

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

**December 20**

**1923**

### **“Fourth Birthday Party”**

Saturday, the evening of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December, Broadwater Post of the American Legion will hold its annual birthday party at the Legion Hall in Townsend. To this party, each year, all ex-service people are invited, irrespective of whether they belong to the Legion nor not.

The election of officers for the ensuing year will be the first business of the evening, then the Legionnaires and their ex-service guests will repair to the Odd Fellows Hall for the Big Feed, and this year it will be big. Reed Schmidt is Mess Sergeant, A.W. “Bert” Ridgeway is Supply Sergeant, James Gillogly, James Egan and Nick Helner, having been AWOL a good many dimes during the past year, have been put on KP...or Kitchen Police Detail.

J.W. Siebold is the toastmaster, and this selection means an evening of fun, as Jay is in a class by himself when placed at the head of the table in charge of the program.

The Legion wishes ex-service people to come and join with them in celebrating the Fourth Anniversary of their organization, you don't need a Legion button or card, all you need is the introduction Uncle Sam gave you when he made you his nephew or niece back in '17 or '18. You are one of the gang, so hit the deck and be there.

### **“Legion to Give the Annual Christmas Party to Kiddies”**

A recent report of the state of health of the Legion treasury was such that negotiations were immediately entered into with Old Santa and he is due to appear Sunday afternoon at the Rex Theatre, as the leading man of the program put on annually by the American Legion for the kids of the county.

The program consists of a free moving picture show, Santa's visit and his personal distribution of gifts, nuts and candies to all of the children. This patronage of the Legion's activities during the past years, and on the eve of the passing of old year, the Broadwater Post of the American Legion wishes to express its thanks and appreciation to all who helped so generously by their patronage in making possible the Kiddies Christmas Party.

**1934**

### **“Broadwater Plant Shows Successful Year, Pays Bonus”**

Not only has the Broadwater County Creamery Company proved in the last year by prize awards that it is manufacturing the choicest products, but also, that it is prospering financially and likewise, again, put smiles on the faces of the stockholders of the institution by getting a substantial dividend in their hands before Christmas.

The ten percent dividend represents a marked progress since the beginning of 1934 when a 6 percent bonus was awarded. It will also be recalled that this institution celebrated its thirty-fourth anniversary last summer and on its birthday entertained royally more than a thousand visitors at a considerable expense at the largest picnic in the history for the county. This and the improvements at the plant together with the fine dividend is proof conclusive that the plant is under fine management and a successful industrial leader in the community.

The plant under the present management of M. Boyd Ness is the only manufacturing industry in the county and has held an enviable reputation for high grade butter and ice cream products of the famous Primrose brand.

The conditions have been much better during the past year, said Mr. Ness, in that the plant was able to pay a better price for butter fat with a greater market for the products the output has been increased.

The directors held their annual meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup> at which time the dividend was declared and ordered sent to the 47 stockholders before Christmas. About \$1,000 is the amount of the dividend.

## **1945**

### **“Grill Service Opens at the Coffee Shop”**

The grill at The Coffee Shop was opened this week by J. Garrison Rains and Geo. Martin. The grill is a part of the Coffee Shop, one of Townsend’s most popular confectionery and ice cream stores, located in the west half of the Townsend Mercantile Company’s building.

The grill, equipped with all the latest grill and fryers, is now ready and the public is already being served the popular meals and sandwiches.

Geo. Martin, the cook, recently returned from overseas service in the Merchant Marines. His former home was Springfield, Mo., and he has had considerable experience in grill service.

### **“Local News”**

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Holland arrived in Townsend from Seattle Friday and are visiting at the home of Mrs. Holland’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Hardy. Mr. Holland, a former employee of the Montana Power Company in Helena, recently returned from overseas service. He was in the Philippines and before coming home was in Okinawa as Petty Officer, Navy Coast Guards. He has his discharge now. He left for Helena Tuesday to meet his brother, whom he had not seen for four years.

## **1951**

### **“Crow Creek News”**

Mrs. Billy Booher was hostess at dinner on Tuesday in honor of her husband’s birthday. Invited guests who enjoyed the evening and birthday cake were Mr. Booher’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Booher and son Keith from Crow Creek, and Mrs. Booher’s mother, Mrs. Con Sweeney, and daughters, Anne and Mary, and Jim Clopton of Townsend.

### **“V.F.W. Auxiliary”**

The VFW auxiliary held its regular meeting and Christmas party Tuesday evening in the Methodist Church parlors.

Following a short business meeting which was conducted by the president, Mrs. Pearl Barraugh, the evening was spent playing games with prizes being won by Mrs. Lee Tintinger, Mrs. Pedro Luna, Mrs. John Schmidt, Mrs. Fred Koenig, Mrs. Regina Brainard, Mrs. Richard Buckingham, Mrs. Oscar Hoveland, Mrs. Kathernie Carroll and Mrs. Alice Broderick.

Christmas gifts were exchanged and all brought gifts for the Fort Harrison box, which is now ready for mailing.

Lunch was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Pearl Barraugh, Mrs. Buckingham and Mrs. Hoveland, from a table centered with a miniature Christmas tree surrounded by cleverly wrapped gifts.

### **“Local News”**

Martha Louise Marks, charming little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Marks, was pleasantly entertained with a group of little friends in honor of her ninth birthday last Saturday. Present were: Beth Thompson, Helen Braley, Bonnie Marcotte, Twila and Vicky Perkins, Marcia and Phyllis Neild, Cathy and Linda Bucy, Nancy and Johnny Marks. Decorations and games were in keeping of the holiday season. Mrs. John Walter assisted Mrs. Marks in bringing the children to the ranch home.

### **1962**

### **“Commission Picks North Route for Interstate 90”**

The Montana Highway Commission has selected the northern route for construction on Interstate Highway 90. The decision was announced Monday when the commission went along with the highway planning survey division’s recommendation.

The new routing will go a few miles north of the present route of No. 10, which passes near Lewis and Clark Caverns, and then through a narrow gorge on the Jefferson River for about 5 miles.

Reasons for choosing the north routing over the present road is cost of maintenance. The planning survey division estimated there will be an annual saving of almost a quarter million dollars over maintaining the proposed south route.

### **“Local News”**

A joint birthday dinner was enjoyed Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F.N. Weed when they entertained for their son, Fritz, and wife, Viola, whose birthdays fall on Dec. 9 and Dec. 18, respectively. Others present were Mrs. Charles Barker and the Weed’s granddaughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gray and their little daughter, Debbie, all of Helena.

Marine Lanning is spending the week in Spokane with her sister, Marietta Lanning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jones and sons, Jeff and Charles, left Wednesday to spend the holidays with relatives and friends in Kansas.

### **“Winston News”**

Allan Davies left for San Diego, California Tuesday where he will spend the Christmas holidays with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Parsons.

Mrs. Annie Bisby had as a house guest for several days last week an old friend, Mrs. Alice Perkins, of Townsend.