

“What Happened this Week in History”

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“A Warning”

It has been brought to the attention of this newspaper that if a warning were publicly issued, it might be the means of averting death of some of our young people who are using the river for swimming recreation.

The Missouri River is a deep and treacherous body of water. To the young people and some adults who are enjoying the cooling, invigorating effects of its waters during these torrid July days, the calm apparent stillness of the water presents anything but a dangerous swimming place. This is true of some well tried out pool, but it is not true of the channel as a whole.

In other years there has been an evident safe swimming section between the two bridges (that was between the railroad bridge and the old road bridge) but following the construction of the new highway bridge last year, this swimming pool was partially spoiled because of large pieces of cement having been deposited in the bottom of the holes. The result is that swimming parties are exploring new quarters, extending their swimming territory and are getting out into dangerous channels of the river where treacherous undercurrents swirl.

A civic move should be taken to rope off and provide a safe swimming hole for young people of the community. As long as there isn't a natatorium, they will go to the river for this popular summer recreation. It is a wholesome and healthful exercise, but if some of our boys or girls are to be injured from diving off the diving boards or be swept under when venturing into untried waters, we will not be able to repair the loss or save their lives when it is too late.

A move was taken by the Townsend Woman's Club last year to rope off a safe section and to build bath houses on the beach. A move was also started by some of our progressive citizens to have a large hole scooped out by the steam shovel when it was on the ground when the bridge construction was in progress and thus insure a good swimming hole for the people of the community. But what has happened to the idea?

It is up to the boosters of the community to try and make provision for a safe swimming place in the river and until they do, it would be wise if the parents and swimmers generally – took warning.

“Toston News”

Miss Clara Greaves returned to her home here Sunday from Camas Prairie accompanied by Miss Margaret Argo and Ed Sypes of Missoula. Clara has been spending two weeks in Missoula and Camas Prairie visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyall Middleton of Toston motored to Three Forks on Sunday evening.

“Radersburg News”

Mr. and Maurice Boster of Duck Creek were visiting their daughter, Helen at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Poe and family.

Judges at the primary election held in the IOOF Hall Tuesday afternoon were Mrs. Clara Williams, Ben Sitton, W.E. Spangler, Mrs. Alice Freeman and Mrs. Millie Wilder; Clerks were Ben Webb and Mrs. W.J. Patterson.

The Ladies Aid served ice cream and cake in the IOOF yard all afternoon during election day under the direction of Miss Frances Bowen and Mrs. F.L. Hough.

Bill Holdaway and mother, Minnie Holdaway accompanied by Everett Ralls were in Townsend on Thursday.

“Deep Creek News”

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Clopton of California are visiting the former’s parents and brothers this week.

The dance at the Pavilion Saturday night was reported as very enjoyable. Good music, good roads and a cool dance hall made it successful.

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“Miss Montana”

Radersburg and Broadwater County were highly honored Saturday night when Miss Merrilee Miller was crowned Miss Montana at the Miss Montana Pageant in Billings. Merrilee was Miss Western Montana College of Education and won the title competing against 14 other beauties from throughout the state. Mrs. Tim Babcock, wife of the governor, placed the Miss Montana Crown on Merrilee at the climax of the Pageant. Miss Miller will represent Montana in the Miss America contest later this year. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Miller of Radersburg. Merrilee is a graduate of Broadwater County High School at Townsend and is now enrolled at the Dillon college where she won first in a beauty contest this spring. Seldom does this honor come to a community and we are all proud of Merrilee and her accomplishments.

“Legion and Aux. Win First Place in Contest”

Broadwater Post and Unit of the American Legion and Auxiliary can now boast of being state champions of the Historical Skit Contest sponsored by the Department of Montana at its 44th convention.

Post No. 42’s skit, “Golden Memories”, was judged first over nine other entries from all over Montana. Stevensville was second and Denton third. A crowd of over one thousand witnessed the skits which were presented at 9:00 Saturday night at the Legion Ball Park in Helena.

Cast members were Jim Johnson, narrator, Lenore Johnson, Gen Walter, Ray Nydegger, Bob Green. Bob Myles, Jerry Duehr, John Walter, Troy Helmick and Mary Alice Upton. All members of the cast expressed their appreciation to the many people who aided them in the production in any way.

Members of the joint Unit and Post Committee who aided in formulating plans and obtaining props were Muriel Gabisch, Clara Ballard, Marie Miller, Fred Geisser and the skit cast. Other Post and Unit members who gave time, supplies, ideas and general aid were Grace Hollaway, Anne Sitton, Frank Upton, Larry Watterson, Mike Huth, May Sweeney, Bobbye Green, Shirley Helmick, Willard Whitehead and Geo. Gabisch, Jr.

“It would be impossible,” said Troy Helmick, Post Commander, “to list the names of everyone who offered advice and encouragement. We are grateful, too, for the fine turnout of local residents who came to Helena to see the skit and let us know we had their support.”

“Saturday Will be Townsend Day At Helena Celebration”

Saturday, June 25 has been designated as “Townsend Day” at Helena’s Centennial Celebration, with various groups from here taking part in the program that day.

During the afternoon a man’s sextet, the “Howdy Boys”, will sing western songs in the downtown area. Included this group will be Jerry Allen, Jim Johnson, Mike Valentine, Jim Webb, Larry Hagbom and Herb Sprout. Others appearing in the afternoon program will be a trio, Mary Alley, Judy Crum and Linda Ulmer. Two Winston boys, Paul Hogan and Jack Lokowich, will sing western songs.

Most of the above and a group of Can Can girls will appear on the stage at the fairgrounds just before and during the time the Legion and Auxiliary group from Post No. 42 are presenting their prize-winning act, “Golden Memories”. Can Can girls will be Edwina Neild, Marcia Lots, Sharon Adams, Glenda Campbell, Barbara Moudree and Cinda Holland.

“Radersburg Night at Helena Monday”

Ms. Carrie Hardgrove, teacher at Radersburg, informs the Star that Monday, July 17 will be Radersburg night at the Helena Centennial celebration. Radersburg school and the community is getting special recognition because it was the first community in the area to put on a centennial program. May 18, 1963 the school put on a special program at the school and had Bill Carson of Helena as guest speaker. Mr. Carson is chairman of the Helena Centennial Committee and was well impressed with Radersburg’s talent and enthusiasm.

Mrs. Hardgrove extends a special invitation to all old timers in the Radersburg and Broadwater County area to attend the celebration and appear in the parade and also appear on the stage just before the main show, “The Montana Story”, when Radersburg will present their program. Those who will participate should contact Mrs. Hardgrove as soon as they arrive so she can make arrangements for them.

Several persons from Radersburg are appearing in the main show each night, including Mrs. Minnie Doughty, Misses Merrilee Miller and Marsha Miller. Also Mrs. Hardgrove’s husband, Roy Hardgrove of Helena, has several main parts in the show, including character acting as well as a horseman. Roy is a brother of Bill Hardgrove of Townsend.

“Tomcheck Starts Building Addition”

Chas. Tomcheck, proprietor of Tomcheck Chevrolet, has started construction on an addition to his garage building. The addition will be 26’ x 65’ and will be located on the east side of the garage, where the Richards Shoe Shop building was located. The Richards building, which Tomcheck bought some time ago, was partially destroyed by fire early this spring.

The building will be of concrete block construction. The addition will give Tomcheck more shop space.

“Meeting to Talk about Swimming Pool for Kids”

Townsend youngsters have plastered the town this week with posters asking for a swimming pool. Appearing on the posters were several slogans, such as “beat the heat with a swimming pool”, “the lake’s too far, river unsafe, and it’s too hot, so we want a swimming

pool”, and one we noticed wasn’t too complimentary, “don’t be cheap, give us a swimming pool”.

Townsend Rotary Club at its regular meeting Tuesday evening decided to call a meeting to discuss the issue. All people of the town and county are invited to attend a meeting at the court room in the county court house Monday night at 8 o’clock.