

“What Happened this Week in History”

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Dear Readers,

I have had been asked several times why the articles for 2020 are so much shorter than they have been in the past. The reason is because it is Leap Year. If you select all of the years with the same date as this year, you get a certain number of dates; then it is an even smaller number when you want years with the same date as a Leap Year. Thanks for asking!!

March 5

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“Juniors Please Public in Royalty Play, ‘It Won’t Be Long Now”

The Play, “It Won’t Be Long Now”, by Milton Herbert, presented by the Junior Class of Broadwater County High School last Friday night in the school gymnasium was said to have been on of the most entertaining plays ever presented by a high school class by the large audience attending.

William Kenny, who took the leading male role as a successful young business man, is to be given much credit. He had a great deal of long lines and acted his part well. Miss Dorothy Gill, as Ann Winston, took the part of a beautiful girl of twenty, to perfection. She made a beautiful and very attractive appearance on the stage and acted her role to the entire satisfaction of the large number of onlookers. Zetta Patterson, as the Swedish cook, and Leslie Clark, as the minister, brought rounds of laughter when they appeared on the stage, and Herman Moudree acting the important part of Dr. Walter Talley and Jack Berberet as Charles Dobson, a political ward healer, also distinguished themselves, as did also J.W. Seery as “Beansy” Blake, an office boy.

Other members of the cast, each deserving much credit for the successful production were: William Guffey, butler; Wallace Schreiner, a clerk; Frances White as Miss Wilkes; Dorothy Smith as Vivian Darrell; Robbin Wight as a policeman; Earl Webb as Frank Cullen; Geraldine Hardgrove as a maid and Jack Nelson and Earl Barker as photographer.

The play was directed by Miss Ossia Taylor.

A feature that surprised and pleased the large audience was the appearance of the high school orchestra under the direction of Harold Slater. With but very little previous training, Mr. Slater has a group of young musicians well on their way to a first class orchestra. The numbers were presented well and were given a hearty applause.

There were nine pieces, two violins, two trumpets, clarinet, flute, saxophone, trombone and piano. Two outstanding numbers were perhaps the “Sleeping Beauty Waltz”, by Tchaikowski and the old English carol “Country Garden” with arrangement by Percy Granger. When it is possible to secure more instruments, Mr. Slater hopes to expand into a high school band.

“Townsend Schools Closed Indefinitely by Health Board”

Schools in Townsend have been closed indefinitely and a ban placed on all public gatherings throughout the entire county to control the spread of scarlet fever. This action was taken Tuesday of this week by County Health Officer Dr. P.M. Golley. The town council

cooperated in passing resolutions to assist the county and state health departments in their endeavor to stamp out this epidemic that has been threatening for the past three months. All scheduled public entertainments have been cancelled.

With twenty-three new cases this week the disease has reached the epidemic stage, said Dr. Golley. Parents are warned to keep their children off the streets or from congregating in vacant lots, alleys or otherwise associating until the disease is under control. The City Council Tuesday night officially placed the city under jurisdiction of the County Board of Health and passed a resolution cooperating with the department to take urgent measures to enforce the quarantine and keep children at home and stop all public gatherings.

The restraint order is issued to adults as well as to children and it is the intention of the authorities to put a ban on all public entertainments and public gatherings excepting emergencies for a period of probably two weeks. If the public will get behind this quarantine and cooperate with the officers, the disease will be stamped out and, in a short time, school and other public activities can be resumed, it is stated. There will be no charge made for the first professional call, said Dr. Golley, this morning. If there is doubt as to whether the patient has or has not a communicable disease. If in doubt, call the health officer and there will be no charge for the call.

All public activities scheduled or advertised in the community have been cancelled – the dance at Toston Saturday night has been cancelled . The big Legion dance and Woman’s Club play scheduled for March 17th has been postponed. The basketball games between the Townsend CC team and the Roamer Girls, billed for next Tuesday has been cancelled as has also all local church school and other activities.

Children have been barred from using the county library books during the epidemic.

Superintendent H.C. Good of the Townsend grade school regrets the closing of the school, but has cooperated to the fullest extent with the health department. He states today that he plans to hold longer school days after the quarantine is lifted with a hope of making up some of the lost time. School days from 8:00 in the morning until 5:00 at night will take care of some of the time lost.

Principal W.L. Emmert of the high school also regrets very much that the schools were forced to close owing particularly to the fact that so many of the older boys have plans for the summer, especially on farms, a longer term would interfere greatly with both school and their plans. He also intends to make up as much of the lost time as possible.

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“Personal Happenings”

Mr. and Mrs. A. Petersen and Mrs. Ken Haskell have been in Helena during the week at the bedside of their father, A.S. Davidson.

If Wallace Hardy wants to see some Deep Creek canyon pussy willows, we now have some on display at the Star Office.

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“Scouts to Box at Legion Club Feed”

The annual stag seafood dinner will be staged at the Legion Club Tuesday evening, March 10. Following the dinner, a group of local Boy Scouts will display their abilities in the

manly art of self-defense. Plans now are to have five or six bouts of three 1-minute rounds. This should be highly entertaining.

“Local News”

Mr. and Mrs. H.G. White returned home Monday from a three week vacation trip which took them through several western and southwestern states.

Mrs. Ronald Kelly, Mrs. Bob Wogamon and Mrs. Harvey Barraugh of Townsend attended a pink and blue shower Tuesday evening for Mrs. Willis Smith of Helena. It was at the home of Mrs. Jim Cottingham.

“Crow Creek News”

Felicity Dagnall of Townsend was a weekend guest of Susan Webb.

William Kitto and Mrs. Pearl Kitto, accompanied by Mrs. Joe Greaves of Toston, were business visitors in Bozeman Thursday. The Kittos were Thursday evening dinner guests of Mrs. Greaves.

Karen Hunsaker, Bozeman, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Hunsaker and family.

Mrs. Don Cazier, Mrs. V.R. Cazier and Mrs. John Hansen attended a bridal shower for Mrs. Jack Saltzman in Logan Friday evening.

Mrs. Lulu Hagbom, Mary Hagbom and Mrs. Harry Foster of Townsend were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Turman on Crow Creek.