

Dome Theatre Opens June 29 All New and Modern Equipment

Tuesday, June 29, will be a welcome date to hundreds of Libby citizens, for on this date, the new Dome Theatre will hold its Grand Opening. For a trifle over six months Libby folk have had no show house, the old Kootenai Theatre burning to the ground January 20 of this year. Immediately after the fire the management announced plans for building a new show building, which has been pushed as rapidly as possible.

It was planned to open the Dome a few weeks earlier but the recent floods tied up traffic delaying shipments until even on the opening date next week, the job will not be entirely completed, it being several days longer before the cry-room is ready for use. Shows have been booked in advance of flood delays, and it was decided to open the Dome without further delays even though a few finishing touches remain to be added to the building.

Of modern cement block construction, the building stands 47x147 feet outside dimensions with a seating capacity of 598 persons. It is furnished with Ideal upholstered chairs, there being 40 Springback Loge chairs. The new screen will be one-third larger than the screen in the Kootenai Theatre, the new one being four feet wider and four feet higher.

The booth will be furnished with equipment by Century, the projectors and sound equipment being of the latest deluxe type, and the projectors having the best high intensity lights. Inside the foyer will be a snack bar for the sale of popcorn and candy.

When asked regarding the finishing of the interior, a representative of the management remarked that instead of attempting to describe the interior decorations they would let the public see for themselves next week just how the new building looks on the inside.

The opening show in the new theatre will be "Give My Regards to Broadway," a technicolor production starring Dan Dailey and Chas. Winninger. The first evening no children under 12 years of age will be admitted. Other shows announced on Page Five of this issue are: Friday and Saturday, July 2-3, Gene Autrey in "Sioux City Sue." The following Sunday and Monday The Dome presents Bing Crosby and Barry Fitzgerald in "Welcome Stranger"—and we do mean you!!! they add.

Returns From Girls State Last Saturday

Miss Catherine Church, first Libby delegate to Girls State, returned Saturday from Rocky Mountain College at Billings where the assembly was held.

Girls State, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, was held in Montana for the first time this year. The aim of the week long assembly is to instruct girls, who have just completed their junior year of high school, in the ways of local and state government. One hundred and fifty girls were chosen by local auxiliaries throughout the state to represent their communities at the session in Billings. Girls were selected for participation on the basis of leadership and scholarship.

Miss Church reports that the delegates were divided into wards and parties to participate during the week in the government of a mythical state known as Treasure State. Officers were elected for the city, county, and state government and performed the duties they would if they actually held these positions.

Talks on the duties of office and citizen leadership were given by Gov. Sam C. Ford, Lt. Gov. Ernest T. Eaton, Hugh Adair, Chief Justice of the Montana Supreme Court, and other prominent state leaders. Offices held by Miss Church were: Clerk of the Supreme Court and county attorney for a mythical county which through coincidence was called Lincoln.

GEORGE M. MELTON A CANDIDATE FOR STATE GOVERNOR

A candidate for the democratic nomination for governor of Montana is George M. Melton, whose advertisement appears this week in the columns of The Western News. Mr. Melton who is a stockman from the Dillon Country, is running on a platform of "A good business administration and a change in the gambling laws" which he believes in legalizing as a source of state revenue.

Melton says: "I am a Montana native son; a stockman; a World War I Veteran; present state representative, Beaverhead County; a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, LL.B.; and was State Senator 33-37."

Another gubernatorial nomination whose advertisement appears in this issue is Arthur F. Lamey of Billings. Mr. Lamey's candidacy has been reviewed in an earlier issue of The Western News. He was guest of honor at a dinner party given him June 16, by lifelong friends in his old home town, Big Sandy.

REUNITED AFTER 60 YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. John Gould of St. Paul, Minn., have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Al Hamel, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Zollar, and Perry Rogers for the past couple of weeks. This is the first time Mr. Robinson has seen his cousins Mrs. Hamel, Mrs. Zollar, and Mr. Rogers in sixty years.

"The last time I saw them," Mr. Robinson said, "They were going over a hill in a covered wagon near Pineville, Wis. Pineville doesn't exist any more, but it used to be in Polk county."

He told of the experiences the pioneer party had. How they wintered at Harlem after taking eleven weeks to come from Wisconsin to Montana. In 1890 they came by wagon train and settled at a lake near Kalispell, which has been named Roger Lake. Eight years later the families moved to Libby where they have lived since. There were no roads through what is now Glacier Park so they made their own as they went along.

Mr. Robinson, who is a railroad man, is delighted with the country and would like to live here when he retires.

FIREWORKS NOTICE FOR THE CITY OF LIBBY

No fire works may be sold or fired inside the City of Libby except on June 30, July 1 & 2, 1948, and then in accordance with the state law.

Signed,
H. H. GOMPFF, Mayor.

According to state law 14, 1947 Sess., the only fireworks which may be legally sold are firecrackers not more than 2 inches in length and one-quarter inch in diameter; and toy pistols, toy canes, toy guns or other devices in which paper caps with not more than .25-gr. of explosive mixture may be used, providing they are so constructed that the hand cannot come in contact with the cap when in place for exploding; and also toy pistol paper caps containing less than .21-gr. of explosive mixture. No skyrockets, roman candles or other fireworks than named above are legal without a special permit according to law.

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Candidates whose names will appear on the primary ballots in Lincoln County July 20, are: State Representative, Chas. D. Rowe (for reelection) and Bill Shawl, both republicans, and Allen Goodgame, Troy, democrat; Clerk of District Court, Fred Clark, Sr. democrat for reelection; County Attorney: Joe F. Fennessy, Jr. republican for reelection and Smith McNeill, democrat; County Commissioner from Libby district, J. T. Brindley, Bert Davis and James Mahoney, democrat; and Hugh Slauson, Roscoe Garrison and Lloyd Bower, republican. Mahoney is running for reelection. Public Administrator, H. B. Wallace, democrat for reelection.

LIBBY CHAMBER ASKS FOR TRUTH REGARDING U. S. 2 ROUTE

At a recent meeting of the Libby Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the body instructed the secretary to write letters to various groups, stating the true condition of U. S. No. 2, which has suffered considerably during the past month on account of misstatements coming from various sources in Kalispell, Sandpoint and Spokane regarding the condition of the highway.

Letters were sent to all the service stations, garages and tourist camps in Kalispell, and to the chambers of commerce in Sandpoint and Spokane. The American Automobile Association office in Spokane was also written to.

ENGLAND TO NATIONAL V. F. W. CONVENTION

Libby delegates to the state conventions of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its auxiliary, which were held last week in Missoula, report interesting and worthwhile gatherings. E. H. (Jack) England of this place was chosen to attend the National convention as councilman for the Montana organization. The National convention will be held the last week in August at St. Louis.

Libby members attending the convention were: Warren Brown, Vernon Friend, Isaac Ludvikson, Palmer Pederson, Jack England, Mrs. Warren Brown and Mrs. Wm. Hilbird.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Graham took their small daughter, Carol May to Kalispell Monday to spend a week in the hospital under the doctor's observation.

Chairman Reports Strong Lincoln Co. Organization

Smith McNeill, chairman of the democratic Central Committee for Lincoln County states that the party has a strong organization for the coming election. Precinct committeemen and committeewomen from practically every precinct in the county have filed with the county clerk and recorder for the primary election.

Following are the names which will appear on the ballot Mr. McNeill said:

Libby No. 16—L. J. Brown; Grace D. Miller, Libby No. 18, William Hafferman; Corinne Baeth, Libby No. 17—Ernest A. Wood; Mabel Ackerman; Libby No. 27—Chet Smith; Mabel E. Johnson.
Troy Cons. No. 24—Ruth G. Sloan.
Troy No. 25—Austin E. Fraser.
Troy No. 19—Henry Andressen; Mrs. John Sagen.
Rexford No. 9—E. E. Madden; Alice M. Arnold.
Eureka No. 6—A. J. Swing; Mrs. Clifford E. Johnson, Eureka No. 5—C. F. Diernan; Wanda F. Borup.
Fortune No. 1—Roy Bjornrud; Bridget Reinwand.
Glen Lake No. 3—Ray C. Frost; Marie C. Shea.
Trego No. 4—Charles L. Bump; Hazel A. Carruthers.
Gateway No. 8—W. V. Chalcraft.
Warland No. 11—E. N. Woodward.
Pleasant Valley No. 14—Morris E. Davis; Myrtle R. Harris.
Cabinet No. 15—Harry K. Waylett.

Homann-Nelson Wed In Church Rites

Miss Gwyneth Homann and Mr. Eugene Nelson exchanged wedding vows in a double ring ceremony held at St. Joseph Catholic church Sunday, June 20, at 12:00 noon. The Reverend Father White performed the ceremony before a bank of white peonies.

The bride wore a long white slipper-satin gown with sweetheart neckline and long lace peplum. The long sleeves were pointed at the wrist and finished with a pleated ruffle. The fingertip veil was caught at the head by a seed pearl coronet. She carried a bouquet of white gladioli and stephanotis with white ribbon streamers.

The maid of honor was Miss Gloria Homann, sister of the bride. She wore an ice blue nylon gown with short sleeves and matching elbow length gauntlets. Her bouquets consisted of pink carnations and roses and was tied with a pink ribbon. A wreath of pink rose buds was worn in her hair.

Bridesmaids were Miss Shirley Homann, Miss Beverly Nelson, Miss Beverly Goodwin of Edmonds, Wn., and Miss Florence Fennessy. Miss Homann wore a pink gown and a pale green net halo around her hair. Her bouquet was of white carnations and red roses. Miss Nelson's gown was aqua and she wore a pink net halo. Miss Goodwin wore a blue gown and pink net halo. A pink gown and blue halo was worn by Miss Florence Fennessy. Bouquets of white carnations and pink roses were carried by Miss Nelson, Miss Goodwin, and Miss Fennessy. Sharon Nicolai, cousin of the bride, of Renton, Wash., was the flower girl. She wore a pink floor length dress and a wreath of pink flowers around her hair. Her white basket of rose buds had ribbon streamers attached to it.

Ring bearer was Bobby Joe Rayome, cousin of the bride. He wore a white linen suit, black bowtie, and white carnation boutonniere.

The groom wore a grey suit and white carnation boutonniere. The best man was Ray Munro. He also wore a grey suit and white boutonniere. Ushers were Bob Brinton, Robert Roberts, Dale Adams, Willard Zwang, and Robert Petruska. The bride's mother wore a pink silk suit with black and white accessories. Her corsage was of pink rose buds and a gardenia. The groom's mother wore a black and white silk dress and a corsage of white and red roses.

The bride was given away by her father, Leonard Homann.

Mrs. Ernest Roberts was at the organ and furnished the wedding music.

Following the wedding a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rayome. About seventy-five guests were present. The wedding table was decorated with a four tier cake frosted in white with pink roses and a miniature bride and groom under wedding bells on the top layer. Napkins bearing the first names of the bridal couple were given to each guest.

Mrs. Eugene Nelson is a graduate of Libby High School, class of '47, and is employed in the county treasurer's office. Mr. Nelson graduated from the Libby High School in 1948 and is well known throughout the northwest for his athletic achievements. He is employed by the Universal Zonolite company.

The couple left immediately after the reception for their honeymoon which is being spent at Kalispell and McGregor Lake. The bride's going-away suit was of grey wool and she wore black accessories. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson will be at home after June 27, at 1119 Dakota Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Nowall spent the weekend in Spokane.

Rod and Gun Enjoy Picnic

It was a festive occasion Saturday evening when the members of the Libby Rod & Gun Club met at the State Hatchery to hold their annual spring picnic. The careful preparation of the "eats & drinks" committee headed by Ray Pival met with popular approval, and everyone present was smiling and happy.

One of the outstanding features of the evening was the presence of A. G. Stubblefield, superintendent of state fish hatcheries. Archie O'Clair, state game warden was expected to be present, but was unable to make the trip, sending regrets by Stubblefield, his colleague.

Probably the man who shook hands with more folks than any other person present, was George S. Ripley, former foreman of the hatchery, and now stationed at Arlee. When called upon for a speech, Mr. Ripley mounted the stump and after looking over the faces of so many friends, remarked there was something wrong with his throat, and his speech would have to wait till next time.

President Charles Skranak held a short meeting during which A. G. Stubblefield was called upon for remarks. The Superintendent stated that the meeting was one of the peepiest and most interesting sportsmen's gatherings he has attended. Foreman Sheehan of the Libby Hatchery was introduced, making a few appropriate remarks. Several others in attendance including the local game warden, were called upon.

The presentation of the club's Annual Fisherman's Cup was made at this time to Forrest L. DeRosia, who caught the largest fish taken by a club member opening day of the season in Lincoln County. DeRosia's fish was an Eastern Brook and weighed two pounds and 14 ounces. It was caught in the Upper Thompson Lake, which incidentally, was furnishing some nice trout this season.

Impromptu music was furnished throughout the evening by the "barber shop quartet" whose personnel changed from time to time during the evening with the group increasing from time to time to quintet and sextet size. Several candidates for office were present, including Judge Hoven from Plentywood, and a good opportunity was given the politicians to meet and talk with a representative cross section of the community.

June Bride Marries At Home Wedding

Miss Jane Helen Tangen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gust Tangen of Libby, and Peter R. Jensen, son of Mrs. P. R. Jensen of San Lorenzo, Calif., were united in marriage Monday, June 21, at the home of the bride, 10 miles south of Libby.

Rev. A. O. Werfelmann of the St. John Lutheran church read the double ring ceremony before a flower entwined arch built by the bride's father. Peonies, Iris and wild flowers were used to decorate the house.

The bride, given away by her father, wore a grey gabardine suit and matching shoes. Her corsage was of stephanotis and a white orchid. For "something old" the bride wore the pearl necklace her mother had worn at her wedding.

Matron of Honor was Mrs. Alvin Nicholls. She wore an aqua gabardine suit and a corsage of red roses. Bridesmaid Miss Clara Fearman wore a grey wool suit and a corsage of red roses. Sherry Davis, flower girl, wore a yellow dimity dress.

Bestman was Raymond Tangen, brother of the bride.

The wedding music played by Miss Edith Bothman was Mendelssohn's Wedding March, "I Love You Truly" and "Oh Promise Me" were sung before the ceremony by Kyie Beebe.

Following the wedding a buffet supper was given at the home of the bride's parents. A three tier wedding cake frosted in white with a miniature bride and groom on the top tier was served to the 40 guests. During the buffet supper the bride and groom opened their gifts which had been saved until this time.

Later in the evening the bridal couple were charioted through downtown Libby. The groom, under persuasion, pushed the bride down the main business street in a wheelbarrow to the delight of their friends and by-standers. The wedding party returned to the home of the bride where a dance was given in honor of the bridal couple and in celebration of the bride's mother's birthday. At the close of the evening birthday cake and coffee were served.

The bride graduated from the University of California at Berkeley this June taking a B. A. in Education. The groom is a graduate of Sherman Aeronautical School in California.

A brother of the bride, Clarence Tangen, of Los Angeles, came for the wedding.

K. F. Endicott of The Libby Creamery and Jean Riley of The Glacier Creamery, returned yesterday from a short business trip to Spokane.

Libby and Troy to Have New Service Into Spokane

"The timely arrival of long-awaited equipment needed for improved toll service has enabled us to provide additional circuits which have been needed badly," said Geo. B. Amas, Eastern District Manager of Interstate Telephone Company today. One circuit was added between Coeur d'Alene and Spokane, which we believe will relieve materially the congestion on toll lines between these two points. There has for some time also been an increasing demand for toll service Coeur d'Alene to Sandpoint due to doubt to the flood disaster to the North as well as an increased flow of tourist travel. To relieve this, we have added 2 direct circuits between these towns and also a direct Bonners Ferry to Coeur d'Alene toll circuit which will obviate a great many of the delays reported in completing calls.

"Of importance to Libby and Troy customers is the fact that we now have established a direct circuit Libby to Spokane for the exclusive use of these two towns," Amas stated.

"We are continually on the alert and are making constant studies of the conditions facing us and although, we are spending a great deal of time and money to correct conditions left by the floods our long range program for expansion and improvements will proceed as fast as possible," said Amas.

Pioneer Woman Dies in Tacoma

Ed Boyes returned Tuesday from Tacoma, where he was called by the death of his mother, Mrs. David Boyes, who passed away June 19, at the home of her son, Hugh Boyes of that city.

Mrs. Boyes came to Libby with her husband and family in 1899. She moved to the Coast a few years ago where she has since made her home with her son, Hugh. She is survived by her sons, David, Oshkosh, Wis., Joseph, San Francisco, John, Sedro Woolley, Wash., Ed of Libby, Alex, Alberton, and Hugh of Tacoma. There is one daughter, Mrs. William Pratt of Spokane. Mr. Boyes preceded her in death nine years ago.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 21 in Tacoma.

\$9,940 Goes to Co. Schools

The second division of the classroom unit fund to be distributed among the schools of Lincoln County will amount to \$9,940. There are 71 classroom units in the county and each unit will receive \$140.

The first division which was distributed some time ago amounted to \$26,270. Distribution of funds from the second unit according to a release from County Superintendent W. J. Anderson, will be as follows:

District 1—Troy	\$1120.00
District 4—Libby	2660.00
District 7—Warland	420.00
District 8—Rexford	280.00
District 10—Glen Lake	140.00
District 11—Manicou	140.00
District 13—Eureka	1260.00
District 14—Fortine	280.00
District 15—McCormick	140.00
District 19—Tooley Lake	140.00
District 23—Sylvanite	140.00
District 24—Yaak	140.00
District 53—Trego	420.00
Troy High School	560.00
Libby High School	1260.00
Lincoln County High School (Eureka)	840.00
TOTAL	\$9940.00

KIDS FISH DAY WILL BE NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 27, AT NEW POOL

The long delayed "Kids' Fish Day" will be held next Sunday, June 27, stated Charles Skranak, president of the Libby Rod & Gun Club. There are 35 prizes to be awarded to the young fishermen below license age. Prizes are arranged for the largest fish, youngsters who catch their limit first, bring the first fish to the judges table, nicest catch, best behaved youngster and the youngest child to catch a fish without assistance. Girls will receive as many prizes as the boys. Fishing will begin at 8:00 a. m. and the judging will be held at 12 o'clock sharp. The only restriction will be one day's limit of fish.

The fishing stream is located on the Vaughn and McCann property. Entrance to the stream is on the large curve a short distance beyond the Granite Creek bridge on Highway No. 2 south of the city. There is plenty of parking space on the grounds and ideal for those who might wish to picnic or take pictures of youngsters fishing and displaying their catches.

RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVE EXPECTED TODAY IN LIBBY

Donald C. Hargreaves, Red Cross Disaster Chairman stated yesterday that he was informed a representative from the Red Cross will be in Libby today to check on flood damage and needed rehabilitation.

Prospects Good For Hatchery Near Eureka

That the state fish and game commission is seriously considering establishing a fish hatchery in the Eureka district was a statement made by A. G. Stubblefield, superintendent of state fisheries, while in Libby Saturday attending the Libby Rod and Gun club picnic.

Mr. Stubblefield spoke regarding the proposed Eureka hatchery while in conversation with State Representative Charles D. Rowe, Robert L. Hileman and Pete M. Ramlo. The three men had questioned Mr. Stubblefield regarding hatchery plans for the north end of the county, whereupon he replied as stated above.

"There's a wonderful location for a hatchery in that district," said Mr. Stubblefield. "There is a great abundance of water, with about the right temperature to promote rapid growth of the fry. Also there is variation of only a few degrees between summer and winter temperatures. Both Eureka and Whitefish sportsmen are pulling for a hatchery there, and it is probable their wishes will be complied with. I tried to get the members of the commission to come with me on this trip to inspect the Eureka site, but they had business matters that demanded their attention and they could not come at this time," said Stubblefield.

"If the new hatchery is established, it will be used to stock the waters of northern Lincoln county and northern Flathead county. Production of the Libby hatchery will then be distributed throughout the Libby-Troy district and also in Sanders county," he continued.

To Poison Savage Lake

Representative Rowe asked what had become of plans to poison the waters of Savage lake so as to clean out the undesirable fish that have taken possession of that water. Stubblefield said the commission plans to carry out that work this summer. Washington state has been very successful in cleaning out some of their lakes, and arrangements have been made to have the Washington man who has had charge of that work come here to superintend the work at Savage lake, said Mr. Stubblefield. After the lakes are once cleaned out, they are later stocked with trout and other desirable game fish.

Want New Legislation

A number of lakes in this district have been largely ruined for good fishing by the indiscriminate planting of any and all kinds of fish, whatever suited the fancy of the planter. These undesirable species seem to multiply faster than the trout feed on their fry, and soon largely eliminate the trout. Mr. Hileman asked Representative Rowe regarding introduction of a bill at the next legislature that would make unlawful the planting of any fish in Montana waters except under the advice and consent of the state fish and game commission. Mr. Stubblefield said he was sure the commission would give such a bill their heartiest support, as this bad practice of uncontrolled planting of fish has been more or less common all over the state. Representative Rowe said he was confident there would be no difficulty in getting such a law approved by the legislature.

We are in receipt of a letter from Mrs. L. G. Townsend, 932 W. 60th, Seattle 7, Washington, enclosing her subscription and stating: "We lived in Libby for thirty years and will always have an interest in and good wishes for those we left behind and feel The Western News will be the medium to hold that interest."

SMITH McNEILL FILES FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY

Smith McNeill has filed on the democratic ticket for the office of county attorney. McNeill has practiced law in Libby ever since his return from the army and has built up a good clientele during this time. He will have no competition at the primaries.

H. B. Wallace has filed for reelection as public administrator on the democratic ticket and C. H. Belmont has filed for Justice of the Peace. Hal Hepner has filed for Justice of the Peace on the Republican ticket.

LIBBY STORES TO CLOSE FOR THREE DAY HOLIDAY

A notice appears in this week's Western News, stating that all Libby stores and business houses, including highway markets and South Libby stores will be closed all day Saturday, Sunday and Monday, July 3, 4 & 5.

Shoppers are requested to care for their shopping needs in advance for these three days. The notice is published by The Merchants Committee of the Libby Chamber of Commerce.

Miss Alice Zackarison of Pullman, Wash., is a house guest this week at the home of her cousin, Miss Merrill Partlow.