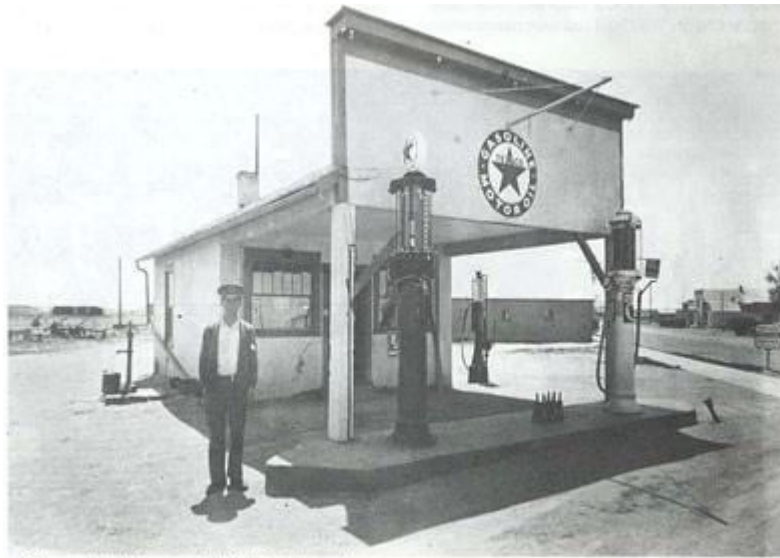


FRIENDS OF RAYMER

New Raymer, Colorado

February 1, 2020



Gas was 18 and 21 cents at Earl Giles' filling station.

It's official!

The Star Filling Station (locally known as Walker's Texaco) is listed on the National Historic Register!

We are so anxious to begin restoring this beloved icon!



Giving Tuesday, 2019

Thanks to so many of you who know this place as your hometown or who would like to see this place saved and restored! We are encouraged by your support to take on the restoration of Centre Avenue and move it from an Endangered Place to a Saved Place! Our Mission is to:

Offer educational experiences and provide public access to history in ways that enrich and expand the life of our community.

We are honored to continue to take action to

Uplift hidden stories and heroes too long forgotten;

Create a sense of community rooted in a sense of place and history; and

Appreciate the unique power of place and story that exists in our community.

Thank you all!

Friends of Raymer

History Colorado
November 25, 2019

Good news for gearheads! The Star Filling Station has been listed to the National Register of Historic Places! 🚗 🛢️ 🏠

In its heyday, this small gasoline station served the community and passers-by in the high plains town of New Raymer in northeastern Weld County. It is situated at the historic commercial intersection of Centre Avenue and Brock Street, one block north of Colorado State Highway 14.

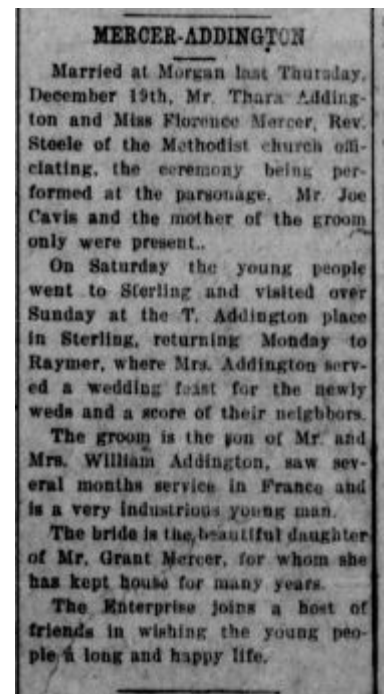
Star Filling is notable for its early twentieth century design as a gasoline station consisting of an enclosed room with a projecting, open canopy that provided shelter for the drive-through fueling lane. It is also important for its association with the development of commercial automotive services, as this mode of transportation became prevalent beginning in the 1920s.

By 1925, when the station was constructed, America's enthusiasm for the automobile was growing, and industrial giants pushed the bounds of technology to design automobiles with increasing reliability and comfort with each new model. Buying on credit and making installment payments also came into vogue, bringing the cost of a car within reach for many families in the emerging middle class. As each year passed, Americans living in cities large and small, as well as on farms and ranches, abandoned their horse-drawn carriages in favor of the latest models produced by companies such as Buick, Ford, Dodge, Chevrolet, Oldsmobile and Chrysler. However, just as horses needed to be cared for, automobiles required regular maintenance, including fuel, lubricants, tires, batteries and occasional repairs.

The Raymer Enterprise—years 1910-1928—can be seen at

www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org

100 years ago today there was a wedding between Florence Mercer and Thara Addington, who began their lives together on the Mercer farm northeast of New Raymer. This article was in the December 25, 1919 issue of the Raymer Enterprise. Please add any information you have on this couple and/or this farm!



Deborah Artzer Thara Addington was born to William and Effie Addington in 1897. He was one of 5 children. Two of his siblings were Geneieve and Cora. Geneieve married Wilbur Fiscus. They lived in New Raymer for many years. Cora married George Kellner, and they lived northeast of Raymer. Their daughter, Geneieve married Warren (Jack Fiscus) and their other daughter Jewell married Jake Artzer. Thara's grandparents, Nathan and Susannah (Winterrowd) and his Uncle, George Winterrowd, are buried in the Raymer cemetery.



Deborah Artzer Thara Addington before he went to WWI.

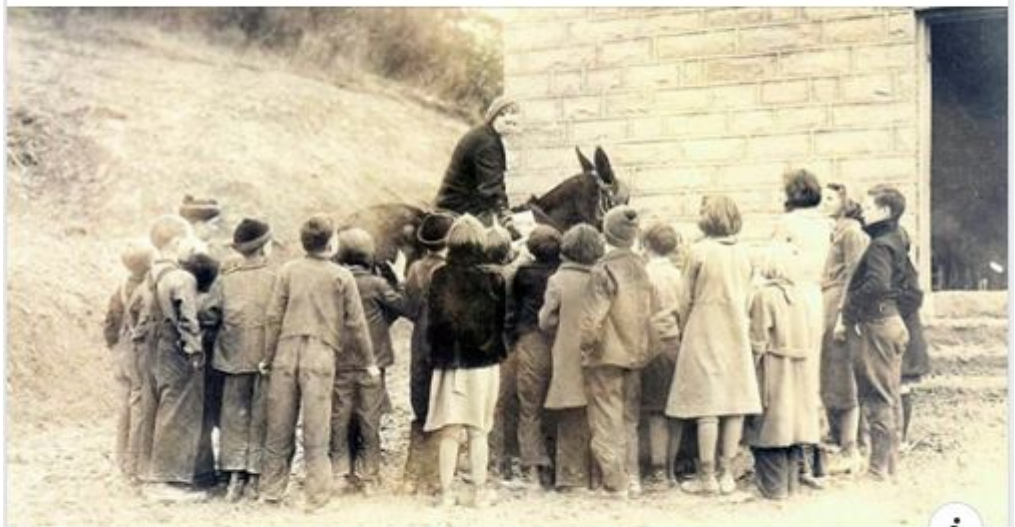


Like · Reply · 5w



2

Tough times then. Wouldn't they be amazed if they could see how information is exchanged now? Still, we are losing some of the old stories if they are not written down. Thanks to all of you who share your memories with us! We still want those stories behind the brands!



DUSTYOLDTHING.COM

The Fierce Female Librarians Who Delivered Books on Horseback During the Great Depression

i



Max Schlosser Everyone trying to others back then!!!

Like · Reply · 3w



2



Mikki Cavallo I just got the book!

Like · Reply · 3w



1



Julie Johnson Mikki Cavallo it's so good!!

Like · Reply · 3w



Mikki Cavallo Julie Johnson I'm going to start it today in honor of Mrs. Johnson! The first time I met her was at the old New Raymer school house library. She explained how a cake was decorated with a sheet picture. Geez I just remembered that! 🥰



Kim Grant Is there a book about this? If so, what is the title?

Like · Reply · 3w



Jean Krause "Down Cut Shin Creek" non-fiction. Wikipedia has an article about the Pack Horse Library in Kentucky late thirties - early forties. Fascinating!

Like · Reply · 3w