

“What Happened this Week in History”

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“Forest Service to Build New Station Near Townsend”

A new station for the Townsend Ranger District will be constructed near town according to definite plans now being made. The station will be built on the bench just above Townsend to the east, 4 acres having been purchased from Jack Carl just north of the main highway. Work will begin in the morning, said Ranger E.V. Welton, who will have charge of a crew of ERA workmen and who will occupy the new quarters after they are completed.

The station will serve the Townsend District and the site was chosen because of its proximity to Townsend, to the Montana Power electric line and the city water mains. About \$5000 in improvements will be put on the land, a station, garage, office and barn. J.N. Templer, Forest Supervisor, Clyde Fickes, of the Regional Office were in town today, visited the site and made sufficient survey of the plot to start fencing and other work tomorrow.

“Townsend Hotel Bar Taken Over Opening Saturday”

The former Townsend Hotel Bar will open under new management Saturday, May 2nd, according to the two proprietors, R.J. Clark and Wayne Waddell.

The bar room has been leased from Mrs. D.C. McCarthy and extensive improvements and arrangements are being made to make it ready for public service. For the opening, the managers advertise free beer and lunch served from 9:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. New booths just erected will give both bar and booth service.

“Clark Garage Badly Damaged by Welding Tank Explosion”

Awakened by a terrific explosion, residents of Townsend arose early Friday morning to find the Bowhay garage, now occupied by Dimit Clark, almost a complete ruin as the result of the explosion of the carbide welding tank. No one was injured.

What might have caused many casualties to human life had it occurred in working hours was fortunately averted as the explosion occurred at 4:00 o'clock in the morning. Clark, who had taken over the garage a few months ago had been operating a second-hand carbide welding plant, believes the accident was caused from a leak in a valve. No one was in the garage. Every window in the building was blown to bits and the walls badly sprung, large concrete sections being forced from under the roof to about a nine-inch distance. Cars stored in the garage had windows broken and also windows in the neighbor's houses were broken by the terrific force when the gases exploded.

The top of the welding machine was recovered about a half block away having been blown through the roof.

The building was a strong, well built affair, formerly owned by Mrs. Mary Bowhay, but Clark was dealing for the building at the time he set up in busyness there. It was not covered by insurance.

It was at first thought the building was a total loss, but props placed against the walls sprung them back into place and with the application of some new cement and windows the place will be satisfactorily repaired, it is believed.

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“Toston News”

A community pot luck supper was served by the Toston PTA for Mr. and Mrs. Art McLeod and sons, David and Donald, Wednesday evening at the Toston school. Attending besides the honored guests were: Mrs. Kenneth Clark, Mr. and Mrs. George Flynn, Mrs. Marie Flynn, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Berberet and Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Lyall Middleton, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Plummer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slifka, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Green and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Conrad and family, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Moudree and family, Mrs. Juanita Castleberry and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kolberg and family, Pat Connie, and Cathy Glowaski, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Miller. The group presented Mr. and Mrs. Mceod with a farewell gift. Everyone played Password.

“Crow Creek News”

“William Kitto is 91”

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kitto and family entertained at dinner Sunday honoring their son, Rickie, on his 13th birthday and William Kitto on his 91st birth anniversary. Both Mr. Kitto and his grandson were born on April 27. Mr. Kitto is a native of England, but has lived in Crow Creek Valley most of his adult life. Other guests present included the Forrest Kitto Family, Miss Pearl Kato and Blayne McLeod of the valley, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kitto of Helena, Mrs. Lucille Robinson and children of Manhattan and Mr. and Mrs. Lauren Heeb of Bozeman.

“School News”

“Trip”

By David Williams, 4th Grade

First we went to the Townsend Star. There they had five presses and one type maker. The first thing we saw was the type maker. It was like a giant typewriter. It made type for the press out of a metal called pig. A man was typing a paper when we came. Another man showed us the big press. It was the biggest thing in the office. Then he showed us four more little presses. Then he took our picture. Then we left.

“The Trip”

By Mike Ferrat, 4th Grade

First we went to the library. It was downstairs. There were lots and lots of books. The lower grades were there first. Mrs. Heberle is the librarian. The librarian said we could take one book. It had to be returned in two weeks.

“Our Trip”

By Cathy Williams, 6th Grade

Friday, April 17, 1964 the 7th 6th, 5th and 4th grades of Crow Creek School went to Townsend for a tour of the courthouse, library and Star office.

We went to the County Agent’s office. There Lee Hart, the agent, talked to us about 4-H and what he and the office was for.

Next we went into the court room and played as the jury, judge, lawyer, accused, bailiffs and clerks. Next we went into the judge's chambers and the recorder's office and the other offices and vaults. We went into Mrs. Carson's office last. She was our guide.

"Local News"

Nancy Fryhling and Linda Schwisow spent the weekend in Missoula with Nancy's sister, Miss Gloria Fryhling and Linda's sister, Mrs. Neil Weare and family.

Mrs. Wayne Plymale and three sons are visiting relatives in Michigan and Kentucky. They expect to be gone about a month.