

This Day in History - April 27

1933

“Deep Creek Is a Closed Stream for Entire Season”

Elsewhere in this issue appears a notice sent out by the Montana Fish and Game commission which warns everyone that Deep Creek, from West Pavilion to its source has been closed for the entire season. This action was brought about to conserve the fish supply of that stream, which in the past few seasons has been materially depleted by the enormous number of sportsmen who have taken great quantities of the game from its waters.

Lake Sewell will be open to ice fishing for perch only, the notice reads.

“Appearance of Sea Gulls Predict Wet Weather”

The appearance of large flocks of sea gulls in different parts of the valley, predict a wet season, so goes the forecast by old timers who have witnessed the visit of these river or sea fowl in previous years. The gulls seem to inhabit the river and fly to the fields in day time to feed upon worms, etc. They are white with a black tipped wing and at times are noisy with their cries. Large flocks have been noticed in the valley for the past two weeks.

1939

“Toston to Have Lumber Yards”

To take care of the increasing demand, the old firm of Brown Bros. Lumber Company will reopen in Toston under the management of Earl W. Brown and Son, Inc. and be a branch of the Townsend business.

The announcement is carried in an advertisement in this issue. While the so-called “boom” in Toston does not yet warrant the re-opening of the yards, said Mr. Brown, yet the firm wants to be ready to meet any emergency and for the time being will have a part time man there.

The lumber yards in Toston have been closed for ten years following a fire that destroyed the office building but did not take the yards.

“Toston Picks Up Ears at Influx of New Inhabitants”

Not even in its balmy days has Toston seen such a stir as it is living through now. Houses that for the past twenty years have stood empty, are being grabbed for occupancy at almost any figure.

Rumor has it that the old Holker house, now owned by J.W. Swartz, is to be occupied by an engineer who will oversee the building of the dam and that the rent is all the way from \$50 to \$60. The two houses owned by the Broadwater Building and Loan have, this week, been sold to Leo Connors. The price was \$700 and \$300 respectively. Other residences are renting for \$25 and \$40.

Several houses have been re-rented, all of them are undergoing a series of renovation. Roofs are being repaired, fences lifted out of the sand dunes, doors and windows replaced and in a short time, the houses that once were a credit to any town will be put back in good condition and the old town will take its place among booming villages.

This activity is due to both the road building and the dam. Mr. Connors is employed by the state water board and intends to make his headquarters in Toston.

J.A. Klein has recently finished remodeling a fine new home in Toston.

The worst feature of reviving Toston is the modern water supply. The system that once was in operation is not workable at the present time and as a result shade trees have died and lawns are dead.

Individual pumping systems are the only means of having modern homes there.

1950

“Local Masons Visit Marysville”

Several members of Valley Lodge attended the spring roundup of the Marysville Lodge last Friday evening. Going from here were Glen Perry and Son, Glen Jr., Frank Holloway, Art Schwisow, Gray Keene, Ray Sears and Bill Huth.

“Local News”

Hear Hugh Roberts air his tonsils singing ye old favorites at the high school gym Monday night, May 1 at 8 p.m.

1961

“Women Bowlers Set Date for Annual Banquet”

Members of Broadwater Women’s Bowling Association met Friday, April 21 for their business meeting. Date for their banquet was moved up to May 6. Officers for the association usually serve two years, but one officer, secretary, was elected because of a resignation. Verna Adams was elected to replace Betty Jo Broderick and will serve until the election next year. Other officers are Margaret Booher, president; Edna Davis, vice president; Kay Ragen, treasurer.

“Urge Increase in Compensation of War Disabled”

“A cost of living increase in the compensation of disabled war veterans is needed to meet the obligation of the nation to these veterans,” said Mrs. Clara Ballard, Legislative Chairman of Broadwater Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, commenting on a bill in Congress to grant small increases in compensation rates. “Rate increases for widows and orphans of men whose death resulted from war service also are provided in the bill.

“The present schedule of disability and death compensation was established in 1957 and the continued rise in the cost of living makes this schedule inadequate for today’s conditions,” explained Mrs. Ballard.

“Local News”

Terry Plummer and Alan Berry attended the college rodeo in Bozeman Saturday night.

1967

“Please Do Not Play on New Seeding”

It is important that the new grass seeding at the new city park is not trampled at this stage of growth. Most of the area has been seeded and the area around the pool will be seeded soon.

Children may continue to play on the old sodded area of the park where the playground equipment is located.

Your cooperation will help assure a good stand of grass on the newly seeded area.

“Francisco Receives State Award for Community Service”

Anthony J. Francisco, local pharmacist and drug store owner, will be presented with the “Bowl of Hygeia” award at the annual convention of the Montana State Pharmaceutical

Association at Lewistown on May 5-7. This award is presented for outstanding community service and will be presented by Mr. Robert F. Lenz, president of the association.

Mr. Francisco, a native of Harlowton, has owned and operated the Francisco Pharmacy in Townsend for several years. He has served as a leader in his church, Rotary Club, veterans organizations, Chamber of Commerce and in addition to being a member of the National Ski Patrol and a patrol leader, he has been a prime mover in organizing the Grass Mountain Ski Patrol.

