

MAPLE HILL CEMETERY EVANSVILLE WISCONSIN

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S-3-066-3	BALL, FERN	1890	24 OCT 1976		
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S-3-066-5	ELLIS, BENJAMIN R.	1877	10 JAN 1953		
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Maple Hill Cemetery index for the Sawtell addition, block 3, lot 66, graves 5-7, Ben Ellis family

Married: Thursday evening, Jan. 4, at 6 o'clock, Miss Sybil Ball and Mr. Benj. Ellis both of this city.

The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents on the east side. Rev. Mr. Short spoke the words that united them as husband and wife in the presence of the immediate relatives and friends. After the ceremony a dainty wedding lunch was served.

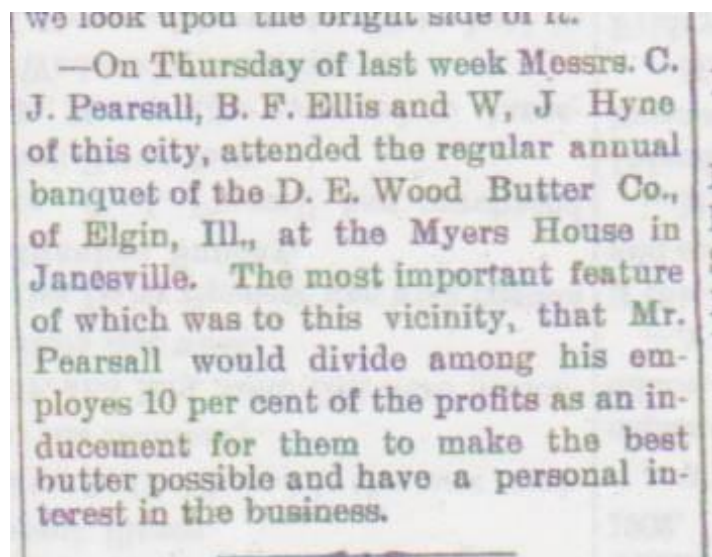
The bride graduated from our high school in '98 and has since followed the profession of teacher. She is a young lady who possesses a sweet disposition and has many warm friends.

The groom has been in this city and is a trusted employee at the creamery.

They will at once go to housekeeping in the France house on Church St.

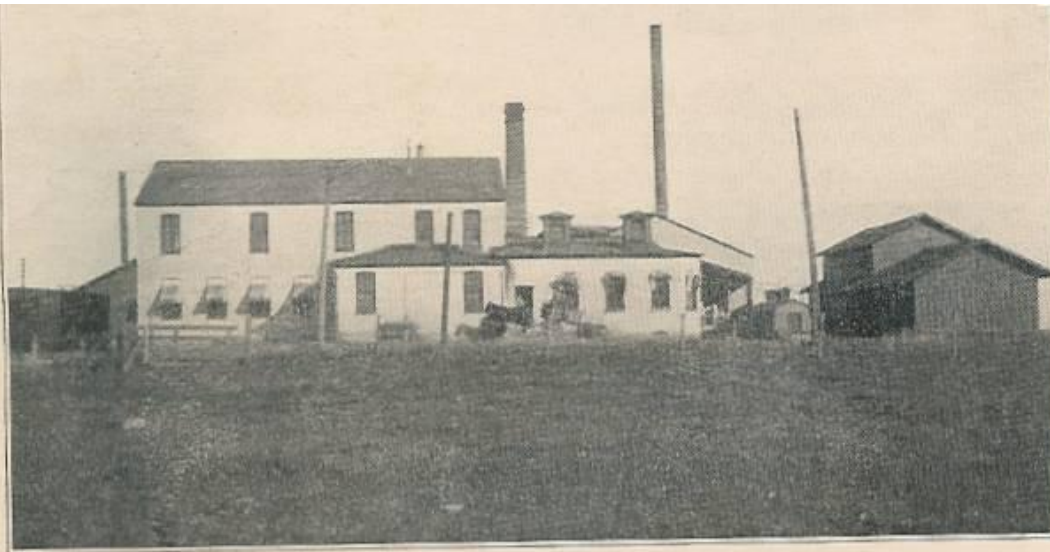
We join with their many friends in well wishes.

January 6, 1900, The Badger, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin



March 11, 1902, Tribune, p. 3, col. 5,

Evansville, Wisconsin



The D. E. Wood Butter Company. Photo by Com's

THE D. E. WOOD BUTTER COMPANY

The D. E. Wood Butter Company is the outgrowth of the D. E. Wood Company, which was founded in 1868 by D. E. Wood, a pioneer creamery man and a charter member of the Elgin Board of Trade. In 1897 it was organized under its present corporate name, the incorporators being D. E. Wood, C. J. Pearsall and B. S. Pearsall. In 1907 the Pearsall brothers purchased Mr. Wood's interest, retaining the name and policy of the company, with headquarters and offices at Elgin. The D. E. Wood Butter Company is one of the largest concerns of its kind in the world. It operates several plants in addition to its large creameries in Elgin and Evansville; its volume of business annually exceeding the million and a half dollar mark. The Evansville plant is responsible for over half a million of this vast sum. The company has on its pay rolls over

C. J. Pearsall was born in New York state, July, 1860. He came west in 1876 when he first became identified with Mr. D. E. Wood. He is one of Evansville's strongest factors, and while an expert in business, has a splendid range of activities, and does not confine his talents to the daily grind, but considers the welfare of Evansville as one of his duties. He is at present head of the school board, was mayor and alderman for several years, and now serves on Evansville's water and light commission.

The accompanying illustration of the plant of the D. E. Wood Butter Company was secured expressly for this publication. It only gives a general view of the plant, but one which all will recognize as a true picture of this famous concern, which means so much to the life and interests of the city of Evansville.

fifty employees, twenty-two of these being employed at the big plant at Evansville.

The Evansville plant covers a solid acre in buildings. It has a roll of 275 farmers who are busily engaged on as many farms, raising the famous Wisconsin milk and cream for final conversion into the fancy grades of butter made world-famous by the D. E. Wood Butter Company's noted brands.

Having grown from small beginnings into a mammoth concern, it would seem that this last summer witnessed the most flourishing condition yet attained by the company. The enormous sum of money paid out to the Rock County farmers by the D. E. Wood Butter Company is the one big factor in the making of Evansville, drawing to Evansville these hundreds of farmers who make the city their market on account of this first class market for their milk.

The D. E. Wood Butter Company are recognized as the largest manufacturers of creamery and process butter, the head of the concern, C. J. Pearsall, having been identified with it since boyhood.

Illustrated Prospectus, February 24, 1910, Evansville Review,

Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ellis report the birth of a boy Valentines Day.
February 18, 1904, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

—Mrs. C. J. Pearsall and Ben Ellis, were called to Huntley, Ill., last week by the serious illness of their father.

February 23, 1910, Enterprise & Tribune, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Ben R. Ellis and wife are rejoicing over the advent of a young son, who arrived at their home Monday, April 11.

The Enterprise and The Tribune, April 13, 1910, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

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[SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE.]

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Janesville Gazette, p. 1, August 18, 1911, Janesville, Wisconsin

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August 18, 1911, Janesville Gazette, p. 1, Janesville, Wisconsin

Miss Arlene Cain and Mr. Donald Ellis surprised their friends yesterday by starting out for a little auto drive and going to Rockford, where they were married. The bride is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Art Cain of this city and her pleasant accommodating ways to the general public, in her position as clerk in her father's store has endeared her to a large circle of friends. The groom, Mr. Ellis, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ellis, of this city and holds a responsible position with the Baker Manufacturing Co. The young couple will be at home to their friends at the A. W. Carpenter flats on East Main Street.

September 27, 1923, Evansville Review, p. 8, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Donald Ellis entertained at a six o'clock dinner, Monday evening in honor of her husband's birthday. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ellis and family, Mrs. Ball and daughter, Fern from Janesville, and Mr. and Mrs. Art Cain.

November 13, 1924, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. and Mrs. Don Ellis this week purchased the H. B. Hendricks residence property on West Liberty St. and are now decorating it preparatory to moving into it.

September 9, 1926, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

1930 Census, 239 West Liberty

Donald Ellis, age 29

Arlene Elis age 26

Harriet Ellis, daughter 1+

lar meeting hour.

NEW ORCHESTRA MAKES ITS DEBUT

Several weeks ago The Review promised to give its readers the name of the new orchestra which has been recently organized in this city, as soon as the members of the aforesaid organization found a name good enough for it.

The name decided upon is "The Moonlight Melody Boys," and the orchestra consists of Donovan Carey, Delevan Calkins, Donald Ellis, Earl Wolf and W. B. Antes. The orchestra made their first bow to the public at the High School dance last Friday evening and it is said that even such a critical audience as High school students are gave them the "Glad Hand" and 'unqualified endorsement.

This organization expects to give a dance of their own on the evening of the 28th of this month which they hope will be well patronized, as they need the money. This dance will be held in Magee's Hall and the admission will be 85c including tax. The general public is invited.

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October 20, 1921,

COMMON COUNCIL

Oct. 2, 1934.

A meeting of the common council was called and held in the office of the city clerk on the above named date.

The meeting was called to order by the Hon. Mayor E. H. Libby with all aldermen present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as read.

The reports of the Treasurer and Chief of Police were read and placed on file.

Motion by DeForrest, second by Schuster that the recommendation of the Water and Light Commission in regard to the joint pole agreement be adopted as read. Carried.

Motion by Schuster, second by Antes that the Finance Committee be instructed to invest three thousand dollars (3,000.00) of the Water and Light Department funds in Government securities to be held in trust for the department. Carried.

Motion by Schuster, second by Gibbs that the mayors appointment of W. E. Green on the Water and Light Commission be confirmed by the council. Carried.

Motion by Antes, second by DeForrest that the balance of the Library appropriation in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) be transferred to the Library account. Carried.

Motion by DeForrest, second by Schuster that the clerk be instructed to issue operators licenses to Anton Severson and Dorothy Decker upon receipt of the necessary fee. Carried.

Motion by Schuster, second by Gibbs that the Mayor represent the city at the regional meeting of the League of Municipalities to be held in Ft. Atkinson on Tuesday October 30, 1934. Carried.

Motion by Antes, second by Bewick that the council appropriate not to exceed Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) for the erection of a bridge over Allen's creek in Leonard Park. Carried.

Messrs. Bewick, Antes and Gibbs from Committee on Claims presented the following report:

To the City Council of Evansville, Rock County, Wisconsin

Gentlemen:
Your Committee No. One to whom was referred the following entitled bills, would respectively report that they have had the same under consideration, and after a careful examination of all the items contained therein, recommend that the several amounts as set forth in their report be allowed each claimant respectively to-wit.

- F. W. Gilman, Chief of Police \$ 95.00
- O. C. Jones, Night Police 95.00
- C. C. Broughton, Patrolman .. 10.00
- B. R. Ellis, Clerk 35.00
- R. E. Reckord, Treasurer 25.00
- R. M. Richmond, Attorney ... 25.00
- F. S. Fellows, Janitor 35.00
- Mary Stam, Nurse 100.00
- Herb Lee, Sexton 80.00
- Del Zwickey, Gar. Col. 35.00
- Peter Baird, Septic Tank 23.00

Wis. Anti. T. B. Assn., Clinic Expense	26.35
G. E. Heebink, Surveying	125.00
Antes Press, Printing & Sup.	29.60
Bi-Lateral Fire Hose Co., Hose ..	435.10
Ray Gillman & Sons Co., sup.	37.50
Fred Kleinsmith, labor	1.50
C. W. Babcock, labor.....	1.50
Ben Bly	1.50
Leslie Giles, labor	1.50
Geo. Levzow, Election board and returns	9.25
O. D. P. Chapin, election board and returns	6.75
Minnie Green, election board and returns	6.50
Beth Jones, election board and returns	6.50
Lillian Reckord election board and returns	6.50
Constance Collins, election board and returns	6.50
Dorothy Richmond, election board and phone	7.00
A. D. Ballard, labor	53.20
Gunder Westby, labor	5.40
Fred Carlson, labor	6.00
Wm. Lee, labor	13.80
Anton Severson, labor	24.90
L. C. Lee, labor	6.90
Ed. Semmes, labor with team ..	7.20
Evansville Lbr. Co., sup.....	37.15
Baker Mfg. Co., sup. & labor ..	10.91
P. R. Burnett, gas, oil, & repairs ..	17.15
Geo. Berry, labor	1.00
Fred Kleinsmith, gas, oil, & fire insp.	23.41
Contingent fund, cancelled cks.	167.80
Dan Craing, labor	9.60
M. L. Ellis, custodian	65.00
A. L. Curlless, cutting weeds..	22.20
Contingent Fund disbursements are distributed as follows:	
Sewers & drains	\$ 12.90
Streets and alleys	56.70
Cleaning streets	72.00
Police Department	11.20
Park Phone	4.20
City Hall phones	5.80
Board of Health	5.00
Total	\$167.80

Motion by Schuster, second by DeForest that the report of the Finance Committee be adopted as read and that the Mayor, Clerk and Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized to sign orders covering the several amounts. Carried.

Motion by Ballard, second by Antes that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

B. R. ELLIS, City Clerk

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Benjamin R. Ellis signed city council minutes as the City Clerk from 1934 until 1951.

ADDITIONAL CLASSIFIEDS

**FOR SALE: 239 West Liberty Street,
seven room modern house with
screened porch, one bedroom and
bath on first floor; garage 14 ft. by
22 ft.; large lot with good garden
and fruit. Call B. R. Ellis for par-
ticulars. 7-22-dh**

July 29, 1937, Evansville Review

Mrs. B. R. Ellis Dies at Madison

Evansville—Mrs. B. R. Ellis, 64, died at 7 a. m. Friday in a Madison hospital, where she had been confined since Sunday. She had been in failing health for several months.

The former Sybil Ball, Mrs. Ellis was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ball. She was born in Hillsboro Sept. 22, 1880, and was married in Evansville to B. R. Ellis Jan 4, 1900. The couple has always lived in Evansville, where Mr. Ellis is city clerk.

Survivors are her husband, three sons, Donald, Madison, Gordon, Campbellsport, and Kenneth, at home; two daughters, Mrs. Palmer Jahn, Joliet, and Miss Pauline Ellis, Janesville; six grandchildren; one sister, Miss Fern Ball, Janesville.

The body is at the Roderick funeral home pending arrangements for services.

May 27, Mrs. Ben, Sibil Ellis, age 64 years. From Sexton's scrapbook, Maple Hill Cemetery. 1945. Newspaper obit probably from the Janesville Gazette

Thursday, January 15, 1953

Ben R. Ellis Dies in Madison

Well Known Evansville Resident and Former City Clerk Succumbs

Benjamin R. Ellis, 75, died Saturday night in a Madison hospital after a long illness. He had been city clerk here from 1931 to 1948, before retiring because of poor health.

Born in Huntley, Ill., Mr. Ellis came to Evansville in 1897. He was an employee of the D. E. Wood Butter Co. for 32 years. In 1900 he married Sybil Ball, who died in 1945. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and served as clerk of the organization for 36 years.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. P. E. Jahn, Joliet, Ill., and Miss Pauline Ellis, Janesville; three sons, Donald B., Madison, C. Gordon, Waterloo, and Kenneth R., Evansville; a sister, Mrs. C. J. Pearsall, Evansville; a brother, John, Los Angeles, Calif.; eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Allen funeral home, the Rev. Grant Lawrence, Congregational church, officiating. Burial was in Maple Hill cemetery.

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January 15, 1953, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

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Thank you for the info on what happened to Little Ben. I had never heard that explanation of what happened to him. Even my mother didn't know, because I asked her when she gave me

the large photo portrait of him at least 30 years ago. I always liked that picture, taken when I estimate Little Ben was five or six, because the family resemblance reminded me of my Dad, Gordon. That must have been Little Bens birth announcement you sent yesterday in 1904 on Feb. 14th. He must have not been a Jr. because of his middle initial was F. he was named after his Grandfather, Benjamin Franklin Ellis, Ben R.'s father. Your list also shows that Sybil's middle initial was L. So I guess she did have a middle name. There's another Ben Ellis with No Stone buried in 1905. Could that have been a still-born baby she had, or something. I don't know what c/o means. Lewis and Adella Ball are Sybil's parents, and Pauline and Kenneth Ellis are my Dad's brother and sister. Fern Ball is Sybil's spinster sister. I've never heard of a Maude Ball, who apparently died when she was 15, but Sybil named one of her daughters Maude, who is buried elsewhere. The info about the butter factory is also interesting. It sounds like my great uncle Charles Pearsall was an originator of the profit sharing concept. Excuse the heavy print style, but regular print on my computer screen is hard for me to read. I have lost most of my sight to glaucoma so "compensate" is my middle name these days. Thank you so much for all this info. I have ordered your latest book and look forward to receiving it.

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