

This Day in History – June 1

1922

“Big Fourth of July Celebration Planned for Townsend”

At the regular meeting of the Broadwater Post of the American Legion held at their club rooms on Thursday evening, May 26th, the question of the legion putting on a 4th of July Celebration was brought up. After much discussion it was decided that the post was not financially able to put on a celebration and that the help and cooperation of the local business men would be needed to enable them to do so.

Accordingly a committee was appointed consisting of Frank T. Hooks, Joe J. Davey and Charles Bryant to call on the various business men and notify them of a meeting to be held at the Legion Hall on the following evening to ascertain the sentiment of the people – whether or not such a celebration was wanted.

A large crowd gathered at that meeting and the sentiment seemed to be in favor of holding a celebration. Talks were made by J.P. Kearns, H.E. Johnson, Judge Matthews, Hugh Broderick, Joe J. Davey, J.J. McDonand and several others. Ben B. Brisco of Toston was interviewed beforehand as it was impossible for him to attend the meeting. Every person is lending both their moral and financial support. A subscription list was started at the meeting which met with ready response. Broadwater Post will have charge of all the arrangements and details, which will insure a real, old time celebration with plenty of prep.

According to the wishes of the meeting the Acting Commander, F.T. Hooks appointed the following committees: Finance and Music, Joe J. Davey; Advertising, E.R. Vickrey, Townsend; Ray M. Kingsley, Radersburg; Charles Watkins, Toston; Len L. Lefler, Winston and John E. Cotter, Canton; Baseball, R.C. Richtmeyer; Auto Races, Arnet Johnson; Horse Races, R. Schmidt, Jas. J. Gillogly and Walter Ragen; Foot races and In Door Sports, I.H. Rutherford and A. Paterson; Halls, W.J. Hazelton and P. B. Phillips; Concession, L.D. Carver; Rest Room arrangements, M.R. Crumb and C.V. Schwindt; Prize Fights, Charles Bryant; Decorations, Charles Husse.

These committees have already held preliminary meetings and a tentative program has been outlined. Every one of them is busy trying to give the citizens of Broadwater County a good clean Fourth of July celebration – one that will long be remembered in the history of this county so make arrangements to celebrate in Townsend. A complete program will be published in the next issue of this paper.

“Local News”

Ed Ragen was up town on Monday the first visit he has made to the city since his accident when he was thrown from a horse and badly bruised. His many friends are pleased to see him so well recovered.

1933

“Winston Bros. Put Men to Work, Fri.”

“Are Testing Indian Creek for Feasibility of Installing Gold Dredge There”

Winston Bros., with eight or ten men at work, are making tests at the present time to determine whether or not the prospects warrant installation of a large gold dredging plant and other mining machinery, in Indian Creek Canyon. The men employed are digging test holes

and are also sinking shafts up and down the famous old canyon. Other tests will be made near Toston in an old channel of the river, extending towards Radersburg, according to J.E. Kanouse, who is local attorney and representative for the Minneapolis company. The tests will also be made in White's Gulch.

Should the tests prove worthy, this county will see big mining enterprises going forward this summer.

The leases for the ground up Indian Creek Canyon, over which parties have been dickering for several weeks are about settled, according to good authority, at least they are so far along that the Winston Bros. felt it was permissible to make the tests.

The McLarin and Ellis interests in Confederate Gulch are making progress at this time, according to reports. A new up-to-date compressor will be installed at the McLarin quartz mine to speed the work on the new tunnel which is expected to cross-cut the vein in a hundred or more feet at a much lower level.

Mining interests over the county, in general, are going ahead rapidly and indications point to a busy year and also a probable profitable one as well.

"Roosevelt-Myers Story Will Come Out in Book Form at Star Office"

The story, now running in The Townsend Star, depicting the warm friendship of George Myers, of Townsend, and the late Theodore Roosevelt, and a romantic history of the cattle business in the early days of Montana and North Dakota, will be printed in book form as soon as the story has been published. A small charge of twenty-five cents will be made to cover the cost of printing and mailing to any address. This story is timely, as well as romantic, since the United States is again under the rule of a Roosevelt, and also because George Myers is the sole survivor of that cow outfit which was so closely associated with the international figure, Theodore Roosevelt. It was written by members of The Townsend Star force.

Complimentary copies will be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and to the historical societies of both North Dakota and Montana, as well as to the family of the late Theodore Roosevelt. It is urged that within the next two weeks people wishing a copy of this book, please mail in their orders so that additional copies may be printed and reserved for them. (Note: This booklet is currently for sale at the Broadwater County Museum.)

1939

"Forty Years of Service Marked by State Bank"

"Do you smoke?" "Yes, I do," replied the man addressed, "Well, have a cigar, we're celebrating our 40th anniversary in business," said J.P. Kearns, President of the State Bank of Townsend, which was organized on June 1st, 1899 and today, June 1st, 1939 is celebrating the 40th anniversary of that event.

During that 40 years many things have happened which have made many changes in the banks and bank management in most of the United States and in Montana. Mr. Kearns, however, and the State Bank of Townsend during that time have held their prominent places in Montana banking circles.

As usual, anniversaries bring interesting sidelights to light. Mr. Kearns stated that the State Bank of Townsend is one of only 16 banks in Montana which have remained in business during the 40 years under the same name.

When the Montana Bank Association was organized in about 1903 or 1904 Mr. Kearns attended that meeting and was the only one of the original group to attend the last meeting which was held in Helena in July 1938.

The State Bank is in group five of the association which comprises 12 counties. During the years 1919-1920 this group contained 100 banks. Today there are only 19, the balance having since discontinued business or have gone bankrupt.

The bank opened business in 1899 with J.E. Kanouse its president; A.W. Schreiber, vice president; J.P. Kearns, cashier; L. Rotwitt, assistant cashier, Directors were: J.E. Kanouse, W. E. Tierney, J.G. Bessing, A.W. Schreiber, E.P. Durnen and A.W. Smith.

Present day officers find: J.P. Kearns, president. N.O. Bowman, vice president; James W. Kearns, vice president and assistant cashier; P.H. Murphy cashier, and directors are N.O. Bowman, J.P. Kearns, D.J. McCarthy, James W. Kearns and P.H. Murphy.

Congratulations to the management of the state Bank of Townsend.

“Broadwater Girl Wins in Vigilante Parade”

Mary Sue Spangler who entered a Vigilante Parade float of two oxen drawing an early day ox cart has been awarded the Y.W.M.C. prize given annually to the student showing the most originality and painstaking efforts in preparing a typically western exhibit. B.V. Edworthy, Y.M.C.A. secretary, announced.

The prize is a year’s membership, including locker fees, in the “Y”.

Miss Spangler also won first prize in her division with the float – Helena Independent.

Miss Spangler is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Spangler of Crow Creek Valley and has attended the schools of Townsend.

1950

“Radersburg News”

Saturday May 27 turned out to be a beautiful day for the school picnic in Webb’s grove. The many attending had a good time.

The good time had at the picnic was extended far into the night by the many who attended the very successful Fireman’s dance.

Notice

I WISH TO ANNOUNCE TO MY CUSTOMERS THAT I HAVE MOVED MY Saw Mill from White’s Gulch to Duck Creek and will open for business at the old Cooper Mine site on and after June 10th.

- Jess Campbell