

“What Happened Today in History”

March 22

1923

To Celebrate Marriage

Several young couples of Townsend people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Peterson, newlyweds, and spent a very delightful evening to celebrate their wedding a week previous. Cards were the principal means of entertainment and a delicious lunch was served. Those present were: Ann Troutman, Ed Neild, Jim Munden, Mildred Neild, Emma Neild, Lloyd Noble, Helma Erickson, Delos Carver, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Rutherford, Mrs. H. Neild, Mary Whaley, Mrs. Kivlahan, Chas. Bryant.

Local News

Jeff Doggett is driving a new five passenger Chandler car these days recently purchased from dealers in Helena. The car is a 1922 model and is a splendid looking motor vehicle.

1934

Toston Dam Outlook Promising

A large federal dam in the Missouri River in Broadwater County above the town of Toston will be constructed if people want it, stated the members of the State Water Conservation Board who attended a mass meeting in Townsend last Saturday. Attending the meeting were R.R. Purcell, member of the board, J.S. James, engineer of the state board and Judge Dousman, and a large number of me from all parts of the county.

The mass meeting was called to bear the obligations of land owners should such a dam be constructed. E.H. Goodman acted as chairman of the meeting calling on Mr. Purcell, Mr. James and Judge Dousman who gave very good information to those present on the project. They stated that they were representatives of the government as agents, that they had no personal reason for attending the meeting or boosting the construction of such a water project only as government agents. If such a dam were to be constructed, the money would be raised for the construction from a 30 percent donation from the government and that the other 70 percent would be paid off over a period of 30 years on an amortization plan at the rate of 6% interest, by water users taking care of the interest and principal. The cost of the dam has not been ascertained as yet.

No Lien on Land

The financial burden of building such a dam would not be met by liens on the lands coming under the dam. That was a point very much opposed by land owners who were reassured that such a condition would not exist. Aside from the 30 percent gift from the government to build such a project, a corporation of the water users would be formed and bonds issued. Each one would take bonds representing the amount of water used and the bonds paid for in water rent at an approximate rate of \$1.80 to \$2.00 per acre per year.

The object of building such dams is for reclamation with the object of covering land heretofore irrigated and cultivated and now without water.

The representation of citizens present at the meeting Saturday were entirely satisfied with the proposition and stated that it was fair in every respect and that they were for it. No one has a leg to stand on against it, said one farmer.

A board was appointed for the project as follows: Chairman, J.E. Kanouse; W.H. Vennekolt, Arthur Pilon, C.B. Fairchild, Mike Massa, P.J. Meloy

Petitions will be circulated in a few days to gain the names, addresses, approximate number of acres and description of land to come under the dam.

If the people express themselves for it, the dam will be built at once.

More matter connected with the construction of the dam will be taken up at a meeting Saturday. Everyone welcome. Come.

1945

WWII Headlines from this Date

Hopes Held for Safety of Cpl. C.A. Dallas Jr. Reported Missing

Glenn Hough Writes from front in France

Joe Vercellin Last on Electric Line Gets Meter Hook-up First

Although Joe Vercellin, Crow Creek Valley rancher, was the last to have his ranch connected with the electric current off the R.E.A. line, now being installed in the rural areas of the county, he says he has the distinction of being the first to have meter hook up.

Chas. Baze, superintendent of the installation, finished the Vercellin hook up the first of the week and now the Vercellin Ranch is aglow with bright lights in house and barnyard and are all now enjoying the convenience of electric lights and power in the district.

Joe was in town the first of the week and says he will be interested in electric refrigeration, power for cooking, pumping and milking as soon as equipment can be made available.

The R.E.A., who have finished their lines in the Crow Creek Valley and from Toston to Townsend, are now getting their poles and lines laid in the Townsend to Canton areas.

1951

Townsend Men on Construction Job, in Accident

Glenn Perry, Sr. and his son narrowly escaped a fatal accident when last Friday while at work with their dragline on a road construction job between Ennis and Virginia City, the earth gave way carrying the huge machine over the embankment approximately 550 feet. Mr. Perry jumped, but Glenn Jr. rode the machine to the bottom of the canyon when it turned over. Both were injured, but both were able to climb out and get to Ennis where they were treated at the hospital there.

In jumping, Mr. Perry Sr. struck his head and received a severe head injury. Glen Jr. was treated for cuts and bruises and a badly wrenched back.

The senior man was able to drive to Townsend the following day and, accompanied by his wife, returned to Ennis to be with their son, who will be hospitalized for some time, it is said owing to his back injury.

Quarantine Placed on All Dogs in County

Effective Friday noon, March 23, all dogs in the town of Townsend must be confined for a period of three weeks, by order of the City-County Health Board, as a precautionary measure against any possible cases of rabies.

Meanwhile country dogs are barred from the city except for vaccination against rabies.

"We do not have any cases of rabies in the town of Townsend or Broadwater County and we do not have any suspected cases of rabies", Dr. Frank P. Nash, City-County Health Officer, said today. "And we do not want any rabies either."

Dr. Nash explained the action was taken because of an outbreak of rabies in Billings, the first in Montana in 25 years.

"Dogs found running loose after Friday, licensed or unlicensed, will be picked up by the authorities and taken to the pound." These dogs will be held for a period of three days, if licensed, and, if unlicensed, will be done away with.

Jack Sautter Getting Tryout with York

Jack Sautter, former East Helena Smelterite hurler and a Great Falls Selectrics spring training squad member in 1950, has left for York, Pa., where he will join an affiliate of the American League.

Sautter plans to try out as a pitcher, in a Class B League. He will receive a month's training at the Your Farm Club in Wintergreen, Fla.

Joe Bowman, formerly manager of the Selectrics, will manage the club with which Sautter will train.

Sautter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Sautter. Enroute to York, he plans to visit relatives in Gary, Kan. and Toledo. He also will visit Pat Hooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Hooks, in Washington, D.C.

1962

Winston News

Silver Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Masolo were honored on their 25th wedding anniversary at a reception given by their many friends and relatives at the Winston Hall on Saturday night, March, 17. The hall was decorated in silver with a touch of green added for St. Patrick's holiday.

A four-tiered wedding cake, decorated in green and silver and topped with a miniature bride and groom and a silver "25" was placed in the center of a table and was flanked on either side with silver spirals. A full-blooming cerise azalea with silver also decorated the table. The cake was baked and decorated by Bertha Cobban and Annabelle Diehl.

The lunch table was centered with a lovely fountain, decorated with Irish pipes, shamrocks, pale green carnations and candlelight. The centerpiece was made by Mary Harlan of Helena.

Bill Diehl was master of ceremonies. Jim Cox sang "When Your Hair Has Turned to Silver", accompanied by Mrs. Cox on the piano. Bill gave a short talk on the Masolo's married life and at the close of the speech, Jim sang "Memories". Mrs. Cox played the "Anniversary Waltz". Charles Smith of East Helena furnished the music for the gala occasion.

Charles and Wilma received many lovely gifts including a silver bucket of dollars and a 100 piece china set, in wood violet design trimmed in silver, a gift from all the family.

Sandwiches, cake and coffee were served to all. Phyllis Diehl cut the wedding cake and Annabelle Diehl poured. Gay Ann Sullivan had charge of the guest book.

Local News

Mrs. Tony Francisco entertained at bridge Thursday night with Mrs. Joyce White as a guest. Members playing were: Elinor Holling, Dorene Sautter, Joye Meyer, Myrtle Geisser, Nadine Ewing, Darlene Doig and Claudine Ulmer. Mrs. Holling won high score and honors. Mrs. Ulmer second high and Mrs. Sautter was low.