

“What Happened this Week in History”

May 2

1929

“News of Lower Missouri Valley”

Spring work is slow, owing to cold and damp weather.

Mrs. Warren Horne and infant daughter, Bonnie May, returned to their home here from the Carroll Hospital in Townsend the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Riis and children and Mrs. And Mrs. Henry Meyer and son of Winston were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Meyer.

1935

“Broadwater County Now has Nine 4-H Club Organized”

Broadwater County now has nine active 4-H clubs. This was announced today by County Agent Ralph E. Ward, who states the organizations were perfected last week end. Mr. Ward was assisted in the final organization by Miss Pauline Bunting of Bozeman, State Assistant 4-H club leader, and Mrs. Edith B. Fox. County Superintendent of Schools.

The nine clubs represent a total membership of about 85 boys and girls.

The project to be undertaken by the boys' clubs are raising beef, calves, garden and potatoes and small grains, while the girls will work with clothing and food preparation.

Three of the clubs were organized right in the vicinity of Townsend, while two were organized at Canton, and one each at Lombard, Radersburg, Winston and the Whaley School District.

Leaders of the three Townsend Clubs were Mrs. Gene McCarthy, the Clothing Club; Fern Canty, Girls' Breakfast Club and T.T. Fike, the Garden Club.

The Canton Club will be headed by Mrs. G.W. Kirscher; Boys club at Radersburg by W.K. Parker; Girls' Food Club in the Whaley District by Mrs. Harold Manley. Aside from these there is to be another club in Canton, one in Winston and another in Radersburg, whose leaders and officers have not been chosen.

1946

“Four More Crow Creek Residences Get Power”

A visit from Jas. Kitto of Crow Creek Valley yesterday informed this newspaper that four other valley ranchers had finally succeeded in getting electric power from the Montana Power Company, the line work and connecting having been finished about two weeks ago. Others are Peter Williams and Thos. Williams.

“Local Artist Enters Pictures in Exhibit”

Mrs. Ingeborg Merritt, local artist, has painted two portraits to be entered in the third annual Pacific Northwest Art Exhibition to be held in Spokane May 8-22. Mrs. Merritt is exhibiting portraits of Lee Ann and Joanne Stewart, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stewart of Townsend. Last year she entered a floral bouquet and a portrait of Mrs. T.N. Averill that received favorable comment.

“Canton Valley News”

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Whaley and Miss Mary Whaley of Helena were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Whaley in the valley.

At the Canton Club yesterday, Mrs. Royal Smith took the role of hostess and Mrs. DeVon Domer took the lead on the program with a talk on new fabrics. Others present were: Mrs. Alvin Domer, Mrs. Merritt, Mrs. Gaab, Mrs. Mahony, Mrs. Weiferich, Mrs. S. Marks and Miss Riley.

“Crow Creek News”

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Webb, Mrs. Earl Webb and son, Jimmy, transacted business in Helena on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kitto have returned from their wedding trip and are now living at their own home.

Mr. and Mrs. W.K. Parker, Art Bert and Miss Juanita Schoess motored to Helena on Easter and enjoyed the Easter morning breakfast at the Montana Club. Mrs. Tim Leary accompanied them and spent the time visiting with her friend, Mrs. Henry.

Mrs. Philip Mockel is spending a few days this week at the home of her brother, Chris Miller, and family near Townsend.

1957

“Former Townsend Pilot Flies Jet Plane Here”

Capt. Edward J. D’Arcy of Hollaman Field, New Mexico buzzed Townsend Saturday as he flew over his former town on his way to the air base in Great Falls. He was flying a T-33 jet plane. When he went over everyone was aware of “something different” for it made a loud “swirr”. He circled the town twice and rolled and then like a flash out was of sight as he flew north.

He rented a car in Great Falls and came on down to Townsend for an overnight visit with his mother, Mrs. Mary D’Arcy, and sisters, Mrs. Stanley Mongrain and Mrs. Eileen Finnegan, and other relatives. He took off at the Great Falls base at about noon and was in New Mexico one hour and 50 minutes later on Sunday.

Capt. Eddie is one of the few home boys to fly a jet plane.

“Dixon House Sold to Frank Blaisdell”

Thos. Dixon is clearing his residence property today of all the household effects preparatory to vacating it for the new owners by tomorrow. He sold his large house and lots to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blaisdell who plan to move immediately.

Mr. Dixon spends all of his time anymore at his ranch home and Mr. and Mrs. Blaisdell, who had been residing at 307 South Oak, had to vacate because that house had been sold.

Now everybody will be happy. Tom will go back to his beautiful home in the mountains with no more responsibility about town property - the Blaisdells will have their own place to hang their hats and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth O’Dell will move in where the Blaisdells lived and which house they recently purchased.

The Dixon house is one of the fine older type houses left in town on Cedar Street. It has a large yard and on the rear of one lot a large barn, which was built in the days when the original owners had their fancy buggies and horses, now converted as a double garage.

1963

“Piano Students Receive High Ratings”

A number of piano students of Lorraine Kitto participated in the District Music Festival held in Livingston on Friday and Saturday. There were 53 piano entries from District Five who played for a rating given by the adjudicator. District Five covers all schools from Helena to Gardiner. Following is a list of students from Townsend and Toston and their ratings: Beverly Thompson, piano solo, superior; Deena Hollaway, piano solo, superior; Nancy Marks, piano solo, excellent; Mary Ann Hensley, Piano solo, excellent; Pete Kelly and Merle Turman, two piano, superior; Beverly Thompson and Deena Hollaway, two piano number, superior; Connie Sprout and Marnie Lanning, two piano, superior; Laurie Lanning and Judy Hunsaker, Piano duet; superior.

All superior ratings are entitled to participate in the State Music Festival in Missoula on May 11.

“Boy Scouts Clean Dams From Confederate Creek”

Six Townsend Boy Scouts spent Saturday cleaning beaver dams, thistles and brush from Confederate Creek.

The Scouts, Mark Whitehead, Rodney Davis, Tim Hysell, Larry Mullany, Lance Davis and Jim Valentine were accompanied by Scoutmaster, Jerry Allen; Ross MacPherson, U.S. Forest Service and Game Warder, Jack Foster.

Foster said the combination of dams, brush and thistle prevented trout going to spawning grounds upstream. He said fish were moving upstream even before the Scouts finished their cleaning.

“Town Talk Café Grand Opening”

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Richardson have completed remodeling of their café building and will hold a grand opening of the Town Talk on Saturday.

1974

“Recital Set for Friday”

The annual piano and organ recital by students of Lorraine Kitto will be Friday evening, May 3rd at 8:00 p.m. in the new gym at Broadwater County High School.

The nine numbers played at the District Music Festival in Bozeman last Friday will be featured. Seven of these numbers received superior ratings and an excellent was given to the other two numbers.

These students are: Bill Kirley, Susan Hooks, Susan Goodwin, Don Kitto, Cindy Kirksey Carla Fisher and Dalene Campbell and Wade Rea of Three Forks and Debbie Robinson of Manhattan.

There will be several duos, duets, quartets and organ solos. This music will be in a lighter vein popular, semi-classical and old time favorites. Other students participating are: Denise White, Teresa Flynn, Kristin Hudson, Micki Williams, Brad Kitto, Theresa Clark, Krista and Susan Swenson, Karen Kemmer, Trish Berberet, Peggy and Phil Ryan, Ron Thompson, Tami Campbell, Marian Hansen, Vallie Trabach, Sally Christie, Kathy Kimpton, Barb Kitto, Ed Armstrong, Gayle Clark and Terri and Buck Rea of Three Forks.

Special numbers by a vocal group will be presented by Mrs. Paulie Ragen.

The public is cordially invited to attend and there will be no admission charge.