

“What Happened this Week in History”

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1941

“Local News”

Peggy Bridgewater, who is in training at the Deaconess Nursing school in Great Falls, enjoyed a week’s vacation here with home folks.

Mrs. Alta Olsen and Mrs. W.T. Thompson attended the neighbors of Wildcraft Convention in Great Falls the first of the week.

Orlando Allen arrived here from Butte to make his home. He is recovering from a recent illness and was accompanied here by his daughter, Mrs. Dan Murphy and husband.

Mr. and Mrs. John Zimmerman had as week end guests, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Engh and Miss Charlotte West of Helena.

1958

“Townsend Youth Wins Science Scholarship”

John Wallace, a Junior of Broadwater County High School and son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wallace of Townsend, was named winner of the first Science Fair sponsored by Science Students Association of the College of Great Falls. From a financial standpoint this is the most important award received by any student of Broadwater County.

John’s project, “Comparison of Vertebrate Skulls”, was judged the best of 25 entries in the Fair at the DeMolay Memorial. He was awarded a four-year honor scholarship to the College of Great Falls as the winning prize. Projects were judged on creative ability, scientific thought, thoroughness and appeal.

Purpose of the fair is to stimulate interest in science and mathematics among high school students, and to acquaint the public with work being done by students in these fields.

“Radersburg News”

Mrs. Glenn Williams, daughter JoAnne and four of her friends, drove out from Helena Sunday. Janie Williams and Sue Webb joined the group at the home of Mrs. Jack Williams for a party celebrating JoAnne’s birthday which fell on Monday, April 19.

“Local News”

A short tour of the plant and a demonstration of some of the machines was conducted by Mr. and Mrs. George Brammer. If these kids enjoyed the tour as much as the Star force enjoyed the kids, it was a huge success and they will be back to see us soon.

The star was host to 39 first graders of Mrs. Bertha Hanson and Mrs. Evelyn Eddy Monday afternoon and to 44 second graders of Mrs. Wm. H. Speacht and Mrs. H.M. Sperry on Tuesday afternoon.

1975

“Attend School on Swimming”

Leslie Helmick and Susan Sautter will be sent to a Water Safety School sponsored by the American Red Cross in June in Washington.

According to Chapter Chairman, Mrs. Helen Nordale, their expenses will be paid by the Broadwater Chapter of the American Red Cross.

“These classes will train the girls in all aspects of water safety,” Mrs. Nordale said, “and will enable them to teach others what they have learned as well. The local chapter is happy to have this opportunity to use money raised here to be of direct aid to local people.”

“Townsend News”

While Grandpa Chester served beef in the park Saturday, Grandma Ethel Scoffield spent the time with her granddaughter, Niki Scoffield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Scoffield, who celebrated her third birthday. Kids present at the party were: Jeanette and Robbie Hankins and Mrs. Laura Hankins; Jamie, Julie, Russel and Laurie Scoffield and Mrs. Ward Scoffield, Debby Buckley and Mrs. Jim Buckley; Molly Johnson and Grandma Ethel Scoffield.

Mr. and Mrs. F.L. Olsen, Anita and Natalie and Nina Plummer traveled to St. Ignatius this past week end to visit their son, Ronald, and his family. Ronald is teaching in St. Ignatius.

George Harrigfeld was in town last week and may still be here, but only temporarily. He and Sammy are putting things in order so that their approaching move to Alaska can go off without a hitch. George is one of the lucky ones who was able to secure employment in the Alaska boom. What an exciting adventure they have in store for them.

1997

“Mr. Love Graduates from Junior High”

After 33 years in front of the classroom, Townsend Junior High School science teacher Marvin Love will make the final entries in his gradebook this month, setting aside notes on the circulatory system and experiments in earth science for new experiences in retirement.

“I’ve reached that point where I need to move on,” Love said. “Maybe I just need to do something else.”

Love took a circuitous route into education, graduating in 1957 from what was then Montana State College in Bozeman with a degree in range management and agriculture. Soon, he found himself drafted into the U.S. Army’s Signal Corps, and he spent his two years stationed in Chicago during the Korean Conflict.

“After I got back, I got a job with the U.S. Forest Service,” he recalled. All the paperwork of that job, however, was not for him.

I found out that to get a teaching certificate in science I had to go back to school for another year,” Love said.

Thanks to the GI Bill and some good advice, Love took his first job in front of the chalkboard in 1963, teaching science in Lewistown. But he quickly learned that there was no escaping the paperwork.

Three years later, Love received a National Science Foundation academic year institute award and used the grant to get his Master of Education degree at Oregon State University in Corvallis.

In 1967, he accepted a position at Townsend and has been here ever since.

Love sometimes jokes that he’s “never graduated from junior high,” spending all of his career working with an age group parents and teachers alike consider to be difficult.

“I’ve really liked the age group,” Love said.