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RGHS NEWSLETTER

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New Exhibit at the Riley City Library:

Riley County Relics

The Riley County Historical Society and Museum has installed "Riley County Relics," an outreach exhibit that opened at the beautiful new Riley City Library on March 8th. The exhibit will run through Saturday, April 11.

The exhibit features Riley related artifacts and photographs from the Society's collection. Cheryl Collins, Director of the Riley County Historical Museum, opened the exhibit with a presentation titled "A Ramble Through Riley 100 Years Ago."

The Riley City Library is located at 115 South Broadway, Riley.

Riley City Library Hours

Mondays

10 a.m.— noon

1— 6 p.m.

Tuesdays

1—6 p.m.

Wednesdays

10 a.m.— noon

Thursdays

closed

Fridays

10 a.m.— noon

1—6 p.m.

Saturdays

10 a.m.— noon

Other outreach exhibits courtesy of the Riley County Historical Society and Museum

The Story of Varney's Book Store

Located in the Riley County Courthouse, this temporary exhibit features artifacts and photographs from Varney's Book store, which first opened on Poyntz Avenue in 1890 by Joseph "Guy" Varney and his uncle. This exhibit can be viewed during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Illuminating Manhattan

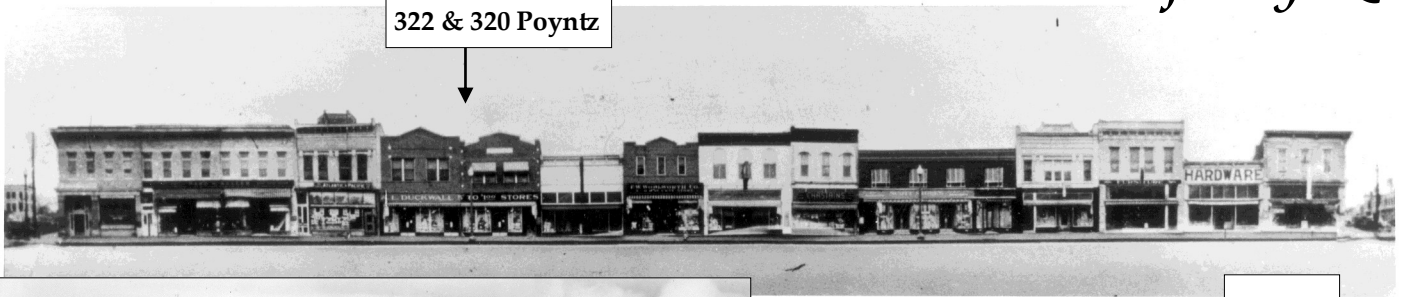
View a brief history of the development of electric lighting in Manhattan. This exhibit is located in the Riley County Office Building, first floor lobby at 110 Courthouse Plaza. It is available during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Clarice M. Painter: Manhattan Music Maker

Featuring the story of Clarice M. Painter, a Kansas State University music faculty member for 45 years, this exhibit is available for viewing at the Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community Center located at 2121 Meadowlark Road and open normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Evolution of the downtown Duckwall's Store — north 300 block of Poyntz

322 & 320 Poyntz



1938

If you have information to share
about this block, please get in touch!

1945

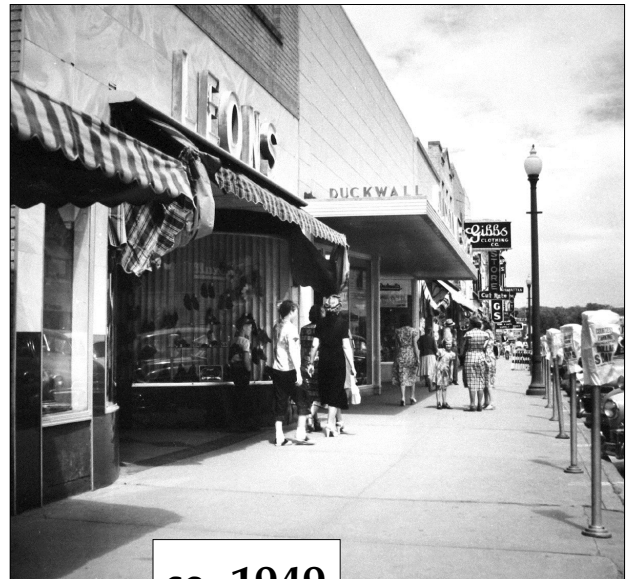


The Duckwall Company, a Kansas-owned business, was founded in 1901. By 1936 Duckwall's was operating 35 stores in Kansas and 5 in Colorado.

Manhattan's downtown Duckwall store opened in 1909. The building at 320 Poyntz, occupied at the time by the Jones Store, was purchased by A.L. Duckwall and S.L. Wagaman in late April of 1936. The newly-acquired building adjoined the already-existing Duckwall's variety store at 322 Poyntz, allowing the business to dramatically increase in size. The common wall between the two buildings was removed, providing a sales room of 50 by 145 feet with a modern front and three entrances. Installation of a 40 foot soda fountain and luncheonette was included as part of the enlargement project.

A second Duckwall's store was operated in Aggieville at 615 North Manhattan, north of the intersection with Moro.

A devastating fire on December 20, 1945, destroyed the downtown Duckwall's store. The business occupied an on-site replacement building until 1974 when So-Fro Fabrics, and after that JoAnn's, occupied the downtown space. Duckwall's, under the name "Alco," relocated to a larger space in the Village Plaza shopping center in 1974.



ca. 1949



ca. 1952

Photos courtesy of the Riley County Historical Society



Manhattan Public Library

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Baseball History

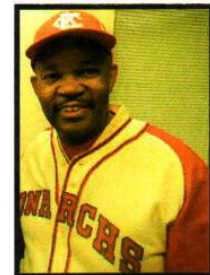
Sunday March 29 at 2:00 p.m.

with

Phil S. Dixon



African-American sports historian, author,
and co-founder of the Negro League
Baseball Museum will present a program
on the Kansas City Monarchs at the
Manhattan Public Library auditorium.



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The 1924 Kansas City Monarchs

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_____ Benefactor	\$100	_____ Individual Life Member Donation	\$300

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Or better yet, deliver it to the Museum and visit the exhibits!

Donations to the Riley County Historical Society (a 501 c 3 organization) may be tax deductible.