

RAYTOWN NEWS 1948

January 1, 1948 Raytown News

On Tuesday there will be an election to see whether the voters wish to organize and incorporate a Fire Protection District: Vote on the names of three directors by simple majority.

A Lane School District Citizens Association was formed to present a request for a decision from the Raytown Board of Education whether Lane School would be closed permanently or reopened later. (The Lane School building had developed a large crack in the structure and deemed unsafe. RB)

January 8, 1948 Raytown News

13th chapter of Mrs. Thruston's book, "Echoes of the Past," "The present Smith Hardware store (frame structure) was the old Stormy Point schoolhouse (built 1878) purchased by Luther Robinson and moved to Raytown and then purchased by Smith Brothers. (RB. Was east of present store, 9717 East 63rd street, demolished for Traffic Way)

The Security Federal Savings was organized in 1934 by a group of local men. Following the death of Mr. Andrew Smith, E. G. O'Flaherty became the cashier and assisted by Mrs. Lydia Spradley, also employed by the Raytown Bank, took over the active management of the Security Federal Savings.

February 12, 1948 Raytown News

J. L. Strohm elected assistant cashier at the Raytown Bank.

February 19, 1948 Raytown News

Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Greene, open house at their home in Holmes Park, Mo. Holmes Park named for Mrs. Greene's family.

Mr. Henry Greene and Catherine Steward Holmes were married February 23, 1898 by Reverend Haldmen, pastor of the old West Fork church (now Raytown Baptist church), 62nd and Woodson road. Attendants were Mr. Walter F. Muir and Laura Greene, sister of the groom. Later these two married. Mr. and Mrs. Greene had two children, Mrs. Hazel Greene Strode and a son, Walter Holmes Greene.

February 26, 1948 Raytown News

19th chapter of Mrs. Thruston's book, "Echoes of the Past," page 122. Mrs. Thruston describes the grade school, built about 1878, was like many others of the region, a white structure, one room, big stove in the center of the room, a water bucket used by all pupils, out door conveniences, lighting of the times would have been kerosene lamps. This was her memory of the time she started school September 1905. (Picture in the Raytown Historical Museum shows a large number of students of all ages and sizes. The location was west of the intersection of 63rd and Raytown road and near the site of the brick building built in 1915, 9900 East 63rd street. RB)

MRS. ADA FISHER GRIGSBY, 55, 9113 East 65th street, died at Research Hospital following a long period of illness. She had lived here fifteen years. She was born in Dorrance, Kansas,

and moved to Kansas City when she was seven years old. She married Harry Grigsby in 1915. She is survived by three daughters; Mrs. Alice Murkin, Raytown; Mrs. Dorothy Hutchins and Miss Marion Grigsby of the home; three sons, Elmer R. and Harry E. of Kansas City, Raymond of Ft. Worth, Texas; two brothers and two sisters. Burial in Brooking Cemetery:
Harry E. Grigsby 1895-1954 Ada M. Grigsby 1892 - 1948

There are two new offices in town: Frank Wilson at Smith Brothers Feed and Fuel Office on 63rd street and Mrs. Bertha Cole and Mr. George Walsh, in the branch office of Evans Real Estate, 6311 Raytown road.

Medelon Wright Edelman, 31, 59th & Osborne, is survived by her husband and two daughters, Valeria Rochelle and Andrea; grandmother, Mrs. Ivy Wright and two sisters, Katleen Wood, Fla., Mary Emma Buzan, Kansas City; brother, Donald Wright, Ca.; two uncles of the community, Harry and Roy Lewis. Burial in Brooking Cemetery.

March 18, 1948 Raytown News

Funeral services were held for MRS, ALBERT MOODY, 50, who suffered multiple bone fractures when she fell sixty feet from the Rock Island Railway bridge on 63rd street, west of the Raytown Grade School, March 8. She is survived by her husband, Albert Moody and her son, John D. Rippel, both of the home; two sisters and a brother, William Kent, Wareagle, Ark., burial in Muskogee, Ok.

Raytown Sheet Metal Works, 6221 Raytown road , has a new manager, J. R. McBride.

March 25, 1948 Raytown News

The Raytown Fire Department has received few calls to this date. They were discussing work at the fire house and to provide modern living quarters for a full time fireman.

JOHN GROGGER. 76, longtime resident, died Monday at his home, 87th & Grogger. His father, Bernhardt Grogger, was an early day resident and a farmer and his son followed him in that profession.

Mr. and Mrs. Grogger, the former Lillie May Farris, were married October 6, 1897, and observed their golden wedding anniversary last fall. He is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Marie Babcock, Parkville; Mrs. Velma Seideman and Mrs. Eileen Strong of Kansas City; three sons, J. Earl, Lee O., Arthur Carl Grogger, all local residents; sister. Mrs. Buford Dehoney, Raytown; two brothers, George W. Grogger, 87th & Raytown road. Burial Floral Hills.

Ten Years Ago (1948-10=1938) The Raytown Real Estate Company office, now in a frame building, will move into the basement of the new brick structure being completed just west. The first floor is to be occupied by Dr. C. R. Monaghan and Dr. D. M. Eubank.

April 8, 1948 Raytown News

Raytown new Baptist Church plans going forth, north of 63rd street. To build an educational wing, 42x90 feet, extending north and south, consist of basement, first floor and second floor, fireproof. Basement to house large assembly room for adult classes, banquet and recreational

room, on first floor nursery, beginners, primary, library, pastor study, men and women rest rooms. On second floor, junior and intermediate rooms. Educational wing to hold 600 people; auditorium to hold 450 persons. Pastor was George D. Hook.

Open for business - Santa Fe Service, 67th & Blue Ridge
Bill Martin Motors, successor to Galloway & Martin, 4825 Raytown road

April 15, 1948 Raytown News

Dr. F. L. Laffoon has formed a partnership with Dr. Paul G. Goerner, of West Burlington, Iowa, to assist chiefly in the practice of internal medicine. Dr. Goerner is temporarily living at 9008 East 66th Terrace.

William Ong has recently purchased the first commercial helicopter of this kind in the community.

The Raytown Pre-School is located at 63rd & Raytown road .

April 22, 1948 Raytown News

From Mrs. Thruston's book, "Echoes of the Past," Twenty-Seventh Chapter, page 135: Mrs. Frances Greene Cassell remembered pupils who attended the old grade school building, among them were John and Charles Shumate, whose father, Sam Shumate, "had the only store in Raytown, where the Missouri Public Service and Raytown Café are now located. Mr. Sam Robinson owned it after Mr. Shumate moved away."

(RB from abstract on Hall's Addition, Section 5, : Book 132, page 222, January 20, 1883, John S. and Jennie Hutchinson to Samuel Shumate 1 1/8 acres ; Book 195, page 604, July 30, 1894 Shumate to Harris and Eualie George; Book 213-page 216, October 25, 1897 George to Samuel G. Robinson.)

The High School had a small portion of \$1,000 taken from their vault.

The school board voted to give the teachers twelve-month checks instead of receiving their salary in nine-month checks . Karl Nuhn will be the principal of the new school, Blue Ridge. The new building is expected to house 750 pupils.

May 27, 1948 Raytown News

The rapid growth of the community will create new mounted mail routes for Laurel Heights addition, Route 3, now 584; Eastwood Hills, Route 1, Leeds Station.

JAMES T. HARRIS, 85, died Friday evening. Had lived here since 1881, son of Samuel Harris and Parlee Webb Harris, born in Blue Springs January 4, 1862. Moved with his parents to Bates County when he was ten years old; returned in 1881 when his father bought the old Cook Farm, now known as the George Stillely place, on Blue Ridge north of Raytown.

He was married to Roxanna Rice, daughter of William B. Rice, an early settler. The couple moved to a farm in Lee's Summit until 1927 when they returned to the Raytown community. Mrs.

Harris died April 26, 1934. No children are mentioned. Burial in Brooking Cemetery:
James T. Harris 1863-1948 Roxie O. Harris 1867- 1934

George Stille & Son Gardens, 52nd & Blue Ridge, advertising cabbage, tomatoes, green peppers, pansies and rhubarb plants for sale.

June 3, 1948 Raytown News

Raytown Branch of the Jackson County Library will open in the W. F. Muir building at Blue Ridge, formerly occupied by the Raytown Kindergarten (10101 East 63rd) Location seems ideal, a stucco rectangular building about 1,000 square feet with windows on sides, completely redecorated, 384 linear feet of specially designed shelving is placed around the walls to hold books on slightly sloping shelves finished in light gray with wrinkle finish.

Reverend R. M. Beard, 33 years old, is new pastor for the Christian Church.

The sale of lots from the Rieder Tract, here between 63rd street, Raytown road, and Blue Ridge has attracted a lot of interest. Herman Rieder purchased the former Orlando Jennings vacant property which fronts 63rd and Blue Ridge.

The Baptist church purchased the frontage on Blue Ridge, just south of the W. F. Muir Sr. home some time ago (about March 27, 1947) and plan to erect a new home there. Mr. Reider retains a 50 foot lot immediately adjoining the Raytown Market building at 63rd street frontage, of 25 foot front lots, except the corner.

A portion of the Rieder tract fronts Raytown road, approximately 90 feet just north of the Raytown News building (old Jennings building , 6213 Raytown road). This has not been sold according to Rieder.

Apparently the U. S. Court rulings will prevent the Fox-Midwest theater to build on the former Logan-Moore Lumner site between Laffoon's building and Brinton's Electronic Shop.

June 17, 1948 Raytown News

Dr. Jack M. Davis M D, Wheeling and Chillicothe, expects to come to Raytown and be associated with Dr. D. M. Eubank in his practice. Davis will be here about July 1. He is a graduate of University of Missouri with A. B. and B. S. degrees, M. D. degree from University of St. Louis. He served in the armed services 1943-1945. His wife is the former Jacqueline Henson of St. Louis and was a surgical nurse in the St. Louis City hospital before her marriage.

June 25, 1948 Raytown News

J. Ross Moore, 64, foreman of Schutte Lumber company for 19 years, died. Was survived by his wife, Catherine Vaught Moore; two daughters, Mrs. Elmer Twiehaus and Mrs. Donald Viers of Kansas City. Burial in Brooking Cemetery: Joseph R. Moore 1884-1948; Catherine P. Moore 1887-1950

July 8, 1948 Raytown News

Roy J. Walker, 60, died July 2, lived at 6300 Harold avenue and had moved to Cross Timbers - Roy J. Walker, 60, former Raytown citizen, died of heart ailment at Research hospital. Was buried in the Lee's Summit cemetery. He was born in Lee's Summit, January 21, 1888. Was married

to Alta Mae Wolfe June 5, 1911, came to Raytown 1924. He was salesman for Oldham Wholesale Grocery for 30 years.

Roberta Lee Ellison, daughter of A. E. Ellison, married Mr. ~~V. D.~~ H. Campbell, July 1.

Advertisers: Perry C. Gifford Realty Co., 6300 Blue Ridge
Raytown Plumbing & Heating, J. M. Boggs, 63rd & Harold, opens July 5
Raytown Auto Supply Co., 6311 East 63rd street
H & M Service station, northeast corner 63rd & Raytown road

July 15, 1948 Raytown News

Much speculation about the bull dozer of Brooking Whitehouse moving rich black dirt on the north side of 63rd street, one block east of Raytown road. Everyone knew Herman Rieder had recently sold all of his ground except the first fifty feet adjoining the Raytown Market.

Five Years Ago - 1948-5= 1943 Raytown News

The 23 year old institution of Cassell and Cassell was sold this week to Forrest Schoeller.

The West Lynn Taxi company, here for two years, sold its business at 6400 Raytown road to Williams Bros., to be known as Raytown Taxi company.

July 29, 1948 Raytown News

Laurel Heights Improvement Association was formed: President, James Holmes Greene Jr.; Vice president, Joe Herndon; Secretary, Mrs. Earl Robertson; Treasurer, Fred Jones.

Mrs. Hettie Blue, 91, 53rd & Blue Ridge, died. Had lived here eighty years. Born in Ohio, daughter of Sara Dumm and Joseph Reber. When she was ten years old the family moved to Raytown. She had ten children of which four have survived. Her husband, Jonathan W. Blue, died five and a half years ago. Survivors are: daughter, Mrs. Anna Troupe of the home; three sons, John W. and Henry W. Blue 53rd & Blue Ridge; W. Hobart Blue, 53rd & Northern; one sister.

Hope to have the new Blue Ridge Mall open September 1.

August 5, 1948 Raytown News

Nearly 50 friends suprised Axel W. Svahnberg,, 8138 Dundee on his 50th birthday. He received a piece of tapestry and a pencil set.

Lillard Raytown Café - 63rd & Raytown road.

August 12, 1948 Raytown News

Rufus M. Wright, 60, citizen of Raytown for many years, passed away August 4 of heart ailment. For the last 25 years he was associated with the Alexander Lumber company. He was survived by his wife, Mrs. Emma Wright; mother, Mrs. Laura Wright; sister, Velma Ellis; two children, Mrs. Marjorie Edmondson and Mrs. Virginia Ward. Burial Brooking Cemetery:
Rufus M. Wright 1888-1948 Emma H. Wright 1888-1972

August 19, 1948 Raytown News

New Enterprise at Ong Airport, Is That of Manufacturing Aerial Spraying Unit - A 40 gallon tank in airplane cabin unit will be operating from ten helicopters and dusters. Mr. Larry Vaughn, Parts & Service Manager, said spray was 90% effective.

August 26, 1948 Raytown News

John W. Murkin, 8-years old, died Sunday, after a soft drink bottle exploded in his face.

August 30, 1948 ?? Kansas City Star. Date unknown.....

George Theodore "Dode" Cassell died Monday at his home, Cassell road northeast of Raytown. He was one of nine children, surviving are his sister, Mrs. Steve Barrett, Independence; two brothers, Henry Cassell and Omer Cassell.

"Mr. Cassell was born in a log cabin on what is known as Rhodes addition, in the neighborhood of 58th & Ash, June 16, 1864. In 1888 he moved with his family to the home, where he lived until his marriage. With his bride he moved to the large home at 10208 East 63rd street, where two children - Mrs. O'Flaherty and Ray Cassell were born. At the death of his parents he acquired the old home which stands on the original tract entered with the government. It has always been the property of a Cassell since the government ownership, shortly after the Civil War."

..... Most everyone knew him as "Dode". He was a firm character, one of decisive and direct conversation, never wasted a word. Dode had farmed, had an extensive garden and sold its produce.

Brooking Cemetery: G. Theodore Cassell 1864-1948 Bessie Young Cassell 1870-1964

B. F. Ballard, 78, died Tuesday. He was born on Bloomington, Illinois, son of Benjamin Franklin Ballard, and had lived here 64 years. He had moved here in 1888 and lived in the Rice place across the street from the Ong Airport. In 1915 he purchased a place at 59th and Raytown road and lived there since then. December 31, 1896 he married Mary Jane Galt, who died December 1, 1941. He was the last of six brothers and two sisters. Was survived by his seven daughters: Mrs. Charles Thruston, Mrs. Frank Wilson, Mrs. Victor Weber, Mrs. Frank Cole, Mrs. Henry Williams, Mrs. Willis Pettegrew, all of Raytown, Mrs. Charles Hayes, St. Joseph of St. Joseph. Burial in Brooking Cemetery: B. Franklin Ballard, Sept. 20, 1869- August 31, 1948 Mary Jane Ballard February 24, 1876- December 1, 1941

Lon Ervin, 75, Raytown road, died of a heart attack Tuesday morning (September) at a Kansas City hospital. He had lived on what is known as the Hartman farm, at the entrance of Longview farm. Mrs. Ervin had died in 1941.

His father, Marcus Ervin, had lived on what is now the A. F. French place, and then moved to a farm which was the original homestead of his grandmother, Melvina Ervin, later Bowers, then Woodson. Survivors: brother, George Ervin; five sons, Roy Ervin, Lee's Summit; Otis Ervin, Raytown; Webster Ervin, Laurel Heights; Arthur and Alonso Ervin of Los Angeles.

The new school, Blue Ridge, was not ready, the moving date has been set for October 25. Grade students will meet in their old school buildings until moving time.

The high school had 400 students enrolled, George Richey, principal. Total enrollment for the district was 1,732.

September 14, 1948 Raytown News

O. J. Payne, 83, died August 28, of a heart attack at his home in Pomona, California. Survivors are: wife, Varina; daughter, Mrs. C. H. Brooks, Pomona; three sons, Orris W. Payne, Grants Pass, Oregon; Howard C., Pomona; Russell, Ontario.

Mrs. Anna M. Johnson, died September 8, lived 211 East Short Street, Independence. Was the mother of Mrs. Katherine Whitehouse. Burial at Floral Hills Cemetery.

October 7, 1948 Raytown News

Miss Elizabeth Maddi, daughter of Mrs. Mary Maddi, married Mr. George Boston.

Grand opening of Wilson Barber Shop , October 6, Paul L. Wilson, in same building with Blue Ridge Cleaners, 10027 East 63rd street.

October 28, 1948 Raytown News

Miss Shirley Bockleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bockelman, married Edward Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Minor Smith.

November 4, 1948 Raytown News

Arthur Burke had purchased ground 100 feet west of Raytown Market, building 50 x 115 feet, four small shops, with theater proposed, 75 feet frontage on 63rd street, central entrance, sweet shop, Juke box. To be called Raytown Theater.

December 2, 1948 Raytown News

Erma Jean Pettegrew, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Pettegrew, of Harrison Farm, became the bride of Mr. O. Morgan Scoville, in a candlelight ceremony, November 28.

Willard Bivins & Son have purchased the H & M Mobilgas station, at 63rd and Raytown road. Former owner, Hopson, has purchased the Texaco station at Raytown road and 50 Highway.

A new fire truck will arrive in a week, Ford built chassis. Firehouse is ready to receive it.

December 9, 1948 Raytown News

Raytown Radio Service moved to 6401 Raytown road, Butner building, Marvin Harrenstien.