

“What Happened Today in History”

January 18

1923

“In Honor of Mrs. Gray P. Keene”

Upon Mrs. Gray P. Keene’s return to her country home after spending the week in Townsend, she was very much and happily surprised to find so many of her friends and neighbors gathered at her home to spend the evening and make merry the day as it was an anniversary of her birthday, January 5th.

Friends for many miles around came and a very pleasant evening was spent in card games and a general good time and at the close of the evening, the guests spread a delicious lunch which they had prepared. Everyone present enjoyed the occasion as well as Mrs. Keene, who made it known that the whole affair was an especially happy surprise.

1934

“Local News”

Surveyors for the Montana Highway Commission arrived here Wednesday and will start to make the state highway survey of the Electric Highway from Townsend to the Deep Creek forest survey of the same highway.

1945

“Total Casualties for Broadwater County with Two Still Missing Are”

Lt. Dana Bradford, pilot, killed in cross country plane crash, March 11th, 1942

William D. Gruber, first reported missing when Bataan fell in June 1942 and reported dead by the Japanese government thru the Red Cross ,April 15, 1943.

Lt. William A. Lasby bombardier, killed when plane crashed in the U.S., December 29, 1942.

Sgt. James “Jack” Franklin, killed when plane crashed in India on take-off mission, March 24th, 1943.

Sgt. Clyde Milton killed in action in Italy, February 4th, 1944.

Jack D’Arcy aviation cadet, killed on the eve of being made a lieutenant in the air corps, on practice flight, March 7th, 1944

Lt. William E. Kenney, died of tropical disease in South Pacific, June 10, 1944.

Sgt. James Robert Lynch, gunner on bomber, killed on mission, June 16th, 1944.

Pvt. George Lewis killed in action in South Pacific, July 1943.

Robert Moudree, storekeeper first class, killed on board the Kalk while in action, June 12th, 1944.

Pvt. Edwin Colon, died in Jap prison war camp after fall of Bataan, before July 1943.

Pvt. Andrew Schaaf killed in German prison camp after having gone down on mission over Austria, July 16, 1944.

Lt. Lowell Braum, pilot died in France, July 4th, 1944.

Sgt. Ben Webb, gunner on a bomber, killed November 7th on mission over Germany.

Sgt. Bill Cooley killed in action in Germany, December 11, 1944.

Lt. Robert Pennington reported mission on maneuver flight in North Carolina, December 19, 1944.

Cpl. C.A. Dallas, Jr., nose gunner on a B-24 reported missing on mission over Poland, December 18th, 1944.

Note: the war had not ended as of this date, so, sadly, there were more casualties.

1951

“Young Lads Have Anniversaries”

Fifteen young friends helped John Wallace, 10, observe his birthday anniversary last Friday at his home here with a party after school and a movie show. The young boys arrived for games and after gift unwrapping, a substantial supper was served to Bobby Wallace, Robert Patterson, Allan Damuth, Eddie Mantel, Billie Flynn, John Langevin, Bruce Alley, Harry Cartwright, Bradley White, Preston Edwards, Dick Blakeley, Mike and Dick Kieckbusch and Jimmie Van Meter.

Dick Neifert was eleven years old last Sunday and it was a banner day in his life and was climaxed when six of his friends came in for refreshments and a movie. “The gang” consisted of Robert Davey, John Langevin, Barry, Bradley and Lanny White, Robert Rice and the young host.

“Forest Service Urges Eradication of All Porcupines”

The forest service would like people generally to make a kill on the porcupine. Because they destroy much timber annually, the forestry service kill every porcupine they can and urge others to do the same.

Vern Edwards, local ranger, says he would appreciate it if a report was made to him whenever a porcupine was killed.

He said there were probably around 150 known porcupine killed in 1950. Forest service employees killed 75; 5 were killed by cars; 10 killed by stockmen and probably there was another 50 killed that were not reported.

It is known that mountain lion kill porcupines also, but there is no check on that.

1962

“Rosary Cagers Trip Bulldogs”

By: Jim Braley

The Townsend Bulldogs, playing without two of their starters, were defeated last Saturday night in Bozeman by a score of 53-41. This broke a six-game winning streak for the Townsend squad.

Bob Lundborg, the squad’s top rebounder, and Larry Massa, the playmaker, were definitely missed in the game as the Bulldogs were able to play Rosary on even terms for the first quarter, but they quickly began to fall behind due to lack of rebounding power. The Townsend boys also were very cold from the field, hitting only 25% of their shots.

The Bulldogs finally started hitting midway through the final quarter and reduced a 17 point Rosary lead down to 8 points, but Rosary had the determination to up their lead again and won over the Bulldogs by 12 points.

Although Townsend lost, they still remained in first place in District 8 as Manhattan lost to Three Forks, 49-46. Three Forks also defeated Rosary Friday night, 47-34.

The Townsend "B" squad won another one of their famous close games, defeating Rosary "B" 39-37. Jim Weinzetl, a transfer student from Huntly Project, who has just become eligible, led the "B" squad in scoring with 13 points.

"Local News"

Cheryl Waling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Waling Lorin was guest of honor at a party last Tuesday evening, January 9, when a group of friends came to help her celebrate her 10th birthday. Guests were Jean Christie, Irene Thompson, Sheri Mann, Candy Whitehead and Jill Brammer.