

“What Happened Today in History”

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1922

“Concerning Fire Wood”

Because of the number of inquiries received relative to firewood and in view of the present coal situation it is quite probable that the demand for fire wood will be greater than ever. Following are the rules governing the removal of dead material from Helena National Forest when such dead timber is for the personal uses of the person removing the timber. In accordance with the authority given by the District Forester all the Government land within the Helena National Forest has been designated as free use area. Settlers, miners, residents and prospectors for mineral may cut and remove free of charge, and without permit, under such rules as may be prescribed by Forest Officers, any dead timber needed for their own use for fire, fence, mining, prospecting and other domestic uses. This does not in any way authorize the removal of timber for sale to other persons or for commercial use, nor does it authorize the cutting or removing of any green or live timber.

In removing dead timber without permit the following rules must be complied with: No timber may be removed from any valid claim under this provision. Stumps must not be cut more than 14 inches high. No timber may be removed from an area in which timber sales are in operation. All brush and debris resulting from the removal of dead timber must be piled in small teepee shaped piles at least eight feet from any live tree.

1933

“George Myers Will be Featured on a Dude Ranch in N.D.”

George Myers, respected citizen of this county and who has the distinction of being a member of the famous cowboy rough-riders of Theodore Roosevelt in North Dakota in the 1880s is receiving quite a bit of publicity since the story of his associations in the cattle business with the revered “Teddy” came out in story form in “The Star”. Many of “The Star” readers have written from distant places in regard to their interest in the story and Mr. Myers has been the recipient of several letters. One, an offer to be a guest on a dude ranch on the famous old Maltese Cross range in North Dakota, and another to attend the Century of Progress Fair as a guest of the Roosevelt Memorial Association.

Mr. Myers is no tenderfoot in any sense of the word. He can sit at a banquet table in New York or Chicago, in perfect ease in full dress, if the occasion demands, as he has done in days gone by when he and his cowboy associates backed up Roosevelt in political campaigns and when on visits to the more formal centers of the east and to return to Chicago and to be greeted again as the only living rough-rider of the famous Roosevelt group would mean that he once more enter into the life of the aristocrat, for “Teddy’s” rough-riders were real autocrats and were at ease in either cowboy paraphernalia or formal civilian togs. He says he knows what it would mean to step off the train in Chicago and go immediately to the Yacht Club and from there to the Athletic Club to be feasted, and speaking with the honesty that won Roosevelt and his band the just prominence they held, he says he will jump at the Dude ranch offer, but the city life – he’ll have to check this time.

“Last of Series of Wheat Meetings Held at Canton”

Farmers of Broadwater County were told of the federal wheat allotment plan at a meeting held at Canton Tuesday night by County Agent, Ralph E. Ward. The meeting was the last of a series which were held in this county to explain the purpose and operation of the agricultural adjustment act to the wheat growers of this county.

The tentative districts which have been made, will be approved and established, and an administrator will be appointed for each district, from the allotment committee. The chairman of the board for each district will be a member of the permanent county board of directors.

The chief duty of the district committee will be to sign up the farmers who will subscribe to the adjustment program and agree to reduce their acreage in accordance with the schedule worked out by the government. The committees will also supervise the operation of the plan and determine the allotment upon which each farmer will receive the bonus payment this fall.

Mr. Ward has found the farmers generally most receptive to the program at the meetings which he has concluded in this county and anticipates 100 percent of the wheat men of this section to come under the government plan.

1939

“Townsend May Have a Rotarian Chapter”

Whether or not Townsend is go have a Rotary Club will depend upon attendance and general interest shown in a meeting held tonight at the Commercial Hotel. This meeting will be attended by associate Rotarians from Helena and White Sulphur Springs and S.H. Harrison, organizer from Helena, according to W.L. Emmert, who consented to assist with the organization here.

So far 16 men have signed up and given a check for the charter membership of \$10 and who will probably be on hand tonight. If the organization is perfected it will work in conjunction with the Broadwater Chamber of Commerce and in no ways be an opposing civic body and is a necessary factor in a community of this size, the organizers point out.

“Dredging of Missouri River Anticipated”

What looms forth as the biggest dredging operations that the state has ever known will be going forward here soon when the bottom of the Missouri River will be forced to give up the hidden gold that has been washed to its base during the centuries.

So sure that there lies untold secret washes of this precious metal in the river bottom from nearby rich gulch deposits, many from around here have secured leases from the state land department far and wide. While it is not known as yet which large operator will set machinery here first, it is rumored that several big outfits are ready to move in. Some lessees have twenty-two miles of river while others have ten, five, and other numbers of miles under their control for the next two years.

1950

“Rotary Club Enjoys Directed Tour at Dam”

Engineers Gordon W. Manley, P.M. Swartz and Gordon K. Eversole employed in the construction of the Canyon Ferry Dam brought the Townsend Rotary Club and a few guests up to date on the dam in a talk and directed tour Tuesday evening. After the tour the club had dinner in the construction engineers' mess hall.

They described a push-button concrete plant that will enable one man to mix all the concrete to be used in the dam construction.

A cable-way has also been constructed so that concrete can be dumped in almost every place that it is needed. In the few places that the cable-way does not reach, concrete is pumped through a hose.

In addition to the concrete plant, a complete aggregate processing plant has been constructed and will sort all gravel that is to be used in constructing the dam, the project engineer said.

Describing the Canyon Ferry Dam, they said, "Some dams depend on their arched construction to keep them from turning over because of the water pressure, but the Canyon Ferry Dam will depend on its massive weight".

Crews at Canyon Ferry project north of here are cleaning out the excavation where the dam will stand, as a dentist drills out a tooth before filling it.

Canyon Constructors, prime contractors on the Missouri River project, hope to have all cavities in the excavation sealed so they can start pouring concrete late next week.

Cavities in the bedrock in the base and sidewalls of the excavation are drilled with jack hammers and loose rock fragments are taken out by pick and shovel or by hand.

Workers pump a cement-water paste into the cavities under pressure to fill all cracks in the rock structure. This is to prevent leaks under the base and around ends of the dam.

The aggregate plant, concrete mixing tower and cable-way across the dam are completed and ready to go.

Work on the project was delayed about three months when a flume carrying the river around the digging leaked and flooded the hole last spring.

Guests were: Dr. D.J. McKillican, Jack Thompson, J. Garrison Rains, Noble Rains, Fred Kapinos of Townsend and Ed Pierce of White Sulphur Springs. Members taking the tour were Geo. Kapinos, Dr. Frank P. Nash, H.G. White, L.J. Anders, Geo. Gabisch, W. Maynard, Bob Branton, Logan Davis, M.A. Ellis, F.L. Olsen, James Kearns, Ted Garnett, W.H. McIntyre. D.W. Neifert, Fred Williams and A.A. Christie.

1961

"Four Generations Meet Here"

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Simons was the scene of a family reunion Friday and Saturday which represented four generations. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Claude Simons of Fairfield, Calif., their son Ronald, his wife and two sons who were en route to an Air Force base at Highland, N.J., Staff Sgt. Simons has just completed a year's tour of duty at Unalokleet, Alaska. Others attending the family get-together were Mr. and Mrs. F.J. Sullivan and family of Missoula and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Simons and family of Boulder.