

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

**1929**

### **“Odd Fellows Hall Under Repair Following Disastrous Fire’**

The Odd Fellows hall here is under repair work following the disastrous fire of January 20<sup>th</sup> when the entire back end and parts of the roof were completely destroyed and damage done to the entire building from water, ice and smoke. At present men are at work drying out paraphernalia and equipment in the club rooms in the front of the building and starting to make repairs on the fire burned parts in the rear. A layer of ice covering the entire floor of about two to four inches thick in places has been thawed after the openings had been temporarily closed and fires started, and the hall will be repaired and put in shape to again be occupied as soon as possible.

Dick Price, Oscar Myers, Ed Daniels and W.W. Harvey are engaged at present in the work. The Odd Fellows Lodge, who own the building, received satisfactory adjustment from insurance, according to information given us, the building having been insured for over \$12,000.

### **“Clean Out Stock in Big Fire Sale”**

The large grocery stock belonging to Paul Carson and Arnet Johnson was almost completely disposed of at a fire sale on Saturday of last week, when they opened their doors to the public for the first time following the disastrous fire of a week before when the entire stock was damaged from smoke and water.

The approximate \$6500 stock was covered by insurance and we understand a hundred percent adjustment was made on goods in storage in the store room while the store proper was partially taken care of by insurance. The owners of the store intend to start up again in business on a small scale in the building opposite the Hayes Meat Market until the I.O.O.F. Hall can be repaired.

A very large crowd thronged the store all day from early morning until late at night and went away with many bargains in merchandise.

**1935**

### **“Drs. Bayles and Golley Will Open Clinic Here”**

Dr. R.G. Bayles announced this week that Drs. P.M. and Dean Golley will be associated with him in Townsend and Broadwater County in the practice of medicine and surgery. They will keep their present office in the Power Block.

Townsend and vicinity can be thankful that we are to have the services of such fine doctors and the clinic will be among the best in the state.

Dr. Dean Golley will arrive from Milwaukee where she has been closing the practice prior to coming to Montana. She is the wife of Dr. P.M. Golley

### **“Expect to Resume Work on Court House Soon”**

Work on the new court house and jail as a PWA project is still being held up awaiting legal procedure concerning the signing of the bonds. One man, however is necessarily employed as guard as a complete shutdown would not be advisable. The money expended so far on the project has come out of the pockets of the West Coast Construction Company who

have the contract for the erection of this \$60,000 project. Some \$5,000 has already been paid out to labor, we are informed and much more for materials.

Continuance of the project is expected in a few days, when the county and federal moneys will be forthcoming.

**1946**

### **“WWII Headlines”**

#### **“Discharged”**

Pearl Harbor, T.H. – T-Sgt. Ellis G. Perry of Townsend, Mont. Is one of 678 high-point army veterans whom the Navy has returned to the States for discharge aboard the USS Refugee, a hospital ship of the “Magic Carpet” fleet. This ship left Yokohama, Japan, January and was scheduled to arrive in Seattle about January 27.

#### **“Party for Newlyweds”**

Saturday night about fifty neighbors and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Christie to charivari the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Christie.

At midnight when refreshments were served, a beautiful three tier wedding cake was presented to the bride and groom.

The evening was pleasantly spent playing cards, guessing contest and dancing.

**1957**

### **“Green’s Market Established Here 25 Years Ago; Celebrates Event”**

**-By: Pat Hooks**

On February 4<sup>th</sup>, 1957, green’s Market will be twenty-five years old. During this quarter of a century from a small meat market, acquired by Louis Green from the then operators, Nick Zimmerman and Bryan O’Connell, on February 4, 1932, the business has grown and expanded until now it is one of the largest individually owned department stores in Montana.

In February, 1932 the market was operated by Zimmerman and O’Connell, who leased the premises from the late W.J. Hayes, and these lessees assigned their lease and sold their stock and equipment to Louis Green who took over active management of the business.

In 1933, Mr. Green added groceries to his line of merchandise, retaining his retail meat market and combining the two lines, then in 1933 he entered into a contract to purchase the Hayes building, a modern brick building with a twenty-five foot frontage on Broadway.

As the business outgrew the original Hayes building, the adjoining building, formerly a furniture and undertaking establishment, and also at times, operated as a restaurant, was acquired by Mr. Green in 1943. This building was a frame affair, sadly in need of repairs, and in 1945 Mr. Green commenced remodeling this building including a passageway into the Hayes building. Subsequently, and as part of remodeling program, the east wall of the Hayes building was removed as was the west wall of the frame building, thus making the two into a single store. The remodeling included extension of the buildings to the alley, and both were completely stuccoed after the roof lines were brought to a common level.

So much for the exterior. In the interior the process of improving the facilities has never ceased, and today there will be found in the interior a large locker department, the most modern refrigeration units and modern mechanized appliances for the cutting and handling of meats.

Until 1948, Mr. Green operated the small slaughter house formerly operated by Mr. Hayes and in that year Green again went to work, (in fact he has never ceased work of improving) and built a modern packing plant fully equipped to slaughter, cure, and process meats, which plant is managed by Mr. Paul Green, son of the owner.

For the convenience of his customers and to give them a one stop shopping center, in 1954 Mr. green added dry goods, notions, shoes and various lines, so that today while you cannot buy a threshing machine, an automobile or a piano, form Green's Market, you can buy almost anything else.

Through many of the years of his operations Mr. Green has had associated with him among other employees, his son, Paul, his daughter, Esther (Mrs. Fred Schneider) and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Paul Green. Currently there are seven employees working in Green's Market.

It is safe to say that nowhere in all Montana in a town of the relative size of Townsend will there be a comparable establishment, and one that draws and enjoys patronage from so wide an area, far beyond the limits of Broadwater County.

So much for the establishment, now a little about Mr. Green, or "Louie" as he is best known. Despite the heavy duties of managing Green's Market, Louie has made time to give the town of his choice, Townsend, the benefit of his business experience by accepting appointment on April 6th, 1942, to the position of Councilman succeeding the late Benton A. Foster. Then, in August 1948, on the resignation of B.F. Sautter as Mayor of Townsend, Louie was selected by the Council to serve Mr. Sautter's unexpired term, and each two years thereafter, Louie has been elected Mayor of Townsend and is now serving as such. As Mayor, he has had the full co-operation of the Council, and working together, the Mayor and Council have brought about many improvements in the town's facilities. To mention just a few, a system of numbers for the business houses and residences was put into effect; the streets were marked, the street lighting system over town was completely rebuilt, and more recently, a long hoped for solution of the water problem is at hand, as a sixteen inch well has been drilled, and the work of installing the pump and the various appliances, including construction of a pump house east of the Town is about complete. All that remains is the delivery from the manufactures of certain appliances specified by the engineers and insisted upon by the State Board of Health, under whose supervision the work has been carried on.

The above is a story of twenty-five years of hard and intelligent work by Louie and his associates, and it is to be doubted that a parallel will be found in any town the size of Townsend. So again, Happy Birthday to Green's Market and may it and its genial owner, Louie, long continue to dish out the merchandise and rake in the coin of the realm, which Louie has not overlooked incidentally.

**1963**

**"Winter Fair Results"**

**-by Susan Webb**

If Montanans stayed home just because of the weather we would never get anywhere, and Broadwater County 4-Hers are no exception. Both judging teams, livestock and meat, were all present and accounted for the opening day of the Winter Fair, Saturday, January 26.

The livestock judging team, which consisted of Dave Shearer, Dan Shearer, Lynda Perry and Joel Flynn, judged lamb and beef carcasses, four classes of livestock and a class of shorn wool. They all received good ratings, Dave Shearer, Gold; Dan Shearer, Bronze, Lynda Perry, Silver; Joel Flynn, Gold.

As for the meat judges, they judged 25 cuts of meat, a class of wholesale cuts and had a written examination. They, too, did well. Lorelee Flynn, Silver; Joan Delger, Bronze; Mary Ellen McNulty, Bronze and Susan Webb, Bronze.

Both teams feel that the trip was worthwhile.