

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

EVENTS OF LOCAL INTEREST

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1919: 100 years ago...

That **Theodore Roosevelt Jr.** National chairman of the American Legion will be at Sioux Falls for the first South Dakota Convention of the organization the first two days of next week is announced in the statement issued by **T. R. Johnson** temporary State chairman at Sioux Falls. Other announcements concerning plans for the legion convention are included in a letter received by the local post and of interest to Codington County members today, the letter reads: Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. will be present. John F. J. Herbert chairman of the National Speakers committee has given us definite Assurance to that fact. Teddy is delighted to come.

1944: 75 years ago...

Applications for 500 out-of-state agricultural workers to help with harvesting have been sent to the federal farm labor organization by seven northeastern South Dakota counties, it was revealed at an area farm labor meeting here today. Although doubtful whether enough interstate workers will be available, state farm labor officials said, there will be enough Mexican Nationals available to meet the demand. Attending the meeting here today were county agents and farm labor assistants from Roberts, Grant, Day, Deuel, Hamlin, Codington and Clark counties. A Boy Scout camp of 75 boys is being planned for the Garden City area this fall to help with the potato harvest... A Boy Scout program was given at the Kiwanis Club meeting this noon at the Grand Hotel, with a short talk by **Rev. George D. Jenkins**, commissioner, in which he told of the work in Scouting as carried on in Watertown. Three members of the Scouts, **Bill Welter**, **Bob Gilbertson** and **Chuck Rudning**, gave reports on their recent camping trip.

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1979: 40 years ago...

The Watertown Park and Recreation Department in cooperation with the American Red Cross will be hosting a "swim-a-cross" on Saturday August 11th from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Swimmers will pledge to swim a specified number of pool length. Sponsors will be solicited by swimmers to pledge a fixed amount for each pool length swim. All those interested in swimming are asked to pick up a pledge sheet at Burger King, McDonald's, Spies, Indoor and Outdoor Pool and the Park and Recreation Office.

2004: 15 years ago...

The Watertown Police Department is continuing its investigation into the armed robbery Monday morning at the 212 Casino. The casinos surveillance camera shows the masked robber entering the business at 1:46 a.m. and pointing a weapon at the clerk. The gunman escaped with an undisclosed amount of cash. Although there were several people in the casino at the time of the robbery no one was hurt. The robber wore a light-colored stocking cap to cover his face and a pair of oversized gloves dark pants dark shoes and a two-color flannel shirt. Watertown police detective Doug Reis holes in the stocking cap appear to have been cut out by the robber and that the robbers skin visible through the holes was pale. Individuals having information on the robbery are encouraged to telephone Reis at the Watertown Police Department.

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