

## **This Day in History – May 18**

**1922**

### **“Ex-Service Men!”**

### **“Attention!”**

Memorial Day will be observed in Townsend on May 30<sup>th</sup>, on that day every ex-service man in Broadwater County is expected to be present at the services in uniform. While the services are under auspices of the American Legion, every ex-service person, whether a member of the Legion or not, is invited to attend and take part. So dig up the old uniform and get her ready for inspection on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in the Legion Hall in Townsend, Broadwater Post No. 42 American Legion.

### **“Toston High School Prom”**

Friday of last week the Toston High School gave their Junior Prom. A very nice ball was reported by a large crowd of Townsend people who attended. The hall was beautifully decorated in the class colors and several feature dances gave the ball a distinction over the ordinary dance. Supper was served and the Metropolitan Three Forks orchestra pleased with their usual good music.

### **“Local News”**

Miss Veva Alice Smith was to her home in Townsend on Tuesday of this week to attend the bedside of her father, Dr. Charles W. Smith. She has been at the University in Missoula.

**1933**

### **“Commencement at Toston H.S. Will Be May 26”**

Toston, May 18 - On next Sunday evening, May 21, the Rev. David Jones of Intermountain Union College of Helena, will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon of the senior class of the Toston High School. The services will be held at the Methodist Church.

On Wednesday evening, May 23, at 8:00 o'clock, class night will be observed. The main features of this program will be the valedictory given by Lewis Conrad, receiver of first honors, and salutatory, given by Elvira Hargrove, receiver of second honors. A one-act play, “His Wife’s First Husband”, will be given by the cast: Lewis Conrad, Walter Boehm, Bill Berberet, Elvira Hargrove and Mary Berberet. Ben Townsley, president of the class will give the president’s address. The class history by Mary Berberet; class poem by Margaret Hensley; class prophesy by Walter Boehm and class will by Elvira Hargrove will conclude the program.

On Friday evening, May 26, at 8 o'clock, the last exercises of the Commencement week will be held when six graduates will receive diplomas: Mary Berberet, Walter Boehm, Lewis Conrad, Elvira Hargrove, Margaret Hensley and Ben Townsley. Rev. Fr. McCormick of Carroll College will deliver the commencement address. The presentation of diplomas and a few vocal selections will conclude the program.

### **“Inmates of County Hospital Are Thankful Because of Brodericks Being Engaged”**

Following is a copy of the letter sent to the Board of County Commissioners by the inmates of the county hospital, and signifies their appreciation of the board’s selection of the overseer, which was invested in Mr. Broderick, by action at a recent meeting, following a call for bids:

TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: Dear Sirs: We the inmates of the county poor farm and hospital approve of your selection of Mr. and Mrs. Broderick to take care of the inmates here. There could not be a better man selected for the place and Mrs. Broderick, as matron and cook is one of the best and Mrs. Minnie Wells, as nurse, could not be beat if you were paying \$100 a month for she is there at every beck and call and does everything that can be done for the sick people, night or day - and many nights has stayed up to wait on a person that was sick, and we hope she will live long and enjoy some of the pleasures of life, much of which she can't get here.

**1939**

### **"Local Doctors Announce Clinic"**

A clinic for all grade school children of the county is to be conducted the first of next week by Dr. Frank P. Nash and his assistants. According to the plan, rural children will come to the Broadwater Hospital on Tuesday with the exception of the Toston and Radersburg schools, which will be visited by the doctor and his staff for the examination of students.

The Townsend Woman's Club is cooperating with the doctors in this clinic, a committee of volunteers to assist in keeping the records. Rural school children have been notified by the county superintendent of schools, Mrs. Edith B. Fox, and the Townsend grade school children will be examined as it is convenient, according to Dr. Nash.

A remedial clinic is planned for later in the spring after school is out, when children will be treated for tonsil and adenoid diseases.

### **"Countyites Must Cleanup Declares Health Officer"**

A spring clean-up is ordered by the county board of health for the week of May 22<sup>nd</sup> to May 27<sup>th</sup>, according to Health Officer, Dr. Frank P. Nash.

Following that week, an inspection will be made and unsightly or unsanitary conditions will be noted and property owners will be forced to clean up, said the doctor. This applies to all points in the county.

On being asked where Townsend people should have their refuse and waste taken for disposal, the doctor hung his head. He said that the town of Townsend had no regular dumping grounds and that he guessed the only way to get rid of the trash, etc. was to have it hauled over to the river and dumped promiscuously as had been the practice for many years.

Such a suggestion was only made, however, with an expression of regret that such conditions existed and with a statement that he had taken the matter before the city council and that he hoped the city would have a systematized dumping place before long.

**1950**

### **"Lee Ann Stewart and Grace Fisher Honored at Prom"**

One of the prettiest school dances in the history of Broadwater County High School was the Junior Prom given here Saturday night. The theme of decorations "Dixieland" was carried out cleverly with latticed rose vines and garden appointments. A garden scene on the stage appropriately made way for two garden chairs to be used late in the evening when the queen and her attendant were crowned. In the center of the dancing floor was a mirrored bottom rock garden while the false ceiling of crepe paper would indicate a blue starlit sky. Lattice

work at intervals with draped paper effects scored off the spectators seats from the dancing floor.

Pretty young coeds in the spring formals made a pretty scene for the grand march.

The orchestra was Ben Hoffman's orchestra from Bozeman.

Lee Ann Steward was crowned as Queen of the Junior Prom with a crown of white roses while Grace Fisher was crowned as Prom Princess with a crown of red roses. Flower bearers were Joanne Duffey and Jimmy Lots.

A large crowd attended and it seemed to be a huge success.

### **"Cemetery Cleanup Time is Here"**

Now is the time of the year to attend to cleaning up the cemeteries in the local area. It has been pointed out at the Deep Creek Cemetery that there will be a place provided for the collection of tin cans and waste material, but that promiscuous scatter of rubbish is to be eliminated through the cooperation of those who go out there to work.

At present people have been careless about scattering tin cans and water receptacles when a lot is cleaned up. Those who go there to do their spring cleanup are asked to take heed and not mar the driveways or other lots with their rubbish.

### **1961**

#### **"Gas Explosion at Tomcheck Chevrolet Injures Man; Burns Car, Breaks Glass"**

An explosion in the garage at Tomcheck Chevrolet this morning about 10:15 caused considerable damage to the building and a mechanic, Hank Kropp, 33, was severely burned.

Mechanics were working on a propane truck belonging to Townsend Unigas Service when the explosion took place. It is the supposition that some gas had leaked out in the room. Kropp was under the truck and was the only one of four employees injured.

The explosion set fire to the 1959 Ford belonging to Mrs. Lavella Morris and it burned. Some shop orders hanging on the wall were burned. The explosion damaged the insulation to the ceiling of the garage, blew the door off the men's rest room and caved in the wall to the ladies rest room. All the plate glass around the showroom - six large panels, a total of 60 feet - was blown out.

#### **"Standleys Sell Dairy Herd"**

Mr. and Mrs. John Standley have sold their dairy herd to Diehl Dairy. The deal was completed last week when the Standleys delivered 34 head of cattle to the dairy, located south of town.

Mr. Standley says he has been in the dairy business since 1923. He and Mrs. Standley have operated a dairy on their ranch at the east edge of Townsend since 1944 when they bought the ranch from Bill Kudzia. Before that they operated a dairy near Helena, and before that time near Great Falls.

Mr. Standley says he plans to change over to beef cattle, and will stock his farm with Angus later on this year.

#### **"List of Awards at Court of Honor"**

These boys received the following awards at the Boy Scout Court of Honor held by Troop No. 99 last Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Jerry Waling: 1<sup>st</sup> Class Badge, Senior Patrol Leader Badge, Council Segment, Service Star.

Dale Sprout: 1<sup>st</sup> Class Badge, Patrol Leader Badge, Service Star.

Larry Mullany: 1<sup>st</sup> Class Badge, Patrol Leader Badge, Service Star.

Tim Hysell: 1<sup>st</sup> Class Badge, Patrol Leader Badge, Service Star.

Art Graham: Citizenship Merit Badge, Assistant Patrol Leader Badge, Council Segment.

Mike Perry: Council Segment, Service Star.

Keith Williams: Tenderfoot Badge, Council Patch, Assistant Patrol Leader Badge.

Billy Duede: Tenderfoot Badge, Council Patch, Assistant Patrol Leader Badge.

Jim Ragen: Tenderfoot Badge, Troop Scribe Patch, Council Patch.

Rodney Davis: Tenderfoot Badge, Quartermaster Patch, Council Patch.

Jerry Bucy: Tenderfoot Badge, Council Patch.

Louis Schneider: Tenderfoot Badge, Council Patch.

Lance Davis: Tenderfoot Badge, Council Patch.

George Gabisch: Tenderfoot Badge, Council Patch.

The tenderfoot badges were presented in a candlelight ceremony conducted by the older scouts. The other badges were presented to the Scouts by Scoutmaster Allen, along with miniature badges which the scouts in turn presented to their mothers.

Following the presentation of awards, Lynn Mortensen, Scout executive from Helena, spoke to the group on "The Place of Scouting in America".

## **1967**

### **"Fifteen Receive Communion At Holy Cross Church"**

Fifteen second grade students, seven girls and eight boys, received their first Holy Communion at the 11:00 o'clock Mass Sunday morning at Holy Cross Church. Members of the group were: Tama Bucy, Jim Ouren, Laurel Sanderson, Billy Walker, Kerry Sullivan, Dale Clark, Richard Ragen, Clifford Kimpton, Kathleen Ryan, John Marks, Tina Antonich, Kathy Kimpton, Loren Flynn, Ronnie Harris and Lois Delger.

As a special Mother's Day favor, men of the parish cooked and served breakfast in the youth center following Mass. Religious instructors and mothers were honored at a special Mother's day program following the breakfast, presented by the grade school students under direction of Mrs. Robert Masolo. The teachers were each presented with corsages.

Children were also presented with awards for perfect attendance at religious instruction class. They were: second grade: Laurel Sanderson and Jim Ouren; third grade: Bobby and Betty Francisco; fourth grade: Phil Ryan, Danny Ouren and Bert Berberet; fifth grade: Peggy Ryan, Mary Ragen, Susan Hooks, Janelle Jersey, Donna Francisco, Dan Tintinger, Billy Kirley and Brent Helmick; sixth grade: Mary Berberet, Jeannie Ouren, Doris Lewis and Patty Tintinger; seventh and eighth grades: Ann Meyer, Susan Jersey, Ann Tintinger and Bobby Ouren.