

## **“What Happened this Week in History”**

**February 21**

**1929**

### **“More Marble Found”**

The past year we learned that the rarest and most expensive marble, known as “Black and Gold” and formerly only found in Egypt is very plentiful in Broadwater County. An official representative of the Vermont company stated that Broadwater County alone contained more marble than the entire state of Vermont.

**1935**

### **“Scouting is Re-established in Broadwater County”**

Townsend and Broadwater County are to have the full benefit of Boy Scout work, beginning at an early date in March.

This was determined at a dinner meeting held last Friday at the Commercial Hotel when local business and professional men conferred with high state officials of the Boy Scout organization to arrange a definite set-up of work for boys.

In addition to the regular scouting program, which will call for the presence here, at least one each month, of Gordon Day of Great Falls, Assistant Scout Executive for the North Central Montana Council, a separate activity for boys from the ages of nine to 12 will be conducted. This activity, calculated to prepare boys for entrance to scouting at the age of 12 is known as “cubbing” and it is expected that Townsend will produce as lively and active a troop of “cubs” as the council boasts.

Organization of a permanent local troop committee is already under way with Gene McCarthy as chairman. Between now and March 6 a finance drive will be put under way in which it is hoped sufficient will be realized to care for the scouting program for an entire year. Guy Kirscher is treasurer for the finance drive.

In connection with the drive Frank T. Hooks, local attorney and Commander of the local American Legion Post has promised a gift for scout work from that organization of \$75, the balance to be contributed by local fraternal organizations, churches and private individuals.

Following the organization meeting last Friday, Scout officials met with local boys in the Episcopal Guild Church Guild Hall. Almost 50 local boys of scout age were given a preliminary taste of something in the way of elementary drill, patrol formation and singing.

Under the present set up it is planned to have at least two troops in Townsend and possibly three. It is believed that with the competition thus afforded the work will have a greater local interest than if it were confined to one large troop. Each troop will have separate leaders.

In this connection the north Central Council, through Mrs. Edith Fox, County Superintendent of Schools and William P. Thomas of the high school faculty and the local committeeman are already conducting a “boy canvas” to determine the interest of each boy in the county between the ages of 12 and 21 in the Scout movement. This questionnaire will also reveal those best suited, in the opinions of the boys themselves, for local and county troop leadership.

Charters to local troops will not be awarded until a meeting scheduled for March at which time local businessmen backing the movement will report on progress. The awarding of troop charters will, in all probability, be a public ceremony in which local officials, as well as State Scout Executives, will take part.

**1946**

**“PFC Kenneth Toney Expected Home Soon”**

Pfc. Kenneth Toney, son of Mr. and Mrs. M.E. Toney of Townsend is expected back in the U.S. and probably will reach his home in Townsend by the 10<sup>th</sup> of March, according to the most recent word from him. He has been away three years and has been on active duty in Germany.

He recently received the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in connection with the military operations against the enemy in April 1945 in Germany. During the attack at Herd, Pfc Toney aided the transportation corporal in fighting of twenty enemy soldiers who had ambushed a convoy of four vehicles carrying supplies and hot food to the front line troops. His courageous assistance is in accordance with the highest military traditions, according to word from the 78<sup>th</sup> Infantry headquarters. He also wears the Purple Heart.

**1963**

**“Troop 98 Holds Court of Honor”**

A Court of Honor was held for Boy Scout Troop 98 at the LDS Church Tuesday, February 12 at 7:30 p.m.. Awards were presented to the Scouts by Scott Grover, Scoutmaster, Jed Stanfill, Explorer Scout Advisor and Loren Waling, Neighborhood Commissioner for Scouts.

The following awards were presented: Danny Day - merit badges for agriculture, mechanical drawing, forage crops, gardening, art, wood carving, finger printing, insect life, citizenship in the community, instruction, 3-year camping and junior training.

Mickey Grover – merit badges for first aid, citizenship in the community, first class Scout, 3-year camping and patrol leader.

Nick O’Dell – merit badges for first class Scout home repair, den chief, 3-year camping, attendance and patrol leader.

Kenneth Toney – first class Scout badge.

Steve Grover – second class Scout badge and 1-year camping.

Kelly O’Dell – tenderfoot Scout badge and 1-year camping.

Greg Toney – tenderfoot Scout badge.

Eddy Klein – tenderfoot Scout badge.

Scott Miller – tenderfoot Scout badge.

Jex Hunsaker – den chief cord and 3-year camping.

Louie Day who has been a devoted worker in the Boy Scouts during the past several years, was given special recognition at the Court of Honor. Mr. Day is being transferred to Sheridan.

## **“On Honor Roll”**

Two Broadwater county students attending Carroll College in Helena were on the honor roll for the first semester – Gay Ann Sullivan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sullivan, and Gerald Berberet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Berberet.