

“What Happened Today in History”

August 31

1922

“Three Valley’s Fair to be Big Event”

The three Valleys Fair which will take in Broadwater, Jefferson and Gallatin Counties is fast reaching the time for the date, September 7th, 8th, & 9th. The baby’s clinic will also be of interest during the last two days of the fair.

The prize ribbons and officers’ badges for the fair have been received and would be a credit to any large fair. The ribbons will be excellent keepsakes for the prize winners, and something of which he may be justly proud.

1933

“High School Rules Are Given Out by Prin. Ruth Ackerly”

Rules governing the work and curriculum of Broadwater County High School were give out yesterday by Miss Ruth Ackerly, principal, who arrived in town from Danvers to make preparations for the opening of school next Tuesday morning:

Following are the rules:

1. All students are asked to register at the principal’s office on Friday and Saturday, September 1 and 2 and Monday morning, September 4. Students wishing to change their last spring’s registration, may do so on these dates.
2. All students who have registered are asked to call at the office on the above dates, check their credits and receive their registration cards.
3. A book deposit is required of all students. On receipt of this deposit the registration card will be given to the student, which will admit him to classes, Tuesday, September 5.

Miss Ackerly will be at the high school from 9 to 12 and from 1:15 to 4 on Friday and Saturday and Monday from 9 to 12. There will be a teachers’ meeting Monday afternoon, September 4. Therefore, all students are requested to complete their registration before this time.

The following data regarding the rules and regulations of the high school should be noted by all students and parents.

SCHOOL HOURS – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Students are requested not to come to the school building before 8 o’clock in the morning or 12:50 at noon.

Doors of the main building will be locked at 5 p.m. Students must be out of the building unless detained in a classroom by a faculty member.

ATTENDANCE

A student who has been absent must present a written excuse from his parents to the principal. Attendance is important not only to the student, but to the business interests of the school and taxpayers. Students who cut classes or show, by their attendance record, that they are not interested in their work or welfare of the school, will be required to improve their attendance record within a given period or drop out of school.

Students who desire to leave the school during school hours must secure a permit from the office.

ACTIVITIES

A student who takes part in any school activity, whether local, district or state, must not only meet the requirements set up by the state organization, but he must maintain such standards of scholarship and conduct in all his work, attendance and relations to the school as to convince the faculty that he is a worthy representative of the school and that he is able to make normal progress through the school while taking part in the activity.

CLASS STANDING

Class membership is based on the number of units or semester credits and to be classed as "seniors" 11 units or 22 semester credits are required; junior – 8 units or 16 semester credits; sophomore – 3 units or 6 credits.

A student's classification will be changed at the end of the semester only, unless it can be shown that he had the required number of credits at the beginning of the semester.

PARENTS

Parents are invited to call at the high school at any time to consult with the principal and teachers on any matters that may regard the welfare of their children.

1939

"Fire Threatened Old-Time Farm House Last Night"

Fire threatened to take the farm residence building on the old home Keene place now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. H.C. "Curt" Plymale last night at about 6 o'clock. Neighbors rushing in to join Mrs. Plymale and her son in fighting the fire with water pumped in buckets and brought the blaze under control and little damage was done.

Mrs. Plymale was alone at the time, as her son, Paul, had just left home to go toward Townsend and about one-half mile out happened to turn back and noticed the roof over the kitchen was on fire. He rushed to the Canton store to spread the alarm and then to his home where he found his mother frantically pumping water and attempting to extinguish the fire by climbing to the roof with buckets of water. Neighbors arrived from all directions and the Townsend Fire Department was prepared to leave when word came the fire was under control.

It is thought it was caused from a spark flying in the high wind and setting fire to the dry shingles on the roof as at that time the fire in the kitchen stove was burning some lively pitch wood, Mrs. Plymale said and there was a high wind blowing. Some rain came with the storm and probably helped in quenching the fire.

Two holes were burned in the roof and much damage done by the water.

"Construction on Dam and Canal Moving Rapidly"

Over ten thousand man hours of labor were put in by some two hundred and sixty employees on the Broadwater-Missouri project for the week ending August 26, according to T.V. Hatcher, resident engineer for the federal works agency.

Twenty-three hundred of these man hours were employed by Douglas and Genger, who have the contract for schedule No. 2, canals and small structures. The balance by Utah Construction Company, contractor for schedule No. 1, and by the state water conservation board engineers.

The construction of Utah Construction Company is moving along at a rapid rate at the dam. Excavations at both ends of the dam is being carried on, at the west abutment site considerable rock foundation has been uncovered, and drilling and blasting of cutoff trench is being done. They are now driving sheet piling to connect the upstream coffer dam crib with the downstream crib, when this piling is connected up, that portion of the river channel enclosed will be pumped dry and stripped to foundation rock.

On schedule No. 2, Douglas & Genger, the dragline on the west canal completed the excavation to the lower end and is now moving back up the canal and excavating a few short stretches that were skipped in order to give the ranchers time to cut their hay from the right-of-way.

The dragline on the east canal is working close to where the canal crosses Deep Creek, considerable heavy work being encountered at this location.

Excavation for waste-ways, checks and bridges was being done on the west side canal and concrete was placed in several structures during the week.

1950

“Old Store House Being Razed”

The building adjacent to the fire hall is now being torn down for the lumber. Mrs. Bertha Erickson purchased the building from the town.

The city bought the building recently so that they could have the land for improvements around the fire hall and also to remove a fire hazard. The frame building was too close to the hall for safety.

“Valley News”

On August 22 Phyllis Neild was seven years old and to celebrate the occasion her mother, Mrs. Ed Neild, served cake and ice cream with decorations in pink and white to the following school mates: Laura Jean Maynard, Beth Thompson, Sally McClure, Donna Merritt, Martha Marks and Wendy Williams together with Phyllis' sisters as guests.

On Monday the 28th, Edwina Neild was four years old, her guests were Carol Antonetti, Laura Plymale, Michael Plymale, Beverly Merritt, Dennis Merritt, John Marks and Edwina's sisters, Barbara, Marcia and Phyllis. The same refreshments were served and the same favors were used for Edwina's party. The setting for each occasion was the spacious lawn.

1961

“Anders Is being Ousted from Postmaster Job”

Harry Anders, who has been acting postmaster at Townsend since July 1, 1960, is being ousted from his job by the Post Office Department. Anders was appointed acting postmaster when Chas. Watkins resigned June 30, 1960. Later an examination was called by the Post Office Department with several taking the examination, but before

the permanent appointment was made the administration changed in Washington, D.C., and shortly thereafter the examination was cancelled.

The office of postmaster is and has always been a political job and naturally it will be filled with a Democrat. Officially there has been no announcement who will succeed Mr. Anders, but Fred Geisser has the endorsement of the Democratic Central Committee, we have been informed, and will no doubt be installed as acting postmaster within the next few days.

