

“What Happened Today in History”

November 2

1922

“Tonight’s Program at the Rex Theatre”

“Too Wise Wives” a paramount picture which will be seen at the Rex Theatre Thursday Nov. 2nd, is a story in which one woman loved her husband too much and burdened his life with her wifeliness. The other loved her husband not at all and made him happy for her own selfish ends.

Then fate slyly pulled the strings and - the storm that followed clears up a few things about marriage! An intimate real life romance that peeps behind the scenes of a million homes. With a cast including Clair Wandor and Mona Lisa. A Lois Weber production.

“Hallowe’en Festivities”

Among the week’s festivities in the celebration of Hallowe’en were the parties given to the different grades in the public school. The seventh and eighth grades enjoyed a basket social from five to seven o’clock in the gymnasium of the public school building. Miss Cecelia Hazelton and Miss Florence Spreizer and H.C. Good helping to make the occasion a pleasant one.

The fourth and third grades enjoyed a pleasant party in their room on Tuesday afternoon. Miss Webb and Miss Gallery managing the program to give their students a gay time for a few hours. Appropriate refreshments were served.

The primary class under the supervision of Miss Naida Wellman received a pleasant surprise, when on Hallowe’en afternoon, work was laid aside and they were told there was a surprise in store for them. Beside games, the little folk had Hallowe’en caps and jack o-lanterns and orange and black candies and other goodies to remind them of the mysterious day.

The students of the fifth grade of the public school were delightfully entertained by Mrs. Momony at her home on North Cedar Street Monday evening of this week. The boys and girls had a great deal of fun playing Hallowe’en games, catching apples with their teeth etc., one little boy reported that the girls got the best of those sort of sports because their mouths were larger, but that must have been “sour grapes”.

Delicious refreshments were served of ice cream and cake and the little folk being warned by their hostess that if they devoured their dishes they could not have the second helping of ice cream, the dishes, formed from large red apples hollowed out, were very effective and pleased the guests very much.

The party was over a few minutes before nine and afterwards all told of the lovely party and what a pleasant hostess Mrs. Momony was.

The mystic observances of Hallowe’en were carried out at a gay little party on Tuesday afternoon in the second grade room presided over by Miss Covington as hostess to her pupils. Appropriate refreshments were served.

“Masons Here Observe 58th Anniversary”

Celebrating the 58th anniversary of the organization of Valley Lodge No. 21, A.F. & A.M., a large number of members of the lodge and some visiting Masons gathered at the I.O.O.F. Hall in Townsend last Saturday evening for a fish dinner.

About 125 were seated at the long banquet tables which were laden with a variety of foods, the main “pice de resistance” being broiled lochleven trout, while luscious cherry pie topped off the very enjoyable dinner.

Judge Parker Was Present

Following the dinner the regular meeting of the lodge was opened, among the assemblage being Judge M.H. Parker, of Boulder, one of the early day Worshipful Masters of the lodge, who addressed the meeting. He was accompanied to the meeting by his son, Representative W.K. Parker.

Lodge History

Fred Schmitz, who was Worshipful Master of the lodge at the time of the observance of its fiftieth anniversary in 1925, related some interesting incidents of the early day history of Masonry at the time meetings were held at the old Centerville Hall, which information having been given by Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Harvey and Mr. and Mrs. W.D. McCormick.

1933

“Hallowe’en Pranksters Have Plenty of Fun on Windows and Streets”

In many instances their pranks did not net them much, because officers made them undo what they had, the night before, thought was so funny.

Not content with soaping windows, the pranksters, Hallowe’en, as well as the night before, thought it would be more fun to litter up the streets with machinery, barrels and anything that was loose. These same crowds cleared the streets the following days.

The youths seem to have lost all sense of balance and never know when they do have a good thing - which usually ends in trouble.

1939

“Local Legion Post to Sponsor Dance Armistice Night”

While there is yet over a week before the annual celebration of Armistice Day, it is well to call attention to activities planned locally on that day. Aside from school programs, the American Legion intends to hold their annual dance in the evening for the purpose of raising funds for their Kiddies Christmas tree.

The Legion is joined this year by the Legion Auxiliary, the two organizations working out a feature dance with “Larry’s Men of Swing” playing for the dance and “The Stompers” playing during the supper hour. The dance will be given at the high school gymnasium.

“An attendance or ticket donation will be greatly appreciated”, said the committee in announcing the affair.

1950

“Second Contingent Ordered to Report for Duty”

According to Mrs. Mary Ann Lots, local Selective Service Clerk, the following men have been ordered to report for physical examination on November 21, 1950:

Irvin G. Riis, Winston; Edward L. Crowe, Townsend; Thomas W. Kieckbusch, Townsend; James E. Toma, Radersburg; Jacob F. Mitchell, Townsend; Harry E. Fuhs, Missoula; Pagan Tmado Rodriguez, transfer from Orocovis, Puerto Rico.

Also the following men have been ordered to report for induction on November 16, 1950. This is the second contingent of men to go from Broadwater County since July:

Robert L. Sitton, Radersburg; Donald Leach, Townsend; Boyd E. Bomar, East Helena; Keneth Hohn, East Helena; Charles C. Baraby, East Helena.

“Hallowe’en Parties Get Complete Cooperation”

Nothing but praise and appreciation was expressed in Townsend the evening of Hallowe’en and the day after the parties were given for the young people of the community as Hallowe’en events. So successful were the gatherings that it is a forgone conclusion that the parties next year will be a bigger and better and that the annual observance of the day will be taken indoors for fun and frolic in the future instead of on the streets for mischief and destruction.

Expressions of congratulations to the young people and the parents for their wonderful cooperation in making the first community Hallowe’en Jamboree a success came from Robert Branton, chairman of the Townsend Rotary Club’s Community Service Committee, the sponsoring organization and from Mayor Louis Green and his police commissioners as well as from business people up and down the main street and the individual residents who saw the tables turned in one brief endeavor to bring before the young people a better spirit for Hallowe’en.

In reporting the success of the different parties, Mr. Branton said he could not begin to thank all who volunteered or who were asked to take a leading part in the parties, but that the following directed and acted as overseers at the five different parties in the town that played host to about 500 children.

The three pastors of the town, the Rev. Fred Tracy, the Rev. Gordon Patterson and the Rev. Wm. Davidson and women of their parishes lead in games and served refreshments to children of preschool thru the fourth grade. These parties were divided between the Masonic Temple and the Odd Fellows Hall.

The P.T.A. directed the 5th and 6th grades in a very entertaining party in the grade school. Although there were many volunteers, the committee appointed to take charge and to whom much credit goes were Mrs. Glenn Perry, Mrs. Walter Doig, Mrs. Edgar Murray and Mrs. Frank Nash. Mrs. Jas. Ragen played and Mrs. Mosier called for square dancing. Several teachers assisted.

There were so many for the teen age group at the Legion Hall that they separated and went to the gym where the big masquerade ball was in progress. At the Legion Hall Mrs. Morris Alex, Mrs. Velma Berndt and Mrs. T.F. Duffey, as a committee from the Legion Auxiliary, entertained a very large group. Lloyd Heberle came over to show some movies after the guests had been put through the “third degree” through the spooky rear entrance up to the hall crawling through a long tunnel, expecting witches and cats and spooks to envelope them at every turn. Some able assistance in preparations for this party was extended by Les

Anders, Don Hollaway and Logan Davis in the afternoon and others came to help voluntarily in the evening. The Legion donated all the pop for this party and the auxiliary the food.

At the gym, where old King Revelry reigned supreme the "Harmony Trio" headed by Clarence Fisher provided just the right kind of music to carry a large group of disguised young people in the Masquerade ball. The hall had been decorated and pre-ball preparation had been accomplished by a group of young people of the high school under the direction of Coach Radakovich as follows: Jack Kimpton, Chairman; Bill Wooley, Ronnie Jenkins, Del Morrison, Marie Tony, Minnie Houston, Roxy Ward and Bill McIntyre. The stage was made into a night club and from a snack bar some of the parents opened served approximately 500 bottles of pop and other snacks.

Prizes donated by the Town Talk, Coffee Shop, Broadwater Music Shop, Thompson Photo, Fisher's Radio and Rex Theater went to the following: Best Waltzers - Mary Kieckbusch and Del Morrison; best Fox Trotters, Gary Welch and Jean Graveley; best Jitterbuggers - Florence Burns and Joyce Arndt; most original costumes (scarecrows) - Marcia Glover and Sherrill Cartwright; best costume - Delores Merritt and lucky number winners were Marjorie Ward and Patty Nash.

The judges were Jim Cusick, Radakovich and Branton.

Stores who donated merchandise were: Lundy's Food Market, Don's Super Mart and Green's Food Market and the Broadwater Creamery Company.

1961

"New Men's Club Organized"

A new men's club was organized in Townsend Tuesday morning when a group met at the Mint Café for coffee. The club will be known as the Broadwater Men's Club, with the aim for active support of civic improvement as well as a social club.

Organization of the group was perfected by electing the following officers: Bill Kearns, president; Jerry Allen, vice president; Wayne Gibson, secretary and Don Freeman, treasurer. Others attending the organization meeting were Dave Ritterbacher, Joe Renfro, Jack Nash, Scott Grover, Eld. Ron N. Calvin, Eld. Ellis S. Hunt, Jerry Brammer, Tony Francisco, K. M. Valentine, Buzz Weiman, Bob Southall, Rev. Eugene Rushing, Bill Tarrant, Reider Johnson and Troy Helmick.

Membership is open to anyone interested and those wishing to join should meet with the club, which will meet regularly at the Mint each Tuesday morning at 7:30 or call one of the officers.

One of the first projects, stated President Kearns, will be to provide entertainment for young people of the community. They started their program of assisting in community activities by offering their assistance with the Hallowe'en parties Tuesday night.

1961

"Basketball Squad Starts Practice"

By Jim Braley

Don Keltz, beginning his third year as basketball coach at Broadwater County High School, made his first call for basketball practice Wednesday afternoon of this week.

Keltz has seven lettermen, three of which were starters, returning from last year's team. The three starters are Lanny White, Bob Lundborg and Dave Kearns. Other lettermen on the "A" squad are Jim Thompson, Ray Thompson, Clark Whitehead and Larry Massa. Others working out for a berth on the squad include Jim Lots, Dave Etwiler, Mike Valentine, Bob Haas, John Ulmer, Dick Black, Mike Scoffield and Charles Wallace. Twelve of these will be picked for the "A" squad.

The "B" squad, under the direction of Pat Gravage, will begin practice tonight (Thursday). Gravage will lose most of his players from last year to the "A" squad, but will have a large number of aspirants from which to form his "B" squad.

The Bulldogs have three weeks to get ready for their first game which is November 24 against Cathedral. The following night, November 25, they will meet Twin Bridges. Both games are to be played at home. The Manhattan tourney, which was held during Thanksgiving vacation last year, will be held during the Christmas holidays this year. Participating teams will be Townsend, Manhattan, Belgrade and Three Forks.

1967

"Fire Destroys Local Sawmill"

Fire completely destroyed the Art Ellis - Gene Cook sawmill in Townsend Wednesday night. The fire was discovered about midnight and by the time the fire department got to the mill it was too far along to do anything except keep it from spreading to lumber and logs in the yard, and to the Townsend Lumber Company planning mill, which is located just south of the sawmill.

A high wind last night fanned the blaze so that within 15 minutes the whole thing was on fire. It is not known just how the fire started. Some insurance is carried by the owners, but not enough to cover the loss.

Art, Ellis, one of the owners, has been in Broadwater Hospital since Sept. 5 receiving treatment for burns. He fell into hot ashes up to his waist in the burner and was severely burned.

"Halloween Party Affords Pleasure to Youngsters"

Almost 800 young people from preschoolers to high school students, enjoyed the parties Tuesday evening at the grade school and high school buildings. The parties, held each Halloween, are sponsored by the Townsend Rotary Club with the assistance of businessmen, organizations and individuals.

Starting at 7 o'clock 140 preschoolers took over the multipurpose room for an hour of fun. Grade schoolers, about 450 of them, held forth in the various classrooms and in the multipurpose room following the first group, and the high school dance drew about 180, with music furnished by a group from Helena.

"Bulldogs Finish Season with Easy Win over Gardiner; Second in Conference"

By William Flechenhar

The Townsend Bulldogs wound up their 1967 football season in fine style last Saturday as they soundly whipped the Gardiner Bruins in a 47 - 6 decision.

Size, speed, desire and team depth were the factors that gave the Bulldogs an overwhelming lead of 40 - 0 in the first half. Touchdowns were recorded by Tim Evans on a 17

yard quarterback keeper, a recovered Bruin fumble by Tim Ragen as he raced 16 yards for the tally, a 43 yard punt returned by Joe Jepson and passes from Ragen to Lary Richtmeyer, Evans to Jack Jepson, and Ragen to Gary Richtmyer for 8, 8 and 28 yards respectively. Tim Ragen booted four extra points to finalize first half scoring. A tough defensive effort by the entire team held the Bruin offense to a total yardage of 24 yards.

Since this was the final game for Townsend's seniors, they played the majority of the second half in various positions and did a commendable job. Lance Davis at quarterback position marched the Townsend eight to the one yard line from which he added the final Bulldog touchdown. Tim Ragen added the conversion.

Final statistics of the game proved Townsend to be a much superior team as the Bulldogs garnered 135 yards rushing and 156 yards passing while the hardy Townsend defense held the Bruins to a -2 yards rushing and 35 yards passing.

The entire Bulldog squad saw considerable action in this final contest which put Townsend in undisputed second place in District 8. Congratulations to Coach Gillespie and the Bulldogs on a fine season's effort. Special commendations are to be given the seven seniors who wound up their high school football careers in this game. They are: Tim Evans, Joe Jepson, Lance Davis, Dave Cameron, Dave Kimpton, Dale Antonich and Mike Longacre. Each of them will be sorely missed next year.