

“What Happened Today in History”

April 12

1923

Senior Hop

The seniors will give their dance at the Auditorium on April 20. The grand march will begin at 9:00 and it will be led by Mr. and Mrs. Gene McCarthy. Other patrons and patronesses will be as follows: Messrs and Mesdames J. S. Connors, M.H. and W.E. Crowley, J.D. Doggett, C.B. Fairchild, John Graveley, W.J. Hayes, H.H. Holloway, H.E. Johnson, J.P. Kearns, A.C. Kelly, J.A. Matthews, P.H. Murphy and G.E. Zimmerman.

The floor managers will be Chas. Bryant, W.J. Hayes, Floyd Holloway and A.G. McCormick.

Supper will be served at the Odd Fellows hall by the American Legion Auxiliary.

All friends of the class are cordially invited.

1945

WWI Headlines

Thanks for Star

A Story Sent the Star Tells of Heroism

Dear Boys and Girls in the Service

Franklin D. Roosevelt President of the United States Is Dead

A flash just came over the radio that President Franklin D. Roosevelt died this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock Eastern War time. H.E. Balhiser, agent of the N.P, verified the report by saying the telegraphy office had had such a report. No particulars are known at this time.

Such a sad occurrence throws the entire nation and world into a state of extreme mourning.

Shop Opens for Business Townsend's New Coffee

The Coffee Shop, Townsend's new business firm, will be officially open for business tomorrow according to an announcement made today by the owner, J. Garrison Rains.

The Coffee Shop has been in the process of being equipped and made ready for the public for several months during which time children and adults have become curious and anxious. It is located in the former Townsend Mercantile Company's store building occupying the west half.

The fountain will be in operation for the opening and the grill will be opened at a later date after equipment arrives.

Mr. Rains has been in Townsend for the past two years associated with the Connors Mortuary. He has made many friends here during that time who welcome him as a young businessman and congratulate him on his new enterprise which promises to fulfill a need in the community.

Wearable Used Clothing Now Sought for Foreign Relief

The first announcement is now made appealing to Broadwater County people to donate their used clothing in the United National Clothing Collection which collection is being sponsored in the local community with Mrs. Jess Cook the general chairman.

Mrs. Cook was asked to volunteer her services in lieu of the fact that she so successfully manned the collection of clothing in the Russian relief program here last winter. She has appointed her committees and made a few suggestions as follows:

Toston - Mrs. Claude Flynn; Radersburg - Mrs. Warren Parker, Mrs. Mike Massa; Winston - Mrs. Hugh Whitehead; Townsend - Mrs. Chas. Mongrain, Mrs. Lester Ballard, Mrs. Harry Balhiser, Mrs. Ralph Mankameyer, Mrs. Jess Cook.

Clothing should be clean and in wearable condition, old shoes, bedding, blankets, coats, men's overcoats, suits, women's coats, suits. Leave all bundles at courthouse basement.

1951

Men Preside at P.T.A. Meeting

The last meeting of the Townsend P.T.A. was conducted by the men of the organization. The regular president: the Rev. Gordon Patterson, presided. James W. Kearns acted as secretary; George Engler, treasurer. The book award for the grades having the heaviest attendance of parents went to the fifth grade and the junior class.

A nominating committee was appointed as follows: Mrs. Pete Cartwright, James W. Kearns, and Mrs. Glenn Perry.

It was voted to have a food sale to raise some funds for the treasury.

A very interesting part of the program was the radio records rebroadcast by transcription made of the White House Conference for Youth which was attended by D.D. Cooper. Two records were played. One was made by the president of the Philippines who talked on "Development of Healthy Personalities" and one by the President Harry Truman, who also talked on youth development.

A triple trio sang two numbers, the personnel of which is Pauline Green, Margie Kieckbusch, Minnie Houston, Roxy Ward, Barbara Maynard, Norene Reynolds, Sheila McCarthy, Mary Lou Bristow and Willisann Frey. Miss Eleanor Schwisow was the accompanist.

The men took charge of the serving of refreshments also.

J.G. Braley Store Celebrates 10th Anniversary

The J.G. Braley Drug Store, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Braley took on a festive appearance last Saturday on the occasion of their 10th anniversary in Townsend. The store had been brightened up for the occasion with many interior improvements including the beautiful new white and red tiled floor. Heavy stocks of goods were stored giving room for many fine anniversary specials and many regretted to learn after it was too late, of the fine bargains and attractive specials offered to the public as a mark of appreciation for the 10 years of success in the local community.

Starting early in the morning, everyone who visited the store was given an orchid, brought in by air mail from Hawaii and at 3:00 in the afternoon the orchid lei was awarded to the one who happened to be closest to the alarm clock when it sounded the hour. The manner of awarding the lei was a secret and it so happened Mrs. Sewell Marks was the recipient of the lei.

As Joe said, when he pinned the complimentary orchid on each lapel: "Come back in 10 more years and we'll give you two orchids and other prize surprises". Those who visited the store remarked, "We'll hold you to that Joe". Mr. and Mrs. Braley have proven to be fine civic

leaders and have taken a prominent place in the progress of their home community. Congratulations!

1962

Music Students Rate High at District Festival

Music students from Broadwater County High School received many fine ratings at the District Music Festival which was held recently in Helena.

The band received a superior rating, which according to all records in the music department, is the first one ever accorded this organization.

Beverly Thompson received a superior rating for her piano solo and for the bass clarinet she played. She was also a vocal soloist and received an excellent rating.

The mixed ensemble, a vocal group from the high school, received a superior rating and this rating entitles them to participate in the State Solo and Ensemble Meet which will be held in Missoula, May 4 and 5. All soloists and small groups who received superior ratings in their district meets are eligible for this festival.

Marietta and Marnie Lanning received a superior rating for their piano duet, as did Connie Sprout and Deena Hollaway, Marnie Lanning and Connie Sprout. Dennis Kelly and Merle Turman, also piano students, received an excellent rating as did Merle Turman's solo. Lila Haas was given an excellent rating for her saxophone solo; the piano quartet and the girls' sextet also received the same rating.

Roberta Bucy, vocal soloist, mixed chorus and the piano duo by Mary Ann Hensley and Nancy Marks received good ratings,

Mrs. Paulie Ragen is vocal and instrumental music director for the high school and Mrs. Lorraine Kitto instructs the piano students.

1973

Harris Accepts Position With Highway Patrol

Sam Harris, who has been with the Townsend Police Department for the past year, received word this week that his application to attend the State Highway Patrol Academy at Bozeman has been accepted. He has resigned his position with the Townsend department effective Wednesday (yesterday), April 11.

Harris notified the City Council of his intentions some time back, and has been awaiting a decision from the highway patrol. He will report to the academy on Monday, April 16, and upon completion of the course on June 20, will be assigned to duty somewhere within the state. Harris was one of 35 applicants accepted to attend the academy by the patrol. An additional 25 patrolmen will join the state's force this spring, with the remaining ten applicants to fill the various vacancies that occur throughout the year.

The City of Townsend is currently accepting applications for a policeman to replace Harris.

Public Invited to Inspect Senior Housing with Open House Sunday

A public viewing of the Townsend Senior Housing will be made this Sunday, April 15 from 1:30 to 4:30; on South Spruce Street

The two four-plex units have a total of eight apartments, all one-bedroom and all the same size. The apartments are almost 600 sq. ft. in size and are complete with kitchen and bath.

The special housing project is administered by a local nonprofit corporation and was financed with money from a Farmers Home Administration loan. The loan is to be repaid over a 50 year period with interest. However, the rate of interest will be adjusted according to each individual occupying the apartments. Thus the amount of rental can vary according to the individual. The basic rental charge has been set at \$80.00 per month and this will include all utilities, except telephone.

Wm. Duede is the president of the non-profit corporation, Townsend Housing, Inc. Svend Jensen is vice president and Mrs. Gary Welch is the secretary-treasurer. Other directors are Mrs. H.G. White, John N. Jepson, Mrs. Joe Kirscher, Henry Huth, Rev. Gary Pearson and Jack Nelson.

L.P. Barney construction of Helena was the general contractor for the project, with Lyman Etzwiler the construction foreman. The total cost of the entire project was about \$100,000. However, this includes land purchase, architect fees and incidental costs.

The housing is located on a 100' x 45' lot on South Spruce Street. The site has not been completely landscaped, but a complete sidewalk has been installed. Included in the back yard area is a concrete patio, outdoor clothesline and storage building. The contractor will seed the lawn and shrubbery will be set out. This is yet to be done, but weather permitting, it will be done soon.

The interior arrangement includes a kitchen area with range, refrigerator, exhaust fan, built in cabinets, garbage disposal and adjoining large storage area with sliding doors. There is a large bath with tub. The bedroom has a full length closet. The living room is a nice size with two large windows. There is lots of room for storage.

The entire apartment is carpeted except for the bath and the kitchen area. It comes equipped with drapes. The apartments are electrically heated and each apartment has three individual thermostats for individual room heat.