

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

**July 13**

**1933**

### **“Farmers of County As A Whole Favor Building of a New Court House Here”**

### **“Opposition to Project Fails to Assert Itself When Plan for Financing is Fully Explained; No Appreciable Increase Will Be Made in County Taxes”**

Following the explanation in the last issue of “The Townsend Star”, the opposition to the project of a new court house for Broadwater County began to wane. After it was pointed out that the fuel and insurance saving of a fire-proof building over the present fire-trap would go a long way to pay the \$2100 annual payments, those opposed to the building on the grounds that it would raise taxes, began campaigning for immediate action on the part of the county commissioners to push the proposition.

As a forum, “The Star” has interviewed many people of the county since last issue, and their opinions are included in this article. Invitation is extended to everyone to write “The Star” their ideas for publication. Such discussion would be a cross section of the opinions of the voters of the county who would be greatly and solely benefitted by a new court house in Townsend, the county seat of Broadwater County.

### **“How It Will Be Done”**

To end the depression almost at once the federal government has appropriated the sum of \$3,300,000,000; all of which will be used to create jobs for the unemployed of the nation. Thirty percent of this amount will be practically given to the various communities, counties or cities, with the balance payable in 25 annual payments of 6 per cent of the remaining amount (not 6 percent interest rate).

If a county should obtain \$50,000 for some public works program, it had outlined, 30 percent, or \$15,000 would be given; and the balance \$35,000, would be paid: 6 percent (of \$35,000) each year, or \$2,100. At the end of 25 years the whole debt would be cleared and retired.

Expressions of some of the businessmen of this community:

“I’m for it 101 percent – we need it badly”. –A.W. Ridgeway

“We need it and I think we should build a court house at this time for if we don’t we will look back in a few years and regret we didn’t”. – Fred W. Schmitz

“From a standpoint of safety, to our prisoners, and our records we should not hesitate for one minute in pushing the building of a new court house. The need is urgent. We’ll never have another opportunity presented with more economy as the public works program presented for our approval. Build by all means.” – Sheriff Charles A. Kanouse

I think the opportunity has arisen that will never come again and we should build our court house and I’m heartily in favor.” - Attorney E. H. Goodman

“I’m going to boost the building of the court house to the last minute for I believe we should build now.” – J.N. Bridgewater

“The board of county commissioners are for the erection of the new court house.” – Charles P. Tarrant, chairman of the board.

“I want to see the new court house go up.” – John Doherty

“The entire Chamber of Commerce of Townsend are boosting the acceptance of the project to build the county court house.” – F.G. McCarthy, president of the club.

“Sure, I’m for it.” – J.S. Connors

“We want to take advantage of this opportunity.” – Louis Green

“I say – BUILD IT!” – Joe Sterrett

“I have weighed the matter carefully and would like to express myself as in favor of building the court house at this time.” – J.P. Kearns

“I’d like to see the court house project go through.” – Undersheriff Chas. A. Mahony

“I am in favor of the erection of the new court house as specified in “The Star” of July 6<sup>th</sup>” – L.E. Ward (owner of two ranches in Broadwater County.

“I’m first for irrigation projects, but believe that the building of a new court house should be taken up through the offering of this public works program.” – W.G. Kirscher

## **1950**

### **“Three Home Boys Plan for Boys’ State in August”**

Three Broadwater county boys will attend the third annual American Legion Montana Boys’ State August 13 – 22 at the Western Montana college campus in Dillon.

Those boys, along with 300 other boys from the junior classes of Montana high schools, will learn the duties of American citizenship by actual practice of the privileges of voting, office holding and political party participation.

The boys will be organized into towns, counties and state government. An athletic and entertainment program will add more enjoyment to the 10-day citizenship training period.

Broadwater County boys and their sponsors are Milton Belville, American Legion Post No. 42; Gene Cook, Townsend Rotary Club and Ronald Sanderson, Broadwater County Chamber of Commerce.

### **“Swimming Beach Constructed”**

During the past week much work has been done to make a suitable swimming beach. Several truckloads of washed sand have been hauled in from Helena where it was donated by the Helena Sand and Gravel Co.

The county and Neifert-White supplied the trucks to haul the sand. A raft is being constructed and will be launched in the near future. An area is being roped off and swimming instruction will be given by Mrs. Howard Doggett and Coach Radakovich just as soon as the river goes down a little more. Everyone is invited to use this “Waikiki Beach” of Townsend.