

“What Happened Today in History”

May 31

1923

“Broadwater Veterans Again Honor Memory of Their Departed Comrades”

Once more the people of Townsend and vicinity gathered to pay tribute to our honored dead. Once more we assembled to center our thoughts on the past. We are again forcibly reminded of the bravery and noble deeds of our country's heroes by the inspiring address of Hon. E. Pat Kelly of Livingston, when he delivered, to a packed house at the Rex Theatre Wednesday morning, a splendid review of history, citing the changes in the various war periods and eloquently praised our honored dead in paying them beautiful tributes. Mr. Kelly is an orator of pleasing personality and splendid delivery, and the people here appreciate his interest in our affair.

An appropriate program was given in connection with the address of the day. Father S.J. Sullivan giving the Invocation was announced by Chairman J.E. Kanouse, a Civil War veteran. A chorus of public school children sang “America” and “Boys of 61”. Miss Rosemary Averill sang “My Task” and “Taps” after the address. Benediction was pronounced by Rev. W.H. Mitchell after the last number, “Star Spangled Banner”, by the school children.

The exercises were given under the direction of the American Legion members of which organization, in uniform, acted as ushers and after the exercises, escorted members of the Auxiliary and Legion in cars to the four cemeteries where the graves of the veterans were appropriately decorated with flags and flowers. A firing squad fired a volley at each cemetery.

The ladies of the Auxiliary are to be especially commended for the decorations placed on the honor roll board on Main Street.

1934

“Vosburg Mine at Winston Makes Rich Strike, Will Operate on Big Scale”

A rich strike of gold ore was made at the Vosburg mine at Winston last Friday when a rich vein, running \$100.00 to the ton, of a substantial width of better than four feet was uncovered.

The strike of this rich vein is the largest in the history of the mine and creates a new record in the mining in this vicinity.

Work at the Vosburg has been going forward on a large scale since January by the Vosburg Mining Company and the Associated Mines Company of Seattle. A crew of twenty men are now employed which will be doubled shortly when the work on the development of the Stray Horse by the same companies starts in the near future. John A. Roos, manager of the Vosburg, expects to have a mill erected in a short time also, and as summer advances, the Vosburg will be the scene of one of the liveliest mining camps in the state.

Shortly after the Vosburg received the backing of the Seattle company, ore shipments increased and the fore part of the year, the managers were encouraged over returns of \$50 ore carrying about 1.5 ounces of gold and 9 ounces of silver. The new strike more than doubles the richness of the ore and with the increased price on precious metals, the mine will be an outstanding wealth producer.

The stray Horse, Champion and Iron Age claims are also under development by the Vosburg people, who intend to make headway with the Stray Horse, a rich claim, soon. Ore from this claim runs about \$30 per ton.

The new rich strike was made on the lower level which tunnel has been under construction for several months.

“Surprise Mine Strikes Vein of Rare Wire Gold, Old Radersburg Claim”

A strike was made at the Surprise Mine near Radersburg recently that created much enthusiasm around this famous mining center when a vein of rare wire gold was uncovered by the mine operators. The vein, a small seam in the crevice was clearly visible as a vein and not a pocket and when assayed was said to bear about \$16,000 to \$17,000 worth per ton.

This ore has been extracted from this strike over a period of about ten days now and shipment will be made in a short time, according to James Smith, heir and one of the operators.

This is the second time the Surprise Mine has produced this rare variety of wire gold. The ore is soft, the thin wires of pure gold clinging to a brown and light brown rock in tangled masses, the ore specimens being exceptionally beautiful and interesting. The mine formerly was owned by the late David Zimmerman who also struck a pocket of this wire gold. Later the mine fell into the possession of the late Benjamin Smith and is one of the few patented claims in the Radersburg Mining District.

The claim is located about one mile from Radersburg near the Ohio-Keating and the Keating mines, both large producers of gold. Heirs of the Smith estate own it at the present time. James Smith, a grandson of the original patentee, being one of the four engaged in its development.

1945

WWII Headlines

“A Letter From Billy Williams Received”

“Parents Hear from Son Again Jap Prisoner Since 1941”

1951

“1951 Graduation Exercises of B.C.H.S. Successfully Carried Out on Monday”

The graduation exercises of the Broadwater County High School were brought to a close on Monday evening when the final stage of the activities climaxed the preceding week. The graduates marched in, in perfect timing and a stately manner, dressed in their caps and gowns, the boys in blue and the girls in white. There were twenty-six of them. The girls had a red rose and the boys a white carnation, a gift from the Junior Class. They came from the wings behind the stage and down the outside aisle and then in couples up the center aisle of the gym, where the programs were held. Miss Willisanne Frey played the processional and recessional marches.

The Rev. Wm. Davidson gave the invocation and benediction. Miss Jean Graveley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Graveley, gave the salutatory address in a most commendable manner. The girls triple trio, namely: Minnie Houston, Pauline Green, Margie Kieckbusch, Roxy Ward, Barbara Barraugh, Barbara Maynard, Willisanne Frey, Sheila McCarthy and Mary Lou Bristow, sang “Song of the Winds”.

Roxy Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ward, gave the Valedictory address and reminded her classmates and those present of the fact that she hoped they would all strive to be better citizens and work to make this a better democracy for the best country on earth.

Melvin Magnuson, an attorney and legislator from Helena, then spoke to the class. His address "The Challenge" gave the audience and class many challenges to do and think about and to be aware of before they can accomplish a world peace.

Members of the graduating class are: Roxy Ward, Delbert Morrison, Jean Graveley, Florence Burns, Marie Toney, Gary Welch, Eleanor Schwisow, Mary Kieckbusch, Eleanor Monear, Joyce Arndt, Marlene Zipperian, Grace Fisher, Donna Wallace, Ronald Sanderson, Wayne Whitehead, Willis Hossfeld, John Gilmore, Gene Cook, Marion Chamberlain, Margery Kieckbusch, Ralph Cook, Minnie Houston, Merle Hendrickson, Mary Lou Bristow, Ray Hohn and Sheila McCarthy.

1962

"Golf Course is Ready for Play"

Townsend's new 9-hole golf course is completed (?) and ready for play, as of Wednesday when a crew of workmen finished up the last three holes. We say finished, but there is still a lot of work to be done on the fairways, but the sand greens are all in, the sand oiled, dragged and in real good shape.

After the work was completed, a number of golfers played several rounds. As soon as a membership drive is completed, there will be a grand opening of the course. Membership dues this year have been set at \$10. If you are interested, see Larry O. Foss and get your membership card and start playing.

For those who have not played golf before, there will be someone available to help you get started, and later on arrangements will be made to have a professional come out at stated periods to give instructions.

"Flower Show Committees Named"

Mrs. Villa Doig, Chairman of the Townsend Garden Club Flower Show, which will be held Saturday, June 9, has announced the following committees: Music, Rose Ward, Jean McElwee; Publicity, Frances Etzwiler; Special Attraction Table, Grace Hollaway, Cleo Neifert; Tea Table, Madge Schreiner, Minnie Doughty, Ellen Williams, Ann Kieckbusch, Edna Gaab, Signa Anders, Emma Murray Mary Safley; Placement, Gwen Massa, Mildred Kimpton, Myrtle Hooks; Plants, Pauline Ferrat, Bernice Ford; Judge, Hilma White; Clerks, Mary Brothers, Grace Hollaway, Villa Doig; Entrees, Alvena Hooper, Gen Ragen, Hilma White, Cleo Neifert, May Mongrain; Photography, Jean McElwee, Mildred Kimpton; Programs, Lavon Evans, Coral Kimpton; Junior Division, Verna Clark, Alma Marks, Lillian Schiltz; Courtesy, Joy Nash, Annie Kenney, Helma Erickson; Horticulture, Beatrice Tomcheck; Door Prize and Prizes for Secret Table, Grace Hollaway; I Have a Secret Table, Mildred Kimpton, Vera Black, Clara Ballard, Jean McElwee.

"Remodeling Store"

Don Hollaway is progressing well with his remodeling program on the building formerly occupied by his grocery. He expects to have it ready for the ASCS and SCS offices to move into the first of July.

1973

“B.C.H.S. Honor Roll Announced”

Final honor roll for the 1972-73 school year has been announced by BCHS superintendent, John S. McLellan. Seniors listed for both quarter and semester are: James Armstrong, Leanne Ball, Barbara Booher, Susan Brown, Donald Damuth, Mike Foster, Jill Lanning, Doreen McGaw, Virginia Ouren, Patti Tintinger, Gregg Sautter, Gene Kenney, Dianne Riley, Robert Warneke, Mary Berberet, Lester Field and Fred Geisser.

Those seniors who achieved honor grades for the semester, but not for the final quarter are: Henry Foss, Marcia Scherpenseel, David Sitton and Diann Hensley. Rhonda Helmick was on the honor roll for the fourth quarter, but not for the semester.

Juniors attaining the honor roll for both the quarter and the semester are: Doug Diehl, Janet Etzwiler, Doug Field, Carla Fisher, Bryan Flynn, Bob Gearheart, John Horn, Randy Herbst, Susan Hooks, Janelle Jersey, Cindy Kirksey, Bill Kirley, Jan Sampson, Mary Ragen, Peggy Ryan, Laurie Smith, Dan Tintinger, Ray Webb and Bob Webb. Two students achieved honor grades for the semester only: Jeff Ingersoll and Jacob Thoe.

Members of the sophomore class achieving the honor roll are: Dennis Brown, Cathy Burtch, Mike Campbell, Dennis Hostetler, Steve Flynn, John Marks, John Huth, Barbara Kitto, Dan Ouren, Beth Meyer, James Poole, Sandra Rains, Valerie Roth and Verne Stanfill.

Bert Berberet is on the honor roll for the semester only and Dennis Hostetler and Phil Ryan are on the honor roll for the fourth quarter only.

Freshmen on the honor roll are: Ed Armstrong, K. Bucy, Tammy Campbell, G. Collins, Gayle Clark, B. Conrad, T. Delger, G. Field, Bob Francisco, Nikki Gilmore, Bill Hooks, Garth Miller, Ed Stanfill and Cathy Olsen.

Betty Francisco and Susan Goodman achieved honor roll grades for the semester only.