

## Raytown News 1945

There was little new building or changing of owners. The paper contained deaths and marriages. Many marriages were performed by the man enlisting or being drafted into service.

Wish there was a way that the weekly news concerning the service people, their whereabouts, promotions, prisoners of war, deaths could have been reproduced more easily.

Each week items were listed that were on the ration list. Constantly, readers were asked to buy bonds to support our troops.

February 15, 1945 Raytown News

WILLIAM F. HALL Died Saturday. Lived here Fifty Years

William F. Hall, 78, died at his home Saturday morning, from the effects of a stroke he had several days ago.

Mr. Hall was born in Kentucky and came to Independence with his parents in 1887, then to a farm near here. Mr. Hall took part in the Sac and Fox land strip run in 1891, and lived in that area for more than a year before returning to Kansas City, from where he moved to Little Blue. He lived in Little Blue three years, in 1896 he moved to Raytown.

When he moved to Raytown it was to occupy the home at 63<sup>rd</sup> and Raytown Road, and it was in this home he died last Saturday morning, where he lived nearly fifty years, a well known and respected citizen.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Lucy Hall; one daughter, Mrs. George E. Taylor, who incidently is the only one of a party of ten who came to this country from Kentucky; and a son, Harold H. Hall, both of Raytown.

Burial in Mt. Moriah Cemetery.

March 22, 1945 Raytown News

Joe Herndon became the new Raytown School superintendent.

April 5, 1945 Raytown News

Many years ago Andrew Smith and W. F. Muir built a building on the southeast corner of 63<sup>rd</sup> street and Blue Ridge Boulevard (Cedar) for a new editor of The Raytown News. The building has been identified in these years as "The Cleaners".

Now Cap Garvin needs more room and is moving to the Cox Building (Old Jennings Building) 6213 Raytown Road on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>.

May 3, 1945 Raytown News

The First Baptist Church of Raytown decides they need a new building and set the goal of \$75,000 to accomplish that.

Cpl. Lee Dean Frost was home from Blytheville, Arkansas, for a few days

August 2, 1945 Raytown News

Raytown Sheet Metal Works, Orrick & Hedrick, 6223 Raytown Road

August 9, 1945 Raytown News

Masonic Lodge Burns Mortgage. Plans a new heating system.

The Raytown Kindergarten enrolled 52 youngsters. The kindergarten is located at 63<sup>rd</sup> and Blue Ridge, in the former Raytown News Office (Cleaners)

August 16, 1945 Raytown News

Margaret Paschal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Paschal marries Gordon Kohmon, at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. William Warden. Margaret is a Raytown High School graduate, valedictorian of her class, and graduate of the Chillicothe Business College. Her bridesmaid was her sister, Mrs. Kenneth Jakeman.

August 23, 1945 Raytown News

Bob Bordner returned from Sheepshead Bay, New York. Had been given a medical disenrollment.

Sgt. Joe Clifton is now stationed in Gunsbury, Germany.

Sgt. Leon Bosse awarded Bronze Star medal.

Raytown was quiet on V-J-Day. All business establishments, including filling stations and drug stores locked their doors. Local grocery stores felt the buying urge as housewives were short of canned goods. Released from gas rationing families were planning vacations.

August 30, Raytown News

Arthur Sloan Ritter, 78, died of a heart attack. A retired farmer had lived in this community all of his life. Survived by two brothers; Charles C. Ritter of Raytown; Thomas T. Ritter of Independence; granddaughter, Irene Lawbaugh of Hartford, Nebraska.

#### SERVICEMEN NEWS:

Sgt. Leon Bosse, purple heart, Bronze medal, five stars, returned from Europe.

Pfc. Perry Bosse, three battle stars

AMM 3/c Charles Bosse medical discharge from Navy

Sgt. James Bosse, stationed at Ft. Bennington

PM 1/c Sam Holman, husband of Jacintha George, Silver Star

Lt. Kenneth Farrand, visiting wife, former Rosemary Wilson, on leave from Memphis, TN

Pvt. And Mrs. Jack Michael visiting his parents

Cap. And Mrs. Verley Waspea reporting back to Monroe, LA

Edwin Prigel shipped recently to west coast

Cpl. Merle Turner, now in Europe, hopes to return soon

H. W. Knight stationed in Jorhat, Assam Province, India, promoted to Staff Sergeant

Flight Officer Howard Shrum stationed with ATC, Palm Springs, CA

September 6, 1945 Raytown News

T/Sgt. W. F. Muir arrived Saturday from Lordsburg, N M to spend furlough before

transferring to Camp Robinson, Arkansas.

Paul Hansen E 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Hansen, has been assigned to the ship U.S. S. Yosemite in the Pacific.

MaM 2/c William C. Coonce, assigned to USS Garrard, he has written to Mrs. Coonce, Laurel Heights, that his ship was one of the first to bring occupation troops into Tokyo Bay. Coonce has been in the service seventeen (17) months and in the Pacific four (4) months.

Another building, 50 x 100 feet, 64<sup>th</sup> and Blue Ridge Drive, one block south of the former Raytown News (Cleaners). To be made of cinder blocks and stucco, housing Rogers Electric Co., specializing in refrigerator and general electrical repair.

The High School enrolled 336 students.

There is the possibility that the high school canteen, in the Cox building, may be closed for lack of funds to operate it.

September 20, 1945 Raytown News

Mrs. Marietta Clifton resigned her position in the Raytown Water Supply District and Jones & Cox Insurance on October 1. Mrs. Dorothy Wigger will be replacement.

October 18, 1945 Raytown News

According to The News, who receives information from the Naval News Service: Jim Robinson, Seaman 3/o, took part in the last bombardment of the Japanese homeland while he was aboard the Destroyer USS Stoddard in Admiral Halsey's 3<sup>rd</sup> fleet. Strikes were also made against Chichi Jima in the latter part of the Okinawa campaign, this ship knocked down two Japanese planes.

Dedication of the Raytown Christian Church, Sunday 21, 1945. The present building was commenced in November 1943 and the congregation moved in Easter Sunday 1944.

October 25, 1945 Raytown News

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Whittlesey, of Laurel Heights, announce the marriage of their daughter, Shirley, to Bill Caldwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Caldwell of Raytown, in Olathe, Kansas. Caldwell has been recently honorably discharged from the Army Air Corps after thirty (30) missions, as a member of a bomber crew over Germany.

GEORGE WILLIAM HYNE, 80, of 5831 Blue Ridge, died Tuesday after a heart attack. For the last year he has been unable to be at his work at Phillips Station he owned at 60<sup>th</sup> and Blue Ridge.

He came to Raytown 18 years ago from Dallas, Texas where he had been a saddle maker for thirty years. He formerly operated a filling station at 63<sup>rd</sup> and Raytown Road.

He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 6, 1865. Survived by his wife, Mrs. Emma C. Hyne; son, Frank H. Hyne; daughter, Miss Louise Ferris of Chicago; step-daughter, Mrs. George Rush, 5833 Blue Ridge. Burial in Union Cemetery.

October 18, 1945 Raytown News

Betty Shaw Williams S 1/c, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, 81<sup>st</sup> and Blue Ridge, was honorably discharged from the WAVES. She was stationed in Washington, D C. Mr. Williams lives at 81<sup>st</sup> and Blue Ridge.

November Raytown News

The local fire station has been completed and members of the Auxiliary Police, former Civilian Defense Unit, were at home Sunday to scrub and clean the place.

The Board of Education will allow members of Boy Scout Troop 145 to use a small plot of land on the southeast corner of the high school grounds. Possibly build a meeting place there.

November 29, 1945 Raytown News

Naomi C. Stout, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Stout, was married to James W. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Kansas City, Sunday, November 25.

Jim Ellison, of Raytown Appliance Co. will return January 15, 1846, 6223 Raytown Road

December 6, 1945 Raytown News

Mr. and Mrs. J. Talbot Arnold, announce marriage of their daughter, Mary Ann, to Mr. George Edward Pulley, November 28, at the Blue Ridge Methodist Church.

10 Years Ago ( 1935) Raytown News — E. C. Fegert established funeral home in the W. F. Hall residence.

December 20, 1945 Raytown News

The Raytown News, started in 1926, has had three homes: first, on Raytown road at a spot just north of 63<sup>rd</sup> street, later it moved into a specially built home one block west of Raytown road where it lived, which it outgrew, and moved it into the Cox building, 6213 Raytown road. None of the original equipment is being used now that Minor Smith's trucks moved twenty years ago. In the last fourteen years much of the old equipment has been replaced.

The present owner has been in charge since September 1931 when purchased from the estate of the late Earl D. Knox.

December 27, 1945 Raytown News

Sgt. W. F. Muir Jr. discharged from the Army, arrived home last week.

Paul Hansen has received promotion to Fireman 1/c. He is on the USS Yosemite stationed in Japanese waters.

(First Grade Raytown: Danny Ballew, Paul Saylor, Jo Ann Davidson, Carolyn Sue Stockman, Ricky Fagen, have returned to school after a long illness)

Miss Dorothy Searcy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Searcy of Stormy Point district, and Mr. Leo Carmack were married at the home of the bride's parents home on Christmas Eve. Reverend C. Lee Kenagy read the ceremony. The bride wore a beige dress and carried red rosebuds. Her sister, Gusta Mae, wore a gray dress and carried pink rosebuds.

Carmack, a Navy man, is stationed in Chicago and will return to duty next month. Mr. William Wolf, of the Army, was his best man.

Mrs. Wordie Ann Stillwell, 59, after a one-year illness, died at her home, 4600 Raytown road. She is survived by her husband, George, and three sons: Harry; P/c Ralph, with army in France; Harold. Ph M1-c navy submarine service in New London, Conn.; daughter, Mrs. James Cesar. Burial in Blue Springs.

December 27, 1945 Raytown News 15 Years Ago 1945-15= 1930

Harry Clayton sold his garage business and residence west of the Rock Island railroad to Leroy Cox this week.