

Robt. Collins, Miss De Ette Morrison, J. F. Waddell and Miss Bernice Gray were among those who attended the theater in Janesville Friday evening.

October 5, 1911, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

With the Colors at Camp Grant.
The Review and its readers.
Once more I find time to jot a few lines to my friends through the columns of your paper, that they may be of interest to some, also perhaps I will receive as many replies to this letter as I did the former, for in response to that first letter I received letters from all sections of the country, its readers from Minneapolis to Chicago and Michigan to Iowa, not mentioning the friends in and about dear old Evansville.
Everything is about the same as usual. In fact we still have that famous Rockford mud to contend with and it surely is there when it comes to sticking. As a French officer who entered here the other night said, "You men will be used to mud by the time you reach France." And we surely will be, for we have to drill in mud and slush whenever the officers think it necessary and the officers think it has to be that way.
Yesterday was a holiday here in camp for most of the companies a few of them drilling and a few more holding field meets, which proved quite interesting. In fact, some of the companies have some real athletes among their men; in our company we have one fellow, a jumper, who does eighteen and one-half feet broad jump very easily. In the field event Company G carried off high honors.
To-day is another half-holiday for most of the fellows. Some of them may take the entire day, due to the fact that we received our third "shot" in the arm this morning. Some are beginning to complain already.

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I have hoped to be in Evansville before this, but in our reigment we are allowed only twelve hours off, therefore not allowing very much time to be away.
The general news about camp is that the 341st Regiment is going to Sparta, Wis., before very long, so if we do we will have better train connection home. But as that is just a report I cannot verify it, but sincerely hope that it is so, for we all know that there is plenty of sand up there and no mud.
We expect to have about seven thousand negroes in camp by the end of the week.
I hope this letter has proved interesting enough that I will again hear from my friends and I hope those who do not hear from me for some time will accept this letter as a response to their kind letters.
Thanking you all,
Sincerely,
R. L. Collins,
Co. G, 341st Infantry,
Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill.

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November 1, 1917, "Soldier Letters Written by Local Boys in the Different Cantonments." Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Information was received on Wednesday that Robert Collins a former Evansville young man had been commissioned Second lieutenant over across, and all friends here join in hearty congratulations.

November 15, 1918, p. 3, Janesville Daily gazette, "Evansville News" Janesville, Wisconsin



Robert Collins, World War I

NOTING.
Robert Collins has rented the A. B. Holmes house on Church Street. Mr. Holmes and family will move into the V. C. Holmes house on First street as soon as weather permits. V. C. Holmes and family are about to go to their summer home at Brill, Wis.

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April 21, 1921, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 3,

Evansville, Wisconsin (242 West Church street)

Robert Collins of the Van Wart Pharmacy this week took his last examination for a certificate as a registered pharmacist, at Milwaukee, and secured his certificate.

April 28, 1921, Evansville Review "Local News" Evansville, Wisconsin

CROW SELLS STORE TO ROBERT COLLINS

A deal was consummated this week whereby F. M. Crow sold his drug store to Robert Collins, formerly with L. Van Wart and who later moved to Akron, Ohio, where he engaged in business.

It is expected that Mr. Collins will take possession of the business as soon as he arrives from Ohio, which is expected in a week or so.

Mr. Crow has conducted this business for a number of years and thinks he is entitled to a vacation which he thinks he will take by joining the Rotary club and in company with its other members follow the shady places on Main street during the coming summer.

April 5, 1923, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. R. I. Collins and daughter Roberta, will leave soon to visit Mr. and Mrs. John Bazley, Ypsilanti, Mich.
July 30, 1931, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

PIONEER RESIDENT IS HONORED HERE SUNDAY

Frank Crow Observes 85th Year
With Anniversary Dinner;
Former Local Druggist

Frank Crow, local retired druggist and resident of the city for the past 51 years, celebrated his 85th birthday here Sunday when he was guest of honor at a dinner served in his home at 53 North Second street by his daughter, Miss Blanche Crow, with whom he resides.

The dinner guests were Mr. Crow, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Barnard, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Ames, and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Barnard, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Paulson and Fern and Howard Stott. The dinner was also in celebration of the birthdays of Mr. S. E. Barnard and Dr. Ames which occurred last week.

Mr. Crow, a 32nd degree Mason prominent in local Masonic circles,

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PIONEER RESIDENT IS HONORED HERE SUNDAY

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was born at New Franklin, Stock county, Ohio, Feb. 9, 1851 and before coming to Evansville in 1885 served his apprenticeship as a druggist in New Castle, Pa. He was later employed in the Smith drug store at Beloit from which city he located in Evansville.

Upon arriving here Mr. Crow was employed as manager for 19 years in the Pioneer drug store then operated by the late Dr. J. M. Evans. Following Dr. Evan's death, Mr. Crow went into business for himself establishing a pharmacy in the building now occupied by Bliven's Royal Blue Food store. He sold his business in 1923 to R. L. Collins who later moved the store to its present location in the Grange building.

Mr. Crow's store here was widely known as "the sign of the crow" for in front of his establishment he had a live crow in a cage to which was affixed the sign, "My Name is Jim, Frank is Inside."

Despite his age, Mr. Crow is in good health and greatly enjoys chatting with his many friends throughout the city. He has seen Evansville grow from a muddy street village to a thriving city and continues to take great interest in its civic improvements.

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**VETERINARY
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COLLINS DRUG, INC.
R. L. Collins R. E. Baird

March 23, 1939, p. 6, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

**COLLINS DRUG STORE
LEASES NEW LOCATION**

**Local Pharmacy Will Move Soon
From Grange Building Here
To Pioneer Corner**

A transaction was completed here last week wherein the Collins Drugs, Inc., operated by R. L. Collins and Richard E. Baird, leased the former Pioneer drug store building at the corner of Main and Madison streets from William G. Groh, local druggist.

The new location is now occupied by Arthur Tomlin who operates a tavern-cafe in the building. The Collins firm will remain in its present location in the Grange store building until the first of the year.

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Mr. Collins moved to his present location in the Grange building 14 years ago, and after incorporating in March, 1938 took in Richard E. Baird as a partner.

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November 16, 1939, pp. 1 & 8, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

REMOVAL SALE WILL OPEN HERE SATURDAY

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building to its new location in the old Pioneer block.

Heralded as the most dramatic sales event Evansville has ever known, the campaign will start promptly at 9 o'clock next Saturday with a \$7,500 fresh stock of nationally-known drugs, remedies, toilet goods, and novelties thrown in bins and bargain counters at astounding bargains.

Mr. Collins, a resident of Evansville for the past 30 years and former city treasurer, entered the drug business here in 1909 when he accepted employment in the old Pioneer drug store owned by the late Dr. J. M. Evans and managed by E. A. Schmaltz.

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Mr. Baird, a graduate of the Evansville high school, class of 1928, had formerly been employed here by Johnson's drug store, the Farmers' and State bank, and later by a Rennebohm pharmacy in Madison. Both Mr. Collins and Mr. Baird are graduates of the pharmacist course at Marquette university, Milwaukee, and are registered pharmacists.

The local store will not take possession of its new location in the Pioneer block until the fore part of next year following the close of the current removal sale.

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REMOVAL SALE WILL OPEN HERE SATURDAY

Dramatic Clearance Campaign to Start Evansville's Yuletide Shopping Season

It's news and welcome news too! If you haven't guessed it, perhaps you have been told about it!

Evansville residents are this year going to start their Christmas shopping early and as early as next Saturday for on that day the Collins' Drugs, Inc., opens its extensive clearance and removal sale in preparation for moving from the Grange store
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BIG CROWD ATTENDS DRUG STORE OPENING

Mesdames F. Main, P. Smith,
And Gladys Farnsworth are
Door Prize Winners

More than 1,000 residents of Evansville and surrounding rural communities attended the grand opening of the Collins drug store here Saturday.

Mrs. Floyd Main received the first door prize, an attractive electric coffee percolator with Mrs. Gladys Farnsworth and Mrs. Phil T. Smith taking the second and third awards which were sets of six Rogers silver teaspoons.

More than 500 free coca colas were served free throughout the day from the store's new soda fountain. In addition approximately 350 five-cent ice cream sodas were sold over the counter.

March 28, 1940, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 5, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Collins returned home Sunday evening from Akron, Ohio, where they had been guests of the latter's brother and sister-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Bazley. Mr. and Mrs. Collins traveled by plane from Chicago to Akron and were accompanied by their daughter, Miss Roberta Collins, airline stewardess.

December 7, 1944, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. R. L. Collins left Tuesday for Chicago to spend a few days with her daughter, Miss Roberta Collins.

February 8, 1945, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

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**Evansville Couple Observes
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Bridge Party**

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Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Collins celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Tuesday evening by entertaining friends at a dessert bridge party. The guests were members of the Triangle and Sunday Night clubs. A large wedding cake was a special feature.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins were married June 26, 1920 in Ft. Atkinson by the Rev. D. Q. Grabill, and with the exception of one year when they lived in Akron, Ohio, they have spent their married life here. Mrs. Collins was formerly Miss Constance Ware. Mr. Collins came to Evansville from Sextonville when a young man and was employed in the Pioneer Drug store and later in the Lew VanWart Drug store. 21 years ago he became owner and operator of his own store which he sold last fall to Edward Krebs.

Mrs. Collins is a member and past officer of the Eastern Star and a member of the Tourist club. Mr. Collins belongs to all branches of Masonry, the Knights of Pythias and the Eastern Star. They attend the Congregational church.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins have one daughter, Miss Roberta Collins, who following her graduation from the University of Wisconsin, became an air stewardess and works out of Chicago.

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June 28, 1945, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville,

Roberta Collins Is Bride Of Ben Ryder

**Nuptial Vows Are Exchanged At
2 P M Saturday In Home
Of Bride's Parents**

Miss Roberta Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Collins, Evansville, and Ben C. Ryder, Oak Park, Ill., son of Mr. and Mrs. George N. Ryder, Denver, Colo., exchanged marriage vows at 2 p.m. Saturday in the home of the bride's parents on Garfield avenue. The Rev. Grant V. Clark, pastor of the Congregational church, read the service in the presence of the members of the immediate families. Spring flowers beautified the home for the event. A reception was held at 3 p.m. for 90 guests.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a stone blue gabardine dressmaker suit and a white straw half hat with blue spiderweb veil. Her colonial bouquet was comprised of gladiolas and lillies of the valley.

The maid of honor was Miss Barbara Fletcher, Joliet, Ill., sorority sister of the bride. She wore a beige gray dressmaker suit and a pink straw crownless hat trimmed with pink roses. White carnations and pink roses were in her colonial bouquet.

Dalton Verry, Denver, Colo., fraternity brother of the groom was the best man. Mrs. Collins wore a grey wool crepe dressmaker suit with matching accessories and a carnation corsage, and the senior Mrs. Ryder wore a rose wool crepe suit with matching accessories and a gardenia corsage. Five of the bride's former schoolmates assisted in serving at the reception. They were Mrs. John Darling, Milwaukee; Mrs. Theodore Matthews, Mt. Horeb, and the Misses Ardath Higgins, Patty Guilfoyle and Angela Bewick, Evansville.

For traveling Mrs. Ryder wore her blue wedding suit with white derby hat and claret lizzard accessories.

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Roberta Collins Is Bride Of Ben Ryder

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The bride was graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1943, home economics course, and for more than two years has been stewardess for United Air Lines. Her college sorority was Gamfa Phi Beta.

The groom was graduated from Colorado college in 1940, a member of Phi Gamma Delta. He is now captain for United Air Lines in Chicago. After June 1, Mr. and Mrs. Ryder will be at home at 207 So. Ridgeland Ave., Oak Park, Ill.

Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bazley and daughters, Marjorie and Beverly, Akron, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. George N. Ryder, Decatur, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Buxton, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jones, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. John Ferneding, Hinsdale, Ill.; Miss Ann Duffy, and Lt. Ryan, Milwaukee; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pratt, Oak Park, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Orlo Koenig, Sauk City, and Mr. and Mrs. Zala W. Miller, Oshkosh.

May 30, 1946, Evansville Review, p. 1

Assessor Dies in Evansville

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Robert Collins, 60,
Retired Druggist,
Heart Attack Victim



ROBERT L. COLLINS

Evansville — Robert L. Collins, 60, city assessor and long prominent in Evansville business, civic and social life, died at 9:15 a. m. today in his home at 215 Garfield avenue after suffering a heart attack. He was preparing to leave the house when stricken.

Former city clerk of Evansville, Mr. Collins was elected city assessor in the election last spring. At the time of his death he was president of the water and light commission. He also was a former member of the city council.

Mr. Collins came to Evansville from Sextonville, Wis., in 1910. He was a pharmacist in the drug store of the late Dr. John Evans, and later served in drug stores of Frank Crow and Lou Van Wart. He operated his own drug store for 22 years until selling it to the Krebs brothers. Since retiring he operated a real estate business and had also been employed at Brown's drug store as a pharmacist.

Mr. Collins was a former president of the Lions club, member of the Congregational church,

V.F.W., American Legion, O.E.S., Knights of Pythias, Masonic Blue lodge of Evansville, Royal Arch chapter of Evansville Masons, the Robert McCoy Commandery, Janesville, and the Madison Consistory.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Collins, he was born Sept. 6, 1889, in Sextonville. He was married to Constance Ware in 1920.

Surviving are his wife; a daughter, Mrs. B. C. Ryder, and granddaughter, Priscilla Ryder, Evansville; two brothers, Ed, of Richland Center, and Charles, of La Valle, Wis., and his father, John Collins, Richland Center.

The body is at the Allen funeral home, where arrangements are pending.

February 5, 2006 Hello there-

My name is Richard Bazley-a "younger" brother of Cecil(Butch) Bazley. My wifes' name is Billie and we live in the western part of North Carolina, in a nice little mountain town of appx. 7000 persons.

Is your first name Ruth? It would sound so much better than "Hey You"! Anyway, speaking for my wife of more than 20 years and myself, we would like to express our appreciation for all the work you have done in uncovering information re. the persons who have given us the breath of life. The articles which you have sent along, through Butch, have answered some of the questions which I have had through the years, and have also raised some other questions, which will most likely not be answered because of the passage of time and of the persons who have left us. But then, maybe it's better that we answer those, within our own comfort zones.

Some of my fondest childhood memories have to do with our Christmas visits to "Auntie Constance" and "Uncle Bob's" house in Evansville. I will never forget that Auntie Constance would make homemade doughnuts and she would even bake the doughnut "holes" just for us kids. "Wow", who could ever forget that! Then on Sunday, Uncle Bob, the Pharmacist, would take Butch and I down to his drugstore and let us loose behind the soda fountain to make our favorite, as in "messiest", concoctions one would ever invent. The thing that is lacking in most family trees is the interactions which take place in every case and the personalities who intertwined through the years and lives.

I feel sure that you could write a book about your family and the experiences you've had. Isn't it nice to be able to recall such events and people we've had the pleasure of knowing.

Once more, Billie and I would like to thank you for taking the time to be of service to other people . We are blessed to have you as a friend.

Sincerely,

Dick and Billie Bazley