

## **“What Happened this Week in History”**

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**1936**

### **“Geo. Gabisch Co. Takes Over Power-Townsend Interests”**

The name of the firm of the Power-Townsend Company has been changed to the Geo. Gabisch Co., according to George Gabisch who has taken over the Broadwater County interests of the Power-Townsend Company. R.M. O’Hearn will be associated with the new firm as auditor and machinery salesman.

The newly organized firm will conduct its business in the same plant as formerly occupied by the Power-Townsend Company and on much the same lines, said Mr. Gabisch. There are eight employees of the firm, Mr. Gabisch manager; R.M. O’Hearn, Miss Pauline Riley in the office; Clerks, Owen Hoffman, Elmer Feldt, Lawrence Gabisch. In the Chevrolet Department, Chas. Tomcheck is manager with C.W. Cady, shop foreman of the garage and repair shop, and John Deadmond, mechanic.

During the time this enterprising business has been organized in Townsend, it has undergone three major changes. In 1911 organized with T.R. Macauley as manager, the firms’ name was The Townsend Hardware and Implement Company. L.A. Struder succeeded Mr. Macauley and was head of the company until his death in 1918. During the years that Mr. struder headed the concern, they took over the Missouri Valley Hardware Company and later the Broadwater County Hardware Company, both independent stores operated by local men.

In 1929, the Townsend Hardware and Implement Company merged with the T.C. Power Company of Helena taking over the implement and grain elevator interests and has had the title of Power-Townsend Company since that date. Mr. Gabisch has been manager for the past 18 years.

### **“New President is Named for Creamery”**

Claude V. Flynn was elected president of the Broadwater County Creamery Company at a meeting held the latter part of last week. Mr. Flynn succeeds the late John C. Whaley. Ed Daniels was elected vice-president and Peter J. Meloy reelected secretary-treasurer.

### **“High School Play Receives Praise from Large Crowd”**

A play presented by the senior class of Broadwater County High School last Friday evening was attended by a large crowd, who showed their appreciation of the production throughout and many declared it to be the best high school play given by the school in years.

This was a result of careful training and direction and an attractive stage setting with new scenery made especially for the production.

The play, “Growing Pains” by Aurenia Rouveral was a three-act comedy, the story of which involved the life of two Adolescent children and the McIntyre family. Harry Anders and Viola Walter were exceptionally good as the two main characters, George and Terry McIntyre, the adolescents. The parts of Mrs. McIntyre portrayed by Miss Ann Marie Zimmerman and Mr. McIntyre by William Mackey were outstandingly acted and these four young entertainers deserve much credit for the success of the production. They were ably supported also by

Valeria Clare taking the role of Sophie; Ada Kelly as Mrs. Patterson; Elsie Patterson, Aletha Brisbin; Traffic Officer, Charles Smith; Dutch, Earl Simons; Brian, James Franklin; Omar, Henry Huth; Hal, Joseph Gaab and Prudence, June Buckingham.

The action of the play was laid in the patio of the McIntyre residence in a university town in southern California with a Spanish setting. Principal W.L. Emmert, who has a natural and developed artistic talent, assisted in making the entire setting attractive, which added greatly to the pleasure of those attending the play.

Miss Ann Harrington, class advisor, directed the play.

Features of the entertainment was the appearance of the school's orchestra, trained and directed by Harold Slater, and a tap number by Eddie D'Arcy.

## **1964**

### **"Town Buys Hill Property"**

The Town of Townsend has purchased the Virginia Hill property on South Pine, adjacent to the Town Park, to be included in the park area.

The Council has been assisted in acquisition of the property by the Townsend Woman's Club, Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce.

### **"Toston News"**

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Noyd and family of Townsend were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Johnson and sons, David, Steve and Dale, on Sunday.

Miss Barbara Berberet celebrated her birthday Sunday by having the following friends enjoy a party with her: Sharon and Carlon Kolberg, Marsha Moudree, Lee Ann Jersey, Judy Smith, Leslie Ann Foos, Jema Miller, Lora Lee Flynn and Sally Berry.

Little Cindy Rauser was host to a group of friends Sunday, April 19, at a party to celebrate her birthday. Guests were Karen Cazier, Dennis Williams, Randy Ferrat, Patty Johnson, Bryan Kimpton, Vicki, Connie and John Rauser, and Tim, David, Dana and Judy Rauser.

The Library Committee wants to extend a special thank you to Mrs. Mary Spatzierath, Mrs. Helen Glowashy, Mrs. Judy Foos, Mrs. Kate Johnson, Mrs. Juanita Castleberry, Mrs. Ruby Kolberg and Mrs. Grace Berberet for providing transportation for the children. The students toured the library and the courthouse.

A trip to the Ramhorn cave near White Sulphur Springs was made Sunday by Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Dagnall and twenty-one students and interested parents. The party met in front of the post office in Toston at 1:30 and left from there in cars. They returned home about 7:30 after exploring the cave.