

1938 Raytown News

Jan. 3, 1938 Raytown News

Opal Rainwater granted leave of absence at the end of the semester this week. Hubert Fitzgerald, principal of Chapel will take her place; Charles Lowell Of Grandview will replace Fitzgerald at Chapel school.

Lowell Seats, son of W. L. Seats, listed as a high ranking student at William Jewell.

Local barbers agree upon evening closing hours: Charles Michael, formerly of the Herndon shop has purchased the Bratton shop and is operating there; Jim Herndon at his old stand; Mr. Dunn in the Robinson building.

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New Homes on 50 Highway by Herman M. Baselor

A group of new homes are being built three miles southeast of Raytown. Four houses have been built and the fifth house is now under construction. The houses are the bungalow type and having four to six rooms. They are being constructed on one-half acre tracts and are to be different in color and design. Plans are that houses are to be sold as soon as they are completed and the district will consist of one hundred homes if plans develop properly. Two of the homes have already been sold and occupied. This district, due to its location, will be named "Hilltop Gardens".

Viaduct Nearly Completed by Betty Stilley

Weather permitting the new concrete railings will replace the old ones on 63rd street Rock Island viaduct. A three foot sidewalk will be on the north side and a double curb rail on the south side. All concrete work is being done by W P A labor under the direction of Alex Sachs. Jackson County Highway engineer.

(In several editions, at this time, local persons were submitting local news).

Jan. 27 1938 Raytown News

A picture of the new Christian Church

Five Years Ago News (1933) W. Logan Jones resigned as secretary of the Raytown Water company and Jerry Clevenger hired in his place.

Feb. 3 1938 Raytown News

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Garvin puchsed a home from the Raytown Real Estate, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Oetting.

Feb. 10, 1938 Raytown News

Mrs. Olive E. Allen, teacher in the Bennington grade school for many years, died February 5, following a long period of ill health. Mrs. Allen was unable to meet her classes for a portion of last year but was rehired for this term when it was thought she had improved sufficiently to allow her to resume.

She had taught just one day over the first half of this school year when it was necessary to employ a substitute, Mrs. Mary Collins (Mrs. George Collings), who will continue at the school work

the remainder of the school year.

Mrs. Allen had been a school teacher for forty years. At one time she worked in the Stormy Point school, and went to the Ruskin school from there. She had been at the Bennington school for more than fourteen years. Mrs. Allen was 62 years old.

Funeral services were held Wednesday from the Forster Funeral Home and burial was in Green Lawn cemetery.

Feb. 10 1938 Raytown News

The Raytown News offers the Raytown News Rental Library, more than 100 titles, for 3 cents a day and a limit of 5 days. Also offered a one year subscription and five magazines for \$2.50.

Advertisers:

Dr. France L. Laffoon M.D. , office over Raytown Drug Store (10005 E 63rd)

Dr. D.M. Eubank M.D. and Dr. C. R. Monaghan, dentist, in new Cox building 63rd and Raytown Road

The Raytown Bank

Fox's Raytown Pharmacy (10005 E 63rd)

Leidigh & Havens Lumber, H. E. O'Bryan manager

W. N. Stanton, Notary Public, office in Raytown Bank

Brooking Whitehouse Trucking

Finley-Shotwell Bus Line

Dehoney Bros. Feed Store-Dyer Hatcheries selling baby chickens

Louise Beauty Shop

Feb. 17, 1938 Raytown News

Albert Oetting , here for nine years, has been given a two-year contract by the school board

The Southwest Telephone company offers to improve its services and hope to establish a Raytown Exchange

March 3 1938 Raytown News

Abraham, Abe, Barr, 71, died Saturday, a farmer, had lived here a number of years. Born in Lancaster, Penn., October 7, 1867, married Maggie Bell Allsworth March 13, 1888. Survived by three children; William Elmer of Holden, Lester Lee of Mount Grove, Mrs. Irene McCormick, buried in Belton Cemetery.

Elson Frost was chosen 1937-1938 boys basketball "Dutch" played guard and is a two-letter man. Was chosen by the team and approved by Coach Cooper

Ten years Ago (1928) U V and S T Smoot opened new Chevrolet agency and garage in the Hall building

March 10, 1938 Raytown News

James Duncan, owner and operator of Suburban Bus Line going to 10th and Grand from

Wildwood Lakes area announces a new schedule and plans to include a new run to the Laurel Heights Addition

March 10, 1938 Raytown News

Errol Huffman, nineteen year employee of Rock Island Railroad, is transferred to Zanesburg, Kansas and will be replaced by A. H. McCrary from Pleasant Hill

March 24, 1938 Raytown News

A new Bus Line to Independence is announced..Davis Raytown-Independence Line from the County seat, along Blue Ridge and Crysler road. There will be two trips in the morning and three in the afternoon, leaving from Raytown Shell Station to Pendleton-Gentry Drug Store in Independence.

April 7, 1938 Raytown News

412 voters for and 277 against proposal to provide transportation for school children. Failed

April 21, 1938 Raytown News

Mrs. Tom Muir and daughter, Ethel, moving into the Orlando Jennings property formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. George Hill.

May 5, 1938 Raytown News

New teachers hired: Miss Helen Gray, Raytown Grade and Miss Audrey Barnett from Spring Vally moved to Raytown Grade, and Miss Arnote; Miss Allen, Spring Valley; Miss Irma Johnson and Mr. Latshaw for Chapel; Mr. Chandler for Bennington

The filling station on the southwest corner of Raytown Road and 63rd, which was operated by Merline Schiek, has gone out of business

Five Years Ago (1933) Mrs. I. L. Ebbe appointed temporary assistant post master in place of Miss Ruth Hampton, who has resigned

May 12, 1938 Raytown News

Signs were placed at eight intersection by the Raytown Chamber of Commerce giving actual mileage to Raytown, 63rd street and Raytown Road. Contributors were: Gibbon Lumber & Hardware furnished lumber; Ed Dudley labor; J. F. Conway blacksmith work; Dave Storms painting both sides; Smith Brothers put them up; signs were 4 x 6 feet

May 19, 1938 Raytown News

Contained names of all Raytown 8th grade graduates. Stormy Point copied: Vivian Baird, Betty Baker, Orval Butner, Lelen Hicks, Ralph McLearn, Elizabeth Moore, Pauline Ruchdeschel

The Raytown Real Estate and Insurance company plans to move to the basement of the Cox building. The four offices will be finished in knotty pine.

The firm now occupies the small frame building on the northwest corner of Raytown and 63rd street.

Advertising: Raytown Greenhouse, 61st and Raytown Road...Raytown Cleaners by Leroy Strohm

June 2, 1938 Raytown News

Roy Brown runs the filling station on the southeast corner of Raytown Road and Blue Ridge

June 9, 1938 Raytown News

Dr. Arthur A Hobbs Died This Week - Dr. Arthur A. Hobbs, 70 years old, home 3321 E. 30th, a practicing physician in Raytown for more than 12 years and who moved his practice to Kansas City several years ago, died Tuesday night at St. Joseph Hospital. He practiced in Kansas City 29 years. He was born April 3, 1868 in Taylorsville, Illinois. He spent his boyhood in the vicinity of Warrensburg and attended the old Kansas City Medical College. He practiced in Raytown twelve years before 1909 when he moved to Kansas City. He served as captain in the medical corps at Ft. Leavenworth in the World War and several years after the war as a major in the reserve corps. Survived by his wife, Sarah F. Hobbs and son, Arthur A. Jr. and daughter, Mrs. H. D. Triplett.

*June 23, 1938 Raytown News

Muir Brothers Buy Fox Drug – Francis Fox Sells Business to Forest Muir and Brother

The Raytown Pharmacy, has been sold and the new owners expect to take possession sometime this week, according to the announcement of the interested parties.

Forest Muir and his brother W. F. Jr. are the new owners, having purchased the business from Francis Fox. Possession will be given as soon as the final details of the deal are completed, it was said.

Mr. Fox has been in Raytown as owner of the Raytown Pharmacy for nearly nine years.

The new owners are not inexperienced business men having been connected with their father in the Muir store for a number of years. Both Forest and W. F. are graduates of the Kansas City College of Pharmacy. Forest has passed the state examinations, and has been a registered pharmacist for some time. W. F. expects to take state examination in the new future. A registered pharmacist is to be at the drug store at all times. Mr. McClanahan, who has been employed by Mr. Fox for some time and who is a registered pharmacist, is to continue for the Muir brothers.

Both new owners are well known to the community having lived here since childhood, graduating from Raytown High School.

No statement as to the future has been made but both young men are anxious to say they expect to continue giving the community the high class drug store it deserves....

* July 28, 1938 Raytown News

Jim Herndon has signed a three year lease on the building he now occupies, both the barber shop and grocery store are to be remodeled and redecorated. The building was purchased last week at an administrators sale to settle an estate. Local ownership of the place is to be announced and according to both owners and Herndon this is expected to be a more satisfactory agreement.

News Item... J. R. Short purchased the Brew Building which is occupied by Herndon's barber and grocery store.

August 11, 1938 Raytown News

At a special school board meeting they consider buying land adjoining the high school on the north and east sides.

Mrs. Ida Donovan married William A. Reed last Thursday

August 18, 1938 Raytown News

"Nigger Ed" Died In His Cabin Sunday----Ed Shepherd, better known to residents of this community as "Nigger Ed" died in his cabin back of the Pence Home early last Sunday morning. His birth date is given as March 2, 1876 on the death certificate. That would make him 62 years old. Several of the people who have lived in the district for many years, estimate that he had lived here 30 years. He had lived on the Pence place for 19 years.

As far as it is known he was born near St. Joseph. He never married. "Nigger Ed" was the only Negro ever to establish a residence in the Brooking Township, according to the report.

All who knew him remark what a generous old fellow he was. He was known to buy some poor white child a dinner, or something that he wanted or needed. He was a southern Negro, kept his place when with others.

He drove a wagon from house to house and collected garbage, and did odd jobs for folks.

As much as the buildings are a part of Raytown, so was "Nigger Ed". He attended the band concerts, and other outdoor gatherings. He seldom missed a night walking to town to look around awhile.

He had complained of feeling ill Saturday morning, and was told that he should rest that day. About every hour Miss Jean Pence would go to his cabin and inquire if there was something she could do.

He had moved his cot near the door of his cabin. About 2:30 Miss Pence asked if she could call a doctor for him. "No, Miss Jeannie. You go back to bed and get your rest,. I'm all right."

When she returned at four o'clock, "Nigger Ed" was dead, apparently he had not suffered.

Three brothers, Ben, Lee and Robert, a sister Mrs. Fanny Smith, survived him.

Funeral services were held at the Fegert Funeral Home. The pallbearers were: Minor White, Harry Lewis, Roy Cox, Roy Irwin, Thad Greene and Forest Muir. Burial was in the Greenridge Lawn Cemetery, 27th and Blue Ridge.

Sept. 1, 1938 Raytown News

Dr. Luella R. Conner has established an office on the second floor of the Raytown Water Company. (6201 Raytown road) She lives in the C. O. Werntz home north of her office, on Raytown Road.

Rieder's Store advertises (part of Muir Pharmacy building)

September 8, 1938 Raytown News

New stock holders buy 133 shares in the Raytown Water Company: Andrew Smith, J.L. Cox, Roy Cox, Dr. A. E. Eubank, Dr. D. M. Eubank, J. L. Robinson, Charles V. Garnett, Henry Reitz. This should entitle them to one member on the board of directors.

Sept. 29, 1938 Raytown News

Mrs. M. D. Eubank, mother of Dr. D. M. Eubank, died Saturday. She lived in Bluecrest addition. Other survivors are Mrs. James M. Shirk (Marybelle), Carl M. and A. D. of Kansas City

William Jennings Died Thursday, Suffered Severe Stroke A Few Days Ago Before Death

William Jennings, 71 years old, and a lifelong resident of the Raytown community, died in Kansas City last Thursday following an illness of several days.. Mr. Jennings suffered a severe stroke on the Sunday preceding his death and did not regain consciousness. He had not been in robust health for several months and on the advice of a physician had not attempted to do much work recently.

Mr. Jennings was truly one of the pioneers of the community having established what he said was the first garage in this area.

A natural mechanic he established a blacksmith shop and developed it into a garage. Later he combined hardware and groceries for a general store in his building on Raytown Road at the north edge of the business district, where he lived with Mrs. Jennings.

It was in the year 1887 or 1888 that he established his business here, and his son, Basil, operates the garage now.

Formerly his place of business was in the location now occupied by the Raytown Motor company and his barn was a mile and a quarter east of Raytown.

Besides his widow and son he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Vida C. M. Dutro of Joplin; two sisters, Mrs. Lillie Kritser of Santa Ana, California, Mrs. William Eiche of Raytown; two brothers, George Jennings of Raytown and Orlando Jennings of Santa Ana Cal., two grandchildren. Burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Independence.

Oct. 27, 1938 Raytown News

Sid J. Hare died...(Cave Springs)

Nov. 3, 1938 Raytown News

F. W. Twiehaus, 28, died from tractor accident. Wife, Kathryn; two daughters, Lou Ann and Kathleen; son, Frederick...a sister Mrs. Lydia Spradley

Nov. 29, 1938 Raytown News

Dorothy May Schwab, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schwab, married Roy Lee Slavens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Slavens, September 17, 1938

Dec. 1, 1938 Raytown News

Home of Ed Searcy burned to the ground leaving only a chimney. Clifton home to the north was threatened.

Dec.8, 1938 Raytown News

New telephone system for Raytown. Southwest Bell Telephone ready to spend \$100,000 in next ten months. Expect to connect with 625 stations, employ twelve persons giving 24 hour service. Came about because the Raytown Chamber of Commerce became involved. Location unknown at this time.

Dec. 15, 1938 Raytown News

Contract let for new addition to Raytown High School, \$103,343, J. L. Reese, contractor

Cap Garvin, owner and editor of Raytown News since September, 1931