

1937 Raytown News - Courtesy of Raytown Dispatch-Tribune

March 11, 1937 Raytown News

R. L. Lewis selling Frigidaires

H. E. O'Bryan manager of Leidigh & Havens Lumber Co.

April 15, 1937 Raytown News

The Christian Church campaigns to rebuild the building that burned several months ago, hope to have a full basement of 125 feet and main floor 180 feet, the main entrance will be in the center of the east front

April 22, 1937 Raytown News

Jim Herndon is announcing this week the employment of an additional barber for his shop, Charles Michael, well known barber is on duty at the Herndon Shop

May 13, 1937 Raytown News

Richards Field Changes owners... Porterfield Aircraft Co, 160 acres for \$37,500 bought from non-operating Airminal Investment Co. Field was dedicated Armistice Day 1922..there is a longer story

List of 8th grade graduates in this issue

** May 20, 1937 Raytown News

The finishing touches are being put in the new Cox building at 63rd and Raytown Road. Floors have been sanded and linoleum placed in the office rooms. The fixtures are installed and it is thought the structure will be ready for occupancy the last of next week.

Dr. C. R. Monghan, dentist, who has been located in the Short Building for 10 years, will occupy offices in this new home, and Dr. D. M. Eubank, physician, will maintain his practice also in the place.

**May 27, 1937 Raytown News

Death of Fred H. Brew, 65, former Jackson County foreman for Jackson County for 21 years. Died Sunday at St. Joseph Hospital. He lived at 2704 Benton Boulevard.

Before being employed by the county, Mr. Brew was a paving foreman for the city about 30 years.

Born at Galva, Illinois, he attended the University of Nebraska where he played on the football team. He was graduated from the Nebraska Law School and practiced law for a while in Oklahoma before coming to Kansas City to enter the business of road contracting.

He was a member of the Masonic Blue Lodge No. 299 and Ararat Shrine.

Surviving are four sisters: Mrs. Grace Berge, Mrs. Ben Levy of Kansas City; Mrs. Lucile Thorp of Detroit, and Mrs. Laura Fayle, Ong, Nebraska. Funeral services were held at 3:30p.m. Tuesday. Burial Mt. Moriah Cemetery.

Mr. Brew owned the building in Raytown occupied by the Herndon Barber Shop and the Herndon Grocery.

Jenkins selling Chevrolets

**June 10, 1937 Raytown News

Local Landmark Being Razed - One of the First Business Buildings in Raytown is to be Eliminated-

The home of the first telephone; and that for long distance only, and the first soda fountain in Raytown, is being razed this week.

The old building now occupying a lot north of the Raytown Ford Motor company garage, originally was on the south east corner of Raytown Road and 63rd street.

Rev. J. J. Robinson, brother of S. G. Robinson, and a great uncle of Luther Robinson, built the structure of white pine throughout. It was at a point which would now be nearly the center of 63rd street just east of Raytown Road. A large grove of maple trees stood around it and sheltered the narrow road. This piece of the highway was a mud hole most of the time. It was the homestead of Rev. Robinson.

According to some local business men this was perhaps the first business building in Raytown, and marked the beginning of a trading center here. It's first occupant was said to be a drug store operated by Dr. M. T. Smith and his son Dr. Henry Smith. Ed Smith of this community is a son of the late Dr. M. T. Smith.

The upper floor was occupied by the Anti-Horse Thief Association. It is not known definitely whether they shared in the cost of the building the second floor, but it is known they did not pay for their quarters. It is thought the building was built about 1890.

In about 1902 or 1903 a private school was organized in the community and classes, taught by Miss Etta Lacey, were held on the second floor. A lot of local arguments were caused by this school when some of the citizens sought to induce the board of education to include it in the public school system. For years the board was divided and the feeling at time was bitter. One former pupil recalls that the feeling ran so high at one time that an apparent attempt was made to destroy the structure by fire. There was a half-basement under the building, into which the ashes from the store above on the first floor was dumped through a cut in the flooring. One morning someone discovered that an apparent anti-public schooler had gone to the basement, reached up through the ash hole in the floor, piled some fresh whittled kindling on the floor and set fire to it. The blaze burned itself out and the only damage was another hole in the floor.

Members of the first class to enter this school as far as can be remembered here were: Bernice Dehoney now Mrs. C. M. James and a sister of Ann, Mrs. Luther Robinson and Luella, Mrs. Gene Otto, and Mrs. Dorothy Robinson; Thad Greene; Sybil Sewell now working in the county recorder's office in Independence; Georgie Graham now Mrs. Crawford, of Leeds; and Maggie Whitehouse, now Mrs. L. Witte. There were twelve members in that class.

This was about the time that the Rock Island Railroad was constructing its line through Raytown, which was completed in 1904.

About 1912 the late S. G. Robinson, purchased the building from the estate and moved it to its present location. It had been in its history, a drug store, café, meat market, cold drink place and a grocery store.

Luther Robinson, fresh from World War service came home to open a grocery store in the building where it now stands and which business he later sold to W. F. Muir. The last occupancy

after it had been used as a plumbing shop, was when George Cassell established his business there following the fire which destroyed the Cassell Corner in February 1936.

Luther Robinson, present owner, is having the building razed and expects to use the lumber to construct a home for rental purposes in Raytown.

June 24, 1937 Raytown News

Mrs. Pearl Knox, 60, died. She and her husband purchased the Raytown News September 1929. Mr. Knox died July 24, 1931.

The Raytown News subscription is \$1.50 a year.

July 22, 1937 Raytown News

Mrs. Dittie Pence, 86, died. Two daughters, Fannie and Gennie, and son, Gus. Buried in Liberty, MO

August 19, 1937 Raytown News

Owens Tavern at 50 Highway and Raytown Road

September 1937 Raytown News

Bus ticket reduction - 6 round trips for \$1.00

October 21, 1937 Raytown News

Kathleen Warden, daughter of E. S. Warden, married W. F. Muir Jr., at home in the Lee Reynolds property

November 1937 Raytown News

New Short Building at 63rd & Raytown Road