

## DOWNTOWN- RAYTOWN 100 YEARS - 1904-2004

RAYTOWN NEWS 1926- 2004 Microfilm from Mid-Continent Library, Joe Herndon

Dec. 30, 1926 - Chamber of Commerce had formed two years earlier to bring about better things for Raytown, twenty men were at the meeting and met at the high school. In the past years goals had been set: 1. To light the streets west to east, north to south as far as the high school. 2. Annual fair, this year to be Oct. 8-9, Homer Linger, superintendent of the 2-day Brooking Township Fair. 3. Hold bi-monthly meetings, at the Martin's Tavern. Average 30-40 men. 4. Instituting a newspaper, contacting Jess A. Pollitt.

Had a community Christmas tree at Raytown Road and Blue Ridge. Tree donated by Mr. Jesse Burch and delivered by Minor Smith in a dump truck.

Bennington News: opening road from No. 5 in Swope Parkway to Coal Mine Road.

Merchants ADVERTISING: Grover C. Gaugh, General merchandise- sells meat, etc. Ed Smith- 4 trucks for hauling services, coal, building supplies, specializing in stone...

Raytown Furniture, New and Old, delivers cordwood

Leigh & Havens Lumber (since 1878)

R. L. Edmons General Blacksmith & Repair

Raytown Tin Shop

William Jennings General Merchandise - Radio & Equipment - Chevrolet Agency

Heck's Drug Store -Home of Dr. Hess & Clark's Remedies

Dr. Monaghan announces opening private office

H. E. Clayton Garage - Red Crown Service Station - Storage & Repair

Lambert Bros. Meat

Fred Everett, general plumbing

John R. Dehoney - insurance

Thomas - Parker Lumber

Akers Bus Line, between Lee's Summit & Kansas City, gives schedule, see later, careful drivers, station Cassell's Department store

W. F. Muir's General Merchandise

O. J. Greene - coal, feed. Seed, salt, grain, hay

West Missouri Power Company

Butler Lunch Room- Fresh daily bread, bottled milk, small line of groceries, George W. Hill proprietor

J. H. Greene - lots, acres, homes

January 6, 1927 - used Fords priced from \$35 upward

Ad: The Weather Forecast, Chili 10c a bowl When you are seated around your fireplace enjoying your radio, remember George has some mighty good chili in the ..... part of Cassell's place of business. You won't regret a quart or pint of my chili. You be the judge.

George M. Loveland Later advertises as Dew Drop Inn  
 Heck's Drug Store - Specials: Castile Soap 15c; Talcum Powder 19c; U & Co Almond cream  
 50c; Stationery 39c; cards & plain envelopes per box 29c

### AKERS BUS LINE SCHEDULE

#### Schedule:

North Bound	South Bound
7:05 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
8:50 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
10:50 a.m.	2:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
4:10 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
Sundays and Holidays	
7:50 a.m.	9:a.m.
8:50 a.m.	11:a.m.
1: p.m.	4: p.m.
4:10 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.	11:30 p.m.

Heck Drug Store - Specials Castile Soap 15c; Talcum Powder 19c; U & Co. Almond  
 Cream 50c; Stationery 39c; Cards & Plain Envelopes per box 29c

#### January 27, 1927 Raytown News

Mr. Lewis sells his interest in Lewis-Robinson Motor Company Ford Agency. Has  
 been doing business for a year

Lambert Cut Rate grocery - 63<sup>rd</sup> and Blue Ridge - full line groceries, fresh vegetables  
 and fruits

#### February 5, 1927 Raytown News

New front for former Lewis-Robinson Motors. The building formerly occupied by  
 Lewis-Robinson Motor Co. has been remodeled and now houses the Fred Everett Plumbing  
 Shop and the Raytown Tin Shop. The building has been converted into two separate rooms  
 and a new front put in.

Minor White, manager of the Manhattan oil station on Blue Ridge, broke his arm  
 while trying to start the car for a lady customer. (Cranking in those days?)

Wm. Nicholson - Raytown Decorator

W. F. Muir - selling Coleman Cooker Stoves

E. L. Foster advertising Overland Whippet \$625, recorded 43.28 miles a gallon on  
 Coast to Coast trip.

The Raytown Cleaners which has been conducted under the firm name of Hansen  
 cleaning Shop, is now under sole management of Mr. Lewis, who recently purchased the

interest of his partner, Oscar L. Hansen

Mr. Hansen, who is Justice of Peace in this township, is kept busy with his official duties and could not devote any time to private interests.

Geo. M. Loveland - business "Just Around The Corner"

February 24, 1927 Raytown News

Four planes destroyed at the (Richard's Flying Field) Have that story in another article  
J. H. Greene Real Estate - 5-room Houe, 1 acre of ground \$3500

Mr. W. J. Simmons, of Lincoln, Nebr. By way of California, opens a new plumbing shop. Has rented room just north of Muir's store, formerly Fred McInteer.

Define the light district

Mrs. A. V. Dehoney specializes in finger waving

March 13, 1927 Raytown News

- Mr. Joe Cassell Buys Reynolds Interest - A deal was closed this week where by Joe Cassell purchased the interest of Mr. Reynolds in the local business firm of Clark-Reynolds. The business in the past has been conducted by Mr. Clark as Mr. Reynolds held a position in Kansas City. In the future Mr. Cassell will be here all the time. It is understood that Mr. Reynolds will leave shortly for St. Louis where he has accepted a good position. The local firm's name will be Clark-Cassell.

( This I believe, is the northwest corner of 63<sup>rd</sup> and Raytown Road, the building with the ice cream etc across from Fox's. Still confusing because an article later states that the building burns after firecrackers set it afire and Mr. Lewis owner. Although the microfilm page was not a complete one, I did not find a story of the fire...Needs more research RB)

While backing up on the road after making a delivery at the home of Joe Strump last Friday, Morris Stout, driver of one of the trucks of Thompson, Parker Lumber Co., missed the culvert and mired the truck in the ditch.... It took trucks and drivers from the Ed L. Smith company who worked from Friday afternoon to Saturday morning to get the truck out. (No union workers RB)

Dr. E. P. Harrison opens his office in the front rooms over Martin's Tavern in the Short Building. He comes from Kansas City. He is the brother of the well known farmer and chicken dinner fancier in this section.

March 24, 1927 Raytown News

L. A. And A. J. Herman, two brothers who own U-Smile oil station, will build a first class garage on 40 highway west of their big station. It will be two stories high with a show room to show Chevrolet cars.

April 29. 1927 Raytown News

Senior Class gave the play "The Hoodoo"

Checkerboard Barbecue four blocks north of Raytown opens May 7, 1927

May 12, 1927 Raytown News

Thos. Gordanier, of Mt. Washington, purchased 5 acres on Minor T. Smith Road just east of J. A. Oldham's home

June 2, 1927 Raytown News

At the beginning of the school term there were, in the high school, 35 boys and 48 girls and at the end 31 boys and 49 girls; in the grade schools, at the end, 265 boys and 265 girls ((RB Can't see how they added and got 529)

June 30, 1927 Raytown News

Last Monday morning Mrs. Carl Nielson opened a new business in (?) new building east of the News office. She will offer buffet lunches, sandwiches, hot and cold drinks, pastry at reasonable prices. Blatz Beer 10c; Fried chicken plate lunch 50c; Plate lunch 25c; ice cream quart 45c

Vanity Club, opens one mile north of Raytown, dances Wednesday and Saturday, couple 75c, extra lady 25c

ADVERTISERS:

Mary Frances Ballard, piano lessons

John Dehoney- insurance

B. W. Ballard - livestock

Ballard and Rider - cattle, hogs and sheep

Dr. E. P. Harrison- physician and surgeon

Dr. C. R. Monaghan- dentist

William Nicholson - painting and papering

A. Searcy - painter and decorator

Walter Kirk - building and repairs

Logan-Moore Builders hardware - Morris Stout, Jim Storms, Brisco Riley, Newton Davis, Oliver Fetters

O. J. Greene - coal, feed, seed, salt, grain, hay

July 21, 1927 Raytown News

Opening July 23 Green Tavern, a large store structure, 40 highway and Blue Ridge boulevard, Dine and Dance, "The Florida Crackers" five piece orchestra, Steak and Chicken, operators Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Garvin

July 31, 1927- Raytown News

Constable Hansen crashed into the rear end of the Studebaker coupe of Virgil Naron parked in front of the Edmond's blacksmith shop on Blue Ridge just west of Raytown Road

August 18, 1927 Raytown News

Meredith Garten, of Sugar Creek, buys the Raytown News. He was the publisher of

the Jackson County Herald of Sugar Creek. Jess Pollitt is considering other propositions  
Preparing to add to the High School – \$66,000, 8 rooms, 2 floors, basement to contain  
gymnasium and auditorium, 60<sup>th</sup> and Blue Ridge, built by Wideman and Patterson  
Sam Hussey school custodian

W. C. Rickey Dead - father of Ida Hansen. He taught school; three daughters; Mrs.  
Hansen, Della Welch of Independence; Mrs. Anna Clark of Little Blue; son, W.H. of the  
home

James A. Grogger died (?)

Julia Grogger, born August 10,----; died August 10, 1927; father Bernhardt Grogger;  
4 brothers; George W., James A., John, Frank; 3 sisters; Mrs. Victoria Dehoney, Mrs.  
Elizabeth Sechrest, Susie F. of home

August 25, 1927 Raytown News

William L. Morgan, new superintendent, will teach Latin  
Howard Bell to leave for school at Wentworth Military Academy  
H. E. O'Bryan manager of Leidigh & Havens

September 1, 1927 Raytown News

Baptist Church to operate a recreational room on Fridays, 7-9:30. Books, magazines,  
games as checkers and chess. Rev. Walter F. Arnold will be in charge, modeled after the Y.  
M. C. A

Dr. W. H. Gillilanp - veterinary physician

Marriage of Buford Dehoney & Miss Grogger September 29, 1927

Motor company sold (cannot read) Robinson to A. E. Keeney

Todd George and Associates building in Laurel Heights - opened a café, new building  
as office, these adjoin the filling station. D. A. Anderson is in charge of café. Addition  
owned by Turner Lumber & Investments. 12 houses have been built and 7 sold

Mrs. J. K. Burch, public sale September 14, 1927, 1 mile west of Raytown

Meredith Garten, editor and publisher of Raytown News every Thursday

Four men and three women stole household goods and coops of chickens from the  
home of O. A. Johnson ½ mile west of Raytown on Minor T. Smith road

September 20, 1927 - Raytown News

Robinson Motors sold to A. L. Keeney, mentioned above as September 1

W. F. Muir selling in his store - Blue Overalls at \$1.29, white \$2.20

October 1, 1927 Raytown News

Unoccupied land should revert to original owner. Land cannot be held by County  
when not in use- convert- he says- Judge Hall's court in Independence

October 20, 1927 Raytown News

Leidigh & Havens manager Frank Woolridge

November 1, 1927 Raytown News

E. L. Foster begins new building - English type of brick tile with large display windows, equipped to service all models of cars - 4 men tearing down old buildings and J. W. Searcy making foundation, Fred Everett plumbing, Ed L. Smith, rocks, sand, hauling, Mr. Foster, electrical wiring laid in conduit. Lot was purchased from W. F. Muir  
Quisenberry Hatchery entertained 100 employees to a dinner

November 17, 1927 Raytown News

Make direct road to Wildwood Lakes to Raytown, a shorter distance

December 1, 1927 - Lambert Store closes - order of federal court

January 12, 1928 Raytown News

Building underway at Quisenberry Farm - D. H. Westmore, superintendent, double space, building a new residence, 200,000 baby chicks at each hatching  
Raytown Ward School - Mrs. White, Miss Hopkins, Mrs. Stewart  
Foster-Knight are in their new building, fine display of new Whippets which have wind shield wipers, rear vision mirrors, stop lights, 4 wheel brakes  
Plan to extend water systems from Wildwood Lakes to US 50

January 24, 1928 Raytown News

Wildwood to start dam

February 2, 1927 Raytown News

Mc Donald's Cafe Steak Plate - Fried Chicken Plate  
(December 13, 1928 The Mc Donald's Café has been leased by Mrs. Susie King who needs no introduction because she is well known)

February 9, 1928 Raytown News

County plans to connect 40 & 50 highways- start at 40<sup>th</sup> street to northwest corner of Unity Farm, following Lee's Summit road south of 40, 1 mile east parallel to railroad tracks south of Little Blue (Got lost)

Frances Hall of North Kansas City, who has been with Martin's Tavern, sang over WHB, dedicating numbers to Martin's Tavern and Logan Moore Lumber Company  
Parkview School PTA nominated W. L. Hutchinson as a candidate for school board member. He is now president of the Parkview Improvement Association.

February 9, 1928 New road to join No. 40 with No. 50 - follow old Lee's Summit Road south to No. 40, there near eastward south to No. 40, there near eastward parallel to

Missouri Pacific, 3 ½ miles to Little Blue Road

March 1, 1928 Raytown News

Urcil W. And S. T. Smoot will open new Chevrolet agency in the Hall building, Raytown Road-Blue Ridge, March 8, 1928

They will move to apartments over the garage. The cars are to be assembled at the Leeds plant to open in Leeds. It is estimated that of the 72,000 employees of the plant a large number will live in Raytown. Mr. Urcil Smoot plans to drive the first car from the plant.

McDonald's Café - Plate lunch	35c
T-Bone Steak & Potatoes	40c
Delicious homemade pies	40c

Easter Bunnies and Meat Rabbits, John Konez, 2<sup>nd</sup> house from corner of Reed Road & Smith Road

Men's suits, O.O. Brown, Tailor & Cleaner, \$22.75 & Up

Raytown Greenhouse, 62<sup>nd</sup> & Blue Ridge - O. V. Chandler

New Raytown Motor Co.: A. E. Keeney, L. J. Robinson, M. Handley, James He—, Chas. War —

William Jennings - Chrysler Cars

Cassell & Cassell - Men's Ties & caps; Lee Overall Jumpers, shirts, men's dress shoes, Ladies hosiery, meat, paint

W. J. Lambert's Cash Store- 63<sup>rd</sup> & Blue Ridge - grocery & meat

April 12, 1928 Raytown News

William Charles Wood Hobbs, born in Jackson County near Raytown, ? May 8, 1854-6, died April 1, 1928, age 72. He united with the first church ever built in the place years ago where the Methodist church now stands (5055 Blue Ridge). He was but a member a young man at that time and has remained a member of the church until the end came last Sunday morning in New Orleans, LA. He was a son of Samuel G. Hobbs, who was pioneer doctor of this neighborhood. His mother was Mrs. Jemima Rose Hobbs. Mrs. Kate B. Hensley, who passed to her eternal reward several years ago was a sister and was well known in this section and her home was in Independence. He was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Independence.

April 19, 1928 Raytown News

Mary Frances Ballard married Oris O. Brown , Monday April 18

Mr. William Riggs, of Pleasant Hill, father of Mrs. Tom Muir, passed away

April 26, 1928 Raytown News

Richards Air Field to Become a Permanent Air Port - R. L. Gregory - F. Yoman

taking over Richards Field - open to private owners of ships such as schools. Ben Gregory has his three ships there: "Eagle Rock", "American Eagle", "Swallow"

Cassell & Cassell celebrate 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary:

April 27 is the actual date of their entry into business in Raytown.

The original organization consisted of Raymond Cassell, Joe Cassell, and George Cassell, all of whom had returned from service in World War. Raymond had been in the naval transport service transporting soldiers to France and had crossed the ocean eighteen times. Joe had been in the army hospital service in this country and George had received his commission as Captain of Field Artillery in the regular army after service overseas with the First Division. All were anxious to get back to civil life and into business of some kind. Naturally they chose their own home town and after some negotiations bought the store at the present location. After three years Raymond sold his interest to J. E. Burch and Joe sold to George and the ownership has continued since that time.

From a comparatively small start this store has been changed, added to, and remodeled into one of the large stores of the county. The wide variety of stock they carry makes it possible to purchase almost everything within immediate needs of any family without making trips to Kansas City or other points in the county. The store is an asset to Raytown.

The members of the firm are active in church, civic and school activities in the community and can always be depended to spend any amount perfecting anything that will tend to help in building up the community.

Funeral of Reuben Mockbee - The funeral services for Reuben Mockbee (not to be confused with the Reuben Mockbee original owner of Northwest corner of 63<sup>rd</sup> and Raytown Road) was held at the Baptist church, April 23, 1928; burial in Brooking Cemetery. (Reuben Mockbee, died April 21, 1928, 75 years, lived in Raytown 50 years, never harmed us)

Mr. Mockbee, a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Mockbee, was born 75 years ago. His father was killed in the Civil War and Reuben was reared at the home of his uncle near what is known as 18<sup>th</sup> and Holmes. He was one of four boys, there being also three sisters. Surviving him is one sister, Mrs. Murphy of near Hughsville, MO and a brother who operates a store there. Reuben lived on the Rhoades farm near Raytown (now City Hall 10000 E. 59<sup>th</sup>) for almost fifty years. He died in the infirmary in Nevada, MO last Saturday.

(Mrs. Elma Cassell Kemp spoke of him as with a simple mind doing chores for the family and who had no other home but with their family. The people of the community treated him well.)

May 6, 1929 Raytown News

Start to build Leed's Assembly plant

May 10, 1929 Raytown News

Wildwood to open



May 17, 1928 Raytown News

Many pictures of Raytown High School alumni pictures

May 10 ?- List of 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates

Missouri Public Service opening a branch office here. They are remodeling a room formerly occupied by the News

May 31, 1928 Raytown News

Fairmount Park advertises fun on 65 acres

William Jennings is improving the front and rear of his building (6213 Raytown Rd)

The Chrysler sign is larger (Dec 6<sup>th</sup> has same information)

June 2, 1928 Raytown News

R. L. King Café under new management

June 14, 1929 Raytown News

Gas struck on Harrison farm

Wildwood Lakes - Special- \$1.00 dinners - no cover charge- Dancing Sunday, afternoons 50c per couple; every evening except Monday 75c a couple; afternoon teas

W. H. Heck, druggist, full supply of drug store needs (?1929) Our ice cream is supreme

Foster-Knight Banquet at Martin's Tavern - present; Floyd Pettit, W. P. Martin, C. B. Ballard, Charles Waight, "Bill" Sweeney, Buford Nicholson, Emory Foster, Lee Reynolds

June 21, 1928 Raytown News

Carrie M. Craig married Ray Mitchener June 16, 1928. She taught at the high school 1922-23

June 1929- George Hall - \$5.00 free portrait with purchase at his filling station, store or restaurant-----later had fireworks to sell

Missouri Public Service in Raytown

Martin's Tavern still advertising

Mrs. Bryce Seay & Sons Parkview stand - Old fashioned fried pies, east of Swope Park on Blue Ridge Boulevard

July 19, 1928 Raytown News

Ground breaking for Chevrolet Assembly plant at Leeds

August 30, 1929 - Raytown News

Annual Greene Family reunion

George Cassell, enlarged lunches for school children (Difficult to read) Aug. 27

Dick Burch sold his interest in Cassell store

Johnston's Dry Goods Store. Peter's School Shoes-school supplies (where?)  
Marvin's Tavern - Students Special hot lunches 25c & 30c

September 6, 1928 Raytown News

Andrew Frost, 79 years old, worker at Unity Farm. Three grandchildren: R. L. Searcy, Mrs. F. E. Himes, Lorene Frost. Burial at Flanery Cemetery. W. L. Schick in charge

October 18, 1928 Raytown News

Lewis & Myers selling Radios and Records  
William Jennings selling Plymouths

October 25, 1928 Raytown News

Missouri Public Service - A few months ago opened in a sales room in the Robinson Building thinking it would answer for a considerable time but the business has increased to the extent that they will need larger quarters. To open next door north from the former room.

The Great Western Appliance Company of Kansas City announces Stewart C. Smith, sales representative, to locate in the Robinson building, now occupied by the Missouri Public Service. To sell heaters, ranges, cleaners, washers Oct 1929

November 29, 1928 Raytown News

W. J. Simmons Plumbing and Heating

December 16, 1928 Raytown News

William Jennings is building a new brick building at the rear of his store for his son, Basil. He is also having his store building stuccoed which will make it look like a new building.

December 13, 1928 Raytown News

The McDonald Café has been leased by Mrs. Susie King. Mrs. King needs no introduction because she is well known.

December 20, 1928 Raytown News

First Boy Scout troop organized by W. J. Simmons, Homer Lingerr, Luther Robinson, Newton Davis. Scouts: Courtney Smith, Russell Allen, Holmes Greene, Billy Bob McKeighan, Lowell Smith, Winifred Hall, Frank Hyne, W. F. Muir Jr.

Paradise Inn, 50 Highway & Laurel Heights- Mrs Horms, Holzbaur, Tull  
U-Smile Station ( Herman)

Stewart Smith opening shoe repair shop

January 24, 1929 Raytown News

W. J. Simmons and Luther Robinson have opened a new business, Raytown Gas Appliance Company. The sales room will be in the building next to the Simmons Plumbing Company

January 31, 1929 Raytown News

Bridge Over Rock Island To Be Repaired - The county having accepted the bridge is supposed to keep the approaches in good shape. They have spent enough time and materials to build a new bridge. As fast as they dumped more rock and chat, the dirt underneath would give way and it would be as bad as it were.

According to Agent Hall, the material is all here and will be used as soon as the weather permits the building of a retaining wall on each side of the bridge that will hold the road firmly in place.

John F. Lewis died April 25, 1929. Left wife, three children; Harry, Mrs. Karl Wright, Roy T.

February 7, 1929 Raytown News

Mrs. R. G. Olson giving up her job as nurse in the office of Dr. Hobbs. She expects to drive her husband for several weeks. Mrs. Olson or Miss All has been with Dr. Hobbs for three years.

February 21, 1929 Raytown News

The Club House at Cave Springs, 1 ½ mile southwest of Raytown, totally destroyed by fire. It is supposed the fire originated in the living room where an electric heater was left burning to keep some baby chicks warm.

February 28, 1929 Raytown News

W. F. Muir's Family Grocery celebrating its 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary...having many special sales

April 4, 1929 Raytown News

Commercial Airways Field will add another pilot, T. W. Franklin

James Jackson (J. J. ) Whitehouse, died March 31, 1929, born in Boyle County, Kentucky August 24, 1848 Married Lydia Katherine Suttles August 28, 1879. Four children: Lucy C. Whitehouse, Mrs. Katie Pollard, Mrs. Minerva Dealy, Bagnell, Mo., Mrs. Maud Jennings of Raytown

(Brooking Cemetery: Whitehouse, James Jackson 1848-1929 -  
Whitehouse, Lydia K. Suttles 1857-1925)

May 3, 1929 Raytown News

Rhoades Subdivision on Blue Ridge boulevard to be sold at auction May 18, 1929 at 1 p.m. to sell in ½ to 1 acre tracts.. To close out interest of owners, 60<sup>th</sup> and Blue Ridge boulevard

May 9, 1929 Raytown News

Albert Oetting, of Lee's Summit schools, to take charge of all sports in Raytown

May 14, 1929 Raytown News

Lists all 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates in district, 68 students

May 22, 1929 class of 1929

July 18, 1929 Raytown News

Banjoland Highway 50, 2 blocks west of Flying Field, toasted barbeque sandwiches

The Raytown Chamber of Commerce welcomes everyone to attend formal opening of the new paving of Raytown Road connecting a link from highway 40 to 50, July 27, 1929. Parade at 3 p.m., concert, speaking, entertainment for young and old, street dances, \$35,000 in prizes

August 11, 1929 Raytown News

Andrew Smith leaves Raytown Bank to go to Blue Valley Bank in Leeds. Harrison T. Fowkles takes his place.

August 18, 1929 - Vote for Lane School bonds

—a portion of a story about Raytown history was not copied—in fold of paper - might be in Mrs. Thruston's book, *Echoes of the Past*

September 5, 1929 Raytown News

AD --FRANCIS FOX PHARMACY It is with pleasure I announce the purchase of the W. H. Heck Pharmacy at Raytown - 25years a Drug Specialist conducting drug stores in Kansas City.

October 17, 1929 Raytown News MARTIN'S TAVERN SOLD TO ROY PASCHAL

He originally started the place some years ago and sold it to Miss Lela Martin and Mrs. Sarah Higgins, who in turn sold it to Mr. and Mrs. Barnaby, date unknown. Mr. Paschal has been running a chicken dinner farm just west of town.

October 1929 Raytown News

Alice Davidson, Anna Laura Franklin, teachers at Hazel Grove advertise Box Supper

October 25, 1929 Raytown News

Light and Power to expand in Raytown

The Great Western Appliance Company of Kansas City announces that Stewart C. Smith, sales representative, to locate in the Robinson building now occupied by the Missouri Public Service Company - to sell heaters, ranges, cleaners, washers

Paradise Inn, 50 highway & Laurel Heights, Mrs. Horms, Holzbaur, Tull

October 31, 1929 Raytown News

Homer Linger, president of the Chamber of Commerce, announced that a \$15 donation had been received from the Rock Island Railroad toward the new chemical engine for fire protection

November 21, 1929 Raytown News

Ralph Edmonds Died , blacksmith in Raytown for 40 years. Survived by sister, Mrs. R. E. Burgess and son, Walter L. Edmonds. Born near Nevada, Mo., February 1862 , worked as blacksmith and woodworker for William Jennings. He taught the trade to Fred McInteer. The shop was sold to Mr. McInteer who later sold to Edmonds. Later he moved the shop across the Rock Island Railroad Bridge. He had a room back of the shop where he lived alone since the death of his wife. It was his custom to spend each Sunday with his sister in Kansas City. He was liberal in his charity work

January 2, 1930 Raytown News

Move for more fire equipment, booster pumps, 1000 feet of hose wanted for two 40 gallon chemical fire truck. Patrons met at Paschal's Tavern to select fire board who will canvass the district for subscribers. Nomination were: H. T. Grubb and Ed Pendleton, area northwest of Raytown; Ed Gordon and W. L. Atchinson from Parkview district; Frank Sutton and a man from Chapel district; Luther Robinson and U. W. Smott from Raytown

Advertisers:

Mr. Keeney - Ford Dealer

O. J. Greene - cob meal fo feed with grain

Leidigh - Havems lumber

Logan Moore lumber

Smoot - Chevrolet dealer

Fox's Drug

Fowkles & Stanton - insurance

January 9. 1930 Raytown News-

Passing of John Collings, born near Dakota City, Nebr., April 9, 1863. Married Lera Grieg October 22, 1885. Had seven children: Ernest F, Holliday, KS; Darius, Hickman Mills; Alfred R., George H, Raymond, of the home; two daughter: Mrs Lila May Morgan, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Mary McKenzie, Buffalo, Mich. Burial, Brookings cemetery: (Alfred J. Collings 1863-1930, Lera H. Collings 1868-1960)

Advertisers:

Willys - Knight, new Whippet company - J. H. Stewart, corner of Blue Ridge and Raytown Road, in former Foster-Knight building, formerly occupied by Smott

January 16, 1930 Raytown News

W. F. Muir began to put large grocery ads in the paper - had been a grocer for 11 years (?1919)

Schick Hardware and Mortuary moving from Lee's Summit, specially hardware, ordering a new motor hearse and stock of caskets

Ed Smith - general hauling

Voted to reject plans to add second (3<sup>rd</sup>) floor to high school

Shoe shop called Fix It Shop

Water company, now 5 years old, had stock holders meeting. Dr S. J. T. Davis president and vice president, James Stayton, Logan Jones, J. A. Beynon of Kansas City, James G. Hazell of Kansas City

Bus Line- Lee's Summit- Raytown, Kansas City -operated by Kitchener; Cassell & Cassell Station

When the new high school was erected three or four years ago the third floor was left unfinished. Contract made with a Kansas City man to put in partitions, plaster and lay cement floors. Time limit set for September 1, Contract not yet made and accepted.

A. F. DeClark recalls laying out and grading of the first Raytown Road (1862 or 1882) "The road was surveyed part on old lines taking a new route and put over in one petition in the County Court, from Cassell's Corner in Raytown through 15<sup>th</sup> and Jackson, which point was then on the outskirts of Kansas City . From this point was where the present point cut-off to go under the Rock Island in Raytown, the old road went north through the valley, as at present, on through Leeds to 31<sup>st</sup>, following the present Hardesty or Van Brunt and then bore to the west and north missing the hill over which Van Brunt passes by the school building.

As a boy Mr. DeClark helped to drive a good deal of stock from this section to the stock yard. He tells of a time helping to drive 30,000 head of sheep from there. "It was a big bunch," he says, "that we kept as much out of town as possible. We came out through what

is now Penn Valley Park and there was hardly a trail to drive stock on.”

February 13, 1930 Raytown News

Fun- According to Causby Cole dishwater seems to be the only thing that will cause an engagement ring to lose its fascination.

Maybe the reason we all quiet down when we get older is that we have more to be quiet about.

They say baldness is a badge of success. Yes, it indicates a fellow has come out on top.

February 20, 1930 Raytown News

Define the light district

Mrs. A. V. Dehoney specializes in finger waving

March 6, 1930 Raytown News

Missouri Pacific Bus would like to do business here. Would originate from Warrensburg, over 50 Highway, Lee's Summit, by way of Little Blue, Raytown, through Eastwood Hills, US Highway 40, Sni-A-Bar. Case to be heard March 10. It was refused because it would compete as part of the route of Kitchener-Diehl Bus Line

March 14, 1930 - Raytown News

Fred Kupfer has other accomplishments beside yodeling - designs a miniature garden - Swiss mountains at Convention Hall

Raytown Water Company (In a recent interview KC Star March 3, 2004) Neal Clevenger states: Company founded in the 1920s by Raytown physician Samuel J. T. Davis)

March 20, 1930 Raytown News

A new factory in Raytown - Jones Amusement Device Co. Buy out Wilson Slaughtering Plant. Makes ferry wheels, merry-go-rounds

Pushing work on Blue Ridge, from Quisenberry Hatchery to Log Cabin

County puts out stakes for possible change in Blue Ridge boulevard - start at W. F. Muir's front yard, take a corner off Cassell's front yard, eliminate George Hill's residence, leaving his filling station and restaurant on a triangular lot - this was much opposed - they may reduce the curves

March 27, 1930 Raytown News

Gas company, Missouri-Kansas Pipe Line Company, to move here from Belton to Logan-Moore yard, where the land is now vacated

(?)May 5, 1930\_ Raytown News

\*\* Raytown streets to be in darkness because their contract has expired

Logan-Moore Lumber Co

Raytown Motor - see new Ford with new deep radiator, curving rear fender, flowing grace...

New Chevrolet - Smoot Chevrolet Chevrolet Room

Insurance, Fowler & Stanton at Raytown Bank

W. F. Muir - Your grocer

The school board, over the holidays, made possible more room by building more seats in the balcony, painted battle gray, will seat more than 150 people

When the new high school was erected three or four years ago, the third floor was left unfinished, Contract was made with a Kansas City man to put in partitions, plaster, and lay cement floors. Time limit set for September 1. Contract not yet accepted.

February 1930 - A new store is moving in, the Shick Hardware & Undertaking. Has specially hardware - ordering a new motor hearse and stock of caskets

A. F. DeClark recalls laying out and grading of the first Raytown Road (?1862 or 1882). "The road was surveyed on part of the old lines taking a new route and put over in one petition in the county court, from Cassell's Corner in Raytown through to 15<sup>th</sup> and Jackson, which point was then on the outskirts of Kansas City. From this point where the present cut off to go under the Rock Island in Raytown, the old road went on north and stayed more to the ridge. The new route went through the valley, on through Leeds to 31<sup>st</sup>, following the present Hardesty or Van Brunt for a ways and then bore west and north, missing the hill over which Van Brunt passes by the school building.

As a boy Mr. DeClark helped to drive a good deal of stock from this section to the stockyards. He tells of one time helping to drive 30,000 head of sheep from there. "It was kept as much as possible out of town. We came out through what is now penn Valley Park and there was hardly a trail to drive stock on."

Cassell & Cassell of Raytown and E. G. O'Flaherty of Little Blue advertise as High Grade Food Stores

Stewart Motor Co. Selling Whippet & Willys-Knight dealership - corner of Blue Ridge & Raytown Road

F. M. Shick advertising full stock of hardware, paints, Perfection Oil Stoves, carpenter and electrical supplies, Model T Ford parts, guns and ammunition

Mrs. John Collings having a public sale, February 7, on the old Collings homestead, 2 ½ miles north east of Raytown, joining Leeds School. C. N. Henry & Forrest Redford auctioneers

Picture of Lee's Summit-Raytown-Lee' Summit Bus, Cassell & Cassell station

Emory Foster, deputy sheriff, was robbed of \$160 as he stopped to adjust a seat, at Benton Boulevard



The Paschal Tavern has installed a large electric phonograph, an Electromuse, for the entertainment of guests. It will be utilized for dance music on the Tavern's floor. (Later) A loud speaker has been placed in front of Paschal's Tavern connected with the new electric phonograph recently put in the Tavern. The result is music that cannot be distinguished from that of a radio and is given very much of a street fair sound.

Mary Ann Paschal, Holmes Greene and W. f. Muir Jr. made perfect grades in the arithmetic test given Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roe Frost had as their guests Tuesday for dinner, Mrs. E. P. Butler and daughter, Marie. Mrs. Pearl Himes and daughter, Lucille, and in the afternoon, Mrs. Roy Donovan and two sons.

A large fire, originating from the furnace in the basement of the Gordon home, 1 ½ miles from Raytown, seriously destroyed the second floor of the two-story brick and frame home. Help was called to Raytown to the mechanics at the Ford Garage, where the fire truck with a chemical unit, is stored. They were unable to save the house. Four Raytown girls, thinking the fire truck was merely backing cross the street, hopped on board, but when the truck started up in full speed they were forced to ride to the fire.

The large two-story house, known as the Steckel place, ½ mile east of James Reed & Minor T. Smith road, rented by Arthur Young, burned. Raytown fire truck went to scene but unable to save the house.

Six fires with a radius of 5 miles from Raytown have burned recently within 10 weeks. Wright and Donovan in Raytown, Godron, Simmons, a farm home east of Raytown, large dairy barn on Little Blue Road.

February 1930 - Raytown News

William Jennings, cash and carry groceries

Cassell & Cassell Special - Aunt Jemina Pan Cake Flour, Thompsons Malted Milk, Lee Ginger Ale

W. J. Lambert's Cash Store, 63<sup>rd</sup> & Blue Ridge, special

PRESCRIPTIONS -FOX'S RAYTOWN PHARMACY- Franklin Ice Cream

William Jennings made a quick auto trip to Clarinda, IA, averaging 30 miles per hour on the road.

George Flannery, 73, died Friday, February 28, 1930, at home of niece, Mrs. Frank Ballard. He was born on a farm south of Raytown. He married Miss Billie Johnston, of Hickman Mills. She and their daughter, Mabel, are both deceased.

The right-of-way has been obtained for No. 35, Lee's Summit to County Line north Harrisonville and No 71 Lee's Summit, Jackson County Line.

#### February 1930 - Raytown News

Stayton Brothers sold their dairy farm stock and have made a 160 acre golf course. A bomb destroyed the Club House.

Dr. H. G. Monaghan has rented a home in the Muir-Smith addition. The former owner was M. C. Evans.

Ray Hansen, who has been with the state license bureau for some time, has resigned to take employment as paymaster for the new million dollar cigar factory in Kansas City. Mrs. Opal Donaldson and Miss Elma Kemp have employment with the same concern.

#### Feb-March 1930 Raytown News

W. F. Muir is installing a fine piece of cabinet work in the way of a good-sized cashier desk and telephone counter. It will stand in the center of the store room and is a good improvement over the former equipment.

April- The new slab job from Lee's Summit to the County Farm is practically finished.

Raytown may be "in the sticks" but her citizens are not ready to admit it. The Star Sunday, either by error or a joke announced Dr. Monaghan is moving to the farm as a matter of fact he will occupy the nifty little building just completed by M. C. Evans.

Ed L. Smith selling coal

W. F. Muir is installing in his store a new refrigeration system. O. O. Widenef and William Robinson constructed the main box serviced by a Frigidaire unit.

#### Apr. 1930- Raytown News

The Turner-Lumber Co. , 2 mile from Raytown, sold 160 acres to L. E. Faris for a cemetery (Floral Hills)

The Cassell Store is engaged in remodeling that will alter the entire inside. The shelving will be torn out and replaced by a plan as all High Grade Stores recommend

The W. C. T. U. Institute will meet May 9 at the First Baptist Church on Van Horn, Independence.

#### May 1930 - Raytown News

The Raytown Water Co. completed 1,000 feet of new pipe at 56<sup>th</sup> Blue Ridge and made 5 new service connections

Herman Reider, on Woodson, bought a new brick house, known as the Bates House at Harris Road and Blue Ridge, It is known as one of the oldest houses on the Ridge. (If new brick why the oldest? RB)

\*\*\*Francis Fox says an ideal husband is one who is so attentive to his wife that a stranger would think he was cavorting around with some other fellow's wife.

According to J. H. Greene courageous is when a fellow has invited somebody home to dinner when his wife is cleaning house.

Death of William Rice - William Rice, one of the earliest settlers of this community died Friday night at his home in Lee's Summit, where he has lived in recent years. Mr. Rice, who was 81 years old, suffered a broken hip in a fall recently and never recovered from the shock.

Among the earliest settlers in Jackson County were the parents of Mr. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. (Benjamin Lacey) Rice. The older Mr. Rice was one of the few who made an ox trip across the plains after locating here.

He is survived by his daughters, Miss Leila Rice and Miss Ellen Rice, both of the home, and Mrs. Bert Sloan of Greenwood; his two sisters, Miss Alice Rice of Kansas City; Mrs. W. T. Riggs, Pleasant Hill; two brothers, Henry and A. M. Rice of Kansas City. Burial in Brooking Cemetery. ( James W. Rice March 10, 1849 -May 23, 1930; Ella Rice August 20, 1853- August 31, 1895)

Blue Ridge Boulevard closed from 15<sup>th</sup> street to Independence Road for resurfacing.  
Bus line still going

T. W. Muir, manager and salesman for Independent Oil and Gas Company, 61<sup>st</sup> and Blue Ridge Boulevard.

June 1930 -Raytown News

FOXRAYTOWN PHARMACY - Refreshing Fountain Drinks- Sodas- Sundaes- Curb Service

Relocating Lone Jack-Cockrell Road , new 50 Highway, abandoning old road

Fred Davidson - Milk 12c a quart - sold at local grocery stores

Brookside Gardens - Flowers, Fruit, Vegetables, A. I. Julian, 1 mile east of Raytown

Wildwood Lakes, miniature golf 50c

O. J. Payne, former Raytown resident, notifies address from Ontario, California, has changed to Fortuna, six miles away

July 3, 1930 Raytown News

Ed Smith has purchased a new delivery truck that will haul 4 cars

\*\*\* May have to return fire truck because they have no funds to pay for it

August, 1930 - Raytown News

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Fox Jr. vacationed in Colorado

August 16, 1930 - Raytown News

Eastgate Service Station - Free, bar of Crystal White P & G soap, with every fill up of Phillips Benzg. 66 Ethyl- No city tax - O. L. Hansen, manager

Beauty Contest at Wildwood

Good printing at The Raytown News

Muir's Store delivers

August 28, 1930 Raytown News

William Louis (Ludwig) Hartman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gottlab (Geotlab) Hartman was born April 27, 1897 and departed this life August 19, 1930 at the St. Joseph Hospital in Kansas City. Age 30.

He had lived all of his life on the farm where he was born in Hickman Mills. He was afflicted with diabetes for the last two years. He was taken worse on Monday, the 18<sup>th</sup>, and after being removed to the hospital in Kansas City, where all was done for him that medical science could accomplish, he passed away at 9 p.m. on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

He leaves to mourn his departure, his wife, Mary Hartman, and five children: Edith May, Edna Helen, Freda Anna, Billie and Johanna, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gottlab Hartman; two brothers, Jacob C. of Hickman Mills, and Anton C. of Knobtown; three sisters; Mrs. Charles Hartman of Blue Springs, Mrs. John Hopkins of Hickman Mills; and Mrs. W. W. Palmer of Kansas City and many relatives and friends. Funeral services held in the Besonia Church, burial in Memorial Park Cemetery.

September 4, 1930 Raytown News

Consolidate District No 2 teachers: High School, O. K. Wolfenberger, principal, Albert Oetting, physical education; Opal Rainwater, English; Marvel Burch, history; Dora Durham, Iva Atkins

Raytown Grade: Lester Wood, principal; Leila Burgess, Louise Oliver, Mrs. Elizabeth White, Mrs. Grace Wilsey

Parkview: Katheryn Johnson, Helen Fling

Bennington: Mrs. Olive Allen, Madge Hall

Lane: Mary Crawford, Juanita Emler

Chapel: Hubert Fitzgerald, principal, Gussie Egan, Helen Smith

Little Blue: Villa Young

Stormy Point: Louise Larsen, Helen Minick

Spring Valley: S. E. Willis, Mary Rowland, Audrey Barnett

September 1930 Raytown News

Herman Reider, proprietor Rockhill Flow'r Shop 1116 E 47<sup>th</sup> street

Bus station still at Cassell & Cassell

September 25, 1930 Raytown News

Frank H. Higgins Dead—for 4 years proprietor of Martin's Tavern in Raytown, died Saturday at his home (3160?) Washington street in Kansas City. He had been in poor health several years. Born in England (Sept 29, 18—) was ordained in Indian Territory. Returning to this section Higgins bought the café known as Martin's Tavern which business he conducted for four years, selling it to Paschal's on account of poor health a year ago. He was

a very popular man with a great many friends. Leaves his widow, Sarah, two sons, Claude and John, three daughters, Evelyn, ....., Buried at Mt. Moriah

Rock Island Railroad advertising southern tours

Dedication of Colborn Road

Geo. Loveland, who has been in California, the last four years, was here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Loveland, Loveland Addition

\*\*\* December 11, 1930 Raytown News

(Although bits of this information do not agree with further research it does have much that lends to bolster other information. I will not correct or make corrections. RB)

#### Interesting Bit of Raytown History

Reprint: The following interesting bit of Raytown News was written by Mrs. Lee Reynolds and read by her before the Grade Parent-Teachers Association. There have been many requests that it be published and the News takes pleasure in reporting it.

Raytown occupies a central location in Brooking Township called "Blue Prairie" country on the ridge between the Big and Little Blue rivers.

Raytown is one of the oldest suburbs of Kansas City. It was started before Kansas City was known as Westport Landing.

In 1853 David Ray, a blacksmith, left Central Illinois, in a covered wagon, for the west. He had been told of a land further west flowing with milk and honey and he persuaded his wife to help him find that country. He loaded his family and his tools into an ox wagon and started westward. He came to a high ridge, now known as the Blue Ridge boulevard. He stood and gazed around the beautiful landscape and said, "Surely this is the land I have been told about." He pitched his tent and built his little shop and began work for the Santa Fe freighters.

In this lonely country of ours naturally the first thing they thought about as a place to worship God. West Fork Baptist Church was situated a mile east of where the center of Raytown is now located, and organized in December 1842 by Elders Moses Stayton and Henry Farmer at the house of John Davis. The church members were: John and Sarah Davis, Alvin and Frances Brooking, Lewis and Sarah Jones, Joseph and Annie Davis, James Allen, Edwin Allen, Mahala Slusher, and Ellen Moberly. This was the first permanent organization in the central southwestern portion of the county. Elder Jeremiah Farmer of Cass County was the first pastor. In 1854 A. S. Tackard (Packard) gave the church two acres of land on which to build a meeting house. A stone house was built. The expense was borne mainly by three men. In 1859 a good brick house was erected, costing about \$2,300. In 1898 the present West Fork Baptist Church was built.

Beside the blacksmith shop, which was built by Mr. Ray and was a very rude structure, there was only one house on the prairie country. It was located on what was

known as J. J. Robinson farm, one quarter mile east of the blacksmith shop. A family by the name Harris at one time lived there, as the name was carved on a large stone step in front of the home.

About the time of the Gold Rush to California Mr. Ray disappeared from the country and the general belief was that he went west to seek his fortune.

At the time of the gold rush the whole community, which included miles and miles of country, received the mail from Independence. Every few days someone would go horseback after the mail and bring it for all the folk familiar to him. It was left at the cross roads on the old Santa Fe Trail in a large soap box tacked to a post which was put there for that purpose.

About the time the Civil War was ended Mr. Compton started a general store where Mr. Ray had his blacksmith shop. He was in this store that Miss Emma Compton kept the first post office. It was there that this prairie country was given the name Raytown.

It was about 186- Mr. Compton sold out his store to Mr. Hutchinson and he moved it to where the Phillips Service Station is located on Blue Ridge and Raytown Road street at the intersection. The Post Office was at that time in Mr. Hutchinson's store. This was a harness store.

It required great effort to realize that it was built about 300 yards from the former residence of T. W. Greene Sr., which is now located on Raytown Road and 71st street. The school house was built a few years after the Civil War. The place was called "Science Hill."

At the end of the Civil War new people were coming to Raytown, Some of the old settlers were Squire Dehoney, Captain Henry Brooking, Dr. R. Hewitt was considered a skillful physician and a good citizen, the West family, the Rhoades family, Coffee Rice, Benjamin Rice and Dr. M. T. Smith, also a well known physician.

Mr. Hutchinson sold his harness shop to T. M. Cassell. The store burned down in 1875. The first charter was issued to the Raytown Masonic Lodge in October 1877. Its meeting house was above T. M. Cassell's store. The new store room was leased to Samuel Shumate and the lodge occupied the above floor of the building. Succeeding Mr. Shumate was Fleet Smith, who sold about 1898 to two brothers, Jim and Sam Robinson.

In 1878 the first Raytown grade school was built. About the second term the school was taught by Miss Allie Anderson, now Mrs. Howard C. Dehoney. The school house was located a few feet south of the present school building and stood until a new building was erected.

On August 1879 Sallie G. Thompson and Matthew Thompson deeded to the Christian Church property for church purposes. The church at that time consisted of what is now William Jennings parking station, W. F. Muir's store, Smoot Chevrolet, electric light office and the post office. On August 28, 1915 the trustees of the Church sold the church property at public auction. Later the building was remodeled and for the past 12 years has been occupied by W. F. Muir's store. In 1914 the Christian church acquired property on Blue Ridge boulevard where the present church is located. Orlando Jenning's general store was built in the location which is known as Cassell and Cassell store.

In 1888 William Jennings built a blacksmith shop on the present site of his store building. In later years he turned it into a general store, machine shop and garage.

In 1902 the first high school was started and taught by Miss Etta May Lacey in the upstairs of the old building which was then on the present site of Phillips Service Station on Blue Ridge and Raytown Road. In 1912 the building was purchased by Samuel G. Robinson and moved to its present site just south of the residence of Mrs. Vyra Robinson. Mr. Robinson kept his general store. But the high school was held upstairs until 1914 when Consolidated District No 2 voted a new grade and high school building combined.

The Raytown Bank was organized November 18, 1910 and was in the building now occupied by the Raytown WaterCompany. The present bank building was erected during 1917. (Remainder of article was not copied)

\*\* Need to re-check the rest of this year

January 1931 Raytown News

Garage work at Cox's garage, formerly known as Clayton's garage

Gus Pregil, railroad agent, health improving

Gus Magee, one of the oldest residents, died in Blue Springs, had a farm north of Raytown

Sinclair Station and a small store at Young's Chapel burned. It was operated by Fred Pendleton, owned by W. F. Anderson who occupied living quarters at the rear of the station. It is believed the fire was caused by an air compressor housed in a small building.

Mrs. Roy Paschal and daughter, Mary Ann, visited her parents who live in Swope Park.

F. A. Bray. Manager of The Quisenberry Hatchery announced that they have the capacity to hatch 60,000 baby chickens

New gas station opens at No. 40 and Blue Ridge where fire had been.

Golden Wedding Celebration - William Greene and Anna Tillhoff, lived in Raytown 37 years, four children; Mrs. R. S. Campbell, Kansas City; Mrs. E. B. Dauchy, Denver; Mrs. Thomas Maddick, Hollywood; Roy T Greene. Glendale, Cal.

January 22, 1931 Raytown News

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Foster move into new home in Muir-Smith addition

Otto Adler - concrete work, stone, brick, tile

Cassell & Cassell now have bread deliveries twice a day from Smith, Warneker, Campbell bakeries. Superfine, Butter & Bread & Campbell line of bakery goods

Bus line still going

Brooke Automotive Services by Brooking Whitehouse - open day & Night \$1 per hr

February 5, 1931 Raytown News

W. C. Lambert, who succeeded his brother in the Lambert Grocery, has been sick and is now improving. He is still living in Lee's Summit but hopes to get a house here.

February 26, 1931 Raytown News

Business buildings in Laurel Heights owned by Todd George and Associates burned February 26, 1931. There were three apartments, a filling station operated by G. E. Groh. Destroyed was a small stock of groceries, stock of tubes and tires and much was carried away by pilfers. This was at 71<sup>st</sup> and Gregory. This property is owned by Turner Lumber and Investment Company.

A call was made to the Raytown Fire Department who did respond in spite of four flat tires, disconnected battery, empty gasoline and chemical tanks. The department has no money to operate.

W. L. Seats, popular barber, married Mrs. Agnes Hillman of Kansas City last April 17, 1930 and kept their marriage secret.

The marriage of J. Roger Lowe, former Raytown resident, married Mrs. Mary B.



Twyman Jackson, in Lee's Summit

John Farrel of Paola, Kansas, married Frances Louise Cox, daughter of Jess Cox. They will live in an apartment in the home of Mrs. Ivy Wright's home.

March 5, 1931 Raytown News

Mrs. W. N. Stanton, postmistress, was short changed at the post office by a well dressed man who was quick in handling the money.

Advertising at the Granada Theater, in Independence, was the story of Edna Ferber's Cimarron, played by Richard Dix and Irene Dunne

March 12, 1931 Raytown News

Death of Richard Weston - living in Spring Valley area. Born in Birmingham, England, December -, 1863?. Died March 6, 1931, 40 years, 2 months. Married Lillie Evinger, had eight children; second marriage to Mrs. Laura Lee, had four children

Dr. Arthur Hobbs, son of Dr. A. A. Hobbs of Kansas City, was a graduate of Raytown High School, with the regular army, stationed at Fitzsimmons Hospital in Denver, Colorado.

March 19, 1931 Raytown News

Starting to rebuild the buildings in Laurel Heights burned three weeks ago

March 1931 Former Raytown Girl Dies - Mrs. Elsie Chiddix, wife of Claude Chiddix of Grain Valley, died at her home Wednesday of pneumonia. She was the daughter of J.M. Canada, whose family lived in Raytown ten years ago. Survivors are the father, J.M. Canada; brother, Alan Canada; two sisters, Lillie Canada and Mrs. Basil Jennings. Burial in Brooking Cemetery

Tailor made suits by O. O. Brown \$22.75 up

Mrs. Robert Dehoney Dies - 87 years old, buried in Brooking Cemetery, son, Warren Dehoney, Oklahoma city, OK. ( Robert Dehoney August 1, 1865- June 3, 1940, Victoria Grogger Dehoney, November 4, 1861- March 19, 1931)

April 9, 1931 Raytown News

W. C. Lambert's store, on Blue Ridge, was robbed of cigars, cigarettes, candy, \$75. Robbers unable to break into safe took it with them.

A vehicle left unattended, south of Cave Springs Masonic Golf Course, caused a serious wreck injuring the driver of the car which struck the vehicle. (?) Urbank Kroll, was the caretaker of Cave Springs

COX MOTOR COMPANY completed addition to garage, added an office, stock room, rest rooms and new repair shop, has Dodge Agency

Otto Adler advertising concrete work - stone, brick, tile

April 23, 1931 Raytown News

Raid on a still on rabbit farm operated by John Konce, an Austrian. A trap door was found in the floor of the garage with a large room beneath which contained 2,500 gallons of whiskey mash. This was on 60<sup>th</sup> street and 50 highway, 1 ½ miles west of Raytown. (This was in the time of prohibition and numerous persons engaged in making alcohol products)

Wildwood Lakes was improving their attractions: better playground, horseshoe pitching, croquet, archery, shuffleboard, tennis, riding academy with saddle horses for grownups and Shetland ponies for children - baseball, midget golf, swimming and dancing

April 1931 - Raytown News

A Milk Can Shed, used for bottling and washing, a short distance south of Raytown, burned. C. M. Yeoman Dairy, Leeds and Raytown Road

H. T. Fowlkes Insurance, Brew Building

Geo. Hill - Expert Shoe Repair- 63<sup>rd</sup> and Blue Ridge Boulevard

Baby Chicken Sale, customer hatching, Dan Wetmore's Hatchery on Blue Ridge across from the High School

George Hill installing a new gas pump at 63<sup>rd</sup> and Blue Ridge Boulevard to handle new Blue Gasoline of the Contintal Gas Co, will retail 5c lower than Ethel gas and 2c lower than the regular

F. M. Shick hardware returning to Lee's Summit

May 7, 1931 Raytown News

The 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Cassell-Cassell store ended with a big prize drawing. Mrs. Vernie Dodge won an electric percolator; Miss Helen Kuhn won an electric clock; the consolation prizes were a loaf of whole wheat Wonder bread.

May 14, 1931 Raytown News

Lee Leonard, husband of former Rose Blyholder, died May 8, 1931, born near Fremont, Illinois, came to Raymore in 1904; married Rose; came to Raytown in 1922. He taught in a number of this area schools but became a U. S. Mail Service employee since 1921. They had a daughter, Hazel Lorine Wardlaw

Minor Smith's truck was stolen in Kansas City with 1000 pounds of feed for Dan Wetmore and groceries for W. f. Muir.

The Raytown Tavern closed for the summer while Mrs. Paschal takes charge of ther Wildwood Lodge dining room.

May 28, 1931 Raytown News

F. T. Pulley visited Sarcoxie, Missouri to view peonies and visit fields there. He has

about 200,000 gladiolas and about that many more to plant. The trip was made in a new Chrysler recently purchased from William Jennings.

Luther Robinson will determine just what his new building south of the bank is to look like after meeting with the Masonic Lodge tomorrow. The Lodge contemplates leasing the upper floor as a lodge room otherwise the structure will probably be limited to a one-story structure and the plan is to rent it as a store room.

The Raytown Water Company made connections with the home of George C. Zuelkse, Hudgins Addition and A. A. Elison Barbecue on Blue Ridge

O. J. Greene Coal and Feed Company has partitioned off two parts of their office into a private office for O. J. Greene, manager of the company, and a general reception room. There is no entrance from the warehouse.

Shell Gas and Oil Company opening may 30, on Raytown and Blue Ridge  
Bus still going

June 4, 1931 Raytown News

Dodge-Cox Motor Co

Loa-Lei Shop. 52<sup>nd</sup> and Raytown Road, opening. Garden party June 23, 1931.

Inexpensive dresses for all occasions

Raytown Tavern - Special Sunday Chicken Dinner, ½ spring fry 75c

\*Bus Line - Lee's Summit, Raytown, Kansas City stopping at the Greyhound Bus Station, 917 McGee

Big rally trying to get subscribers to raise light money to light downtown street lights

June 25, 1931 Raytown News

Street lights are turned off No money! Given 10 days or two weeks to come up with the money, \$432 a year, Suggest adding to individuals light bill.

Bonnie Jean McInteer marries Henry William Poertner June 17, 1931, daughter of F. C. McInteer

John Blyholder home burns

Masonic Lodge plans to build soon

W.C. Clifton, 17, son of Joe Clifton, had eye injury July 4, 1931

August 27, 1931 Raytown News

JOE COX BUYS THE MASONIC LODGE SITE

September 3, 1931 Raytown News

Proposal to add a room to SPRING VALLEY SCHOOL passes, originally had two rooms

September 10, 1931 Raytown News

Masonic Lodge selects new site in the W. F. Hall Addition, lower floor to be a recreation room and the upper floor a lodge room

September 24, 1931 Raytown News

Street lights are on again after three months

MASONIC LODGE employs Ernest Brostrom of Kansas City to build a structure 32x62 feet, two floors with kitchen, dining hall, dance floor, of brick and tile

November 5, 1931 Raytown News

Roy Paschal's Father Dies - Mr. Joseph Paschal, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma was a veteran newspaper man, elected to first state legislature after Oklahoma was admitted to the Union. Has two sons and two daughters.

November 20, 1931 Raytown News

The Raytown News has its 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. It has been in three different local locations, once in the Neilson (?) building, then in the Post Office. Editor E. D. Knox did in July this year.

December 10, 1931 Raytown News

The cornerstone of the Masonic Lodge was laid Monday. Papers were placed in the northwest corner facing north.

December 17, 1931 Raytown News

New Maxwell Electrical Appliance is in the BREW BUILDING just west of the Raytown News building (but where is that?), formerly the Fowkles Realty Company

December 24, 1931 Raytown News

J. L. Robinson  
Raytown Water Co.  
La Pearle Café  
George Cassell  
Tom Muir's Station  
Missouri Public Service  
Cox Motors  
Raytown Bank  
Maxwell Electric Appliances  
Minor Smith

Christmas Greeting Cards by Businesses:

Mrs. King's Café  
O. O. Brown Cleaners  
Leidigh & Havens Lumber  
Ed L. Smith Building Supplies  
U-Smile Station  
O. J. Greene  
Mrs. Dan Wetmore  
W. L. Seats, Barber

January 7, 1932 Raytown News

The News offers to publish stories persons have sent in about Raytown History. He intends to publish these sometime in February.

January 21, 1932 Raytown News

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Ebbe, from Trenton, Mo., arrives to take charge of MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY, in place of Walter Maxwell. He will live in the Otto home east of the News office.

January 28, 1932 Raytown News

Mr. Frank Kreuver operates the Shell Station

February 11, 1932 Raytown News

LeRoy Strohm buys O. O. Brown cleaning business on Blue Ridge Road just east of Raytown Road. Le Roy graduated from University of Missouri last year.

February 25, 1932 Raytown News

Mrs. J. L. Cox dies, burial in Forest Hills Cemetery. Georgia Hattie Cox born August 11, 18--, died February 23, 1932; 42 years, 8 months, 12 days. Has three sisters and three brothers (King)

March 10, 1932 Raytown News

Editor of the News declines to publish stories of Raytown History because there were too many conflicting stories and he could not tell which were true so he will not print them.

March 17, 1932 Raytown News

Fire Monday evening at Ohmer Cassell home on Blue Ridge, roof afire

School board hires new teacher following two long night sessions. The Rev. C. L. Stouffer, pastor of the Young's Chapel Methodist Church, at \$150.00 a month, as principal. He takes the place of Edgar Waller who has resigned. The new teacher has taught at the Howard Payne College at Fayette and substituted here recently.

Mr. Howard Dehoney, resident, thinks that high school teachers should receive \$100 a month and grade school teachers \$50. His private opinion is that they should prohibit athletics.

March 24, 1932 Raytown News

The Raytown News will start a 5 Years Ago Column

Reitz Meat Products factory on Raytown Road ( about 52-53 block)

March 31, 1932 Raytown News

5 years ago - Logan-Moore bought out Thompson - Parker Lumber

April 7, 1932 Raytown News

The grade schools are introducing marble contests to all grades except the first grades. Two pupils from each school will compete. In the first contest the 6<sup>th</sup> grade of the Raytown Grade school won. Glen Miller and Gilbert Hundley made the highest scores.

Mrs. Lee Forest Caldwell, (Edna Searcy), died, buried in Brooking Cemetery (1902-1932), married five years. Mother, Mary Searcy; brothers, Arthur, Jess, Ernest Searcy; sister Mrs. A. L. Vandeventer.

Mr. Tom Pendleton, 67, died of the flu, buried in Brooking Cemetery (Thomas R. 1864-March 3, 1932; wife, Deborah E. McCormic 1863-1945), son, Fred; daughter Mrs. Mary Lewis; brother, H. C. Pendleton.

April 21, 1932 Raytown News

H. C. Dehoney suffers a stroke

The Alf Collings home, on Harris Road, burned while the family was away from home. Second time in two years their house has burned and it is three years old.

April 28, 1932 Raytown News

The new Masonic Lodge hall is nearly ready

New marble winners are: Walter Hall and Jimmie Wiscup, Chapel School  
Cassell & Cassell celebrating 12 years

Howard C. Dehoney Dead - 76, served as school board clerk 27 years and one year as Justice of Peace; married Mary Alice Anderson October 11,(?) 1881. Had a stroke April 14<sup>th</sup>. Had four daughters: Mrs. Anna Robinson, Mrs. Dorothy Robinson; Mrs. Luella Otto of Amarillo, Texas; Mrs. Clyde Thomas of Lubbock, Texas; four sons: Orville of Kansas City, Karl of Cincinnati, Ohio; Lynn and William of Raytown; brothers. L. M. Buford and Robert

May 5, 1932 Raytown News

Clint Fetters Died - at home of brother, Sherman, born in Lancaster, Ohio April 18-. Clinton Albert Fetters moved to farm from three miles south of Raytown when he was 5 years old. Two brothers: Sherman of Raytown and James K. of Lee's Summit; sister, Mrs. Allie Linto, Logan, Ohio. Burial Woodlawn, Independence

Niles Stables shipped out 11 horses for summer circuit

5 Years ago- George Loveland, who has been in charge of the lunch department at Cassell & Cassell for some time will open a barbecue four blocks north of town to be known as Checkerboard Barbeque

May 12, 1932 Raytown News

The Chamber of Commerce met at Mrs. King's restaurant Tuesday. They plan to alternate between Mrs. King's and Mrs. Lybarger's Café  
Miss Frances Higgins will marry Mr. Harold Rader  
During the past year there were 20 deaths attributed to T. B.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates of Consolidated District No 2

Chapel -

Blue, Hazel	Roland, Joe	Thompson, Marguerite
Funkhouser, Leona	Stayton, Charles	Thomas, Gladden
Lasher, Glenn	Stratemier, Martha	Witte, Winifred
Rice, Beulah	Stilley, Frances	Willis, Herndon

Lane -

Graham, David James	Gillespie, Robert	Miller, Frank	Wessly, Junior
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Parkview -

Black, Ethel	Douglas, Aldine	Massood, Margaret	Wood, John
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Raytown -

Adams, Hollie	McCampbell, Helen	Short, Mary
Carle, Dorothy	Miller, Glenn	Smith, Eugene
Duncan, Vincent	McGhee, Bobbie	Schreckengaust, Claire
Hall, Geraldine	Mitts, Eugene	Taylor, Violet
Hagberg, Evelyn	Smith, Grover	Vest, Edna
Hawks, Virgie		

Spring Valley -

Burns, Rose Mary	Lalla, Marguerite	Weston, Margaret
Linder, Ralph	Feugate, David	Wehlman, Marx

Stormy Point -

Badger, Glenn	Frost, Alva	Price, Charles
Frost, Roy Emmett		Storms, Kenneth

May 26, 1932 Raytown News

1. Pouring concrete on Ganzer-Colburn Road 2. Raytown Road south of US 50, straight to Outer Belt 3. Noland Road near Independence 4. Blue Ridge Cut-off west to Raytown

List of members of the Chamber of Commerce  
Wildwood open

Ralph Shipley to give band lessons

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lambert, of McAllen, Texas, visit Mr. and Mrs. Fred McInteer

June 2, 1932 Raytown News

Six new families in Raytown. Two brick veneer houses in Davis-Blue Addition. Mr. C. W. Grandin Sign Co., Mr. and Mrs. William Alkire, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Snell

On Raytown Road- owned by H. T. Grubb, north of packing plant O. N. Anderson and H. F. Nelson, Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Brown south of Reitz; A. C. Greer of Eastwood Hills

Auction on Blue Ridge across from Quisenberry Chicken farm, known as Blue Crest sub-division, Charles M. Waight

Maxwell Electric Appliance

June 9, 1932 Raytown News

Install new equipment by JIM HERNDON who recently purchased the SEATS BARBER SHOP, two chairs, his assistant Mr. Proctor

W. L. Seats and Vance will locate in Kansas City. JIM HERNDON formerly operated at 11<sup>th</sup> street across from Kansas City Athletic Club. Mr. and Mrs. Herndon and four year old daughter will live in the apartment

Special notice by W. J. Lambert, open June 11, 1932, 63<sup>rd</sup> and Blue Ridge  
Fox's Pharmacy- Ice Cream cones, fancy sodas

June 16, 1932 Raytown News

H. C. Kritser died Sunday, 88, owned 40 acres; services at Raytown Christian Church, burial in Brooking Cemetery ( Kritser, Henry Clay - Jan 8, 1844-June 12, 1932; Elizabeth, wife, July 28, 1845-Oct. 2, 1915)

According to Sid Hare about 250 persons visited his home in May and June to see his rock gardens and landscaping.

On June 21, 1932 Cassell & Cassell offered TAX FREE, merchandise Friday and Saturday, June 17-18 -soft drinks, cheese and some other groceries

June 25, 1932 Raytown News

Douglas Schreckengaust, graduate of Raytown High School, will take charge of the Phillips Station across from the High School, 60<sup>th</sup> and Blue Ridge boulevard

Mrs. J. C. Day, died Friday, 73, home 74<sup>th</sup> and Blue Ridge, has lived in Brooking Township 40 years. Marietta Estella Kingsbury was born in Warren County, Pennsylvania. She was the mother of eight children, six surviving: Mrs. Frank Collings, Mrs. Charles Pringle, Charles, Clarence, and Ernest. Burial in Brooking Cemetery.

Eleanor Lucille Ballard and William Henry Williams were married June 17, 1932



BUS CONSOLIDATION- The Diehl Bus Lines WHICH HAVE BEEN SERVING THE COMMUNITY HAVE CONSOLIDATED WITH THE HOLDEN LINES effectively immediately Partial schedule given with time at Cassell & Cassell station:

Leaves Holden 7:30 a.m., Kingsville, Strasburg, Pleasant Hill, Greenwood, Unity Farm, Knobtown, Raytown 8:55 a.m.; Harris Road, U-Smile, Leeds, arrive Kansas City 9:25 a.m.

917 McGee, 4 times daily Fred Diehl and J. F. Hogan

Going north, Raytown: 8:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m. 3:35 p.m. - 6:55p.m.

Going south, 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - 6:55 p.m.

June 30, 1932 Raytown News

The Kansas City papers said 5, 000 person, local persons said 1,500, attended the Air Circus at the Commercial Flying field. Many persons parked their cars in adjoining pastures. Somehow this resulted into a big brawl , fodder for Kansas City papers

Andy Kirk and his 12 Clouds of Joy, famous dance band, water carnival, wrestling & boxing, fire works at night

July 7, 1932 Raytown News

Tobin Company to pour slab on 63<sup>rd</sup> street to 50 highway by July 14<sup>th</sup>

July 26, 1932 Raytown News

Funeral of Mrs. Mary Alice Dehoney, widow of Howard Dehoney, married October 11, 1881 Burial Brookings Cemetery (see April 21, 1932)

Cassell & Cassell discontinue giving credit and will no longer deliver

August 11, 1932 Raytown News

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cox and J. L. Cox return to Raytown and move to the (Godron-Gordon) home west of Raytown, J. L. Cox has rented his home to L. D. Antle who delivers mail, Route 2, Kansas City. Antle comes from Greenwood, Mo.

September 29, 1932 Raytown News

The County Court has renamed or changed two roads, both of which have been known as Raytown Road and very confusing. Raytown Road from Independence changed to Chrysler heading south from Independence and 23<sup>rd</sup> street. The Raytown Road will begin at 27<sup>th</sup> street south to U-Smile station

RAYTOWN NEEDS STREET LIGHTS- no money to pay bill

October 4, 1932 Raytown News

5 Years Ago- The debris from the Masonic Lodge fire has not been cleared away due to the fact one policy has not been paid (The newspaper describing this fire, in 1927, has not been found RB)

October 6, 1932 Raytown News

Ona B. Stanley Beauty Parlor, in the BREW BUILDING NEXT TO HERDON BARBER SHOP

October 13, 1932 Raytown News

The Raytown News will publish a story "History of High School, 29 Years Old". This will be a class project but was published in installments, by-line Gwendolyn Ballard.

### HISTORY OF THE HIGH SCHOOL, 29 YEARS OLD

On a September morning 29 years ago, in the year 1903, the first Raytown High School assembled.

Consolidated District No 2, then consolidated seven separate schools, namely, Raytown, Bluff (now Parkview), Stormy Point, Central, Lane and Spring Valley, Chapel.

Some of the public minded people of the community converted others to the idea that there should be a central high school so that students might further their education without leaving home.

Finally, after some effort, the school was established with Miss Lacey as teacher. They were first in the second story of the building just north of the Ford garage. It was then located on the southeast corner of Blue Ridge and Raytown Road. Each student paid tuition.

#### FIRST CLASS SMALL

Those attending were: Georgia Graham, Margaret Noland, Mary Cox, Haller Thruston, Charlie Kritser, Thad Greene, Willie (Bumps) Greene. Warren Wallace, Arthur Kimball, James Baine, Will Baxter, Maude Zumwalt, Anna McInteer nee Robinson, and Sybil Sewell.

The course of the class consisted of two years of private and one of public school. Most of the class finished the course in 1906.

The class was handicapped in many ways. There was no gymnasium, no laboratory, and only one teacher. One pleasant feature was there was no Senior to make life miserable for them their first few weeks.

In 1905 these seven districts reconsolidated and established a public school in the same rented building that the private school had used.

The second year, Mr. Talbot was employed as teacher. He continued two or three years Professor White filled his place and in 1907 or 1908 Professor Sexton took up the work.

The class graduated in 1907 and the members were: Bessie Harris, Jessie Harris, Maggie Witte nee Whitehouse, Ruth Spicer, Emma Wright nee Braun, Florence Braun nee Cox, Alam Davenport nee Bull, Ernest and James Greene, Charles Thruston, Alfred Greene.

In the graduating class of 1908 there were only three: George Cassell, Clarence Jennings, William Church.

During the year, basketball, baseball and track teams were organized under the

direction of Mr. Sexton. The girls organized a basketball team.

(Continued next week)

October 27, 1932 The members of the first track team (1908-09) were Fred Downing, Ray Cassell, George Cassell, Alfred Collings, John Dehoney, James Greene, Arthur Hobbs, Clarence Jennings and Ralph Lane.

Members of the first basketball team were: Ray Cassell, John Dehoney, James Greene, Clarence Jennings, Allen Robinson, Arthur Searcy and George Cassell.

The basketball season opened with a game with Ruskin high school. The score was 38 to 10 in favor of Raytown.

The results of the other games played that season follow:

Raytown 46 - Lee's Summit 17

Raytown 48 - Pleasant Hill 12

Raytown 21 - Independence 19

Raytown 20 - Pleasant Hill 32

Raytown (? 89 or 39) - Independence 14

Raytown 52 - ??? 31

The first annual was published the same year (1909) and is called "Memories"

The graduating class of 1909 was: Mrs. Charles George nee Martha Braun, Mrs. Allen Robinson nee Dorothy Dehoney, Mrs. A. C. Owings nee May Cassell, Mrs. C. W. Park nee Marguerite Nicholson, Mrs. J. R. Dehoney nee Christine White, Minor White, Hugh Church, Arthur Hobbs, Otis Witte, Arthur Searcy, Fred Browning.

The class of 1910 were not represented in sports except two members, Ray Cassell and Luther Robinson. Those graduating in the class of 1910 were: Earl O'Flaherty, Luther Robinson, Aubry Nicholson, Mrs. Harry Lewis nee Jennie Colling, Mrs. John Weston nee Mona Collins, Mrs. John Blue nee Edith Whitehouse, Mrs. J. O. Ellis nee Velma Wright, Mrs. C. H. Brooks nee Bertie Payne, Ray Cassell, Noel Jennings and Cecil Hall.

In 1911 Professor Blyholder became superintendent and continued for three years.

The graduating class of 1911 was: Mrs. Noel Jennings nee Cora Robinson, Mrs. A. E. Darrows nee Mabel Collings, Mrs. J. R. Tucker nee Pearl Cox, Clarence Burch (deceased), Harry Lewis, Mrs. Carl Wright nee Effie Lewis.

November 3, 1932, final installment of History of High School, 29 Years:

Events of historical value during the years, 1912-13-14 are not given here because the lack of space. However, it was thought that the names of the graduating classes of those years should be mentioned.

In the class of 1912 the following graduated: Mrs. Luther Robinson nee Anna Dehoney, Maude James, J. E. Burch, Ralph Lane, Walter Cox and John Mantle.

Myrtle Holmes was the Class of 1913.

In 1914 the following were given diplomas: Mrs. R. Endsley nee Violet Lewis, Marvin Whitehouse, Professor Smith took Professor Blyholder's place as superintendent

that year.

In 1915 Professor Ross McCampbell became superintendent. Those graduating were: Genevieve Berte, Mrs. A. C. Thruston nee Ethlene Ballard and Rosetta Mallman.

During this year the school building that had been needed so many years was completed and dedicated in the fall. It was part of the brick building now used for Raytown Grades, then used for both high and grade schools.

After a few more years the building was enlarged to meet the needs of many pupils.

The annex of the Baptist Church was used for basketball and physical education classes and activities.

Professor McCampbell continued as superintendent for five years. In autumn of 1919 Professor Stone took McCampbell's place. Professor McCampbell resigned to accept a business connection. Professor was followed by Professor —Tate in 1920 and 1921. Professor Blyholder returned to continue to 1927.

In 1921 Blyholder was assisted by Mrs. Alf Nelson and Mrs. Roy Fulkerson.

In 1922 Mrs. Nelson remained and Mrs. Roy Mitchener nee Carrie Craig took Mrs. Fulkerson's place.

In 1923 Mrs. J. E. Burch nee Marvel Montgomery and Miss Opal Rainwater took Mrs. Nelson's and Mrs. Mitchener's places. These two teachers are still teaching in the Raytown High School.

The Class of 1923 was the first to graduate in caps and gowns.

It was during this time that the famous "noon lunches" were served. Each class took their turn at preparing the lunches under the supervision of the teachers. The lunches were served in the basement of the school building and were quite successful as long as they were carried on.

Another important feature in those days of school was the declamatory contests. Each year nearly every pupil in the school would enter. Then all but ten boys and girls would be eliminated. There would be a boys night and a girls night. The boy and girl who won was sent to Warrensburg to compete in the state contest.

In 1926 bonds were voted for the new High School building which was ready for use, excepting the third floor, in 1927-28.

This year Professor W. L. Morgan was superintendent, Professor Wolenbarger was principal. Other teachers were: Mrs. Burch, Miss Rainwater and Miss Jessee.

Since that time the third floor was completed, more teachers and modern conveniences have been added. Raytown High School is now known as one of the best rural schools in Jackson County.

(Story is completed and will return to October 20, 1932)

October 20, 1932 Raytown News

From High School News called "Reflector" published in the News: The Red Birds and Blue Jays were entertained at the home of Coach Oetting. The party was given by Superintendent Wolfenbarger and Coach Oetting.

Present were: Anna Kupfer, Eulela Greene, Kathleen Warden, Margaret Hill, Betty Kechler, Marguerite Evans, Dorothy Carle, Carl Pfeiffer, Eugene Pfeiffer, Forest Brown, Roy Chandler, Joe Clifton, Max Whiteman, Grover Smith, Martha Stratmier, Mr. and Mrs. Wolfenbarger and daughter Catherine Lou.

Roy Chandler and Joe Clifton awarded eversharp pens for selling the most tickets. Anna Kupfer was given a box of stationery for selling the second highest number.

November 3, 1932 Raytown News

Roy Mitchner Home destroyed by fire, east of Wildwood Lakes, two-story home of stone.

December 8, 1932 Raytown News

Mrs. W. F. Hall Dies - Survived by husband; son, Harold Hadley Hall; daughter Hattie Hall (?). Martha Jane Adams was born in Kentucky, July 24, 1864 (?) and came to Missouri----- lived in Raytown 36 years, buried in Mt. Moriah

HAVE NOT LOCATED A 1933 SOURCE OF MATERIAL

January 1934 Raytown News - Bound volumes at Raytown Dispatch Tribune Office  
Mr. Smoot advertising new Chevrolet  
Raytown Bank can now insure deposits  
Cox Motor Company      Fox's Drug  
Raytown Cleaners - LeRoy Strohm

January 11, 1934 Raytown News

W. C. Hall, local Rock Island Railroad passenger agent, appointed purchasing agent for the Brooking Township Welfare League, assisted by Thad Greene, Homer Linger and George Rex

A. E. "Cap" Garvin, editor of Raytown News

January 18, 1934 Raytown News

A fare cut announced by HOLDEN BUS LINE. 25c one way to Kansas City - 40c round trip

Miss Frances Witte, daughter of William Witte and owner of Raytown Beauty Shop, married Mr. Louis Allen January 3, 1934. Groom is employed at the Fred Wolferman Dairy.

Rock Island Railroad announces fare of 1 4/5 cents a mile; round trip Coach tickets 2 cents a mile

January 25, 1934 Raytown News

The Chamber of Commerce recommends sidewalks and curbing be placed on downtown streets

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. (Anna) Kidd formerly owned and operated Laurel Heights Tavern and filling station on U S Highway 50, near the flying field

February 1, 1934 Raytown News

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Herman move to former Clarence Reider home on Raytown Road, just south of 40 highway. Mr. and Mrs. Reider will move to the U-Smile filling station just east of here. Plans for construction of modern tourist cabins, fire proof, with steam heat, cinder block construction

February 18, 1934 Raytown News

Appointed road overseers are: W. F. Muir, District 6 and Willis Pettigrew, District 14

Railroad changes from steam to electric. Leaves going west 4:41 p.m.; going east 9:17 a.m.

Cassell & Cassell still selling groceries

March 1, 1934 Raytown News

Within 24 hours after the government gave permission to the Jackson County Savings and Loan to operate, J. L. Cox and J. L. Robinson bought enough subscriptions to assure the association for Raytown

New business - Gibson-Strauss Lumber and Hardware. Located in the Logan Moore Lumber Company building

Luther Fredrick Mitchell, 82, a truck farmer, 59<sup>th</sup> and Minor Smith Road (59<sup>th</sup>), died. Widow, Lula; son, John; four daughters

BOY SCOUT TROOP 145: Carleton Lamb, Carl Trotter, Billie Davis, Bobbie Davis, Ed Redford, Walter Hall, Fred Hauser, James Ellison, Charles Stayton, Herschel Hendricks

There are 604 farmers in Brooking Township

The name of Jackson County Federal Savings and Loan conflicts with another company's name. Will be changed.

March 8, 1934 Raytown News

Sam Ellison highest ranking member of University of Kansas City; Winford Hall tied for third place.

Formal opening of Laurel Heights Tavern under the ownership of Mrs. Harriet Edwards. Has been remodeled, decorated and a new barbeque oven, 50 highway crosses Gregory.

March 16, 1934 Raytown News

Fire destroys two story dwelling south of Raytown owned by Mrs. W. F. Muir, rented by George W. Colton

March 22, 1934 Raytown News

Everett Fetter praised for his violin recital at University of Kansas

March 29, 1934 Raytown News

O. P. Joyce pastor of Baptist Church

R. L. Lewis, dealer of appliances at Raytown Show Room of the Missouri Public Service Building

April 5, 1934 Raytown News

Burglars entered DX filling station on Blue Ridge, west of Raytown Road, owned by O. L. Hansen

April 12, 1934 Raytown News

A. D. Oetting Superintendent of Raytown High School; Merlin Warehime, principal; Clyde C. Cooper, Opal Rainwater, Marvel Burch, Iva V. Atkins, Dora Durham  
Raytown Grade: J. M. Sodeman, principal; George W. Clark, Elizabeth White, Mary

Elizabeth Fehrman, Lela Burgess, Mary Jean Lowe  
Parkview: Gussie Eagan, principal; Marjorie Davis  
Bennington: Olive Allen, principal; Olive Jane Joyce( Marjorie Frayling)  
Chapel: Hubert Fitzgerald, principal; Helen Fling, Helen J. Smith (Maxine Burns, Norma Peters)  
Spring Valley: Sydney E. Willis, principal; Alma Funkhouser  
Stormy Point: Anna E. Larsen, principal; Helen Minich  
Lane: Ethel Babbit, principal; Laura Hickman  
Central: Villa Young

April 19, 1934 Raytown News

New name: Security Federal Savings and Loan Association of Raytown  
Lawrence and Vernon Dehoney have rented O. J. Greene Building. Dehoney has operated before from Greene building - Cash and Carry Business

May 3, 1934 Raytown News

William Straight member of Raytown Feed and Seed Company  
Roxana Rice Harris died - born in Raytown February 7, 1867; died April 28, 1934, 67, married J. T. Harris September 22, 1887. Three children: Ray, wife Sonotria; brothers, James H. and Oscar Rice; sister, Lora Stout, of Kansas City; Cynthia Goode of Raytown; Susie McCormick of Grandview

May 10, 1934 Raytown News

Louise Hill married W. C. Hobbs Sunday noon after services at the Christian Church, by the Rev. Loyal Northcutt. Sister Margaret Hill, Maid of Honor; Forrest Muir, Best Man. W. C. oldest son of Dr. W. W. Hobbs; Louise is the oldest daughter of George Hill

Lists graduates of the high school

May 17, 1934 Raytown News

Red Cross sewing room is in the basement of the Christian Church. They average 25 shirts a day. Donated 500 pounds of coal. Mrs. T. J. Gaw, case chairman of Welfare for Brooking Township

May 24, 1934 Raytown News

Begin widening US highway 50  
Wildwood to start season  
Mrs. O. V. Chandler, (Viola Betty), wife of Otto V. Chandler, owner of Raytown Greenhouse, died. Mother, Mrs. Harry Brizendine of 40 Highway; two sons; Ralph and Ray.  
HERNDON'S BARBER SHOP opens with summer hours  
Smith and Jones Insurance in Raytown Motors



May 31, 1934 Raytown News

Vyra Alice Robinson, daughter of A. G. Robinson, sophomore at William Jewell College, was elected president of Beta Signa Omicron, social sorority

May 31, 1934 Raytown News

W. F. Hall home leased by Brooking Township Welfare League for social center and headquarters for the League. Hall will continue to live there.

June 14, 1934 Raytown News

Everett Fetters married Thelma Hays  
(Farmer's advice: Remove the rooster from the laying flock in the warmer weather to increase the number of infertile eggs)

June 21, 1934 Raytown News

A. G. Robinson, died, buried in Brooking Cemetery. Wife, Dorothy; daughter Vyra Alice ( Allen G. Robinson Jan. 28, 1890 - June 17, 1934— Dorothy C. Robinson March 1, 1892 - September 21, 1980 - daughter, Vyra Alice Bryant, Dumfries, VA)

Death Sunday of J. W. Clark, Little Blue, employed by O. L. Hansen DX filling station, while filling underground gasoline tank at US 71 and Bannister Road. Explosion ignited clothing. Survivors: wife, Myrtle; daughter, Dora Ann (Slyster- Harrisonville); son, J. F. Jr.; parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Clark.

5 Years Ago - Dr. E. P. Harrison, 60, died at the ome of his brother, Dr. F. K. Harrison

June 28, 1934 Raytown News

W. J. Stephens, distributor of a brewery, opened head quarters in BREW BUILDING

July 5, 1934 Raytown News

New headquarters opens in Independence for relief of Eastern Jackson County

July 12, 1934 Raytown News

Pouring concrete on widening 50 highway  
Margaret West, daughter of R. D. West, married Robert Hussey, son of Sam Hussey, employed by W. F. Muir Grocery

July 19, 1934 Raytown News

Mrs. Frank Jennings died from injuries after being struck by a car  
(Brooking Cemetery; Frances L. Jennings 1864-1936; Maude B. Jennings 1884-1934)

July 26, 1934 Raytown News

Mr. and Mrs. Oetting and her sister traveled to Chicago and Wisconsin

August 2, 1934 Raytown News

Cassie Morgan, daughter of Mrs. Roy Mills, of Odessa, married Oliver Jennings, son of Frank Jennings, operates a garage in Raytown

August 9, 1934 Raytown News

Harry S. Truman became U S Senator

Y. B. Thruston died August 6, 1934, 77 years old, from a stroke. Son of Captain William Crayton Thruston and Rowena (Chism) Lennine. Born April 1, 1857 in a log cabin south of Raytown Loveland's Addition. March 10, 1881 married Allie Williams of Independence. (Brooking Cemetery: Young Beverly Thruston Apr. 1, 1857-Aug. 6, 1934 Allie Williams Thruston Nov 8, 1857 - Oct 11, 1932)

Family reunion: Mr. and Mrs. George Hill, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hobbs, Margaret and George Edward Hill at the home of Mrs. Hill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

August 16, 1934 Raytown News

Dr. S. J. T. Davis promises there will be no further shortage of water— to stop pumping at certain hours

August 30, 1934 Raytown News

Entertain W. B. Kinnamon with farewell dinner. Present: Mr. and Mrs. George Archambault of Chicago, Mrs. Bart Briney of Indiana, Mr. Peter La Pierre of Nova Scotia, Canada, Mrs. John Hoga, Helen Howland, Judge William Hicks, Jack Squires, Mr. L. D. Van Osdell, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Keating, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Harvey, Mrs. Guy Mc Candlenson, Martin La Pierre of Kansas City, Mr. and Mrs. Al Berg, Elma Cassell of Raytown

September 13, 1934 Raytown News

Mrs. Lucy Duncan Harrol of Dearborn and W. F. Hall were married

September 27, 1934 Raytown News

Miss Annetta Pendleton spent Sunday with Miss Joan Cassell helping her to celebrate her 7<sup>th</sup> birthday

October 4, 1934 Raytown News

Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Ebbe announce birth of daughter, Sandra Louise

October 18, 1934 Raytown News

Law suit over payment on fire truck purchased five years ago is dismissed

November 1, 1934 Raytown News

J. L. Cox is CLEARING GROUND OWNED BY HIM ON NORTHWEST CORNER to erect a frame office building 16 x 20 feet used by Mr. Cox, J. H. Greene and W. Logan Jones for their new headquarters for real estate, insurance and Loans

Vacant ground has been used several years as a used car lot by Smott-Uhls Chevrolet. They will vacate and relocate at once. Ground under long time lease by Andrew Smith

Pictures of lots of political candidates

November 8, 1934 Raytown News

Parade celebrates US Cutoff (Blue Ridge ?) Starts at 31<sup>st</sup> street, 6 miles

Louise Hill Beauty Shop perms \$1.75; Shampoo & finger wave 50 cents, marcel 75c

November 22, 1934 Raytown News

Phillip P. Lewis, veteran lumberman, 81 years old, resident of this community since 1916, died Monday at the home of his son, R. L. Lewis. His wife died 1921. He established P.P. Lewis Lumber Company, retired in 1925, sold to Leidigh & Havens Company. Born in Woodstock, ? Canada, April; 24, 1853, to Olathe in 1884, joined Long Bell Lumber Company in 1887. Leaves two sons: Robert L. of Raytown; Nelson B, of Kansas City; daughter, Mrs. C. W. Meyers Jr. of Kansas City. Burial in Brooking Cemetery ( Phillip P. Lewis 1853-1934; Ida E. Lewis 1855-1922)

5 Years Ago: The Raytown Post Office was moved this week from the W. F. Muir grocery store to the south part of J. L. Robinson building occupied by the Missouri Public Service Company

Ralph Edmonds, a blacksmith in Raytown for 40 years, died at age 67

December 6, 1934 Raytown News

More than 30 busses to be in the new Bus Directo

December, 1934 Raytown News

Mary Elizabeth Fehrman married Robert Wiley Weeks