

# Viewpoints

## DAILY PRAYER

"Lord Jesus, we tend to try to Thank you for being the Bread of our hearts with yourself when

### DAYS GONE BY JIM WIMMER

## Business retrospective — looking back to 1955

I found some old phone books in our library several years ago. I went through ones for 1955, 1963 and 1971. We had an amazing amount and variety of businesses in 1955.

As I perused the others, many of the early ones disappeared and some few new ones appeared. Since there are many listings, there won't be room for pictures, even if I could find some. Here we go... 1955.

**Shoe Stores:** Lynch's Shoe Store, 524 N. Main; Ott's Bootery, 107 E. 6th and Wiley-McCall at 502 N Main. Next is Shoe Repair: Electric Shoe Shop, 111 E. 6th; Henry's Shoe Shop, 117 W. 5th and Walter shoe repair, 614 N. Main.

**Men's Clothing Stores; Men's and Boy's Wear:** Reed's Clothing, 507 N. Main and

Tobey's Men's Wear, 517 N. Main.

**Ladies Ready to Wear:** Faye's, 1027 Washington Road; Gordon's, 510 N. Main; Granger's, 615 N. Main; Hogan's Store, 613 N. Main; Marietta Shop, 513 N. Main and

Townsend's at 607 N. Main.

**Jewelers:** Dickey Jewelry, 611 N. Main; Frey's Jewelry, 133 W. 6th; Rafety's Jewelry and

Gifts, 116 W. 6th and Raplee's Jewelry at 519 N. Main.

**Ice Cream:** Dairy Queen, SE 10th and Washington Rd; Dairy Snack, 1816 N. Main;

Larry's, 1515 N. Main; Meadow Brook Ice Cream, 123 N. Main and Newton Dairy Co. At 204 W. 6th.

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**Variety Stores:** Hogan's, 613 N. Main and Woolworth at 619 N. Main.

**Grocers:** Broadway Market, 600 E Bdwy; Charmain's Market, 528 E. 8th; Charlsen's Fruit & Grocery, 105 S. Kansas; Dillon's #6, 200 N. Main; Dillon's #24, 724 N. Main; PaulENZ Grocery, 214 S. Poplar; Farrell & Cook Grocery, 201 W. 1st, Fry and Son Grocery, 817 N. Main;

Hofen Drive-In Market, 1726 N. Main; Kroger Grocery Co., 182 W Bdwy; Mac's 5th Street

Market, 327 W. 5th ; McProud's Market, 1020 N. Main; OK Grocery, 315 High; Plumbs Grocery, 421 Pine (this is where Ted Ice said he got his bubble gum); Reaugh Cash Grocery, 410 E. 9th; J G Stucky & Sons #1, 2501 N. Main; J G Stucky & Sons # 2, 1029 Washington Rd. and Superior Food Market, 501 N. Main.

**Restaurants & Cafes:** Adobe Hut, 307 N. Main; Chuck House, 211 N. Main; Corner Lunch, 136 E. 6th; Dorsey's Sandwich Shop, 706 N. Main; Eighty One Grill, 1708 N. Main; Et-Yet Grill, 1401 S. Kansas;

Guest House, 618, N. Main; Fred Harvey @ Santa Fe Depot; Larry's Refreshment Inn, 1515 N. Main; Lola's Café, 114 W. 4th; Louie's Café, 119 1/2 W. 5th; Mack's Lunch, 111 E 7th; Ralph's Grill, 417 N. Main; Roy's Café, 120 E 5th; Santa Fe Café, 122 E 5th ; Sunflower Café, 710 N. Main; Trucker's Inn, 1410 S. Kansas; Ver-Ru Drive In 1305 Washington Rd.; Village Café, 1034 Washington Rd. If the business sold ice cream and other food, I tried not to list them

twice.

**Rest Homes** had four listings. **Motels** had four listings, **Hotels** had 8 listings. **Hardware stores** had four listings: Claassen's, Graber's, Lehman's and Spangler's There were 6 listings for

**Department Stores.**

**Gas Stations** seemed to be the more prolific with 30 listings. **Furniture stores** and **Car dealers** had 10 and 11 listings, respectively. Think of what we have now!

### Coming Attractions:

1. May is Historical Preservation month.
2. History of SW Bell exchange before dial phones.
3. Revisit Newton / Harvey County Centennial 1971-72
4. More history of the skating rink from Geraldine Collier.

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