

## RAYTOWN NEWS 1946

January 3, 1946 Raytown News

MRS. JESSIE DAVIS GAULT, 60, died Saturday from a heart attack. Lived at 6200 Blue Ridge Cut-Off. Had lived one mile east of Raytown for eighteen (18) years.

Dr. D. M. Eubank will resume his practice of medicine, January 15, 1946, in his former location. Dr. Ralph L. Eslick, a former service man, will be his assistant. Dr. C. , Monaghan will also be in the J. L. Cox building.. Eubank has been in service for three years, one year in China. Recently he was promoted from Major to Lieutenant Colonel. Eslick, recently in the navy , will occupy the office opening to the east of the waiting room, formerly occupied by L. J. Davis jeweler.

Raytown Market 63<sup>rd</sup> and Blue Ridge - Creamery butter 52c a lb.; Eggs 55c doz.; Weiners & Franks, Reitz Brand 31c lb.; Navy Beans, Large Northern , 2 lbs. 20c.

The Electric Shop, 6223 Raytown road

Raytown Sheet Metal Works, Orrick Bros. & Heiderich, 6221 Raytown Rd.

Raytown Appliance, opening Jan. 15, Jim Ellison, Frigidaire, 6221 Raytown Rd.

Raytown Barber Shop, T. W. Buckles, 199 feet south of intersection 63<sup>rd</sup> & Raytown Rd.

Blevens Auto Service 63<sup>rd</sup> & Raytown Rd.

W. F. Muir's. A G Grocer: Egg Noodles 10 oz. 17c; Coffee 32c lb.; Krispie Crackers 19c lb.; Ginger Bread Mix 22c.

January 10, 1946 Raytown News     Joe Clifton returned home from Army last week

January 17, 1946 Raytown News

School Board announces plan for a new elementary school between 63<sup>rd</sup> and Blue Ridge, five blocks west of present school (9900 E. 63<sup>rd</sup> St.) \$250,000, for possible 700 pupils. 4-room addition to Chapel school, transportation for pupils

Miss Loredeman of Kansas City married Orville Frost, son of Mrs. Goldie Frost. Frost recently returned from a year in the army in Europe.

Chapel School - Elgie Sivils, of Rich Hill, who has served four years in the Navy and has 17 years of teaching experience, is replacing R. C. Blackwell as principal.

NOTICE having occupied the office of Dr. Eubank while he was in service I will now do repair at home until my new shop is completed at 10106 E. 63<sup>rd</sup>, between Fox Drug Store and Raytown Market....opened May 9, 1946 Home is 9501 E. 65<sup>th</sup>, 2 blocks west and 2 blocks south of blinker light. DAVIS JEWELRY

CHICKEN TOWN- local wholesale and retail poultry and egg processing, opens under new management by three ex-service men; C. P. Tubbs, from the navy; R. H. Payne, discharged from air corps; Dallas S. Eichenberg, armed services. 9200 East 63<sup>rd</sup> street.

January 17, 1946 Raytown News

Dr. Laffoon is erecting a 16 x 49 room adjoining his office building and clinic on the east. He plans to match the present construction style.

Miss Ethel L. Butts, who lives in Pences Plaza will be the new bookkeeper of the Missouri Public Service company and relieve Mrs. I. L. Ebbe.

January 31, 1946 Raytown News - Five Years Ago 1946- 5 = 1941

A building, equipment and a number of baby chickens at the Quisenberry hatchery, just west of Raytown, were destroyed by fire.

February 7, 1946 Raytown News

O. L. Hansen is building a new structure at his Raytown D & filling station on 63<sup>rd</sup> street to house motor car greasing equipment, including an electric hoist. Will be ready to use in 30 days.

Frank Seidle, 86, longtime resident, died after an illness of several months. Lived at home of Miss Lilla Richeson for the last eight years. Buried in Brooking Cemetery.

School Bond Issue February 12, 1946

Finley-Shotwell bus still serving Raytown

Five Years Ago - 1946 - 5 = 1941 Raytown Motor Company sold 42 new Ford trucks and cars last week.

February 14, 1946 Raytown News

Little opposition to school bonds

February 28, 1946 Raytown News

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Bivins of Wildwood Lakes, announce marriage of their daughter, Cathryn, to Mr. Peter Asjes of 58<sup>th</sup> and Bristol, Friday night; both Raytown High School graduates

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tracy have received a cablegram from their son, Pfc George Tracy, saying he had married March 8, in Heideberg, Germany, Miss Wanda Saleja, a Latvina. He expects to leave the European theater about April.

Robbers, entering through a basement window of the Reitz Meat Market, surprised L. F. Young, night watchman, and tied him up and spent five hours attempting to enter the company safe. Their tampering caused tear gas bombs to go off.

Housewives are advised to keep Ration Book IV to receive sugar.

Want to buy an All-Purpose Farm Jeep, product of Willys-Overland, see Ivan Blevens at Blevens Standard Station

RAYTOWN HOME & AUTO SUPPLY 9905 E 63<sup>rd</sup>, will accept payment for Southwestern Bell Telephone bills.

March 7, 1946 Raytown News

Issue has pictures : from 63<sup>rd</sup> & Raytown Road corner; has building on northwest corner, as I have, (RB) with Missouri Public Service over door; The Raytown Post Office in W. F. Muir's Modern Grocery and Hardware; The morning coffee club at Raytown Café (believe on west side of Raytown Road) ; The First Baptist Church

A portion of the original story was obtained from the Sunday edition of The Star by Mr. Graham and Mr. Cauthorn

V.F.W. Raytown Memorial Post No 424, Veterans of Foreign had initiation ceremonies in the local hall above the Raytown News. Opened by George Bordner, Post Commander.

March 14, 1946 Raytown News

Mrs. Charles Bogner, owner of Elsie House of Beauty, sells to Mrs. Fay Lake (1<sup>st</sup> door west of Dr. Corcanges)

Ten Years Ago Raytown News 1946-10=1936

Reitz Meat Products announces they will begin construction, next week, of a \$10,000 addition to their plant.

Fifteen Years Ago Raytown News 1946-15=1931

Machinery is arriving daily for installation in the new Reitz Sausage factory on Raytown road.

March 28, 1946 Raytown News

Paul LeRoy Hansen telegraphed his parents, O. L. Hansen, that he has arrived at Pearl Harbor and expects to be home by the last of April.

April 2, 1946 Raytown News School to vote on pupil transportation issue

April 4, 1946 Raytown News

JAMES M. (JIM) HERNDON, died at his home 10014 East 70<sup>th</sup> street, Loveland Addition, Monday evening following a long period of illness. He was 49 years old and lived in Raytown since 1927 coming here from Illinois. Herndon lived in Kansas City a number of years where he followed the profession as a barber. Moving to Illinois and then establishing his shop in Raytown, in what is now the offices of Dr. Corcanges. He closed his shop shortly after the war started and for a long time was employed as a guard at the Lake City Ordinance plant before being transferred to Washington state. While working in a war plant in the Northwest his health broke and he was confined to a hospital several months before he had been able to be out and was in Raytown last week, but an attack on Monday proved to be fatal.

Jim was past master of the Raytown Masonic Lodge, No. 391; past patron of the Order of Eastern Star, Raytown Chapter No. 97; a member of the Royal Arch Masons at Independence and a member of the Raytown Christian Church.

Survived by his wife, Mrs. Maria Herndon; daughter Miss Mary Grayce of the home; two other daughters, Mrs. Lovene Smith and Mrs. Leola Wilson of Dallas; two grandchildren. Burial in Mt. Moriah.

MRS. ORLANDO JENNINGS, 82, Santa Ana, CA., died Thursday in Whittier, CA, after suffering injuries in a car accident ten days previous. Mrs. Jennings and her late husband, lived here and he operated a general merchandise store in the building destroyed by fire more than five years ago and which at that time was occupied by the Cassell and Cassell Grocery. Mr. Jennings sold his business, retiring, and moving to California in 1920. He died several years ago. Mr. Jennings at one time was an extensive property owner in Raytown, but disposed some of his real estate. A portion of his holdings included vacant ground on 63<sup>rd</sup> street and Blue Ridge, just east and north from the Raytown Market, and up to and adjoining the W. F. Muir residence. Two sons are survivors: Clarence Jennings of Whittier, CA and Noel Jennings of Santa Ana. Burial in Santa Ana.

The Fox Drug Store has completed interior remodeling started several weeks ago. A storage room was constructed at the rear of what will be the Davis Jewelry Shop. New display counters have been installed and more room is available in the store, which has been needed by the concern.

Mrs. Warren R. Thruston, 67, Bannister and U S Highway 50, died Friday. Was former supervisor at a state institution in Jacksonville, Illinois. Survived by husband, Warren W., two sons: J. Russell Thruston, of the home; E. Wayne Thruston, New Orleans; four sisters ....

May 2, 1946 Raytown News

Obituary of MRS. VYRA ROBINSON, 60, died Sunday. Mrs. Robinson suffered a stroke Friday and did not regain consciousness before her death. Sunday night.

Mrs. Vyra Brooking Greene, daughter of Thaddeus and Eliza Ann Campbell Greene was born December 14, 1865, near Richmond in Ray county, Missouri.

She came to Jackson County with her parents in 1866. She married Samuel Greene Robinson on October 7, 1886 and they lived on a farm one and a half miles east of Raytown, adjoining the old Y. B. Thruston farm. Here three children, Allen Greene, James Luther and Anna were born.

A few years later they moved to Raytown where Mr. Robinson went into the grocery and general merchandise business. This store was located on the northwest corner of Blue Ridge boulevard and Raytown Road, on the location where the Raytown Café is now. He operated this store until a few years before his death in 1919.

Mrs. Robinson has lived at the present location nearly a half of a century, where she was the "mistress" to the entire community. It was her delight to share her home with all of her friends in whatever way she might best serve; whether it might be girls dressing for graduation, to leave a parcel, or just to visit; all were welcome in her home. An extra plate was always set for anyone who happened to be present at the time.

She was united with the Baptist Church, then known as Westfork, in December 1880 while the Reverend D. B. Ray was preaching. She was one of forty-four who were baptized at Byram's Ford (? Round Grove Creek), north of Raytown. The ice was nearly a foot thick and had to be cut for the occasion.

Her death came Sunday, April 28, 1946.

Survived by daughter, Mrs. Anna Robinson McInteer, and son, James Luther Robinson, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren; four brothers, Dr. Luther Greene, Richmond; Dr. Joseph W. Greene, Independence; Thaddeus W. Greene and James Greene, Raytown; three sisters, Mrs. Frances E. Cassell of Raytown, Mrs. Mary L. Kelly and Mrs. Marta L. Flanagan of Independence.

May 9, 1946 Raytown News

The Davis Jewelry Shop recently completed its building and moved to 10006 East 63<sup>rd</sup>, between Fox Drug and Raytown Market.

May 23, 1946 Raytown News ---- Alice Grigsby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Grigsby, married William Murkin, son of William Murkin and Mrs. Ben Murkin, last Friday. Murkin is a veteran of World War II, now employed at Raytown D-X filling station and she at the Raytown News.

LUCILLE BEAUTY SHOP next door to Dr. Laffoon

SCHNEIDER BUS LINE has assumed the franchise to operate the route formerly, now abandoned, War Workers Transportation Service, which will start Wednesday to serve Laurel Heights, Laurel Slopes, Hilltop Gardens, Blue Ridge boulevard areas.

Twelve buses will go daily to Kansas City and nine will return. Schneider will continue to be connected with Finley-Shotwell Bus company as he has for the past ten years.

May 30, 1946 Raytown News

Rosslyn Marie McCampbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross McCampbell, married Carl Perry Trotter Jr., Sunday evening. Sister was Mrs. LeRoy Biggs.

\*\* Miss Virginia Bath, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. I. Bath, 1507 Evanston Avenue, Independence, MO became the bride of Capt. Herman Baselor, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Baselor, Raytown, in a double ring ceremony, at 8:30, May 1<sup>st</sup>, at the Stone Church.

.... The bride, given in marriage by her father, was gowned in wedding ring satin with insets of net and lace. The bodice was shirred with a sweet heart neckline. A single strand of pearls adorned her neck. Long tight sleeves came to a point over the hands, while the skirt softly gathered fell to the floor ending in aisle-wide train of satin edged with lace and insets of lace and net. From a Dutch lace bonnet, cascaded a fingertip veil of net insets with lace....

Capt. And Mrs. Basler spent their honeymoon touring the southwest United States. Capt. Basler, of the United States Coast Artillery Corps, was on a terminal leave until May 21 and is now a member of the Officer Reserve Corps. They are at home at 1504 West Walnut street, Independence, Mo.

Firemen will receive pay, Minor Smith, fire chief and his assistant, Harry Graham, have been put on the salary basis and all volunteers will receive \$5 for each fire call. A recent campaign has raised \$5,146. Several pieces of new equipment have been purchased and plans are being made to install additional facilities to the fire house.

June 6, 1946 Raytown News

Mrs. J. W. Blue celebrated her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday. She is one of four survivors of ten children of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Reber, who moved to Jackson County from Ohio in 1867. Mrs. Blue has four children: John A. Blue and Henry W. Blue of Ridgeway avenue; Hobart Blue, Brooking road, Anna L. Troupe of the home.

June 13, 1946 Raytown News

Mrs. Clark Fegert of Raytown was appointed by the County Court as one of the committee to set up a proposed Jackson County free library, a plan to establish a branch in Raytown - a bond issue to finance it is under discussion.

June 20, 1946 Raytown News

MRS. SUSAN BELLE SHULTZ, 88, died at the home of her son, Mark Shultz, two miles north of Raytown. She had lived in Jackson County since 1886. Was a member of the Blue Ridge Methodist Church. Burial in Brooking Cemetery: Shultz, George H. 1852-1918 father Shultz, Susan B. 1856-1946 mother Shultz, Susie, Jan 29, 1891-Feb 24, 1896, daughter

July 4, 1946 Raytown News

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Y. Lewis announce the marriage of their daughter, Lily Louise, to Mr. Carl Davenport, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davenport of Stella, Mo., Friday evening at their home at 58<sup>th</sup> and Bennington.

Mrs. J. A. Oldham died Monday...Mrs. Nannie Alvira Oldham, 80, died at her home, Monday, 59<sup>th</sup> & Blue Ridge Cut-off. She had lived here approximately 50 years. She was the widow of J. A. Oldham, who died eight years ago. She was born in Illinois, as a young girl came to Kansas City and later to Lane district. Buried in Brooking Cemetery: John Albert Oldham 1867-1938

Nannie A. Oldham 1866-1946; Arthur Oldham 1898-1912, son

July 11, 1946 Raytown News

JOSEPH COX, 60, died Thursday, July 4, from a heart attack. He was born on a farm in the White Oak district, south of Raytown, March 3, 1886, and lived here until 1916 when he moved to Yates Center, Kansas where he engaged in hauling some gas pipe using teams and wagons. He lived there about ten years, when he moved to Kansas City and lived there until 1931, maintaining his office in Raytown. Mr. Cox moved to Raytown in 1931 and made his home here since then. The horse and wagon hauling gave way to a few trucks shortly after the start of the pipe line venture and has grown and developed under the guidance of Mr. Cox and his son, Roy Cox, until today it is considered the largest business of its nature in the United States.

Joe Cox was identified with nearly every forward movement in the Raytown community. He developed the business corner of the northwest corner of 63<sup>rd</sup> street and Raytown Road and was a leading figure in the organization of the Security Federal Savings and Loan Association, of which he was president. He was president of the Raytown Bank and active in its growth. He was an extensive property owner.

He is survived by his wife, Grace D. Cox; son, LeRoy Cox; three sisters, Mrs. Sylvia Clark,

Mrs. Pearl Tucker, and Mrs. Emile Kincaid, all of Warsaw, MO; two brothers, Walter E. Cox of Kansas City; Thornton Cox of Southwest City, MO; granddaughter, Alberta Lee Cox. Burial Floral Hills.

July 23, 1946 Raytown News

(Picture of Robinson Grocery and another building, 45 Years Ago) In the picture of the open door of the Sam Robinson store was the boy, Luther Robinson.

The one-story frame building, by Muir's, was at one time a barber shop at that location, later moved to the present site of the Raytown Appliance Company, 6221 Raytown road, and when that structure was erected the building was shifted to the north of Muir's and was used as a barber shop until a few years ago.) ???

The picture reproduced here has revived past memories of many older Raytown residents.

Bessie Harris Sowers visited Mrs. Fred McInteer. She has been teaching the past fifteen years in Merced Falls, California.

August 15, 1946 Raytown News

New Raytown Café, owners Mr. and Mrs. James Cesar, Jimmy and Daisy, advertise special Sunday dinners: baked ham or steak, complete with desert and drink.

August 22, 1946 Raytown News

E. G. Collings announces marriage of daughter, Virginia, on August 10, to Norris D. Olson, Waukeeny, Kansas. The bride has an A. B. degree from Kansas State and R. N. from University of Kansas Hospital.

Dr. J. W. Burcham, dentist, has offices in the Short building over the Muir's Pharmacy.

September 5, 1946 Raytown News

School bus schedules announced

- Raytown News 15 years old: 1. 1926 Chamber of Commerce sponsored a newspaper  
2. J. A. Pollit, December 26, 1926 - 7 months  
3. sold to Meredith Gerten - 7 months  
4. D. C. McDowell - 2 years - October 1929  
5. Purchased by Earl D. Knox, became ill. His son, Ted Knnox, and Stanley Granthan put out paper until Knox died  
6. Bought by A. Garvin The present owner purchased the property, then located in the W. F. Muir building, at 63<sup>rd</sup> and Blue Ridge avenue (10010 E 63<sup>rd</sup>), where it had been since 1929. That was 15 years ago this week  
6. In April 1945 moved to the J. L. Cox Pipeline building, 6213 Raytown road.

September 19, 1946 Raytown News

Guy W. Miller Printing, 6313 Raytown road

September 26, 1946 Raytown News

Snack Shack, Ong Airfield, under new management

October 3, 1946 Raytown News

I. J. Ebbe, local superintendent of Missouri Public Service, purchased partnership of the late J. L. Cox Insurance company with W. Logan Jones. Mrs. Ebbe will have charge of office duties.

October 31, 1945 Raytown News

Miss Jene Pettegrew, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Pettegrew, married Mr. Ralph A. Hughes of Kansas City, Friday.

Install four fire hydrants in Laurel Heights at request of the Laurel Slopes Improvement Association.

November 21, 1946 Raytown News

Miss Jean Weeks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Weeks of Kansas City. Married James Holmes Greene, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Greene, Sr. Mr. W. F. Muir, Jr. was the best man.

Mary Alice Wood married Harry E. Grigsby of Laurel Heights.

December 5, 1946 Raytown News

Southwest Bell Telephone expands here. Doubled service in five years. Addition to present building of 20 feet to the rear of present building.

Jack's Garage, 66<sup>th</sup> & Raytown road

December 12, 1946 Raytown News

Dora Ann Clark, daughter of Mrs. Myrtle Clark, 6418 Harold, and Mr. Willard Sleyster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sleyster were united in marriage December 5, at the home of the bride. Reverend E. V. Thruman of the Little Blue Church performed the single ring ceremony.

The home was decorated with chrysanthemums and palms. The bride wore a pearl grey suit with navy blue accessories and a corsage of red roses. Her matron of honor, Mrs. Harold Butcher, was gowned in fuchia crepe and wore a corsage of Talisman roses. Mr. Harold Butcher was best man.

Following the ceremony a reception was held for relatives and close friends at which the couple cut the tier wedding cake which was topped with a miniature bride and groom. Mr. & Mrs. Sleyster will leave this week for Jacksonville, Florida, where the groom is stationed.

Marr's Grocery, 51<sup>st</sup> and Blue Ridge;

Rieder's Dry Goods - Brentwood Paper Drapes - color fast - ready to hang - 98 c.

Fox's Laurel Heights Drugs, 9126 E 50 Highway opens.

December 19, 1946 Raytown News

Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Bush announce the marriage of their daughter, Marguerite, to Mr. Henry



Kupfer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kupfer, Saturday evening, December 14tg, at eight o'clock at St. Peter's Evangelicals Reformed Church in Kansas City.

Reverend R. C. Rienie read the single ring ceremony, before the chancel which was banked with woodwardia fern, clusters of white garcia and chrysanthemums interspersed with five tiered candelabra. Before the ceremony Mr. Oleo Naris, of Wichita, sang "O'Perfect Love" and "Ava Maria."

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was gowned in white bridal satin fashioned with a long train and a fingertip veil held by a tiara of seed pearls. Her crescent shaped bouquet was of white carnations and orchids tied with white bridal satin ribbon.

Miss Doris Busch, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. The bridesmaid was Miss Pauline Kupfer. They wore gowns of fuschia velvet and carried arm bouquets of pirate gold carnations tied with orchid and fuschia ribbon. Their tiaras were of carnations.

EARL DUNN Died Suddenly Tuesday - Earl Dunn, oldest son of Arnold Dunn, Pleasant Hill, died while hunting. He had lived in the Raytown community and is well known. He was survived by his father, Arnold Dunn, former barber shop owner here; two brothers, Edward and Roy; a sister, Frances. A patient in the sanitarium at Mt. Vernon, Mo.

Advertisers: Raytown Auto Supply Inc.

Bertha Wills, owner of Laurel Heights Neighborhood Beauty Shop, 9109 East 66<sup>th</sup>

Raytown Recreation, J. W. Freeman, 6311 Raytown road

Dr. Luella Conner

Raytown Furnace Co., 6301 Raytown road

Harold Hall Woodworking Shop, 65<sup>th</sup> & Harold, 1<sup>st</sup> house south of the Masonic temple

Miss Violet Esther Nicholson, daughter of Lewis T. Nicholson, Miami, Fla. married Wilbur M. Knudson, December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Raytown Christian Church.

The Raytown Fire department responded to 58 fire runs in 1946, only two calls were in Raytown.

December 26, 1946 Raytown News

It is believed that an attempted burglary of the Muir's Drug store, early Monday morning, was stopped when the arrival of a delivery truck to the Raytown Market, across the street, frightened them.