

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

**September 20**

**1923**

“Princess Emma” will represent Broadwater County at the State Fair this year, having been given the most number of votes was the decision of the judges on Wednesday morning of this week. Miss Broadwater II received a very large majority of votes when she was pronounced winner of this coveted distinction, receiving a total of 2,100. Miss Lila Grace Sitton of Radersburg received 1,900 votes and Miss Mildred Hale of Townsend was given 1,600 votes which constituted the three highest scores. Others who ranked next were Misses Rose Starkweather and Mae McCormick. The votes were counted at the State Bank from a sealed ballot box.

Miss Neild is a popular and pretty high school girl, a junior in the Broadwater County High School. She is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Neild of Townsend and was born here. All of her career has been spent in the county with the exception of a few years when California was her home. She is truly a home county girl and one of which we are proud of and glad to be able to send so fair a Princess to the “Queen’s Court” during Fair week.

After the young ladies, who have been chosen to represent their various counties assemble in Helena, they will be escorted to the Placer on Tuesday morning and from then until the closing day there has been arranged for their pleasure an elaborate program.

Entertainment of Montana princesses composing the court of the Queen of Montana during State Fair Week, has been arranged by the general committee of the woman’s division of the commercial club. The princesses will be kept busy the four days they are in Helena, with dinners, receptions, dances and attendance at the fairgrounds programs.

The principal social event will be the coronation ball on the evening of Thursday of Fair Week in the Shrine ball room. This is expected to draw attendance from many localities in addition to Helena.

**1934**

### **“Bids to be Let for Court House and Jail October 8<sup>th</sup>”**

In another part of “The Star” this week appears a notice “Invitation for Bids Advertisement”, for the new Court House and Jail to be built in Broadwater County. On October 8<sup>th</sup> the Board of Commissioners will open bids and let the contract to the responsible firm for the erection of the said buildings and work will go forward immediately. This building was made possible by funds available through the Public Works Administration of the Federal Government, whereby the county could borrow money at a very low rate of interest and a long period to repay it. One third of the money is a grant from the government. It is surely a needed project as the present buildings are not in any way safe to house the records of the county. The Court House is a framed structure and not in any way fireproof. The new structures will be large enough for a county of this size, the main building to be two stories, 50 x 98 feet. Both structures to be fireproof brick buildings.

The Public Works Committee and the Chamber of Commerce of Broadwater County have worked very hard in the interest of these buildings. The architects are R.C. Hugenin and

Norman H. DeKay of Helena and the specifications are on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

### **“Local Lumber Dealer Making Improvements”**

Brown Bros. Lumber Co., is improving the inside of their store building this week. Redecorating the entire room and lining the walls and ceiling with Nu-Wood tiling. This is a new composition made of wood with tile effect and is very neat in appearance. The office will be enclosed with a glass partition from the rest of the room and new furniture and fixtures are being installed.

**1945**

### **WWII Headlines**

**“Don Whaley Tells Experiences in the European Campaign”**

**“Sweating it out Waiting to Get Back Home”**

**“Creamery Will Rebuild Following Second Fire”**

The fire siren sounded Tuesday morning at about 10:00 in the morning, the Broadwater Creamery Company’s plant almost completely destroyed by fire a few weeks ago was again in flames.

Since the fire on September 1, a cream station has been carried on, on an emergency basis. Although the roof is gone, steam was generated for sterilization process and the community provided with the necessary milk and cream. The first fire was thought to have been caused from a defective outlet from the boiler and the second fire seemed to be from the same cause.

L.M. Cooley, co-owner with H.J. Doggett had just arrived this week from the east to take up the business arrangements for building a new plant. The two men were driving up to the charred plant when the second fire broke out. It was extinguished with hand power immediately.

A new plant is to be built according to the plans, the owners have announced. For the present the business will be carried on as well as possible in the old plant with offices in the Cooley Gravel Company building.

**“River Inn Will Re-open Saturday Night”**

The River Inn, popular night club, one mile north of Townsend on highway No. 10 is to be reopened again on Saturday night, Les Goodwin has announced.

The Inn was closed during the war owing to the fact that Mr. Goodwin enlisted in the Seabees and served at CCS in that unit in the South Pacific and has only recently been discharged. Since his return to civilian life he has had the interior revamped, improving the floor in the dance hall, modernizing the kitchen and otherwise improving the large building erected here about five years ago.

At the opening Saturday night the usual bar and light lunch service will be ready and the Redd orchestra of Helena has been engaged to play for dancing, which is to commence at 9:00 o’clock.

Meal service will not start until Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin announce.

Mr. Goodwin is a Veteran of both World Wars. He served in France in World War I.

**1951**

**“Winston News”**

The Beacon Light Club met Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Al Albright. A portion of the evening's business was election of officers as follows: Mrs. Bert Cobban, president; Mrs. Alex Doig, vice-president, Mrs. Delbert Wallace, secretary-treasurer. Others present were Mrs. Hugh Whitehead, Mrs. Robert Myles and Mrs. Bill Diehl. At the close of the meeting delicious refreshments were served and announcement made of the next meeting to be held Oct. 11 at the home of Mrs. Cobban.

Miss Norene Reynolds took Miss Barbara Spencer, our local school teacher, on a guided shopping tour in Helena Saturday.

**“Local News”**

Coy Jane Damuth, 6, was honored on the occasion of her birthday anniversary last Wednesday by a party for a number of her young friends after school. Gay little plastic baskets in shades of pink, yellow and blue filled with candy helped to dress up the table centered with the lighted cake that was cut and served after the games to Mary Lou Thompson, Bonnie and Linda Wallace, Sidney Sherwood, Beverly Thompson, Vicky Perkins, Deena Hollaway and Helen and Linda Damuth.

**1962**

**“100 Years Old”**

A longtime resident of Townsend, Mrs. J.P. Hardy, lovingly known as “Grandma Hardy”, will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 4, 1962, at the home of her daughter, Effie Hardy Burgess; 3112 North San Antonio, Apt. 7; Ontario, Calif. It would give her much pleasure to hear from her Montana friends. Mrs. Hardy is the grandmother of Mrs. Clinton Holland.

**“Construction Has Started on New Conoco Station”**

Construction started Monday on a new Conoco service station in Townsend, located at the corner of Front and Second Streets, just north of Broadwater Creamery. American Building Company of Helena has the contract. Tom Patterson and Kermit Muller are owners of the Company, and Mr. Patterson was here Monday getting the work under way. While there is no deadline, they expect to have the station ready for use by January 1.

Patterson stated they would use local labor as much as possible. Willis Burmaster, local dirt contractor, is doing the excavating and leveling; Townsend Electric has the contract for wiring and Clark Plumbing & Heating has the contract for the plumbing.

The building, 25 x 42 feet, will be of porcelain steel construction. Storage tanks will include three 4,000 gallon, one 3,000 gallon and two 560 gallon tanks.

Continental Oil Company announced plans for the station several months ago when they acquired the lots from Mrs. Bendicka Fuhs. Last spring we were told work would be started shortly, but plans were held up in the engineering department until recently when the company asked for bids.

American Building Company is also building a Conoco station in Helena for Continental.

## **“Man of Action”**

Tony Francisco is a man of action, and all residents of our town should appreciate the fact that he is. For some time Tony has noted the need of suitable receptacles along our streets into which people could throw refuse, instead of dumping trash on our streets.

After listening to various groups and committees discuss the need for months, Mr. Francisco gave up on their ever getting anything done and went to work on his own. This week he has distributed six of these containers along Broadway, and says that he will place more as soon as the steel drums are available.

Tony has painted them with aluminum paint so they blend in well with surroundings. Now that he has been so generous, let's all use them and quit littering our streets with papers, cigar and cigarette butts, wrappers, etc. Thanks, Tony!

## **“Bulldogs Trounce Twin Bridges” by Hank Walker**

Broadwater County High School's Bulldogs trounced the Twin Bridges Falcons on the local gridiron Friday afternoon 21 to 12.

Townsend fielded a well-coached team. They played clean, hard football. The Bulldogs committed one fumble, had one pass intercepted and lost only one yard rushing. In order to do this, a team must play heads-up football.

You may wonder why I don't mention how many touchdowns a player makes or how many passes someone completes. This is my reason: A ball carrier needs a quarterback to hand off the ball to him. He needs the blocker to block the would-be tacklers. He needs someone in the line to open a hole through which he can go. You see, he didn't make the touchdown alone. He had the help of the other seven players. It turns out to be a team effort. The same is true of a passer.

There is one play which I must bring to your attention. After Townsend scored their second touchdown, they used a play in which young, 145 lb., Dick Black was to carry for the extra point. Dick swept right end, and before him were two 180 lb. Falcon tacklers. He lowers his head, the two Falcons are driven back, and Black crosses for the extra point.

This is when I heard a chuckle behind me and someone say, “That's my boy!” I turn around to look, and I see Fred Black grinning from ear to ear. Yes sir, he was a really proud dad. We were all proud of the coach and his boys.

Friday, Sept. 21, is our first conference game at home. We meet White Sulphur Springs. They are rated as the power house of the conference. I pick the Bulldogs by one.

Let's all be there. The boys have the right attitude. Let's help them keep it.

**1973**

## **“Radersburg News”**

More of us should not think we may be old at 80 or 90. Miss Zetta Blacker of Helena reached her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday September 7<sup>th</sup>. She was born in Radersburg in 1873. Her father operated the Blacker Mine and the Blacker Hotel. Her friends and relatives are more impressed with her age than she is, as she expressed her opinion of not thinking anything of it. She cannot attribute her long life to anything special. She is remembered by a few older ones. She attended school here.

Miss Barbara Harris is working at Tempo in Helena before she gets a job at a beauty shop. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Harris were here Sunday with his parents, the George Harris', his brothers, Billy and Ronnie and his aunt, Mrs. Hough and Charlie. Sammy is a highway patrolman in the Conrad Area. They have two small sons, Sammy and Travis.

Mrs. Marion Toma is keeping in close touch with her son, Eli, Jr, or Tony, as he is known here. He has been in a Bozeman hospital for removal of a kidney stone lodged in a critical place and has been very ill. He is now getting along as well as can be expected.