

“What Happened Today in History”

May 24

1923

“Class of Eleven Graduate”

The Broadwater County High School sent forth a class of eleven this year, who had attained that standard of educational height that they could be called graduates, only in the one sense, graduates of the school that had stood behind them for four years giving every advantage possible and when the limit of its capabilities were reached, the students were handed their credits which would send them on further, should circumstances permit.

This class was very fortunate during their four years sojourn in the high school as it was during these years that the advantages of a new building could be enjoyed as well as the special courses of manual training and home economics, which were eliminated from the regular course during the past years. Each individual of the class had taken advantage of these features, and go out into the world better equipped to handle the affairs of men for their study and high school accomplishments. The personnel of the class are: Gertrude Mehren, Elvalena McCormick, Rose Starkweather, Mabel Jefts, Zita Zimmerman, Erma Clopton, Lilo Grace Sitton, Mary Whaley, George Crane, Gordon Graveley and Meri Fuhs.

1934

“Broadwater County High School Graduates the Largest Class in Its History”

Twenty-six students representing the largest class in the history of the school were awarded their diplomas of graduation from Broadwater County High School at appropriate Commencement exercises held in the gymnasium last Friday evening. This was the thirtieth class to have graduated since the class of six students passed as the first class in 1904. Of the class of twenty-six, fourteen were young women and twelve were young men.

Hon. John G. Brown, prominent attorney of Helena, delivered the Commencement address, his subject, “Gold and Silver”, bringing an inspiring message to the young people making their commencement, and was considered one of the finest addresses ever given before similar audiences in Townsend. He took his text from a quotation of St. Peter, “Silver and Gold have I none, but such as I have I give thee”, in Acts from an address of this Apostle on healing a cripple and after bringing before his audience a masterly talk on the philosophy of good living he turned to the class, emphasizing the fact that they were given brain power of higher degree than other animals and as they went out to meet life’s problems “To Use Their Heads”.

The class and other members on the program marched to their places up the main aisle of the hall taking their seats in semicircles on the state and presented a very admirable picture.

Members of the class: Doris E. Cartwright, Gerald Boomer, Irma Mae Daniels, William Warren Flynn, Anna R. Franklin, Mary Clare Gabisch, Lawrence C. Gabisch, Emily A. Good, William A. Hayes, Audree B. Hardy, Daniel Reed Filson, Sylvia Fern Jefts, Earl V. Lenahan, Gladys Marie Jones, William Arthur Lasby, Daphne E. Lockridge, James C. Mason, Marie E.

Slavens, Warren G. Myles, Marjorie E. Mires, Phillip R. Merritt, Eileen A. Norton, Earl W. Norton, Jennie M. Rose, Clifford Wallace, Alma E. Walter.

1945

WWII Headlines

“Four Townsend Boys Congratulated by Lieutenant General Doolittle”

“Charles Ragen Sees 5,000 American Servicemen Liberated in Germany”

“Hid in Woods to Escape Capture by Germans”

“Diplomas and Awards Given Twenty-six Who Complete Grade Work Here”

Twenty-six young people were passed from the eighth grade of the Townsend Public School last Friday eligible to enter high school, according to W.R. Davis, superintendent. Two, only, failed to meet the requirements for advancing. Those who were given diplomas at the end of the day Friday marking the end of the term were:

Maurice Boster, Mary Breyer, Adele Campbell, Kenneth Clark, Kathryn Cotter, Johnny Doig, Bruce Domer, Jerry Duehr, Arthur Ellis, Harry Fuhs, Betty Gabisch, Charles Holling, Donald Kieckbusch, Marjorie Mac Gregor, Valentine Manley, William McLean, Barbara Peters, Eleanor Riis, Mary Lou Riley, Mary Alice Ross, Dave Rubble, Annabelle Sass, Laurence Shearer, Charlene Sullivan, Katherine Seaman, Edward Crowe.

Four outstanding service Anabelle Sass and Arthur Ellis were voted winners of the American citizenship awards by their classmates and teachers. The valedictorian and salutatorian of the class were Mary Alice Ross and Marjorie MacGregor.

The Legion Auxiliary gave a pin and a medal to the two young people who won the citizen award.

Regular graduation exercises were dispensed with this year, owing to the detention placed on the majority of the class who played hooky a few days before the close of school.

“American Citizenship Winners Announced at Commencement”

Tense over responsibilities awaiting them in the future in a war-torn world, a tearful class of twenty stood in line at the close of their graduation exercises last Friday to receive congratulations from a large number who attended the program. During their four years in high school, they had bid farewell to several who had joined the armed forces and as they received their diplomas, one member of their class, Dick Doggett, who had enlisted a few months before the end of school, was not present to receive his diploma which was given to his mother, Mrs. Barbara Doggett.

This, coupled with the realization that high school days were over and that on the morrow classmates were separating, some for always, created a feeling of sadness.

Talking on “Freedom and Responsibility”, the Rev. Norman L. Foote gave the young people food for thought as he delivered them a two-fold address - a Baccalaureate - Commencement combined.

The Rev. Fred Tracy gave the invocation and pronounced the benediction and Mrs. D.W. Neifert played the processional and recessional for the class gowned for the occasion in their gray caps and gowns to come into and leave the hall. Vance L. Bronson, principal of the school presented the individuals with their diplomas and announced the boy and girl chosen for the

American Citizenship Award. These popular honors went to Ray Doig and Ruth Young for their cooperation in all scholastic and athletic activities during the four years of school.

Miss Louise Kieckbusch, daughter of Sheriff and Mrs. Geo. Kieckbusch gave the valedictory address and Miss Jane Christie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Christie gave the salutatorian's address. Miss Kieckbusch was the winner of the only scholarship.

1951

"Rex Theatre Being Remodeled and Improved"

The Rex Theatre is doing some extensive remodeling at present, according to proprietor B.F. Sautter. A new lighting system and new letters are being installed in the marquee. A new R.C.A. sound system has been installed and new carpeting for the theatre has been ordered. The Rex is one of the finest small town theatres of the state.

"Jack Sautter making Good in Baseball"

Word has been received from Jack Sautter, who is pitching in Class B baseball in York, Pa., that he is among the pitchers retained after the cut of last week. His record to date is of one win, one loss and two assists. The following was clipped from a paper of York, Pa.

The big problem for the White Roses as the season nears is the pitching staff. Just what Bowman will have to go along with lefty Bill Stratton, the dean of the corps, is an unknown quantity.

Biggest surprise, to date, says Bowman, is the showing of rookie, Jack Sautter, a Montana lad who worked out for Joe last year.

The White Roses' pilot has been impressed by the earnestness and ability of Sautter. With no previous organized baseball experience, Bowman says, "the kid is eager to learn and is working hard. With that kind of spirit, it will be hard to keep him down".

Jack is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Sautter of Townsend and made a fine record in high school athletics in Broadwater County High School, being one of the star basketball players while attending high school.

"Roxy Ward Wins First in Soil Conservation Essay"

The Soil Conservation Essay awards were made last Friday after the judges carefully read and studied the essays that were written for the contest. Miss Roxy Ward, senior in the high school, was give first place on an essay written on "Conservation of Soils". Miss Judy Doggett, was awarded second place and her essay was on "How Conservation Effects Business". She is a seventh grade student. Miss Eleanor Schwisow was awarded third on "Conservation of Our Forests". She is a senior in the high school. The prizes were cash awards of \$15, first; \$10 for second; and \$5 for third.

The judges were not aware of the authors of the essays as all identification was carefully stamped out before they saw them.

The Soil Conservation District plans to make this a yearly project and in the future they will have two divisions, one for the junior high and one for the senior high. This year they were all under one division.

There were ten essays entered in the contest.

1962

"Essay Winners Will be Honored at Citizenship Meet"

Marie Kirscher and Larry Lundborg of the eighth grade class, Townsend grade school, were two of four winners in an essay contest which drew over 100 entries. The theme used was: "What Citizenship Means to Me". Lewis & Clark County winners were Erik Lundborg and Diana Johnston of Helena.

All four winners will be honored Friday when they will take part in the program of the annual Citizenship Day to be held in the Lewis & Clark County Courthouse at 8 p.m.

Citizenship Day ceremonies are held each year for young people of Broadwater and Lewis and Clark Counties who become 21 years old during the year. Judge Lester H. Loble will be the principal speaker for the program. Atty. Robert T. Cummins, general chairman for the affair, has sent invitations to all eligible young people to attend the program. Included in the group are 47 in Broadwater County.

Other eighth graders in Broadwater County who wrote essays in the contest are: Rita Castlebury, Judy Hunsaker, Karche Lampman, Donna Doig, Mary Lou Ouren, Gene Thompson, Susan Rains, Mary Alley, Jim Huntsberger, Terry Fisher, Candy Davis, Sharon Adams, Laurie Lanning, Steve Valentine, Trudi Bucy, Joel Flynn, Judy Crum, Artie Graham, Pat Kinchelo, Jim Nave, Paul Schwisow and Skipper Sherwood.

1973

"Museum Auction Date Announced by County Historical Society"

A community auction that promises to be lively and interesting to the public is being planned by the Broadwater County Historical Society. Funds for the sale, to be held June 3, 2:00 p.m., at the Rodeo Grounds, will go to the Broadwater County Historical Society Museum fund. The public is asked to donate usable, saleable articles.

From early plans, the sale will be a "Carnival Fun Deal", according to committee member Mrs. Floyd Hollaway. The Cowbells will serve lunch and tables of articles not appropriate for auction will be sold before and during the auction. Farm eggs, cream and butter will be included in the auction. Committee members are now accepting and soliciting donations.

Anyone wishing to donate articles for sale may do so by calling Mrs. Jack Ralls, Radersburg; Mrs. Bill Williams, Crow Creek; Mrs. Frank Flynn, Toston area; Mrs. Harold Marks, lower valley; Mrs. Ned George Winston area; and Mrs. Floyd Hollaway, Townsend.

"Judge Meloy to Speak at Memorial Day"

District Judge Peter Meloy, a Broadwater County native, will be speaker at Memorial Day services held in Townsend's Memorial Park, Monday at 11 a.m. Jointly sponsored by the Broadwater Post No. 42 of the American Legion and its Auxiliary and James Lynch Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary, the program will feature placing of wreathes by the presidents and commanders of the two groups and the Legion Auxiliary Junior president, a tribute to the county's Gold Star Mothers and a firing squad salute to the dead. In the event of rain, the ceremony will be held at the multi-purpose room.