

RAYTOWN NEWS 1952

January 3, 1952 Raytown News

The Southwestern Bell Telephone company starts new building at 59th and Bristol and hope to be able to change from manual to dial operated phones for Fleming and Republic exchanges. The one story concrete frame structure, full basement will be faced with red brick , trimmed in stone.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hansen announce the birth of their son, Michael Phillip Hansen, 7 pounds and 10 ounces.

Mrs. Velma Ellis and Mr. Thaddeus Greene were married December 20th. Mrs. Ellis had been employed at the Raytown Bank several years. Mrs. Frank Wilson, cousin of the bride, and Mrs. Tom Edmondson, her niece, acted as hostess at the reception.

Miss Marilyn Howell and Mr. Larry N. Pemberton were married December 29.

January 10, 1952 Raytown News

Raytown Bank moved to its new home on 63rd street (10017)

O. J. Greene died : Mrs. C. R. Monaghan died

January 31, 1952 Raytown News

Picture of the new telephone building

Mrs. Hattie Ward, widow of Howard E. Ward, who died in 1938 and served many years as general manager of the Darby corporation, died Monday. She leaves a son, Howard E. Ward, Jr. of the home. She was born in Burlington, Kansas but had lived here most of her life.

Mrs. William Jennings and her son, Basil, entertained the staff of The News for Wednesday luncheon. Those attending were: Mrs. Elinor Smith, Harry Karichner, merle Johnson, A. E. Garvin.

Mr. Walter C. Hall, 66 years old, died at Research hospital of heart failure. He had been the Rock Island station agent for approximately 25 years. He could have retired at age 66 but chose to remain at work. He had served the Rock Island railroad in several other stations in Missouri and came here from Leslie.

He is survived by his wife, of the home, 10113 East 63rd street, Raytown; four daughters; Mrs. Frances T. Fox, Raytown ; Mrs. James Renick, 37th and Blue Ridge Cutoff; Mrs. Bruce Reuteler, Roswell, N. M.; Mrs. Robert Whitaker, Hickman Mills; and a son, James W. Hall, Milford, Conn. Burial in Floral Hills cemetery.

Frank W. Teupe, 70, one time secretary-treasurer of Suydam Inc. died Thursday, at

his home, 12500 East 67th street, Raytown. He was a native of Louisville, Kentucky, retired designer, interior decorator. Was a member of Our lady of Lourdes. Buried in Louisville. He came to this community sixteen years ago and built a home on the Little Blue, about a mile east of Raytown. He lived there with three sisters for several years and then sold to Gordon Johnson, who now occupies the large home.

William R. Renick, 87, 6800 East 37th street, died after a six month illness. He operated a small store in Leeds for fifty years and served as assistant postmaster for thirty-seven years. Leaves three sons; Grover F., Roy C., Ray E.; three daughters; Mrs. Ethel Howe, Mrs. Edith H. Reich, Mrs. Anna E. Leuders.

January 31, 1952 Ten Years Ago 1952-10=1942 Raytown News

Mr. and Mrs. William Knubel. operators of a Swiss Cheese factory on 50 highway, near Knobtown, were notified of the death of their son, William Knubel, Jr., December 7, in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

February 19, 1952 Raytown News

Patricia Louise Stansfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Stansfield, married Curtis L. Norris, son of Mrs. M. C. Newell, February 7.

Margaret Harrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harris, married Robert Corkran, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Corkran, February 7.

Donna Mae Quirk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Quirk, married William Gene Hurst, son of B. V. Hurst, February 9.

February 21, 1952 Raytown News

Frances Louise Rush, daughter of George H. Rush, married Warren Griffith Nevins, son of Z. A. Nevins, Dodge City, Kansas, February 14.

Mary Ann Abbas, daughter of Leroy E. Abbas, married Laurel Martin Shay, son of Martin Shay, February 16.

Jerry E. Sumpter, 1948 Raytown High School graduate, Marine, killed in Korea.

March 6, 1952 Raytown News

Mrs. Harry Graham, Martha Laurine, 46, died February 23, 1952, after an illness of six weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham moved to Raytown in January 1939 and in April 1942 established the business of the Raytown Cleaners. She was employed by Southwestern Bell Telephone for nineteen and a half years and with the local office 1940-1942 until she resigned to assist her husband in the cleaning business until the arrival of their adopted son, Harry Bruce. Besides her husband and son she leaves a daughter, Mrs. Doris Jean Livingston, 2116 Minnie street; her mother, Mrs. Maude Buster, 118 South Topping; father, Charles L. Buster, 3601 College avenue. Burial in Floral Hills Memorial Gardens.

March 13, 1952 Raytown News

Garnett Walker, Jr., 32, died as he entered his motor car near a café at 67th and Blue Ridge Cut-off, apparently of a heart attack.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Walker, graduated from Raytown High School, lettered in all sports, served in the Navy, employed in the sausage department of Wilson Packing company for ten years.

Is survived by his wife, Mary; two sons, Craig and Brian, of the home, 5305 Farley, west of Raytown. Burial in Floral Hills cemetery.

Laura Whittlesey, Mrs. O.L., 46, died Sunday after an illness of two years. She had been employed by Southwestern Bell Telephone company two years. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs., William Hitchcock. Buried in Mt. Moriah cemetery.

Manson Brown Hobbs, 71, retired carpenter, found dead in his trailer home, 64th and Woodson. Born in Slater, Mo., lived here fifty years. His daughter was Mrs. Maude Mae French, Kansas City. Burial in Brooking Cemetery: Manson B. Hobbs 1881-1952

Married Maude L. Faulkner April 14, 1909 - Maude L. Hobbs 1887-1969

March 20, 1952 Raytown News

(Picture) Fire Sweeps Through Blue Ridge Methodist Church, 51st and Blue Ridge boulevard - The blaze is thought to have started near an overhead gas heater in the east end of the basement, at about ten forty-five o'clock in the morning. The alarm was turned in by Mrs. Russell Elliott, who lived near the church. She saw smoke seeping out from the building. By the time the fire trucks from the local department arrived and were ready for action the flame had burned through the east wall of the structure and enveloped the interior of the chapel. High winds fanned the blaze and the efforts of the firemen were confined to prevent spreading to other structures nearby. The church parsonage, only a few feet from the church, was prevented by burning as well as a new Sunday School structure just to the north..... 55 gallons of water were used to battle the flames, according to George Smith, fire chief.

The church, formerly known as Young's Chapel, was named after the founder, William Young, a presiding Methodist elder. First services were held in the old Cassell school. The first building was erected before the Civil War, using homemade bricks and slave labor. This building was replaced in 1907 by the structure destroyed last week.

Mrs. Katherine Caldwell, 79, widow of L. F. Caldwell, who was general manager of R. J. Lumber company, died Sunday at home, 611 East 59th street, after several months of illness. She was born near Independence, Kansas, and has been a resident of Kansas City and Jackson County since 1910, moving here from Rich Hill, Mo. Her husband was manager of the company for more than fifty years. Three sons survive her: Dr. John K., Lee F., Robert J.

March 27, 1952 Raytown News

Wanda Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson, married Ray R. Davis, May 17, 1952.

April 3, 1952 Raytown News

Everett Miller, principal of the Raytown Grade school, recently took a survey of the school district. It shows there are 338 houses now under construction; one contractor plans 500 houses in Gregory Heights; another plans 500 in the Redwood addition.

High Point Baptist Mission, in old Stormy Point School, on Harrison Road.
(From *Raytown Remembers* page 65: "7900 Westridge road, Kansas City. Organized in November 1951 as a mission of the First Baptist church of Lee's Summit Church, Mo. Became an independent group of 134 members in 1955; present building completed in 1955; education building completed in 1974".)

Mrs. Neil Knau and Earl Caster are asking for donations of furniture to Teen Town. Approximately 86 boys and girls attended ballroom dancing lessons.

April 17, 1952 Raytown News

City offices have been established in the basement rooms of the Cox building, occupied by Public Water Supply District No. 2 and Logan Jones Insurance company.

Logan Jones, who was elected Police Judge, at the regular city election April 1, has been holding court in these offices, and in the future all council meetings are to be held in the new quarters. Since incorporation in July 1950, court sessions and meetings of the council have been conducted in the basement recreation room at the home of the mayor, Roy Cox.

With the establishment of permanent city quarters C. Lee Kenagy has announced that he will be in the city office with regular office hours for the transaction of regular business. Office hours are from 9:30 until 11 o'clock on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; and from 2 until 4:30 o'clock on Thursday and Friday. All collections of taxes and other fees will be made here in the future, Kenagy stated this week. In the past the Clerk has used his home for that purpose, and while everyone has cooperated in an attempt to not disturb him, callers at home in unusual hours have been of some inconvenience. Either Mr. Kenagy or Mrs. Kenagy will be in the new quarters during office hours. City records will be filed in the new office ... The first collection of the city was July 1950 when Mayor Roy Cox paid a fee of \$1.50 for a permit to construct the structure housing the new office of the Missouri Public Service company here.

April 17, 1952 Raytown News

A Grand Opening is planned for the new Smith Brothers building on East 63rd street (9717 E. 63rd). Smith Brothers Hardware will occupy the ground floor. Carpenters have finished the interior and painters are putting on the final touches.

Work is in progress for concrete bleachers at Raytown High School. Each section should hold 300 persons.

Raytown city workers have been cleaning ditches and replacing worn drainage tiles along 63rd street to the Rock Island depot. Harvey Gordanier is employed to remove the heavy snow of last month but he refused pay and said he just wanted to help the city and its citizens.

The Jackson County Rose Society will meet in the Jackson County Library at Independence. Mrs. J. H. Meyers will show a color film.

April 24, 1952 Raytown News

All day parking has been replaced by a three-hour limit. Those left for 8 hours will be fined.

The New Smith Building Open – The modern two-story fireproof building of brick and concrete, which has been under construction for one year, will be under the management of Ray Thompson, Minor and Bill Smith. The small frame building, formerly used, adjoins to the east.

April 24, 1952 Raytown News

Keith Kombrink, 8321 Blue Ridge, has received a letter from his son, Wendell Kombrink, Pvt. 38th infantry, written in Chinjer, Korea.

May 1, 1952 Raytown News

Claude Rymer will open at 10011 East 63rd, formerly occupied by Brinton Electrical company. (His advertisement state address as 10009 E. 63rd) Bill Brinton has sold his appliance business to Rymer and will operate his installation and electrical business from his home on Blue Ridge, north of Raytown.

Rymer locked the front door May 1 to later install a complete line of furniture, as space permits. He has been living in Laurel Heights several years and had established his furniture business in Holden and is now branching out in Raytown. in charge of the store will be Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kohler of Holden, Rymer's partners in both businesses.

Barbara Welker, daughter of Dr. D. N. Welker, Marshalltown, Iowa, married George Donald Stilley, Downey, CA, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Stilley, 52nd and Blue Ridge. Donald, a 1946 Raytown High School graduate, is employed in the Research Division of North American Aviation Inc., Downey, CA.

May 15, 1952 Raytown News

A new Dr. Corcanges office building at 63rd and Green street, will be fireproof and made with rock covered overhang roof, black and white stucco walls and concrete floor, 76 x 24, 8 rooms and 3 rooms and garage at rear for living quarters, entrance on Green street.

Charles C. McInteer, 87, of 445 North 18th street, died Monday. He was a resident of Kansas City for fifty years, retired in 1937 after thirty years with Kansas City Terminal Railroad. Left widow, Alpha; a son, R. C.; two sisters, Mrs. Nellie Jennings and Mrs. Ada Palmer, both of Raytown. Burial in Brookings Cemetery: Charles C. McInteer - January 14,

1867 - May 8, 1952, father

May 22, 1952 Raytown News

Jim Schoeller suffered a severe finger cut which took several stitches.

May 29, 1952 Raytown News

Vyra Jean Poertner, daughter of Henry Poertner, married Michael Brendel, son of Mrs. Helen M. Brendel, on Thursday.

Pat Hansen, daughter of Hugh Bates, married J. D. Coffey, son of Frank Coffey

June 12, 1952 Raytown News

Ann Denton, daughter of Theodore Denton, married Charles Joseph Chaffee, Jr., son of C. J. Chaffee. Chaffee in the Army.

June 19, 1952 Raytown News

Ten men started their first classes in a water lifesaving course, four hours weekly for six weeks. They were: Harry Benzette, Charles Benckser, Len Marshall, Eddie Smith, Orval Wendel, Clyde Blaco, Bobby Smith, Paul Hansen, Dale Crane, Calvin Smith.

June 26, 1952 Raytown News

Two medical men to be added to the offices of Drs. Eubank and Davis, Dr. Jess W. Green, Tulsa, OK and Dr. Raymond O. Keltner, Housington, OK.

Ten Years Ago 1952-10= 1942 Raytown News

Sergeant Earl Corder, 23, killed when Army plane crashed near Dayton, OH.

July 3, 1952 Raytown News

New home for V F W Post No. 4242 - concrete block and frame, 42 x 86, 64th and Raytown road. (6419 Rail road street)

Mary Ann Hengghler, daughter of A. B. Hengghler, Maryville, married Charles Conway, son of Phillip Conway. They will live at 3720 Wabash, Kansas City.

Dr. Robert Keith Russell M D will become an associate of Dr. Francis Laffoon and Dr. Harry L. Biggs. He will live at 5403 Blue Ridge boulevard.

July 10, 1952 Raytown News

Patty Martin, 15, was killed July 4th as the car, in which she was riding, was struck from behind and she was thrown from the car between the car and a building.

Construction will start on a building owned by Roy Cox, to be located on East 63rd street and Harold, just east of another Cox building. The 51 x 78 building will be occupied by Service Pipe Line company who delivers crude oil.

The office of the Ford Realty company will be remodeled and a parking lot placed in the back of the building. The new occupant will be the Associated Realty company, Ray Hodges, new owner. (??? south west corner 63rd & Cedar???) 10033 E. 63rd)

October 30, 1952 Raytown News

During October there were 100 fires, mostly grass fires, 55 during last week from careless handling of matches, smoking, burning family trash.

* Twenty-five Years Ago - 1952-25= 1927 Raytown News

E. L. Foster replaced a frame structure with a new one of brick.

(Raytown News, Nov. 1, 1927 6231 Raytown road, brick English type)

Sgt. Carl Corder returning from Korea under Army's rotation plan.

James E. Calloway, Marine, mother Mrs. E. H. Floyd, was killed in action. Was a Raytown High School graduate when inducted into the Marine corps last September.

Kreamy Kone Coffee Shop & Delicatessen Bakery 63rd and Blue Ridge

November 6, 1952 Raytown News

Mrs. Bert Canterbury, 40 died at her home, 67th and Fishburn. Was ill for several months after surgery. Lived here for nine years and employed in the Raytown Market. Survived by her husband; son, Bert Jr.; mother, Mrs. Belle Curtis, Independence; one sister and five brothers.

November 13, 1952 Raytown News

73 Raytown High School students on the Honor Roll:

Seniors: Byron Bockelman, Lynn Carbery, Mary Ceule, Bonnie DeMoss, Dorothy Dodge, Shirley Dryman, Barbara Ford, Karl Glen, Nancy Graham, Richard Lawson, Don Loudon, Robert Meyers, Billy Otto, Diane Perrin, Billy Jean Prigel, Gayle Quackenbush, Frank Robertson, Carol Showengerdt, Pat Stephens, Linda Thorne.

Sophomores: Carolyn Andrews, Mary Lee Baker, Emily Jo Berry, Beverly Bradley, Catherine Ceule, Paul Few, Beverly Gardner, Virginia Hessler, Barbara Hoenshell, Hale Johnson, Robert Johnson, Marjorie Knapp, Lillian Little, Lou Ann Lowery, Charlotte Rhoades, Anne Fae Roush, Tina Lee Selden, Diane Standley, Richard Stilley, Sherline Williams, Thomas Young, Allen Zimmerman.

Shirley Sirdoreus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sirdoreus of Grandview, married John Conway, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Conway, November 9.

Annexation of property within city limits, west and north of 54th street to Brooking Cemetery controversial.

November 20, 1952 Raytown News

Zellia Orne Zulauf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Zulauf, of Tipton, announces engagement of their daughter, to Howard L. Bell, Jr., music student at Central Missouri State College. She is now teaching music at Oak Grove.

December 4, 1952 Raytown News

Bob Schoeller, top player of the Raytown football squad

Advertisers: Rymer & Kohler - Hassocks \$3.95 up

Rieders Dry Goods & Shoes - Nylon Shirts, long sleeves \$4.89 - \$5.25

Flannel Shirt &2.95 and Up

Savmore Drugs - Ex-Lax Chocolate 19c, Sal Hepatica 22c, Vicks 40c

December 11, 1952 Raytown News

Dr. Jack Davis called to report to the Army to Ft. Houston, San Antonio, January 1, 1953. Has been here four years.

A Local Landmark being dismantled this week. The twin soft maples at south east corner of Raytown Market are giving away to future development. An evergreen tree, nearly 20 feet above ground, has been growing in the limb of a large tree. In the last few years the evergreen became a maple tree.