

RAYTOWN NEWS 1944

January 6, 1944 Raytown News

Plans for a proposed high school canteen progressed because Mr. and Mrs. Herb Giese sent a \$50 check. It has been suggested that the Jennings building be used. Already a stove is installed. Cleaning and painting is going forward.

(1st grade has 46 pupils sitting at those long tables in their little chairs. Roberta Graham, teacher)

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Johnny Walker, director of Civilian Defense, states the Brooking Township Fire District, will have a new fire truck. The apparatus is built around high pressure centrifugal pump, which is motor operated. The equipment carries adjustable hydrant wrenches, 24 foot extension ladder, 14 foot ladder, hose and ladder straps. Long handled square mouth shovel, 6 pound pick head axe, claw tools, 8 foot pipe pole.... The next thing needed is a truck bed to place this upon....

Last Thursday, CHARLES COLE, 65, died from the effects of a stroke. He lived in the Eastwood Hills area. He was a long time member of the Board of Education, Raytown Mason, and a farmer.

He married Elizabeth Searcy in 1902: three children; Causby Cole, 84th and Raytown Road; Reginald Cole of Raytown; Mrs. Charles Kasinger of St. Joseph; one brother Frank Cole of Raytown; three sisters; Mrs. Omer Cassell, Mrs. Harold Wright, Mrs. Lowry Lane, all of Raytown. Burial in Brooking cemetery: Charles C. Cole 1878-1944 Lizzie Cole 1879- 1972

Betty Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Shaw, 81st and Blue Ridge, Hickman Mills, has enlisted as an apprentice Seaman in the Waves. She had attended the Raytown High School. At the time of her enlistment she was employed at the North American Aviation Co. Her husband, Alfred H. Williams, is serving in the army.

The high school students have been called upon to clean the canteen.

January 20, 1944 Raytown News

WALLACE JENNINGS KILLED IN ACTION Wallace Jennings of Santa Anna, California, and recently was promoted from First Lieutenant to Captain, serving as a pilot with the 13th AAF in the South Pacific.

He was born in Raytown, Missouri, graduated from Santa Ana high school and Santa Ana Junior College in 1940.

Captain Jennings is credited with two Japanese planes and more than 200 hours of combat time. He holds the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters for meritorious achievement. He also received the Purple Heart, for injury received in combat some time ago. He was a graduate as a fighter pilot from the Army Air Force School at Moore Field.

His father, Noel Jennings, lives in Santa Ana.

On Tuesday morning Mrs. Roy Hansen, an aunt, received a telegram from Noel Jennings,

that Captain Jennings had been killed in action, January 7, only a week before he was to leave for home on a six month leave. He was well known here. His father, also known in the community, having spent his early life here. A sister, Mrs. H. G. Short, lives at Grant Pass, Oregon.

January 20, 1944 Raytown News

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Floyd have moved into an apartment in the Short building over the kindergarten rooms, this week.

January 27, 1944 Raytown News

\$300 more is needed to maintain the canteen and for heating which opened February 6th

March 9, 1944 Raytown News

Dorothy Miller, 9104 East 67th street Laurel Heights, enlisted Saturday in the WAVES, graduate of Raytown High School, employed by Inter State Gas, Lee's Summit

Mrs. Myrtle Clark now working at Schoellers Grocery. Mrs. Herndon has taken a position in Kansas City

March 16, 1944 Raytown News

Pfc. Lee Dean Frost and Lauranella Miller married Sunday morning in the presence of the congregation at the Baptist Church in Paola, Kansas. The Rev. Clemens read the ceremony.

The bride was attended by her sister, Dorothy Miller. Pvt. Orval Frost was his brother's best man.

Lauranella wore a blue dressmaker suit with brown accessories. Dorothy wore a slate green suit with black accessories.

The bride's aunt, Mrs. Allen Ross entertained the wedding party at her home in Paola, Kansas following the service.

The couple left Sunday on their honeymoon. "Deedle" had a three day pass from his post in Knobnoster, Missouri.

Mrs. Howard Cracroft and Mrs. Hayden Buford of Laurel Heights gave a shower last night for the bride. Lauranella returned to her work Wednesday.

The school board approved of a cafeteria for the high school students. Only eight students are within walking distance of the school. There is an average of 150 students who purchase their food nearby while 130 who carry their lunch. All fourteen teachers carry their lunch.

The room formerly used as the superintendent's office will form a kitchen and moveable partitions in the study hall will be put aside allowing a portion of the study hall to be used as a dining room.

Brooking Township Fire District needs \$200 to buy a truck frame on which to put the fire equipment.

April 6, 1944 Raytown News

J. L. Robinson and E. P. Kennedy made a trip to Ft. Riley, Kansas where there are a number of slightly used outfits for public market. A building will be erected to have the outfit on a plot of ground given by Smith Brothers at the northwest corner of their property on 63rd street.

April 13, 1944 Raytown News

MRS. JAMES GAULT of Groves, Oklahoma died Saturday evening. Due to poor transportation local relatives were unable to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gault formerly lived in the community. He was a barber. Both of them were active in the Baptist Church. They moved to Groves seven years ago.

Besides her husband she leaves a son, James Curtis Gault and three grandchildren; Rena Belle, Johanna and James.

April 6, 1944 Raytown News

O. L. (Toots) Hansen has purchased the R. L. Lewis home. He does not intend to occupy the residence.

May 25, 1944 Raytown News

Dorothy Blue and Robert Stilley were married in the Blue Ridge Methodist Church.

The marriage of Mary Joan Hartman, daughter of Mrs. Mary Hartman, and William Lee Collings was solemnized at the Baptist Church Tuesday evening. The Rev. O. P. Joyce performed the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Bill Hartman. She wore a gown of satin and tulle with a fingertip veil. The bride's sister, Frieda Hartman, was maid of honor. She wore pink marquisette. Beverly Talley was best man. Gordon Collings and Millie Hopkins acted as ushers.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's mother. The couple will be at home near Hickman Mills.

July 6, 1944 Raytown News

Plans for rebuilding Bob's Filling Station, destroyed by fire early Thursday, may not be rebuilt. Scrutchfield was the operator and Robinson the owner.

July 13, 1944 Raytown News

Plans are being made to move the forty eighth grade students into the high school. Mrs. D. M. Eubank will be a second grade teacher. Mrs. Wisner will be the cafeteria manager in the high school.

Bertha Wills, Laurel Heights Beauty Shop, 9109 East 66th street.

July 20, 1944 Raytown News

CARTER COX died Saturday (Burial has been listed in several cemeteries, Brooking and Noland and as removed from the Searcy cemetery at 63rd and Blue Ridge) Carter Cox; Magg Carter,

his wife; Dellie, daughter

Bennett is leasing the Repair Shop of Bivins Auto Service

F. B. Floyd, Raytown Repair, in the Short building on 63rd street, formerly King Café.

July 27, 1944 Raytown News - Hope to start local picture show on 63rd street, on vacant ground just west of former R. L. Lewis home across from the Raytown Grade school. To be modeled after Mount Vernon.

August 3, 1944 Raytown News - Schoeller's Market entered three times in the last ten days. Made entrance through the west and north windows. Person seemed to be hungry.

August 24, 1944 Raytown News

Work to begin on new fire station, 25 x 30 feet of cinder blocks, fireproof, and large enough to store all of the equipment .

The site of the building is on the northwest corner of Smith Brothers place of business on 63rd street. The ground was given by Smith Brothers for the use of the fire fighting equipment.

Minor Smith is the Chief of the fire department and Harry Graham is his chief assistant. It is Smith's job to maintain the equipment and Graham is in charge of the personnel. As much as possible labor in the new fire station will be members of the volunteer crew but others are not barred.

Members of the crew chosen are : Minor Smith - Chief Harry Graham-Assistant

Clark Fegert, Lon Marshall, John Pierce, Bernard Hentschel, Milton Cochran, J. L. Robinson, Roy Harris, Stanley Grantham, Roy Donovan, Harold Reese, John Maloney, Ralph Shipley, Herman Rieder Telephone Company to notify Minor Smith.

September 14, 1944 Raytown News - 1,200 students in the high school.

Fire destroyed the B. F. Ballard barn,

November 16, 1944 Raytown News

Smith Brothers, Minor and Bill, will dedicate their new fireproof building on 63rd street this week, just west of their present location, 38 x 100 feet building, hope to move in soon.

November 23, 1944 Raytown News

MRS. LILLIE RICE 81, granddaughter of Col. Henry Brooking (RB Henry Brooking had no children. Many Brooking descendants forgot about his father, Alvan. She was the daughter of Serena DeBord Pendleton) She was born in Clay County, Mo., September 2, 1863 the day following the evacuation of her parents from the command of Order 11. Mr. And Mrs. Pendleton returned six months later after they were forced to leave. She was the widow of the late Nathaniel Rice. Survived by daughter, Rena Rice Robey; three sons, Edward, Mason and Stanley; brother Marcus Pendleton and sister, Vyra Wilson. Brooking Cemetery: Nathaniel Rice Sept. 1854- Jan 2, 1910 Lillie Lee Pendleton Rice Sept. 2, 1863 - November 17, 1944 Children: Archie M. 1893-1896; Wallace 1895-1896; Lela Jane 1897-1898; Maud Lee 1891-1910.

A small blaze originated in an overheated gas heater, in the Cox building, housing the high school canteen, Cox and Son Pipe Line Shop.