

“What Happened Today in History”

April 19

1923

Primrose Butter Still in the Lead

At the recent butter and cheese scoring contest conducted by the U.S Department of Agriculture at Salt Lake City Utah 6 Utah, 10 California, 18 Colorado, 4 Nevada, 7 Idaho and 24 Montana creameries were represented. The average score obtained by the creameries were: Utah, 89.75; California, 89.55; Colorado, 88.89; Nevada, 88.16; Idaho, 88.78; Montana, 88.72. Broadwater County Creamery received a score of 90.50 which was decidedly better than the average obtained by any of these western states.

Radersburg Boy Makes Good as League Player

One player in the major baseball league games next summer will command the attention of Montana people and particularly many Townsend and Radersburg residents, according to Will Whalen, clerk of the district court. The player is Cecil “Elba” Duff of the pitching staff of the Chicago White Sox.

Duff is a youngster, who attracted the attention of a scout for the Chicago American team at Mitchell S.D. last year. He was the main stay on the pitching staff of the Mitchell team, and was sold to the Chicago White Sox toward the end of the season, making such a remarkable showing that he was used against some of the best teams in the American League.

Young Duff was born in Radersburg and is the son of Mrs. Marie E. Duff. From Montana the family moved to Freewater, Ore. and later to South Dakota.

A short time prior to the departure of the Chicago White Sox team for their spring training camp, one of the Chicago papers printed the following:

“Because they possess two of the best ever curve balls ever developed in the minor leagues, Cecil Duff and Homer Blankenship are headed for extra coaching in the spring when the Sox meet at spring training camp.

“Duff came from the Mitchell, S.D. club. He had a great curve ball and he displayed plenty of courage in the first major league train. Which was against the fence-crashing Detroit Tigers. Moreover he was called upon in the city series as a relief pitcher and earned his spurs by stopping a batting rally.

Both young men are a bit rough in holding runners on bases. Their change of pace can be improved. Both lads proved they could command their mental faculties in the pinches last summer. They have enough of the major league fire to make them ripe in 1923.

At the time the family moved from Helena, Duff was about five years of age.

1945

WWII Headlines

Andy Johnson Writes from New Mexico

Another Broadwater Boy Owen Jack Fordyce Killed in Action in Germany

Delayed Overseas Mail Not Always Cause for Alarm Says Red Cross

Jack Thompson in Rest Camp in Italy Praises Red Cross

Junior Class to Present Play Tonight

The Junior Class of the Broadwater County High School will present the comedy, "The Gay Pretenders", Thursday evening, April 19, at the high school gym. This gay comedy concerns the affairs of Richard and Irene Tully, a newly married couple. The couple is visited by Uncle Hiram, Richard's Uncle, and Aunt Mirandy, Irene's aunt, whom the young people are trying to impress with their social importance. The complications which result create many laughable situations. The play is enlivened by the love affairs of Aunt Mirandy and Uncle Hiram and those of Rufus and Deliah, colored servants. This play is designed for laughing purposes only. Miss Kessler has chosen the following cast from the Junior Class: Richard, Tully, Pat Ragen; Irene, Joye Lynch; Hiram Swallow, Jim Riis; Mirandy Snooks, Margy Doig; Charley Jones, Wally Bristow; Susan, LeVaughn Johnson; Rufus, Jim Healy; Deliah, Mary Jane Sass.

Townsend Coffee Shop Opened for Business

The official opening of the Townsend Coffee Shop on Friday afternoon found a large number of patrons ready to show their good will to Mr. and Mrs. J. Garrison Rains, the owners.

Complimentary to the opening the Rains' were literally showered with beautiful basket bouquets of flowers from competitors, associate business firms and friends. Their fountain was busy for the opening hours in the afternoon and evening and the store closed on Saturday, out of respect for the passing of President Roosevelt.

The store has been remodeled and equipped with both booth and counter service from the fountain and in a short time, Mr. Rains announces, he intends to have a grill operating for light lunches. In conjunction to the fountain, they have the usual line of confections and cigars and cigarettes (when available).

Those who were represented with the baskets of nursery flowers which lined the counters and walls of their store were: Frank Smazal, Lt. Gloria Kapinos, Gamble Store, The Connors, Mac's Cash Grocery, Knox Flower Shop, Broadwater Creamery, The Fryhlings, Neifert-White Co., Rex Theater, State Bank and Rexall Drug Store.

1951

Toston Play is Declared Success

Several people from Townsend attended the play given in Toston last Friday evening and again in Radersburg Saturday evening by a cast of home talent artists from the Toston Parent Teachers Association.

The performance was most entertaining and created much fun and the cast received much favorable comment on their acting.

Following is the cast of characters: Betty Jenkins, who hates to work at any time, Lolla Flynn; George Breckenridge, her cousin, who hates the same as Betty Jenkins; Mrs. Lennox, who wants her rent, Gladys Johnson; Helen Allen, a daughter of a family friend, Jean Johnson; Cecile Allen, Helen's younger sister, Grace Berberet; Clancy, a police investigator, Lorena Flynn; Wiggins, his assistant, Ruby Kolberg; P Sam, a negro houseboy, Margaret Smith; Delicia, a negro maid, Hazel Peterson.

People Asked to Vote on Name for Lake Under Dam

When the lake is filled above the Canyon Ferry Dam, now under construction, it will have to be named. This fact was brought before the Broadwater Chamber of Commerce at

their last meeting when it was found out others would name the lake for outsiders. Local people generally feel that for promotional purposes, the lake should carry a name to bring recognition to Townsend and Broadwater County, since it is our land the lake will cover and since it will lie entirely in Broadwater County.

One name recommended by one of the Congressmen was Lake Warden, named for the late O.S. Warden of Great Falls, who did so much to secure the dam.

The directors of the Broadwater Chamber of Commerce feel the people of Broadwater County should have the opportunity of naming the lake. According to Al Olsen, secretary of the C. of C., two names were mentioned, Lake Townsend or Broadwater Lake. Either would advertise the local community. They recommend that people in the community send in their approval of the names making a selection between the two or mention another name suitable for the body of water.

Use the coupon on the border below and send it to Al Olsen or any other member of the C. of C.

Big Move to New School Building Made Tuesday

Tuesday, April 17th, was an important day in the lives of about 270 young people who “picked up their desks and walked”. For on that day the elementary school building was deserted and the students and teachers took up their quarters in the new elementary school building recently completed for district No. 7 in Townsend. According to the Superintendent, D.D. Cooper, the move was made in just 45 minutes, due to the splendid cooperation of about 30 high school boys and well timed movements.

The boys moved the desks working in teams. They were placed and immediately the youngsters took their places in the same seats but in the attractive modern fireproof building.

Everything that could be used in the new structure had been salvaged from the old building. All of the blackboards were used, the newer rest room fixtures and furniture. Only desks in one room were left as they were the kind that had to be fastened to the floor and couldn't be used in the new structure.

The Neifert-White firm offered a large truck which was used to convey the desks and equipment from the courtroom in the county courthouse where the sixth grade had been given housing for the past two years.

Everything is complete now on the new structure except the window blinds, which have been invoiced for delivery next week, Mr. Cooper said. The stalls in the toilet rooms also have not arrived.

The courthouse will settle back to normal now with the grade school children out. Although the young people were more than cooperative and behaved in an exceptionally fine manner, the courthouse is no place for school children and those who are officers there will miss the youth, but will also feel relieved. Memorial Park where they were bid to play instead of the courthouse lawn is deserted. It was pleasant to see the young people frolicking on the parkway and they will be missed, but the grass will now have a chance to freshen up and all for the best.

1962

Annual Kite Flying Held Sunday

High winds greeted youngsters at the fifth annual kite flying contest Sunday at the Townsend Airport, but this didn't affect their enthusiasm as they did their best to get kites in the air. The contest is sponsored annually by the American Legion and this year held under the supervision of Keith Valentine, Mike Huth and Chuck Holling.

Prizes were awarded to the following:

Steve Morrison, highest; Dan Chamberlain, hardest luck; Danny Herbst, ran farther; Randy Herbst, longest flight; Jim Valentine, most colorful; Kenny Doig, string broke first; Pat Broderick and Bruce Morrison, hard luck boys.

In the girls' division prizes went to: Donna Doig, largest; Pam Fisher, string broke first; Jan Kirscher, highest; Debra Herbst, most colorful; Dorothy Doig, hard luck; and Vivian Kirscher, youngest.

Firms contributing prizes for the contest included Francisco Pharmacy, Rex Theater, Gambles, Time Shop, Neifert-White Co. Carlson Hardware, Hank's Barber Shop, Townsend Drug, and Geo. Gabisch Co.

1973

Baptists to Use New Bldg. Sunday

Easter Sunday, April 22, is the date that the Baptist Church will hold their first services in the new building. This building, costing more than \$20,000 will provide for 135 people in the educational part and 197 in the sanctuary.

Completion of this building was made possible by a loan from the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The building was started 10 month ago and has suffered setbacks due to the lack of finances and sub-normal weather conditions.

All during this building program, we have felt a responsibility to the people of Townsend. It has been our desire to build a building which would be adequate, comfortable and beautiful. Testimony of the many residents who have visited our building satisfies us that we have accomplished our aim.

We have enjoyed the good will, interest and support of the people of Townsend throughout the building program. Many have made financial contributions to the building and the purchase of furniture. For this we are thankful. Also we feel that we owe a debt of gratitude to the children of Townsend. They have been well behaved. Some have visited us during construction, but have stayed well out of the way. There has not been a single act of vandalism and this speaks well of our fine children.

Linda Southall March of Dimes Poster Child

The Miles City March of Dimes poster child is the eight year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burnell Southall. She is also the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blaisdell of Townsend.

Linda will be racing the Miles City mayor a city block as part of the March of Dimes activities there. Linda was born with a birth defect and has had a long series of treatment. She attended the Center for Handicapped Children in Billings for 2 ½ years. This center is supported by the March of Dimes.

Mrs. Blaisdell reports that she is getting along well in school and is determined to walk without the aid of crutches.