

“What Happened Today in History”

November 29

1923

“Townsend Girls Win in First Basket Ball Game of the Season”

It was a great victory for the newly organized team of Townsend girls basketball, when they played their initial game in Toston last Saturday night, meeting a team of Toston high school girls in one of the most spirited girls’ games ever played in the county.

The young women from Townsend deserve a great deal of credit for the enthusiasm and ambition in organizing a team and going into a game with practically no practice before hand. The team having been organized, but two weeks, had never played a practice game. However, they arranged for the first game and with the usual Townsend “Win Spirit” walked off with laurels in their first public game.

The Toston girls were somewhat smaller in size than the Townsend quintet and gave their opponents a merry chase by their accuracy at basket throwing as well as swift passes. The game was fast from the start to the finish and was greatly enjoyed by the fans from both towns. Boys rules were used.

In the first quarter, Genevieve Sperling and Gladys Lippert from Townsend scored two baskets and Jurries from Toston, one. After a short rest, second quarter found Toston with a real comeback, adding two more points to their score by the Misses Briscoe and Jurries making the points 4 to 6 in Toston’s favor at the end of the first half. R.M. O’Hearn, Toston’s coach, refereed the first half and Glen Thompson, coach for the Townsend team, refereed the second half.

Only one foul was called during the entire game, both sides playing a fairly clean and accurate game.

At the end of the third quarter, the Toston girls were ahead by 2 points, each side having scored one more basket, thus in the last eight minutes of play, there was a real battle. Toston trying to hold the score and Townsend attempting to catch up and make one or two extra, the latter being successful after two mighty pretty successful throws by forward Sperling. Miss Freeman, Toston’s center, made a dandy basket from center in the second half, making the final score 8 to 10.

A return game will probably be played in Townsend in the near future.

Girls Line-up

Toston

Briscoe, r.f

G. Jurries, l.f.

Freeman, c.

Jurries, r.g.

Anderson, l.g.

Townsend

Wellman, r.f.

G. Sperling, l.f.

Lippert, c.

J. Sperling, r.g.

Conley, l.g.

1934

“Senior Hop Pretty Affair”

One of the prettiest dances ever held by the local high school was enjoyed last Saturday evening by the student body of Broadwater County High School and a large number of patrons and dancers at the gymnasium when the Seniors gave their annual Hop.

The grand march was the feature part of the dance and when the strains of a popular march, played by the Merry Makers orchestra, started found at least sixty young couples in formal evening dress, taking part in the march, which was led by the senior class officers, Bill Stiner, Doris Whaley, Dana Bradford and Erma Sass.

Dancing commenced at about 9 o'clock and ceased at midnight. The hall was decorated for the occasion with a network of evergreen boughs banking the balcony and columns of evergreen arranged to give a pleasing effect from balcony to dance floor and streamers of the class colors in an improvised ceiling effect cut off the rafters of the gym.

1945

“WWII News”

Tom Cotter, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Cotter of Canton arrived home Friday from Okinawa. A merchant marine, he was a member of the crew abroad the USS J.M. Thompson and the youngest member of the crew. He reentered high school upon his return. He was overseas for five months. One of the experiences he can tell is all about the typhoon that struck the Japanese section in September.

Technical Sergeant Robert W. Kenney is home again having received his discharge from the army at Camp Cook, Calif., last week. Sgt. Kenney saw action in France, Germany and Belgium, serving with the Signal Operation Battalion which furnished communications for the First, Third and Ninth armies. He wears the European campaign ribbon with four battle stars, the Victory medal and good conduct medal and the American Campaign ribbon.

Cpl. Clifford L. Brisbin is back in Townsend, having recently received his official discharge from the U S Marine Corps. He served in the Marianas, Saipan and Guam.

Miss Mildred Mongrain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mongrain of Townsend has been mustered out of the armed forces. Miss Mongrain served as a WAC and was stationed for several months at Great falls. When she entered the army corps, she had one brother in the service and one a prisoner of war as a civilian worker. Her brother Sgt. Robert Mongrain was killed on a mission in the South Pacific and her other brother, Stanley, has recently been returned to the states and is at home to join his sister now at her military release.

Kenneth Bridgewater Seaman First Class, of the Navy arrived here recently from Brooklyn, N.Y. on a 30-day leave and is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Bridgewater and other relatives and friends. He served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of operations and has been awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, the American-Asiatic-Pacific and Okinawa campaign ribbons with two battle stars.

Mrs. Glenn Kirscher left for the coast to meet her husband, Wilbur G. Kirscher, who recently was discharged from the service after overseas service. At present, they are at Pasco, Wash. at the home of his brother, Ralph, and family en route to Townsend.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Finnegan spent the week end in Townsend visiting relatives. Cpl. George has recently been given his discharge having returned from overseas service. His wife is completing her nurses training in Bozeman.

Pryde Lenahan, Seaman 1st Class, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lenahan of Milltown and formerly of Winston and Townsend, is a graduate of Broadwater County High School. She enlisted in the WAVES in March 1945 and spent two months at Hunter's College, N.Y., then went to school in Washington, D.C., for three months and was sent to Seattle in August and is now a teletype operator in Naval Communications Office in Seattle. She recently had a fifteen day leave and visited relatives in Montana.

1951

"Toston News"

Mr. and Mrs. George Rauser and Son, Wally, left on Saturday with the N.P. tour to the Livestock Exposition in Chicago. They will return by way of Des Moines, Iowa, where they will visit their daughter, Edna.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryon Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Johnson and daughter and Mrs. Gladys Johnson and family motored to Boulder on Tuesday where they spent Thanksgiving with another brother, John Johnson, and family.

"Radersburg News"

Terry Ralls celebrated her ninth birthday Friday with ten guests present. Games, prizes, favors, ice cream and cake made a pleasant afternoon for the young people and, of course, their offerings on the occasion made an extremely pleasant afternoon for Terry.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harris postponed their Thanksgiving a couple days and celebrated on Saturday, which day was their daughter, Bobby Anne's, 12th birthday and also Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith's 34th wedding anniversary. There were sixteen guests to celebrate, including Mr. and Mrs. Harris and family, Mike and Rudy Dolan, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Sam Harris, Annabelle Doughty and daughter, Linda, and mother, Mrs. Carrie Emery.

1962

"Christmas Lights to be Turned on Friday Night; Santa Will Be in Town"

Santa Claus will be on hand Friday night, Nov. 30, when the Christmas lights are turned on in Townsend to usher in the Christmas shopping season. Townsend Chamber of Commerce arranged to have Santa come this way en route to his North Pole headquarters for his supply of toys and gifts.

Special attention is called to all youngsters to be in town and tell Old Santa what they would like to have for Christmas.

To show his appreciation to all youngsters for visiting him, Santa will pass out free suckers to every youngster visiting Townsend tomorrow night.

To herald the start of our Christmas season, most merchants in town will hold open house from 6 to 9 o'clock that evening to give people a preview of their stock of Christmas merchandise.

The lights will go on at 7 o'clock sharp, and, weather permitting, there will be a pep rally by the school preceding its first home game the following night. In addition to a snake dance, the band will participate in the rally.

A crew of about 20 citizens labored diligently Sunday morning putting up Christmas lights all along Broadway from Front Street to the Courthouse corner. It is the hope of the Chamber of Commerce that everyone appreciates the efforts to give Townsend this dressed up appearance and that they will patronize local business houses who have made this lighting program possible.

Every father and mother in the county is invited to come to town tomorrow night and bring all the kiddies so they can meet Santa.