

## **“What Happened Today in History”**

**1929**

### **“Chamber of Commerce’s Board of Directors”**

At the annual meeting of the Townsend Chamber of Commerce held on Wednesday evening of this week the board of directors for the ensuing year was elected. Insofar as the board in power had not served an entire year and also that the conditions of the Chamber were in such good shape, it was deemed advisable and voted accordingly to reinstate the same board vis: E.H. Goodman, chairman; E.E. Griffith, James E. Ward.

The directors will meet at an early date and choose their officers of the organization.

The meeting was held in the Commercial Hotel beginning with a 6:30 dinner. A very interesting meeting was reported. Ed Lingren being present and entertained with a number of vocal selections. J.M. Kay from the high school cordially extended an invitation to attend the opening of the new gymnasium on Friday.

There was a very good attendance at the meeting on Wednesday evening, all members present paying up their dues for the advance year.

The probabilities the coming year will be a very busy one for the Chamber says the secretary, with the new highway, the paving program for main street and other activities now underway. The Townsend Main Street pavement is assured with 90 percent of the property owners signing.

G.W. Kirscher advanced some information before the Chamber concerning the Electric highway, stating that there was a possibility of rushing the construction of the highway this coming summer through the Deep Creek Canyon and connecting with Townsend. Mr. Kirscher and F.G. McCarthy were invited to meet with the Bureau of Public Construction in Helena on the 22<sup>nd</sup> to put the matter before the bureau.

A letter was read from the Spokane Chamber of Commerce in which all members of the Townsend Chamber and all other citizens were cordially invited to listen in over their radios on January 16<sup>th</sup> during the dinner hour when their annual meeting and entertainment program would be broadcast.

**1935**

### **“New Officers of County Take Respective Offices”**

Monday morning found the new officers of the county taking their respective posts that they had won at the last general election. Norman Bruce, the new sheriff and his deputy, Geo. Kieckbusch took their oaths of office and are established at the jail building.

Frank Holloway is the new assessor and has announced that Mrs. A.W. Ridgeway will be his deputy, when that office requires an assistant.

The board of county commissioners met on the first Monday of the month, as is the law, and Mr. Olai Kallevang took the oath as the new commissioner, taking the place of Chas. P. Tarrant. The first order of business was to elect a new chairman and Willis Smith, the senior member of the board, was elected to that position. They were in session for three days transacting the regular business of the county.

**1946**

## **“WWII Headlines”**

### **“Discharges”**

Forest Hough, discharged from the medical corps as a surgical technician, served the greater part of the war in England, wears the Good Conduct medal, the American Theater Service Ribbon and European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Service ribbon; Wallace Schreiner was a staff Sergeant in the 701<sup>st</sup> tank battalion and wore two overseas service stars, medals for the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central European campaigns with American Theater service medal, Good Conduct medal, European-African and Middle Eastern Ribbons; Victor Ruppel was a Technician 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the 142<sup>nd</sup> infantry and he wore the American Theater Service Ribbon, European-African, Middle Eastern Campaign ribbons, Medal for Victory and Good Conduct; Chas. Huth served as Staff Sergeant in the 156 Liaison Squadron as an airplane and engine mechanic in Central Burma and wore the American Theater Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbons and has medals for Victory and Good Conduct; Leslie F. Williams, member of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Infantry training Battalion, wore the Good Conduct medal; Talot McElravy, Technician 5<sup>th</sup> grade was a truck driver in Normandy, Northern France, the Rhineland Campaigns and wore a European African and Middle Eastern and Good Conduct medals; Eugene Clarence Lile of Eustace was an Electrician Mate 2-c and was given the American Area Campaign Ribbon, the Asiatic Pacific Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon and the Victory Ribbon; Raymond J. Kline, Pfc. was in the campaign of the Kureles Islands, Aleutians, Marshall and Philippine, wore the Asiatic-Pacific Service and Good Conduct medals; Leroy Bucy, Seaman 1-c, wore the American Area Campaign, the Asiatic Pacific and Victory medals; William R. Davis, M-Sgt. served in Marianas Islands and Kansas, Asiatic-Pacific, Good Conduct, American Theater and Victory awards.

## **1957**

### **“Local News”**

Mary Jay Stiner, daughter of Ann Marie Stiner, celebrated her 11<sup>th</sup> birthday December 30<sup>th</sup> at an afternoon party at her home. Games were played. Refreshments were served from a table centered with the lighted birthday cake decorated with holiday theme. Invited guests were Judy Hogan, Kathleen Iverson, Bonnie Plymale, Kay Matthews, Marilee Etwiler, Sidney Sherwood and Edwina Neild.

Mary Pat Sullivan was honored at a party at her home on January 7<sup>th</sup> to celebrate her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary. Girls of the senior class were guests.

## **1963**

### **“Winston News”**

The old year hobbled into the past and the baby New Year toddled in safely, replacing it, as some of the Winstonites stayed up to see the transition. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Davies, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark, David and Timmy were at the Ned George home New Year's Eve. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cox, Cliff and Chrissie attended a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Dagnall near Townsend. Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Diehl, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Masolo, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Diehl, Mrs. Emma Muffley of Helena, Harold Carson, Mrs. Ethel Gutekunst, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cobban, Helen Herrington, Andre Prevol, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Moe and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Moe met at the Winston bar and drove to Townsend to greet the New Year.