

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

**1929**

### **“Power Townsend Company is New Name of Firm”**

The name of the Townsend Hardware and Implement Company of Townsend has been amended and now will answer to the title of the Power Townsend Company. Such a change was made following a business deal made the first of the year when the Townsend firm under the management of George Gabisch took over the retail machinery interests of the T.C. Power Company of Helena.

Mr. Gabisch states that the Power Townsend Company will as heretofore deal in the International line of tractors and trucks and other machinery as far as Avon and Wolf Creek in the Helena District and the Helena Valley in connection with their already established Broadwater County trade.

**1935**

### **“Co. Commissioners Make Appointments”**

The Board of County Commissioners, in the last session of the year, reappointed Hugh Broderick as Superintendent of the County Hospital and awarded T.E. Connors the contract for the burial of the county poor for \$75.

The Board of County Commissioners reappointed Mrs. S. Van Voast on the board of the Broadwater County High School. Mr. Geo. Gabisch and Mrs. Gene McCarthy were also appointed to take the places of W.D. Lasby and W.J. Hayes whose terms had expired. The board will meet sometime this month and organize, at which time the chairman will be elected. The board is now comprised of the following members: R.R. Kimpton of Crow Creek Valley; Dan Filson of Winston; Mrs. S. Van Voast, Mrs. Gene McCarthy, Geo. Gabisch of Townsend; and Wm. Vennekolt of the upper valley. Mrs. Edith Fox is the clerk.

### **“Town Council Adopts and Enforces New Ordinances”**

The regular monthly meeting of the town of Townsend Council met with the determination to clamp down on ordinances in existence and to rigidly enforce them, together with two new ordinances dealing with the erection of undesirable buildings and safety measures adopted in connection with children hitching sleds on automobiles.

At the regular meeting of the council held Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> the matter of undesirable buildings being erected and others being moved into town came up for consideration, after the matter was discussed, a resolution was introduced and adopted providing that no person shall be allowed to erect, repair or move into or on the platted portion of the town any building without first submitting to the council the plans and specifications of such building and obtaining a permit from the council.

The matter of children hitching sleds behind autos and the danger incident thereto was discussed and the town attorney instructed to prepare an ordinance prohibiting such practice and making the parents or guardians of the child violating the ordinance responsible for the fine imposed. This ordinance will be submitted at the next meeting of the council.

It was also determined to inform the people that there was an ordinance of the town prohibiting the riding of bicycles on the sidewalks and the marshals were instructed to enforce this ordinance.

**1946**

### **“WWII Headlines”**

#### **“Discharges”**

Clifford Crow served in the Alaskan Theater and in the South Pacific; Francis Carroll, Rdm 3-c, served in the South Pacific; John Goebel, MM 3-c served in the South Pacific.

### **“Returned Vets Help Swell Largest Charity Ball Crowd”**

Returned servicemen, joining with the very large crowd of local people and friends from many neighboring counties, crowded into the high school gym last Saturday night to make one of the largest and gayest groups ever assembled at any of the nine Charity Balls given annually by the Federation of Women’s Clubs for charity work connected with the hospital at Townsend. As dancers swayed in and out to the strains of joy to have the servicemen, some in uniform and some returned to civilian life, among them. Their presence making the outstanding success of the holiday social event.

Mrs. James Hardgrove who, with her husband, lead the grand march, which was the largest ever taking part on a home floor, was followed by the former chairmen and their escorts and the hospital staff of doctors and their wives. As the marchers divided eight abreast there were still couples crowding the corners of the hall, the varicolored evening gowns against the attractive decorations making a festive appearance. Yuletide motifs against a winter scene was the theme for the decorations. Much labor and artistic ability was reflected in the frosted evergreen streamers for the false ceiling effect and the winter scene on the stage where the Heinie Mockel orchestra played for the ball, the background of which imitated a winter’s blue sky of cellophane streamers with frosted evergreen trees placed at attractive angles and a realistic snow man of large proportions emphasized the winter season.

The proceeds from the ball are reaching the \$400 mark, although as yet, there are many tickets unaccounted for from outlying co-chairmen, Mrs. Hardgrove reports. Men in uniform were guests of the Federation.

Those to whom credit should go acting on the committees are: General arrangements: Mrs. W.G. Kirscher, Mrs. Royal Smith, Mrs. George Gabisch, Mrs. W.J. Gaab and Mrs. Emma Merritt; Decorations: Mrs. Russell Stewart, chairman; Mr. and Mrs. H.G. White, Mr. and Mrs. F.R. McDonnell, Mrs. Emma Merritt, Mrs. Edwin D. Neild, Russell Stewart, Mrs. and Mrs. W.H. McIntyre, Mr. and Mrs. D.L. Hollaway, Art Olsen; Publicity: Mrs. F.L. Hollaway, Mrs. Merle Fuhs and Mrs. Barbara Doggett; Door Committee: Chas. Watkins, Frank Holloway and Les Anders; Grand March: Edith B. Fox.

Many midnight supper parties and pre-dance cocktail parties added interest. A supper party honoring Pat Hooks, A-S, student at Colorado University on leave for the holidays, found many of the younger set gathering at his home. Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Doggett honored Mr. and Mrs. H.M. Snyder with a supper party at their home with about twenty couples and Mr. and Mrs. R.S. Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. John Schreiner entertained ten couples at their home, as

did Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kirley. There were other home gatherings and many found refreshments at the fine Townsend cafes and the River Inn.

**1957**

### **“Five Local Scouts Attend Survival Encampment”**

Five advanced Boy Scouts returned Saturday from Great Falls, wiser than they were when they left here on the Thursday, before having survived two nights and three days in the mountains on a Survival Encampment. The encampment was held in the Neihart Mountains at Camp Rotary.

The Explorer Troop went to the Great Falls Air Base and from there were taken in Army buses where, with about 80 other Scouts from around the state, they were given fundamentals in roughing it in wither in the mountains. Before they left the base they were given instruction from the survival experts from the base and after they arrived, they were on their own to survive or not.

Of the 20 advanced Scouts, the five who earned the trip were: Bill Deadmond, Micky Anders, Allen Damuth, Douglas Fandrich and Mike Keickbusch. Scout Master, Ray Doig, said the troop would have a chance to compete in April for a chance to live at the base for four days.

Scout Master Doig also wanted to express thanks publicly to Jim Ward and Harry Anders for cars to get the Scouts over and back.

### **“Ranch Sells”**

George Harrigfeld has sold his ranch in the Toston area to Perry Stanfill. The deal was made in December and Stanfill has taken possession of the 5600 acre spread. The Harrigfeld family will live on the ranch until they have time to build a new house on their other ranch, the John Zubrick Place on Deep Creek. Harrigfeld bought this place some time ago.

**1963**

### **“Winners Named in Rexall Contest”**

Yesterday Tony Francisco announced the list of winners in the Rexall contest, held each year during December by Francisco’s Pharmacy. Grand prize winners were Eddie Fisher for boys and Debbie Brammer for girls.

Other prize winners were: First Prize - Tim Evans and Gail Johnson; 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Joe Anders and Jill Lanning; 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Jimmy Toma and Janet Etwiler; 4<sup>th</sup> – Scott Scoffield and Peggy Delger; 5<sup>th</sup> - Johnny Flynn and Candy Whitehead.

### **“Winston News”**

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reynolds dined at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Norene Trabach in Townsend Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark, David and Timmy, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Filson Sunday, December 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cobban were hosts at Christmas dinner to Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Sutton, Harold Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Moe and Tony Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cobban and children. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Diehl and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Diehl joined the group later in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Masolo, Bob and John, Mrs. Martha Masolo, Mr. and Ms. Ronnie Diehl and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Diehl drove to Townsend to be with Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Diehl for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Arden and daughter and Andre Prevel were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Herrington Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Moe enjoyed Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tennyson and daughter in Helena.

Billy Herrington was home on a ten-day leave from the Navy during the holidays. He returned the day after Christmas to his base in Los Angeles.

Gene Galzagorry spent a couple of days with the Leo Wambolt family last week.