

OUR TOWN 100 YEARS AGO, JUNE 1925

June 1925. This June was a lot less violent than back in 1899. Still, there was plenty of bad weather and other bad news. Perhaps the main item in short supply in the Jefferson Valley News that month was humor, but several good examples were found. The editor must have been in a more solemn mood. National headlines were mostly moved to the back pages of the paper. Some of the top included Amundsen-Ellsworth flight to the North Pole; the Teapot Dome scandal and who was indicted, and the upcoming trial of John T. Scopes, the biology teacher who was charged with violating state law in Tennessee for teaching the theory of evolution. By June 6th, 324 deaths had been reported from the heat wave with temperatures reaching 100 on the Atlantic seaboard (similar to June 1899). Working aged people from the canton of Ticino in Switzerland were immigrating to the U. S, especially to California. Our of 66 young men called for military service only five were found in the canton. The following news items are taken from the June 1925 editions of the JV News.

THE MONTANA RANCHER—Enough gopher tails to reach a distance of six miles if placed end to end is the goal set in the gopher extermination contest being held in Flathead county. The goal has been set for 100,000 tails in this year's campaign.

CAUGHT IN WHITEHALL—Two Young Men Nabbed Here After Deserting Car Stolen from Three Forks: Saturday evening Whitehall's chief of police received a message from Three Forks asking him to arrest two young men, Gilhooley and Netterburg, who were on the Pony train westbound. It appears that the young men stole a car at Three Forks and near Cardwell went into the ditch and abandoned the auto. They then took the train heading westward. Gilhooley is from Logan and is not unknown, having gained more or less notoriety by his various actions. He was raised in Logan. Little is known of Netterburg.

8TH GRADE ROLL – Whitehall Students Take First and Third Places—Make Creditable Showing Throughout: Pleasant Valley—Kyle Shrauger, Irene Morris, Alben Flippan; Whitehall—Ovie Wolverton, Muriel Payne, Margaret Chapman, Marie Wolverton, Virginia Speck, Robert Manlove, Dyrace Miller, Ray Hixson, Ruth Flaherty, Herschel Davis, Robert Pruett, Edward Alexander, Madelyn Cowdry, Jean Thompson, Pearl Churchwell, Clyde McCall. The highest averages in the county were Edward Alexander..92.0; Louise Jackson (*Basin*)—91.7; Virginia Speck..89.9; Dorothy Berry (*Basin*)..89.8.

SOME 8TH GRADE GUESSES – Replies to Some of the Questions in Recent Examination are Illuminating: One of the examiners who officiated at the eighth grade examination at Boulder last week thought some of the answers worthy of more than passing notice. Here are some of them, taken from the examination papers.

Two dairy breeds are Jersey and Holstein. A profitable hen should lay between 400 and 500 eggs annually, Do not pick your teeth with anything that is sharp and scratch the animal off. Potatoe bug can be killed with pairascreen mixed with water. The State School of Minds is at Butte. Horse latitudes is where a horse cannot travel. The Shoshone dame is in Whyoming. John Greenleaf Whittier had several brothers and a father. The people know that alcohol is affecting their health but they don't care because they want joy. The Holy Land is the place where God was born.

THE PETER TEAGUE CASE—The Supreme Court of Montana last week denied the application of Peter Teague to suppress as evidence a still and some mash found on his premises on Pipestone bench. Teague originally made the motion in the district court, claiming that the search was made by Sheriff Mountjoy under an invalid warrant. The motion was denied by Judge Henry G. Rogers as to the still and mash which was found in a mining tunnel 75 feet from defendant's cabin.

NEWS OF THE VALLEY: Mrs. Shirley Houghton went to Butte Tuesday morning to consult an oculist. Incidentally, Whitehall's parks are in the pink of condition and a credit to the town. The surface of Whitehall's macadam streets is to receive a coat of oil as a preservative. Mrs. J. R. Norville left for Laramore, N. D. on Wednesday to spend the summer with her son, Hugh, who is principal of the schools there.

Frank Franich passed away at his home in the valley Monday. The deceased had lived in the valley a

number of years, coming here from Butte. He leaves a wife and five children. The body was taken to Butte for interment. The family has the sincere sympathy of the entire community,.

Nat Chamberlain and J. F. Collins captured a bear in a trap in Goodwin park recently. The meat has been at the Manlove shop the past several days. Audemar Borden will leave Friday for encampment at Helena. He will have charge of a squad of men from Whitehall. A nine-pound girl was born on Sunday morning to Mr. and Mrs. George Ballard. Hugh Mosier took his examinations as auto driver for Yellowstone Park some time ago and we are informed that he is one the fortunate boys out of those who tried out and will begin work on the 24th of this month. H. H. Willerton, aged 74, brother of Mrs. George Cox of Waterloo, died on Sunday as a result of being knocked down by an auto driven by young Cox. It seems that young Cox was bringing the car around to the rear of the house to load milk and had almost stopped, when Mr. Willerton stepped immediately in front of the slow-moving car and was knocked down before the driver could bring it to a dead stop.

WANTED—a live person to represent a well-known line in Whitehall and vicinity. Call at Modern Hotel or address, Mrs. A. R. Coleman, 510 Mueller Apts., Butte.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Greene and son Tom, and Miss Peggy Alexander drove to Potosi Hot Springs Sunday. Tom returned in the evening, but left the remainder of party there for a short camping trip.

A million grayling fry were put into the streams near Jefferson Island and through the efforts of the Jefferson Island Rod and Gun club, last Sunday. During the past month 20,000 young silver salmon have been placed in the rearing pond near Globe lake. It is expected that another million grayling fry will be available for the streams in this vicinity.

Bill Wolverton and Bobie Lyons acted as guides last Sunday for a party of students from Montana State College, who made the trip through the Morrison Cave.

If anyone desires to look at what are without doubt the finest crops of peas in the United States let him take a drive over either the Parrott or the Pipestone benches. On the Kountz ranch last Friday forty acres of peas in bloom presented a sight that is rarely equaled. There are more than 600 acres in peas within a six-mile radius of Whitehall, and the stands are wonderful.

Dan Minier is becoming adept at classifying the tourists who tarry in the auto camp. There are sports, just folks and “cheap skates.” The latter class are those who use the camp all day to repair their car and when the shades of night approach go down to the creek and camp. Dan regards this sort of thing as a personal affront.

DELEGATE FROM FINLAND—On Monday the conductor of the North Coast limited unloaded 225 pounds of Finlander in Whitehall, said Finlander being the container of about a cubic foot of forty-rod bootleg that made him unacceptable to our citizens. He had a ticket to Billings, but evidently the train crew got tired of wrestling with him between Butte and Whitehall and decided to present him with the keys of the city. Citizens went out and took turns sitting on him while other delegations scattered to look for the marshal who had the keys to the bastille. His name was Gust Arussel, and he has followed the sea, as he gave an imitation of a sailor walking the deck when the boat was careening from side to side. Finally a truck was mustered and the Finlander loaded on and hauled to the city jug, which was found securely locked. Citizens broke the lock and plunged the fighting Finlander into its caverns to sleep off the Butte potions he had collected.