

## **“What Happened Today in History”**

**February 1**

**1923**

### ***C.B. Cartwright Thought to Have Sleeping Disease***

C.B. Cartwright of Canton who has been in St. John’s hospital Helena for the past three weeks is reported to be better as a result of medicine used to combat the “Sleeping Sickness” which it is supposed the sick man is suffering from.

Mr. Cartwright was not feeling very well and had not slept for four nights previous to his departure for Spokane with a load of hogs on January 8<sup>th</sup> and while in that city was feeling so indisposed that he consulted a physician. His case was diagnosed and the doctor told him that he had better go home immediately and rest as it was thought he had just escaped the disease of “Sleeping Sickness”, a disease that has been baffling the best of trained physicians. Upon Mr. Cartwright’s return to Townsend he went into a sort of stupor and was taken to the hospital in Helena immediately. Not until yesterday was he considered better. His many friends in Broadwater County will be pleased to learn that he has improved and if his present improvement continues, he will be home again in a week or two.

### ***Local News***

Commissioner Hollaway has been trying to make a skating rink, but owing to weather conditions has not been able to make a “go” of it until this last cold snap and now skaters can use the small rink south of the Catholic Church.

**1934**

### ***Overcrowded Court Room Dangerous, Attend at Own Risk, Warns Judge***

Judge A.J. Horsky, in opening the third day of court here this morning warned the court attenders that they did so at their own risk as the building was dangerous when overcrowded and might result disastrously should the floors give way from heavy weight. This warning was given after his attention was called to the sinking of the court room floor of the building from three to four inches when the crowd was assembled. Plaster is cracking in the jury room and in the walls of the hall below and all indications are that the building is inadequate and dangerous when too heavy a crowd gathers on the second floor.

A large number of people from all parts of Broadwater and Jefferson counties crowded in the court room and corridors at the county court house as the case of the State of Montana against Lloyd Benson and George Young was brought up for trial on Tuesday. The case was the first on the docket in the regular term of court with Judge A.J. Horsky, district judge presiding.

Attorney E.H. Goodman and Attorney Wellington D. Rankin are council for the defense. County Attorney Fred W. Schmitz is attorney for the state. The case has been tried with many witnesses for both sides and this afternoon has progressed to the rebuttal. A verdict is expected before 5:00 o’clock.

The charge brought by the State against Young and Benson is that of felony when they were accused of taking horses not belonging to them.

The court calendar has a number of civil cases to come up for trial and the two criminal cases of Benson and Young.

The following men were empaneled to sit on the jury for the case of Young and Benson: W.E. Spangler, Lester G. Ballard, Tho. Myers, Oscar Nilson, A.V. Guffey, Bish Williams, E.A. Hardy, W.J. Gaab, Sam Harris. R.L. Reynolds, Allen Gravely and John Bomar.

## **1945**

### ***WWII Headlines from this Date***

***Killed in Action in Belgium Jan. 7 Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jarosh***

***Kenneth Toney is on His Way Over***

***Tech. Sgt. Geo. Nilson Gets Medical Discharge***

***Military and Church Rites Conducted for Lt. Pennington***

***Phil Malone Gets Purple Heart***

***Dr. D.J. McKillican Returns to Take Over Practice***

Having been given an honorable discharge from the medical corps of the Navy, Dr. D.J. McKillican returned to Townsend yesterday and will resume his practice of dentistry in Townsend which he closed when he enlisted in the Navy about a year ago.

Scarcity of dentists in this section prompted his discharge. There is no dentist in Three Forks to the south of Townsend or White Sulphur Springs to the east, and it is Dr. McKillican's intention of serving as many as possible in these communities.

Mrs. McKillican returned with him and they will again open a home here as soon as suitable living quarters can be procured.

### ***Fire Destroyed Tomcheck-Gabisch Garage Wednesday***

One of Townsend's most devastating fires completely destroyed the Tomcheck-Gabisch garage and repair shop and burned several cars yesterday morning about 9:30. The fire starting from a spark off of an acetylene torch ignited some gasoline and burned with such speed and intensity that mechanics starting the day's work were only able to escape with their lives.

The fire started in the back of the shop where John Deadmond was at work welding. It was impossible to save anything except two cars that were stored in the front of the building, the wrecker and a new Chevrolet truck, which were driven out from the building black with smoke and blazes starting in all direction. The loss is said to be about \$13,000 partially covered by insurance.

The fire alarm was sounded as soon as the report could be made and before anyone could get there the building was a crackling mass of flames. The roof had collapsed and the inside was gutted in about one hour's time, although an ample supply of water from two hoses sprayed the entire structure as it was going down. Henry Huth, an employee of the Geo. Gabisch Co., saved damage to the roof of the building across the alley by the use of a common garden hose, wetting each little fire brand as it fell.

## **1951**

### ***Rotary Holds Interesting Meeting***

Two new members were presented with their Rotary cards and pins at the regular meeting last Tuesday night at the Mint. The new members were Harry Anders and James Ragen.

Three members of the Townsend Volunteer Fire Department were guests of the Rotary Club and they were thanked for their assistance in work on the ice skating rink. They were Rudy Borg, Al Olsen and Geo. Gabisch, Jr.

A.A. Christie gave a talk on the life of Pappy Ellis, a Rotary member, who is now in the hospital, but expects to be out soon. Mr. Christie reported that Pappy had left home at the age of 14, went west to become a faro dealer, sports promoter, geologist, grain broker, then went to Alaska during the first gold rush to mine, and has been interested in mining ever since.

Mr. Stiles, Northern Pacific representative from Missoula, will be at the next meeting and show some of his company's films.

### **Local News**

On Tuesday, January 23, David Kearns celebrated his 7<sup>th</sup> birthday and his mother, Mrs. J.W. Kearns invited several of his friends to help him enjoy the occasion. Richard, Schwisow, Lanny White and Charleen Adams won prizes at the peanut hunt. Other guests were Carol Davidson, Jim Braley, John Miller, Mary Jean Kirley, Gary and Bruce Patterson, Ray and Tommy Bayles, Peter Nash, Robert McElwee and Bill Kearns and Robert Davey.

Sharon Zabel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Zable, was seven years old on Wednesday, January 17, and was honored guest at a birthday party given by her mother at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. W.G. Kirscher. Guests arrived at 4 o'clock and games were played for two hours after which party refreshments were served from a table centered with the birthday cake with seven lighted candles surrounded with party favors to Carol Davidson, Marietta Lanning, Susan McElravy, Gail Toney, Paula Plymale, Patsy Kelly, Ray Gill, Ray Thompson, Jim Braley, Jimmy and Barbara Plymale.

### **1962**

#### **Charity Ball Was Started in 1938**

The Annual Charity Ball, a project of the Broadwater Federation of Women's Clubs, was begun in 1938, a few months after the opening of the Broadwater Hospital. Started as a good will gesture by the Women's Clubs, the proceeds were a monetary gift to be used by the hospital in its charitable work. This foundation idea has developed into what is now the Hospital Board, composed of eight members from the three Broadwater Units, The Townsend Woman's Club, the Canton Woman's Club and the Crow Creek Woman's Club.

The Board, with the cooperation of hospital officials, dispenses the funds for whatever purpose needed. Such funds, through the years, have helped in the purchases of the elevator, dumb waiter, blood bank refrigerator, over-bed tables, bed stools, emergency operating lights, etc. Funds from recent Charity Ball proceeds have gone toward helping to pay for the stand-by power plant, an invaluable 'must' in case of power failure. In the light of present Civil Defense facilities, we are doubly fortunate to have this stand-by plant in our community.

To quote Mr. Clint Holland, Broadwater Hospital Administrator: "Before the installation of this plant, there were times, during power failures, when hospital personnel were on the verge of vacating our patients to Helena. It should be remembered that this facility is also available to law enforcement officers for their communication systems".

Mrs. Chester Scoffield, 1962 general Charity Ball Chairman, and her committees are now launching their campaign to make this year's Ball an outstanding financial and social success and solicit the whole-hearted support of the entire community.