

“What Happened this Week in History”

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“Townsend still in Grip of Quarantine for Another Week”

Townsend’s quarantine for scarlet fever will be lifted by March 22nd, said Dr. P.M. Golley, County Health Officer today, providing the disease continues to subside. With only a few additional cases reported since the spread reached the epidemic stage ten days ago and the schools and all public gatherings were ordered closed, the disease will soon be stamped out.

There are 18 cases at the present time in outside districts in the county and as many in Townsend. One death resulted this week, but for the most part the disease is in a mild form. On March 3rd the Townsend schools were closed and all public gatherings within the county forbidden. The Canton School was closed a few days previous.

The planning board conference called for March 9th and 10th was cancelled, as has been many other activities, and people are anxiously hoping the ban will soon be lifted after the disease is under control.

Churches and other public assemblies will not function for another week.

“Personal Happenings”

Mark Good came out from Helena Monday to transact business in Townsend. He recently sold his ranch interest near Winston to Baum Bros., he stated, and now is retired and residing in the capital city.

J.N. Bridgewater was like a bird out of a cage on Wednesday when he was released from a four-week quarantine at his home here. Mrs. Bridgewater cared for their little granddaughter, Phyllis Fox, during her confinement for scarlet fever as her mother, County Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Edith Fox, remained away from home to be able to attend to her duties at the court house each day.

Thomas Dixon received a cut on his forehead this week when he was engaged in wood cutting. The wound was dressed by the local doctors and he is recovering.

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“Legion Post Elects Officers”

Annual election of officers was held last Thursday night for Broadwater Post No. 42, American Legion at Legion Hall. Newly elected officers will be installed at the April meeting, which will be the first Thursday.

Those elected last week were: Troy Helmick, Commander; George Gabisch, Jr., Vice Commander; Bob Green, Adjutant; Bob Myles, Finance Officer; Bill Kieckbusch, Historian; Frank Holloway, Chaplain; Pat Hooks, Service Officer; Fairfax McCarthy, Sergeant –at-arms; Don Hollaway, director for 4-year term and Logan Davis, director for 5-year term.

“A Worthy Project”

Ed McLane has embarked upon a worthy project and is meeting with marked success. The skunk family in northeast Townsend seems to have had a population explosion and Ed has

been trapping them and to date, has caught and destroyed 32 of these smelly animals. His neighbors say a big THANKS, ED!

“Toston Briefs”

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Anzik were guests at the home of Jim and Clara Miller Saturday evening.

Helena business callers during the week were Mrs. Hattie Hardgrove on Friday, Mrs. Crockett Castleberry, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Green and Family and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Plummer and Hal on Friday.

Members of the Birthday Club gathered at the home of Mrs. Elmer Johnson Saturday evening to help her celebrate her birthday. Those present were Mrs. Mary Spatzierath, Mrs. Bobbye Green, Mrs. Olive Middleton, Mrs. Alice Greaves, Mrs. Karen Matthis, Mrs. Lillian Arden and Mrs. Judy Foos.