

This Day in History – June 22

1922

“Broadwater Celebration”

“Biggest Celebration in Years!

“Annual Picnic Helena Elk’s Lodge and Band, Baseball, Boxing, Areoplane Flights, Races”

“Minstrel Show July 3rd, Seats for 800 at Townsend Auditorium”

Schedule included: Minstrel Show, Band Concert, Parade, Races, Horse Races, Auto Races, Music by the Helena Elk’s Band, Three Prize Fights, Areoplane Flights including Acrobatic Aeroplane Flight made by “Daredevil” Stephen featuring a Parachute Leap from the machine at an altitude of 1,000 feet or more. They will also carry passengers during the day.

“Wanted”

A number of out of town visitors are expected on the night of July 3rd. Any house holder having a room or rooms that they will rent will confer a favor on the American Legion by giving this information to Postmaster Hazelton, who is billeting officer. No strangers will be given rooms, only persons well known to the committee will be introduced.

1933

“Slumber Party at Kumaseus Camp on Deep Creek”

Five girls, Misses Rita Richtmyer, Katherine Balkovatz, Adele Hardy, Esther Lockwood and Lila May Lofgren enjoyed a slumber party at the Goodman Camp (Kumaseus) on Tuesday. The party was given for Miss Lofgren who is here on her vacation from Omaha where she is studying to be a nurse.

1939

“Money to Build Broadwater Dam on Way”

“Road Construction Under Way to Sight of the Big Dam”

The first installment of the allocated \$900,000 needed for the construction of the Broadwater-Missouri Dam is on its way to Helena from Washington, D.C. This news came by telegram from Senator Burton K. Wheeler last evening in answer to another inquiry sent to Washington from the Montana State Water Board, according to Townsend’s spokesman, R.M. O’Hearn, president of the Broadwater Chamber of Commerce.

A telegram received by Mr. O’Hearn last Friday evening notified him that after the recent checking done in Montana by the PWA (Public Works Administration) officials, the project had been again approved and the word to “go ahead” would follow in a few days. A few days to observers out here seem longer than to those busy officials in Washington, evidently. And so, anxious to get the signal all through the week, an inquiry was again sent by wire to Washington yesterday and a telegram from Senator Wheeler assured the water board of this state the money would be on its way today.

With this pre-holiday news and also the knowledge that the road to the dam site is under construction and machinery and materials necessary for construction are moving to the site daily, should give impetus for a real celebration in Townsend July 2, 3 and 4.

Townsend business men are stretching every effort to take care of the large crowd and show them a good time, when visiting the dam town over the national holiday.

1950

“Broadwater County Loses School Superintendent by Sudden Death”

The community suffered a great loss and severe shock in the sudden death of Miss Cecilia Hazelton, 62, Superintendent of Broadwater County Schools and leader in educational and civic circles all through her adult life, which occurred at her apartment in Townsend last Wednesday evening.

When she did not appear at her office in the courthouse Thursday morning and did not answer the phone, her assistant, Miss Mary White went to her apartment to inquire and with Mrs. Crowe opened the unlocked door and found her.

Her relatives were immediately informed and funeral rites were performed from Holy Cross Catholic Church at 10:00 o'clock Monday morning.

Pallbearers were Frank Smazal, Fred W. Schmitz, James Ward, James W. Kearns, George Gabisch, Sr. of Townsend and J.R. Wine of Helena.

As librarian of the county library she was instrumental in cataloging and putting the library on a systematized basis and only last April presided with the Library Board in officially opening the library in its new quarters in the courthouse.

Her interest and sincerity inspired many activities for the betterment of youth socially and scholastically and it was a pleasure for her to note success of the many boys and girls she helped to educate.

“Mrs. Morris Fills Unexpired Term of Superintendent”

When the board of county commissioners met last Monday for the letting of contracts, they were confronted with the emergency of appointing a Superintendent of Schools to fill the vacancy caused by the sudden death of Miss Cecilia Hazelton. Acting on the only written application received, Mrs. Clarence Morris was appointed to finish the term until January 1, 1951.

Mrs. Morris, a very successful teacher of the Townsend Grade school, resigned her position to assume the duties of her new job which she commenced Tuesday morning of this week.

“Stores Closed for Three Day Holiday Over the 4th”

Locals will celebrate the 4th of July in a quiet manner, as far as local activities are concerned. However, many plan to celebrate away from home and as there is a three day holiday for most of the Townsend employees, the town is sure to be deserted part of the time.

Most of the main business houses have declared a holiday for their employees on Monday and Tuesday.

“Summer Recreation Program Now in Full Swing As Competitive Teams Play Interesting Matched Games”

Last Thursday night 50 turned out for the softball meeting and practice games. Two practice games were played and everyone had an enjoyable time. A large crowd of spectators viewed the practice.

The group has been divided into four teams. Members of the various teams and their captains are listed below:

Hot Shots – Ronnie Kelly (Captain), John Gilmore, Ed Crowe, Hubert White, Frank Grimm, Corky Clark, Don McCarthy, Rev. Davidson, Bill Gilmore, Bob McClure, D.D. Cooper, Tom Sweeney.

Sluggers – Ted Garnett (Captain), Ray Ward, Bob Cowor, Boyd Bomar, Kenny Hohn, Ronnie Olsen, Ray Nydegger, Wes Weston, Bill Chose, Gordon Hinch, Gerry Holling.

Has Beens – Bob Branton (Captain), Claude Cartwright, Red Crowe, Harvey McIntyre, Rev. Patterson, Art Leach, Art Ellis, Don Clare, Al Olsen, Milton Bellville, Chuck Ragen, George Finnegan.

The Terrors – Skip Smith (captain), Dan Radakovich, Pat Hooks, Bud Neifert, Loren Harding, Bill McIntyre, F.L. Olsen, Bobby Alex, Darwin Miller, Dr. McElwee.

There will be two games Thursday night. The Terrors will meet the Has Beens on Diamond No. 1. The Sluggers will meet the Hot Shots on Diamond II. Games will start at 6:45. Everyone is invited to attend.

1961

“Braleys Sell Home to Johnsons”

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Braley have sold their residence in Townsend to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Johnson. They will give possession about the 10th of July when the Braleys will move to Manhattan where he has a drug store.

The Johnsons came here from White Sulphur Springs the first of this year and he is employed as head planer for Townsend Lumber Company. They have three children and have been living in the Sawyer residence on North Walnut.

The Braleys have made their home in Townsend 20 years. He operated the drug store several years and later bought the Town Talk Café. About five years ago Mr. Braley bought a drug store at Manhattan and he has been commuting between Townsend and Manhattan.

This fall their daughter, Helen, will attend school at the State University and Jim, who will be a senior in high school, will remain here for his senior year. He will live with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Braley.

“Winston News”

The Winston Beavers 4-H members and their families spent a most enjoyable day Sunday at the Lewis and Clark Caverns. Included in the group were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cox, Cliff and Chrissie; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Herrington, Wayne, Jr. and Lois; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baum, Raymond, Darrell, Nancy, Kenny and Douglas; Mr. and Mrs. William Halm, Dennis and Judy; and Hardesty Jones and Mitzie.

“Radersburg News”

Those attending Church School in Townsend this week from the Radersburg area include: Janie Williams, Susan Webb, Marsha Miller, Doyle Miller, Douglas Miller and Ray Webb.



Cecilia Hazelton