

## **This Day in History - April 20**

**1922**

### **“ANNOUNCEMENT”**

I wish to announce to the Public that the O.K. Hardware and Implement Co. is still doing business at the old stand. If you want any hardware, implements or machinery we can furnish you the same at bed rock prices.

If anyone should tell you that we have gone out of business don't believe them.

E.H. Goodman, Assignee

**1939**

### **“Brooder House Burns, 200 Chickens Lost”**

Anticipation of a lively chicken crop was crushed for Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ragen when at about 7:30 Sunday morning they looked out to see their brooder with 175 three-day old chicks going up in smoke.

The chicks had been received at the Townsend Post Office on Friday and were just getting used to their brooder when for some unknown reason it caught fire. Only five chicks were saved.

### **“Stubble Fire Causes Alarm”**

A stubble fire at timber line on the Thos. Dixon place at the head of Gurnett Creek caused alarm here Tuesday evening and a crew of fire fighters was recruited by the Forest Service. The fire was never out of control, however, although a high wind blowing up in the evening threatened the nearby timber.

Mr. Dixon had fired some wheat stubble which had been worked by combine last fall. The ranch is located so that the full length of the fire was visible from town and nearby lowlands, and it appeared to have been threatening the broad expanse of timber bordering the ranch. In the absence of Forest Ranger Elmer Luer, ex-ranger E.V. Welton was asked to send a crew which was done to protect the timber, should occasion arise.

Johnnie Gruar with Boyce Robbins, Bob Clark, Henry Young and Bill Gunther went to the scene of the fire and after a few hours' vigil returned to their homes in Townsend reporting no damage to timber.

**1950**

### **“Now Is the Time to Clean Up”**

Every spring there comes clean up time. Every year there is the same thought in almost everyone's minds and that is a GENERAL CLEAN UP.

Since Townsend has had a municipal garbage collector and the alleys have been graveled and graded there isn't nearly as many untidy and unsightly places as there used to be.

But there is room for vast improvement yet, if we want our town to stand out for its beauty and cleanliness.

The city can go just so far in a clean up. They cannot go into the vacant lots nor privately maintained residence lots and rake and clean and haul away, nor are they obligated to haul anything from the alley except garbage in covered containers, but they have always gone more than half way in assisting people in their cleanup problems.

Now is the time to remove all old debris, tin cans, rubbish of any sort from the yards, vacant lots and alleys. Now is the time to rake, burn, spade and plant. Why can't Townsend excel in all of these things that tend to create a perfect town for beauty and cleanliness?

The answer is up to everyone who owns property. Vacant lots have always been a bug bear. They should be turned over and cleaned up. A yearly burning over will soon destroy weeds and native grass will take the place of the weeds.

There is another thing that we must think of too; if we are to have nice shrubbery and pretty lawns; and that is dog control.

Pets, if properly handled, will do no damage, but many unlicensed dogs running at random and congregating can and do much damage, it has been pointed out. This is also the time of year to license dogs.

**1961**

**"Local News"**

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blaisdell, Miss Patricia Blaisdell and Burnell Southall were in Billings for the weekend visiting friends and attending to business matters.