

# WEST JEFFERSON IN DAYS GONE BY

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\_\_\_February 23, 1928 – Plans are being made to make Federal Route 40 a four-lane highway through Ohio.

\_\_\_April 12, 1928 – Land has been leased from R. R. Sidner two miles south of town, along the Lilly Chapel Road, for use as an airfield.

\_\_\_April 19, 1928 – A Greyhound track is to be built on the farm leased from Anthony Frey. It will give a grandstand with a capacity of 5,000 people. Work will start on construction on June 30<sup>th</sup>. (This track took in the west end of Fellows Ave. and most of the Merriman Addition.)

\_\_\_May 10, 1928 – Ray Miller, Frank Kaufman, and Robert Boyd are the incorporators of the Hi-Grade Milk Company. (The company later moved to Columbus.)

\_\_\_The Farmer's Co-op Cream Station ran by Lem Gregg, has moved to the brick building back of the Town Hall. (It actually sat on the north west corner of Walnut and Town Streets.)

\_\_\_June 1, 1928 – A new Drug Store, owned and operated by Merrill H. (Doc) Mellott, has opened up. (This sat on the north east corner of Main and Walnut Streets. The original building was a grocery store and was torn down in the 1940s, and the present building, now occupied by Dr. Garwood, was built. There is a picture of the original building in the Library on the "West Jefferson Remembers" website.)

\_\_\_July 4, 1928 – The Greyhound races opened today with a crowd of 7,500 people attending.

\_\_\_July 8, 1918 – An old and prominent citizen, Henry Brown, 74, died.

\_\_\_July 12, 1928 – Work has started on the new village sewage plant. (This was at the end of the Mill Road)

\_\_\_August 30, 1928 – Another old settler passes away. Luther Johnson, father of Frank, Howard and Walter Johnson has died.

\_\_\_October 18, 1928 – The new beacon light on the Lilly Chapel Road is now in operation.

\_\_\_March 1, 1929 – Gene Compton and Lon Campton have opened up a garage on N. Walnut St.

\_\_\_May 1, 1929 – Air and Army maneuvers were held in the West Jefferson area. A company of men was stationed at Lilly Chapel.

\_\_\_May 16, 1929 – Dr. Kerr has installed a new emergency hospital in the Kuehner Building on W. Main St.