

This Day in History – May 11

1922

“D’Arcy – Seery”

William D’Arcy and Mary Seery were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the Holy Cross Church in Townsend by Rev. S.J. Sullivan at about six o’clock on Tuesday morning, May 9th. The ceremony was witnessed by a few intimate friends. Ed Ragen and Miss Alice D’Arcy acting as witnesses. Miss D’Arcy is an aunt of the groom. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served by Mrs. Christine Kivlahan and was very much enjoyed by the immediate friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. D’Arcy will make their home on the D’Arcy ranch near Ray Creek.

The Star joins in wishing the newlyweds a very happy and prosperous wedded life.

1933

“C. of C. Holds Busy Meeting”

“Plans Laid to Sponsor Tour for Visitors at Convention Next Week”

At the regular meeting of the Townsend Chamber of Commerce, held last evening at the Commercial Hotel, several important matters were brought up for discussion, and action was taken on some of them. A tour for the visiting Neighbors of Woodcraft, up Hassel Canyon, was discussed, and it was decided that Ed Brown should look after securing cars to take the visitors on the tour up this scenic canyon which abounds with early day history in development of Montana.

Since 1933 is the 50th year of the founding of Townsend, a mention was made to formulate plans for an appropriate celebration for the event, to be staged sometime this fall. This matter was left open for discussion at the next meeting.

The secretary was instructed to correspond with the secretary of the Electric Highway Association relative to Townsend’s going in with them to further the interests of this highway. Correspondence from government officials dispels hopes of getting that road on the program for this year because, it being a forestry project, no available funds are ready to complete that section from White Sulphur Springs to Townsend, down Deep Creek Canyon.

“Expects Mining Co. to Put Dredge in Indian Cr. Canyon”

“Have Been Held Up Month or So by Not Obtaining a Satisfactory Lease”

“Will Test Ground Soon”

“Company Has Leased Considerable Ground in Canyon from the Missouri River West”

What is considered the best news in many days or months, was that which was released last night at the Commercial Club meeting, telling of the recent leasing of almost the entire Indian Creek Canyon by the Winston Brothers of Minneapolis. These men are financiers, and are interested in mining ventures all over the country with view of putting a gold dredge in Indian Creek Canyon.

This company, or representatives, came here several weeks ago, but the progress has been held up by some of the claim-holders, who were said to have “pumped” several claims of other people, and then held out for an exorbitant figure... This matter, however, has been straightened out, and it is said that within a very short time the company will be on the site driving test holes, to make ready to put the dredge in.

Considerable ground, in fact most of Indian Creek Canyon, from the Missouri River, west, comes into consideration in the lease. The owners are: Ed O. Brown, R.M. O'Hearn, Floyd R. Kirley, E.G. Toomey and Long Indian Mining Corporation and Ralph Thompson.

Further developments will be given from time to time as the company is getting to work.

1939

"Court House Lawn Gets Spruced Up"

A tree and its earth protected roots, weighing five tons, was unloaded and planted in the lawn of the courthouse here last Friday. The tree, a Colorado Blue Spruce, is about 30 feet tall and was placed at the east and south corner of the main building.

The planting was a part of the WPA project now underway at the courthouse. The crew, doing their own work, was allowed to dig it from the State Nursery and Seed Company's tree nursery near Helena. The price was very reasonable, the cost being but \$50, it is said. Another one, but smaller, will be planted in the city park across the street.

"Contracts Are Let for Broadwater-Missouri Dam"

Contracts for construction of the dam, siphon and canals of the Broadwater-Missouri project near Toston have been let by the state water conservation board on low bids totaling \$825,648.85. The contracts have been forwarded to Washington, D.C., for approval by the public works administration.

The Utah Construction company of Ogden was awarded the contract on the dam and siphon project on a low bid of \$642,215.85, while the canals project went to Douglas and Geniger of Fairfield on a bid of \$183,439. The contractors will begin work within 10 days after the contracts have been approved by the P.W.A. and the projects must be completed within one year.

The dam will divert water from the Missouri River into a siphon what will fill canal s serving approximately 21,000 acres of the fertile Missouri Valley land in the Townsend district. Forty-five percent of the project's total cost is granted by the P.W.A. while the balance is raised by the sale of revenue bonds to be redeemed by water users.

1950

"Seventy-five Rural Children in Play Day Event"

Nearly all of the seventy-five rural children were in attendance at the Broadwater County Play Day on Monday. The playground games in the morning were in charge of Dan Radakovich, who with his high-school student assistants supervised games for the different grades. His program and plan of games were very popular with the 360 children who wanted more, County Superintendent Cecilia Hazelton reported.

The elementary children of Townsend were luncheon hosts in their rooms to the rural children. Entertainment in the form of games and songs was planned for the lunch hour by the twelve elementary teachers of Townsend.

Miss Hazelton wishes to express her sincere appreciation helped.

"Lone Mountain 4-H News"

The Lone Mountain 4-H club held its fifth meeting at the home of Eugene Molitor Saturday evening May 6th, at 7:30. Some of the evening was spent in judging cattle, Mr. Molitor's dairy type.

Some of the members dropped out. We appointed Ward Scoffield recreation leader, as well as president. Dickie Sitton reported, besides vice president.

There will be sheep judging at the next meeting which will be held May 27th at 8:00 p.m. at Dickie Sitton's.

Reporter, Dickie Sitton

"Local News"

Mrs. A.C. Carson arrived here by plane Monday from Arlington, New Jersey and is visiting at the home of her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carson and visiting her son, Paul, who is a patient in the local hospital.

"Winston News"

Last Week Leslie Davies purchased a new 2000 Chevrolet truck, 50 model.

1961

"Fryhling Is Adding Warehouse to Store Building"

Construction started this week on an addition to the Fryhling Department Store building. The addition, 25x30 feet, will be of concrete block construction, just like the present building, and will serve as a warehouse for the store. Frank Blaisdell has charge of the work.

The Fryhling building, 50x100 feet, was erected during the winter of 1957-58, and was first occupied by the Anthony Company about March 1958. This company succeeded Woodwards, and later Fryhlings bought the business. Mr. and Mrs. Fryhling managed Woodwards, and later Anthony's.

"Radersburg News"

The eighth grade students from Toston rode the bus to Townsend Wednesday to accompany other eighth grade students in the county on a conservation tour of the county. Those going from Radersburg were: Alberta Thurston, Mary Jane Puttin, Lennie Harris and Sally Harris. Mrs. Smith took advantage of their absence to have the two pre-school children, Douglas Miller and Bradley Dundas, spend the day at school so they would know what to expect next fall.

1967

"Damon Lavender Accepts Position in Washington"

Damon Lavender, night marshal in Townsend for the past seven and a half years, submitted his resignation to the City Council and has secured a position as city marshal in Kittitas, Wash. He will be attending a Washington State Law Enforcement School for a six week period this summer.

After the current school term ends here, he will return to move his family to Kittitas.

"Piano and Organ Recital Friday p.m."

Piano and organ students of Lorraine H. Kitto will participate in a recital Friday night, May 12, at 8 o'clock at Cecelia Hazelton School.

This is an annual event to which the public is invited and there is no admission charge.

Students participating are Karen Hudson, Marta Scoffield, Gayle Clark, Debbie Robinson, Don Kitto, Ray Webb, Beth Conrad, Becky Clark, Bob Kimpton, Cindy Kirksey, Susan Hooks, Byrl Beyers, Karen Webb, Mark Conrad, Karen Sautter, Eddie Fisher, Steve Berberet, Dave Thompson, Dixie Turman, Pamela Clark, Kimberly Stucky, Cynthia Robinson, Irene Thompson, Marcia Moudree, Jean Berberet, Marilyn Hoffman, Patricia Perry, Janet Richardson, Carrie Harrigfeld, Sharon Kolberg, Roene Taylor, Lorelee Flynn, Peg Christie, Anita Olsen, Wayne Hoffman and Jerry Kitto.