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Bitter Root summaries

Study is planned

A study was designated to a citizens committee this week to come up with an acceptable building plan for the Curvalls school district. The action was taken at a special meeting of the board of trustees, who appointed ten residents of the district to study all phases of construction possibilities, and come up with a recommendation for the board later this spring.

Cast selected

The cast of characters has been announced for the fourth annual Kiwanis melodrama to be held March 29-31 at Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital. The three-act comedy entitled "Faint in the Face" will feature 36 Kiwanis and wives in acting and supporting roles. Robert Reeves will serve as technical director.

Fillings are urged

The Ravalli County GAP central committee will hold its regular meeting this evening, Tuesday, at 7:45 p.m. in the conference room of the old Idaho Hospital. Plans will be made to promote filling to prevent potholes throughout the county this spring. All previous permits have expired and must be filled in this year's primary election. Interested candidates are asked to turn out.

Loggers Day set

Preliminary plans for the 1976 Loggers Day celebration were discussed at a meeting of the Ravalli Loggers this week at the home of Dave Hobbit. Schedules and committee assignments were worked out, according to public relations chairman Bill Thurston, with further information to be announced later. The celebration, which has been designated as a biennial event, will be held in late July.

At Stevi meeting

Basic support is given to comprehensive plan

A majority of the 40 persons attending the Stevensville meeting on the revised county comprehensive plan Wednesday night appeared in favor of the document. A poll taken after the meeting showed a majority favored the plan as written as indicated they would approve it if modifications were made. Chairman Phil Haden said fewer than a half dozen were opposed to the document.

After the question and answer session James Stevenson, Stevensville, who is a candidate for the state legislature, gave a speech urging that people give their support to the plan as it is with minor modifications. The four planning board members from the Stevensville area were present at the meeting.



YEP, GROUNDHOG HAD HIS DAY — A touch of winter returned to the Bitter Root valley early this week — just in time to remind local residents that the season won't officially be concluded until the 20th day of March. The hibernators have retreated, ski enthusiasts have some fresh powder on the

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Sen. Miles Romney dies at 75; private services will be held

Ravalli County's most respected citizen, Sen. Miles Romney, died Thursday afternoon at about 1 p.m. at Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital. He was 75, had been in with cancer for the past year, and was hospitalized Wednesday afternoon with general fatigue. He had been hospitalized earlier in the week with blood clot complications.

He returned to Hamilton in 1911 and worked as an auditor for the Internal Revenue Service a job which brought him to every county in Montana. He resigned from that job in 1916 to edit the Progressive, a paper which supported his father in his bid for governor of the state. He took over the Western News again in 1927 and served as its editor and publisher ever since.

He was an active opponent of the sales tax proposals for the state. In 1913 he was elected as a delegate to the State Constitutional Convention. As a legislator he originated a plan to take a period of road severance taxes to be paid in an insular trust fund. This idea was passed into law during the 1913 session when Romney was a senator. He was appointed to the Senate in 1917 to fill the term of Sen. William A. Condit who resigned.

He was a member of the Veterans of World War I, American Legion, Eagles, Masons, Elks, the American Association of Retired Persons and the First Road Fifty Year Club. Survivors include his widow, Ruth Hamilton, a cousin, Clarence Popham of Curvalls and numerous cousins, sisters and nephews. The future of the Western News is indefinite at this point, but publication will continue the time being.



Sen. Miles Romney

On the home front he was one of the organizers of the Helena Home and Wildlife Association and was recently honored by the organization for his services.

The Romney family was honored recently when a bridge between Hamilton Creek and Canyon Creek was dedicated.

Judge sends condolence

HELENA — Gov. Thomas L. Judge today expressed deep regret and sorrow at the death of Sen. Miles Romney of Hamilton.

The governor stated Montana and its people have lost a truly great public official. Sen. Romney's life was marked by dedication to the highest principles and compromise for his fellow men. He worked tirelessly to improve our state and to better all our lives. We have lost a most enormous talent, but the contributions of Miles Romney to the state of Montana will be an inspiration to future generations of Montanans. Carl and I join with the citizens of Ravalli County and of all Montana in expressing our condolences to Mrs. Romney and the family.

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Comparative study made of defense systems

Russians may already be ahead

By Leo Radzicki, Special to the Republic. WASHINGTON — An authoritative analysis of military business between the United States and the Soviet Union, released this week by the Library of Congress, contains little good news for the U.S.

The report confirms what many defense analysts have been saying: namely that the U.S. has been a strong shift in the quantitative balance between the Soviet Union over the past few years.

Although congressional opponents of the report have argued that the U.S. has a qualitative edge in its military technology, the report says that the U.S. is losing in most categories.

In 1963 the U.S. had three times as many intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) as the Soviet Union — 654 to 218, including nuclear warheads carried on submarines, the totals stood at 1,702 for the U.S. and 518 for the U.S.S.R. Today, says the report, the United States lags in every category except for MIRV (multiple independently targetable reentry vehicle) launchers and MIRV warheads.

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The U.S. ICBM and SLBM (submarine-launched ballistic missile) holdings have stayed static in 1964 and 1965 respectively since 1957, says the report, while Soviet launchers increased.

Under the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT), the U.S. is allowed a combined total of 1,710 ICBMs and SLBMs and the U.S.S.R. is allowed a total of 2,500.

Although the report notes that the larger size of the Soviet Military attrits the most attention, "mismatched U.S. ends and means are much more important." Very few positive U.S. programs, contemplated as its progress will alleviate associated problems.

"Some of the report's U.S. shortcomings would lose significance if this country scaled down its overseas interests, accepting overall costs related to reduced world power status, the possible loss of Five World leadership, and long range U.S. security," adds the report. "Others could be covered actively or in part by policy changes, such as amending military pay scales to allow more money for modernization without a larger budget. A third course of action could contribute by scrapping inessential and/or inappropriate capabilities, present or proposed."

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huns and farmers are happy that snow is continuing to build in the higher elevations. Photo snapped by Republic stafferman Ray Joslin on the west side of Hamilton this week showed three horses cavorting and pawing through the carpet of fresh white stuff.