

“What Happened Today in History”

December 7

1922

“Basket Ball Season Opens”

The first basket ball game of the season will occur next Saturday evening. We hope that everyone will avail themselves of the privilege to attend. The home team will meet the Willow Creek Five in the Townsend Auditorium. We understand that our opponents have been training consistently for the past six days. We anticipate a brisk struggle in order to keep the lead. Remember this, the more people that come and the louder they yell, the better we can play. Now is the time to forget your troubles, put on your broadest smile, practice your loudest yell, and appear at the auditorium Saturday evening, at 8:30.

1933

“All Broadwater Unemployed to Have Jobs - Public Works

Before the month is over, all of the registered unemployed in Broadwater County will be on jobs if the plans of the unemployment agency of the county materialize, said C.B. Cartwright, re-employment manager, the first of the week. Many of the number were put to work Wednesday morning on the Townsend water works.

With relief ceasing in all parts of Montana following a meeting called by Governor Cooney on November 25, the unemployed were to be given jobs by unemployment agencies in the various counties and men paid wages instead of working out for commodities received as under the relief measures.

Broadwater County has five public works projects ready to put these men to work. The town of Townsend is trying to develop underground water for city use at the head of the water system; the county has three road projects and the town of Townsend will perfect its municipal airport. With the work on the Deep Creek Highway as a federal project and the forest service's fencing program brings to total of public works to seven.

There are 370 men and women in Broadwater County registered as unemployed. The entire number will be given several weeks work during the winter.

On Wednesday morning men were put to work on the Townsend water system. It is the plan of the city to develop spring water in deep wells or a deep trench in the vicinity of the intake of the system to send sufficient of this clean pure spring water thru the pipes to supply the town with spring water instead of the open creek water as used at the present time and which has been deemed unfit for public consumption by the state health department. The work will all be done by hand labor. A trench about 2100 feet in length is expected to be dug and how deep depends upon the success of the water development. Cutting brush, ditching and work entailed in these public works projects will put 20 men to work for a period of 45 to 50 days, it is said.

The Forest Service plan to use about 150 men in their fencing program, an extensive project to fence the forest reserve and highways in the reserve, has been abandoned for the present.

Three road projects in the county will utilize the services of about 60 men. One project is to improve the road west of Toston, on the Canton Lane and the Lefler Lane near Winston.

The town, taking advantage of the civil works projects, have made application for funds from the Aeronautical Department of the federal government thru the state office in Helena and it is expected funds will be forthcoming to perfect the municipal airport recently partly erected east of town. 12 to 18 men will be necessary in this project and will be given work for about 25 days. It is planned to fence the field, level the entire port, fill all ditches and make a road from the highway to the new port. The road will be made to a point in the Shindoll field where it is expected the new electric highway will intersect.

1939

“FFA Makes Appeal for Used Christmas Toys”

The members of the Broadwater Chapter of Future Farmers are starting their second annual “Toy Clinic” for the benefit of the kiddies of Broadwater County and would appreciate any toys that may be broken or out dated that are in your home. The members of the chapter expect to spend a great deal of time in repairing and painting over such toys which will be give out to the needy children at Christmas time. Last season the boys sent out over 300 toys and made nearly two hundred boys and girls of the county, who might not have had too big a Christmas, very happy on that day.

The members are already starting to make new toys and games in their spare periods at school and over the weekend and would surely appreciate any toys that might be sent in for them to repair and paint to add to their list for Christmas day. Should you have any such toys, please notify any member of the FFA organization or call the high school and the boys will be glad to call for them at an early date. Don’t forget some of the old toys around your home, after being reconditioned, might make some youngster very happy on Christmas morning. Please cooperate with the FFA and make this possible.

1950

“Legion Place Street Tree for Public’s Christmas”

Standing like a giant harbinger of good cheer, the large fir tree placed in the center of the street near the Legion Hall has been lighted and Townsend goes forth as a progressive community with an early decorative note to express to passerby that Christmas is almost here and that plenty of happiness is in store for the holiday season.

The Broadwater Post has long carried out its annual program of street decorations and prepared the Christmas treats for the young people of the county.

The street tree was placed by the Legion and the next big activity will be the preparation of their treats for Veterans hospitals and the treats for the children of the county which will be given in conjunction with the free movie, an annual treat from the Rex Theatre management, which will probably be an event of Friday, December 22nd.

“Senior Play Goes Over Big with Audience”

“Be Your Age”, a comedy in three acts, put on by the senior class of the local high school made its first stage debut Tuesday evening to a large audience who were highly entertained throughout the second performance. Wednesday evening was equally well received.

The play opens with Sheila McCarthy and Mary Kieckbusch as Angy and Jerry confronted by two lonely sailors; Gary Welch and Del Morrison as Jim and Gadget, with whom they had corresponded. They are 14 years, but try to pass for adults. Everything moves along fine until

Sandra, a very young cousin, the role taken by Roxy Ward, comes to visit and captures the heart of one of the sailors.

The funniest scene is when the two sailors try to make corpses of the two girls to fool their Navy Commander Stone, role taken by Ralph Cook. That and the wrestling maneuvers of Cora (Dona Wallace) and Helga (Jean Graveley) create rounds of laughter.

Solos by Mary Lou Bristow and Minnie Houston accompanied by Eleanor Schwisow and Margy Kieckbusch provided entertainment between acts.

1961

“Goodwill Meeting Will Be Held in Radersburg School”

Last minute changes in plans for the Townsend Chamber of Commerce goodwill tour to Radersburg, Friday, Dec. 8, moves the meeting from the IOOF Hall to the school house. Otherwise the get-together of Townsend business people and all residents of the south end of Broadwater County will follow plans as announced last week.

An invitation is extended to all residents of the Toston, Crow Creek and Radersburg areas to attend the meeting, meet the visitors from Townsend and enjoy an evening of visiting, dancing and lunch. Ladies of the Rebekah Lodge of Radersburg will serve the eats. About 50 prizes will be awarded during the evening, some in the form of merchandise and some gift certificates good for trade at various Townsend stores.

A number of Townsend Chamber of Commerce members and their wives will be on hand and they hope there will be a large crowd of local people in attendance. Come on out - get acquainted, if you are not already, and if you are, enjoy a good old fashioned visit!