

“What Happened Today in History”

June 28

1923

“U.S. Mail Sacks Stolen from Toston Recovered by Officers”

The four mail sacks that were stolen from the Toston depot on the night of June 6th were found June 18 in an old well by Sheriff Jim Smith and deputies of the Gallatin. The well in which the sacks were found is located on a deserted ranch between Three Forks and Toston.

The officer received the clue that led to the recovery from small boys who had seen strange men in that vicinity on the day following the robbery. It is thought that no mail had been stolen, however the sacks had been opened and ransacked.

“Husband Missing for Months Found Working on Cook Stock Farm”

Charles E. Carson, who has been missing since last August from his home at Cooperville, Mich., was located the first of this week. He was employed on the ranch of A.B. Cook in the valley. Mrs. Carson, who is at Helena and has been conducting a nation-wide search for her husband, came to Broadwater County to meet him and take him back to the family home.

Mr. Cook offered her employment, along with her husband, for such a period of time they might wish, but was necessary, she said, to get back home.

Worried over money and land matters, Carson was suffering from loss of memory when he started from his home to Grand Rapids where he was to consult a specialist early last August. Except for a letter mailed in Helena on May 1, last, in which Carson said he had “found himself” and was starting home, nothing was heard of him from that former time until now.

1934

“President Roosevelt Will Talk Over Radio Tonight”

WASHINGTON, June 28 – President Roosevelt returned to his White House desk today, disposed of a number of bills passed by Congress last week, surveyed the recovery campaign with his executive council and arranged for a talk to the nation over the air Thursday night.

The Thursday night address will be in the nature of a periodic report to the people of the state of the Union and will be delivered over the radio at 9:30 p.m. eastern standard time.

1945

WWII Headlines

“Heinie Huth Writes From Texas Camp”

“Ray Feldt Gets His Copies of the Star”

“Winners Announced in Predatory Bird Contest”

With a total of 11,000 predatory bird eggs and heads turned in, the Toston Rod and Gun Club contest came to a close the first of the week and a compilation of figures at the Toston and Townsend receiving headquarters revealed the following prize winners. Approximately 40 took part in the contest. Eight receiving awards as follows: 1st, Anton Schnoblegger, 2,619, Rifle; 2nd, Don Kieckbusch, 1,568, Camp Kit; 3rd, Norman Sanderson, 730, Camp Kit; 4th, John Gilmore, 692, Scout Knife; 5th, Larry Sullivan, 522, Bow and Arrows; 6th, Bill Webb, 505, Tackle Box; 7th, Fred Merritt, 435, Hatchet; 8th, Billy Hossfeld, 375, Billfold.

The club feels the contest was a huge success and wish to express their thanks to the “kids” for their interest in the contest whether they were prize winners or not, and to the business houses for their contribution of prizes; the county commissioners, Richard Vimpany, L.J. Anders, George. Kieckbusch; and “The Star”.

Those who contributed were: Ward Motors, knife; Geo. Gabisch Company, tackle box; Henry Meyer, hatchet; Joe Braley, billfold; Mac’s Grocery, cook kit; Neifert-White Company, bow and arrow; Chas. Hennigh, \$10.00; Tom Collins, \$5.00; Joe Sterrett, \$2.50; Wally Ragen, 75¢; Howard Perkins, \$2.95.

1951

“Second Largest Elevator in State Changes Business Owners in Toston”

Toston – The Toston elevator and storage bins, owned and operated by Joe Greaves for the past thirteen years, were sold recently to Teslow, Inc. of Manhattan.

Mr. Greaves purchased the elevator in 1938 from the Montana Nilling Co., at which time he completely reconditioned it. In 1948 he built a new type circular storage bin with a capacity of approximately 10,000 bushels. In 1949 he built three more bins and in 1950 added two more, making a total storage capacity of 250,000 bushels, second largest in the state.

Greaves has been a resident of Broadwater County since 1896, when he moved, with his parents from Red Deer, Alberta, Canada to Radersburg. In 1900 he moved to Toston where he built a meat market which he operated until he sold the business in 1915. He also built and operated a large livery stable and blacksmith shop.

In 1912 Mr. and Mrs. Greaves sold all their property in Toston and invested in ranch property in the Six Mile District, living there until 1938 when they moved back to Toston. Since then he has combined operating the elevator with wheat farming near Toston. Mr. Greaves still retains his ranch holdings east of Toston and his residence property here.

Mr. and Mrs. Greaves expect to travel extensively in the future, selling patent rights on the new model circular type storage bins which he developed and which have proved very satisfactory.

1962

“Rotarians Busy on Clean-up And Spraying Projects”

Townsend Rotary Club has been quite busy these past weeks with their annual summer projects and with a few added jobs keeping them busy.

They have been preparing the surrounding area for spraying with insect killer and covering ponds with chemicals to prevent insect breeding.

Along with several men from the Chamber, they have completely cleaned and prepared for use the new camp grounds two miles west of Townsend on the Helena Highway. This camp ground is new, close to town, and available for everyone to use – tables are there to be used and grate stoves with plenty of wood available for campfires. The camp ground is situated between the river and the highway about .2 mile west of Bristow’s ranch.

Also, many vacant lots have been mowed of tall grass as has the park lots of Front Street behind Farmer’s Union. The steam turbine sprayer has been making its rounds completely covering the town and especially the empty lots...to control flies and mosquitoes.

This will be a bad year for insects – flies and mosquitoes and other flying and crawling insects – so it is strongly suggested that each land owner in Townsend take care of their property and prevent breeding grounds by following the steps formerly laid out in previous issues of “the Townsend Star”. These insects are the worst carriers of disease we have and their control will save many an illness in our town.

“Winners Named”

Scott Grover of Grover’s Humble Service announces the names of winners at his 10th anniversary celebration Saturday. Keith Valentine won the \$75 grand prize for adults and Pat Broderick the \$10 prize for youngsters. Other winners were: Marie Miller, Alex DuFresne, Mrs. Lorin Waling, Margaret Sanderson, Frances Johnson, Lester Goodwin, W.H. Richtmyer, L. Dan Sullivan, Mrs. Ed Jacobson, Mrs. Doug Fell, Ella Scott, W. Paul Raber, John J. Ryan and J.P. Zipperian.

Mr. Grover wishes to thank all who helped make his anniversary promotion a success.

“Gets Scholarship”

Jim Braley was awarded the Pepsodent Presidential Scholarship for \$500 to the University of Montana for academic achievement, leadership and character at the 72nd annual convention banquet of the Montana State Pharmaceutical Association at Old Faithful Inn on Sunday, June 24.

Jim is a 1962 graduate of BCHS and will enter the University of Montana this fall. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Braley of Manhattan.

“Local Students on Carroll Honor Roll”

Carroll College at Helena released a list of 222 students making the honor roll for the second semester. Of this group 22 made straight as. Among the group of 200 who had an average of B or better were three from Broadwater County – Gerald Berberet of Toston, Peter Nash and Mary P. Sullivan of Townsend.

1973

“Fischer Named Honor Student”

Virginia Fischer of Townsend was one of 542 honor students announced at Eastern Montana College for the spring quarter. To be eligible for the honor roll, a student must carry 12 quarter hours and have a minimum average of 3.25 points.

“Progress Report Old Paint Gone Ready for New”

Paint scrapers for St. Joseph’s Church in the Canton Valley have reported that all paint was scraped from the church during the three day work session last weekend. The pews were also replaced in the church and it is in the process of being prepared for painting. The scrapers who worked throughout the weekend were: John Ryan, Phil Ryan, Fred Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Heberle, Don Marks, Jim Marks, John Marks, Bill Kearns and Steve Berberet.

The restoration committee for the 98 year old church is attempting to ready the edifice for the celebration of its 100th birthday by replacing the windows, erecting shutters and painting. It is anticipated that religious services will be held in the church on special occasions.