

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

**May 10**

**1923**

### **“Installs Power in Shop”**

Mr. A.D. Sperry has recently installed electric power in his blacksmith shop, which adds much needed equipment in a labor saving way with the new power. Mr. Sperry has installed a small trip hammer which is very essential in a shop where a large part of the work this season of the year is sharpening plow shears. A power drill emery grinder and later on a wood working machine are part of his new equipment.

By courteous treatment and good workmanship, Mr. Sperry has built up a nice business. The new equipment makes it possible for him to serve his old customers with greater dispatch and speeds up his work to an extent that he can better serve the public in their blacksmith needs.

**1934**

### **“Confederate Gulch Again Livens with Spring Mining Boom”**

Confederate Gulch and Miller Hill are again taking on mining activities since spring opened up and a company headed by N.D. Houston of Denver and Canada, has procured an option lease on practically all the claims on Miller Hill, which among other includes the Paymaster, Humming Bird, the Miller properties, the Doggett Claim and the Durant, and they intend going right ahead with prospecting on an extensive scale at once.

At Boulder Gulch in Confederate a crew of seven men is working the Ellis property and Tim Brayman on some other claim has quite a crew at work. The latter has built ore bins in the mouth of Boulder and the ore is carried across the gulch to the bins on a cable. The Ellis Company is working at placering and the Brayman Crew is working on an ore proposition. It is understood that both have excellent showings and the gulch is teeming with life and activity; two boarding houses are running; Mrs. Hattie Duncan of Townsend again being in charge of the Ellis Cook House, a position she has held for the past several summers.

Miners and prospectors are beginning to come into Benton Gulch again but that is a placering proposition and water is so scarce that not much encouragement is offered unless Jupiter Pluvius gets more generous and deals out a few rains of several days duration.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ellis are holding forth at the Humming Bird mine for the present at least.

**1945**

### **WWII Headlines**

**“Sgt. Perry on the Move”**

**“Lt. Riley Awarded Oak Leaf Cluster”**

**“Headquarters Report on Kenneth Bridgewater”**

**“Stores and Schools Close to Observe War’s End in Europe, Complete Victory When Japs Surrender”**

Townsend and adjacent communities observed V-E Day in a quiet and dignified manner. With thankful hearts that the gun fire had ceased in Europe, citizens showed their anxiety for the days ahead in the Pacific Theater of operations and their reverence for the fallen heroes of

both war zones, by closing their places of business and unobtrusively retired to their homes for mediation around their radios or in quiet gatherings among neighbors and friends.

All amusement places were closed all day and all evening. The courthouse personnel closed their offices, the schools closed for the day and other businesses in Townsend including grocery stores and restaurants, also closed to observe the greatest day ever known in European history and a day that marked the end of what is termed one-half way for the United States.

President Harry Truman proclaimed Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> as a nation-wide day of prayer and thanksgiving over the end of hostilities in Europe. Governor Sam. C. Ford issued a proclamation closing all places of business for V-E Day and in Townsend Mayor B.F. Sautter took up the proclamation by asking the local operators to observe the occasion as requested.

Those who were rejoicing that no more of our boys would meet the fate of the seven Broadwater County enlistees who sacrificed their lives in the European war, did not lose sight during their happiness that those seven had not died in vain - to them Broadwater County paid homage on V-E Day that there had been a Victory. To the fallen heroes and all the other brave men who worked and fought to bring the victory, there was and will be great and lasting gratitude.

The seven heroes from Broadwater County who lost their lives in Europe are: Sgt. Clyde Milton, killed in action in Italy, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 1944; Pvt. Andrew Schaaf, killed in France, July 4, 1944; Sgt. Ben Webb, gunner on bomber, killed over Germany, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 1944; Sgt. Bill Cooley, killed in action in Germany December 11<sup>th</sup>, 1944; Pvt. Evan Jarosh, killed in action in Belgium, January 7<sup>th</sup> 1945; Pvt. Jack Fordyce, killed in action in Germany, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1945; Pvt. Harold Bomar, killed in action in Germany, January 22, 1945.

Broadwater County's other fifteen men who fell in the service of their country met death in the South Pacific or in accidents in this country is the record up to the present time.

Full details of the last days of fighting and the final surrender of the world's most cruel aggressor nation, Germany, could not be carried in a weekly. The radio, the daily newspapers, the magazines all carry most interesting and informative reports.

It is enough for this newspaper today that it took 11 months after D-Day to whip the Nazis. No one ever dreamed our invading armies would find the evidence of torture, atrocities and cruelties that they did find in the prison camps everywhere. But they did find it and General Eisenhower called upon representatives from all countries around, including German citizens, to visit the camps and see for themselves what the Nazis had stood for - everything that was horrible, uncivilized and unworthy of a people to be called or treated like people. Now they must be dealt with accordingly.

**1951**

### **"Don McCarthy Writes Winning Poem"**

This poem was written by Don McCarthy for an English assignment. Mr. Reyner and Miss Campbell sent it into the National High School Association. A certificate and letter were received telling of its acceptance. The poem will be printed in the annual publication of the Anthology of High School Poetry.

"Ah; But It's Great To Be"

It's great to get up in the morning.

It's great to be able to see.  
It's great to be able to talk at will  
Ah! But it's great to be.  
It's great to see the rolling plains.  
It's great to hear the roaring sea.  
It's great to watch the sky.  
Ah! But it's great to be.  
If only we could see as God.  
If only we could do as He.  
And be so near and yet so far.  
Would it not be great to be?  
But even though beyond control.  
We'll never be as He.  
We should thank the Lord at least,  
That we can even be.

### **"V.F.W. Auxiliary Install Officers"**

Installation of officers was the main feature of the last regular meeting of the local VFW Auxiliary. After a short business session, Francis Etwiler, installing officer, installed the following: President, Pearl Barraugh; Senior Vice President, Mae Tintinger; Junior Vice President, Alice Broderick; Treasurer, Joye Meyer; Chaplain, Nella Koenig; Conductress, Gladys Borg; Guard, Katherine Carroll; Trustee, Martha Schmidt; Musician, Myrtle Geisser; Secretary, Claudine Ulmer, and Patriotic Instructor, Jean Buckingham. Appointive Officers were: Color Bearers, Kate Duede, Beatrice Clark, Alice Etwiler and Muriel Gabisch.

### **1962**

#### **"Piano Recital Tomorrow Night"**

The annual piano and organ recital given by students of Lorraine H. Kitto will be presented Friday night, May 11, at 8:00 o'clock in the multi-purpose room of the grade school.

Pupils participating will be:

Carrie and Mike Harrigfeld; Dick Grady; Lance and Scott Davis; JoAnn, Judy and Karen Hunsaker; Lynda Perry; Carol Carter; Kathy and Chris Ragen; Patricia Perry; Gaylene Rader; Cynda and Debra Holland; David, Irene and Beverly Thompson; Cathy Williams; Pamela Clark; George Lampman; Jim Valentine; Mary Ellen McNulty; Nancy Fryhling; Pat Miller; Peggy Christie; Candy Davis; Marcia Moudree; Roene Taylor; Jerry, Ricky and Billy Kitto; Merle and Tim Turman; Barbara Lewis; Marietta, Marnie, Laurie and Lisa Lanning; Connie Montgomery; Anita Olsen; Larry and Mary Hagbom; Phyllis Kujath; Bonnie Bruce; Allan Davies; Larry Lundborg; Nancy Marks; Mary Ann Hensley; Deena Hollaway; Pete Kelly and Connie Sprout.

The majority of the numbers are duets, duos and piano and organ pieces. Two quartets and two accordion numbers will be presented. The last eight pieces will be those played at the music festivals.

#### **"Work Under Way on Townsend's New Post Office Building; Ready By July 1"**

Last Friday, John Petek, Spokane contractor, arrived in Townsend with his crew of workmen and began immediately on construction of the new post office building.

Petek was the successful bidder on the project when bids were opened early this year. He is not only the contractor erecting the building but will also be the owner and lease it to the government for 10 years, with two 5-year options, covering in all 20 years.

Monday Mr. Petek stated he plans to have the new office ready for occupancy by July 1 and, judging by the progress made the first week of work, he can meet that date easily.

Site for the new post office is three lots at the southwest corner of Broadway and Oak Streets. Petek purchased the land from Jim Ward, exercising an option taken by the Post Office Department for this purpose.

Petek has been in this line of work for some time and in recent years has constructed 13 post office buildings, two in Montana at Big Timber and St. Ignatius.

The building will be approximately 75 feet long by 43 feet wide, with over 2500 square feet of floor space. There will be a loading platform with a paved parking and maneuvering area containing 6,868 square feet.

### **1973**

#### **“Students Receive High Ratings at Bozeman Music Festival”**

Several BCHS students received high ratings at the Southern Music Festival held in Bozeman last weekend.

Doreen McGaw, a senior participated as a contestant and received a Superior rating for her flute solo. In her high school music career she has won nine Superior ratings in competition and has established a record at BCHS.

Sally Christie, a junior, received a Superior rating for her performance on the harpsichord. Her solo, the only harpsichord entry at the festival was unique. Sally also received an Excellent rating for her piano solo.

Carla Fisher and Cindy Kirksey, juniors, received Superior ratings for their piano numbers; Susan Hooks, junior, was given an Excellent rating for her piano solo. Susan Goodwin, freshman clarinetist, received a Superior rating.

Mary Ragen, Bill Kirley and Ray Webb were members of the All-State Chorus and Doreen McGaw in the All-State Band.

Mrs. Kenneth Kitto, Mrs. Rick Kitto, Mrs. Clarence Fisher, Mrs. Chris Christensen and Mrs. Paulie Ragen accompanied the group to the festival and were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McGaw and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Webb for the final evening concert. Mrs. Ray Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hooks, Mrs. Doug Christie, Betti Christie and Mrs. Sam Kirksey also attended the festival on Saturday.