

## **“What Happened Today in History”**

**October 18**

**1923**

### **“New School Bus”**

The Townsend Motors Company has constructed a bus to convey the students from the Lower Deep Creek District to town. The large truck holds the frame which is made with seats on both sides, giving plenty of room for the children. Two cars were being used until the bus was completed.

**1934**

### **“Local FFA Team Takes High honors at District Meet”**

The best livestock judging team in the Southern Montana District, second, fourth and fifth best individual judges and three men appointed to district offices is the record made by the Broadwater County High School Chapter of Future Farmers of America at Bozeman on Saturday. Of the livestock judged the boys placed first in beef, second in sheep and third in dairy cattle. Jack Gruber made the second highest individual score and was very creditably backed up by his team mates, Bill Guffey and Herman Moudree, who made the fourth and fifth high scores respectively.

In the afternoon, following the judging contest, a meeting of all chapters represented was held for the purpose of forming the Southern Montana District of FFA. Clarence Dallas was elected to the vice-presidency of this organization and Joe Gaab was appointed to the committees on general activities and athletics. Jack Gruber is to act on the committee on the constitution.

Such a showing as this should certainly earn for these boys the hearty congratulations of the community. W.P. Thomas and Smith Hugh, director, accompanied nineteen boys on the trip. Don't forget “the Aggie Bawl” Saturday night, October 20<sup>th</sup>, High School gym, Townsend.

**1945**

### **WWII Headlines**

**“Frank Hargrove is Discharged After 43 Months Service”**

**“Al Olsen is in Japan”**

**“115 Workers Got Paid First Time Since Wake Island, 4 Years Ago”**

**“John C. Walter on Way Home from Okinawa”**

**“Harold Carson in Japan; Hopes to be Home Soon”**

**“Norbert Boeh Returns Here After Army Duty”**

**“Chas. Smith Relates Life at Shanghai Prison Camp”**

### **Winston News**

Mrs. Albert Diehl received word that her brother, Charles Willard Whitehead, was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received April 13<sup>th</sup> in the Albay Providence, Luzon. He was wounded that day on the Island of Papu Rapre. He is now on his way to Yokahoma.

**1951**

**“Narrow Escape When N.P. Cars Pass Over Child”**

A harrowing experience for Mrs. Chas. Ragen and her little nineteen-month old daughter, Christine; one seldom ever before heard of and one that also received nation-wide publicity, occurred here last Thursday afternoon when the child apparently helpless in the middle of the N.P. tracks had an engine and seven freight cars pass over her before the train could be brought to a stop.

Mr. and Mrs. Ragen and three children reside about a mile south of Townsend on a ranch and the residence is close to the railway tracks. Mrs. Ragen ran to the aid of her child when she became aware that the little one had left the yard and when she realized a train was approaching. She saw the little girl on the tracks, but was unable to reach her. The engineer had seen the red coat worn by the child and stopped as soon as possible.

It is thought the little one had fallen and been stunned before the train approached as her mother watched breathless the little form as the cars passed over, frantic as to what might happen if she moved. She was uninjured when the train finally stopped and she was picked up by her mother.

The shock was severe for all concerned, but all are equally thankful.

The train was a through freight and the engine was one of the big steamer types. It is said the clearance from the bottom of the cowcatcher to the rail is between 5 to 6 inches. The train had evidently slowed somewhat as it passed through Townsend.

It generally takes the full length of the train to stop, railroad officials say. The engineer, not known here, said “he gave it everything he had” after he became aware of the impending danger.

The story was carried over radio and in the daily press.

**1962**

**“Back in the Good Old Days?”**

Some time ago Gray P. Keene brought in an old account book kept by his father, H.L. Keene, covering entries from 1865 through 1866. One list contained items purchased and the price paid, and another list showed produce sold from the farm.

Among the list of items purchased for the Lower Duck Creek ranch were: grindstone \$12.00; 2 scythes and whetstone \$13.00; 2 forks \$6.25; 25 sacks of flour at \$17.00 per sack; 118 pounds of bacon at 48¢ per pound, all in the year 1865.

During 1866 the following amounts were expended for the ranch: yoke of cattle \$129.00; 4 mules and harness \$500.00; reaper and mower \$350.00; 8 bushels of seed wheat \$32.11; 12 head of cows \$65.00 per head; and one entry showed he paid \$30.00 for a 100-pound sack of flour; 30 pounds of coffee at 80¢ per pound; 25 pounds of salt at 30¢ per pound.

During 1866 he sold a load of turnips for \$38.75 and at Diamond City he sold 14 pounds of butter for \$14.00.

In addition to farming Mr. Keene also operated a ferry across the river and the ferry account showed one trip horseback 50¢; buggy found trip \$1.00; 4 horsemen \$1.00; team and wagon \$1.00.

**1973**

**“St. Paul’s School Opens Cook Scholarship Comp”**

The second annual Cook Scholarship competition was announced this week. The Program, established in 1973 by the late Frank Hervey Cook, a life-long resident of Townsend Montana and a St. Paul’s alumnus, provides generous scholarships covering tuition and boarding fees to worthy Montana boys and girls at the school and college.

Students presently in the eighth, ninth or tenth grades may apply for the Cook Scholarships. The director of admissions at St. Paul’s reports that students will be selected on the basis of character and academic accomplishment. To determine the qualifications of candidates, recommendations of present principals and teachers, school records and the Secondary School Admissions Test (SSAT) are essential parts of the admissions procedure.

The SSAT, the entrance examination, will be given in Billings and Helena on Saturday, January 19, 1974. Candidates must file preliminary applications with the school not later than December 1, 1973.

The 1974 Cook Scholarship recipients will be selected by Robert F. Burke, President of First National Bank and Trust Company of Helena in close cooperation with the School’s Admissions Office and the Program’s Board of Trustees, which includes William H. Doggett of White Sulphur Springs. A.W. Scribner of Helena, James H. Taylor of Boyd and John H. Beust, Vice Rector, St. Paul’s School.

St. Paul’s School opened recently for its 118<sup>th</sup> year with an enrollment of 495 students. 375 boys and 120 girls; representing 35 states and 13 foreign countries. A teaching faculty of 73 is organized in ten academic departments. The school’s grounds include 1,800 acres of woods and open land; 3 ponds and 105 buildings. Recent graduates have entered a large number of colleges and universities including Amherst, Colorado State, Harvard, Oberlin, Princeton, Yale and the Universities of Washington and Southern California.

Additional information about the Cook Scholarship Program and the school may be obtained from Robert F. Burke, President First National Bank and Trust Company, Helena and Sanford R. Sistare, Director of Admissions, St. Paul’s School, Concord, New Hampshire (tel. 603-225-3341).

**“Sitton Gets Fourth in PP & K Contest”**

Douglas Sitton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sitton, placed fourth out of eight in the ten-year-old age group in the District Punt, Pass and Kick Contest held in Great Falls last Saturday.

He was competing against youths from the states of Montana, Idaho, Arizona, Utah and a portion of Wyoming, which makes up this area of the Ford Motor Company’s sales division. Ford sponsors the Punt, Pass and Kick competition each year.

This was the second year Doug competed in the district competition. He won the 10-year-old zone contest in Billings two weeks ago.