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From Independence Examiner

## RAYTOWN

In the Brooking Township spelling contest held at the High School Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, Harry James captured First Place and Ethleen Ballard Second, having tied with Harry Brooks. The two Harry's hail from Little Blue while the girl comes from Stormy Point. (This high school was held on the second floor of the Robinson Grocery Store, about 6214 Raytown road.)

The proposed levy to build a High School was snowed under by a vote of 127 against 117 for.

Three of our school girls are making homes nearer school. Pearle Cox stays with Uncle Jacob Crouse. Maude James with Mr. Nichols family, while Effie Lewis has found a home with Mrs. Buford Dehoney (6200 Raytown road).

The recent cold wave has enabled us to take a week's vacation in baseball and has permitted a little practice in running and jumping. Remember its April 22, at Independence when schools contest in Athletics.

There are seven in our graduating class this year: Clarence Burch, president; Burrell Day, vice-president; Cora Robinson, secretary and treasurer; Edith Whitehouse, Mabel Collings, Mary Mantle and Pearle Cox. Pearle Cox was our prophet and Mary Mantel our historian, and there will be no one advertised valedictorian. The commencement exercises will be May 19.

Hurrah for the Lee's Summit - Kansas City auto line. Three cheers for the citizens of Lee's Summit. This line will pass through Raytown. A passenger car is to run every hour. We wish this enterprise to be a crowning success. Count on Raytown for patronage,

A. L. Askansas, of Kansas City, bought 30 acres North of and almost adjoining Raytown for \$530 an acre on May 5, 1911.

Mrs. M. T. Thompson (Sarah Jane Rhoades), in 1892 sold 30 acres to J. B. Sewell, who held the land for 19 years (1892+19=1911) selling it in 1911 to the Raytown Realty company composed of W. F. Hall, George Wilson, Dr. A. A. Hobbs and Mr. Askansas.

From INDEPENDENCE EXAMINER, APRIL 14, 1911

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IN THE BROOKING TOWNSHIP SPELLING CONTEST HELD AT THE HIGH SCHOOL, SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST, HARRY JAMES CAPTURED FIRST PLACE AND ETHLEEN BALLARD SECOND, HAVING TIED ONCE WITH HARRY BROOKS. THE TWO HARRY'S HAIL FROM LITTLE BLUE WHILE THE GIRL COMES FROM STORMY POINT.

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THE RECENT COLD WAVE HAS ENABLED US TO TAKE A WEEK'S VACATION IN BASEBALL AND HAS PERMITTED A LITTLE PRACTICE IN RUNNING AND JUMPING. REMEMBER ITS APRIL 22, AT INDEPENDENCE WHEN THE SCHOOLS CONTEST IN ATHLETICS.

THERE ARE SEVEN IN OUR GRADUATING CLASS THIS YEAR: CLARENCE BURCH, PRESIDENT: BURRELL DAY, VICE PRESIDENT: CORA ROBINSON, SECRETARY AND TREASURER: EDITH WHITEHOUSE, MABEL COLLINGS, MARY MANTLE AND PEARLE COX. PEARLE WAS OUR PROPHET AND MARY OUR HISTORIAN, AND THERE WILL BE NO ONE ADVERTISED VALEDICTORIAN. THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES WILL BE MAY 19.

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August 9, 1913 - Residents of Raytown neighborhood are agitating the extension of the water main from the municipal farm to Raytown in order to afford an ample water supply for the community. It is about 3 miles to Municipal Farm.

August 28, 1913 - Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kemper returned from Big Horn Mountain where they spent their honeymoon. The bride was Clara Searcy, daughter of Mrs. G. W. Searcy of near Raytown. They were married at Sedalia and will live in Independence.

September 25, 1913 - On October 1, for the first time the state auditor, John P. Gordon, will send out checks to 653 ex-Confederate soldiers entitled to a pension from the state of Missouri by reason of a recent appropriation of \$30,000 for that purpose for the next two years. The Jackson County men outside of Kansas City are : T. C. Broaddus, Ferdinand B. Butler, J. H. Sallee, Naion F. Slead, Carroll H. Johnson, James W. Hambright, J. J. Butler, H. J. Boggs, George W. Shepherd, James J. Jones, John W. Settle, William H. Hardin, William H. Neighbors, W. H. Smith, W. W. Welch.

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\*\*\* June 1, 1913 Independence Examiner- The County Court ordered the highway engineer to make a preliminary survey and estimate the cost of grading and draining and etc. the old Santa Fe Trail south of this city. The road is a continuation of Cottage street in the south side of town. After leaving the city limits it takes a southwestern course and at a distance of about two and two-thirds miles it intersects the rock road from the city to Raytown. It was over this road that wagon trains in the days of the trail left town or returned. It has never been improved and is very hilly dirt road thirty feet wide. The request for its improvement was made by Albert E. Ott and others.

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1914

January 30, 1914 - Twenty-four high school students preparing to present a play on February 20: Frances Muir, William Palmer, Muriel Ballard, Leonard Cassell, Arthur Young, Phillip Chapell, Roy Rowland, Roy Donovan, Alma Funkhouser, Ethleen Ballard, Nellie Robinson, Harry Brooks, Hazel Greene, Joe Cassell, Roy McCormick, Genevieve Berte, Eddie Mantel, Rozelle Mallman, Violet Lewis, Raymond Stoughton, Elsa Mauer, Arthur Adler, Prof. W. L. Smith, principal of the school

April 16, 1914 Raymond Stoughton of Raytown High School and Miss Baxter Mann of Oak Grove won 1<sup>st</sup> prizes of gold metals in this annual county inter-school declamatory contest held at Buckner. Leonard Waterhouse and Genevieve Bert of Raytown received 2<sup>nd</sup> prizes

Ross McCampbell had come to Raytown to teach the first two years of high school. Both grades were in the same room.

The class room was reached by an outdoor stairs on the north side of the Sam Robinson grocery store, next to the Robinson home (about 6214 Raytown road). The coal for the stove was carried upstairs and the ashes and clinkers were carried down stairs in the same way. Mrs. McCampbell helped in the cleaning and sweeping of the floor.

Jacob Crouse, born in Germany 70 years ago, came to Raytown 40 years ago. He was successful and acquired some of the finest real estate in the Brooking Township. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge. He was survived by his wife, Mary D. Cox Crouse; two sons, Charles and Frank, and two daughters, Mrs. Louis Fehrman and Ettie Meyers. Burial was in the Brooking Cemetery: Jacob Crouse March 4, 1844 - August 7, 1914

Mary D. Cox Crouse December 30, 1850 - January 22, 1922

(January 2005 - The development of a residential area at 59<sup>th</sup> and Raytown road is part of the Crouse Estate)

1915

AUGUST 15, 1915 - From Fox Drug Store Abstract: Trustees of the First Christian Church of Raytown, 6227 Raytown road, petition to sell and change location of the church, 6108 Blue Ridge boulevard. The land was sold to Fred McInteer for \$807.50

Book 340 page 210 Alfred H. Cole, Jesse K. Burch, Marcus S. Pendleton and M. T. Thomson sell some of the land to Sarah Searcy for \$500. November 27, 1915 she sells to Marcus Pendleton for \$500.

Book 333 page 506, December 6, 1915 Marcus and Mary Pendleton sell to William Jennings for \$500.

The Christian Church paid \$7,000 to purchase the property at 6108 Blue Ridge boulevard.

The new grade and high school was built at 9900 East 63<sup>rd</sup> street. There were 30 high school students. Mr. McCampbell, as principal, earned \$100 a month.

During this year rural mail carriers were beginning to use motor cars but during rainy weather horses were used in the heavy mud.

1916

The Raytown Bank, in the Hobbs building, 6207 Raytown road, was robbed in May 1917 but the bandit escaped, without any money, in a railroad hand-car left waiting on the railroad tracks.

Nearby citizens, hearing the noise of explosives being used on the vault, armed and stationed themselves behind trees and buildings. The bandits had set off seven charges of nitroglycerine, blowing off the front of the building and bank fixtures into the street. The bandits, frightened by the neighbors shooting their guns, fired back, ran to their hand cart and escaped. It was believed that one of the robbers was injured but was able to reach the car.

This unusual episode was repeated for many years, each person with his version.

Hall's Addition Abstract: P & P Lumber company was incorporated February 5, 1916, and dissolved January 12, 1928. Hall's Addition is the triangular section of land west and south of the intersection of 63<sup>rd</sup> and Raytown road, going south to about 65<sup>th</sup> street, caused by the position of the Rock Island Railroad, containing about 1 1/8 acres of land.

1917

From Independence Examiner, Friday, September 14, 1917:

### RAYTOWN

Raytown is one of the busiest towns in Jackson County. It is on the Blue Ridge Road and has Rock Road connections with Independence, Kansas City and Lee's Summit. The road from Kansas City to Raytown was one of the first rock roads built in Jackson County and has been rebuilt a number of times. The stores are up-to-date and do a lot of business. It is also a town of churches and schools and people who believe in large families. For many years Samuel G. Robinson was one of the storekeepers but he is out of business now and his son, Luther Robinson is one of the newly weds and the Raytown people say Mrs. Robinson is the real proprietor. Fred McInteer is said to be the busiest man in town and they say he can build a ford at his blacksmith shop.

The Raytown Bank has bought and is preparing plans for the erection of a modern bank building. The new building will be thirty-two (32) feet in front by fifty (50) feet deep and will be built for the special purpose of the banking business. W. T. Clemens is cashier of the bank which is owned by Raytown men and L. M. Dehoney is president.

1918

The Raytown Bank was built and moved into at (6242 Raytown road) 63<sup>rd</sup> and Raytown road, across from the Muir Family Grocery store which also opened in this year. The cost of moving the bank was about \$4,000.

1919

THE INDEPENDENCE EXAMINER

May 3, 1919 - Samuel G. Robinson, for 20 years a merchant in Raytown died this morning at his home in that town, at the age of 60 years.

Mr. Robinson was born in Union County, Kentucky, and came to Jackson County, this state, when 24 and lived here since then. He is survived by his wife and following children: Mrs. Anna McInteer, Allen and Luther Robinson, all of this county; and also two sisters, Mrs. Josie Sharp and Mrs. Kate Quinn and by a brother, W. J. Robinson of Raytown. Mr. Robinson had been in failing health for a year and had never taken to his bed.

Funeral services will be held at 3, Sunday afternoon at the Baptist Church in Raytown, in charge of the Rev. C. P. Jones. Burial was in Brooking Cemetery (Brooking Cemetery: Samuel G. Robinson 1859-1919 Vyra G. Robinson 1865 -1946 )

\*\*\* In issue May 15, 1919 and Sept. 26, 1919 may be found list of persons in Batteries C and E departed from Ft. Sill