

An aerial view taken in the late 1940's looks west on 63rd Street, showing the intersections with Blue Ridge Boulevard and Raytown Road.



This picture of Down Town Raytown may have been taken before July 24, 1927. Mrs. Myrtle Clark, former co-owner of this building, Raytown Pharmacy, on the northwest corner of 63rd street and Raytown Road, stated in a newspaper account: "the drug store which she and her late husband, James W. (Sam) Clark, owned in partnership with Lee Reynolds and later Joe Cassell had been on the corner a long time before it was destroyed by a fire resulting from an explosion of firecrackers before July 4, 1927."

Picture Recalls Sarsaparilla Days

Long-Gone Fountain

Concocts Tie With Past

"One sarsaparilla for my girl and a chocolate phosphate for me," probably was heard more than once across the fountain of Raytown Pharmacy which stood on the northwest corner of Raytown rd. and 63rd st. at the turn of the century.

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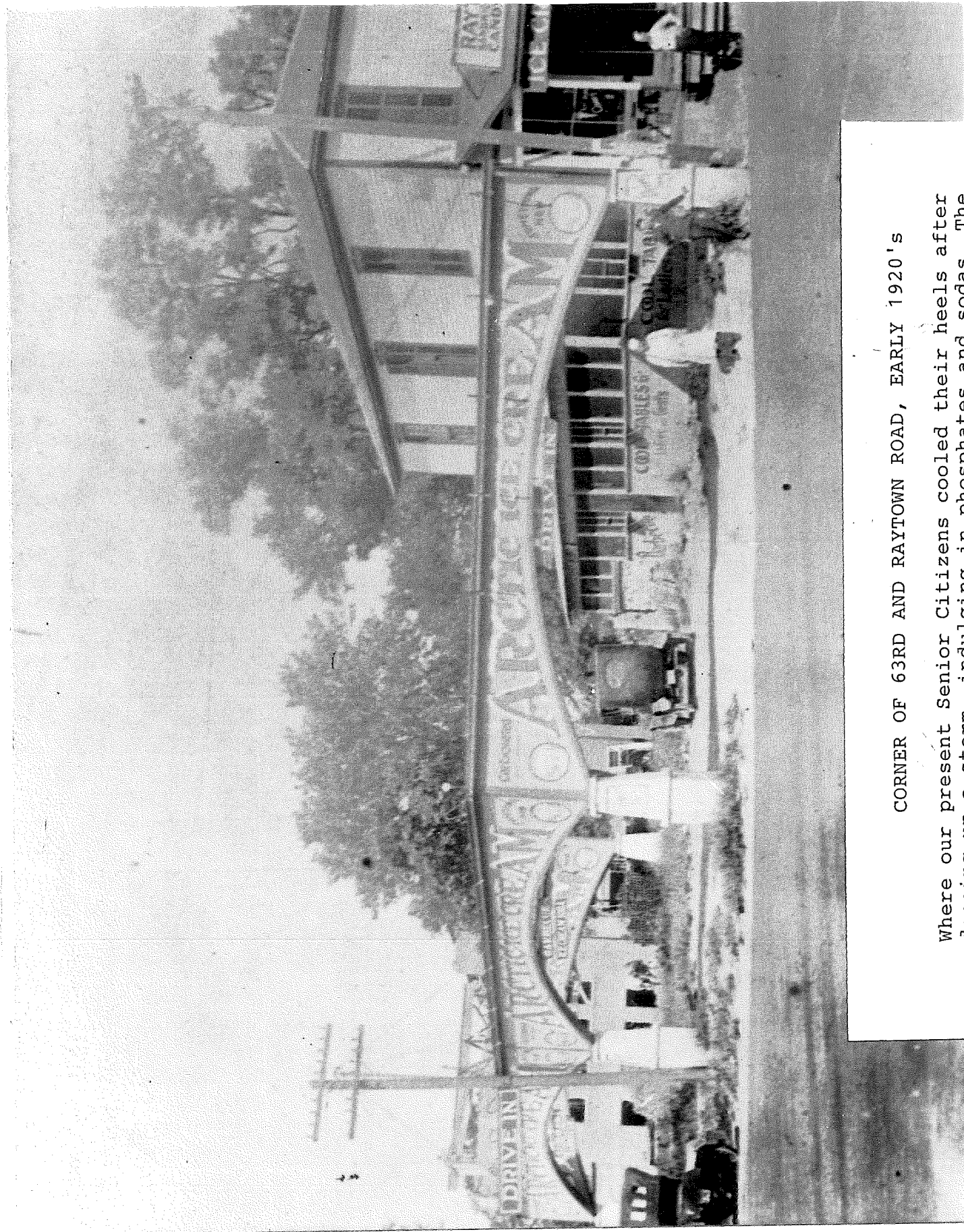
When they operated the pharmacy, Clark and Cassell added a barbecue along the south side with an area for parking so that persons on a Sunday drive could stop by for a snack. Upstairs was used as the Masonic temple. Linus Loveland, Jr., had a popcorn stand adjacent to the building. The pharmacy featured fountain items and a confectionary as well as medical needs.

The building was situated about where Grand-View Linoleum and Tile is now, Mrs. Clark said.



Until it was destroyed by a fire a few days before July 4, 1927, the Raytown Pharmacy stood for many years on the northeast corner of Raytown rd. and 63rd st. Just visible at the left of the picture is the frame schoolhouse which was built in 1878 and replaced by a brick building in 1914 for both grade and high school classes, presently the city hall. The upstairs of the pharmacy was used for a Masonic temple. At the time the building was burned, the pharmacy was owned jointly by James W. (Sam) Clark and Joe Cassell.

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CORNER OF 63RD AND RAYTOWN ROAD, EARLY 1920'S

Where our present Senior Citizens cooled their heels after dancing up a storm, indulging in phosphates and sodas. The store had many owners, as: Shumate, Fleetwood Smith,