

“What Happened Today in History”

August 3

1922

“Notice to Citizens of Townsend”

Notice is hereby given to the citizens of Townsend to cut all weeds etc. and burn same or have taken away from their premises.

This notice includes all parkings and vacant lots in the city and must be done on or before the tenth of August 1922 otherwise the city will have same taken care of and charged to the property.

- F.L. Hollaway, Marshal

“Winston – Canton Ball Game”

Before a large crowd estimated at over two hundred people the Winston Cubs were defeated at Canton last Sunday by a score of 9 to 12. From the very start the Canton boys set the pace with the boys from Winston hanging far in the rear.

George Sampson was on the mound for Winston and he was hit with machine like regularity. He was relieved in the 6th inning by Harry West who proved utterly helpless against the hard hitting Cantonites, five scores were registered in the one inning that he pitched. George Sampson was then restored to his original position and pitched for the remainder of the game.

If the Winston boys had a more efficient pitcher they could have defeated Canton with comparative ease as the Canton team had a poor infield and outfield, their pitcher had hardly any support. They played a very ragged game from the start. Bill Devan, the Winston catcher, was the star player of the day, he played a splendid game. During the sixth inning Devan knocked out a homer bringing in two men, however, the umpire called out claiming he failed to touch first base, this decision started an argument in which both teams and fans took part. After thirty minutes of wrangling Canton decided to allow the run. Up to the ninth inning the score stood 5 to 12 and the boys from Winston making desperate attempts to even it up, however, as the Cubs came to bat for the last time in the ninth inning the Winston team made one supreme and splendid effort which resulted in their scoring four runs, making the final score of 9 to 12.

1933

“Population of State Now is About 548,017”

On the basis that as many people have moved into Montana as have moved away in the last three years, the state's population now stands at approximately 548,017, or only about 872 less than in 1920, the year when Montana's population reached its peak.

In 1930, Montana was the only state in the union to show a loss of population over the 10 year period. At that time there were 537, 606 people in the state, as against 548,889 in 1920.

During the last three years, and up to June 30 of this year there have been 23,622 births in Montana, as compared with 13, 211 deaths. The number of births exceeded the deaths by 10,411. This number added to the 1930 population figure would make Montana's present population 548,017.

Near Catastrophe was Had in Deep Creek Fire Sat. Eve.”

A fire, which could have spread to untold territory, was put out last Saturday evening about 16 miles up Deep Creek Canyon. The origin of the fire was never ascertained, but it was thought that some motorist passing along the road, had thrown out either a lighted cigarette or a match. The dry grass flared up almost like powder and spread before the slight wind at the time.

Wallace Hardy was going to his cabin about midnight, when he discovered the fire as he started the hill climb at the Averill cabin. The quick work on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Hardy, Ray Ward and others who came shortly after the word had reached the Deep Creek pavilion, soon stopped the conflagration, with little or no damage being done to any tangible property.

The fire burned over a big portion of the hillside north of Frank T. Hooks' cabin. It was almost providential that it was discovered at the time, because it was headed toward the timber near the tip of the hill. Ranger Welton and his wardens were on the job almost immediately.

1939

“Town Promoting Garbage Removal for Sanitation”

A progressive and health-promoting movement is being considered by the town council at the present time, which if put in operation will provide an adequate removal and disposal of garbage.

The matter was deferred from the Tuesday night meeting until a special meeting is called on August 15th, according to City Clerk, Frank T. Hooks, at which time it will be determined whether or not the residents of the town are willing to have the extra small tax levy made to finance such a project. Until that meeting, city authorities are making inquiries among property owners who would be serviced. It is not known what the levy would be, but reasonably small.

Negotiations are also being made with the county commissioners to purchase ground on which to make a permanent dumping place and do away with unsightly an promiscuous dumping of garbage and trash on the hillsides and along highways, as has been so disgracefully practiced by Townsend people in the past.

1950

“Swimming Lessons for Adults Saturday”

Rain kept the grown-ups from receiving their initial swimming lesson but they will try again this Saturday.

Every adult interested in learning to swim is urged to attend Saturday, 2:00 p.m.

Large crowds of children and grown-ups have been attending the beach daily.

Picnic tables have been added and have been put to good use not only by local people but by tourists as well.

1961

“Awards Committee Selects Delegates”

On Thursday evening, July 27, the Awards committee of the 4-H Council met at the county extension office to select the delegates who are to attend the Montana 4-H Club Congress in Bozeman.

This trip to 4-H Congress is an award which all 4-H members strive for each year. The delegates are selected on the basis of their enthusiasm for 4-H and other organizations, their project records and their participation in county activities.

Attending the Congress this year will be Kathleen Iverson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Iverson, Elaine Sandon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Sullivan, John Marks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Marks and Jim Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Webb.

These members will be combined with the 4-H delegation from Meagher County to represent the two counties.

Mrs. Earl Webb will chaperone the delegation to Bozeman.

“Fosters Sell Root Beer Stand to Retterers”

Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Retterer of Winnett have purchased the A&W Root Beer drive in northwest Townsend from Mr. and Mrs. Jack Foster and took over the business August 1. Mr. and Mrs. Retterer and two children have moved into the Massa property at 301 South Pine, recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. A.F. Shearer. Their daughter will be a junior in high school and their son will be in the 7th grade.

The Fosters acquired the business from Frank Cuculich just a few days after he had opened the business. Cuculich started construction on the building last fall and completed it in June.

1967

“Tarrants to Move to California”

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Tarrant and son, Brad, will be moving to Escalon Calif., about August 15. They are holding a public auction to dispose of their household furnishings next Wednesday, August 9.

Mrs. Tarrant has signed a contract to teach in the school system at Escalon this year. Brad has enrolled in the Modesto Junior College, which is only nine miles from Escalon.

Mrs. Tarrant has been teaching in the county schools for the past 12 years. Mr. Tarrant is retired.

Their other son, Bert, will continue his schooling at Montana State University at Bozeman.