

“What Happened this Week in History”

February 7

1929

“Winston News”

“Wednesday’s Storm almost Fatal to two Young Men”

Two Townsend boys, Clyde Troutman and George Sullivan narrowly escaped death by exposure and freezing Wednesday evening when their car stalled in the deep snow between here and Townsend

They started to walk back to Winston, but both were almost exhausted when picked up by four Winston men, Dude Cottrill, Edwin Moody, Mike Sass and Grant Kennedy, who were coming from the Cottrill Ranch near the river.

George Sullivan was leading Clyde Troutman, who is blind, along through the snow with the thermometer registering about 15 below zero, when he saw the lights of a car on a cross road. He cut cross through a field and hailed the men in the car. When they reached Troutman he had collapsed and had to be carried to the car. Both of the boys had fallen a number of times before help reached them. They were brought to Winston where first aid was given both at Gravel’s store, having badly frozen feet, hands and ears aside from being exhausted.

After a couple of hours both were revived and able to walk though suffering some from frost bites.

1935

“Local News”

Norman Bruce and Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Kimpton are driving new Fords that they purchased from Ward Motors this week.

1946

“Canton Valley News”

The Manley farm has been undergoing an electric wiring job, among the last farms on the rural electrification line to be hooked up.

1957

“Local News”

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Bucy had with them as guests on the week end Mr. and Mrs. Jim Higgins of Bozeman, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Richardson of Manhattan and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mockel of East Helena.

Mrs. Barbara Doggett and Mrs. Wayne Waddell came out from Helena for a brief visit with Townsend friends Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Massa plan to leave for California this week for a visit and vacation trip.

1963

“Grass Mountain Ski Run Will Wait for Snow”

A meeting was held Sunday afternoon at the Forest Service Office to discuss the possibility of opening the Grass Mountain Ski area this year. The area, on Highway 12 about 20 miles east of Townsend, has been in operation off and on the past several years.

Those at the meeting Sunday were very enthusiastic about getting the area in operation again, and enough season tickets were sold to the club to pay for insurance. This weekend some work will be done on the lift so it will be ready to go when we get another snow.

John Antonich, local ranger, and Jerry Allen, assistant ranger, stated at the meeting that they were interested in the area because it is on National Forest land and it is up to their department to see that it meets requirements for safety.

John Clopton, president of the Grass mountain Ski Club, outlined work necessary to get the lift in operation, how to maintain it, pointing out that with proper cooperation we can have a most successful season. A season ticket costs only \$10.00 and an additional \$3.00 for club membership. Daily fees for members are \$2.00 per day and for non-members \$3.50.

Skiers and prospective skiers (this is the fastest growing sport in the nation) attending the meeting Sunday in addition to those mentioned above were Jed Stanfill, Dan Neifert, Beth Thompson, Glenn Kenney, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gabisch and son, Buck, Chris Grover, Gaylen Rice, Larry Lundborg, Bill Kearns, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Foss, Leon Keene, Tommy Massa, Dick Black, Bob Lundborg and Bob Miller.

“Office Manager at Neifert-White Co.”

Mel Pottruff recently accepted a position as office manager for Neifert-White Company. Prior to coming here, he was controller for Yellowstone Park Company, the firm which operates concessions in the park. Mr. Pottruff is a certified public accountant and was in business at Bozeman before he was employed by the Park Company.

Mr. Pottruff, wife and four sons are now at home in the Bill Duede residence on South Harrison. Three of their four sons are of school age. The Pottruffs are natives of Michigan, but have been living in Montana since 1960. We welcome them to our community.

1974

“Winston News”

A few Winston people made it to the Winter Fair in Bozeman, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Masolo attended the Quarter Horse show and sale, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Riis attended the bull sale and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark just looked.

“East of Townsend”

Mrs. Boyd Iverson returned Friday from a week-long trip which took her to Los Angeles, California where she visited her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Max Iverson and family. She also visited in Salt Lake City with her sister, Mrs. Carma Reeves.

Weekend visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bieber were Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Bieber of East Helena, Jonathan Bieber and Mr. and Mrs. John Hasler and family all of Helena and Mr. and Mrs. Nels Vestre.

Mrs. Don Williams accompanied Teri to Cleveland, Ohio where she will be working. Mrs. Williams returned Saturday by plane after spending two weeks there.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil McMurdie and family were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curt Diehl and family.