

WEST JEFFERSON IN DAYS GONE BY

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MADISON PRESS - November 30, 1922- It is a well-known fact that residents of West Jefferson residing on streets other than Main St. desire light for their street. The West Jefferson Power & Light Co. has offered to discontinue half of the Main St. lights and erect them in the residential areas.

____ January 4, 1923 - Civil War veteran Elijah Spring dies at the age of 74.

____ February 18, 1923 – Martin Haynes, son of early settler A. R. Haynes, died at the age of 80 years. He served 100 days with Company C, 154 O. V. I. Ohio National Guard. (It served 100 days from May 9, 1864, to September 1, 1864. Participated in the Battles of Monacacy, Ft. Stevens, Harpers Ferry, and Siege of Petersburg. They suffered one killed, and three died of disease. They mustered out at Camp Denison near Cincinnati. Company C was commanded by Capt. Alex Swanston of West Jefferson)

____ May 17, 1923 – The official opening of the new M. E. Methodist Church will be this coming Sunday.

____ May 21, 1923 – The village streets are to be re-graveled and oiled with 4,000 gallons of oil from the Standard Oil Company.

June 18, 1923 – Frank Moorehead, the local contractor, has bought the old M. E. Church on E. Main St. for \$2,000. (your writer has the organ and pew from the 1862 church)

July 23, 1923 – Members of the Baptist Church are in the midst of a money-raising campaign for the purpose of repairing and stuccoing the brick church building. The campaign is under the leadership of W. H. Pence. The goal is \$3,000.

____ October 11, 1923 – The Fairview Addition (Putnam and Ohio Avenues) is annexed.

____ The results of the 1923 election are: Mayor, H. G. Putnam - 418; Frank Biggert - 135; Clerk E. E. Gregg – 476; Treasurer, Chas. W. Peene – 391. (Mayor Putnam's picture is in the Library's West Jefferson Remembers Site)

____ December 13, 1923 – A semi-pro football team, the West Jefferson Indians, was formed in 1917. Albert Quinn has been the leader of the team for the past two years.

____ December 20, 1923 – Asa C. Carter, 93, Jefferson's oldest resident, dies at the home of Dr. H. F. Jackson on Fellows Ave.

____ January 21, 1924 – P. O. Harbage becomes the new Captain of the West Jefferson Indians.