

## **“What Happened this Week in History”**

**March 14**

**1929**

### **“J.C. Penny Store Will Open Here”**

The new J.C. Penny store will open in Townsend in a few days, according to L.V. Johnson, who arrived here the fore part of the week from Oregon and who will have the management of the store here. At present Mr. Johnson is engaged in adjusting the present McCracken stock of the Golden Rule store and will clear out that stock commencing on Saturday of this week.

A deal was made recently whereby J.C. Penny Company bought out all of the Golden Rule stores in Montana from June McCracken, the Townsend store being one of the stores to change hands.

**1935**

### **“Plans Made for Corner Stone Ceremony”**

Saturday will be an eventful day for citizens of Broadwater, who are interested in the county's progress. On that day, the corner stone of the court house, now under construction, will be laid. Hon. John A. Matthews, Judge of the Supreme Court and Broadwater County citizen will deliver the address of the day. The program will commence promptly at 2:30 on the grounds surrounding the new structure. Townsend business houses will close during the ceremonies.

A copper box provided by the architects will contain historical data concerning the formation of Broadwater County and its successful career, list of county officials, names of those taking part in the dedication ceremonies, a review of former court houses used for county purposes and the story of the formation of plans to erect a new court house under the Public Works Administration of the New Deal will be enclosed in the recess of the wall retained for that purpose, after which it will be sealed by the official act of laying the so-called corner stone.

The dedication ceremonies will be held in front of the new court house with the following program: Invocation, the Rev. S.J. Sullivan; History of Movement of New Court House, E. H. Goodman; History of the County and its Court Houses, Hon. J.A. Matthews; Filling the copper box by the Committee in charge; laying the corner stone, Chairman of County Commissioners, Willis Smith; singing of patriotic songs by a chorus of some fifty voices of Townsend grade school children; the Benediction the Rev. T.T. Fike.

**1946**

### **“New Chevrolet Prize to Be Awarded at Dance Saturday”**

Do you have a ticket or more on the new Chevrolet car that is to be given away by the Broadwater Post American Legion on the evening of March 16? If you haven't there are still a few left, declared L.J. Anders, Commander of the Post who has been promoting the sale for the past several weeks in all parts of Montana. Mr. Anders has been assisted in the sale by a large group of Legionnaires and business people.

The Chevrolet will be claimable soon as they are released, we understand the winner will stand second on the list at the Tomcheck-Gabisch garage, we are informed. The Rev. Fred Tracy has his bid in for the No. 1 Chevy which has been on display for several weeks, but as yet cannot be released for sale.

The money earned from the sale of tickets is to go toward the erection of a new Legion hall in Townsend. Even if you don't win the car, a ticket purchased will be one of the best investments you ever made.

The drawing will be made during the Fireman's Ball at the H.S. gym.

## **1963**

### **"Legion Auxiliary Successful in Toy and Clothing Collection Here"**

Voicing the appreciation for the clothing drive, Mrs. Ben Townsley, President of the Legion Auxiliary wishes to thank all who donated used toys and clothing. The toys have already been sent to the workshop in Deer Lodge where inmates in the state penitentiary will remake them into new toys.

More than 146 pounds of clothing is on the way to the New York shipping point for Hungary relief and a large box of clothing and shoes were taken to Twin Bridges for the Orphans Home.

"In saving shoes and outgrown clothing for such purposes," Mrs. Townsley said, "One can be assured they will not only be appreciated, but put into good use".

For instance, Mrs. Townsley explained that at Twin Bridges, they have departments where clothes are cleaned, pressed and remade. They have a cobbler department where shoes and overshoes are mended, resoled and put into good wearable condition.

A former Townsend athletic coach, Dick Little, is the supervisor at the state school at Twin Bridges.

### **"Toston Briefs"**

Mrs. Elmer Johnson was pleasantly surprised Thursday when several friends dropped in to help her celebrate her birthday, bringing with them a birthday cake and many lovely gifts. Present were Mrs. Alice Greaves, Mrs. Mary Spatzierath, Mrs. Olive Middleton, Mrs. Bobbi Green, Mrs. Lillian Arden, Mrs. Karen Matthis, Mrs. Nellie Greaves and Mrs. Adelheid Spatzierath.

Mrs. Olive Middleton attended the Nile Style show Saturday evening in Helena accompanied by Mrs. Ann Thurston of Radersburg, Mrs. Pearl Barraugh of Townsend and Miss Louise Flynn of Helena.

## **1974**

### **"County to Build Museum"**

The immediate construction of a new building for the museum for Broadwater County was the outcome of a special meeting of the Board of Directors Historical Society held Tuesday evening. This announcement will be received with much satisfaction by a large membership and the general public, since there has been enthusiasm and cooperation working for this goal over a three-year period.

This move will be a real boon to the year's membership now in progress and many who have considered life memberships and organizations who are considering annual contributions

will now put forth special efforts to help the financial requirements to see the museum built and maintained.

The decision of the board was made after thoroughly weighing the high costs of construction against the feasibility of purchasing an old building. Heard at the meeting was the findings of those who had scoured the town for properties for sale; Lloyd Heberle, the Society's building chairman; Irvin Riis, representing the County Board of Commissioners; and Mrs. Harold Marks, the Society's Treasurer. Heberle reported he had bids from local people and that the building could be reasonable constructed by engaging these people, piecemeal fashion, within the means available and far under the running figures had a general bid been received when the group advertised early in the year.

Since much of the \$18,000 on hand had been advanced thru a half-mill levy, revenue funding and the land by the County, it was deemed in the best interests of the tax-paying public to build, rather than remove a piece of property from the tax rolls.

The structure will be 40 x 80 feet in size, of colored concrete blocks, and on the lots just north of the court house and east of the hospital. It is expected the ground for the foundation will be broken in March.