

“What Happened Today in History”

October 11

1923

“County Man Gets Poultry Prizes”

Dave Doig of Sixteen, prominent poultry man, gets State Fair prizes.

The prizes won by Mr. Doig were first and second prizes in dark-brown cockerels; first and second prizes in light-brown cockerels; first, second, third and fourth in dark brown pullets; first, second, third and fourth prizes in light-brown pullets; first prize in light-brown pen; first prize in dark-brown pen; sweep stakes for best colored bird in show; first and second sweep-stakes for best parti-colored pen in show.

Even with all these ribbons and cash prizes to his credit, Mr. Doig can easily be approached because in times past he has won much greater laurels in chickens at some of the greatest shows on the continent and he has the ribbons, cups and what not to back up his ability as a chicken raiser. Mr. Doig is due a great deal of credit in being able to win at any show with his famous leghorns considering the altitude here and the severity of the climate.

1934

“All Bids Rejected on Court House, Declared Too High”

Rejection of all bids for the construction of the new county court house and jail for Broadwater County were rejected by the Board of County Commissioners when they were declared open at 2:30 o'clock today as previously advertised, with the exception of the electrical bid which was let to Palmquist Electrical Company of Helena. The bid for the electrical items was \$1,943.51 and was the lowest bid for that division.

Bids were deemed entirely too high was the objection given by the board for their action of rejection.

The bids were invited in three divisions: general, electrical and plumbing. General bids were made for \$55,615.00 by H.J. Hamill of Bozeman; \$53,897.00 by West Coast Company; \$48,874.00 by Ar. R. Elliott of Charlo, Montana.

Electrical bids of \$2,113.00 were submitted by Shane Electrical Company of Bozeman and \$2,298.65 by Allen Electrical of Helena.

Plumbing bids were received from W.J. Schmitz of Anaconda at \$10,200; Garraham Heating and Plumbing Company of Livingston for \$8,877.00 and from Northern Plumbing Co. of Billings for \$9,775.00.

Bids will be opened again on Oct. 25th at 2:00 o'clock at the court house in Townsend.

1945

WWII Headlines

“First Wake Prisoner Home”

“Scout Finance Drive Opens”

The Boy Scout Finance campaign for the No. Central Montana Council started this morning with a Kick-off breakfast at the Diner. The following men are serving on the campaign teams as workers: Dan Moudree, captain, Gene Connors, J. Garrison Rains and James Kearns;

Lawrence Poe, captain, Charles Tomcheck, Merl Fuhs; Harvey McCormick, captain, Fred Schmitz, Dr. Nash and R.S. Stewart.

Each year the Boy Scout Council puts on a drive to raise the budget, and the people of the community are asked to support the character building program of the community.

The Boy Scout program stands for a strong democratic operation. It is operated by the Council which is made up of men representing the Boy Scout Troops inside the area. Townsend Rotary Club has Vance Bronson as its representative. All finances and general policies are determined by men like Mr., Bronson.

Mr. Hubert White headed this year's Finance Drive in Townsend, and when a sudden illness came upon him, Dan Moudree filled in for him. Hubert expressed a desire to see the entire town get behind the scout program to insure its continued successful operation. He said he would like to express his appreciation to Scoutmaster C.A. MacGregor and assistants Lloyd Heberle and R.S. Stewart for the splendid work they have been doing. With increased community interest in the Townsend Scout troop, the program will grow and more boys will be influenced by its citizenship training.

The Boy Scout motto is "Be prepared" to help out in community projects, and individual good turns. A scout is Trustworthy, call on him when you need help. He lives by the Scout Law and works the Scout Oath in his daily life.

1951

"Street Marking Program Gets Off to Good Start"

Although President Chas. A. Ross was very disappointed at the response for volunteer labor Sunday to set the street markers, a small crew accomplished a big job and President Ross wants to show his appreciation to those who did come out to assist in setting the posts. Mr. Ross said the following gave a hand: Rod Pierce of Marshall Wells Store, Harvey McCormick, Jim Ward, Bill Duede, Senator Bill Bristow, Don Hollaway, Cliff Wallace. The posthole digger was donated by Mark Moorman.

The posts are neatly painted white with black capping and will be marked with the names of the streets as soon as the rest of the posts are set. Mayor Louis Green assured the president of the Chamber of Commerce that the city would take up the job and finish the setting of the posts. There were fifteen set on Main Street and 26 on the side streets. Had there been sufficient help, the whole job would have been accomplished in a few hours Sunday.

"Townsend Briefs"

Mrs. Florence Bayles and her children spent Sunday in Townsend visiting friends. Her son, Bob, who has taken an annual part in riding for cattle with W.J. Gaab took three days for the fall round-up.

1962

"Schreiners Have Large Crowds at Anniversary"

Mr. and Mrs. John Schreiner are more than pleased with the fine response of friends and customers at their 25th anniversary party Saturday, in honor of their having served the public at the same location in Townsend 25 years.

The Schreiners opened the station August 11, 1937, then known as the H. Earl Clack Station. During all this time John also has operated a bulk sales division. About 7 years ago Husky Oil Company acquired the Clack interests, so the ties of the station have been with the same company throughout the 25 years.

The Schreiners also have acted as a sub-agent for Placer Motors at Helena since 1940, selling Oldsmobiles.

John was born and reared here and Madge came to Townsend when she was 7 years old. They were married in 1926 and lived at Trident before coming back to start the present business. The Schreiners have two daughters, Mrs. Robert Keim of Helena and Mrs. Dick Gardner of Ibiza, Spain. They also have five grandchildren.

1973

“Grassy Mountain’s Ready”

Grassy Mountain will open again this year – snow permitting. Several volunteer workers and interested parties have been working to ready the run and equipment for use this coming year. The Chalet roof has been repaired, an additional extension has been added to the present lift shack, the tow cable has been oiled, the chalet cleaned, rescue sleds readied for use, a new rope has been purchased for the beginner’s hill and a safety switch affixed for the braking system on cable tow. There are still numerous jobs to be done yet, such as the rope tow hill to be dozed down to meet the engineers requirements, brush on the ski runs to be cut and just a general clean-up of all runs to insure safe skiing. A lot of work was already done before September 29, when Tony and Bob Francisco accompanied Mr. Plummer, who is the inspector with Turnbull and Plummer of Great Falls, for an inspection of the area.

Opening dates of the ski run will depend on the amount of snow received. It will open on Sundays only, unless more interest is shown by both skiers and ski patrolmen who are qualified or would like to become qualified. It takes a lot more for a ski run to open than just snow. Also, a lot of work, by all, than just a few, such as we have had in the past.

Grassy Mountain Ski Club memberships are being accepted now and to date several of the local businesses have contributed as patrons of the ski area, such as Townsend Lumber, Neifert-White, Gambles, the Mint, State Bank of Townsend, Green’s Market and Garrison Rains, this money being used to purchase needed repairs before the inspection of the run.

Both tows at the ski area passed rigid inspection and the remaining work to be done will be done in proportion to the desire of those who want to help get the area operable.

“BCHS Board Buys Land at School”

Broadwater County’s High School Board is taking steps this week to purchase a strip of land that will give the school ownership of its “whole” football field.

Speaking before the Townsend Rotary Club on Tuesday night, the newest member of the school board, Henry Walker, related how the school board has approached Mrs. George Flynn and Charles Holling, who own a small strip of land about 25 feet wide by some 50 yards long on the north side of the field. The student bleachers and part of the track are on private land, Walker said.

The private parties have agreed to sell the land involved, Walker told the Rotarians, and it is felt that total ownership of the field is important, particularly if money is to be spent improving the facility.

Walker went on to ask for help from all local service organizations for development of a new athletic track around the field.

The club voted to support such efforts and to spearhead the drive among other groups and civic leaders. It is anticipated that a contingent of school officials and citizens will visit other schools to inspect track facilities and to contact UM and MSU athletic and engineering departments to gain assistance in their efforts.