

“What Happened this Week in History”

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“Personal Happenings”

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Mitchell and Mrs. James Smith of Sixteen called in Townsend Tuesday. “Aunt Rachel”, as so many friends have become accustomed to calling Mrs. Smith, because of her hospitable spirit and generous invitation to her home, was appearing in her usual good spirits as she called hurriedly on her many friends hers.

Peter G. Meloy has been visiting the home ranch on Greyson Creek this week and incidentally preparing to do some more work in the interests of his campaign for nomination to the office of Railroad and Public Service Commissioner.

“Here and There Around Town”

Lowell L. Mires of Winston was in Townsend Wednesday. Lowell says he always was told that Broadwater was a small county, but he is beginning to discredit that fact since he has started to cover the county in his campaign. He is a candidate for Treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ward and Mr. and Mrs. R.R. Kimpton took a trip into the Beartooth Mountains above Cook City traveling over the scenic highway to Red Lodge before returning home. They departed Friday evening and returned late Sunday evening.

“The Fourth at Deep Creek Station”

Yesterday, the 4th, many happy folks passed by here and distributed themselves to their different summer homes for a feast and rest. It made my old heart happy to see such a lovely gathering of fine people. This get-together spirit on such occasions, where patriotism is first and real social friendliness is second, is the greatest cooperative spirit in life, and I know everyone that participated in the celebration, went home feeling much better and happier for the occasion. There were firecrackers by the hundreds, which were productive of many and varied sounds, great big watermelons, ants in the butter and the bees went buzzing round and round.

Frank Young is cutting and placing in the barn the hay that grew on the pretty flat which surrounds this station and is just finishing the job today, Sunday. Sawed-off Costello is assisting in the work.

Gilbert Burch passed here one day last week with some salt for his cattle. He had forgotten to weigh it before he left home and stopped here to weigh it. Then he found he was just a pound short so back home he went for the other pound. While he was gone that old foxy horse of many colors, smelt salt, and by gosh, when Gilbert got back, all there was left of the salt was the grass that the salt had been placed on.

Bill Prosser stopped here for a drink of real good water and got it. Then on the road back home, he told me that one of his horses got so lame that he started to walk on three legs. After a mile or so farther on, the other one also used only three legs to propel him along the way. Bill said he had a darned good notion to get off the wagon and go lame himself.

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“Jim VanMeter to Teach, Coach at Helena School”

Jim Van Meter has been employed to teach social studies and coach intramural athletics at Helena Junior High School. Jim is a son of Mr. and Mrs. P.J. VanMeter of Cardwell, formerly of Broadwater County.

Young VanMeter is a graduate of Broadwater County High School and Carroll College, class of 1964. He is married to the former Jeanette Lauchridge of Helena and they have two children.

“Work on City Park”

Recently members of Townsend Rotary Club cleaned up the city park on South Pine Street and removed the old foundation which had marred the appearance of the past several years.

To assist in improving the park, members of the Jaycees mowed the north end.

“Tony Moe Wins Beard Contest”

Tony Moe of Winston walked off with the top prize Saturday at the beard judging sponsored by the local Jaycee Club. Judging was held at the Townsend Boat Dock just preceding the fireworks display. Only nine brothers of the brush showed up for judging, as most of the beard growing fraternity had already disposed of their luxurious growth after the Centennial date of May 26. Those in the contest besides Moe were Merle Campbell, Troy Helmick, John Schmidt, Willis Hossfeld, Marvin Meyer, Bob Hoppe, Wilbur Merritt and Willis Hossfeld, Jr.

The judges, Mrs. George Pfau, Mrs. Shirley Van Voast, Joe Gross and Gene Sautter, placed them this way: best all around – Tony Moe; neatest – Troy Helmick; fullest – Wilbur Merritt; scraggiest – Willis Hossfeld Jr. Winners are eligible to enter the state beard judging contest at Great Falls August 1. Bill Kearns was chairman of the Jaycee committee sponsoring the contest.

Prizes were donated by Francisco Pharmacy, American Crystal Sugar Co., Coast to Coast, State Bank of Townsend, Townsend Standard Service, A&W Drive In, Poe’s Enco Service, Co-op Supply, Fryhlings, Gambles, Bob’s Superette, Geo. Gabisch Co., Grover Motor Co., and Gene’s Auto Sales. Loud speaking system was furnished by Fisher Radio & TV.

“Family Reunion”

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Richtmyer and sons in Townsend was the scene of a happy family reunion on the Fourth of July. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crum and Billy of Newport News, Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crum; Mr. and Mrs. Art Crum and Joey; Mr. and Mrs. Les Williams, Jana and Mike; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith, Jeanie and Johnny; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wooley, Jeanie and Shelly all of Missoula; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seaman, Olympia, Wash; Mr. and Mrs. Wally Richtmyer, Karen and Mark of Bozeman; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hedberg, Susan and Lori, East Helena; Cliff Rose; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Perkins; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson and Vincent; Mr. and Mrs. Vern Wooley, Jim and Dan; Mrs. Jennie Crum and Judy; Mr. and Mrs. John Ulmer and Johnny Bob and Mrs. Harry Richtmyer all of Townsend.

“Buys Building”

Herb Jepson, proprietor of the Townsend Implement Co., has purchased the business building on Broadway known as the Chas. B. Ross building, from Mrs. Myrtle Ross. The deal was completed July 1. Mr. Jepson has been renting the building the past 18 months.