

“What Happened this Week in History”

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“Court House Lawn Ready for Planting”

After weeks of make ready, the lawn around the new Broadwater County Court House is ready to be planted, according to Carl Hov, engineer in charge of the work. The seed will not be sown, however, until after the landscaping is done which will be some time soon, said Mr. Hov. Trees, both shade and foundation evergreens, will be planted and some flower beds made ready after which the lawn seed will be scattered and the irrigation system put into use.

The county has made provisions for a pumping plant of its own to take care of irrigation of the lawn. Pipes have been installed to connect the hoses at the four corners of the lot and a large electric pump will force the irrigation water from a deeply driven well. Because the lawn is of such large dimensions, it was thought unsafe to depend upon the city water for ample quantities during the dry season.

The grounds already look fine with good soil foundation well pulverized and leveled. It is planned to procure native evergreens for foundation landscaping. Shade trees will be planted around the lawn.

“Helena Man Robs Fire Cracker from Thompson”

Fred Naegle, fellow printer and manager of the Naegel Printing Company in Helena says James Thompson isn't the only man alive who has had his dreams go up in smoke. Upon reading the report of Thompson's explosion from a .22 bullet while smoking his pipe, Naegle sent the following short letter to Thompson in which he gives a good moral and also reminds him that he has no monopoly on the story. The letter:

Mr. James Thompson

Townsend, Montana

Dear Sir:

See where you had much the same experience as myself. In my case, I ran out of tobacco while at home, but remembered having some loose tobacco in my old fishing pants; filled my pipe with it, when back to playing cards with my wife and two friends, when bang – the pipe flew out of my mouth, something hit the ceiling and soot and tobacco filled my eyes and those around the table. Found the pipe under a sofa, a blank shell and bullet on the floor. Then remembered having some loose shells which got mixed in the pocket of my pants. No casualties. Moral, when hunting gophers and smoking, keep the cartridges separate from the tobacco.

Consequently, you have no monopoly on this story.

Yours' truly, Fred Naegle

Trying to smoke .22 bullets with tobacco seems to be quite common in fact. Since printing the Thompson explosion story, we have heard of several pipe smokers who have drawn away on something other than tobacco. One was Tim Leary. Now Tim always did like to play a joke, on someone else, but he surely wouldn't make a mistake when he accidentally

got a bullet in his own pipe similar to the experience of Thompson and Naegle. Leary got off with nothing but the brim of his hat blown off. Some of these days, these missile tobacco mixers are going to get a mixture they aren't looking for and Naegle's moral might be well to heed. How about it boys?

"Many Thrills and Laughs in Home Talent Play"

Although there are no professional actors and actresses in Townsend, the home talent cast, in the Woman's Club play, a mystery comedy in three acts to be presented on the night of April 25 in the High School Auditorium, is fully as capable as a cast imported directly from Broadway.

This has been demonstrated in the rehearsals for the play which are being held each night and those who have been fortunate enough to witness the demonstrations are delighted with the progress being made and predictions of a huge success are being freely given.

The play, which centers around the activities of George Gordon, an amateur detective in his attempts to recover the jewelry stolen at a party in the home of Miss Jane Danforth, is a fast moving comedy and one laugh follows another as the characters reveal themselves. Much fun is provided when George finds himself involved in a very heavy love affair and he can do nothing about it, even though he is a detective, because he is one of the principals in the affair.

The part of George is splendidly enacted by Gene Connors and Miss Ossia Taylor, as the heroine, is all that a beautiful heroine should be.

The entire cast is as follows: George Gordon – Gene Connors; Jane Danforth – Ossia Taylor; Bernice Lawrence – Hazel Thomas; Francis Jefferson – Edith A. Ballard; Barbara Burton – Pauline Riley; Grover Going – James Kearns; Rodney Herne – Rudy Glatz; Mrs. Sophie Danforth – Mrs. W.L. Emmert; Aunt Georgia Gordon - Mrs. Edith Fox; Rose – Zetta Patterson; Hargis – Lawrence Gabisch.

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"Students Visit Broadwater County Library"

Students from Radersburg School visited the Broadwater County Library Monday as a part of their activities to promote National Library Week. They also were taken on a tour of the Court House under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Carson, County Superintendent of Schools. Those who accompanied the children were: Mrs. Carrie Hardgrove and Mrs. Stroup, teachers; Mrs. Earl Webb, Mrs. Wayne Miller and Mrs. George Harris.

"Crow Creek News"

Terry Gloege and a friend from Helena visited Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lewis and Michelle, Sunday. On Wednesday Mrs. Lewis's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Chriske and an aunt of Helena called on the Lewises.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Fandrich and son and Mrs. Bertha Hinch of Townsend and Mrs. LeRoy Reister, Marjo and Dirk of Miles City were Saturday visitors at the Ray Horne home.

Jim Webb, a student at MSU in Missoula, spent the weekend here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Webb, Susan and Ray.

“Beau Maison Club Has Meeting”

The Beau Maison Home Demonstration Club held its April meeting Thursday evening at the ranch home of Elaine Hensley. Co-hostesses were Betty Horne and Lena Leanhart. Following the business meeting Bonnie Conrad gave a very interesting demonstration on using mosaic tiles. Then the members put her instructions to use by making trivets, candy dishes and ash trays. A farewell gift was presented to Betty McLeod by the club. Mrs. McLeod and her family are moving to the west coast soon. Refreshments were served by the hostesses to June Hensley and Tillie Williams, guests; and Betty McLeod, Bonnie Conrad, LaRee Williams, Marion Kitto, Jerry Kimpton, Pat Webb, Bobbye Green, Ruby Kolberg, Betty Clark, Verna Clark and Susan Williams.