

## Twin Bridges Joins Town Council Session

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### Town Council Meets—

The Town Council of Twin Bridges met Thursday evening in the City Hall with Mayor Dan Brown presiding. All members were present except M. J. Lott, Jr. Harold Smith of Sheridan and Siv Seidensticker of Twin Bridges, Representatives of the Soil Conservation, met with the Council. After hearing their explanation, the Council agreed to back the Research Conservation Development Project.

Larry Judd reported on the County Planning Board meeting which he attended Nov. 17. The Council plans further discussion at their next meeting before deciding if they want to take part in the City-County Planning Project.

Charles Whitney, Marshall and his helper, Bruce Burke, have finished the pump house-store room, the fence is nearly completed and installation of the gas tank and pump are nearly completed. A street light has been installed in front of the project. All bills were ordered paid and the financial statement was approved. Church of the Valley—

Officers of The Church of the Valley are Lay Leader, Mrs. Lorene Nydam; Administrative Board: Helen Talcott, chairman, Charles Miller, vice-chairman, Mrs. Lois Redman, treasurer and board members: Nick Hedegaard, Mrs. Richard Rice, Mrs. James Glem, Mrs. Alfred Woods and Mrs. Ed Nolte; pastoral relations committee, Clarence Talcott, Mrs. Ruth Woods and Ralph Redfield; Council on Ministries: Mrs. Oubri Oberg, Mrs. Lois Redman, Mrs. Pauline Bayers, Richard Woods, Wayne Boyd, Marilyn Magnus, Kathy Bayers and Coralene Walsh.

Trustees are Clarence Talcott, Charles Miller, Nick Hedegaard, Viola Glem, Wesley Boyd, Larry Perry, Ralph Clements, Darrel Torgimson and Mrs. Richard Rice.

Church of the Valley members who attended the Ruby Valley Parish Charge Conference at Bethany Hall in Sheridan Sunday afternoon to hear Charles Nolan of Missoula, District Supervisor were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nolte, Charles Miller, Wayne Boyd, Ruth Woods, Helen Talcott and Mrs. Richard Rice.

Rev. John Rice will continue as pastor for 1972.

**VFW Auxiliary—**  
The Auxiliary to the Charles M. Reis Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars held a special meeting Wednesday evening. Mrs. Shirley Schiller of East Helena, District 4 president was welcomed by President Mrs. Barbara DeFord. Mrs. Michael Wallace and daughter, Ruth, were initiated. Mrs. DeFord gave a report on the recent sale of "Forget-Me-Not," and announced that there would be a special meeting next week to complete plans for the membership supper Dec. 18. Refreshments were served.

**Royal Neighbors—**  
The members of Golden West Camp, Royal Neighbors of America met in the City Hall Dec. 2 with Vivian Sullender, Oracle, presiding. Resolutions of the committee, Nora Morris, Betty Whiting and Esther were read and accepted by the camp. The Charter was draped in loving memory of Neighbor Una Jenkins.

Officers elected are Oracle, Lucille Nolte; Vice-Oracle, Nora Morris; Chancellor, Irene Cornforth; Recorder, Mary Whitney; Receiver, Esther High; Marshal, Betty Whiting; Inner Sentinel,

Kucy Kozak; Outer Sentinel, Delda Primm and Manager, Edna Mailey.

The annual Christmas party was planned for Dec. 16, with a no-host lunch and gift exchange.

The members enjoyed lunch at the Wagon Wheel Cafe.

### VFW Sets Christmas Party

Twin Bridges-Sheridan Veterans of Charles M. Reis Post No. 3843, Veterans of Foreign Wars will observe its annual Christmas Party Dec. 18, beginning at 7:30 p.m., C. W. Eudaily, Commander, announced. The get-together will be held at the Twin Bridges VFW Hall, directly across from the Masonic Temple on South Main Street.

The evening will feature cocktails and dinner at no cost to VFW Post and Auxiliary members, partners and guests. Members from other Posts and Units and prospective members will also be welcome, and may bring their wives or dates.

### Rebekah Lodge—

Passamari Rebekah Lodge No. 127 met in the IOOF Hall in Sheridan Wednesday evening, Dec. 1 with Noble Grand Wesley Elser presiding. Marie Conklin, Chairman of the United Nations Pilgrimage Committee reported that the committee had held a meeting in Twin Bridges. They went to the Twin Bridges and Sheridan High Schools and left information on the tour for any member of the Junior classes who might be interested.

Election of officers was held with the members nominated being elected to their respective offices. Installation will be held Jan. 5, 1972, a special practice session will be held January 12 and initiation will be held Jan. 19.

The members will hold their annual Christmas party Dec. 15 with a gift exchange and no-host luncheon. Cameron Rust was appointed to get a tree and the decorations committee appointed is Peggy Elser and Frances Fenton. Husbands and wives of the members are invited to the party. Peggy Elser was hostess.

### Past Matrons—

Mrs. Sadie Clark and Mrs. Opal Cox were co-hostesses for the Past Matrons Thursday afternoon in the Masonic Temple. Luncheon was served at 1:30 followed by an afternoon of 500, with honors going to Florence Bryant, Lucille Nolte and Alta Pitcher. Other members present were Norma Reid, Losee Hillier, Ruth Nelson, Vivian Sullender, Val Tein and Ann Reid.

Mr. and Mrs. John Donegan were dinner guests Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kaatz and family at Sheridan. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Rod Hancock and children of Dillon.

Enjoying dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Talcott and Debbie Friday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Maddox, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Narancich and Mrs. Annie Narancich.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Hellickson and children, Debbie and Rory were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Paige.

Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Beithon and Sonia moved into their new home during the Thanksgiving weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Mullins have moved into the Beithon mobile home. Jim Kaatz who had just returned from a year's tour of duty with the Air Force in Vietnam visiting with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Donegan last week.

# South Begins Push

SAIGON (AP) — Moving under an umbrella of U.S. planes and helicopters, 6,000 South Vietnamese troops launched today their deepest penetration of eastern Cambodia in nearly a year with a North Vietnamese divisional headquarters as their target.

As nightfall approached, two columns of the three-prong drive had reached the southern edges of the 75-square-mile Chup rubber

plantation. One was reported only three miles from the town of Chup, on Highway 7.

There were no reports of contact with the enemy. South Vietnamese intelligence officers said the North Vietnamese had been shifted last week from the headquarters in the plantation to help defend the Dam Be base area to the east, the objective of a Saigon thrust then.

According to the intelligence reports, the North Vietnamese are now moving back and are along the northern edges of the sprawling plantation.

South Vietnamese officers said their immediate objective was to seize the town of Chup.

Chup is on the eastern bank of the Mekong river, 110 miles northwest of Saigon and 35 miles from the border. The French plantation was the scene of hard fighting during the first allied invasion of Cambodia in May 1970 and again last February.

The plantation has suffered heavy damage from U.S. and South Vietnamese air strikes and is virtually inoperative.

The U.S. Command said American B52 bombers pounded the plantation last week, apparently softening it up for the South Vietnamese sweep.

"Large numbers of bunkers were uncovered," an American spokesman said. "Tunnels collapsed, and there were a great many secondary explosions, indicating hits on fuel and ammunition stores."

South Vietnamese officers said a defector told them the B52s wiped out a regimental headquarters and two battalions.

The drive is a new phase of a 25,000-man offensive into eastern Cambodia begun Nov. 22 to destroy enemy supplies, disrupt communications lines and forestall a dry-season invasion by three North Vietnamese divisions into South Vietnam.

Elsewhere, fighting was reported continuing at several positions around Phnom Penh, including Phnom Baset, 14 miles northwest of the Cambodian capital.

In South Vietnam, Viet Cong sappers made their first major attack on U.S. ground troops in 3½ months before dawn Sunday,

killing or wounding half the GIs manning a "kill outpost in the defenses of Qui Nhon harbor, 260 miles northeast of Saigon.

The U.S. Command said two Americans were killed, eight were wounded and four buildings and two guard towers were destroyed.

The 25 to 30 enemy sappers got away without apparently losing a man.

A U.S. Navy plane carrying 10 Americans crashed in the South China sea on a flight from the Philippines to Saigon, and all aboard were feared lost. Searching ships reported debris and mailbags about 200 miles southwest of the U.S. Navy base at Subic Bay, in the Philippines.

The U.S. Command announced that U.S. troop strength in South Vietnam dropped by 6,600 men during the week ending last Thursday, leaving a total of 171,700 American troops in South Vietnam. It was the biggest weekly troop cut in nearly eight months and reduced the total to the lowest since November 1965.

## \$200,000 Fund For Alcoholics

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., (AP) — More than \$200,000 representing the first distribution of money under a 500-year investment fund started in 1921 will be released Wednesday to an Indianapolis alcoholic treatment hospital.

The fund was established by a resolution of the Indiana General Assembly from the estate of Charles W. Fairbanks, a former vice president of the United States, in memory of his wife, Cornelia Cole Fairbanks.

Under terms of the resolution, \$50,000 was invested for a period of 500 years, with interest or income from the investment to be distributed every 50 years to a worthwhile civic purpose in Indianapolis.

The first distribution of \$207,000 will be made in ceremonies Wednesday to the new Cornelia Cole Fairbanks Memorial Hospital. The money was earmarked for the hospital two years ago by the board of trustees which administers the fund.

## WMC Chorus Captures Essence Of Christmas

The true magnificence of Christmas was epitomized in song here last night as the Western Montana College Chorus, following the gifted baton of Director Leon Dillingham, presented its annual holiday concert in the college auditorium.

The 55-member chorus opened with Jean Berger's classic composition, "Magnificat," based on the Virgin Mary's response to Gabriel's annunciation that she had been chosen to deliver the Christ Child.

Highlighting this superb presentation were solos by soprano Vicki Bowman, flutist Carla Wood and percussionist Merle Nelson, each providing a major facet in this melodic success.

Handel's "Messiah," perhaps the most beautiful and inspiring of all Christmas music, was accorded impeccable treatment by the WMC singers, concluding with the powerful and moving "Hallelujah."

Organ accompanist for the 45-minute program was Dr. Lawrence Andersen, a recent and talented addition to the Music Department faculty ranks.

Performing in the Chorus were: Sopranos—Marie Anderson, Vicki Bowman, Sharon Field, Darlene Jurich, Carol Kautzman, Colleen Kellogg, Patricia Lange, Pamela Lepley, Rochelle Malloy, Laura McGhee, Bonnie Patrick, Penny Pilgrim, Janet Sanders, Ann Sandstrom, Dennice Scanlon, Pamela Strupp, Jean Tarbet, and Cynthia Thomas.

Tenors—James Cox, Jim Dickinson, Michael McGuire, Charles Poland, Michael Sbragia, and Robert Young.

Altos—Shele Bergeson, Theresa Corey, Patricia Haynes, Carole Homan, Kathleen Langel, Jackie Lytton, Sandra Lytton, Lark Morris, Phyllis Murphy, Judy Nelson, Mary Nelson, Merle Nelson, Susan Osborn, Rayleen Pike, Regina Risavich, Jennie Robinson, Cindy Smith, Patricia Wehler, Karen Wetzsteon, and Linda Willoughby.

Bass—Ronald Banks, Garry Blaseg, Dale Chamberlain, Terry Hagerman, Mike Miller, Alfred Minder, William O'Connor, Terry Rosin, and Allen Tower.

### In Conference

ANGRA DO HEROISMO, Azores (AP) — President Nixon and President Georges Pompidou sat down together today to discuss Nixon's coming trips to Peking and Moscow and the international monetary crisis.

With foreign policy, monetary and trade specialists on hand to back him up, Nixon was ready for hard bargaining.

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