

This Date in History – March 9

1933

“Womans Club Meeting Given Over to Newly Elected President”

The regular meeting of the Townsend Womans Club was held Monday evening, the program of which was dedicated to the new president of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt. Roll call was informally responded to by expressions concerning the inauguration after a very interesting paper had been given by Mrs. D.J. Clark on the life of the new president.

Miss Gertrude Olsen, a visitor, told the members some things about Galen, a Montana Institution for the cure of tuberculosis, showing pictures and answering questions which the members found interesting and instructive.

The next meeting will be held on March 20th when the program will be in the hands of a beauty specialist, who will advise the members on facial care, hair dressing and manicuring. Each member is asked to bring 10 cents.

“County’s Representative Returns Home”

Representative W.K. Parker looked tired and weary when he passed through Townsend enroute to his home in Crow Creek Valley Saturday, following the closing of the legislature in Helena in the early morning hours of the same day. Mr. Parker stated the session was a difficult one in that there was so much to be done and so little that could be done. He said he felt as if the session had been very successful and that all business had been disposed of in a prompt and efficient manner. In order to take care of the enormous amount of bills placed before the legislators took a great deal of study and thought and long hours of hard work in the closing hours to cover them all.

He was accompanied by Mrs. Parker returning to the farm, both having made the capital city their home during the past two months.

1939

“Townsend Ski Club Organized by 10 Members”

The Townsend Ski Club was organized by a group of local enthusiasts of the sport at a meeting held last night. Membership to the club is open to anyone interested according to a decision reached at the meeting when officers were chosen and initial rules adopted. F.L. Hollaway was chosen president; Lawrence Gabisch, Vice President; Frank T. Hooks, Secretary and James Kearns, Treasurer.

The charter members are: Howard Doggett, Ed Brown, F.L. Hollaway, F.T. Hooks, Ray Ward, A.V. Safley, J.W. Kearns, Tom Gabisch, Lawrence Gabisch and Lloyd Heberle. Honorary life memberships were extended to this group who had financed the beginning of the club and installed a tow rope and power line at the ski run in Deep Creek canyon. A complimentary life membership was presented to Harold Slater who was appointed field manager and supervisor. Mr. Slater, an expert skier, has done much to promote the sport among local sportsmen and chose the bowl, named for him, where the club intends to develop a first class ski run for this popular winter sport.

There are two forms of memberships offered, life memberships and yearly memberships. Five dollar dues paid now entitles payee to a life membership, provided such memberships are secured prior to April 1st, 1939. Yearly dues will be \$1.00. Those who become members will be privileged to use the ski tow at a reduced cost on the daily payment plan and have access to the club's resources.

It is planned to have the tow running next Sunday for everyone. A charge of 50 cents will be made to adult non-club members and a charge of 25 cents for those under 21 years of age and to all members.

The Townsend Ski run is unique. It is located about 23 miles from town between White Sulphur Springs and Townsend. The lift takes the skiers to the top of a mountain in view of highway No. 10. The ascent is made into Slater Bowl and down the forest trail to the site of the tow again.

Weather conditions favorable, skiing should be in evidence for at least three and possibly four Sundays.

The club plans extensive developments next summer in the erection of a club house and improved lift.

1950

Local News

More than 100 attended the Masonic and Eastern star family night and potluck supper in the temple last Thursday evening. Following the dinner a short program was given, including vocal solos by the Rev. Gordon Patterson, accompanied by Mrs. Wilbert Maynard, and two piano solos by Eleanor Schwisow. Bridge and pinochle were played with Mrs. Shirley Van Voast and Mrs. Lyle Middleton scoring for Bridge. Pinochle prizes were won by Mrs. Frank Grimm and Ed Jacobsen.

1961

"Assessor Starts Annual Rounds"

Monday of this week our genial county assessor, Frank Holloway, vacated his office at the court house to start his rounds assessing every taxpayer in Broadwater County. The open weather this spring makes his work rather easy, as all roads in the county are open.

In years gone by when lots of roads were clogged and impassable, Frank would work in town and then when roads and weather got better, he would work the rural areas.

While Frank is out of the Assessor's office members of the Treasurer's staff take care of any business for him needing immediate attention.

1967

"Annual Minstrel Show Promises to Be Exceptional"

The annual Rotary Minstrel show promises to be far bigger and better than ever this year. Several groups and individuals will take part in the benefit which is going toward completing the new city park on Pine Street. Sponsoring the event is the Townsend Rotary Club and the BCHS Music Department.

Some of the special numbers are singing by the Morman Ladies Choir, performance by the High School Ensemble, banjo playing by Clarence Fisher, A Tijuana Brass Instrumental from the high school, Jack Sautter will sing, Randy Anderson and Herb Sprout will play, Louise Henry

will sing, the Garden Club will have a skit, the chorus, which includes Rotary members, some Methodist and Episcopal church choir members and local businessmen, will sing throughout the show.

The show will be presented two dates, March 16 and 17 at 8:00 p.m. It will be presented in the old high school gym.

“Broadwater Roping Club is Organized”

The Broadwater Roping Club has taken steps to become completely organized. This past year the young men who have been interested in the roping and dogging practice sessions were getting together for fun and experience they could gain from the activity. However, they held an organizational meeting Wednesday, March 1 and elected a board of directors from which officers were elected. Fourteen members were present.

The five-member board elected at that time is Barry White, Bob Masolo, Jim Girdler, Ward Scoffield and Gary Graveley. Officers elected were: Barry White, president; Bob Masolo, Vice President; Jim Girdler, secretary-treasurer.

The Board has taken steps to rent 15 steers for the summer for roping and bull-dogging practice. The practice will begin about May 1 and is held twice each week.

Anyone interested in belonging to the organization is urged to contact one of the officers or directors.