

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

**November 22**

**1923**

### **“First School Erected”**

In 1886 the School Trustees, Thomas Dean, Geo. McGear and J.E. Kanouse called an election and bonds were voted to the amount of \$3,600 with which to build a new school house. J.R. Marks bought the bonds and contracted to have the building erected for \$3,500. T.N. Averill and O.E. Burns had charge of the construction, which was finished and ready for the initiation of the first term of school in the fall of 1886 when E.H. Goodman taught fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades, and had as his assistant the primary and intermediate grades, Miss Mary Teague. Mr. Goodman has practiced law here ever since, at one time being made judge on the District Bench and at the present time is our honorable representative in the State Legislature.

This first school was a two story building with but 2 rooms, one up and one downstairs and was used until 1899 or for thirteen years. This building was then used for the Training School and later for the high school. A large south wing was erected thereon in 1906, the high school being maintained in this building until 1917 when it was torn down, being purchased by Dr. C.W. Smith, after the new brick high school was built.

### **“Brick School House Replaces Old Frame Building”**

In March 1899 trustees of the public school in Townsend called an election and voted bonds to the amount of \$8,000 for the purpose of erecting a new school building, four roomed capacity and fire proof and as modern as the town could afford at that time. The construction of this brick building was made by E.F. McRae, after the completion of which there was room for about 100 pupils of four rooms and library. The building was steam heated and a very fine and up-to-date school, being well ventilated and in every particular one that so small a town could be proud of at that time. The building was completed and ready for occupancy in the fall of 1899.

That same year B.C. Sloan was principal and under him were Chas. Smith in the intermediate and Miss Bell Teague as primary, teaching for the first time in the new four roomed brick school house.

**1934**

### **“Construction Now Underway”**

Plans for the new \$60,000 brick court house and jail for Broadwater County which is under construction in the county seat, Townsend, and which is a project of the Public Works Administration. The West Coast Construction Company has the contract and the buildings will be completed by early spring. All Broadwater County labor is used in its construction. The jail is at the east and back of the courthouse.

**1945**

### **WWII Headlines**

**“Relatives in Greece Write about the Occupation During War”**

**“Arthur Greaves Arrives Home”**

### **“Formal Opening of New Town Talk to be Monday”**

The new Town Talk, under the ownership and management of Mr. and Mrs. M.B. Ness will be opened formally on Monday, November 26. This announcement came this week after many weeks of waiting for the final equipment and now the people of the town can really talk when they see this beautiful new café finished and completed.

Without a question of a doubt, the new edifice and its elaborate furniture, equipment and specialties stands out among other such cafes in the entire northwest and would be a credit to any city anywhere.

The new Town Talk erected to replace the one destroyed by fire here about a year ago, is located on the same ground – on lower main street two doors from the Rex Theater and next door to Sterrett’s Place, all three buildings having been completely remodeled recently to give the entire spread a modern citified appearance.

The new Town Talk has been built after the most modern and artistic lines. The exterior is of stucco with red Carrara glass with oblong oval shaped windows and brick glass front door guards. The neon signs on the outside and inside are patterned especially for the architectural design.

The interior is finished in effective woods, imitation knotty pine on the walls with cypress wood menu folders, birch bark bar with mahogany and black walnut trim. The color scheme is in blue, blue leathered booths and fountain seats upholstered in the best workmanship placed to seat 68 comfortably. New service dishes in blue pottery with blue ash trays add a finishing touch to the perfectly equipped café and fountain service. The floor is of asphalt tile and the table and counter tops are linen formica covered, mar and heat resistant.

The electrical equipment for the fountain, ice cream freezer and kitchen units are of the best.

In the rear is a neat dancing room which can be converted to accommodate club dinners. Modern rest rooms and every comfort has been supplied to make it one to be admired and “talked about” by travelers who pass through the town and by townspeople who swell with pride that Townsend could afford such a fine new building.

The former crew who were employed when the building burned have arranged their affairs to join Mr. and Mrs. Ness on the new staff. They are Mrs. Myrtle St. Clare and Mrs. Anna Cottrill, Mr. and Mrs. Ness and daughter, Mrs. Jack (Carol) Horne and son Richard and four waitresses.

On the opening day, Monday, the management will favor the women with a rose each and the gentlemen with a cigar. Between the hours of 3:30 to 5:00 kiddies will be given a complimentary cone.

**1951**

### **“Al Shindoll Called to Service”**

Albert Shindoll has been ordered to report in Butte for induction into the U.S. forces on November 28, according to Mrs. Geo. Lots, Clerk of Selective Service for Broadwater County.

This is the first call in over three months, Mrs. Lots said.

### **“In for Drunken Driving Man Pleads Guilty and Pays Fine with Car”**

Figuring that if he kept his car, he would be tempted to repeat the offense, Elmer Bushea, in Justice Court here Monday pled guilty to a drunken driving charge and paid his fine with his car.

Now the Town of Townsend is open competitor with other used car dealers. They have a Model A Ford on their hands which they accepted in place of a cash fine (which the offender did not have).

It was a good deal, County Attorney Frank T. Hooks declared after Justice Joe Vercellin pronounced judgement for as he expressed himself "it rids the highways of one more drunken driver".

### **"Old Grade School Building Will Be Torn Down for Salvage"**

The old elementary school building in Townsend will be sold to the highest bidder who will remove it from its present site. This action was taken by the board of trustees recently after they had declared the building was no longer useful for school purposes.

The bids will be received as advertised in a legal notice in this issue. The resolution as adopted by the board is as follows:

November 14, 1951

Be it hereby resolved, that we the Board of Trustees of School District No 7. Townsend, Montana, after due consideration and careful analysis of all pertinent factors involved, and

Whereas, the building is not usable for any purpose by the school, except at a cost for remodeling that would be prohibitive and more than would be justified, and

Whereas, the building cannot be used without entire new heating, plumbing, wiring and lighting systems, and

Whereas, the structure itself would have to be completely remodeled to provide adequate window space, safe walls and a new roof, and

Whereas, the area now occupied by the building is needed for the playground space, agree that it is in the best interest of the school to sell and/or demolish the old elementary school building.

This resolution is hereby adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1951.

Claude D. Cartwright

Chairman of the Board

J. Garrison Rains

Clerk of the Board

**1962**

### **"Crow Creek News"**

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hunsaker, Holly, Delbert and Tracey returned home Sunday from a three weeks visit to Utah. While there Mr. Hunsaker underwent an ear operation which was completely successful. The family also visited Mrs. Hunsaker's parents, the J.E. Hansens at Hyde Park, and Mr. Hunsaker's mother, Mrs. Le Grand Hunsaker and his brother, Maurice, and other relatives at Honeyville. Mr. and Mrs. Tharen Garrett and children of Toston stayed with Jex, Linda, Jeannie, Donna and Dixie Hunsaker while their parents were away.