

“What Happened this Week in History”

April 25

1929

“Radersburg People Give Play in Three Towns”

The Community Hall was crowded to capacity Friday evening when the three-act comedy “A Poor Married Man” was presented by members of the club.

Clarence Freeman as Professor Wise, soon had the crowd in a good humor, which increased to hilarious applause with the appearance of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Iona Ford, played by Mrs. Freeman and of Mrs. Ella Kimpton as Jupitor, the negro servant. Mrs. Hazel Pennell acted well the part of the bride, and Mrs. Mable Bottler the part of Billy, the swaggering college youth. Mrs. Lettie Bottler appeared as the country doctor, who had aspirations for his daughter Miss Elizabeth Sitton, who brings happiness to the professor’s house in the end.

Virgina Tilleard took the part of the reporter and Montana Patterson and Marie Greaves appeared as students.

The whole performance showed evidence of hard work which was rewarded by the hearty applause of the audience and the many complimentary remarks which were accorded the performers.

Musical numbers were supplied by Miss Hazel Thomas and Edgar Hamper with Mrs. Marie Kallevang and Miss Fern Ganty as accompanists.

Quite a number from Townsend and Toston were in the audience.

The play was repeated in Winston and Townsend on Tuesday and Wednesday nights as a private performance, but not for the benefit of the Community Club and received favorable comment. Mr. Hamper and Mr. Reed entertained between acts in Townsend.

1935

“High School Students go to State College”

A group of students departed Wednesday for Bozeman to represent Broadwater County High School during the high school week of the Montana State College. Edward Conrad and Wm. Mackey having won first places at the district meet last week in general science and American and English Literature, respectively, will represent the local high school in those subjects. Dorothy Doggett, Edith Agnes Ballard and Audrey Plymale are delegates to the vocational congress from the high school, the Townsend Woman’s Club and the Valley Woman’s Club respectively.

A team of Smith-Hughes boys to take part in stock, grain, poultry and egg judging will represent this school. The boys composing the team are: Jack Gruber, Jack Smith, William Guffey, Wm. Kennney, Clarence Dallas, and Herman Moudree with Delbert Heron as alternate. W.P. Thomas, Smith-Hughes instructor, accompanied the students and Miss Ruth Ackerly and Miss Fay Fouts will go to Bozeman on Friday.

1946

“Girl Scouts Hold Easter Egg Hunt for 60 Pre-School Children”

One of the prettiest sites ever seen in Townsend was the hunt for Easter eggs on the city park by about 60 pre-school children and their Girl Scout sponsors. Dressed in all their new Easter clothes, the children ran hither and thither around among the evergreen and shrubbery. Some collected their gayly painted eggs in baskets, others used their hats and pockets. All had a generous number. After the hunt they were served breakfast in the Guildhall by the Scouts and returned safely to their homes.

Miss Rose Sanz and Miss Louise Flynn the Girl Scout leaders, were responsible for the hunt and are to be given praise for this activity and the many other Scout activities during the year among which has been included Christmas caroling, making cheery tray favors for hospital patients on several occasions. They have had several out-door health activities and now are making plans for a bike hike next Saturday and their next court of honor and Pan American day in May.

1957

“Seniors Report Sneak Day Educational Treat” – by Helen Carson

Wednesday, April 10, 31 seniors, their chaperons, Mrs. Jo Peters, Mr. N.G. Cacciotti and Mr. Ray Baker, left by Greyhound bus for Salt Lake City, Utah.

We spent our first night in Idaho Falls, Idaho. We arrived at our destination early Thursday afternoon. That afternoon was spent at a recreation center and that evening we attended a movie.

Friday we took a guided tour of Salt Lake City and other points of our tour were, the Mormon Tabernacle, where we heard an organ recital, the Mormon Temple and the grounds, the famous sea gull monument, the spot where Brigham Young said “This is the place”, the college and schools and the capitol, where we were given a lecture on its history and that of Utah. Next we traveled to Brigham where the largest open copper mine in the world is located. We looked around and saw several blasts. Another point of interest was the Great Salt Lake.

Saturday we visited the business districts of Salt Lake. We started our journey homeward that afternoon and arrived in Idaho Falls, Idaho near dinner time. There, a group of 35 girls had planned a potluck dinner for us and provided entertainment. The superintendent of the high school conducted a tour through their new school building which in comparison their stage of auditorium was the size of our gym; features of interest in this school included classroom size about twice the size of ours for about 30 students per class; science rooms with raised seats for lecture and demonstration; band and choral rooms with raised chair level; Home Ec department outstanding; the gym “out of this world”; bus caravan of 52 school owned buses; the auditorium was a dream.

Mr. Baker said we were good kids, but had never learned the meaning of sleep.

1963

“Rodney Davis Wins Scouting Award”

Rodney Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Davis, received the God and Country scouting award in a special ceremony held Sunday morning at the Methodist Church. The coveted award was presented by the Rev. Eugene Rushing.

Rodney, a 15-year-old sophomore and a member of local Troop 99, presented a pin (miniature replica of his award pin) to his mother.

Troop 99 scoutmaster, Jerry Allen, presented Rodney as a candidate worthy of receiving the award. Rodney explained some of the projects and studies which had been required in order that he might receive the award. These included studies in the fields of church history, Bible study, and church program. Service projects required included participation in a worship service by leading in prayer, distributing devotional booklets and to shut-ins; serving as usher and acolyte.

These studies and service projects have been performed during a six month period. So far as we know, this is the only award of this kind ever presented to a local Boy Scout.

“Holy Cross Church Hit by Lightning”

Tuesday afternoon at 4:55 a bolt of lightning struck the roof and steeple on Holy Cross Church and set fire to the roof. In addition to damage to the steeple and roof, the lightning ran through the building’s electrical system damaging some light fixtures and switches.

Father Joseph Mavsar, pastor of the church, said yesterday that as yet he has not evaluated the damage, but said there was insurance to cover it.

Townsend’s Volunteer Fire Department made record time in getting to the blaze and soon had it under control.

An engineer, Mr. Walker of Great Falls, and Orville Zindell were working beside the building when the lightning struck, and turned in the alarm immediately. They had been digging a hole to test the depth of water, and had just completed filling the hole.

Father Mavsar said they had planned to start construction on their building program about the first of June and that is why Mr. Walker was checking the water.

“Face Lifting”

Don Hollaway has been performing a face lifting job on his building at the corner of Broadway and Cedar. Mr. Hollaway has painted the building and placed brick veneer below the windows which adds much to the appearance of the structure. The building houses the USDA Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation offices.

1974

“Radersburg News”

Topsy Ralls, Terri Eaton, girls, Trudy and Tracy, of Helena had Easter dinner with Jack and Jean Ralls. Steve, Marie and son, Eddie Ralls, of Helena joined them. The kids were happy with an Easter egg hunt.

Edna Puttin, daughter Mary Jane Colby enjoyed a Senior Citizen dinner in Townsend on Tuesday. On Friday, Mary, Doris and Al Grandchamp were there.

Hazel and Charlie Hough drove to Bozeman Thursday for Charlie to see his Doctor. They went on to Livingston to visit Charlie’s niece, Dorothy Hough Rowles, who had surgery last Monday. She is doing well.

Charlie has completed his fence in front of his yard. Hazel got the posts and rails painted white and he put the wire on and made a white picket gate. It’s the only way to keep a lawn clean.

