

“What Happened this Week in History”

April 18

1929

“Local News”

Mrs. S.A. Watson and her daughter, Luella, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Doggett for a few days. They will soon open their home in the mountains after spending the winter in White Sulphur Springs.

1935

“Local News”

Mrs. Howard Doggett accompanied by Mrs. W.E. Hardy and daughter, Adele, are capital city visitors today.

“Buy Rosman House’

Mr. and Mrs. A.V. Safley recently purchased the A.B. Rosman house on Broadway and after it has been remodeled, they will move to their permanent abode. The residence is the second from the corner of Harrison and Broadway and when finished will be a neat little four room bungalow. At present, Mr. Safley is having the interior walls relaid, new electrical wiring installed and foundation made for a large back porch. A new shingled roof was laid last week.

1946

“Winston News”

Mrs. Tony Moe was a Sunday visitor at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lanning.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Diehl were Sunday visitors at the Bisby Ranch.

The Beacon Lite Club met at the home of Mrs. Leslie Miles on April 11th. A pot luck lunch was served to six members and six guests. The guests were: Mrs. Dale Westergreen, Mrs. Arthur Diehl, Mrs. Mamie Moody of Butte and Mrs. Stella Craft and Mrs. Frank Grimm of Townsend and Mrs. Agnes Whitehead.

A short business meeting was held which was followed by a social hour. Winners of the quiz were Mrs. Annabelle Diehl and Mrs. Arthur Diehl.

1957

“Legion Kite Contest Interests Young and Old”

Everyone turned “kid” again at about 2:00 p.m. Sunday when kites started sky-ward in Townsend’s first Kite Flying contest sponsored by Broadwater Post American Legion. Out of 80 kite sticks issued, 15 kites entered the contest and there were just 15 prizes. So it turned out there was a prize for every kite flyer, while a large number of spectators looked on. The contest was held at the airport.

Rodney Davis and Pat Quinn flew their kites the highest; Steve Valentine and Mike Valentine tied for most original; John Ulmer flew his the longest; while in the younger group Donnie Gilstrap was the youngest flyer; Kelly Gilstrap post original; and Randy Ogle smallest kite.

Others who received prizes were Jim Valentine, Robbie Ulmer, Barbara Gabisch, Jim Thompson, Larry Gilstrap, Beverly Thompson and Gary Moudree.

1963

“Ed Burtches Buy Beacon Truck Stop”

John and Bob Bucy have sold their property east of town, known as the Beacon Truck Stop, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burtch.

The business has been closed several months, but the Burtches plan to reopen about May 1. They are now remodeling the café so there will be much more room in the dining area.

Also included in the transaction is a new residence just east of the cafe. Montana Propane, managed by Leonard Lavender, will continue to occupy the east wing of the building and the apartment upstairs.

Mr. Burtch has been engaged in trucking the past several years and plans to continue in that business.

“Local News”

The Ervin G. Kaul Family recently moved into their home on South Cedar. The Kauls purchased the property from Elmer Colby some time ago. They had been living in the Union 76 apartment on Front Street.

Mrs. Mike Massa entertained members of her bridge club and four guests last Thursday night. Guests were Mrs. Floyd Hollaway, Mrs. H.M. Snyder, Mrs. Ray Ward and Mrs. Claude Flynn. Members were Mrs. Paul Ragen, Mrs. Jas. Kearns, Mrs. R.R. Kimpton, Mrs. E.E. Kimpton, Mrs. Guy Kirscher Mrs. Florence Davis, Mrs. J.G. Braley and the hostess. Mrs. Paul Ragen was high score winner, Mrs. Ward 2nd high, Mrs. E.E. Kimpton had honors, Mrs. Massa little slam and Mrs. Kirscher had low.

Rev, Eugene Rushing, wife and small daughter visited in Dillon Sunday and Monday with Rev and Mrs. Marc West. They also visited the Howard Dove family, former Townsend residents.

1974

“Ground Broken for Museum”

The announcements that ground had been broken toward the construction of an historical library and museum and that the publication of the volume on the history of Broadwater County would follow, both as a feature for dedication during the Bi-Centennial year 1976, featured the fifth annual meeting of the Broadwater County Historical Society Tuesday evening.

President Laird Plymale presided. Reports were heard from Treasurer, Mrs. Harold Marks; Membership Chairman, Mrs. Frank Flynn; Building Chairman, Lloyd Heberle; Memorial Chairman, Mrs. Ed. Neild; History Chairman, Mrs. Floyd Hollaway and Bicentennial Chairman, Mrs. James Kearns.

Noteworthy on display was the plaque bearing engraved names of 21 life members and the announcement that a similar plaque to bear the names of memorials has been given.

From last year with \$10,000 in the building fund to this year accumulation of \$20,000 total, the roughed in museum building contracts have been let. The completion of finishing according to the plans now depends on the generosity of the public, with anticipated money-making projects from civic organizations and budgeted sustaining contributions as well as gifts large and small. So far two organizations, the Farm Bureau and the Cowbelles, have signed up

for an annual sum as sustaining members, Mrs. Flynn reported and also announced \$1200 had been received this year on gifts and memberships.

Three new members were elected as board members, Earl Fryhling, Laurie McCarthy and Devon Domer; Mrs. Bill Berberet reporting on the nominating committee.

The entertainment proved popular with a film strip of unusual merit presented by Helen Fechter, former instructor at M.S.U. She was accompanied from Bozeman by Marga Hoseous.

Mrs. George Gabisch and Mr. Jim Beebe as fiddler accompanied by Mrs. Curt Diehl received a fine applause.

A climax to a very satisfactory meeting was a surprise auction sale sprung on guests in the audience, Bob Long and Steve Hermanson, auctioneers. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Long and son, Bob, new-comers who have purchased the former Clark Ranch were introduced. Mr. Hermanson is from Helena. The auction brought \$70.00.

Mrs. Neild presided at the refreshment table centered by a floral piece, gift of Mrs. Richard Foote and the cake and coffee were relished after a full evening for all.

“Broadwater County Historical Museum”

Ground has been broken for the construction of the historical library and museum for Broadwater County and construction will start immediately, according to building chairman, Lloyd Heberle, for the Historical Society promoters.

The building will be 40 ft. x 80 ft. made of concrete blocks. Ralph Domer has been engaged to lay the blocks and has donated \$500 later toward a permanent trim of native rock. Other contractors include: footings of cement, Neifert White Co.; wiring, Loren Waling; plumbing, Clark Plumbing; roof trusses and shingles by Blaisdell Construction Co., who will be the overall supervisors. The beams will be of native timbers in keeping with the rustic design.

The floor plan calls for an office and preparation room and rest rooms on the right of the interior entrance with remaining for the gallery.