

“What Happened Today in History”

March 1

1923

Norwood and Nield Ranches Go Back to Owners

Arrangements are being made at the present time for the ranches formerly owned by H.C. Norwood and Will Nield to be taken back by their original owners.

Three years ago Mr. Norwood sold his ranch known as the Harvey Place to Chas. Ross, buying for himself a larger ranch on the head of Ray Creek from Will Nield. Both parties struggled along under the adverse weather conditions and this spring have decided to start over again where they left off three years ago, Mr. Nield taking back his place and Mr. Norwood his ranch. Mr. Ross is preparing to move, but has not made definite plans having two or three places in view.

Both of the ranches spoken of have very good wheat land and, in ordinary years, produce pumper crops, they are situated next to timber on one of the richest bench lands in Montana.

1934

Broadwater Court House Approved by PWA Board

A telegram received by *The Star* Monday from Senator B.K. Wheeler, informs the public that the application made before the Public Works Administration in Washington, D.C., to build a new courthouse in Broadwater County has been approved.

The application for \$44,000 to build a new court house and jail in Broadwater County is among several such applications in different parts of the state which await further appropriations of funds by congress before they can be finally approved.

With this word from Montana's Senior Senator, should appropriations be made, steps will be taken in the near future to get the expression of the voters of the county.

A special election will be held to determine whether or not the money will be borrowed on the plan of the PWA to construct the building. If the majority of the voters so desire and congress appropriates the necessary funds, the money will be forthcoming and the people of the county will see the erection of a modest, but safe and adequate new court house and jail.

It is needless to repeat that Broadwater County does need a new court house and jail. There isn't a voter in the county that will disagree, but whether or not they choose to cast their vote at this time to build a new one is a matter that will be determined later.

Facts of the proposed project should be taken carefully into consideration.

One Third is Gift

THE GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE ONE-THIRD. Why? Because the administration, in an endeavor to start the wheels of industry, in order to get men at work at useful tasks quickly in order to get wages into the hands of craftsmen who can buy farm products, have made such an offer to stimulate and encourage such new public works building all over the nation, and thousands of communities have responded, with the result that millions of men have been given employment who two years ago were walking the bread lines of America, and industry, (agricultural and otherwise) was stagnated.

OTHER TWO-THIRDS TO BE PAID IN 20 YEARS AT 4% INTEREST

Request Modest

Believing that the erection of a county court house to cost approximately \$44,000 and a county jail to cost \$9,000 will take care of the needs of the county for years to come, the board of county commissioners made the request for the public works funds. The Commissioners made a complete study of needs and costs of such new buildings, before the request was made. They realized two things in making the request. First and foremost that the building now used for a court house and jail were unsafe and inadequate and that the offer of the PWA was a splendid way out; secondly that a modest inexpensive but fire proof building was all that was necessary. Broadwater County does not a \$300,000 or \$100,000 court house. We need a medium sized, safe building to adequately take care of our county business and safe-guard our records. Their request was indeed modest.

With such reasonableness shown by the board of commissioners and the fact that we are in dire need of such buildings together with the very attractive terms, it is a sure thing that the majority of Broadwater County voters will respond in a patriotic and progressive manner to an election to vote on such a bond issue.

With the words of the President "Let's banish fear"; we should join with the patriotic of America to win the depression.

1945

WWII Headlines from this Date

Missing in Action; Homer Belville

Local News

Fred Plymale, boatswain mate first class, USN left for Charleston, N.C. Saturday after having enjoyed a leave spending it with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.G. Plymale and family in the lower valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Doig have moved to the former Lytle Ranch near Winston and expect to farm it this coming season. Their two daughters and son, Ray, will remain in Townsend until the end of the school year.

1951

Booher's Angus Calves Top Market in County for all Time High

A record for high prices on grass fed grade stock was announced this week by W.H. Booher, successful cattleman of the Toston area, when he completed a sale to the Townsend Cattle Company of 27 head of Aberdeen Angus stock which brought the tidy sum of \$7,273.70.

The highest price was for 12 head of 10 ½ months old steers and calves weighing in at 7,175 at 38c. These calves were all grass fed and Aberdeen Angus breed.

In the sale also were eight head of 20 month-old steers weighing 7,510 price 32c and seven head of 20-month old steers weighing 6700, price 32c, Mr. Booher said.

Mr. Booher, who has resided in Broadwater County for about 30 years, all of which time has been spent in the raising of livestock, says he believes these prices and the weight of these animals on grass is the highest ever paid in Broadwater County or any where

"If there is a higher record, I want to hear of it" the Toston livestockman said when he produced the check with the 4 digits.

W.G. Ragen, buying for the Townsend Cattle Company remarked as the last animal was weighed, "it's the highest price we ever paid for grass fed stock".

Over a period of years in the cattle raising business, Mr. Booher has raised several different breeds of stock. He says he likes the Angus stock the best as he believes they take on weight easier and faster and for an all-around breed, they can't be beat.

The sale will merit envy from other cattlemen and cattle countries. Broadwater County has long been undisputed as a very favorable area for raising livestock, due primarily to its climatic conditions and forage and range grasses.

Crow Creek News

- Mrs. E.E. Kimpton, Reporter

The Crow Creek Woman's Club met at the home of Mrs. W.K. Parker on Feb. 15. A delicious dessert luncheon was served prior to the meeting. After Roll Call and a short business meeting, the afternoon program was enjoyed by the eight members present who listened to a very interesting review of the book "Blanding's Way" by Eric Hobgins, given by Mrs. W.A. Sherlock.

The January meeting of the club was held at the home of Mrs. W.A. Sherlock in Townsend on the 18th. There were ten members present and three guests.

On that day a shower of personal gifts was presented to one of the members, Mrs. Chester Scoffield, who recently lost everything when her home burned.

1962

Teachers Provide Entertainment for PTA Group

Those who attended the PTA meeting Monday evening at the multi-purpose room enjoyed a real treat when several members of the school faculty took part in a delightful TV broadcast over Station KPTA to entertain those present.

Announcer Bill Tarrant introduced the master of ceremonies, Pat Gravage, who in turn presented the following stars of the show: Bill Tarrant played a piano solo, followed by Loilla Flynn with her interpretation of a basketball fan at the recent tournament. Ben Fuhs and Leona Plymale portrayed the commercials after which Supt. Mullany gave a short talk. Paulie Ragen, Terry Logue, Herb Sprout and Bill Tarrant played accompaniment for an Irish tap dance by Pat Tarrant. Lavella Morris did a remarkable job of modeling after which a quartette composed of Bob Southall, Herb Sprout, Terry Logue and Vern Hull sang two selections. Paulie Ragen provided the musical accompaniment for the show.

Following the entertainment, refreshments were served by Myrtle Geisser, Chairman, Ben Fuhs, Mildred Fryhling, Ruth Gilstrap, Mrs. Tom Carter, Lillian Fisher, Ruby Cox, Loilla Flynn, Lulu Hagbom and Helen Graham.

Conoco to Build New Station

Ernie Aiken, Helena district representative for Continental Oil Company, was in town yesterday and stated that construction of a new Conoco service station in Townsend should be under way within a month.

Some time ago the company took a lease on property belonging to Mrs. Merle K. Fuhs which has 125 foot frontage on Front Street just north of Broadwater Creamery.

Mr. Aiken stated that plans for the building are in the head engineer's office in Denver and should be ready to submit to contractors within a month. The company hopes to get the building completed in time to benefit from the increased traffic through here to the World Fair at Seattle.