

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

**May 23**

**1929**

### **“Radersburg News”**

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kitto and sons, Forest and Kenneth returned Monday night from Mareno, Montana, where they had spent a few days with their daughter, Mary.

Wigmore Sherlock took John Schavonne to Helena of Monday to consult a physician. Mr. Schavonne has been suffering with a badly swollen hand, which was caused by a thorn from a Russian Thistle.

### **“Watson News”**

George Christie came over from the Missouri Valley Sunday and went to the Rock Creek country where he was negotiating for summer range for his sheep with the Campbell Ranch Company and others.

Mr. Howard Doggett came over the range from the Missouri Valley Monday night and went to Fort Logan where they remained for the night, returning home the next day.

It is the intention of several people around here to go together after lambing and open up the Whites Road for automobile travel, since Broadwater and Meagher counties do not seem disposed to do anything to open it up. One man has said he would donate \$100.00 and several, among them Robert Wells and James Doggett, a man and team; C.C. Diehl and Watson Brothers any necessary equipment and help they can give. Anyone interested in the project and wanting to help open up this road can get in on it. It is especially desired that someone from the other side do the work over there, thereby avoiding the necessity of going down into the gulch from this side and making a saving of time.

Norman Bruce of Townsend, who runs a trucking business in Townsend, brought a load of grain over the range for Hugh Gillogly the fore part of the week.

A band of sheep, about sixteen hundred head of yearling ewes were brought over the range for Jeff Doggett the fore part of the week and taken to Beaver Flats for summer grazing. The band was being piloted by Paddy McDonald, a trusted employee of the Doggett interests.

In the neighborhood of six hundred head of cattle recently purchased by the A.B. Cook Estate and Wellington D. Rankin from the Castle Mountain Land and Livestock Company near White Sulphur Springs, spent the night here Tuesday enroute to the Missouri Valley. The stock is well bred Hereford yearlings and a very good bunch of cattle. They were met here by Foreman Jones of the Cook Ranch who assisted in the drive over the range.

**1935**

### **“Two Injured When Lightning Strikes at Grade School”**

Two youths, Johnnie Ragen and Merle Guffie, suffered burns on their faces from a bolt of lightning that struck a tree near which they were playing on the public school grounds at recess time this afternoon. The flash came about 2:30 just at the close of recess during a lively electrical storm passing across the valley. The clap of thunder following the flash was deafening to citizens in all parts of the town, who were aware of the proximity of the lightening when the bolt exploded.

The bolt struck a tree on the lawn splitting the bark and tearing up the lawn for several feet at its base. The boys were playing about 20 feet from the tree and it is not known whether it was the flash that burned them or gravel flying that hit them, but slightly injured they complained of a burning sensation and their faces showed red marks as if hit by something. They were not seriously injured.

It was a powerful flash and brought a decided fright to the children and faculty.

A fine rain followed the electrical storm.

**1946**

### **“Creamery Now Operating in New Plant”**

Monday of this week found the employees of the Broadwater Creamery Company operating in quarters of the new plant. Although all of the equipment is not in place the sterilization unit is in operation and the bottling of milk and cream is in progress. Also one cooling room for the milk has been turned on and soon the Quick Freeze locker system will be in operation and churning will again be resumed following a cessation since fire took the plant last fall.

When the locker system arrives, the management plans to have 200 individual lockers for use of the public.

Work on building in cupboards and tables is being completed on the interior and the outside will receive a stucco finish before the plant is called finished. H.J. Doggett and L.M. Cooley have been responsible for the rebuilding, as owners. F.L. Olsen is the manager and Creamery employees are Margaret Dixon, clerk in the office; Stanley Olsen and Bill Ridgeway floor men.

### **“Fixtures Being Placed at New Mint Bar and Café”**

Fixtures are being placed in the new Mint Bar and Café and the new building should see its grand opening along about the middle of June, according to Chas. Hennigh and Sam Rice, co-owners. The new Mint located across the street from the post office is one of the finest buildings of its class in the Northwest. The exterior is brick and the interior is finished with all the latest designing and streamline fixtures.

The two-story building will accommodate rooms for rent on the second floor while a rumpus room in the basement and the Mint Bar and Café will be in operation on the main floor.

**1957**

### **“Mrs. Harold Marks President of Helena Writers”**

Mrs. Harold W. Marks of Townsend was elected president of the Helena Writers Group at its regular meeting Wednesday night at the Central School in Helena.

Other officers are C.G. Filson, vice president; Mrs. Linn Smith, treasurer; Mrs. Frank Porter, secretary and Mrs. M.M. Mejia, publicity chairman, all of Helena.

Mrs. Marks has been interested in writing for many years and has had several of her stories accepted. Several have appeared in the Montana Farmer.

**1963**

### **“Radersburg School Kicks Off State Centennial”**

Last Thursday afternoon, May 16, Radersburg school staged a “kickoff party” for Montana’s Centennial Celebration which will take place in 1964. Spearheading the party was the Citizenship Club which was organized in Mrs. Carrie Hardgrove’s room with students of Mrs. Irene Dagnall’s room lending a hand. Special guest for the occasion was Bill Carson, chairman of the Helena Centennial Committee.

The Club had the walls covered with maps and literature concerning the state’s history and presented a program before a large audience in Mrs. Dagnall’s room. The meeting was called to order by Robert Webb. All gave The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Douglas Miller and Ray Webb led in singing “Montana”. Robert then introduced Mrs. Hardgrove and she in turn, introduced Mrs. Dagnall.

Townspeople and former residents of Radersburg lent a helping hand to the party by dressing up in old time clothing and a number of long-time residents attended the program. Frank Heffner, organist of Butte, furnished music throughout the afternoon.

We might explain what brought about the party. Some time ago the Citizenship Club wrote Mr. Carson asking what they could do to assist in putting on the centennial celebration. Mr. Carson responded and agreed to come out when they had the program. He gave a very interesting report of plans for next year, and stated that so far as he knew, Radersburg is the first community to stage such a party.

Among old timers of Radersburg mentioned in connection with the history of the community were: Tom Williams, who has lived there over 50 years. Mrs. Bish (Doughty) Williams, Mrs. Mary Grandchamp, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Spangler, Orlando Allen, Clyde Bottler, Mrs. Saul Miller and others. Another group contained names of those who were born there and have always made that their home, including Bud Harris, Jim Sitton, Clyde Bottler, Erma Patterson, W.D. Williams. Bill Holdaway and Ben Webb.

Mrs. Bish Williams, aged 91, is the oldest living native of Radersburg.

If we have failed to mention some of the old timers, we apologize for there was so much going on, the “Star” reporter could not take it all in.

Mrs. Hardgrove wishes to extend her thanks to Ed Spangler and to Mrs. Ruth Carson, County Superintendent, for their assistance in arranging the program.

**1974**

### **“Roads Get Upgrading; Why One?”**

The River Mill Road (running parallel to the Missouri River) has been filled in to make a slow even grade to Highway 12. The fill was made so that logging trucks can use the approach instead of traveling through town.

Before the work was started, the approach was steep and uneven making it impossible for the logging trucks to use.

The logging trucks from the Townsend Lumber Mill will be traveling over the new grade to pack it down. The approach will be paved at a later date.

The road running parallel to the Helena - Townsend Highway 12 road, out by Higgins’ ranch, is being paved. The road has not been used since 1955 and is now being re-done.

No explanation by anyone could be given when asked why the road was being repaired.

In the contract for the diking system, it is stated that this road was to be repaired along with the work done on the dike.

It would be interesting to know why this road, not connected in any way with the dike, should be repaired.

**“Ladies of Canton to Hold 50<sup>th</sup>”**

Wednesday afternoon, June 12<sup>th</sup>, a tea will be held to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canton Valley Women’s Club. The tea will be 2:00 p.m. at the Multi-purpose Room of the grade school. Final plans for the event were the main topic of the May meeting held at the home of Mrs. F.L. Hollaway with Mrs. C.P. Kirksey assisting hostess. Mrs. Sewell Marks was selected to represent the Club at the State Convention at Whitefish. Attending were: former member Mrs. T.P. McNully of Wibaux, Mrs. Ed Neild, Mrs. Bill Guffey, Mrs. Walter Clark, Mrs. Dan Sullivan, Mrs. James Hardgrove, Mrs. Frank Hooks, Mrs. Don Williams, Mrs. Sewell Marks and Mrs. R.W. Sullivan of Clancy.