

“What Happened this Week in History”

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“Doings of a Week”

Fairfax McCarthy is somewhat indisposed this week and is taking a lay off from duties in the store.

Dr. Smith has been ostracized from his own home and will, for a time, exist on hotel grub. The doctor's little daughter has a mild case of scarlet fever and, in consequent, the home is under quarantine.

Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Brisbin went to Lombard Wednesday to meet their daughter, Mrs. Bowen and husband, who are returning to Townsend to make their future home. Mr. Bowen has taken a position with the Model Grocery.

This newspaper figured that it was getting into bad report when it had McCormick's dilapidated vehicles lined up in front of its place of business, but Tuesday morning was the limit. Lasby's ice cream sign, by some hocus pocus, stood out in bold relief in front of this gospel shop. Whether Lasby brought the sign down or not, deponent sayeth not, but it is said that he only hit the crosswalks on his way back with it. This paper hands out warmer stuff than ice cream and it would take it as a great favor if its pill friend up the street would keep his chilly signs at home.

1940

“Personal News”

The town was practically deserted Friday during the time the annual Vigilante parade was going on in Helena. Both the grade and high school were dismissed to attend.

Sheriff N.C. Bruce had his eye on a band of gypsies who were camped in Deep Creek canyon Tuesday night. The band was not molested, but were given to understand that they were not wanted for too long a time.

Miss Mary Clare Gabisch who completed her second term of school at Dutton, arrived home during the week-end to spend the summer.

Miss Jeanette Rankin was in Townsend Wednesday calling on friends during which time she unofficially announced that she would be a candidate for Congress again. Miss Rankin holds the distinction of having been the first woman Congresswoman and held office when this country was forced into war against Germany, although she opposed it bitterly. Miss Rankin, a pacifist, is anxious to again use her influence in trying to keep this country out of this world conflict going on today, she says.

1968

“Local News”

Mr. and Mrs. John Schwisow and daughter, Kimberly, have moved to Idaho Falls where John has been transferred from Salt Lake City. He has been promoted to divisional manager of the sporting goods department for Sears. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Schwisow.

John Ryan, English instructor at the high school was honored at a surprise birthday party Friday morning at the school by members of the senior class. A large decorated birthday cake was presented to Mr. Ryan and served to those present.

Among those from Townsend attending the Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass concert at the MSU Fieldhouse in Bozeman Friday night were Mrs. Pete Cartwright, Mrs. Clarence Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shindoll, Joan Delger, Allen Lundborg, Cheryl and David Waling, Russell Karhoff, John Rains and Lance Davis.

Visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Doggett and family is her brother, Robert Crawford of Centralia, Ill. He has recently been discharged from the U.S. Marines.

Miss Laura Plymale of Whitehall was a week-end visitor with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Plymale.

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“Around Town News” by Mary Pat Martin

Bob and Jennifer Sorheim, Dylan and Taylor, Enumclaw, Wash. arrived here last week visiting at the Gary Mattson home. Bob was able to stay for one week before he had to return to work, but Jennifer and the children will be in town until June enjoying visiting with family and friends. Jennifer went to Missoula over the week-end to attend LeAnn Carmody Cooper's graduation ceremony at the University of Montana.

The Townsend Garden Club met Monday. Karen Kemmer, Three Forks was a guest. Local members attending were Doreen Sautter, Betty Bindl, Helen Burmaster, Rene Dagnall, Mary Debelek, Frances Etzwiler, Alvena Hooper, Felicia Head, Helen Irely, Helen Kleffner, Marjorie Knowles, Mildred Neild, Mary Olsen, Loretta Ryan, sig Wood, Pauline Webb, Patty Wilchek. Betty Bindl gave a talk on Quaking Aspen trees.

Members of the choir at the United Methodist Church enjoyed a potluck supper at the Rubie Cox home in Winston. Attending were Jack and Doreen Sautter, Martha and John Schmidt, Wilma Poirier, Monte Jean Broadwater, Carol Barron, Nadine Biggs, Kim and Joe Eason, Loilla Flynn, Myrtle Geisser, Kathleen Jepson, Margaret and Pat Kenny, Peggy and Bob Kenny, of Townsend and the Reverend Glen Brown, Colorado.