

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

**June 6**

**1929**

### **“Another Class Passes from Broadwater Hi”**

The senior class of Broadwater County High School numbering nineteen were officially graduated from that institution of learning last Friday, when ceremonies were performed on their commencement night and their diplomas of graduation given to them. The Commencement program found the auditorium in Townsend fairly packed, the class marching to their places on the stage followed by principal of the school, J.M. Kay; chairman of the school board, E.H. Goodman; and speaker of the evening, E.J. Klemme. The following chassmen were graduated: Dovie Aker, Opal Bowman, Effie Burttt, Rosalie Clark, Bernice Daniels, Dayse Dawson, Kathryn Fouts, Joe Lasby, Lewis Lippert, Helen Ann Meloy, Mildred Murphy, Rubye Olsen, Jean Sperry, Lucille Vance, Howard Wallace, Thais Zimmerman, William Vance, Leo Connors, and LeRoy Good.

Dr. E.J. Klemme gave a very fine address before the large audience and to the class. In delivering his address, “The Peptimist” he spoke right into the faces of his audience, having the house lights on so he could talk to the personally and this he did holding the attention and interest for over an hour. Dr. KJlemme, a sincere and Christian gentleman, a clever orator. He has on the tip of his tongue rhymes, poems, stories and jokes always appropriate to entertain while sending home facts to aid the most learned. The point of his talk was to impress upon the class about to graduate what a peptimist was and to urge all to try and live up the definition. He said “A pessimist is one who says, ‘It can’t be done’, an optimist is one who says ‘It can be done, but who’ll do it’ and a petimist is one who says ‘It can be done and I can do it’”. All present enjoyed the address given by Dr. Klemme, president of the Intermountain Union College of Helena.

Scholarships were awarded to the following students: Joseph Lasby, LeRoy Good, Thais Zimmerman and Helen Ann Meloy. Musical numbers were given by the high school girls sextet and the class. Rev Skinner gave the invocation and Rev. Jones pronounced the benediction at the exercises. Mr. Goodman gave out the diplomas.

**1935**

### **“Athletic Prospects Fairly Bright for Next Season”**

Athletic prospects for the 9135-36 season at BCHS at the present writing appear to be fairly bright, said coach Glenn O. Lockwood as he left Townsend Monday for the summer to return next fall to resume coaching in the school.

Due to lack of finances and opportunities to practice football, this sport may be discontinued for next year. Many of the players come to school on the bus and it is impossible for them to practice more than once or twice a week, said the coach. Three Forks did not have football last fall for this reason and will not be able to this next season. Returning lettermen in the sport will be: Jack McCarthy, strong center (whose name and picture were omitted from Old Baldy due to a regrettable mistake); Earl Simons and Bill Guffey guards; Joe Gaab and Jack

Smith tackles; Bill Kenney and Ralph Clare end; and Harry Anders, Leslie Clark and Woodrow Wallace backs.

To defend the district basketball crown gained this year will be Woodrow Wallace, Leslie Clark and Ralph Clare, lettermen; and a squad of Jack McCarthy, Bill Guffey, Bill Kenney, T.J. Seery, J.W. Seery, Wallace Schreiner, ED Conrad and Jack Smith and others. Letter winners in girls' basketball returning next season will include Ruth Connors, Aletha Brisbin, Maxine Nilson, Dorothy Nilson and Dorothy Smith. They will be assisted in defending their district crown by Mary Alice Ballard, Sather Duede, Myrtle Rose, Erie Mannix, all sophomores, and Viola Walters and Frances White.

Another successful year in athletics is anticipated and hoped for by the coach and townspeople. Returning material, when compared with that of other schools, looks fairly good, and two district championships will be the goal.

**1946**

### **“Weather Favored Widely Attended Memorial Service”**

A large crowd, many standing and others in cars, assembled at Memorial Park in Townsend last Thursday morning to take part in the first public Memorial Service since the end of World War II and to honor the memory of the dead of that war and all other wars.

Clouds heavy with rain for two days prior to the day, cleared for the event and the outdoor ceremonies held under the auspices of Broadwater Post American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary were brief, but impressive.

Melvin E. Magnuson, a Helena attorney who spent four years in the service and was Lt. Colonel in the army intelligence corps in the Pacific, addressed the crowd from a slightly raised platform near the honor roll board. Attorney Magnuson admonished the people to revere the memories of the honored dead by living action to avoid other wars. Said he, “We broke faith with those who gave their all in World War I, let us not break faith with these brave men who made the supreme sacrifice in this great war”.

Near the platform sat several Gold Star Mothers. Al Olsen, Commander of the Legion was Master of Ceremonies and in a few well chosen words presented the speaker and introduced the other numbers on the program, which opened when the color guards, Ralph Simons and Bill Ridgeway and Color Bearers, Francis Hough and Wallace Schreiner paraded around the square followed by the Firing Squad, Buz Brisbin, Commander; Abe Clare, Fred Geiser, Bob Kenney, Chas. Ragen, Bill Kieckbusch, Bill Huth, Heinie Huth and Ronald Kelly.

Robert Graham, who wears the Purple Heart for action at Okinawa and who is the chaplain for the local post placed a memorial poppy wreath on a loan white cross in front of the honor roll.

Then in the calmness of a sweet Montana morning, tears in every eye, love in every heart, taps was sounded and the salute to the dead from the rifle squad brought back memories for all heroes of the war just past and the 23 who gave their lives from Broadwater County. They were:

Dana Bradford, William D. Lasby, William D. Gruber, Robert Mongrain, James Franklin, Clyde Milton, Jack D’Arcy, Wm. E. Kenney, James Robert Lynch, Geo. Lewis, Robert Moudree,

Edwin Colon, Andrew Schaaf, Lowell Braum, Ben Web, Wm. Cooley, Robert C. Pennington, Evan Jarosh, Homer Belville, Harold Bomar, Jack Fordyce, Denny Gray, Arthur DeBorde.

**1957**

**“Everyone Asked to Help Free Community of Mosquitoes this Season”**

Spearheading a Mosquito Eradication Program is the Townsend Rotary Club, and the Townsend Woman’s Club and Townsend Garden Club.

Since the season is well advanced for mosquitoes, it is the plan to get enough volunteer solicitation to have the Townsend area sprayed as soon as possible and through the summer.

The clubs plan to have teams call at every house to get the donations, make a report at a given time before 5:00 p.m. Saturday so that the spraying can be done immediately. As many sprayings will be had as the money holds out. If the amount isn’t raised the money will be refunded.

The chemicals used to kill mosquito larvae is harmless except to bees. The DDT will not kill flowers or injure people or shrubs. Many have sprayed their own yards successfully for a brief period. The ones that have tried to eradicate mosquitos realize that the money spent in an overall program will be far more effectual.

**“Local News”**

Miss Janet Frhyling has arrived home from Pacific Lutheran College in Tacoma, Wash., and after a month with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Early Frhyling and sisters, she will go to Seattle where she will enter the Swedish Hospital for a year’s training in Medical Technology after three years foundation training at Pacific Lutheran.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wogoman and son of Geraldine spent the week end in Townsend visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Barraugh and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wogamon.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ragen, Mrs. Jo Peters and Mrs. Walter Ragen returned Saturday night from Spokane where they had attended graduation exercises at Holy Names College. Miss Nan Ragen was a member of the graduating class.

Among Townsend residents who attended the races at Beaumont Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ragen, Eddie Ragen, Mr. and Mrs. F.L. Olsen and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Holland and family, Mr. and Mrs. H.G. White, Mrs. William McElwee, Mr. and Mrs. Art Olsen and family and Terry Sullivan.

**1963**

**“Local News”**

The Herb Jepson Family of Townsend and the John Jepson Family of Pinedale, Wyoming met in Yellowstone Park Sunday for an outing.

Mr. and Mrs. George Harrigfeld of Ashton, Idaho are visiting their son, George Harrigfeld, Jr. and family.

Ed Sherwood, who is working at Stevensville, spent the holiday weekend here with his family.

Gay Ann Sullivan who has been attending Carroll College came home at the close of school to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Dan Sullivan. She will attend Montana State College this summer.

Radersburg visitors Memorial Day included Jinks Bomar, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bomar and son, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Barraugh, Vanga Wright, Hazel Holling, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Holling and family, all of Townsend; Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Sitton, Mrs. Carrie Hufford, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Warren of East Helena; Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Bomar and family, Chester Aldrich, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams of Helena; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Greaves and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Greaves of Toston.

**1974**

**“Canton Valley Women to Celebrate Fiftieth Year”**

Mrs. W.J. (Edna) Gaab charter member of the Canton Valley Woman’s Club, extends a special invitation to all former club members to attend their Golden Jubilee celebration. To celebrate this occasion there will be a tea held in the multi-purpose room of the grade school on Wednesday afternoon, June 12.

The Valley Club was organized March 9, 1924, in the Gaab home when Mrs. Gaab was elected the first president. The Cleonian Club of Townsend and the Toston Woman’s Club joined with the Valley Club to form the Broadwater County Federation on October 29, 1924. Mrs. Gaab served as president of the federation many years. She was president in 1938 when the Charity Ball became an annual event and chairman of the ball in 1941.

There have been many changes through the years, but the little club remains pretty much the same, even though Canton and the dearly loved club house, provided by Mr. and Mrs. Gaab, disappeared under the Canyon Ferry Lake in 1954. The Crow Creek Club took the place of the Toston Club in the Federation and when both Crow Creek Club and the Townsend Club were no longer organized several of their dedicated club members joined the Canton Club.

The Canton Valley Club has won various state awards in amounts from fifty to two hundred dollars, topped by a National award of \$2500 in 1970 in a “Clean Air” contest. Community Improvement projects have been the hospital, library, swimming pool and park, and the Historical Society and museum.