

“What Happened Today in History”

October 12

1922

“Local News”

On Monday of this week the Townsend Garage unloaded a car of the new model Buick cars. Every car was bargained for almost before they were taken from the railroad cars. Al Fuhs and Emil Kieckbusch claimed the two six cylinder Buicks and Grim Bros., John Lewin and Albert Goodman bought the three four cylinder Buicks.

“Get Your Winter Potatoes Now”

I have the Netted Gem potatoes for sale and will sell same for 75 cents per hdwt. delivered if bargained for at once. These are the same as the N.P. use and are A 1. Call Phone 80R12 or write C.W. Cartwright, Canton.

1933

“Brown Bear Runs Amuck When Three Farmers Lay in Wait for His Majesty”

There was a lot of artillery in action on the Mountain Heights Ranch, Tuesday when a large brown bear walked into an ambush consisting of Thos. Perkins, “Perk” Perkins and Ed Domar.

The bear had killed a buck sheep the night before, close to the barn, but was scared away, evidently, by the dog, so didn’t finish his meal. Tuesday the men lay in wait for him with two rifles and a 12-guage shotgun, in hopes he would return to his kill.

Along about 9 o’clock, Mr. Bruin came ambling up to the carcass, but a minute later must have thought he had walked into the President’s Palace in Cuba.

All three men fired almost simultaneously and every shot struck home. The bear, badly wounded started off across the creek but for some reason changed his mind and headed back toward the men only to be met with another volley. It was rather dark so all the shots didn’t score, but in a couple more rounds he fell down and “took the count”.

The animal was a prize specimen. He weighed about four hundred, and had a nice coat of fur. The hide will make a splendid rug.

1939

“Notice to Parents”

Attention of the Mayor and members of the Council, as well as that of the peace officers, has been called to the fact that certain children are already commencing to observe Hallowe’en and it appears that considerable property damage has already been done.

This notice will advise all parents and all children that strict measures will be taken to the end that the property of the citizens of the town and county be protected from damage at all seasons and that while some latitude will be allowed in the observance of Hallowe’en at the proper time and on that date, nevertheless property damage will not be tolerated, and if the children do not refrain from damaging the property of others, they will be dealt with pursuant to law.

Dated October 11, 1939

Signed Town and County Officers

“Broadwater -Missouri Dam 13 Percent Complete”

Work of construction canals on the \$900,000 Broadwater-Missouri dam in Broadwater County was 13 percent complete on the first of the month. E.B. Donohue, chief engineer for the state water conservation board, said today.

“Rapid progress” in construction work on the big project is being made, he said, and “no unusual conditions” have been encountered.

The Utah Construction company now has the north coffer dam completed and men, at present, are working on the rock of the foundation, his monthly report said.

“The pouring of concrete in connection with the main diversion dam is to start within a few days and gravel from the Lange Island pit is now being stock-piled for concrete in the main dam.

“The track-raising work is being done with material obtained from the Clarkston pit, but this work is progressing slowly due to the heavy train schedule in the fall of the year.

“Excavation for the west side siphon is one-third complete under this contract and the steel and forms have been placed for the box culvert underpass. The subcontractor has started excavating the east side canal and work also has been started on the concrete overpass.”

The engineer also reported two draglines are working on the east side canal, on the Douglas Genger contract. The excavation for the highway culvert on the canal is complete and the west side canal is 100 percent excavated and the structures are 98 percent complete. The highway culvert for that canal is excavated and 55 percent placed, while the pipe for the Deep Creek siphon has been placed. On October 1, 421 men were employed on the project which was 13 percent complete in all.

The \$900,000 dam; second largest sponsored by the water conservation board, includes construction of a concrete masonry diversion dam, with a crest length of 370 feet, across the Missouri River near Toston. It will have a height of 43 feet above the normal stream bed and the project also includes 50 miles of canals, a siphon under the river and the relocation of about 3 ½ miles of railroad tract. The project is to supplement irrigation of 21,000 acres of land in the Missouri River Valley near Townsend.

1950

“Gridsters Initiate New Grass Field by Easy Victory”

The Broadwater Bulldogs trampled the outclassed White Sulphur Hornets last Friday with a score of 54 - 14.

The outclassed Hornets played a hard game, but just couldn't stop the fighting Bulldogs. The Hornets didn't score in the first half while almost all of the Bulldogs scoring was done in the first half.

The Bulldogs played some of their best football Friday and Bunny has every right to be proud of them. For the first gridiron clash on the new field, it turned out to be a good one.

This Friday the Bulldogs are to play Clyde Park here. It should prove to be an interesting game so, come one, come all!

-Reporter, Gene Cook

1961

“Cracking Down on Bicycle Riders”

The City Dads are going to crack down on bicycle riding on downtown sidewalks. A number of minor accidents have occurred where youngsters on bicycles have hit people on the sidewalks. Official notice of the action is printed on another page of the “Star”. Parents take notice.

1967

“Louis Green Sells Grocery Store to Wm. Stiner; Give Possession Jan. 1st”

A major transaction took place last Thursday when Louis Green sold his grocery store, known as Green’s Super Market, to Western Ambulance Service, Inc., of Denver, Colo., owned by William Stiner. Mr. Stiner is a son of Mrs. Jessie Ridgeway and grew up in this area.

The transaction was handled by R.J. Kelly, local realtor, and includes the building and stock of goods. Mr. Green retained the Dry Goods Store and the new warehouse located just north of the store.

Green will continue to operate the store the rest of this year, giving possession to the new owner on January 1, 1968.

Louis Green has been in business in Townsend since 1931 when he came here from Livingston and opened a meat market on the same spot where he is now located. About three months later he added groceries and since that time has enlarged the building to its present size and carried the largest stock of groceries individually owned in this part of the state.

In 1942 Mr. Green enlarged the slaughter processing plant, and just a few years ago enlarged it still more. About 13 years ago Green added a dry goods line to his business. In 1961 he purchased the Rondora dry goods store from R. J. Kelly. He completely remodeled and enlarged this store building which now houses all of his dry goods department.

In addition to being one of Townsend’s leading merchants for over 30 years, Mr. Green has been quite active in civic affairs. He served as a member of the town council and was mayor of Townsend almost ten years. He filled an unexpired term of B.F. Sautter and was then elected in 1949, 1951, 1953 and 1955.

Mr. Green stated yesterday that the new owner plans to dispose of his ambulance business in Denver and will come here to make his home when he takes over the business.