

“What Happened this Week in History”

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“Nugget Found on Main Street Puzzles Finder”

The finding of a nugget in the pavement in front of the Commercial Hotel in Townsend recently caused somewhat of a stir and gave a few the gold rush fever. The only thing that stopped a mad stampede was that those who knew about the find couldn't make up their minds which direction to rush to.

About a week or so ago Oscar Reis of Gallatin Gateway was en route to Helena by bus. As the big Greyhound stopped at the corner of the hotel, he stepped off to take the air. As he and a companion or two stood looking at the general view, they noticed something shining mixed with the asphalt of the pavement on Highway No. 10 just about the middle of the crossing. Mr. Reis attempted to dig up the thing with his pen knife, but broke the blade, so tightly was it embedded. A screw driver was pressed into action and the nugget, a good sized lump of raw gold, taken up. Reis sold the nugget in Helena for \$21.50.

Right away conjectures began to be made as to where the gold could have come from. As the nugget was found in the center of the highway, it could have been dragged up there as the gravel was leveled from the main street of Townsend when Highway No. 6 was constructed. If that is the case, it could have been brought in loads of gravel in shaling and paving projects through the years. If it were hauled there, in the course of building Highway No. 10, it would have been brought in from across the river toward Helena as some filler was brought in from there, or it could have come from down from the horse ranch hill where the top surface was cracked for that project.

It is more likely, however, that the stray chunk of gold came down with some shale hauled in to town from any of the tributaries to Indian Creek Canyon.

“Old Time Amusement Hall to be Rejuvenated”

After about seven years of suspended operations, the old Townsend auditorium has become the popular place for holding public dances and likewise with several affairs billed for the holiday season the management is putting the building back in an acceptable condition.

While the hall has always been leased for entertainments and dances, the high school gymnasium took a great deal of business away from the old hall, but since the new ruling made by the board of education of the school, making it prohibitory to renting the school gymnasium for public dances, the trade has swung back again to the auditorium.

S.L. Young, the owner, is having the place re-kalsomined, repainted and a new stage erected. Melvin Domholt has charge of the carpentry work and Max Sorensen is doing the decorating which, when completed, will greatly add to the attractiveness and comfort of the place.

The auditorium was built in about 1899 and has always been considered as having a splendid dancing floor which was constructed on large springs of some sort, and has been the scene of some gay and festive parties in the history of the community.

“Personal Happenings”

Henry Huth who is employed at the Smither's Shoe store in Helena enjoyed a weekend visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Huth here.

Miss Eleanor Hargrove returned home after a week's visit with relatives on Flathead Lake and is employed in the office of County Attorney Fred W. Schmitz at present.

Mr. and Mrs. T.E. Connors joined Mr. and Mrs. Don L. Hollaway at Boulder. Saturday, the two couples continued to Butte to take in the big Grizzly-San Francisco game.

"Radersburg News"

Miss Alice and Anna Marie Franklin of Spokane, Wash., were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floran Bottler and family, also Mrs. Flora Holling and family. The girls are the granddaughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. Rubin Rader, and nieces of Floran Bottler and Flora Holling.

"Winston News"

A very interesting program was held at our school Saturday afternoon. Readings, poems and songs suggestive of Thanksgiving were presented by the following pupils: Mary and Albert Hadcock, Violet and Percy Ostle, Lucille Dallas and Annemarie Beatty. Homemade candy was passed around at the conclusion of the program.

Miss Belle Beatty, Miss Ina Wall, Miss Hilda Lamb and Mrs. Ray Beatty and daughter, called on Mrs. John Devan to see her lovely afghan which she has just completed before she sent it away. It was crocheted two yards long, in many beautiful colors, perfectly blended into a painted design. She has sent it to her niece, Mrs. Mark Gehan, wife of the mayor of St. Paul.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bruce made a trip to Helena with turkeys last Saturday.

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"Bowling Clinic at Legion Lanes Sunday, Nov. 29"

Don Hollaway, manager of Legion Lanes, has arranged for a bowling clinic to be held at the bowling alley Sunday, November 29. Two instructors from Helena, Ken Kelly and Bart Bartlett, will be present to give free instruction, check bowling equipment and put on two bowling demonstrations during the afternoon.

In addition to the exhibition matches, these expert bowlers will give instruction to local bowlers while they are bowling. This will be absolutely free. You pay only for bowling. Also two short films will be shown. "Timing" and "Spare Shooting" which will be of interest to bowlers.

The program will get under way at 1:00 o'clock and continue until about 6.

"Crow Creek News"

Danny Ragen of Townsend was a weekend guest of his cousins, Cathy, David, Dennis, Robin and Mickey Williams.

Junior Lewis, Gordon Sanderson, Wallace Turman and Merle Turman were among ranchers attending the Feddes bull sale in Manhattan Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Turman and family and Mrs. Ida Byrd were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Kitto and children.

Miss Joan Delger of Townsend spent Tuesday and Wednesday as a guest of Miss Roene Taylor.

The family of Mrs. Abe Fandrich surprised her at a birthday party at her home Monday evening. Guests included Abe Fandrich and sons, Doug and Abe, Mrs. Bertha Hinch, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hinch and family, Mrs. And Mrs. Ed Huer, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wogamon and family of Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Barringer, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wogamon, Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Wogamon and boys, Donald and Steve Wogamon and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Horne and daughters, all of Toston.

“Local News”

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Townsley of Gallatin Gateway were visiting friends and relatives here Tuesday.

Gene Connors and Cactus Sherwood were in great Falls Tuesday and Wednesday of last week attending a carpet laying demonstration.

Elmer Simons and family left Wednesday for Idaho Falls to spend Thanksgiving with his parents.

“4-H News”

Susan Webb, a 5-year member of the Toston Blue Ribbon 4-H Club, has been awarded a scholarship to a Recreation Laboratory of her choice during the summer of 1965. The Sears and Roebuck Foundation awards these scholarships to individuals interested in further developing their leadership abilities. This will give Susan a chance to expand her leadership qualities which she has shown in her 4-H club work.

Recreation Labs are people working, playing, sharing and having fellowship together. It is a week filled with leadership development opportunities.

Objectives are to develop and practice leadership techniques; to develop self confidence in each individual; to share recreational ideas; to become acquainted with new recreation methods and materials.

Susan was also chosen as the delegate from Broadwater County to attend Fire Prevention School, held in Bozeman each year. Jean Berberet, also a member of the Toston Blue Ribbon Club, was selected as alternate.

David Shearer a 5-year member of the Upper Missouri 4-H Club is a delegate to National Western 4-H Club Roundup in Denver, January 17 – 24. David was chosen for the outstanding work in the project of range management. Joel Flynn of the Toston Blue Ribbon Club was named as alternate. David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Shearer.