

This Day in History - April 6

1922

“Notice to Owners of Chickens and Other Fowls”

As there is a city ordinance prohibiting chickens and other fowls from running at large in Townsend I wish to call attentions to owners of same to keep them confined, as there are some complaints of them running at large.

F.L. Hollaway Marshall

1933

“Deep Creek Road Is Open to Traffic”

“One Car Only From Other Side Assists in Work of Clearing Canyon”

“Took Three Sundays”

“Local Men Work Until Late Hour to Complete Work through Pass Road at Deep Creek”

Motorists bucked the remaining snow and mud through the Deep Creek canyon road Monday after the Townsend sportsmen had cleared the pass the previous day. The work of clearing this road was begun three Sundays previous and by working hard and until a late hour last Sunday, the last stretch of ice and snow on the snow bound highway was removed by shovels and the road was thrown open to travel.

The men who gave their time to this work are to be commended on their public spirit. The opening of this pass means a great deal of time saved to those wishing to travel from the other side of the range through Townsend and Helena or visa versa. One car came through Monday and even though the road is not in the best of condition, with good driving and chains the road is passable. The only car to come from the other side to assist in opening the road was that of Robin Lyng from the Doggett Fort Logan ranch.

“Toston High School Consolidates With Broadwater H.S.”

Consolidation of the Broadwater County High School and the Toston District high school was effected on Monday afternoon of this week when Miss Elizabeth Ireland, State Superintendent of Public Instruction gave her consent to the arrangement and a resolution to that effect was signed by the board of county commissioners of Broadwater County and the trustees of both schools. Conferring with the state superintendent were the members of the Broadwater County school board, Chairman George Zimmerman, W.H. Vennekolt, W.D. Lasby, W.J. Hayes, Mrs. S. VanVoast; County Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Edith Fox; Broadwater board of commissioners, Chairman C.P. Tarrant, Willis Smith and P.J. Meloy; and the Toston School Board, John A. Klein, J.A. Erinton, J.A. Swartz.

The consolidation was made for the best interests of the students and people generally, according to the resolution extended by Miss Ireland and although the measure might be one of economy, Miss Ireland rather preferred to believe that the consolidation would mean a better and broader education for the Toston district students as the Toston school will unite with the county high school in Townsend, a better equipped school with a more thorough curriculum. The consolidation will not be made until next September.

The new state highway completed between Townsend and Toston will make the bus route successful as it is understood plans are under way at the present time to work out a bus

route to bring the students from the south end of the county, Radersburg, etc., to Toston and on to Townsend.

1939

“Local Artist Again Praised for Work”

The crayon drawing made recently by Mrs. Emma Merritt, local artist, and displayed this week in the window of the Townsend Mercantile Co. store is creating much interest among passersby. The study is of Mrs. Laura Sidney, Townsend’s little negro, woman who has resided here for almost a century.

The expression on the face, as depicted by Mrs. Merritt, catches this little colored woman and civil war slave girl in a happy mood. In fact that is the way most of the people here know Mrs. Sidney. She has spent her entire life doing good for others and now that she is old and is more or less of an invalid, the picture is well received.

1950

“Radersburg News”

Eugene Moliter, Ward Scoffield and Richard Sitton, 4-H boys of Crow Creek, attended the Bozeman Fair and attended the 4-H banquet at the Bozeman Hotel. County Agent Ted Garnett accompanied them.

Jimmie Webb celebrated his 5th birthday on April 3rd. He entertained his friend, Jonnie Lennon, of Radersburg.

“Toston News”

At the Hard Time dance in Toston Saturday night, Frank Beyers and Mrs. Carl Kolberg were awarded the first prizes for the best costumes and the second prizes went to Mr. and Mrs. Chet Wilcox.

1961

“Radersburg News” by Merrilee Miller

All children of the community join with this correspondent in thanking Mr. and Mrs. Jim Baxter for being instrumental in instigating an exciting Easter egg hunt Sunday at noon. Terry Harris, Wendie Williams and Opie Smith helped hide the eggs for the hunt. The idea was for the benefit of the Easter Seal campaign. Those who donated eggs were George Harris, Bill Williams, Chuck Price, Bob Harris, Glen Griffith, Vic Findel, Art Roberts, Opie Smith, W.D. Williams, John Williams, Bud Harris and Eli Toma. The children swarmed the two lots east of the Cass home in search of the gaily colored eggs. One area was designated for the small fry and the other for the older children. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Baxter donated the prizes, one for the older group and one for the younger ones. Teddy Roberts won the rabbit, with 11 eggs and Connie Roberts won the chicken with 14 eggs. In spite of the high wind, the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Sammy and Billy Harris and Denny Roberts went from door to door to inform all the children of the egg hunt.

“Local News”

Evan Stiner is home on leave from the Navy and is visiting his mother, Mrs. Ann Marie Stiner, and other relatives. Evan just completed basic training at San Diego.

1967

“Saturday Will Be Distribution Day for Shelter Plan”

“Where to go...what to do”...in the event of a nuclear disaster, will be explained to the citizens of Broadwater County this Saturday.

April 8 is to be known as “distribution day” for the Community Shelter Plan. This Civil Defense program contains information vital to every resident should the need ever arise to survive the deadly effects of radioactive fallout.

Mayor Sullivan, Commissioners Heuer, Plummer and Schreiner join CD Director Heberle in urging everyone to read this plan which gives the what, where, who, how, and when of survival.

State community shelter planner, Theodore Kramer, and Heberle will be in the County Commissioners office next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to answer any questions, supply additional information, or to discuss the program.

Anyone who does not receive a copy of the document Saturday or Monday, in the mail, please contact the Commissioner’s office.

“Radersburg News”

Friday evening the L.D.S. primary boys had a party for their mothers and fathers. Mrs. Dan Hunsaker and Mrs. Andy Bruce are the teachers. Those going from the valley were Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Cazier, Todd and Jeff, Mrs. And Mrs. Bill Williams and Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Webb and Bobby and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Webb and Ray. They enjoyed a chili supper and played games.