

“What Happened Today in History”

September 6

1923

“Local News”

Misses Mildred Hale and Rosemary Averill motored to Augusta the latter part of last week for a visit with Miss Naida Wellman. Upon their return to Townsend Monday evening, they were accompanied by Miss Wellman, who will teach in the primary department in the public school here this year.

1934

“Buy Cozy Corner”

A deal was consummated recently whereby Fred Bubser and F.L. Hollaway purchased the building formerly known as the Cozy Corner on the corner of Main and Cedar streets from A.A. Kranz. The new owners expect to put this fine brick business structure in first class condition which will be occupied before long. It is one of the best buildings in the city with one of the finest locations and when freshened up with paint and interior improvements will be a credit in the town.

The building was erected in 1912 by John Doughty, first used for a saloon. Later became the home of Townsend’s popular ice cream parlor and confectionary store with dancing and was operated by Mr. and Mrs. Kranz, the late Avon Goodale, Mr. and Mrs. George Burt, W.J. Hazelton, George Zimmerman and the late Geo. Bryant.

1945

WWII Headlines

“A Story of Ken Bridgewater’s Ship”

“CEC Greaves Member of Team That Gets Special Citation”

“Frank Carroll is Given Advancement”

“Les Goodwin Gets Discharged From Navy”

“Creamery to Rebuild After Devastating Fire Takes Plant”

A fire breaking out in the boiler room of the Broadwater Creamery Company at about 6:00 o’clock Saturday morning completely destroyed the top structure of the building, damaged partial wall structure and put the whole plant out of commission for the regular butter and ice cream manufacture. The cause of the fire is not known as only recently, J.J. Doggett, owner, and F.L. Olsen, manager, had had the plant completely over hauled, having new electric wiring throughout and new chimneys built.

Although the plant, fresh with its coats of white paint and sanitary interior, lay a steaming, stinking mass of smoldering fire brands, wet plaster and water, the staff set to work immediately to set up an emergency milk station and in a few hours stores were supplied with the usual milk, although cream separations were rendered impossible.

Neighboring creamery plants cooperated to take the large supply of butter on hand at this time of year and the local ice cream distributing plants filled up with ice cream on hand to capacity, little if any of the manufactured products being lost in the fire.

Insulation of sheet rock was accredited for partially holding the fire from the main building to the roof structure. The blaze apparently starting near the boiler room got headway when it reached the attic and spread to the dry rafters, the entire roof being a roaring blaze when it was first noticed by early risers in the neighborhood. The alarm was sounded and soon the fire department with two hoses kept the ceiling from firing and saved the office in the front.

Because it has been impossible to reach the co-owner L.M. Cooley, who is traveling in the east at present, plans for rebuilding have not been completed according to Mr. Doggett. The plant was partially covered by insurance. The loss was estimated at about \$8,000.

1951

“Spillway at Dam Completed by Constructor Men”

The spillway for Canyon Ferry Dam is complete with exception of a guard rail wall and Canyon Constructor crews have started backfilling behind the west retaining wall.

Workers are preparing to begin painting the inside of the river outlet tubes. The heavy water works enamel will last more than 10 years.

Frames for the fixed wheel gates at the front end of block No. 11 were being installed. The extra gate in the entrance to the tubes will provide opportunity to repair the regular gates in the middle of the dam after the structure is in operation.

Work is continuing on construction of the upstream arch type dam that will connect the face of the completed section with the east canyon wall during second stage diversion.

The Helena Valley pumping unit intake pipe was installed in block No. 9 on the west side of the river, but the sections were not welded together today. The tube is 13 feet in diameter.

“Bob Branton Home Struck by Lightning”

The Bob Branton home was struck by lightning last Wednesday evening at about 6:30. The family had just finished their evening meal and Mrs. Branton was in the kitchen picking up and Mr. Branton was seated close to his radio reading the evening paper when one of the strongest bolts of lightning ever experienced, apparently out of a mild storm, hit with sudden violence following the telephone wire down the side of the house. The radio was blown into bits, particles being picked up in joining rooms. The current was so strong the wiring was completely melted and a stretch a foot across burned and blackened the outside of the house where the wires were fastened.

Fortunately neither Mr. nor Mrs. Branton were hurt. It was a narrow escape for both however, for Mrs. Branton was standing at the time at the kitchen sink and only received a small cut on the hand from a bit of glass when the kitchen window collapsed from the impact of the bolt.

Those in the neighborhood experienced a flash of light and shaking of their homes when the lightning hit. The electric storm which lasted only a few minutes was accompanied with a down pour of rain.

“Four Generations”

Standing Mrs. (Myrtle) Chester Nelson and daughter (Elaine), Mrs. Fred Taylor; Mrs. (Martha) John Johnson; and Miss Roene Taylor, 21 months old.

Mrs. Johnson, who had been visiting the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nelson, and family in the Toston rural area, during the summer, left for her home in Salt Lake City Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson and sons, Ross and Dean and daughter, Mrs. Taylor, have resided in this county since 1949 when they purchased the Park Trail Ranch from Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Wallace. Mr. Nelson has carried on extensive wheat farming since he took over the ranch.

Mrs. Taylor came to make her home with her parents shortly after husband was killed in a plane accident. Her daughter, Roene, was born in the Broadwater Hospital.

The little Miss, besides her great grandmother, Mrs. Johnson, photographed with her in the picture has two other great grandparents. They are Mr. and Mrs. O.T. Hungerford of Redmond, Wash. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are her only grandparents.

1962

“Sears is Fifth in Ford Race”

Merle Sears, Townsend’s entrant in the annual Model T Ford race, finished in fifth place in the 620 mile race from East Glacier to Circle. Twelve of the 17 cars starting finished. He received a nice trophy from Ford Motor Company.

“Gambles Store is Expanding”

Chuck and Dick Grady have leased the old post office building for additional floor space for their Gamble Store. Harry Hanson is redecorating the place, and as soon as a new tile floor is laid, the room will be ready for the Gradys to move part of their merchandise next door.

“Ham Radio Man Talks to Alaska”

A local ham operator, Art McLeod of Toston, reports he recently made contact with the Alaska exhibit at the Seattle World’s Fair.

Mr. McLeod spoke to station KL7SOA-W7, one of the two home stations located at the Alaska exhibit building at the base of the towering World’s Fair “Space Needle”.

From Mr. McLeod’s contact, he heard about the 49th state presentation at the fair, including an 11 foot 1 ½ inch polar bear, Eskimo, and Indian displays and an electronic duplication of Alaska’s Northern Lights.

Also on display are sport fishing exhibits, industrial models, and the world’s record Kodiak brown bear.

Mr. McLeod, whose own station is K7QND, a few hours after the Seattle contact, talked to Bob Perry, LK7CKC, in Fairbanks, Alaska. The Alaska station reported that day was 20 hours long and the temperature was 80 degrees. That same day in Toston, the temperature was in the low 60s.

1973

“MRA Rodeo Finals See Masolo Dogging”

Bob Masolo of Winston will be the only local cowboy to compete in the Montana Rodeo Association Championships in East Helena this weekend. He will compete in the bulldogging event.

The annual MRA Championship Rodeo will be held this coming Saturday and Sunday,

September 8 and 9 in East Helena at 2 p.m.

The standings have changed somewhat after the rodeo in Hamilton this past weekend. The rodeo is open to the top 10 in each event and points will count towards the saddle in each event. The stock contractor for the show will be C & R Rodeo Company of Ovando. This will prove to be a great show with all of the top cowboys in the MRA in competition.

“Winston News”

The casualties this week include the George and the Myles corn, raccoons being the alleged culprits, and the Lee Reynolds geese and half of the ducks, for which depredation coyotes get the blame. Myles finally captured their chicken thief, with five fryers left to the good. It was a large raccoon. Unfortunately for Myles, the coon's friends held a wake at their fellow coon's death. In lieu of corn whisky they ate the corn. So we have the Myles and Georges gunning for raccoons, Lee Reynolds gunning for coyotes, and some of the cattle ranchers riding shotgun along the county lanes at night to ward off cattle rustlers.

The annual Webb-George-Swavely birthday dinner was held at George's Sunday. Pauline Webb and Ned George were the honor recipients. The third member of the birthday triumvirs, Mrs. Nevin Swavely, is home in Pennsylvania this year so missed the get together. Those attending besides the Georges, were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cox and Dan Durkan.

A long held dream of Tim Clark is materializing. He has gone on a hunting trip to Alaska. He was to be met in Anchorage by his friend Gary Flynn who is stationed there with the Army. Gary plans to hunt mountain sheep and Tim to hunt caribou.