

“What Happened Today in History”

March 15

1923

Agents for Overland Car

The Shaw and Connors Garage have received their first shipment of Overland touring cars and have on display at their garage one of the new five passenger models. A demonstration agent is with the car and the management wish to invite the general public to come and inspect same.

Local News

Call and see the display of plants at the Townsend Mercantile, Saturday.

- Veva A. Smith

1934

Mass Meeting Called to Discuss Toston Dam

A Mass Meeting will be held in the county court house this Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, March 17th at which time all land owners who will come under the proposed Toston dam are urged to be present.

Everyone interested at all in the building of a dam in the Missouri River above Toston is cordially invited to this meeting, and urged to lay aside all other business of the hour to attend.

It is the intention at this meeting to have Judge Dousman and other members of the State Water Conservation Board present to discuss particularly any liability on the land resulting from the erection of such a project. To keep clear away from placing liens on the land and excessive liabilities, is the intention of those who are boosting construction of the dam.

Be at the meeting Saturday! Following the meeting the proper information will be put in shape and submitted to the State Water Board in Helena on March 26, 27 and 28th. There is no time to be lost. If we are to have such a dam, action must be taken at once. Attend the mass meeting at the county court house, Saturday, March 17th at 3:00 o'clock.

Starts Trucks on the Deep Creek Project

Progress on the Deep Creek Road construction is making headway with the trucks starting work on Monday.

Two gas shovels and drilling machines have been put into service changing the course of the creek and blasting out rocky points. Enough progress had been accomplished with the preliminary machine work to start the trucks making the actual road bed Monday.

The new road will make considerable change in the appearance of the beautiful old Deep Creek Canyon, but in places there will be opened access to views never seen before where in other spots, old familiar camping sites will be completely wrecked and spoiled from a landscape viewpoint. However with some disadvantages there will be some very fine advantages to picknickers with a fine graveled highway to travel instead of the heretofore very winding and rough mountain trail.

Tim Lawler and Sam Orino have the contracts.

1945

WWII Headlines from this Date

John J Walter Writes from Italy

Lt. Anders and Family now Stationed at Will Rogers Air Field

Pryde Lenahan Joins the Waves

New Café Opens for Business

An eating place on Front Street is the newest acquisition Townsend can boast of. On Monday, March 19th the Hi-Way Café will open its doors to the public and for the official opening the management will serve donuts and coffee complimentary, according to Bert Alex, who announces this week that he and his son, George, are co-sponsors of the new café and that Mrs. Alex will manage the culinary department.

The café is to be part of the Alex and Son Implement and Service spread. In other words Mr. Alex and Son are now prepared to sell, fix and not only service cars, but serve food as you wait. Their establishment is on South Front Street.

This should be a fine service for tourists as well as the local public.

Congratulations are in order and best wishes extended.

Result of March Supervisors Meet

The March meeting of the Broadwater Soil Conservation District supervisors was held last Monday, March 12, in the Court House.

The Supervisors present were: W.G. Kirscher, Frank Shearer, Mike Massa, Ray Wallace.

Mike Massa reported on the border dyke machine which is being built by the district and will be rented to farmers. It is near completion.

A discussion was held concerning the annual work group meeting which will be held in Townsend, in April. At this meeting all district Supervisors from Southwest Montana will discuss their district operations and problems.

Attorney General Olsen will be asked to speak to the group.

Clayton Ogle reported on the progress of the Conservation Essay Contest.

A discussion was held concerning the possibility of the district buying an eversman plane to be rented out to cooperators.

More information will be obtained concerning the possibility of renting a marvin land plane which is in Billings.

An application for assistance by A.J. Roberts was approved.

The contract between the District and Lewis Eick was discussed and revised.

Ted Garnett, Secretary

10 Ton of Waste Paper is County's Latest Contribution

Four huge cattle trucks piled to the top with scrap paper left Townsend Sunday morning for Helena, the central shipping center, and weighed in at ten tons, according to L.J. Anders and W.E. Hardy, Broadwater County's Salvage Chairmen. Trucks were furnished by W.G. Kirscher. P.G. Kinney, Pat Pennington and Jack Nelson.

This shipment constituted just one of many, but was said to be the largest since the collection has been in progress.

Starting this week the Boy Scouts are assuming the responsibility of collecting the scrap paper and handling the money from its sale. Anders and Hardy will continue to supervise the project, but hope to find the Scouts ably carrying on to relieve them of the minor details.

As has been generally agreed upon that the money gained from sale of scrap paper is to be used for a county-wide pleasure swimming pool for the children, as it is felt the children have done a major part in the collection of the paper.

1951

The following is an interesting 'letter to the editor':

Dear Folks:

First I am wondering if you folks are any relation to the Averills who operated the paper for so long. As a small lad, as I recall it, I was with my Dad one day when we went to a meat market, that, if my memory serves me right, Mr. Averill was operating. Dad asked him if they expected to have the same teacher the next winter, Mr. J.L. Niday. As I recall it, Mr. Averill was one of the school board.

Your column of items relating to the long ago has opened up a whole page of memories. I could see the inside of Berg Bros. general store. I remember so well Julius Bert, but I can't recall the appearance so well of Herman Bert, I believe the younger brother's name. Then G.M. Jones's stone building, general merchandise, diagonally across the street from Berg's. Up the street was W.E. Tierney and Co., I think Dan McCarthy was a part of the company and Jas. Marks. Miss Alice D'Arcy had a small dry goods dept. Tierney and Marks operated the stage line to "The Springs" (White Sulphur). One time the Potts & Harrison Horse Co., who operated a horse breeding ranch three miles out of town next to the Geo. Norton Ranch, saw visions of wealth in a competition stage line. Their stock was mostly Clydesdale, those with the big hairy feet. Tierney & Marks used stock what was at least half cayouse. Jas. Marks told Let Ballard, the driver, to "beat'em to the Springs, if it takes a horse every trip". They changed teams (four horses) every ten miles. They went up over the foothills past the corner of Dad's ranch, at a long lope. Let Ballard sure knew the technique of a four horse lash. Passenger rates were cut to \$1.00 for a round trip. As might be expected, the cayouse teams of the old stage line soon caused the Potts & Harrison group to retire from the track.

A year and a half ago, I stopped at a service station in Townsend and asked about Jim Marks, Jr. He and I went to Business College together in Butte in the winter of 1895-96. Jim had a short time previous to my inquiry, broken a leg or something in an accident with a tractor on the ranch near Canton.

I never had but one fight in school and that was with Ben Thompson at the old Deep Creek schoolhouse when Miss Jessie Dean was teacher. We both had hold of a big stick or club - both wanted to let go - and didn't dare, when Miss Jessie came on the scene. I guess maybe I seemed to be getting the best of the club-pulling contest and she took me in the house and scolded me and I was heart-broken. The year before we had M.H. Parker for a teacher for the summer. He was studying law during school hours, and would lay his book down long enough to make the round of all us little kids and viciously pull the hair at the nape of the neck to wake us up - or whack us over the head with a big ball end of a pencil. I secretly

vowed that when I got big enough I was going to lick the tar out of him. But by that time, we had left the valley and Parker was District Judge, I believe.

Well, I have rambled along over a lot of paper, and I assure you that it's not with the idea at all of publication, as it's of more interest to me than anybody else, unless it might refresh Ben Thompson's memory of that fight.

Sincerely,
Newton P. Woods

1962

Two Houses Sell

Cactus Sherwood has purchased the Carroll residence on North Cedar and is doing an extensive remodeling job. It has been in bad repair since it was damaged by fire several months ago.

Chuck Holling has bought the Merl Fuhs house on Front Street and is moving it to a lot just north of the Doug Midkiff trailer house. The house has to be moved off the lots purchased by Conoco Oil Company for a service station site.

Fred Geisser is New Commander American Legion

Fred Geisser, acting postmaster at Townsend, was elected commander of Post No. 42, American Legion, at the annual election of officers held March 1 at the Legion Hall. Art Fortin was elected vice commander and all officers were re-elected, namely: John Clopton, Adjutant; Bob Myles, Finance Officer; Pat Hooks, Service Officer; Fairfax McCarthy, Historian; Nick Helner, Sergeant at Arms and Frank Holloway, Chaplain.

Bill Duede was elected to a 5-year term on the board of directors, replacing Tony Francisco, who served on the board five years and was chairman this past year. Holdover members on the board are Willard Whitehead, Logan Davis, Mike Huth and Don Holloway. Mr. Holloway will be chairman for the coming year.

At the board meeting last week they paid interest to bondholders for the past three years.

Ray Nydegger and Larry Riley will be the retiring commander and vice commander.