

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

**December 13**

**1923**

### **“Caught in Ice Jam, Hunters Make Escape”**

S.D. Van Voast and Dick Price narrowly escaped with their lives from the Missouri River on Monday night of this week when they were caught in an ice jam in a small hunting boat and forced to spend the entire night in the middle of a jam of mush ice near the lower river bridge below the Cook Ranch.

On Monday, the two men spoken of went to the river to remove the hunting boat from the river for the season. They were making good headway and everything was alright until they were unable to row the boat into a little slough, being closed with ice. This necessitated traveling down the river a little farther to an appropriate landing place and almost immediately they were surrounded by thick floating mush ice and in a few seconds were completely caught in a jam, the small boat being caught with the current and ice and lifted on top of the jam, which was very unsafe as it was only soft ice gathering that had become impacted. The boat was soon frozen in with absolutely no chance for a getaway although the men in the boat tried to loosen the ice in every way.

Grant Reed was to meet the boatmen at the lower bridge with an automobile late in the afternoon and bring them back to town, when upon arriving and waiting an appropriate time, the hunters failed to appear, he made investigations and soon discovered the boat in the predicament mentioned. He procured the services of neighboring men, ropes, lumber and other tools with an attempt to free the imprisoned men, but before anything could be done, night had descended, whose extreme darkness rendered the rescuers unable to do much advantageous work until day break.

At times there was conversation between the parties on the shore and the men in the boat and again the roar of the river would keep them from communicating.

The night was cold, but still, which helped the two men from becoming chilled. They had a bucket in the boat which was used to hold a small fire, which was started and kept fueled by using the seats of the boat. Twice during the night there was great danger of the boat capsizing as the ice jam would move and once, about 2:00 a.m. the boat was turned and twisted furiously from side to side as the jam moved down the river a few yards, the boat half filling with water and ice. However good fortune seemed to be with the endangered ones, for they were cast farther towards the bank; near enough to permit the rescuers to throw wood to them to keep the fire until the daylight would assist in making proper rafts etc. to gain the bank.

The little river craft stood the cracking and jamming of the ice very well.

Daylight found the party of rescuers busy with their ropes and timber and by nine o'clock the boat was drawn by ropes onto the planks and pulled ashore.

**1934**

### **“Double Header Hoop Game for Friday Night”**

Townsend fans will be promised an interesting evening of the favorite winter indoor sport when a Helena team meets the improved Townsend C.C. team and the “younger local promises” will get together on the home floor to make a double header game which will start at about 7:30 Friday night.

A team from the Allen Electric aggregation will play the Townsend Chamber of Commerce team. The freshmen high school boys will meet the eighth grade boys’ team in the preliminary. Both games are sure to be interesting said manager Olsen this morning, who believes his team is making rapid improvement since they are getting their team work organized and regular practice engaged in.

The dance Saturday night given for the benefit of the home team was very generously attended and in a short time, the town team hopes to be sporting their much needed new suits.

## **1945**

### **“WWII News”**

#### **Discharges**

Cpl. Ernest Broderick discharged from the Army Air Corps having served in the Pacific; Byron G. Johnson discharged after three years of foreign service in the Pacific; Robert Miller was discharged having served as Ship Fitter overseas; Galen McLaughlin, a radio repairman was discharged having served overseas and Martin O. Casseth was discharged after having served in Northern France and Germany.

#### **“Returned Veterans Honored at Party”**

Last Saturday evening was a gala occasion for several veterans who had recently returned from the service. It was a party given for Virgil Elliot and Johnny Walter at the Cottonwood School House with Mrs. Emery Clark and Mrs. Earl Burtch as hostesses. Other veterans present were Gerhart Hoppe, John Bucy, Bob Bartz and Byron Johnson.

Clopton Bros. furnished excellent music for dancing which, with other games and delicious refreshments, provided a happy occasion for the large number of friends in the vicinity.

## **1951**

### **“Radersburg News”**

Radersburgers seen in Townsend Saturday included Mrs. Bob Harris, Bea Harris and Linda Doughty, Mrs. Cleon Cass, James Holling, Bill Sitton, Mrs. George Harris and sons, Billy and Paul, Darrell Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed McElwee and family.

#### **“Local News”**

Mr. and Mrs. J. Garrison Rains and daughters, Sharon, Susan and Stephanie, and son, John, left Sunday by train for Charleston, Ill., to visit Mr. Rains’ parents, Mr. and Mrs. Noble Rains, until after the holidays. They boarded the Hiawatha Streamline Fast Flyer of the Milwaukee out of Three Forks Sunday morning.

## **1962**

### **“Maj. E.J. D’Arcy Leads Successful Satellite Launch”**

Maj. Edward J. D’Arcy, Townsend native and son of Mrs. Mary D’Arcy, was project officer for the recent successful launching of the “winking star” satellite, Anna.

The 355-pound satellite was launched from Cape Canaveral into the most precise orbit yet attained in the space program. The Astro News in Los Angeles credited Major D'Arcy's leadership for the project's success.

Major D'Arcy is a graduate of Montana State College and holds a master's degree from Purdue. He is a veteran of 10 years in military research and development and has been assigned to space programs in Los Angeles since 1958.

#### **"Gene's Auto Sales Will Have Grand Opening Saturday"**

Gene Sautter is advertising a grand opening of his new and used car lot on the property adjacent to the post office and Broadwater County Abstract Co. Workmen will have his office building completed in time for his opening all day Saturday.

#### **"Cub Scouts Win Many Awards"**

Seventeen Cub Scouts were presented awards at the November Pack meeting. Cubs and the awards received were: Gary Adams, 2-year pin and silver arrow; Buddy Burt, 1-year pin and bear badge; Mike Chaffin, wolf badge; Joe Roster, silver arrow and denner bars; Mark Geisser, wolf badge and assistant denner bars; Richard Juelf, 1-year pin and gold arrow; Ronald Kieckbusch, bear badge and gold arrow; Clayton McElravy, silver arrow; Billy Klein, wolf badge; Gary Richtmeyer, silver and gold arrow; Lary Richtmeyer, silver and gold arrow; Scott Scoffield, 1-year pin and silver arrow; Steve Sautter; lion badge; Lester White, wolf badge; Bobby Ulmer, bear badge; Pat Day, denner bars; Van Ewing, denner bars.