of making himself a public nuisance, if a sentence he received Monday before Judge Charley B. Ross is carried out. Frenchy has rented one of the Doggett cabins near the firehall for a long time. He doesn't work, the officers say, but is accustomed to inviting sheepherder friends to his abode, and by giving them a place to sleep, they furnish the liquid refreshments. Ofttimes the parties get noisy and disgusting and have become so frequent as to be cited as public nuisances.

Saturday night Frenchy was arrested for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. This was the second offense and he was fined \$200 and given 30 days of hard labor.

Erick Erickson who has the second cabin on the lot, was also fined \$7.50 for much the same offense and given a warning by the judge.

1968

“Girdler and White Win Belt Buckles for Team Roping”

Barry White and Jim Girdler were recipients of the belt buckle offered for the best time in team roping at the recent Townsend Rodeo in the division which included only Meagher and Broadwater County cowboys.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Fogland of White Sulphur Springs contributed one of the prizes and the others was furnished by Tony Francisco, Mike Quinn, Ray Doig, Jim Tew and Harry Cartwright.

“Winston-Clasoil”

The Townsend Toe Tappers will have their monthly square dance at the Winston Hall Friday, August 23. All square dancers are welcome. John Shadoan of Bozeman will be the caller and refreshments will be served by the Toe Tappers.

Mr. and Mrs. George Baum and Clarence visited Mr. and Mrs. Jess Campbell in Townsend Friday evening.

Martha Masolo is visiting in Butte with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Masolo.

1996

“Gipsy Open to Public”

The Townsend Ranger District of the Helena National Forest announced Monday that the Gipsy Lake Campground day-use area is now open for the public use.

Located approximately 30 miles northeast of Townsend, Gipsy Lake, in the Big Belt Mountains, is a new camp ground and includes five overnight camp sites, a scenic overlook trail and a lakeside access trail. The facilities and both connecting trails are accessible to the physically challenged. The day use area, along the north shore of Gipsy Lake has a newly constructed access road and features a boat launch, picnic facilities, toilet, and parking area.

The completion of the recreational facilities was due, in part, to volunteer labor and materials from local businesses, civic organizations and youth organizations. There is no fee for this high mountain recreational facility, open from June 1 until snow closes the road. For more information contact the Townsend Ranger District, 266-3425.