

## **“What Happened Today in History”**

**December 28**

**1933**

### **“Dancing and Boxing Largely Attended”**

The dance given here Christmas night at the Townsend Auditorium attracted a large crowd. The boxing match advertised, furnished its share of entertainment and was witnessed by the largest crowd assembled in Townsend in a long time.

The boxing bout advertised was changed somewhat because of failure of the arrival of the boxer from Livingston, owing to a car accident, but Fred Lindsey, local man, matched Ray Cleveland in the ring as the feature bout of the evening and the five rounds were fast and interesting. Lindsey, handy with the gloves, surpassed his opponent, who has had considerable experience, but who has not been boxing for some time.

As a preliminary, Ralph Domar entered the ring to meet a Filipino. This bout was short as Domar with one mighty blow, the first pass, knocked the unsuspecting beet worker out.

Dancing was the order of things until a late hour following the boxing.

**1939**

### **“Double Header Basketball Billed Here Tomorrow”**

The blue and white basketball teams of Broadwater High will meet the White Sulphur Hornets and the Ringling Tigers in the first district games and the first home games of the season Friday evening at the local gym.

Altho the locals have a win to their credit over the Helena Reserves, the White Sulphur team has wins over Harlowton, Ringling and Clyde Park and have been out for practice several weeks longer than the local Bulldogs. The Bulldogs expect to face an uphill battle all the way as they are working out a new system and to date it is far from complete. However, with a few games under their belt, the team should function as a strong district contender before the season is over.

Not one of the squad may be assured a place on the starting lineup and the local fans may see any of the following members on the hardwood court during the evening: Weed, Smith Moudree, Clark, O’Hearn, Guffey, McLane, Sautter and Plymale.

**1939**

### **“Broadwater Squad Show Possibilities of Good Season”**

With but a few weeks practice under their belts, the local basketball squad started the season with a trip to Helena where they engaged the Helena Reserves in a preliminary game to the Helena-Havre game Saturday.

The Blue and White team got away to an early lead, but saw it dwindle as the fighting Reserves came back strong in the second quarter as the guarding of the locals became slack. However, in the second half a fast breaking offense netted the locals several goals and the guarding of the Helena forwards by the locals showed much improvement and the game finished with the Bulldogs on the long end of a 40 - 25 score.

The entire squad saw action in the game with Smith and Weed leading in scoring with fifteen and ten points each. Clark, O’Hearn, Moudree, Brisbin, McLane, Guffey and Sautter all saw action in the game and played exceedingly well for their first game.

It might be a note of interest for the local fans that the Bulldogs are using a wide open attack which may feature in larger scores for both sides and perhaps a chance for losing more often by the locals. But it will be a game that will have plenty of action for the fans win or lose for the home team.

**1950**

### **“City Bars Use of Air Guns by Town’s Youths”**

It seems the supply of Air Rifles, also known as BB Guns increased at Christmas. Likewise it is apparent the guns have been put to use in breaking windows and in the boys actually shooting at each other. It requires no imagination to know that some child is apt to be blinded if this practice is not stopped at once.

Use of air rifles in the town limits is absolutely prohibited by Town Ordinance, and the officers have been instructed to seize the gun of anyone using it contrary to the ordinance. Use of these outside the town limits is naturally limited to non-dangerous use, and state law prohibits children shooting these guns at any place where a stray bullet is apt to injure any person or any property.

This notice is intended for parents as well as children, and any person, child or otherwise found using these guns, or any other guns, contrary to ordinance and state law, will have the guns taken from them by the officers and the guns will not be returned.

Town of Townsend,

By order of Town Council

### **“Christmas Cantata Outstanding Musical Treat”**

Townsend people were treated to one of the most outstanding musical programs in the history of the town when, on last Thursday evening, the Methodist choir assisted by some outside talent presented a Christmas cantata, “Yuletide Memories”, under the direction of Mrs. Sam Kirksey with Miss Margery Kieckbusch accompanist.

The church was packed for the presentation and nothing but praise was expressed following the well planned and exceptionally fine program.

The processional was led by the Wesley choir in white vestments, about 10 in number, 10 adult men in black choir robes followed the young people and bringing up the procession were 16 women adult singers, in black cassocks and white cottas, making the total of approximately 60 voices.

The cantata’s musical theme was around all of the beautiful carols, the youthful voices taking the lead and the adults singing the variations of the more difficult trend, and the “Hallelujah” chorus as the finale was all inspiring.

Solo parts were taken by the Rev. Gordon Patterson, Minnie Houston, Mrs. Wilbert Maynard, Mrs. James Mitchell, Sam Kirksey, and feature parts by Mrs. Gordon Patterson, Mary Lou Bristow, Mrs. Ray Ward, Mrs. D.W. Neifert and Wilbert Maynard.

Perhaps the most thrilling number was the one entitled “Wise Men” which brought out the clear youthful voices of the Wesley choir and the men’s contrasting chorus.

Mrs. Ted Hunter has been directing the Wesley choir and Mrs. Kirksey the Chancel choir; the two joining for the event augmented by several members of the Episcopal choir and others.

After the presentation the singers went to the home of Mrs. Ray Ward and heard their program after it had been recorded by Clarence Fisher.

### **“Townsend Rotary Club”**

The question “Can Business Become too Big?” was the question for debate at the regular meeting of the local Rotary Club at the Mint last Tuesday evening. On the negative and winning side were: Logan Davis, A.A. Christie, Jim Ragen and Bud Neifert; the three judges were unanimous in their decision. The debate was conducted by Geo. Gabisch and timed by Wilbert Maynard. The debate was lively all the way through and like one of the losers said: “When the argument got weak, they just yelled a little louder”.

The one guest was Glen Williams.

### **1961**

### **“John Hunters Win Christmas Home Decorating Contest”**

The trailer home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hunter at 515 North Cedar with old Santa on the roof, a fireplace and lights all over the place won top prize this year in the Rotary Club Christmas Home Decoration Contest. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter are to be complimented on their fine piece of work.

Second place honors went to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sautter at 611 East Broadway and third prize went to Miss Sydney Sherwood who was responsible for the attractive display at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sherwood on South Walnut.

Tony Francisco, president of the Townsend Rotary Club, made the announcement of the winners yesterday after conferring with the judges. He stated the judges had a number of homes under consideration for the three cash prizes of \$15, \$10 and \$5. Those getting honorable mention were: Jack Pooles; Logan Davises; Don Hollaways; Hank Lorhs; Glenn Perry, Jr.; John Zipperian, Jr.; and Loraine Olsens.

### **“Green Buys Entire Rondora Stock”**

This morning a deal was consummated whereby R.J. Kelly has sold his entire stock of merchandise at the Rondora to Louis Green of Green’s Super Market. Mr. Green will continue the sale until the merchandise is sold out.

### **“Nativity Scene”**

The Nativity scene was again beautifully arranged in Memorial Park by members of the Garden Club to lend an air of worship for the Christmas time.

Members of the club wish to publically thank the following men who assisted them in putting up the display: Walter Doig, Mike Massa, Kenneth O’Dell and Wesley Horne.