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January 9, 1936 Raytown News

Advertisers:

Jenkins Chevrolet \$495.00

Raytown Cleaners - LeRoy Strohm 60c cleaning suits

W. J. Stephens, Cater Beer & Sandwiches

Herndon's Barber Shop

Leidigh Lumber -E. S. Warden manager

Fox's Raytown Pharmacy

(Five Years Ago - 1931)- The barber shop of W. L. Seats was moved to the room vacated by F. M. Schick, the east room of the Brew building this week. Stewart Smith has taken the west half of the same building for his Fix-It-Shop. H. T. Fowkles will take office with Smith for his Insurance Agency.)

("For the first time a Kansas City bakery began making twice a day deliveries to Raytown this week.")

** February 13, 1936 Raytown News

Cassell Corner Razed by Flames Saturday - Kansas City Firemen Battle Handicap of High Winds to Save Structures Near Burning Building

Fire, caused from a defective flue, destroyed the Cassell & Cassell grocery, the George Cassell home, and a pool hall occupying the Cassell building, at the north east corner of the intersection of Raytown Road and Blue Ridge Boulevard. (Picture caption-Store and House Destroyed (upper right) The store and home of Mr. and Mrs. George Cassell destroyed by the flames. The residence of brick and frame construction, was attached to the store building at the rear, but faced south on Blue Ridge boulevard. (Note by Roberta-the corner was filled with a building, then the grocery store. Could that have been the old Orlando Jennings' building? Was the pool hall in that?)

The blaze was discovered in the pool room on the corner, approximately ten o'clock Saturday morning. A faint wisp of smoke curled into the room and the alarm was spread quickly to George Cassell in the adjoining grocery store. The flue was one used by the operator of the corner establishment, and was in the south west portion of the old building. A bucket brigade was formed at once by the customers in the store, but due to the construction of the building it was not possible to get to the flames. There were at least two false walls between the blaze and the narrow passageway leading to a small office on the second floor. The building had been remodeled and new wall placed over the old partitions until that section was difficult to negotiate.

A call to the Kansas City department brought a truck from the Leeds Station, and a string of hose was available from the fire plug across the street, but the pressure and the fact that the blaze was in an inaccessible place gave the blaze a headway which was never checked. The space between the false walls and the attic space were soon a mass of flames;

and the old white pine construction of the building made excellent fodder.

In half an hour after the fire was discovered and the roof was blazing through, temperatures below zero and a 30-mile-an-hour wind from the north west soon fanned the blaze into an uncontrollable situation. The community turned en masse to aid the firemen and soon began carrying merchandise from the grocery store. Another group went into the Cassell home, which was adjoining the store on the east, and removed household goods.

A pumper from the sixty-fourth and Prospect station was called to aid in preventing the fire from spreading to the buildings immediately to the North. Occupants of business houses on Blue Ridge, across the street south from the Cassell establishment, went to the roofs of those buildings to stamp out burning embers which were being blown to them. Embers were blown half of a mile South east of the blaze. However none of the structures on the South side of the street were caught.

The building occupied by the Missouri Public Service Company, which is just north of the Cassell Corner, with only 18 inches between, was menaced seriously for awhile, and J. I. Ebbe, local superintendent for the concern, was busy, with the aid of those of the community on hand, carrying records and merchandise to safety. Used cars in the Jenkins Chevrolet, just east of the Cassell blaze, were moved and precautions were stored and aided in hauling stock from the Jenkins Chevrolet offices (6231 Raytown Rd) immediately North of the Missouri Public Service office (6235 Raytown Rd).

The pumper and other hose line was able, however, to protect these structures and they were not burned.

Practically every person owning a truck within a mile of the scene of the excitement drove to the rear of the Cassell store where groceries were stored and aided in hauling them to safety. They were taken to the Wm. Jennings store(6213 Raytown Rd) for storage. Household goods were removed in the same manner.

At noon, when the blaze was at its height, the smoke and flames were shooting nearly one-hundred feet into the air and it was thought there was no chance to save any buildings in the block. It was said that only the wind blowing the heat and blaze to the South east made it possible for the firemen to save other buildings. Shortly afterwards the roofs of the grocery store and the two-story brick Cassell home collapsed. At 2 o'clock the pumper was removed but the Leeds company stayed until 5 o'clock. (In another column two Leed's firemen were injured, believe burned hand and broken foot. RB)

Mr. Cassell carried no insurance but he estimated a loss of \$10,000 in buildings and \$3,500 in merchandise but was grateful that most of the merchandise and household goods were saved.

At the time of the fire the low temperature caused several inches of ice to form on the streets but onlookers covered it with cinders for better traction.

The family went to live with the Charlie Cassell family on Blue Ridge boulevard.

** Later news item reports that the Cassell & Cassell grocery store is now located and doing business in the Robinson building (ca 6217 Raytown Rd) just north of the Raytown Ford Motor Company garage. Workmen are busy constructing shelves and cleaning the old store.

March 5, 1936 Raytown News

W. J. Stephens started a warehouse, 48x50 feet, for beer distribution and cold storage on Rock Island Railroad right-of-way. He may also have a soda bottling plant.

March 13, 1936 Raytown News

Henry Reitz expects to add a \$10,000 addition to his present building at 5608 Raytown Road.

Quisenberry -Bray Hatchery in business at the old Quisenberry place.

April 9, 1936 Raytown News

Luther H. Donovan, 72, died. He moved to Raytown in 1916. He was born October 25, 1863 in Clay county, Mo., and married Ida West April 16, 1893. Had two daughters; Mrs. Al Faulconer and Mrs. Sam Benjamin; three sons, Sidney, Roy and Louis. Buried Brookings Cemetery: Donovan, Luther H. 1863-1936; Donovan, Ida 1870-1962 m. Reed)

April 16, 1936 Raytown News

** Dr. W. W. Hobbs Found Dead, Missing 24 hours, Discovered in a Kansas City Hotel Room..came to Raytown about 1906 Survivors: Mrs. Hobbs, daughter, Mrs. Forest Muir (Hannah); two sons, W. C. and Elmer.

** Change in bus schedules Holden Bus Line Schedule, new owners, R. H. Finley and W. M. Shotwell three each way daily: to Kansas City 8:15 a.m. , 12:43 p.m., 5 p.m. 35 minutes; Leaving Kansas City 9:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 6:00 p.m. 40 minutes

Dr. Harry Lane Killed Thursday -Member of Board of Education, went over an embankment, 60 years of age, born and reared in Raytown. Survivors: Mrs. Lane; daughter, Jean Lee Lane. Operated the old Niles Stables and kept a number of saddle horses, exhibited in shows around the country.

April 23, 1936 Raytown News

To vote bonds and open bids for Public Water System No 2, for south and west of Raytown

WPA Sewing Room furnishes work for 16 ladies. They began in December making diapers, dress prints and muslins, average 135 hours a month, each person 32 hours a week. Mrs. Tom Muir in charge

After the death of Dr. Hobbs, many doctors were looking at Raytown. Dr. France L. Laffoon, who resides at 43rd and Blue Ridge boulevard, opened an office over the Fox Drug, (10005 E 63rd) in front rooms of the Short Building, across from Dr. C. R. Monaghan

May 7, 1936 Raytown News

W. F. Hall has leased his home to E. C. Fegert for a funeral home, 63rd and Raytown

Road. Hall plans to build a new home for himself.

May 21, 19~~63~~³⁶ Raytown News

Elizabeth Frances Cassell, daughter of Mr. C. E. Cassell, married Mr. James W. Carmichael May 17, 1936. He is the coach at Slater High School.

Wildwood Lakes opens. Will have a big screen for movies, mounted on the wrestling platform, seats built in tiers at edge of swimming lake, capacity 1,000 persons—have giant water slide 125 feet long and 80 feet high

May 28, 1936 Raytown News

*** Cassell has signed contract to erect a one-room, single story fire proof building. The new building is to be located on the east end of the Cassell lots at the corner of Raytown Road and 63rd street facing the South. It will be located approximately where the former driveway was built. The structure to be 32x55 feet, concrete floor and roof, built of buff brick for the front, only wood to be used for the doors and window display. All windows of steel. The roof will form a multiple arched effect. There will be two windows and each side and two in the rear in addition to a large display room at the front. The display window, 12 foot wide, on either side, 3x6 width front door, no basement. Expect to occupy in six weeks. Front entrance face 8 foot wide sidewalk.

Present plans do not call for construction on the location of the old building, but expect to be leased for additional construction.

June 11, 1936 Raytown News

Ed Lewis, Sr Died Tuesday

July 2, 1936 Raytown News

Water District No 2 purchases site for water tower across from Blue Ridge Cut-off from Floral Hills Cemetery \$20,000

**July 11, 1936 new Cassell Store opens, 10010 E. 63rd street
Herndon's Grocery and Delicatessen advertises

July 23, 1936 Raytown News

James A. Sayton died Wednesday, 78, Burial Woodlawn cemetery, Independence

**September 10, 1936 Work was started this week by Gus Prigel, at Cassell Corner, the intersection of 63rd and Raytown Road, on a service station and storeroom. The building is to be 24 feet each way, on the plan of a L-shape. The entire structure will be fireproof. Gus will install a complete service station and will occupy the entire corner. The storeroom is to face 63rd street, just across the alley from Cassell & Cassell grocery and tho be leased for business purposes. (Abstract states: September 1, 1936 Gus Pringle leased ground known

as "Cassell's Corner."

Building one-story with part basement. Construction to be brick and tile. Workmen were busy removing two fifty-year elms. Will attempt to save large elm on the corner.

Ben's Service Station, 63rd and Raytown Road under new management

September 24, 1936 Raytown News

Pence Sisters selling dairy herd, 1/4 mile south of Raytown October 1, 1936

October 22, 1936 Raytown News

George Hussey, 67, dies Sunday , three brothers; R. D., William, Sam, buried Brooking cemetery

October 29, 1936 Raytown News

Duncan's Suburban Transit, lines to 10th and Grand, to Raytown and Wildwood, 25c one way; 40c round trip

November 12, 1936 Raytown News

Chamber of Commerce recommends a meeting proposing incorporation of Raytown as a city....November 26, 1936 Citizens say "No"

December 3, 1936 Raytown News

Frances Leander Jennings, 73, dies at his home on Sunday of pneumonia. Always a quiet man who went about his work as a carpenter and stone mason. Born near Eudora, Kansas, moved to Jackson County when two; married May 11, 1904 to Maude Belle Whitehouse; two sons; Oliver and Roy; two sisters, Mrs. Coffee Kritser of Santa Anna, Cal., Mrs. William Eiche of Raytown; three brothers, Orlando of Santa Anna, Cal., William and George of Raytown, burial in Brooking Cemetery: Frances L. Jennings 1864-1936; Maude B. Jennings 1884-1934

December 10, 1936 Raytown News

Water District #2, 18miles of water line nearly complete

New business: Gibbson Lumber & Hardware

(Long list of new homes being built)

December 31, 1936 Raytown News

Tom Muir, 58, dies, born in Hickman Mills August 20, 1878, married Alice Mable Riggs of Independence in 1907, to Raytown in 1913. Survived by his wife, Alice Muir and daughter Ethel, was a brother of W. F. Muir and half-sisters Mrs. Minnie Mc Querry and Mrs. R. A. Campbell, both of Osowatomie, Kansas