

This Day in History - March 16

1922

“Announcement”

I wish to announce to the general public that after my return to Townsend recently, I am operating the shop of Bowhay & Son and will continue to run the business under the same name in the future. I am prepared to do first class automobile and machine repairing and will endeavor to give my patrons courteous and honest treatment. Henry Bowhay

“Wheat for Sale”

I have Seed Wheat for sale, no. 1 Dry Land Marquis, cleaned at Park Milling Company Elevator, Toston, Montana. Joe Greaves

“Auction of Household Furniture”

On Saturday of this week Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Carroll will sell their household furniture at the Daly house in the eastern part of town. There is a good list of articles to be sold and should bring quite a good crowd to the sale. F.T. McCormick has charge of the sale which starts at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

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“Big Dance Will Help Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day”

The Townsend basketball team will sponsor a dance on March 17th as a St. Patrick’s celebration with the very popular dance band, “Mac’s Greatest Aces”. The dance will be given in the high school gymnasium and sure to be one of the outstanding social events of the season.

The Townsend team have had a very successful year and have given the public some good basketball all thru the season, bringing many outside teams here to play and going elsewhere for return games and as they are a little in the red, they have taken this opportunity to raise money to pay off their indebtedness. The Legion who have been holding this date open each year have stepped aside for the basketball boys.

A dance will be given in Radersburg on the following night, March 18th with the “Harmony Boys”, a local orchestra, furnishing the music.

The day commemorates the day on which St. Patrick died - believed by the best authorities to have been March 17, 493. The date of his birth is unknown, but it is believed to have occurred in the year 387.

“Local News”

Joseph Kirscher, son of Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Kirscher of the valley, met with a painful accident Tuesday morning of this week when the prongs of a rusty pitch fork were forced thru his hand. He was riding his bicycle when he was forced off in going over a bump in the road and in falling, his hand was extended for protection. The pitch fork, an old one, was frozen to the ground, the prong protruding and unfortunately his hand was forced down thru the rusty points. Medical attention was immediately procured and at this time, he is well on the way to recovery.

The Townsend Women’s club will meet in regular meeting next Monday, March 20th. A Beauty Specialist will be present to give a demonstration in beauty culture. Everyone who cares to attend is cordially invited. A 10 cent fee will be charged.

Women's and Children's Spring Hats, each a distinctive type at the Townsend Mercantile Co.

1939

"Abundant Snow for the Week"

Rain and snow during the week left an abundant amount of moisture in this vicinity. Hugh Walter was down from his bench ranch today and reported he believed 18 inches of snow had fallen at his place and that the fall was even greater at timber line, believing that at least 2 ½ feet on the level could be measured.

Such a condition in March before spring work starts brings broad grins to farmers. Skiers also like the idea as they had a difficult time last Sunday at their ski run wallowing around in the soft melting snows of a three-day chinook. If cold nights prevail between now and Sunday, the local sportsmen should have much more good sport.

"Local News"

Students are home for the spring vacation period from the universities. Joe Gaab, Dana Bradford, Lois and Robert Balhiser, Audry Plymale, Betty Kirscher arriving from Montana State college at Bozeman.

1950

"Bonds Sold for New School for Townsend"

Matters in connection with the proposed new elementary school building in Townsend are proceeding satisfactorily, according to the trustees. They report that following the favorable bond election they caused all matters in reference to the bond issue to be passed on by the Court. A judgement of the Court adjudged all of the bond proceedings to be regular and in conformity with law.

The legal approval by the Court, being given prior to the time of sale, undoubtedly contributed to the spirited bidding for the bonds when they were put up for sale on February 24. The successful bidders for the bonds were Piper, Jaffray and Hopwood of Minneapolis, acting for an association of bond buyers. The bonds are to bear the low interest rate of 2.40 per cent.

The money from the sale of the bonds should be available shortly following April 1, following which the trustees will conclude their building plans.

Radersburg News

Mrs. Mary Grandchamp and Mrs. Jane Bottler were co-hostesses at a Canasta party at the home of Mrs. Grandchamp Friday evening. A dainty dessert luncheon was served at 7:30 and the rest of the evening was spent playing Canasta. A very enjoyable evening was reported. Those attending were: Mrs. Ann Thurston, Mrs. Pearl Johnson, Mrs. Dorothy Seaman, Mrs. Edna Greaves, Mrs. Clara Williams, Mrs. Tana Kramp, Mrs. Eunice McElwee, Mrs. Annabelle Doughty, Mrs. Topsy Ralls, Mrs. Martha Harris, Mrs. Mary Lennon. Prizes were won by Mrs. Tana Kramp first and Mrs. Topsy Ralls low.

1961

“All Town Officials File for Office”

J. Garrison Rains, acting town clerk, reports this week that all incumbent town officials have filed with his office for re-election. They are Hadley Rice for Mayor; Carl Kieckbusch and Alex DuFresne, aldermen for ward 1; Claude Cartwright and Bill Kieckbusch, aldermen for ward 2; Joe Meyer and George Lots, aldermen for ward 3.

Deadline for filing for office is Saturday, March 18, for the election to be held Monday, April 3. Apparently citizens of Townsend are satisfied with the present administration, as we have not heard of anyone talking about filing.

“Fingerprint School”

Malcolm Henry, Broadwater County Undersheriff, graduated last week from a 5-day fingerprint school which was held in Helena for peace officers of the state. The school was conducted by members of the FBI.

“Grass Fire”

A grass fire got out of control Monday morning and burned over 15 acres of hay land belonging to Paul Hahn and destroyed 2000 bales of hay. The fire was nearing the buildings on the Ray Wallace farm when the Townsend Volunteer Fire Department halted the blaze.

That morning a three-man crew was burning off the Northern Pacific railroad right of way near the Hahn farm and it is thought the fire started when sparks were blown across the highway and igniting grass in the hay meadow.