

“What Happened Today in History”

January 17

1929

“Large Crowd of Over 600 Attend Opening of Broadwater Gymn; Attorney Wine Makes Address”

With a crowd that filled every available inch of floor space, outside the playing floor, the dedicational exercises of the new Broadwater County High School gymnasium went down in the history of the school as an outstanding event. The crowd assembled numbering into the 600 mark showed enthusiasm and manifested their approval of the new structure and of the interest and perseverance of the board of the high school to make it possible to erect such a unit to the school.

The first official part of the dedication program announced itself when the student body of the high school gathered in the northwest corner of the gym and gave some well organized and spirited “Yells” of athletic significance resounding throughout the spacious building, under yell director Stanley Smazal and Stanley Olson.

George Carsley of Helena, in a few words, announced to the public and to the school board that he was there in the capacity of the architect of the structure about to be turned over to the school explaining that the building had been erected in the manner of the request of the board, the best possible plain building under the allotted amount of \$10,000. He explained that the interior would be finished with plaster and a gallery built, the stage finished with curtains, and wings and the acoustic powers perfected at a later date. The gymnasium, as built by Elmer E. Lindstrom of Helena with Mr. George Carsley as architect, is a substantial gymnasium and a credible edifice. The main floor is 73 x 50 with a playing floor for basketball activities of 40 x 70. The entrance is neatly arranged for ticket office, smoking room and cloak room, with large and well-built cement steps for entrance on the east on Cedar Street.

The stage is exceptionally large and when finished will be one of the best in the state among schools. Temporary seats were in place for the opening. Hon. E.H. Goodman accepted the building from Mr. Carsley expressing his pride in being able to do so with the reassurance to the taxpayers and public that every cent of the expense of the construction had been paid without asking extra from the taxpayers. He also reviewed briefly his experiences in school work in Townsend, having the distinction of being one of the very first school teachers in the city in the early 1890s. He, as chairman of the high school board, accepted the keys to the gym and, in turn, gave them to the school for their advantageous use in athletics, admonishing the young people to make good use of it and in sports to always play the game fair, “Credit the gym with a clean record, said the Senator, “for it isn’t the terminus of the game that counts, but HOW YOU HAVE PLAYED THE GAME.”

1935

“Creamery Stockholders Receive Big Dividend”

The stockholders of the Broadwater County Creamery Company met on Monday of this week and re-elected their present board of directors, viz: P.J. Meloy, Claude Flynn, Ed Daniels, John Whaley and Frank Murray.

The directors' meeting immediately after the stockholders' meeting took up the business of the management of the creamery and declared a 10 per cent dividend on all capital stock, showing the creamery to be doing a fine paying business, which speaks well for the present management. M.B. Ness is the manager and is assisted by Lorraine Olsen and Miss Grace Lynch.

1946

"WWII Headlines"

"Discharges"

Cpl. Joseph A. Gabisch, Army Air Force, radio Mechanic, American Theater, Good Conduct and WWII Victory Campaign medals; Virgil Tony Carmichael, Jr., Seaman First Class, Commendation, Purple Heart, Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign, America Area Medal, Good Conduct and Victory medals; Pfc. Robert Bruce Graham, U.S. Marines, Asiatic-Pacific Area, Wounded in Action medals, medical discharge, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands; S-Sgt. Paul E. Graham, Amphibian Transportation, Rifle and Bayonet Expert, Asiatic-Pacific, Good Conduct and Victory medals; Cpl. James Whitford Graham, U.S. Marines, marksman, armorer amphibian machine gunner, saw action at Kwajalein, Marshalls, Guam, Okinawa, Ryukyus; Pfc. Junior L. McLane, heavy truck driver, Infantry, the Purple Heart, Good Conduct, Croix de Guerre with Palm and Fourragers, American Theater, European African and Middle Eastern medals; R.G. Kelly United States Navy served at San Diego, Alameda, Seattle, Fleet Air Wing Four and Corpus Christi, Texas; Tec 4 Glenn J. Williams, Raderssburg, is one of 1100 Army and Navy veterans whom the Navy is returning to the States for discharge aboard the USS Marcus Island, which left Pearl Harbor, December 31 and was scheduled to arrive in San Pedro about January 6; W.E. Zabel RT2c is one of 1277 high-point Navy veterans whom the Navy is returning to the states for discharge aboard the USS Sibley , an attack transport of the Navy's famed "Magic Carpet" fleet. This ship left Guam, December 22 and is scheduled to arrive in San Francisco about January 5.

"250 Reservation Already in for Chamber of Commerce Dinner Set for Saturday Night at 7:00 Prompt"

Prompt arrival at the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner is now requested, according to H.G. White, secretary of the organization that is to hold its first big annual meeting in Townsend at the high school gymnasium Saturday night.

The dinner will be served promptly at 7:00 and it is suggested members arrive at about 6:30 in order to get their first little salutations over before dinner is called. Promptness is emphasized at this time, Mr. White said, owing to the fact that the principal speaker, John, W. Gaw, will be thru with his part of the program to take an early train out of Helena shortly after the meeting. Mr. Gaw is the director of the department of agriculture for the Northern Pacific Railway Company and will have a real live message on the development program planned for this part of the state.

At the present time 250 members out of a possible 400 have made reservations. The tables to accommodate such a large gathering have been arranged for in the main gym hall. Committees from the Chamber have been named to take care of the details of setting the

tables, while church women and other organizations have taken care of the preparation of the food. Young women of the community have been selected to serve.

An entertaining program has been arranged.

“Barker Ranch at Johnson Sold”

A deal was closed this week whereby the Barker Ranch at Johnson was sold to Geo. W. Collins of Fort Benton. Mr. Collins intends to take possession in about six weeks. He has a wife and three small children.

Chas. Barker, son of the original owner, the late Mrs. Mary Earle, expects to retire from active farming after many years operation of the ranch, which is one of the scenic as well as the most profitable in that section of the county.

With 710 acres, it brought a figure well over the \$10,000 mark and was sold to settle the estate of the late Mary Earle. There are numerous heirs in the estate.

The ranch was originally the homestead of three parties. The Andrew Harmon homestead in 1888; the Chas. Barker homestead in 1888 and the Christian B. Smith homestead in 1872 have all been emerged by sale in later years into the present ranch.

1957

“River Inn Opens Under New Management”

The River Inn, a popular dining and gathering place at Townsend, has been reopened this week under new management. The new owner, Frank Romer, arrived from Chicago recently, has opened the Inn and is now ready for business. Mr. Romer will be assisted by his wife.

The former owners were Mr. and Mrs. Les Goodwin.

The Inn is located a mile north of Townsend on highway 10 near the Missouri River with scenic surroundings. The spacious parking provides ample accommodations. Mr. Romer says he is operating much on the same lines as his predecessors, specializing in steaks and chicken dinners and catering to special parties, but as he gets acquainted will make some changes.

A good number of local people were present for the opening Tuesday night.

“Mrs. Duede Resigns Position to Work at Inn”

Mrs. Wm. (Kate) Duede is back at her old job, assisting in the dining room of the River Inn. In order to take this preferred work, it was necessary to give up two other obligations she held, she said. These were resigning as operator for the local telephone company office and her job as Justice of the Peace. She was elected in November to qualify the first of the year. She resigned before she had to sit on a case, she said.

1963

“Jepson Leases Ross Building”

Herb Jepson, proprietor of Townsend Farm Equipment Co., has leased the Charley B. Ross building on Broadway and plans to move his machinery firm to that location as soon as some repairs to the building have been made. Jepson has operated his business in the Sam Kirksey building at the south edge of town since it was established about three years ago.

Ross operated his Ross Implement and Electric business in the building for 25 years, closing out at the end of 1962. He was recently elected County Commissioner and his closing out the business will enable him to devote more time to county affairs.