

“What Happened Today in History”

November 8

1923

“Children’s Night in Masonic and Star Lodges”

Last Saturday evening was given up to the children when members of the Mason and Eastern Star Lodges prepared a very nice program and invited the children of the Mason and Star families to attend a festival in their honor at the I.O.O.F. Hall. A program, which was given for the children and a greater part of which was given by the children, was enjoyed by a large crowd of guests from Toston as well as from the home town. Music, instrumental and vocal, recitations and readings consisted of the program following which adults enjoyed cards in the dining room and the children were given the lodge hall exclusively in which to carry on their games, contests etc. Besides having lots of fun in the play, each child was given a try at fishing in the “fish pond” and the funny part of the pond was that every time you put the line in, out would come a prize.

At the close of the games, delicious refreshments were served, consisting of sandwiches, pickles, cake and coffee and hot chocolate for the “kiddies”. Everyone departed expressing themselves with the heartiest of praises for the entertainment.

1934

“Construction New County Court House in Progress, Will be Completed by April, Makes Jobs for Local Men”

Work on the construction of the new Broadwater County jail and court house was commenced this week, a crew of about five men being employed at present doing preliminary work on the foundations. Teams and scrapers were put to work this morning commencing the actual excavation of the court house.

In order to commence work on the jail, it was necessary to partly tear down the old edifice, leaving Sheriff Kanouse and his Undersheriff their main office in front, the rear of the building having been severed in order to clear the large heavy cages which are to be moved and built into the new jail building.

The new structures are to be of the latest type, right up-to-date in every feature, according to the Board of County Commissioners who have been diligently working out plans for several months. During which time they have received the advice of the best architects, insurance underwriters and others who are prepared to advise along architectural and construction work. The walls will be built of the face brick with trimmings of treated cement in a harmonizing effect. The jail and court house will be two separate buildings and constructed to match.

The court house will be constructed in the center of the land now owned by the county in the lots on which the old structure stands, 60 feet from the main walk with a 50 by 98 floor plan. The floors will be of maple throughout. The plan will provide adequate offices and vaults for the different departments of county government and will also provide rooms for conferences.

1945

WWII Headlines

“S.Sgt. Wally Schreiner is Attending University in England”

“Sgt. Chas. Davis, Son of W.R. Davis Discharged after 30 Months of Service”

“Chas. Guffey Discharged”

“Discharges Recorded”

T-Sgt. Edward F. Homer, 752d Army Air Force, saw 3 years of foreign service in Canada and Aleutians, as Radio Operator and holds Good Conduct and American Defense medals.

Pfc Ray F. Howell, 533 Quartermaster Railhead Co., saw 1 yr. foreign service in European African, Middle Eastern area and was awarded Medals for such. Discharged September 27 at Modesto, Calif.

Tec 5 Raymond W. Chamberlain; Co. A., 820 Eng. Aviation Bn., 4 years overseas duty as Engineman in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe; Good Conduct; European, African Middle Eastern, Theater Service medals and 6 overseas service bars.

Cpl. Raymond W. Macfarland, separated Oct. 9 at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, from Hq. Hq. Sq. 1st Bomb Wind and Medical Lab. Tech.; served 20 months overseas participating in Rhineland Air Offensive Europe. Given EAME Ribbon with 2 Bronze Stars and Good Conduct Medals.

Pfc. David L. Chamberlain, separated at Camp Grant, Ill., on Oct. 14, he served as Photographic Lab. Tech. in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe Air Offensive. Received European, African, Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, with 1 silver and 1 Bronze Battle Star; 1 Service Strip, 3 overseas service bars and Good Conduct Medal besides, Dist., Unit Citation.

Tec 5 Charles E. Bond, 146th Field Artillery Bn., served 2 yrs. In Asiatic Pacific Theater as cook. Was awarded Asiatic Pacific Good Conduct and American Defense Medals. Separated at Fort Braggs, North Carolina.

Pfc. Arthur B. Emery, separated at Ft. Lewis, Wn. Oct. 13, after 26 months foreign service. He was Automotive Mechanic and received Good Conduct, American Defense Service, and Asiatic Pacific Service Medals.

Cpl. Harvey Knipple, 446th Bombardment Sq. served as Engine Mechanic in Tunisia, Sicily, Italy, Balkans, Air Offensive Europe and received Distinguished Unit Citation, Good Conduct and European African Middle Eastern, Service Medals. Discharged at Ft. Douglas, Utah, Sep. 28.

Pvt. Harvey Ralph Bond, enlisted Reserve Corps, served 3 years in essential mining industry. Discharge given at Ft. Douglas, Utah, on Oct. 22.

Henry Holling, Chief Gunner's Mate (CB). No information available.

Tec 5 Torbett Hensley, 270th Engineer Bn., separated at Camp McCoy, Wis., Oct. 26., after service in Normandy, Northern France Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe as Construction Machine Operator. Served 38 months overseas and was given Bronze Star, Good Conduct, European African, Middle Eastern Theater Service Medals and 6 Overseas Service bars.

“Townsend Gets its Longest Telephone Call”

Records are being broken every day these days, it has been said, and we're beginning to believe another one was broken this week with the telephone connection between the Gabisch Store in Townsend and some place in the country of Switzerland. The call was made by Sgt. Lawrence Gabisch to his father, Senator Geo. Gabisch, who reported his voice came clear and natural and that it sounded mighty good to him. “Larry” reported he was well and that he hoped to be on his way home by January. He has been in the ETO for over two years. He put the call thru while he was on leave and enjoying a vacation in Switzerland.

1951

“Community Parties for Children of Broadwater County Prove Successful as Hollowe'en Antidote”

For the second consecutive year, Townsend youth merited a 100 percent cooperation with the civic groups in their Hollowe'en parties, refraining from tricks around the town.

Not only were the parties given for that purpose, but they furnished real entertainment for the young people of all ages and groups and adult committees seemed to have as much fun as the “kids”.

Robert Branton, chairman in charge of the activity for the second year said he wanted to thank all who supported him in arrangements and assisted at the time of the parties. This included the three Townsend clergymen, who were responsible for pre-school through the 4th grade who headed up the three parties at the Masonic Temple, Odd Fellows Hall and one room in the Cecelia Hazelton grade school building. Mrs. D.W. Neifert made the party arrangements for grades 5th and 6th also held in the school building. Mrs. T.F. Duffy, president of the Legion Auxiliary was responsible for the young people of junior high and high school ages who cared to attend the party at the Legion Hall.

The biggest party and one that attracted all of the junior and senior high school before the evening was over, was in progress at the high school gym, where the Harmony Trio orchestra played for dancing. For the prizes awarded the dancers, Mr. Branton said he wanted to publicly thank the Rex Theater, Mint Café, The Town Talk and The Coffee Shop. The Kadaya Club placed attractive decorations of black and white crepe paper and corn and pumpkins in the gym.

In all of the group parties' treats were handed out in generous amounts and it is not exaggerating to say the “kids” consumed 75 pounds of candy, 25 pounds of peanuts, 14 dozen donuts, 5 gallons of cider, several pounds of popcorn and 5 cases of pop that night to say nothing of the homemade cookies and other favors.

There was a marked interest in costuming and general attitude over last year also, Mr. Branton said.

The prize winners are not known.

“Radersburg 'Kids' Have Hallowe'en”

The Hallowe'en party given last Wednesday evening for the children here was the best yet. Every child being in costume which made it pretty hard for the judges to select the best. The high spot of the evening for the adults was the reading (in a dark room) of the obit of John Smith, during which a few of the boy's remains were passed around, and brother, they felt

only too real, especially the eyes (two wet grapes) and windpipe (a long slimy macaroni). The school children wrote the following in appreciation:

“A Card of Thanks”

The children of the Radersburg Community want to thank everyone for being so nice about donating treats which were used to fill the sacks at the Hallowe'en party. We appreciated the variety of treats which we received.

Sincerely yours,

The Children of the Radersburg Community

“Winston Children Hallowe'en Party”

The children in the Winston and Beaver Creek vicinity had a super duper time at the Hallowe'en party given at the Winston Hall by the ladies of the Beacon Light Club. Exciting games were played and contests with prizes going to the winners. Patricia Lawler won the prize for the best girl's consume. Carol Whitehead second and Kathy Herrington for the funniest costume. For the boys Tony Moe, best costume and David Baum funniest. There were all the eats a child could possibly cram down; cookies, nuts, candy, fruit, ice cream and pop, which resulted in several cases of tummy ache. Not only does the community thank the Beacon Light Club for the marvelous party for the children, but for the no soaped windows and other Hallowe'en pranks. The folk who prepared for trick or treat sat in silence for there were not any trick or treaters out. They were all at the party. Again, Beacon Light Club, we thank you.

“Toston Youth Hallowe'en Feted”

The school children enjoyed a very nice Hallowe'en party. It was given by the teachers and was held in the school house. Most of the young folk visited the homes for their trick and treat. It is safe to say that everyone added something to their sacks.

1962

“Rains Succeeds Van Voast as Town Clerk”

Shirley Van Voast submitted his resignation as town clerk to the council at the Monday night meeting, effective December 1. Mr. and Mrs. Van Voast plan to leave the first part of December to be gone about five months, spending part of the time in San Francisco with a daughter, Mrs. Gretchen Kelly, and in Hawaii with their son, Fritz Van Voast and wife, and it was his thought that it would be better to resign instead of having a deputy appointed to serve while he is away.

The council appointed J. Garrison Rains as clerk as of December 1.

Mr. Van Voast has served Townsend as clerk since May 1957 when Hadley Rice and a new slate of aldermen were elected.

“Jepsons Sell Kansas Paper”

Announcement was made in the “Valley Falls (Kansas) Vindicator” last week that Mr. and Mrs. John Jepson had sold that newspaper to Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Williams of Iola, Kansas. The new owners took over the paper Nov. 1. The Jepsons, who had owned the newspaper 14 months plan to return to Montana. The announcement stated they had no definite plans but would probably stay in the weekly newspaper business.

The Jepsons were associated with the "Star" from August 1958 to Jan. 1. 1960 when they sold their half interest in the Townsend newspaper to the Brammers. Mrs. Jepson is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G.Z. Brammer.