Roy E. Thomas

Roy E. Thomas was a 1937 graduate of Herculaneum High School. He was Senior Class President and participated in basketball during his high school career. Mr. Thomas served his country in the United States Army and was a POW in Germany during World War II. He was married to Floy Thomas, who was a long-time teacher in the Herculaneum Public Schools. Their two sons also graduated from Herculaneum High School. He was employed as an accountant at the St. Joe Lead Company from which he retired.

Mr. Thomas served as a member of the Herculaneum Board of Education from 1949 to 1973, for a total of 24 years. During his tenure, he served as treasurer, vice-president, and president. Mr. Thomas was involved with the reopening of the Herculaneum public school building after the disastrous fire of 1947 and with the Jefferson County school district reorganization in 1949. He was also involved in the Herculaneum and Pevely schools consolidation in the mid 1960's and while he was a board member, the school district opened the Roy E. Taylor Elementary Building and the Robinson Gymnasium.

Mr. Thomas was a very active member of the Herculaneum community. He was involved in the Herculaneum Fire Department and Boy Scout Troop 411. He taught Sunday School at the First Baptist Church of Herculaneum and coached Little League Baseball. He was an avid bowler and golfer who served on the Board of Directors for the Joachim Golf Club.

In the early 1970's in honor of all of his contributions, the newly constructed middle school, Senn-Thomas, was named in honor of Roy E. Thomas and Dr. Emmett J. Senn. Mr. Thomas was a well-respected member of the community and a life-long Blackcat.