

“What Happened Today in History”

October 4

1923

“Local News”

Mr. and Mrs. F.L. Hollaway and son, Donald, and Mrs. T.N. Averill motored to Helena to take in the big State Fair on Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. D.J. McCarthy of Helena transacted business in Townsend Wednesday, motoring out in their Dodge sedan.

1934

“Four Car Accidents Happen in One Day”

Four car accidents within twenty-four hours was the record of last Friday, which proved an unlucky Friday for A.H. Forschner who hit and killed a cow enroute to Helena last Friday near Winston. Considerable damage was done to his machine, but he was uninjured. Miss Luella Watson, while enroute to the Missouri Valley and Townsend, went over an embankment coming from her home at Watson the same afternoon. The accident occurred as she attempted to pass a large truck on a grade, bad brakes being the cause of the accident which happened just above the Chas. Barker Ranch. The car was uprighted and aside from the loss of some gasoline, oil and battery acid and a bent axle, no damage was done. The car was driven to Townsend on its own power.

The same evening a party, composed of Mrs. Esther McCord, Dovie Aker, Hughie Broderick and “Red” Thurston, returning from Helena turned “turtle” about four miles out of Townsend on the Winston Road. The car was badly damaged, the glasses in the sedan windows shattered and much damage done to the body. The occupants of the car escaped with minor bruises and cuts.

A car belonging to Filipino beet workers was very badly damaged the same day when it left the highway between Toston and Townsend, although the occupants were uninjured. All of the cars except the Forschner car were put in the Ward Motors repair shop.

1945

WWII Headlines

“Ray Howell Gets Honorable Discharge”

“Harold Johnson on Ship Among First to Return from Pacific Operations”

“Fred Geisser Returns from Italian Front”

“City Records Show Much Intemperance During September”

September was the most intemperate month in the history of the city if judging from fines and jail visitors is to be counted. According to Marshal Harry Houston, the city is over \$200 wealthier because of drunkenness and as high as 18 were in the can at a time. The arrests were mostly made among non-resident men and fines ranged from \$2 to \$12.50.

“Creamery Now Operating from Cooley Bldg.”

Burned out a few weeks ago, the Broadwater Creamery company has now taken up quarters in the Cooley Gravel Company’s building on Spruce Street, just back of Green’s

Market, and have installed their equipment for the milk and cream distributing station and expect to be making ice cream in the near future, said manager F.L. Olsen today.

For the time being churning will be dispensed with, but full operations will commence as soon as machinery can be installed. A new plant will be erected in place of the old one.

1951

“Old Baldy Staff is Chosen”

On Wednesday, September 26, the Journalism Class of BCHS elected the staff members for the 1951-52 “Old Baldy” year book.

Don McCarthy, senior, was elected Editor; Lois White, Business Manager; Ad Make-up, Jack Kimpton, Don Graveley, Larry Sullivan and Mary Alice Sweeney; Helena Ad Sellers, John Graveley, Don Graveley, Rudy Dolin and Doc Kieckbusch. Noreen Reynolds, Pauline Green, Patty Ferrat, Lois White; Townsend Ad sellers, Jack Kimpton, Irene Clark, Anna Mae Boster, George Sitton, Mildred Ellis, Gordon Sanderson, Ted Burch, Willisanne Frey; Correspondent Secretary, Pauline Green; Copy Readers, George Sitton, Bob Gillespie; Dummy Makers Anna Mae Boster, Mildred Ellis, Irene Clark, Jack Kimpton.

In the past, the annual has been a Senior Class project, but plans are being made to make this year’s annual a freshmen, sophomore and junior year book as well.

“Volunteers Asked to Turn Out Sunday to Finish Street Marking Program”

Chas. B. Ross, President of Chamber of Commerce reports the posts have arrived and that everything is in readiness now to set the posts that will carry the street signs for Townsend.

At 8:00 a.m. Sunday, every interested person is asked to meet at the Ross Implement and Electric Companies store and from there commence the job of digging the post holes and placing the posts and signs.

Mark Moorman has a modern posthole digger and has generously offered it for the day. The manual labor will be nominal, but lots of helpers are needed, Ross said.

Townsend has long ago out-grown a country village status. Streets have been named since the first plat of the town was drawn, but only old-timers really know the names.

Starting west and running north and south the streets are Front, Pine, Spruce, Cedar, Oak, Walnut, Cherry and Harrison Ave. Running east and west they are B, C, D, etc. on one side of Broadway and 2, 3, and 4 etc. on the other side.

The next step will be house numbering.

1962

“High School Homecoming Draws Big Crowd”

The Broadwater County High School Homecoming last Friday drew a large crowd of people at the parade, football game and dance. This year’s parade was exceptional in the number and quality of entries. Lundy’s Market was awarded first place; freshman class second place; sophomore class third place. All the high school classes had very commendable floats, but due to the strong winds at the time of the parade, the senior class was unable to enter their float and other class floats all had extensive wind damage. This was regrettable because all had worked hard on their floats and they were all works of art (before the parade).

Homecoming activities progressed to a highlight at the football field when the Broadwater Bulldogs defeated Rosary Bulldogs 30 to 0. During halftime the large crowd assembled at the football field was entertained by the Broadwater High School Band under the Direction of Mrs. Paulie Ragen. Tony Francisco gave a short welcoming address to the visiting alumni, announced the winners of the floats and crowned Mike Ragen and Vicki Jones as Homecoming King and Queen.

The Homecoming program was climaxed that evening by a dance in the high school gym. A large attendance of high school students, local people and visiting alumni enjoyed dancing to the music of the Montana Club Dance Band from Helena.

The student body of BCHS wishes to take this opportunity to express their thanks to the townspeople and members of the community for their fine response to this affair. A special note of thanks is extended to the Chamber of Commerce for their generous allowance of the use of the Christmas lights which were used in lighting up the "B". It is hoped that many residents were able to observe this "lighting of the 'B'" as the electric lights made it an impressive sight.

1973

"Busiest Cooks in Town"

The average housewife prepares about 4,000 meals a year (for a family of four) at a cost of anywhere from \$130.00 to \$230.00 a month. She has problems with menu planning to reflect her family's tastes while giving them wholesome meals. Consider the problems of the person who served over 45,000 meals last year, at a cost of about \$17,000 for nine months. Faced with this problem each year since Oct. 12, 1953 is Miss Margaret Kenney, school lunch cook and her assistant, Mrs. A.F. Schwisow. Not only do they prepare school lunches for anywhere from 260 to 330 school children five days a week they must plan healthful meals which meet the U.S. Government requirements for nutrition, they must try to please an ever changing array of appetites, and be ready for an extra large crowd if it starts to snow.

The largest meal Miss Kenney remembers serving in her 20 years with the Townsend school lunch program was to 359 hungry students on a day a storm broke after school had started and parents began calling and telling their youngsters to 'stay and eat at school'. It became necessary to appoint students to man the phones so the cooks could prepare the meal. The most served to date this year is 330, with an average daily group of between 275 and 300.

The children eat in four shifts, beginning at 11:20 a.m. and ending with the high school students at 12 noon. The cost of the meal, for a student, is forty cents, for adults, fifty cents. For this they receive a meal of spaghetti and beef, green salad, cherry crisp, bread and butter, milk or coffee. Favorite menus are fish sticks or hamburgers; for 300 means sixty pounds of hamburger. Fruit is purchased in cases of gallon cans, with 2 ½ cases needed for a meal, along with 12 to 15 loaves of bread and 275 to 300 individual cartons of milk. If at all possible, the shopping is done locally, with three months allotted to each local grocery store. Only items needed in institutional sizes are ordered from suppliers, Miss Kenney tries to shop weekly, and does her menu planning with this in mind. Miss Kenney and Mrs. Schwisow arrive at the school just after 7 a.m. and prepare the day's lunch. Extra helpers, Mrs. Frank Shearer, Mrs.

Ira Richardson, Mrs. Ron Johnson, Mrs. Dixie Merritt arrive at eleven to help serve. They remain to help clean up with Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Merritt leaving at one and Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Shearer at two. Mrs. Schwisow is finished about 2:30 and Miss Kenney leaves between 3:30 and 4:00 p.m.

With the exception of a dishwasher, a garbage disposal, installed last year, and a mixer, everything used in the kitchen is the same as would be found in an average home, except possible a little larger.

Miss Kenney has been involved with food preparation for 29 years, nine in Helena before assuming her present duties 20 years ago. Mrs. Schwisow has been with the local program for seven years and Mrs. Shearer for four years; the other helpers started this year, replacing the high school students who formerly worked as part of a government program.