

“What Happened this Week in History”

March 28

1929

“Local News”

Doc McCormick, in recalling old times, made the remark that 52 years ago the 26th of this month, he first set foot in this valley.

Mrs. R.R. Kimpton and son, Billy, spent the week end in Townsend with Mrs. T.N. Averill and family.

1935

“Crews Again in Field on Broadwater Dam Project”

Crews will again be in the field the first of April continuing the making of maps and completing surveys of the valley and bench lands under the proposed Upper Missouri River Dam project. Five large crews have been notified to be on hand again by the State Water Conservation Board.

During the past week photographers engaged by the state board have been taking views of the dam site and surrounding country to be used in completing the necessary information before the dame receive ultimate approval.

Seven other projects rest upon the success of this Broadwater project which is to be known as the Upper Missouri River Diversion Dam and a part of the Ruby Valley and Willow Creek projects embracing an expenditure of over \$1,600,000 the Broadwater part to cost in the neighborhood of \$900,000.

Senator Chas. P. Cotter, booster for the irrigation project has been out with the photographers during the week.

1946

“Returned Servicemen Say Thank You In Person”

During the past four years this column has carried many stories. Stories of battles, ocean trips, buddies meeting in foreign countries and greetings of all kinds. Now that the war is over the Victory column has fulfilled its purpose, we are planning on making a substitution, and before we close its life we feel a fitting story appropriate to it, broke with the token of appreciation extended the publisher of this newspaper on the occasion of her birthday anniversary last Friday.

All through the war she (Mrs. T.N. Averill, who passed her 86th milestone last Friday) sat at the rear of the office every Thursday and wrapped in separate rolls the almost 400 complimentary copies of the “Star” that were sent to the servicemen and women in this country and in all parts of the world. She took a keen delight in the extra work which she felt was a small contribution in comparison to what those to whom she sent her paper were doing for those of us left at home.

Many times business men and relatives offered to defray the expenses of sending the paper, which they felt was well worth while and a heavy burden for one to bear, but always the staff stuck to their original idea of “sending a ‘Star’ to every boy or girl in the service”.

For a time it looked as if the years were rolling into a decade, but how grateful and happy we all were when the end of hostilities came and the V at the head of the column really assumed its full significance. Then and only then did the editors feel this V column had been a success.

Weeks followed and the final letters trailed, stories of military life were replaced with discharge records and finally this week just four years from the date the column was created, we close it.

We are bidding it goodbye as a good friend who had finished a visit and on departing left a beautiful basket of roses in appreciation for the hospitality. – The Editor

In the fullest measure of love and appreciation I wish to thank all of the servicemen and women who through their many letters enhanced the column during the war and to tell them I know no way more beautiful than to close it with a basket of American Beauty roses.

For this is the gift I received on my birthday anniversary last Friday from the American Legion who took the lead in expressing a thanks from all Broadwater County veterans who appreciated my gift of the “Star” during their service.

Nothing could have pleased me more. First it was the thought and next the gift. What could have been more truly American and more truly an expression of true friendship than a basket of American Beauty roses? And so, again, I say thank you, remembering our Victorious American Way of Live. – Mrs. Averill

“Townsend’s New Creamery Building Nearing Completion”

Townsend’s new creamery building is nearing completion, the laying of the inside tile which commenced this week, being one of the last processes in the final construction of this, one of the city’s fine new buildings, to house one of the county’s most popular industries. Oscar Hoveland, the contractor, believes the structure will be ready for occupancy about the middle of April.

The new building replaces one burned about a year ago, since which time the business has been carried on in the Cooley Gravel Company’s building, the firm having had to eliminate their butter and ice cream production and confine their activities to a milk and cream distribution center only.

When the new plant opens the manufacture of the famous Broadwater Brand Primrose butter and ice cream will be resumed as will the other products formerly produced at the plant.

In addition, the new plant has a large and complete quick freezing department and locker apartments will be for the use of the public.

The building will be practically fireproof as the walls are of tile and the inside partitions are of glazed tile.

The floor is smooth finish concrete made for easy washing and cleaning. The building has the most modern heating equipment and two water systems, the city system and a deep driven well. The well water will be used when the city system is roiley.

Modern in every detail the owners, J.J. Doggett and L.M. Cooley, are to be congratulated upon their courage to rebuild when materials and equipment were almost impossible to obtain.

“Glass Front Now Placed on Hennigh’s New Building”

Now that the canvass coverings have been removed and the Carrarra glass front is being placed, the new Mint Bar and Café building begins to take on a finished appearance and the owners, Chas. Hennigh and Sam Rice, believe the interior will be finished and the building ready for use the early part of the summer.

The building has been in the process of construction throughout the winter by L.P. Barney Construction Company. When finished it will number among Townsend’s finest and probably the costliest two-story brick building and will greatly add to the appearance of Main Street as well as add a much needed building, part of which will be used for rooming quarters for the public, we understand.

The building located between the Townsend Drug and Green’s Market has a 40 foot frontage, is constructed of tile with brick front and the business front is of black carrarra glass and glass tile with modern plate glass windows. An 18-inch metal ribbon trims the top of the glass front and circles the two marquees, one for the bar and café quarters and one for the hotel and lobby entrance.

A full size basement is being finished to take care of a modern furnace room, storage and other rooms. The top floor is being made into single rooms with one large apartment. The structure is practically fireproof.

When finished, the owners intend to move their Mint bar and café from the Hollaway building they now occupy.

1957

“Skiers Have Fun”

Getting in one of their best Sunday runs and realizing one of their last, members of the Grass Mountain Ski Club enjoyed last Sunday skiing using their lift and their chalet. For lunch the Clopton Bros. acted as hosts serving many appetizing dishes to a group of hungry sportsmen and friends. In the group were Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hooks, Dan and Laurie McCarthy.

“Three BCHS Boys Mentioned on All Divisional Teams”

Basketball togs area back in mothballs, but fans of Montana’s Class C high school teams will long remember the performances by players in the 1956-57 season.

Class C players rarely get much acclaim. This year, to remedy this, coaches at four class C divisional tournaments picked all divisional teams for the Associated Press.

In the southern division Barry White was chosen on the second team and Dave Doig and Charles Gilmore received honorable mention.

1963

“High School Expansion Program Wins Approval of Voters by Big Majority”

More than 71 percent of the eligible voters in Broadwater County participated in the school bond issue election Saturday. Sixty percent of those voting gave the Commissioners the green light for issuing and selling bonds in the amount of \$430,000.0.

County Attorney Larry O. Foss and Clerk and Recorder Ann Marie Stiner are quite busy this week getting paper work in order so the bonds can be advertised for sale. County Commissioners plan to push proceedings as rapidly as possible so bids can be let for the

building program. New building authorized by voters Saturday includes six new classrooms, shop, gymnasium, lobby and boiler room, with some remodeling of the present system.

Only one voting precinct in Broadwater County turned thumbs down on the proposition Saturday – Toston voted against the bonds, but by the small margin of five votes.

1974

“Toston News”

Vicky Rauser and Valerie Horne were in Bozeman for the weekend for a 4-H Junior Leaders Seminar.

Debra Lohr celebrated her sixteenth birthday Saturday with a small party. Those helping her celebrate were Sandy Johnson, Lori Henry, Donna Sitton and Susan Goodwin.

Mrs. Ernest Grimms’ niece, Mrs. Gary Olsen, and children of Bozeman, visited with her for three days last week.

Lillian Arden was hostess to a Beeline Party in her home last Wednesday afternoon. The dealer was Flo Sampson. Those attending were Mary Slifka, Jeanne Mitchell, Grace Berberet, Laria Christopherson of Townsend and Olive Middleton.

Ward and sherry Scoffield went to Pocatello, Idaho over the weekend to the Cutter Races.