

1940 Raytown News

January 4, 1904<sup>HD</sup> Raytown News

NELLIE JANE RIGGS, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mabel Muir, in Raytown. Died December 26, 1939, 77 years, five months, four days.

She was the daughter of Benjamin Lacey and Jane Cox, and was born in the Rice homestead just north and west of Raytown, July 22, 1862. As a child she spent a few years in Texas and then came back to this community, where she lived until her marriage to William Riggs, February 25, 1885. They moved to Tennessee until 1910 when the family went to Pleasant Hill. She lived in Pleasant Hill until 1930 when she moved to Raytown to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Mabel Muir, and spent the rest of her life there. Mr. Riggs died eleven years ago.

At age eighteen she joined the West Fork Baptist church and kept her membership in that church which is now Raytown Baptist church.

She was the mother of ten children, five preceded her in death. She is survived by three daughters; Mrs. Mabel Muir of Raytown, Mrs. Iva Reimer of Olathe, Kansas, Mrs. Marie Mehrer of Pleasant Hill; two sons, Edgar Riggs of Pleasant Hill and Ben Riggs of Raytown; fifteen grandchildren, one great granddaughter; two brothers, Henry and Arch Rice of Raytown.

Funeral services were held at the Raytown Baptist Church December 28, 1939.

SAMUEL A. HUNTER, was born December 11, 1860, on a farm near Raytown, and lived the greater part of his life in this community. After a few short trips to neighboring states and a longer stay in California he bought a farm one and half miles east of Raytown and continued to operate this farm until 1915. He left for a trip through the west, and spent a winter in New Mexico. After returning he went to live with his sister, Mrs. Laura B. Smith, until her death in 1929 He then returned to his farm, which he operated until the condition of his health compelled him to make a change. From this time on he made his home with his brothers and sisters on the old home place, until his death.

Energy and determination were the outstanding marks of his mature life until the end of a long and successful life.

The end came at age of 79 years and two days on December 29, 1939, two days after the death of his older sister, Miss Ann Eliza Hunter.

(Brooking Cemetery: Samuel A. Hunter, December 10, 1860- December 29, 1939

Ann E. Hunter                      March 9, 1853 - December 26, 1939)

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Snoddy, 54<sup>th</sup> and Blue Ridge, announce the engagement of their daughter, Frances, to Herschel Hinrichs, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hinrichs, of Raytown. Both are graduates of Raytown High school.

January 11, 1940 Raytown News

Air Activity at Local Field . School to Start Here This Week

The construction of a new administration building for the National Air College, which is to be established at the local flying field, is to start February 15. The field has been operated in recent years by the Kansas City Flying Service, and was known as Richards Field. It was from this field that

the first air mail to be flown in and out of Kansas City was established.

The school which has a government contract for training students from Rockhurst College, Military Academy and Emporia State Teachers College, was to move to the local field from Kansas City Municipal Air Terminal this week.

It was estimated nearly 100 students in training when the school is established and weather conditions permit work to be done. The building will cost approximately \$12,000, will contain a spacious lounge, restaurant and locker rooms for visiting private pilots.

Ten Years Ago (1930) J. H. Stewart of Kansas City is the new Whippet representative in Raytown.

January 18, 1940 Raytown News

#### J.J. HERMAN DIED TUESDAY -FUNERAL FRIDAY IN INDEPENDENCE

J. J. Herman, died at his home on Raytown Road Tuesday evening following a brief illness. He had been a patient in Research hospital about two weeks and was brought home Monday. He suffered a cerebral embolus as he was being brought home Monday afternoon in a motor car, and while he was conscious he was unable to talk.

Always an active man in anything in which he was interested himself. Herman was known as the alfalfa king for many years, and advertised alfalfa for sale cured the Herman way. He farmed in the Cracker Neck district, from 1905 when he came to this county until 1927 and was said to have been the first farmer in this section to raise alfalfa commercially.

He quit farming in 1927 and moved to this community where he started his well known U-Smile tourist camp which was among the first such enterprises in this section of the county. From the original camp he spread to a total of five filling stations and three tourist camps. They were located in eastern Jackson County on US 50; old US 40 & Raytown road; US 40 & Little Blue River; US 40 Cut-off; and US 24.

Mr. Herman was born January 16, 1879, in Mallard, Iowa and died on his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. When he was a boy he homesteaded in Western Nebraska, in what is known as the Old Jules country, coming to Jackson County in 1905.

He was a well known face in the Raytown community and there was never a question where he stood on any proposition in which he took interest. He was either for it or very much against it, and he never hesitated to express his opinion forcefully.

An unusual circumstance concerning his business relations and experience is that his business is manned by his own family, and all six of his sons are actively in the management of his business. He had not been active at his camps or filling stations for several years having turned it to his sons sometime ago.

He is survived by his wife, Mary A. Herman of the home on Raytown road just east of its junction with Old US 40 Highway and where his No 1 tourist camp is located. There are two daughters; Mrs. Celia Lober of Independence and Mrs. Mabel Rieder 406 Blue Ridge; six sons, Joseph G Herman, Andrew J. Herman, Lawrence A. Herman, Clarence J. Herman, all of this neighborhood; Roy D. Herman of Oak Grove and Carl Herman of Kansas City; eighteen grandchildren also survive.

He is survived by three sisters; Mrs. Lizzie Waggoner of Graettinger, Iowa; Mrs. Mary Wels

of Afton, Iowa; Mrs. Rosa Eldred of Alliance, Nebraska; one brother, Jacob J. Herman of Lakeside, Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman were married April 1896 at Loup, Nebraska.

Mr. Herman was the son of German emigrants who came to this country several years before he was born. Two brothers of the family are dead.

Funeral services were at the Carson Funeral Home in Independence. Burial in Brooking Cemetery. (Brooking Cemetery: Joseph J. Herman 1870-1940 ; Mary A. Herman 1880-1958 Obit states she was born in Poland and came to US, an infant—brother Andrew Barent of Rockville, NE)

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Four of eleven planes that will be stationed at the Richards Field were flown here Saturday from the Municipal Airport in Kansas City. The planes are owned by the Ong Aircraft Corporation which will conduct the flying school at the airport as a part of the government training program. They moved the location after it was decided the airport traffic was too heavy for a training program.

January 22, 1940 Raytown News

FRED YOUNG DIES AT HOME SUNDAY - 77 years old and has been a resident here for several years. He died at his home Sunday following a period of illness. Mr. Young was well known around Raytown having moved to this district on his retirement as a mail carrier. He lived on R F D No 2, west of Raytown. He and the members of his family were active in the local Christian Church. He is survived by his wife, Ella; daughter Mrs. R. D. Roelfson; and five sons, Fred L. Young, George A. Young, Burton Young, Forest Young; sister, Mrs. Mary Bates, Lansing, Michigan. Burial in Forest Hill.

Raytown Grade School News, First Grade: "A new boy entered our room yesterday. His name is David Tracy. We now have 19 boys and 13 girls. Most of the children are doing well in spelling which is a new subject. The following made 100 in the test: Dick Martin, Vyra Jean Poertner, Calvin Smith, Herbert Giese, Jay Brink, Jimmie Coonce, Stanley Grantham, Barbara Ann Jones, Jeanette Reliford, Bob Oetting, Juel Clevenger.

February 8, 1940 Raytown News

Raytown Christian Church dedicated new building replacing the building that burned in 1935 with an auditorium partitions in the basement, kitchen, restrooms

Jim Delby and Don Mason are the instructors at the government flying school at Richards Field.

65th street work—work on administration building delayed by cold weather and snow (?)

February 22, 1940 Raytown News

A.E.KEENEY, 47, former Raytown business man, died at Research Hospital Monday of a kidney ailment.

Mr. Keeney was an official of the National Bank in North Kansas City, and two years

connected with Commerce Trust Company in Kansas City. For more than a year he was associated with J. L. Robinson in the Raytown Motor Company and is well known in the community. He left Raytown about nine years ago.

Herman Basler Sr. improving after an appendix operation.

February 29, 1940 Raytown News

Last Friday night an explosion and fire injured Mr. V. C. Smith and caused the death of Mrs. Smith. She formerly was employed as bookkeeper at the local Missouri public Service company

MRS. ELLA MAXON, 78, dies at her home in Reeding, Oklahoma. She had moved to Independence from New Jersey when nine years old with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Z. Spicer. She is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Anna Johnson of Raytown; Mrs. Ella Morris of Wichita, Kansas; Mrs. Charlotte Thornton of Portland, Oregon; four sons, W. C. and George Spicer of Oklahoma City, A. S. Spicer of Lone Jack, Wallace Spicer of Kansas City, Kansas; one sister, Nora of Reeding, Oklahoma; one brother, C. P. Spicer of Raytown; forty grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren.

March 7, 1940 Raytown News

The Chamber of Commerce discuss setting up a system of garbage disposal and trash pick up for the community.

Five Years Ago (1935) - Work of moving the gasoline station from the corner of 63<sup>rd</sup> street and Raytown road to 60<sup>th</sup> and Blue Ridge is nearly completed.

March 14, 1940 Raytown News

Agreement for garbage disposal and trash pick up starts March 19, 1940 with F. K. Harrison participating. Charge will be 50 cents a month, collects twice a week, extra charge for trash. No glass, bottle tops, cans or metal included that would injure animals.

\* Another grocery store opening, owned by Jim Donaldson - rented Robinson building just north of the Dunn barber shop

Five Years Ago (1935) - Mrs. Roy Carle opened a notions shop in the building (? Formerly) occupied by the post office

March 28, 1940 Raytown News

Advertisers:

Raytown Bank

Leidigh & Havens Lumber Co.

F. T. Fox Drug Store

Herndon's Grocery & Barber Shop - one block east of Raytown Rd & 63<sup>rd</sup>

Dehoney Bros.

K C (Ted) Knox Plumbing

Donaldson's Grocery

Cassel & Cassell Grocery

Raytown Motor Company

Cox Motor Co.

Rieder's Dry Goods

Logan-Moore Lumber Co.

Reitz Meat Products

Prigels Super Service

Jones & Cox Insurance Co.

Hi-Life Club  
W. N. Stanton Notary Public  
Finely-Shotwell Bus Line  
Dr. Luella R. Conner over Water Co  
Madam Craig Palmist & Life Reader  
50 Hwy & Laurel Heights

Dr. C. R. Monaghan dentist  
Dr. D. M. Eubank M D  
E. M. Hoffman Real Estate  
L.V. McDaniel Cream 1/4 m east  
of Raytown

April 18, 1940 Raytown News

W. F. Muir has installed a unit to provide preservation of fresh and frozen foods.  
Basil Jennings injured in a car-truck accident.

April 25, 1940 Raytown News

Census recorder is unable to count the census in Raytown because it is not incorporated thus has no population. But records school enumeration as 1400; 1600 homes in Brooking Township, township population of 6,700.

Marietta Emmons will start work May 1, at the Raytown Real Estate & Insurance company. She has resigned her place in Kansas City and will resume the duties of Miss Geraldine Hall who will move to the offices of Eubank and Monaghan.

May 2, 1940 Raytown News

MRS. MINTA B. WILSON, mother of Frank Wilson, 67, died Monday in Topeka, Kansas. She has been a resident of Topeka the last seventeen years. She is survived by her husband, J. L. Wilson; three daughters, Mrs. Fay Atkinson, Mrs. Elsie Laws, Mrs. May Taylor, all of Topeka; two sons, Frank M., and Rev. George H. Wilson of Peoria, Illinois; five brothers, Thomas Haney of Ozarkia, Kansas; Joe Haney and Jess Haney of Topeka; Fred Haney of Texarkana, Arkansas, and Fred Haney of Los Altos, California; one sister Mrs. Joe Davidson, Topeka. Burial in Brooking Cemetery ( James Luther Wilson 1876-1951 -Minta Haney Wilson 1873-1940)

May 9, 1940 Raytown News

Lists of eighth grade and high school graduates

May 16, 1940 Raytown News

New water line from Blue Ridge Cut-off, three fourth mile west to Collings place on Smith road,

Incomplete sentence (also 6 ½ year old Stanley Verne Grantham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Grantham ) believe this was a death- Brooking Cemetery , Stanley Verne Grantham 1933-1940

June 6, 1940 Raytown News

ROBERT DEHONEY, ACCIDENT VICTIM, 74, lifelong resident, died a few hours after being injured in a motor car accident south of town. He suffered seven fractured ribs, lung pneumonia, and other lacerations. He lived one block of the Hews office. Mrs. Dehoney died a few years ago. Is survived by three sons: John R. Dehoney and R. C. Dehoney of Kansas City, Warren Dehoney of Nashville, Tennessee; a daughter, Ruth Dehoney of Los Angeles; a brother, Buford

Dehoney and sisters, Mrs. Carrie Robinson, Miss Cora Dehoney of Raytown. Burial in Brooking Cemetery (Brooking Cemetery: Robert Dehoney Aug. 1, 1865-June 3, 1940, married 1889, Victoria Grogger Dehoney November 4, 1861- March 19, 1931)

June 6, 1940 Raytown News

Ten Years Ago (1930) the controversay over the Blue Ridge corner in Raytown has been settled and Orlando Jennings has given the county sufficient ground to round the corner thus leaving the property in one piece. It is expected the contractor will begin work on the slab on the proposed Raytown- Independence road.

June 13, 1940 Raytown News

Census states the Raytown community has a population of 2,000. "There is only one business center of more than 2 or 3 places of business and that is considered as the location of the community so named."

There is printed a long verse about "Dad" written by Marguerite Ballard Wilson (not copied)

June 20, 1940 Raytown News

Trash fire at the rear of the Muir Grocery which threatened the store but Forest Muir put it out with a garden hose. It was necessary to replace a portion of the rear wall.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Willis are spending their vacation with relatives in Memphis, Tennessee.

July 11, 1940 Raytown News

R. J. Green of Kansas City, son of L. K. Green, who formerly owned a large portion of the Missouri Public Service Company, will assume the office of president July 10, 1940.

August 22, 1940 Raytown News

Contains roster of the Teachers in the Raytown School District:

Raytown High School: Mrs. Dick Burch, Miss Eva Durham, Mrs. Clark Fegert, Clyde Cooper, R. H. Fitzgerald, C. A. Graham, Ralph Shipley, Ben C. Clark principal, Albert D. Oetting superintendent

Central: Roberts Hunter

Bennington: K. D. Chandler, principal and upper grades, Mathilde Dargatz, lower grades

Chapel: Lowell Stafford, principal 6-7-8; Norma Peters 3-4-5 was replaced in October by Betty Stapp; Miss Maxine Burns 1-2

Lane: Miss Ethel Bobbitt principal and upper grades; Frieda Brown lower grades

Parkview: Ernest K. Ellis principal upper grades; Miss Erma Johnson lower grades

Spring Valley: Sydney K. Ellis principal 6-7-8; Miss Alma Funkhouser 3-4-5; Miss Wandella Hall 1-2

Stormy Point: Miss Adah Carlson principal upper grades; Miss Marie Boehouse lower grades

Raytown Grade: George Clark 8, Bennington Ross 7, Eula Love 6, Miss Genevieve Smith 5, Kathryn Allen 4, Mrs. Minor White 3, Mercedes Muir 2, Margaret Ann Garrett 1

Charlotte Davenport and Mr. Jay Phillips were married Saturday afternoon August 17. The

mother of the bride is Mrs. Lenorah Davenport

Ten Years Ago (1930) It is reported an oil company is trying to buy the corner where fire destroyed the building two weeks ago

\*Reassessment pictures have been taken NOW YOUR HOUSE HAS A NUMBER

September 12, 1940 Raytown News

Deedle (Lee) Frost is employed at the Fox Drug Store through the day

September 26, 1940 Raytown News

Geraldine Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hall married James Rennick, Jr. on Sunday evening. Other daughters are Elizabeth, Mae Elwyn, Wandella .

October 17, 1940 Raytown News

Funeral Services for WALTER CASSELL, 74, lifetime resident and cattle dealer. Survived by his wife, Mrs. Frances Greene Cassell; two sons, George W. Cassell and Joe Cassell of Raytown and daughter, Mrs. A. C. Owings of Warrensburg; five brothers, G. T. Cassell, C. E. Cassell, L. O. Cassell of Raytown; W. H. Cassell of Independence, J. L. Cassell of Lee's Summit; sister Mrs. S. M. Barrett of Independence.

Wandella Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hall was wed to Francis Fox, son of Francis Fox of Holden, on Saturday night.

Advertising— Grand opening of Roller Skating Rink in Blue Ridge Picnic Park, October 23 (1940), Edward M. Harrington host, 25 cents plus tax, 7:30-10, 7600 Blue Ridge

November 7, 1940 Raytown News

Halloween Pranksters Tamer This Year----Raytown was an exciting place last Thursday night with Halloween pranksters. There was very little activity until three or four in the morning and Raytown people received very little sleep.

The noise consisted of car horns, screeching of tires, and last but not least the dragging and dumping of junk in town. There was an old Ford parked in front of Hi-life Club and an old wagon and gate parked in front of Muirs Drug Store.

The intersection of 63<sup>rd</sup> and Raytown road was not blocked this year due to the fact that five loads of deputies were on duty.

November 14, 1940 Raytown News

CALEB WHITEHOUSE died, 77, retired farmer, at his home north of Raytown on Sunday, following a long period of illness.

Whitehouse was one of the real old timers of Raytown and the community, having lived here his entire life of 77 years. He was born in Raytown and his father operated a blacksmith shop on the site now occupied by the Raytown Motor company.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, Brooking Whitehouse and Marvin Whitehouse; two daughters, Mrs. Edith Blue of Raytown , and Mrs. Maggie Witte of Warsaw; sister, Mary Suttles of

Ironton, Mo., brother, Minor S. Whitehouse of Scioto Furnace, Ohio. He married Madeline Pendleton March 4, 1886. Buried Brooking Cemetery ) Caleb L. Whitehouse, March 31, 1863 - November 9, 1940; Madeline Whitehouse October 15, 1868(9) - July 1, 1943; Vyra Whitehouse, daughter, May 28, 1898

November 14, 1940 Raytown News

JAMES A. DE BORD, 86, died in Redland, California where he had lived the last three years. In 1878 he married Amanda Stapp, who died in 1917. His children Wallace De Bord and Mrs. Meade Sechrest, live in Redland. Buried Brooking Cemetery - James A. De Bord November 4, 1855-1940, married 1879, Amanda Stapp De Bord 1853 - November 20, 1917

November 21, 1940 Raytown News

EDWARD H. COLLINGS, 91, retired farmer, 88<sup>th</sup> and Cambridge, purchased his farm in 1878. Wife, Betty; daughter Mabel E. Darrow of Kansas City; four sons, Ralph Collings of Pleasant Hill, Buford D. Collings of Gulport, Mississippi, Frank Collings and Lewis W. Collings of Raytown. Burial in Brooking Cemetery - Edward Collings September 13, 1849 - November 18, 1940 - Emily M. Collings January 11, 1853 - October 7, 1916

November 28, 1940 Raytown News

Logan-Moore starts constructing a new lumber space of 50x90 feet at the rear of their present property, access will be from 64<sup>th</sup> street

December 12, 1940 Raytown News

Dr. M. D. Eubank, father of Dr. D. M. Eubank, died Thursday

Five Years Ago (1935) Joe Cassell closing his business until spring

December 19, 1940 Raytown News

W. F. Muir, Cassell & Cassell, and Donaldson stores accepting food stamps for needy families

#### Advertisers - Season Greetings

Hi- Life Club	Fox's Drugs 24 hour delivery	Dehoney Brothers
Raytown Real Estate	Leigh-Haven Lumber	Prigel's Super Service
Security Federal Savings	Raytown Water Company	U-Smile Stations
Raytown Motor Company	Elliot's Shooting Park	Herndon's Barber-Grocery
Mrs. King's Café	Nu-Method Beauty Shop	Reitz Meat Products
Fox's Drug	Logan-Moore Lumber	Raytown Feed & Fuel
Donaldson's Grocery	T W Buchin-Dave Robbins Barbers	Cassell & Cassell
LaPearl Café	Raytown Cleaners	Smith Brothers
Raytown Bank	The Raytown News	Fegert Funeral Home
Holden Bus Line	Wright's DX Station & Café	



December 26, 1940 Raytown News

Dr. D. M. Eubank, chief medical examiner for Draft Board No. 1 is to examine twenty more men this week, assisted by Dr. C. R. Monaghan, Dr. Chas. Nickson, Dr. A. E. Eubank and Dr. L. H. Knight. Other assistants are Mrs. James Renick, Clark Fegert, George Cassell, Jack Howard, and A. E. Garvin. No one receives pay.

Jim Donaldson opened grocery store in Robinson building.