

1939 Raytown News

January 5, 1939 Raytown News

The marriage of Miss Anna Kupfer and James Neese, two former students of Raytown High School, took place Friday night, December 30th, 1939, at 8 o'clock, at Saint Peters Evangelical Church. The wedding was preceded by music by Miss Amy Wenning. Miss Lois Virginia Klemp and Miss Frieda Roos lighted the candles, Joseph Roos sang two songs which were followed by the wedding march. Mr. Chester Bybee was best man, Mr. Frederick Klemp and Mr. Henry Kupfer were groomsmen. The bride was given in marriage by her father. The maid of honor, Miss Mary Keck, wore a taffeta gown of new rose. The bridesmaids, Miss Virginia Affliack and Miss Pauline Kupfer wore taffeta gowns of lacquer red. The bride wore a gown of white slipper satin and a veil of tulle and lace. She carried a bouquet of white carnations and Lilies of the Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Lewis of Raytown announce the engagement of their daughter, Frances Lucille to Ray E. Frost, son of Mrs. Goldie Frost of Knobtown, December 21, 1938. The date of the wedding has not yet been set. Frost is a Raytown High School graduate of 1936.

January 12, 1939 Raytown News

Work on the new high school addition is progressing. There will be a new office for the superintendent and principal, new auditorium on third floor, manual training room, five additional rooms, dressing rooms for athletic squads, community rooms, and large music room.

Mr. and Mrs. George Clark purchased the Warren Thruston home, two blocks south of The News office, just across from the home of Emory Foster.

George Hill family now living in Cameron, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Coonce and son, Jimmy, and Mrs. Lawrence Bennet spent the week end in Topeka as guests of Mrs. Bennett's daughter, Mrs. F. N. Spring, Mr. Spring and children.

From the school paper REFLECTOR small sections of a tribute to Mrs. Samuel (Vyra) Robinson---MISS VYRA A TRIBUTE by a Friend

In the first place, she is not really "Miss Vyra". She is Mrs. Samuel G. Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thad Greene, late pioneer family of this vicinity. We believe she is Raytown's most beloved character. She knows all the heartaches and ecstasies and pangs of being a wife, mother, grandmother, as well as the loneliness of the widow.

Miss Vyra is the Spirit of Raytown, the good friendly spirit, we mean and we don't care to admit that Raytown has any other kind. Miss Vyra is as modern as many in that she has a hobby. Yes, she is a collector of friends. She remembers many friends to telephone them on their birthdays.

Through most of the years, Miss Vyra lived next door to the Raytown high school, or rather the high school lived next door to Miss Vyra. When students weren't actually in her home, telephoning mothers to see if one could "stay all night" with others, Miss Vyra always did "so hope they could stay" and if all this mud tracking and annoying had happened to anyone else, we could not have bothered to mention it.

Her little home in the heart of Raytown, is as unpretentious as the heart of Miss Vyra.

Every week the Raytown News carries notices of dinner guests of Miss Vyra. She asks anyone who stops to dine with her; this in spite of the fact she is crippled with rheumatism, yet prepares her own meals.

Do the old timers remember how "Mr. Sam" used to affectionately teasing her by calling her "Liza"? We never knew why.

....We trust far, far distant day, when Miss Vyra no longer sits on her porch of her "house by the side of the road" to be a friend to us all, Raytown, to us just won't be Raytown.

January 19, 1939 Raytown News

Jimmy Coonce celebrates his sixth birthday with a party at his home in Laurel Heights. The guests were: Betty and Gene Davidson, Mary and Patsy Bennett, Barbara Jean Bouse, Gwendolyn and Corky Hackenbury, his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burgess and Mrs. James Coonce; his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Blankenbaker, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baker.

January 9, 1939 (1934) Five Years Ago Raytown News

Miss Frances Witte and Mr. Louis Allison were married January 3 (1934). She is the owner of the Raytown Beauty Parlor and a graduate of Raytown high school.

January 26, 1939 Raytown News

The annual Raytown Water Company meeting was held with board members: Charles V. Garnett, Mrs. Margaret Hawkins, Mrs. Louise Beardsley, J. G. Hazell, Dr. S. J. T. Davis and Jerry Clevenger, secretary. This company has constructed more than two miles of 2 inch water pipe in 1938, approximately 1,000 feet of 6 inch pipe, has 77 new customers making a total of 472 customers, has approximately 26 miles of 6 and 8 inch water lines and 17 miles of 2 inch pipe.

February 2, 1939 Raytown News

Southwestern Bell Telephone company has chosen a site for their telephone building. It will be on a 60 by 100 foot lot near the north west intersection of 62nd and Blue Ridge boulevard. The structure will a one-story building 20 by 40 feet of buff bricks.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Rowan announce the marriage of their daughter, Evelyn, to Mr. Fred Tenny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tenny, of Olathe, Kansas, January 24 (1939).

February 9, 1939 Raytown News

Administrators Sale of William Hussey Estate, 2 ½ miles southeast of Raytown and 1 mile northwest of Knobtown

February 16, 1939 Raytown News

C. L. (Toots) Hansen, local D-X wholesale gasoline dealer is taking charge of his retail station on 63rd street across from the Raytown Grade school. He plans to expand. He recently acquired the lease from Clel Larkin.

Word from Santa Ana, California that Coffee Kritser suffered a heart attack at his home and

is in a serious condition.

Five Years Ago (1934) Chris W. Rice died (Brooking Cemetery - Christopher W. Rice 1865-1934; Mary R. Rice 1866-1954)

Ten Years Ago (1929) Dr. Hobbs and family are moving to their new home.

March 2, 1939 Raytown News

Last Friday night thieves entered Muir's store and blasted open two safes with glycerine, one for the grocery and one for the postoffice. Between \$200 and \$300 in stamps and money were taken from the postoffice. The tools were stolen from the Rock Island Station and used to pry open the rear door.

Five Years Ago (1934) A new business was established in Raytown, Gibson-Strauss Hardware and Lumber company--- (1939) 63rd and Raytown Road

March 16, 1939 Raytown News

Fire Destroys Old House -Home of the Pence Sisters A 43 Year Old House – A smaller story and a half building in the southwest corner was saved.

*Francis Fox, former drug store owner in Raytown and who disposed his place of business here several months ago, has purchased a store in Holden. Mr. Fox sold his place here to Muir brothers and has not been into business until he announced the store in Holden, from the widow of the former owner. He has taken possession and with Mrs. Fox moved to Holden where they expect to make their permanent home.

March 16. 1939 Raytown News

Forced Landing — An airplane from Richards Field was brought down in a forced landing in a cornfield at 63rd and Blue Ridge Cut-off about 11:30 Sunday morning. In a short time a crowd had collected. The air plane was pulled home by a truck.

March 23, 1939 Raytown News

R. A. Campbell, former Raytown resident, died last week and was buried in Oswatomie, Kansas Sunday. Was 82, moved away from here 30 years ago. He married W. F. Muir's sister about 64 years ago. Is survived by his widow, two sons, Stanley Campbell and another son.

(Journalism high school students raced to provide inches of words for the News - Reflector News)

April 6, 1939 Raytown News

Start construction of the telephone building (62nd and Blue Ridge boulevard)

April 13, 1939 Raytown News

Marriage of Gwendolyn Ballard and Victor Straub Weber, April 7, 1939, at Baptist Church. Gwendolyn graduated from high school in 1935, attended Kansas City University and for the past

year was employed at the County Farm Bureau, in Independence.

J. L. Cox plans a new house in Blue Crest Addition, 64th street back of Andy Smith's house.

April 27, 1939 Raytown News

Plans to rebuild Chapel School which burned early the morning of March 31st.

May 25, 1939 Raytown News

Leidigh & Havens Lumber at 65th and Raytown Road.

June 1, 1939 Raytown News

Francis Fox Jr. who has been employed in the Muir Drug store here since his parents sold the business nearly a year ago, went to Holden Saturday to take charge of his father's store.

Francis Fox Sr is in St. Mary's hospital following a severe illness and his son is needed in the Holden store. John Elmer (Duke) Hobbs is filling in the vacancy in the local store.

June 15, 1939 Raytown News

Bus and Gus Prigel remodeled filling station building at 63rd and Raytown road. Put in a new supply of stock and auto and radio supplies.

June 29, 1939 Raytown News

James Rice of Solomon, Kansas, died at his home Monday, June 26 (1939), 76, resident of Raytown being born in the Bennington district near Raytown. Survived by his wife, Mrs. James Rice, two sisters, Mrs. Susie McCormick, Beasley, Texas, and Mrs. Blanche Arnett of Grandview; brother of the late Mrs. J. T. Harris and Mrs. Cynthia Goode of Raytown; three daughters, Mrs. Ruth Clark, Mrs. Harvey Woods, of Solomon, Kansas; and Miss Ellen Rice of Abilene, Kansas; two sons, Richard and Ben of Solomon, Kansas.

July 13, 1939 Raytown News

Alice Millard, daughter of D. C. Millard of Eastwood Hills, married William Myers, July 4th (1939), both Raytown high school graduates.

August 3, 1939 Raytown News

Rural telephone service changed to Republic and Fleming, at \$7 a month, 4 customers to a line.

August 10, 1939 Raytown News

Have finished the basement to the Cox Building at 63rd and Raytown road. Will provide larger quarters for Dr. Eubank and Dr. Monaghan in the west half, opening near the rear of the present quarters of the doctors and on the east and front for the Missouri Public Service company. There will be full floor length plate glass windows.

Logan Moore Lumber company is returning to Raytown occupying the building in which

Allan Gibbon has discontinued his business of Gibbons Hardware and Lumber Co.

August 17, Raytown News

Skyline Tavern, 63rd and US 50 Highway, destroyed by fire. Building was owned by Charles M. Singleton and Walton Hall Smith

August 24, 1939 Raytown News

School will sponsor a Raytown Kindergarten in the home of Mrs. H. Kenneth Jackson, former Cleon Sexson and local teacher, in the Hall addition, one block south of the Masonic Temple. It will be open from 9 to 12, five days a week.

August 31, 1939 Raytown News

The new high school addition, costing \$129,000, is ready for the school year. 300 students are expected to attend. Voting will be made for a new Chapel School building which burned in March. The pupils have been sent to Raytown buildings.

September 14, 1939 Raytown News

Gus Prigel and Buss Hussey, whose business is the Shell filling station and Ingersoll store at 63rd and Raytown Road, have purchased a 36 year old Gleason car. They expect to restore it to running condition.

September 28, 1939 Raytown News

U S Highway is to be opened to a four-lane road

October 12, 1939 Raytown News

Vandals destroyed the recreation room at the Raytown Christian Church

October 19, 1939 Raytown News

Laurel Heights Addition will expand 40 acres into 102 building sites. The new acquisition is to be known as Laurel Slopes now is known as the Rice homestead and one street will be known as Rice street. The old home which is on Raytown Road, north of Gregory, according to Mr. Smith, will be remodeled. (Roberta Bonnewitz - This house was occupied by one of the sons of Elihu Coffee Rice, who lived at 8800 East 66th street, and was inherited from Coffee Rice's estate by his grandson, Elihu Coffee Kritser.)

October 26, 1939 Raytown News

* Another Drug Store in Raytown — Raytown is to have another drug store. Francis Fox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis, will occupy the store room of the Missouri Public Service company, near the Prigel Service Station corner, just as soon as the light company has moved to its new quarters being completed for them.

Francis' father formerly owned Muir Drug Store but sold it more than a year ago and is now located in Holden.

The new drug store will conduct a prescription business and be equipped with soda fountain,

it was said by the new owner, young Francis Fox.

Fox is not a stranger to Raytown having been employed by his father and later the Muir Store here.

November 2, 1939 Raytown News

F. T. Fox Drug Store began advertising, opening November 8, one door east of Prigel's Super Service on 63rd street and Raytown road

November 23, 1939 Raytown News

Mary Short, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Short, married Ward Slusher, son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Slusher, on Friday

Work is starting on the interior of the Christian Church

December 21, 1939 Raytown News

Advertisers wishing Merry Xmas to the public:

Raytown Cleaners	Fegert Funeral Home
Cassell & Cassell Grocery	Waight's Café
Fox-Cut Rate Drug Store	Missouri Public Service Co.
Herndon's Barber Shop-Grocery	Raytown Motor Co.
Logan-Moore Lumber Co.	R. L. (Bob) Lewis Appliance
Nu-Method Beauty Shop	King's Café
Raytown Recreation Hall	Raytown Real Estate
Dehoney Bros. Feed & Fuel	Muir's Raytown A-I-D-Pharmacy
T.W. Buchli & Dave Robbins Barbers	La Pearle Café
Drs Eubank & Monaghan	Rieders
Raytown D-X Service Station	Reitz Meat Products
Raytown Water Co.	

December 28, 1939 Raytown News

Double Golden Wedding Anniversary of G. T. Cassell and S. M. Barrett