

“What Happened Today in History”

May 3

1923

“Auto Owners Take Notice”

All automobiles must have 1923 license plates by the first of May. After this date, owners will be prosecuted for violation of the law, so govern yourselves accordingly.

T.P. Sherlock, Sheriff

1934

“Farmers Hope for 18 Foot Dam Toston Project”

Gaining permission from the State Water Conservation board to present to the farmers of Broadwater County who will come under the proposed Toston Dam, the project of a twelve foot raise over the project first talked of, has given the committee working on the project new enthusiasm and from the way things look at the present time, the matter will be all cleared up and the tentative project presented to the board again in about a week for final approval.

The project presented to some of the land owners took in a small dam of but a six foot raise. This was deemed alright, but not adequate to cover the coveted acreage. After permission was given to present the eighteen foot dam, things have taken on a different color and almost every farmer under the proposed project is signing to come in. If this dam project is accepted, between 16,000 and 17,000 acres will come under the dam. This project is known as the Fifield Survey made in 1924 which calls for the construction of an eighteen foot dam about one mile above the Big Springs above Toston recommended by the government several years ago.

The government also recommended another site about one and one-half mile below Lombard and if this survey is accepted several more thousand acres will come under the dam.

The eighteen foot project is just about ready for submission to the state board, said Chas. P. Cotter, who has been working with the Toston Project committee on the project.

1945

WWII Headlines

“Cpl. Sherlock Says So. Carolina is Like So. America”

“Gerhart Hoppe Gives New Address”

“Broadwater County Contributes Bomber Now Bombing Tokyo”

For timely work in the purchase of war bonds, Broadwater County citizens may well be proud to know that they helped to purchase a bomber, named the Broadwater County Clipper, which now is in operation bombing Tokyo. This news was received as a surprise on Monday when a party of war loan leaders was called into a meeting in Bozeman, at which time J.P. Kearns, War Finance Chairman of the county, was presented with a framed picture of the bomber which is a Boeing B-29 Superfortress. Accompanying Mr. Kearns to the meeting were Ben Thompson, G.L. Ewing, and County Commissioner Al Dance.

The picture was a certificate symbolizing the fact that this county had sponsored the purchase of the superfortress for outstanding achievement during the Sixth War Loan in November 1944. A decalcomania had been prepared and forwarded to national headquarters

in Washington, D.C. for placement on the county's Superfortress, a copy of the design being now in the hands of Mr. Kearns.

This news should stay citizens here for the 7th War Loan drive which starts in May and continues through the end of June. For as the Montana War Finance Chairman Al Hibbard said in making the announcement of the B-29 Superfortress, "It goes without saying that as long as the need exists you folks down in Broadwater County will carry on and Montana will hold its place as one of the leading War Bond states in the Nation".

"Two New Buildings & Many Improvements Now Underway"

Clipping the ears of the postwar building boom for Townsend, several here have already started their hammers going and saws slashing through new lumber to start a small size building program for Townsend. Two new business buildings and an addition to one are part of the construction work now going forward.

M. Boyd Ness who is rebuilding a new modern building on Main Street to replace the Town Talk burned here over a year ago, has the excavation completed and floor frame work done and a fair size crew of men are pouring concrete to reach the wall construction state at the present time. This building will be 25 feet by 80 feet, of stucco and front and interior strictly modern of a futuristic design, the owners say. When completed low leather booths will be installed and a new fountain and bar. The only difference from the former Town Talk will be a change in service, Mr. Ness said. He plans to have fountain lunch service only, doing away with the regular café short order business.

The Chas. Tomcheck and Geo. Gabisch garage and service station partnership are now in the process of building a new edifice which will also replace their garage burned here two months ago. The location of the building will be on Main Street proper and will join the hardware store and the Silver Service Station, taking in a 65 ft. frontage which is to be constructed of plate glass. The building, of concrete, will be strictly fire proof and is to take in a 95 ft. depth allowing adequate working space for a modern automobile sales and service business. The old garage at the rear on Oak Street will eventually be rebuilt for a warehouse, the owners say. The front part of the new building will be used for show rooms sufficient to hold three cars, the office and parts stock. The shop will be in the rear 65 ft. by 50 size.

Albert Mockel, who recently purchased the café from Mrs. Mae Foster on west Main Street is having a good sized addition built on the rear and also has a new foundation placed under the old building. Mr. and Mrs. Mockel have opened a restaurant recently and are filling a need in the community for a first class eating place.

1951

"Townsend's New Variety Store Opens Friday"

On Friday and Saturday the P.K. Variety Store will hold its grand opening in Townsend. The store, located in the former building used by Bud's Billiards, was purchased by C.W. Parker of Harlowton and Sam M. Krauss of Roundup, the owners of the store.

The interior has been revamped and modern store equipment added to take care of a fine line of merchandise on display for the opening days - Friday and Saturday of this week. Knotty pine has been used throughout.

Mrs. Elvira Trainor is the manager of the new establishment and on the opening days, she will have special gifts and special attractions as more fully advertised in columns of this issue.

1962

“Local Boy Scouts Highly Praised for Booth in Helena”

Boy Scout Troop 98 received high praise for their booth at the Scout Exposition in Helena last Saturday. The theme was Indian Lore with the very fine collection of arrow heads owned by Louis Day featured. Scouts planned other unique features with some grinding corn in rustic manner, others tanning hides, depicting Indian life in early days. It was deemed the best display, but no prizes were given.

Accompanying the Scouts to the exposition were Scoutmaster Scott Grover, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Day and Maurice Hunsaker.

Scouts attending were: Dan Day, Nick O’Dell, Tony Kaul, Bruce Whitehead, Kenny and Greg Toney, Steve and Mickey Grover.

“Ragen Race Horses Leave on First Lap of Racing Circuit”

Preparations for the three-day trip to Winnipeg, Canada were completed and shortly after noon Tuesday Eddie Ragen, with his crew and ten thoroughbreds, and Charley Shaw with his two racing horses, left by truck for the first lap of what they believe will be a full racing season.

With Mr. Ragen went his nephew, John Ragen, Doc Kieckbusch and Stan Kampo. It was quite a sight to see the pretty trim legged ponies being loaded and the caravan leaving the Ragen homestead north of town.

After the Winnipeg season, the string will probably travel west to Calgary and Edmonton and on down to Spokane for the fall meets.

“Local Teacher Wins Recognition”

Mrs. Helen Bucy, language instructor of Broadwater County High School, has recently received the news that she was accepted by the national Defense Education Act to take advantage of the free French language course this summer. Mrs. Bucy says she was pleased to have been selected and intends to take the course at Montana State University at Missoula.

Out of 302 applicants, 50 were chosen. Mrs. Bucy one of the 50. She teaches French among other languages in the local school.

Mrs. Bucy is a member of the Modern Foreign Language Teachers Association and attended their annual convention in Miles City last Saturday. She was accompanied by Mrs. James W. Kearns.

1973

“Broadwater County Historical Society Announces Museum Plans”

Plans for the construction of a Broadwater County Historical Society museum building were announced at the yearly meeting Friday. Members were also told of the need for photos and memorabilia for the local project.

Scenes from early Montana were presented by Jeff Cunniff, Assistant Archivist of the Montana State Historical Society, but the emphasis remained on the announcement by Lloyd Heberle that funds have reached sufficient levels to allow a lease agreement to be drawn for

land on which to build. The lots just north of the courthouse facing east have been designated and secured according to Heberle.

Yearly membership has reached 527 and five more life memberships have been awarded, bringing the total to ten.

Several donations have been received by the society: \$350 in memorials, \$300 from the sale of antique bottles by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Alley, \$502 from funds raised by the Charity Ball sponsored by the Canton Women's Club and the donation of legal services by Attorney Patrick F. Hooks on the incorporation of the society.

Work is beginning on rewrite and compilation of the history of Broadwater County into book form. The impetus for the work has come from a \$500 donation by the State Bank of Townsend.

New board members were elected to serve for the coming year: Laird Plymale, Mrs. Harold Marks, Mrs. Floyd Hollaway, Mrs. Ned George and Mrs. D.W. Neifert.