

“What Happened Today in History”

December 14

1922

“A.B. Cook Wins Chicago Prize”

Among the prizes given at the International Livestock Show at Chicago, four championships were awarded for breeding Hereford cattle, one was awarded Panama 110th, owned by A.B. Cook of Townsend, Montana

“Kiddies Xmas Party”

The Legion has perfected plans for the annual Kids’ Party, having dated up Santa Claus for the afternoon of December 24th at 2:30, the party will be ushered in with a comedy at the Rex Theatre, to which all children under 12 years of age will be admitted free, at the conclusion of the show Santa is due to arrive and distribute a large number of presents to the children in attendance.

Owing to the limited seating capacity of the Rex, the Legion requests that adults refrain from attending and leave all seats for children.

1933

“Only Part of Unemployed Can Get Jobs”

Whether all who have registered as unemployed in Broadwater County are actually without employment to the point that they must get work on public or civil works projects for a livelihood, is a matter that would have to be given some investigation, but nevertheless the total so far registered as such has reached the startling total of 406, according to C.B. Cartwright, unemployment agent for Broadwater County. Last week the total number of registered unemployed was 370, thirty-six more making application for jobs with the CWA this week.

The civil works and public works projects are inadequate to even begin to take care of the number in this county who are without jobs. Of the 406 asking for work at present there are actually 90 employed.

Last week it was hoped, by the employment agency of this county, that before the end of the month all of the registered would be put to work. However, word of the postponement of the forestry fencing projects and few minor jobs that didn’t materialize as yet, brought a great deal of disappointment for those who anxiously awaited the time when they could be given work.

The rules of the employment agency are governed by federal regulations and Mr. Cartwright is forced to follow the orders as set forth. Men who are first called to work are veterans with dependents, next married men with dependents and other men with dependents and lastly the single men.

At the present time, there are three road projects in the county; Canton, Winston and Toston, where 32 are employed. There are 58 otherwise employed on the Townsend City Water Works and Relief projects coming under the Civil Works program.

The Townsend airport will be a project for possibly next week, but as yet the application has not been heard from, which was sent to Washington last week, whereby application was made for public works money to complete the building of Townsend municipal airport.

1939

“New Hospital Wing Nearing Finish”

Good weather and a full crew have pushed the construction of the new wing for Broadwater Hospital and this week plastering of the interior was started. The outside construction has been finished with the exception of the stucco which is also under progress, the brick work having been completed the first of the week.

The project is less than six weeks old, according to supervisor, Carl Hov, who reports that the first week was spent on successfully constructing proper drainage for the waste waters from the institution and that good weather has been very advantageous in reaching the peak in the short period of construction.

The hospital is two years old and from the start the accommodations were inadequate for the many patients who have been given care in this fine institution, the first hospital for Broadwater County.

With this new addition of some twenty rooms, for the most part patients' rooms, the hospital that is patronized by White Sulphur Springs people and all towns close around, will be large enough to take care of all patrons. The staff has increased in the nurses' department since its inception and Dr. Wm. R. McElwee has joined Dr. F.P Nash and Dr. R.G. Bayles in the clinic.

1950

“Work on Canyon Dam Ceases Until Spring”

Yielding to the changeable Montana winter weather, work on Canyon Ferry dam is being shut down with hopes that concrete pouring may be resumed early next spring.

A sudden plunge to 15 below zero last week was the “straw that broke the camel's back” as workers had considerable difficulty keeping temperatures of recently poured concrete up to specifications.

Canyon Constructors hope to resume concrete pouring by March 1 and with better weather ahead, they hope to go into full scale production that month.

Workers have been laid off, but a substantial crew still remains putting the finishing touches on the “close-up”. Maintenance crews will continue work all winter. The contractor hopes to excavate a fault area and backfill it with concrete before full scale work resumes next spring.

The contractor had hoped to be able to continue pouring concrete through the winter by providing artificial heat to keep the material warm during the curing period. Their goal was to raise the level of concrete in the dam above the upstream coffer dam by flood season.

“Combined Choirs Plan Christmas Cantata Dec. 21”

The combined choirs of the Episcopal and Methodist churches will present “Yuletide Memories” by Wilson, a Christmas cantata, Thursday evening, December 21 at 8:00 o'clock in the Methodist church.

In addition to the 29 voices of the Methodist Wesley choir, the singers will be Mrs. Wilbert Maynard, Mrs. D.W. Neifert, Mrs. Ray Ward, Minnie Myrle Houston, Mrs. Gordon Patterson, Mrs. Wm. McElwee, Mrs. James Mitchell, Mrs. John Schmidt, Mrs. Fred Geiser, Mary Lou Bristow, Willis Ann Frey, Eleanor Schwisow, Katie Sitton, The Rev. William Davidson,

Bob Kenney, Ray Nydegger, the Rev. Gordon Patterson, Pat Kenney, Sam Kirksey, Wilbert Maynard, George Engler. Marjorie Kieckbusch is the pianist.

The public is cordially invited to attend the presentation of this cantata which brings together 50 of our local singers. Mrs. Sam Kirksey is directing the cantata.

1961

“Plan for Paving Broadway to be Submitted”

After the Chamber meeting Monday night, Sam Rice called a meeting of the highway committee: H.G. White, Gene Connors, Chas. Tomcheck and Jack Poole, to discuss ways and means of getting Broadway paved in connection with the State Highway Department. Also attending the committee meeting were Keith Valentine and Larry Foss, president and secretary of the C of C respectively, Bud Davis and G.Z. Brammer.

After considerable discussion, it was decided to attempt to set up a special improvement district or districts to pave Broadway from Front to Harrison streets and also pave north and south streets one block off Broadway.

Mr. Rice was given authority to contact an engineering firm to get estimated costs. The Federal and state governments will participate in the paving of Broadway and also in the single line drainage on Broadway. According to information we have at present, the town will have to put up 25% of the cost on Broadway; we will get some aid on the cost of drainage off Broadway, but the percentage of this will be determined later after the state has completed the survey work on No. 12 Highway which was started last week.

As soon as cost estimates are available, the committee will then proceed with plans to set up the districts. No date for the work on improving this section of U.S. No. 12 has been set, but it is hoped it may start the latter part of next year.