

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual American Legion Armistice Day Race

Wednesday, 11 Nov 1936 at Legion Hall in Uptown Butte

The Montana Standard reported that this year's Armistice Day festivities were not as madly boisterous as 18 years ago when the world went wild shouting "Finis la Guerre!!" But this year's festivities were more elaborate and impressive because "Those men who bore arms, and learned by their bitter experience the horrors of combat against modern weapons of death and destruction are today dedicated to the promotion of peace."

The elaborate Armistice Day preparations came to fruition at 10:49 a.m., when Butte's quite was shattered by an aerial mortar blast. Ten more mortar rounds were fired at one minute intervals, with the last sounding at 11 a.m., the time of day when the World War armistice was implemented.



**Henry  
Tyvand**

One minute of silence followed the final explosion, as a time to remember those who fell in war. The day continue with most of the usual activities, including foot race, essay contest, open houses, Legionnaires' radio address and school outreach program, nighttime parade highlighted by multiple drum corps, dinners, and dances.

One expected annual event that did not take place was the boys' push-mobile race, which was canceled by officials who declared that the condition of the race course was inadequate.

The Armistice Day Race got underway with eight runners, all of whom finished the event. Andy Slatt of the School of Mines, and Henry Tyvand of Butte High finished the race in a dead heat and were judged to be tied, sharing a finish time of 12:07. The course was vaguely (and with much exaggeration!) reported to be "just under three miles."

**Individual standings:** 1 (tie) Andy Slatt, School of Mines & Henry Tyvand, BH, 12:07; 3, Eugene Costello; 4, Marshall Pierce; 5, Fritz Apostle; 6, John McCauley; 7, Walter Albertson; 8, Logan Morgan; 9, Jim Langdon.