

“What Happened this Week in History”

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1941

“Personal News”

Mrs. A.W. Ridgeway returned the latter part of the week from a happy vacation spent in California. She reports besides her vacation occurrences of travel and the meeting of friends and relatives that her son, Dana Bradford, has graduated from Kelly Field and has his “wings”. He was commissioned second lieutenant in the army air corps reserve.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Weed have been spending the week in Townsend visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred N. Weed.

Geo. Rauser of Toston was in Townsend on business Tuesday.

1958

“Local News”

Mrs. Clarence Fisher entertained at a party for her small son Eddie’s 4th birthday Sunday, Feb. 2. The following guests enjoyed the games, cake and ice cream: Carl and Leslie Sherwood, Irene and David Thompson, Tony Grover, Tommy Thompson, Lynn, Trudy and Jay Meyer, Doris and Dennis Arnett. Door prizes were won by Doris Arnett, Irene and David Thompson and Trudy Meyer.

At a no-host luncheon Monday Mrs. Eileen Finnegan was honored and presented with a gift of a piece of luggage by members of the courthouse officers and staff. Mrs. Finnegan has resigned her position as Deputy Clerk and Recorder and Mrs. Betty Riley has commenced her work under Clerk Mrs. Ann Marie Stiner.

“Toston Briefs”

Well, it has at last been done! A person, or perhaps several persons of unknown identity, attempted to burn the barricades at each end of the old Toston bridge Friday night. When discovered it was thought that the Harold Frey house was on fire and the Townsend fire department was immediately called. Upon learning what was really burning, the call was cancelled before the men left Townsend. The blaze was extinguished, but was still smoking the next morning. Now everyone is saying “Who?”

The incident shows the sentiment of the people of the town and valley, too. However, acts of this sort are not going to save the bridge if we are going to lose it.

We say "if" because the results of the meeting which was to have taken place in December have not been made public.

1975

"Teacher Profiles"

The teacher of no other grade has the awesome responsibility and the same sense of fulfillment as does the first grade teacher, according to Mrs. Barbara Foster, who has been teaching for some 15 years. Eleven of these years have been at the District 7 or Townsend school. The child comes to the first grade, often for the first time away from mother, and requires a great deal of patience and understanding to establish the rapport necessary to make his first learning experience successful. Many later successes and failures are traced back to the start the child received in the first grade.

The first grade teacher must recognize the different levels each child can reach and see that he or she has the satisfaction of attaining them. In return the teacher has the tremendous satisfaction of seeing a sizable amount of progress from the beginning to the end of the year, more, surely than any other teacher, according to Mrs.

Foster. Mrs. Foster, a native of New Mexico, who earned her degree from Western Montana College, feels the challenge is balanced by the reward.

"Winston News"

January and February are such nice months in which to have winter, much nicer than April and May. January 25th there was an 80 percent chance of snow. By the time twenty-four inches of the crystalline fluff had blanketed the landscape, we were glad we hadn't gotten a full load. Aside from a few inconveniences, it did no harm and the moisture is welcome.

Mrs. Charlie Masolo's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Paige, of Twin Bridges, spent a day with the Masolo's last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cox were guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robison-Cox at a birthday party honoring Mrs. Cox at the old Governor's Mansion.

Coxes and Clarks took in the Winter Fair Wednesday and Thursday. Clarks visited Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Finn.

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"Around Town News"

Pam and Leonard Lambott and Carmen hosted a birthday dinner Sunday for Daughter, Wendy. Guests were Forrest and Mairon Kitto.

Others attending the Centennial dinner were Bill and Grace Berberet, Audrey and William Plymale, Don and Charlotte Lewis, and Chuck and Eleanor Holling.

Monday evening Jack and Doreen Sautter visited with Margaret and Pat Kenney and helped Margaret celebrate her birthday.