

“What Happened Today in History”

November 9

1922

“Local News”

Deer hunters in this neck of the woods have not been very lucky so far. There have been a few deer brought out, but hunters say that the snow is too scarce in the mountains as yet to do much good.

1933

“Local Creamery Cannot Supply Butter Demand”

An over-production of products in no way exists at the Broadwater County Creamery plant, and to meet the expanding business for demand of the coveted Primrose Butter, the management is making an attempt to bring more cream to their plant. To stimulate this need an attractive offer, whereby transportation charges will be paid by the Creamery, is being made, to be in effect soon, according to M.B. Ness, manager of the concern. He states orders have been piling up in such quantities that the plant must increase its output in a large percentage to meet the growing demand for the butter.

Recently an attractive new container, bearing the mark of Primrose Supreme brand of butter, was put on the market. This particular brand is done up in quarter pound packages, and is becoming quite a favorite.

In spite of the decline in milk and cream production during the summer months, the butter supply was increased, which, in itself, speaks well for the progress of this Broadwater County industry at present.

1939

“Mayor Opposes Purchase of ‘Cat’, Favors WPA Plan”

“I’m strictly against the purchase of that Caterpillar Type 50 H.P. gasoline feed tractor by the Town of Townsend”, declared Mayor Les J. Anders when asked how he felt about it today.

The tractor caterpillar has been in use on the side streets of Townsend for the past ten days subject to a fifteen day test. Bids will be opened next Tuesday and the following evening the council will meet to decide the issue.

In explaining why he does not favor the purchase of the tractor, the Mayor said that under the present contract with the WPA, there was yet some \$25,000 in labor money that could be used to give needy men work for almost two years if properly managed and that the Works Progress Administration had favored Townsend in excess of what they were actually allowed in furnishing material for the man month hours chiefly to make the extensive water system repair project a thorough success. He explained that to deviate from the program now would be unfair and ungrateful which would have to be done if replaced by the caterpillar method. “We accepted the favors, we must not let the WPA down now”, he declared. He wants to buy two used dump trucks instead, at the present time, and let men work with their hands instead of the caterpillar method.

Mr. Anders has met some opposition in the council, enough to make him apprehensive as to the final outcome of the purchase of this “cat”, but he is beginning to think that certain

members of the city body will vote against the measure when it is brought up at a special meeting next Wednesday, and that the majority will stand with their leader.

Many citizens on street corners have expressed themselves pro and con. The ones opposing the purchase state that it would be almost prohibitive in upkeep and then too believe that because Townsend citizens pay such heavy county taxes, that the county machinery can be secured for leveling up the streets from time to time and save what they declare an unnecessary expense on the town.

He explained, in referring to the shaling program for side streets, that out of some 40 blocks originally planned in the program, about 20 had been surfaced. If the council votes to buy the "cat", the WPA shaling program will be off and the remainder of the streets left unsurfaced.

At present the city WPA crew is laying new mains in side streets and as the Mayor stated: "The water system has practically been remade under the program".

1950

"Democratic Candidates Favored at County Polls"

It is said that Broadwater County went Democratic in the general election held Tuesday in that voters, by a small margin, favored the head of the ticket and out of six county offices, where there was opposition, four went democratic and two republican. A large vote was cast although the first snow storm of the season appeared on election morning.

The voters complimented the Hon. Mike Mansfield seeking reelection from the Western District for Congress, giving him a small margin over the Republican opponent Ralph Y. McGinnis, while the trend was Republican for both State Treasurer and Railroad and Public Service Commission.

The biggest upset in Broadwater County polling was the defeat of Senator Howard J. Doggett, Republican, seeking his second term, by W.F. Bristow, Democrat, untried in political circles of the county.

L.J. Andres, Republican, nosed out his two opponents, for the House of Representatives to the State Legislature garnering a total of 559 votes over his Democratic opponent Will Cotter, 497 and Independent candidate, Guy Ewing, 399.

There will not be much change in the office holders at the court house as a result of Tuesday's voting as Clerk and Recorder, Barbara Doggett, was returned by a vote of confidence and Mrs. LaVella Morris, County Superintendent of Schools, by appointment, was elected by a safe majority. Both are Democrats and defeated Republican candidates Mrs. Evelyn Arndt and Mrs. Ruth Carson respectively.

Frank T. Hooks, Democrat, unopposed was elected County Attorney. Mary Connors, Democrat, unopposed was elected Treasurer. Frank Holloway, Republican, unopposed was elected Assessor. Bert Alex, Democrat, unopposed was elected Justice of the Peace.

Two new faces will be seen among the courthouse personnel; however, with the election of E.E. Heuer, Republican for County Commissioner and Jack Thompson, Democrat, who took a close race for Sheriff from Glenn Griffin, Republican.

The heaviest vote was cast for the office of Clerk and Recorder and showed a total vote cast of 1458 out of a possible 1775.

Seven of the county's nine precincts voted NO on all of the initiative and referendum measures.

1961

"New Cub Scouts Replace Graduates"

Last week Cub Scout Pack 98 had a bang-up meeting at the multi-purpose room in the grade school. In addition to 41 Cub Scouts there were 39 parents and 10 sisters and younger brothers at this pack meeting, the best attendance since Cub Scouting was inaugurated.

Twenty-one new Cub Scouts were enrolled and received their Bobcat pins. Many more awards were presented during the meeting.

Highlight of the evening was the graduation of 10 Cubs to Boy Scouts in an Indian type ceremony. The graduates were: Harry Anders, Dick Grady, John Rains, Tommy Perry, Dan Chamberlain, Steve Grover, Warren Hysell, David Harvey, David Whaling and Scott Whaley.

Den Mothers for the Cub Scouts are: Mrs. Helen Burmaster, Mrs. Irvin Kaul, Mrs. Mary Thompson, Mrs. Louie Day and Mrs. Bob Sullivan.

The November pack meeting will be held November 17 due to Thanksgiving falling on the regular date.

1967

"Toston Bridge"

Toston Bridge is now being repaired by a crew of county employees. New flooring is being placed nearly the full length of this bridge over the Missouri River. Use of the bridge saves quite a bit of distance for citizens going into Toston from the south and west side of the valley.

"Trudi Bucy Is Awarded Trophy for Debate"

Trudi Bucy, Townsend sophomore at Eastern Montana College, was awarded a trophy for debate at the Yellowstone Valley Speech Invitational held at Eastern Nov. 2-4. Miss Bucy, as a member of the host college debate team, dropped out of the competition when the finals were reached. She was awarded a debate trophy as a top team member of the EMC debate team.

Miss Bucy and her partner, Barbara Morgan, Havre freshman, recently took third place in team debate in the Brigham Young University Speech Meet Oct. 27-28. They were competing against 96 teams from 19 colleges and finished with a record of five wins and one loss. Larry Hannah, EMC Forensics Director, said, "This is especially significant in view of the fact that this was the first attempt at college debating for the Eastern team".

An English major at Eastern, Miss Bucy is also active in Young Republicans, Dorm Council and Band. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Bucy of Townsend.

"Guest Speaker at Jaycee Meeting"

David Jersey was guest speaker at the Broadwater Jaycee meeting Monday night. David was a delegate to American Legion Boys State this summer and reported on his experiences there. Sponsoring a boy to this training course in government is one of the projects of the local Jaycees.