

“What Happened Today in History”

October 26

1922

“Shot While Duck Hunting”

An accident that badly wounded Ruhl Richmeyer occurred on the banks of the Missouri River on Tuesday afternoon of this week when he received wounds on his shoulder as the result of the report from a shot gun fired by his brother, Harry, when the two were hunting in close quarters.

The two men were hunting wild duck in the vicinity of the Lower Bridge and having spied a bunch were sneaking up on their prey when they were sighted. The hunters had it decided that when ready would shoot together, but Ruhl, who was about three feet in front of his brother raised up a little sooner than was expected and as the gun was fired it struck him in the back glancing in an upwardly direction grazing his shoulder and badly lacerating the flesh. An immense loss of blood weakened Mr. Richmeyer to such an extent that he was carried to his home on a stretcher. First aid was administered to him by Dr. G.W. Gilham, who accompanied the injured man to Helena on No. 3 where he was taken to St. Peter's hospital to receive treatment.

Mrs. Ruhl Richmeyer and Mr. Harry Richmeyer accompanied the patient to Helena. At this writing Mr. Richmeyer has been suffering a great deal and reports from the doctors, who are treating him, that an operation will be attempted as soon as the patient is able.

Mr. Richmeyer is a young and popular Townsend man, being employed as public school janitor at the time of this accident.

His many friends here hope for a speedy recovery.

1933

“Local News”

J.P. Kearns was in Chicago for the Montana Day at the Century of Progress Fair last week and will return in a few days, accompanied by Mr. Kearns, who has been visiting in Benton, Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. W.K. Parker and Mrs. George Winslow were transacting business in Townsend Tuesday. Mrs. Parker returned Saturday from Chicago where she attended the Century of Progress Fair. Mr. Parker intended to make the trip, but was detained by word of the special session of the legislature, as he is representative from Broadwater County.

“Townsend on Route of North Transcontinental Air Line”

Croil Hunter and F.W. Whitemore operating manager and general manager of the Northwest Airways, were in Townsend this afternoon conferring with members of the Chamber of Commerce and Townsend Businessmen in regard to the erection of a landing port in Townsend, which port is to be used in the transcontinental route recently inaugurated from Billings to Spokane and which will be extended to the Pacific Coast just as soon as possible.

By the erection of such a municipal port in Townsend, the planes of the Northern Transcontinental Airline would use such a port when necessary and, of course, would be an added attraction for business people of the town, as local business houses would be asked to furnish supplies for the planes and for the pilots.

There are several very good landing sites, said Mr. Whitemore, who in company with J.E. Ward, went over the different sites this afternoon. Should the town plot such a port, all that would be necessary would be the leveling with a tractor and the Northwest Airway Company would come in and place the necessary markers, wind breaks and indicators. The field would have to be about 4,000 feet in length.

To build such a field would meet with recognition for after it is accepted by the department of commerce, the name of the town would be listed and used by airplane pilots and flyers from all parts of the country and would be a drawing card.

1939

“Roller Skating New Sport in Radersburg”

Radersburg, (Special), Oct. 25 - In every community some organization takes the lead in creating civic interest and in Radersburg this honor must fall to a club known as the “Gold Diggers”, in reality a home demonstration club. During the past week, roller skating has been instituted into the amusement calendar of the “Burg” by this club and from all reports young and old are taking up the sport which is indulged in at the Community Hall every night in the week except Monday.

“Grand Opening of New Gas Station to be Saturday”

The entire community joins in congratulating the Geo. Gabisch Company on the completion of their fine new service station, which will be officially opened to serve the public on Saturday, October 28th.

The station which has selected for its name the “Sliver Service Station” sports a 36-foot front and the size of the building over all is 36 by 28 feet. It is finished with white asbestos shingles and is well named for its striking appearance resembles silver. It is located on the corner of Broadway and Oak streets adjoining the large hardware and implement store on Broadway and the large Chevrolet garage on Oak Street.

The grease room is equipped with the Globe hoist and specialized “Aro” equipment makes possible prompt greasing service. Most modern cars required five different types of lubricants and with this special equipment any type of lubricant may be used quickly by simply changing from one grease gun to another without making it necessary to refill.

The wash room is equipped with the famous Vapo-Spray pressure degreaser. The operation of this unit involves the heating of water which is mixed with a special soap compound, producing a soft vapor which is sprayed on the body and motor effectively removing all road film, grease, bug stains and road oil without injury to the finish in any degree.

Modern motorists are beginning to realize the necessity of keeping motors clean. Accumulation of grease on the motor means inefficient cooling, causing overheating and consumption of more oil and fuel.

Two “Aqua” electric gasoline pumps furnished from underground tanks, with a storage capacity of 6,000 gallons, are installed on the driveway in front of the station.

The station has a sales room 12 by 18 feet which will be stocked with a full line of accessories, tires, batteries, etc.

Commodious rest rooms add to the convenience of this modern service station.

1950

“Several More Ordered to Report on Draft”

The following men have been ordered to report for Physical Examination November 6, 1950: Daniel L. Shoaf, Winston; Jack Sautter, Townsend; Judson Maynard, Missoula; Albert Donald Clark, Townsend; Robert W. Pigman, Winston; Jefferson V. Doggett, Townsend; Levy Brannan, Transfer from Atlanta, Georgia.

“Many Hallowe’en Parties Planned for Young People”

On next Tuesday evening (Hallowe’en) the young people of Broadwater County are coming in for their first annual Hallowe’en Jamboree to be given in four parties in Townsend by different organizations.

Other communities have been doing this for their young people for several years and have found it to be a popular and successful means of creating the proper spirit for the annual observance of the age-old day and the custom of imagining the prevalence of supernatural influences. So this year through the sponsorship of the Townsend Rotary Club several different organizations have joined with the Rotary and the three Townsend churches to make Townsend’s first Halloween Jamboree successful with the hope that through the cooperation of the parents and the young people, the next year the celebration can be made even bigger and better.

It is the hope that the parties will be well received and be an influence for the good. Four parties have been planned for the town to separate ages. They are as follows:

Pre-school children through the second grade at the Odd Fellows Hall and third grade through fourth grade at the Masonic Temple. These two parties will be under the direction of the Rev. Fred Tracy, the Rev Gordon Patterson and the Rev. William Davidson.

The 5th and 6th grade children will be entertained at the grade school under the direction of the P.T.A.

There will be two teen-age groups including 7th grade through high school. Those who do not particularly care for dancing will have movies and entertainment at the Legion Hall under the direction of the Legion Auxiliary. The children will use the rear entrance to the Legion Hall through the dark of the night with spooks, Jack-o-Lanterns, witches and black cats coming in from all corners and have access to the main hall and recreation room.

The teen-age group who like to dance will be entertained at the high school gym where a Masquerade ball will be in full swing with prizes going to the ones dressed in the best costumes: best tramp, best jitter bug and many surprise prizes. The gifts for this party will come from the Photo Shop - 2 films with privilege of free development; Broadwater Music and Record Shop - records; Meal ticket at Town Talk, Coffee Shop and the Mint.

Careful planning has been given to all of the parties. Hallowe’en games and all of the traditional fun making with refreshments have been planned for each and everyone and all that is needed now is the full cooperation of parents and a will of the young people to show whole-hearted appreciation.

1961

“Holy Cross Parish Annual Bazaar to be at Legion Hall Saturday Night”

One of the most popular activities of the fall season will get underway Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock when the annual Catholic Bazaar will open at the American Legion Hall. Many committees have been working overtime to get everything in readiness to entertain the public at this annual event.

Various activities will get under way in the early afternoon, including a candy sale featuring all homemade candies; a novelty and gift booth with varied gifts for all occasions; fancy work booth, bake sale booth featuring cakes, cookies, rolls, pies etc.; fish pond and penny pitch and many other games for both young and old.

Starting at 5 o'clock will be their famous dinner served buffet style, all home cooked, and all you can eat at \$1.50 for adults and 50¢ for children under 12. Also starting at 5 will be the bingo games and wheel of cash and merchandise. If you're looking for an evening of unsurpassed entertainment and companionship, don't miss this bazaar.

1967

“Rotarians Sponsor Halloween Party”

For the 18th year Townsend Rotary Club is sponsoring a series of Halloween parties for the youngsters of Broadwater County, including pre-school through high school ages. Various women's organizations chaperon the parties and direct games for the youngsters.

The parties start at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, with pre-school children meeting at the multipurpose room from 7 until 8 o'clock; grade school children will meet in their respective rooms from 7 until 9; the junior high group will meet at the multipurpose room at 8:30 and the high school at 9 o'clock. Music will be furnished for dancing for junior and senior groups and prizes will be given for costumes in all age groups.

This annual party is financed by donations from business people and individuals interested in the welfare of our youth. Anyone wishing to make a contribution may leave their money at Neifert-White Co., The Townsend Star office or mail to Townsend Rotary Club.

Pat Hooks, president of Rotary has appointed Chuck Holling as general chairman for the party and Mr. Holling has contacted other clubs and organizations who are helping with the affair.

“Mrs. Rice Sells Mint to Couple from Stevensville”

A deal which has been pending the past month is being completed this week whereby ownership of the Mint Café, Bar and Hotel is transferred from Mrs. Ruth Rice to Mr. and Mrs. Lorrin S. Clark of Stevensville. The liquor control board has already approved transfer of the liquor license, and this week accountants are assisting with the inventory so the Clarks can take over the business.

The Clarks have many years of business experience behind them, the past 22 years as ranchers, 10 years in Dupuyer area and since 1959 they have had ranching interest at Stevensville. Prior to ranching they operated Clark's Grocery in Great Falls for 18 years. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are parents of three children, a son, Herbert Clark who is assisting in managing the Fred Meadows ranch near Choteau, and two daughters, Mrs. Ronald Johnson of Great Falls and Mrs. Herbert Tangen who, with her husband, are ranching in the Choteau area.

In selling the Mint, Mrs. Rice is closing a long business career in Townsend which started in 1934. She first owned a bar where the Corner Bar is now located. Later in the year she moved the business to the building on the corner directly across from the bank, which operated as Ruth's Bar until 1944 when it was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hennigh. In 1940 she married Same Rice and they were together in business until his death this past March.

N 1946 the Rices and Hennighs formed a partnership and built the present building which includes the café, bar and hotel. The Rices then purchased the Hennigh interest in 1948 and since that time it has been under their management. The Mint has established a reputation for outstanding hospitality and fine foods during these years and has enjoyed a fine business, not only from Broadwater County, but from all over this section of the state.

The many friends of Mrs. Rice regret to see her retire from the business circle in Townsend, but extend a hearty welcome to the Clarks and hope they will like their new home.