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My Life of Education

101 years

Part II Era

Fall 1922- Spring 1929

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Collins Alumni

Dedication

Who – The entire Collins School Community – School Board Members – Faculty Members – Transportation Staff – Maintenance Staff – Food Service Staff – All Students attending with near 1500 graduates.

What – A well-earned sincere tribute to all those acknowledged below for achievements of the past that we recognize and retain for posterity.

When – Today and *Tomorrows* unto the Horizon.

Where – Throughout the Collins Community and Beyond; Border to Border and Sea to Sea to all with Collins Heritage plus others unlimited.

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Collins School Chronological Journey

Part II Era: Fall 1922 - Spring 1929

“The Way it Was – Those Earliest Years”

Brief View – Schools in Iowa and Story County

Iowa – 1830 – one school in the state and was private. 1858 the township units were ruled 6 miles by 6 miles with schools every 2 miles, thus 9 schools in a township. 1901 there were 12,620 country schools – 1921 – 429 consolidated schools (Collins consolidated in 1920). 1932 there were 9,280 country schools. 1955 – 4,140 local schools. 2001 there were 374 local schools and 40 country schools, largely Amish and Mennonite.

Story County – 1853 – 6 country schools. 1875-68 country schools. 1900 – 2 high schools (Collins high school had 9th and 10th grades with 11th added in 1905 and 12th added in 1908). 1920 – 15 high schools. 1940 – 10 consolidated schools and 1960 remained 10 schools. By 2000, there were 7 community schools. **(Duplicate entry from Part I Era)**

March 1922 Baseball Team Members: Wayne Heintz, p (24); Lowell Carver, c (22); Harold Gearhart, 1st base (24); Leonard (Tuffy) Clement 2nd base; George Gingles, 3rd base (23); Curtis Marsh, ss (25); Ronald Richardson, of (22); George Marsh, cf (24); Ralph Hattery, of (24); Floyd (Speck) Atwood, of (22); Lowell (Buzz) Atwood, of (25); Harold (Curly) Carver, of (24).

(Insert 2003: This is a duplicate entry from Part I Era as this is the beginning of the baseball team that won the State Championship in 1924.)

December 13, 1922 School Board met at School House to confer with **Architect Thorwald Thorson**, of Forest City and **M. F. Binzhof** plumbing and heating contract. Board authorized final payment to M. F. Binzhof Co., heating and plumbing contractor, showing a balance due of \$3,550.69 for final payment. **(Insert 2003: Cause for extensive delay of final payment is unknown.)**

(Insert 2003: School Building Project Cost Summary: General contractor (M. A. Floyd Company) = \$72,649.95; Plumbing and Heating (M. F. Binzhof) = \$18,998.50; Electrical contract for wiring and fixtures (McGrew Electrical Company) = \$2,535.36; Architect building plans and building inspection (Thorwald Thorson) = \$4,449.32; Legal and bonding company fees = \$1,495.00; Gas = \$721.59; Curtains = \$398.00; Chairs = \$720.00; Laboratory = \$126.00. Several other incidental costs of approximately \$27,000.00 = slightly over \$129,000.00 total project cost.

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ss (25); George Marsh, cf (24); Ralph Hattery, of (24); Lowell (Buzz) Atwood, of (25); Howard Stier, of base; Vern Halterman, of (26); Franklin Richardson, of (25).

October 30, 1923 Collins Quill – Senior Editors: Editor-in-chief – Louis Witmer; Associate editor – Wanda Patterson; Literary editors – Eulalia Kern and Lloyd Coffeen, Erma Stevens, Velma Jones; Art editors – Wayne Heintz and Donald; Society editors – Myrtle Bates and Charlotte Carver; Joke editors – Edna Franklin and Harold Carver; Calendar – Elizabeth Duesbury, Ralph Hattery, and Mildred Pointer, Agnes Cleverly; Athletics – Harold Gearhart and George March; Faculty adviser – Miss Shomler.

Our High School Orchestra About a week after school opened, a High School Orchestra was organized. Under the able direction of Milo Hall, it has been going very successfully. They have been kept busy playing for school events, as well as for the movies on Saturday nights. The members are as follows: piano, Charlene Carver; violin, Macy Mullihan; banjo, Edna Franklin; trombone, Harold Carver; clarinet, Thomas Tracy; piccolo, Linn Mills; first cornet, Franklin Richardson; second cornet, Harold Gearhart and Glen Morrison; saxophone, Donald Wade; saxophone, Myrtle Bates and Leonard Clement.

November 9, 1923 Collins Quill – Junior Editors: Editor-in-chief – William Mead; Literary editors – Franklin Richardson, Zella Cummings, Curtis Marsh, and Nina Burt; Society editors – Marjorie Chambers and Ethelynd Denniston; Calendar – Thomas Tracy, Viola Kelderhouse and Gladys Kelderhouse; Athletics – Guy Robinson and Leonard Clement; Joke editors – Beulah Evans and Lowell Atwood; Art editor – Wayne Heintz; Faculty advisor – Miss Shomler; Publisher – Miss Thomas.

Student Counsel The student Council met Tuesday morning to form a Constitution where the entire student body may be rightfully represented. It has previously been decided that the executive members of each class compose the council. The powers of this body will range from discipline to determination of grades necessary for all active participants in athletics. Any provision made by this body may be vetoed by the Superintendent but the provision may be carried to the Board of Education, whose decision is final. This arrangement will place the government of the school on the students and thus prepare them for future work of the kind.

Halloween Party A Halloween Party was held in the High School Wednesday, October 31st. In planning the party, it was decided that it would be very fitting and proper to make this a masquerade party and initiate the “Freshies.”

Music Miss Hinder has a very unique method of teaching music to the grades. She first takes up the life of the composer. When the children have learned the life of a composer, some of his works are played on the phonograph. In this way the children learn to associate the name of the composer with the selection whenever it is heard. Some of the records used in this instruction are: Symphony in B Minor – Schubert; Messias – Handel; Moonlight Sonata – Beethoven; The Swan – Rubenstein; Melody in F – Rubenstein; Barcarolle, Waltz – (From the Tales of Hoffman).

Voting The most important duty of a citizen over twenty-one is the vote. This takes only a small portion of a person's time. A good citizen takes constant interest in the government. A citizen should vote as honestly and as wisely as he knows how. No democracy was ever a success unless its voters voted wisely. Only about one-fifth of the people of the United States who are of a voting age do their duty as to voting. Velma Pitcher – 8th grade.

Basketball The basketball teams are looking forward eagerly to their first games which will be played with Huxley November the sixteenth. New suits have been ordered for both the boys and girls teams and arrived in time for the first game. This will be a great encouragement to the teams as they will have a higher spirit wearing new suits than they would wearing old ones. They were able to purchase these suits through the sale of season tickets. The per cent of tickets sold among the members of the different classes is as follows: Seniors 95%, Juniors 100%, Sophomores 50%; Freshmen 50%.

November 23, 1923 Collins Quill Sophomore Editors: Editor-in-chief - Ilo Carver; Associate editor – Alice Heintz; Literary editors – Maude Hale, Marie Holland, Howard Stier, Eva Franklin, Opal Harsh, and Harold Sinnott; Music – Macy Mullihan; Athletics – Everett Halterman and Gerald Chambers; Society – Leona Keagle and Velma Myers; Joke editors – Glen Morrison, Jessie Thompson, LaVerne Halterman and Ramah Pointer; Calendar – Pierce Sinnot, Mildred Lafferty, and Leona Sumpter; School notes – David Ozmun, Alta Barbee, Hazel Sumpter, and Myrtle Tiffany; Business manager – Donald Wade; Art Editor – Wayne Heintz; Faculty Advisor – Miss Shomler; Publisher – Miss Thomas.

Historical Loan Exhibit The children of the eighth grade were asked to secure from their homes, if parents were willing, anything they might have in the way of heirlooms and relics. It would be impossible to enumerate the many interesting relics that were displayed, but a few may be mentioned by way of illustration: a spinning wheel, cradle grain, many old and rare coins, Bibles and books of the long ago, soft and beautiful silks and garments worn by the grandmothers and great-grandmothers of the school children, old china, curious old pictures, old guns, swords, newspapers, and various other interesting things too numerous to mention. To the children the exhibit was of intense interest and of positive educational value. Teacher – Miss Clara Signs

Dissolution of the General Agriculture Class: Begin Vocational Agriculture The school board and some of the parents have been interested in a vocational agriculture class in the high school for some time. Until recently this new subject had been deemed improbable. Mr. Hollingsworth and Mr. Hield worked out a new school program and obtained the approval of the state board of education to put this new subject into the high school course. Thirteen of the pupils from Mr. Hollingsworth's general agriculture class have joined the vocational class with Mr. Hield as instructor. Mr. Hollingsworth still has about half of the Sophomore class for general agriculture. He is endeavoring to teach the pupils to really appreciate agriculture. The pupils in the vocational agriculture class are starting home project work and will get real experience. Those taking the hog project are: David Ozmun, Pierce Sinnot, Glen Morrison, LaVerne Halterman, and Everett Halterman. Those taking up cattle projects: Harold Sinnott and Myrtle Tiffany; The poultry projects: Velma Myers, Jessie Thompson, Alice Heintz, Ilo Carver, and Macy Mullihan.

Basketball Collins defeats Huxley twice on the home court in the season opening game. Girls 17-4, Boys 29-12. The Huxley girls were outclassed throughout. In the boys' game Curly Carver and Wayne Heintz, guards and Curt Marsh, forward, featured. Marsh scored 5 field goals and 4 free throws for 14 points.

December 14, 1923 Collins Quill Freshman Editors: Editor-in-chief – Verle McCord; Associate editor – Anna Marsh; Literary editors – Ila Stratton, Alva Hand, Dola Crabb, Milo Pitcher, Hazel Vasey, and Harry Higginbottom; Society editors – Leota Shaffer, Zelma Smith, and Zola Gilley; Music – Linn Mills; Joke editors – Harold Harper, Esther Ozmun and Bernice Skinner; Athletics – Lowell Halterman and Floyd Lafferty; Calendar – Robert Sarsfield, Irene Dodd, Forrest Crabb, and John Jackson; Grade notes – Virgil Stevens, John Dodd, Charlotte Vasey, and Helen Smith; Art editor – Wayne Heintz; Faculty advisor – Miss Shomler; Publisher – Miss Thomas.

Spelling In our recent spelling tests, given by Miss Thomas and Miss Shomler, the Juniors were found to have the highest average. The standing of the classes in the One-Hundred-Word Test is as follows: Juniors – 95.2%; Seniors – 90.9%; Sophomores – 89.1%; Freshmen – 87.2%.

Basketball Basketball game at Mingo on November 23, 1923, Girls – Mingo won 22-19; Boys – Collins won 29-19. Collins lost girls and boys games at Nevada December 7, 1923. (Insert 2003: No box scores found)

Movies and Party After the movies last Saturday night, the Girls and Boys basketball teams went over to Hield's, where they were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Hollingsworth and Mr. and Mrs. Hield. Many games were enjoyed during the evening, including a very interesting feature known as a baseball game, played between the Giants and White Sox.

January 11, 1924 Collins Quill The Superintendent's Notes To the Patrons of the Collins School: An effort is being made to provide a **hot lunch** during the cold weather for the children who eat at school at noon. We are trying to make this just as reasonable as possible so that will be able to take advantage of it. We will try to supply each day a soup, a hot dish such as macaroni and cheese and scalloped potatoes, and milk to drink. We will try to supply these at **3 cents per dish or drink**. If the demand were sufficient, we could supply bread and butter thus making it possible for the complete lunch to be purchased at school at a cost of eleven or twelve cents. It is not the intention that the child need to take any or all of the dishes provided. **Pupils may buy one or as many dishes as they choose.** Lunch tickets may be purchased for \$1.00 on which the amount of each day's lunch will be punched. We believe parents will find these tickets the most convenient way of paying for the lunch, especially for the smaller children. The unused portion of the tickets may be cashed in at any time.

Christmas Vacation December 23 through December 30, 1924 school dismissed at 2:50 P.M. on December 31, 1924.

February 1, 1924 Collins Quill Basketball January 11, Collins **Girls** and **Boys** defeat Colo. Girls 24-23. Boys 26-11. Collins **Girls** and **Boys** defeat Mingo on home court on January 18. Girls 17-16,

Boys 19-12. Collins Girls and Boys were victorious over Huxley on January 22. Boys won by good margin, Girls game was close. (Insert 2003: No box scores found)

C O L L I N S H I G H

C – Children attending our School; **O** – Obedience to school rules; **L** – Lessons we think are long; **L** – Labor, thinking on lessons; **I** – Interest in lessons and school; **N** – News published in Quill; **S** – Service – Spreading good cheer; **H** – Happiness, good times in school; **I** – Intelligence – there is need; **G** – Goals, for these we all strive; **H** – Supt. Hield, helps us arrive.

Parent-Teachers Meeting Held January 15 – Program: Business, Music – Seventh Grade; Piano Solo – Wanda Patterson; What Music Should Mean to Our Children – Miss Hinder; The President’s Message – Mrs. Dollarhide; Talk – Prof. C. L. Ritter; Community Singing – America; Pictures – The Light of the Race, The Land of the Zuider Zee, and a miscellaneous reel. Adjournment for lunch.

February 22, 1924 Collins Quill Freshman Publication. Hot Lunch Some parents in this community do not realize what the hot lunch means to their children. The menus contain well-balanced rations, which will not injure any child’s constitution. The lunches are well prepared, that is to say, well seasoned, well cooked, and digestible. A mind that works needs some kind of nourishment. A growing child cannot stand to eat a cold lunch every school day. We have milk which is tested to be pure. If a child’ lunch consisted of milk alone, the nourishment would be sufficient. The hot lunch not only helps our minds to act, but it preserves our health. We should boost the hot lunch. Irene Dodd. **(Insert 2003:** Information from a 1929 graduate – The Hot Lunches were “Do it Ourselves Program” handled entirely by local school. State and/or federal government assistance not provided in this era. The domestic science/home economics teacher had primary responsibility of obtaining food and directing preparation by the sophomore girls taking domestic science as part of class work [likely required subject]. Also may have been some volunteer work and food provided by parents. Generally, one hot dish, quite often soup, that served to supplement cold lunch brought from home. Hot lunches served only during the winter months in the “early era.” The charge was only enough to pay the costs.)

First Annual Oratorical Contest The preliminaries are being held Thursday and Friday of this week. The judges are Mrs. Hield, Mrs. Bigger, and Mrs. Richardson. The winners in the preliminaries will represent the school in the local contest, which will be held Wednesday evening, February 27th, at 7:30 P.M. We are fortunate in securing Supt. Kelly of Colo, Supt. Piercy of Maxwell, and Co. Supt. Kellogg of Nevada, as judges for our local contest. Let’s advertise the contest and have a full house! Admission 10 cents and 25 cents.

Grade IV The fourth grade has made an interesting table of Lincoln’s home and its surroundings. It includes the log cabin and the forest which surrounded it. They have made Lincoln booklets and will later make Washington booklets.

Basketball Collins and Colo split at Collins: **Girls** – Colo won 29-27, **Boys** – Collins won 17-11. Eldora boys defeated Collins. (Insert 2003: No box scores found)

Basketball Story County Tournament – February 29th and March 1st. The admission price is uncertain. Let's go! The County Athletic board claims this to be the greatest event of the year. (Insert 2003: Location not given.)

March 7, 1924 Collins Quill – Senior Class

Basketball Story County Boys Basketball Tournament. The schools were separated into Class A and Class B based on school enrollment. **Collins** was Class A. **Class A First Round:** Colo 10 – Huxley 8, Slater 15 – Roland 12, Zearing 31- McCallsburg 18, Gilbert 23 (eventual champion) – **Collins** 17. **Semi-finals:** Slater 22 – Colo 14; Gilbert 26 – Zearing 15. **Finals** Gilbert 22 – Slater 20. Wayne Heintz (Collins) guard selected on All-Tourney Team. **Class B Semi-finals:** North Grant 18 – Shipley 12; Fernald 13 – Kelly 8; **Finals:** Fernald 16 – North Grant 5.

Basketball The Girls Basketball Team is planning on going to the tournament Friday, March 7, at Kelly. Their first game is to be played with McCallsburg at eleven o'clock. The girls' seasons record is won 5 – lost 4, scoring 186 points to opponents 163 points. **Season game results are:** Collins 17 – Huxley 4; Collins 19 – Mingo 22; Collins 21 – Nevada 31; Collins 33 – Cambridge 11; Collins 25 – Colo 23; Collins 13 – Huxley 12; Collins 27 – Mingo 25; Collins 27 - Colo 29; Collins 4 – Colo 6.

April 1, 1924 Collins Quill Junior Class

Basketball Story County Girls' Basketball Tournament held at Kelly March 7, 1924. **First Round:** Gilbert 21 – Huxley 15; Slater 13 – Roland 11; **Collins 10 – McCallsburg 2;** Colo 18 – Kelly 12. **Second Round:** Gilbert 22 – Slater 20; Colo 12 – **Collins 9.** **Finals:** Gilbert 30 – Colo 19. Marjorie Chambers (Collins center position) selected on all-tourney team.

Musical Gypsy Queen, musical, was held in auditorium March 14. Program: Wanda Patterson – Instrumental solo; Boys Glee Club – Nancy Lee; Girls Glee Club – The Gypsy Queen with Wanda Patterson as Queen. The soloists were: Ethelynd Denniston, Alice Heintz, Zola Gilley. Lois Witmer was accompanist. Miss Hinder, Teacher - Director.

Manners It seems reasonable that a girl should expect a boy: To touch his hat when greeting her or parting from her. To refrain from lounging against walls or pillars when talking to her. To stand when talking to a girl who is standing. To walk on the outside instead of the inside of the walk, when escorting a girl, and not to sandwich himself between two girls when talking with them. To refrain from calling to a girl on the street to attract her attention. To refrain from swearing and vulgarity. Girls, try to help the boys and, at times, a boy's help may be needed to improve the stands of the girl.

April 7, 1924 The Gilbert school has been closed the past week as roads became impassible. Some of the bus drivers put four horses on lumber wagons. One driver had to leave his bus half way home and go into a nearby home and borrow a wagon to complete the route. (Insert 2003: We expect Collins School District had similar conditions.)

April 18, 1924 Collins Quill Sophomore Class

Assembly Manners Start early enough so that it is not necessary to rush to reach the assembly before the last bell rings. When taking your seat, be careful to enter from the side nearest your seat in order to disturb as few people as possible. Be prompt to obey signal to stand or to be seated. When anyone is speaking be absolutely attentive, no matter whether you can hear or not. Refrain from whispering, reading a paper, book, from eating, arranging your hair, or cleaning your finger nails or chewing gum. If anyone enters from the side or rear doors do not allow your curiosity to lead you to turn your head. When piano or violin selection has been played, be quite sure that the performer has finished before you begin to applaud. In general, remember to conduct yourself so as not to make yourself conspicuous or to disturb anyone else in the gathering.

May 9, 1924 Collins Quill

Biology Class Friday morning the Biology class took a field trip for bird study.

April 10, 1924 Baseball – Spring 1924

Base Ball Game: Melbourne vs. Collins, Friday April 11th 4 p.m. The first game of the season but one which will be full of thrills.

Schedule

Melbourne	April 11	Here	State Center	May 2	There
Maxwell	April 16	There	Story City	May 3	There?
Zearing	April 18	There	Nevada	May 9	There
Story City	April 19	Here?	Tournament	May 16-17	Ames
Nevada	April 25	Here	Mitchellville	May 23	Here?
Maxwell	April 30	Here			

April 24, 1924 The local high school **baseball team** went to Maxwell last Friday (4-16-24) and defeated them by a score of 8-3. It was a good game, the score standing 4-3 in the third inning. Maxwell started out by running in two scores in the first frame. It was their first game. Tomorrow, Friday, they will tangle with the fast Nevada team on the local diamond. The game is called for 3:30 prompt, so be on hand and see a real game. (Insert 2003: No box score found)

May 1, 1924 Collins Gazette Under New Ownership

May 8, 1924 The Collins High **ball team** journeyed to Nevada yesterday afternoon and played, what was supposed to have been, the fast Nevada team. Yet we defeated them in an errorless game – for

Collins – to a score of 14 to 1. (Wayne) Heintz, the local twirler received 12 strike-outs to his credit while Nevada's man but 5. (Insert 2003: No box score found)

May 8, 1924 The Collins High School team is doing very good. (Insert 2003: Scheduled games Season Record = Won 7, Lost 1 [Zearing – Wayne Heintz, pitcher, had sprained ankle and unable to play])

May 8, 1924 The Story County Athletic Association comprised of the rural and consolidated schools of Story County will stage a baseball tournament at Maxwell, Saturday. The schools participating are: Zearing, Roland, Huxley, Collins and Maxwell.

May 15, 1924 The Story County baseball tournament was held at Maxwell Monday (Rescheduled from prior Saturday rainout). Collins was king of the field by winning all three games. The first won from Zearing by a score of 7 to 0. Maxwell then met defeat by 5 to 1, and in the third game Huxley lost 12 to 2. It looks as if Collins has an invincible bunch, and here's hoping they go out and win higher merits. (Insert 2003: No box scores found. All games played on Monday. Wayne Heintz pitched all three games.)

May 19, 1924 May Play Day Was Big Success With a crowd of visitors conservatively estimated at 6,000 and with school children numbering 2,160 in the line of march to the play grounds, the first annual May Play Day for the schools of Story County climaxed in one splendid success. In the parade of the school children from the court house to the play field there were a number of handsomely decorated floats and two bands. The forenoon hours were devoted to the drills by the little folks, consisting of flag and wand drills, folk dances and various other games and movements in unison set to music and the work showed perfect rehearsal by the teachers of the county. Every school in the county with the exception of those of Ames, Colo and Zearing were here and took part in the program. It is thought that this will be made an annual affair in the school work in Story County. The field events at the grounds during the afternoon included the following: **Boys' Section:** 100 Yard Dash – Harold Gamble, Maxwell; **Harley Meyers, Collins;** Baseball Throw IV, **Harley Meyers, Collins. The Girls' Division:** Baseball Throw C – **Mildred Brown, Collins;** Standing Broad Jump C – **Velma Pitcher, Collins.**

May 22, 1924 CHAMPIONS

Collins Wins Iowa State Base Ball Tournament at Iowa State (College) University Campus

Folks, do you realize we have the champion High School baseball team of the state of Iowa right here in Collins?

On last Thursday evening our boys went to Ames, Iowa, where they met coach Hollingsworth, who was present at the drawing for places in the tournament. He had also made arrangements for sleeping quarters, which, owing to crowded conditions – there being 42 High School ball teams in Ames – had to be in the basement of the Presbyterian Church. Owing to the outcome of the first game the boys seemed to consider this an omen of good luck, and no persuasion could make them change quarters.

Following is the lineup of players: Wayne Heintz, pitcher (24); Harold “Curley” Carver, catcher (24); Harold Gearhart, 1st base (24); Lowell Halterman, 2nd base (27); Howard Stier, 3rd base; Curt Marsh, short stop (25); Vern Halterman, left field (26); George Marsh, centerfield (24); Lowell “Buzz” Atwood, right field (25)

These positions were held throughout the games, except in the second one when (Dave) Ozmun (26) and Halterman (Insert 2003: Current available information indicates that the player was [Harold] Harper) were substituted for Heintz and Carver in one inning and in the last game (Franklin) Richardson (25) was substituted for Atwood.

		<u>Score</u>
1 st game	Collins drew Bye	- - -
2 nd	Collins vs. Jamaica	9-5
3 rd	Collins vs. Alden	4-0
4 th	Collins vs. Story City	3-0
5 th	Collins vs. Glenwood	2-1
6 th	Collins vs. Earlham	12-0

Throughout the entire set of games the wonderful pitching by (Wayne) Heintz, backed up by “Curley” (Harold Carver) behind the bat and an infield which made only 3 errors in 5 games, was something to be remembered. Although not many long drives were made to the outfield, yet the players in those positions were always on the job returning the ball, before the batter could pass the 1st base sack.

The game with Glenwood was the most sensational of any in the tournament, both teams scoring in the 1st inning, and then going into extra innings for a long drawn-out game, until “Curley” with two men on, busted the ball for 3 bases, and ended the fastest game of the tournament. Collins fans now feeling much better!

We now come to the final game with Earlham, which everybody expected to be a real battle, and thousands of fans were on hand to witness the finish.

Earlham took the first bats and went out 1, 2, 3. In our half our sluggers pounded out 5 runs, 1 in the second and 6 in the third. Collins, now being sure of victory allowed no batter to pass the 1st base sack in the 4th and 5th, and the game ended in the fifth inning with the score 12 to 0 in favor of Collins. Earlham leaving the field in a dazed condition, and Coach Hollingsworth’s men as proud a team as ever left a World Series ground, the winner. (Insert 2003: No box scores found on above games)

COLLINS WINNER IN ANNUAL MEET Earlham Is Defeated in Final Round Game

Collins high school completely smothered Earlham in the **final game of the annual state high school invitation baseball tournament at Iowa State**

College Saturday afternoon. The game was called in the fifth inning because of rain (reportedly Collins batters intentionally made outs in bottom of the 4th inning to speed up game in effort to complete five innings and be ruled a complete game), the score being 12-0 in favor of the Collins nine. Timely hitting, together with several errors on the part of its opponents won for the Collins team.

In the semifinals in the afternoon, Collins won from Glenwood in one of the most exciting games of the tourney. The Collins team was able to win 2 to 1 only after the game had gone an extra inning. Earlham won easily from Boone in the semi-finals. In the fourth round (quarter-finals) Collins beat Story City, Glenwood defeated Whitten, Earlham won from Panora and Boone topped Zearing. (Source: *Ames Daily Tribune and Evening Times*, May 1924).

(Insert 2003:)

1924 State Baseball Championship

1924 Story County Baseball Championship

Total Season Record: Won 15, Lost 1

(Insert 2003: Summary Observations):

The 1924 baseball team had the most outstanding achievement of all Collins baseball teams:

1. Scheduled season games, won 7, lost 1.
2. Story County Tourney Championship: winning 3 games on Monday (one-day tourney near May 15, 1924), 1st round defeating Zearing 7-0, semi-finals Maxwell 5-1, and Huxley 12-2 for championship.
3. Iowa State Baseball Championship. The State Tourney was in Ames the following Friday and Saturday after the Monday Story County Tourney. **Friday games** were: first round – bye; second round - Collins 9, Jamaica 5; and third round - Collins 4, Alden 0. Quarter-final – Collins 3, Story City 0. **Saturday games** were: semi-finals Collins 2, Glenwood 1 (extra one or two innings), Championship game Collins 12, Earlham 0 (five innings – game called because of rain).
4. Team members were quality players that had outstanding season with superior pitching quality and endurance by Wayne Heintz. The team was undefeated during the 15 games Heintz pitched. He had sprained ankle and did not play in the only season loss, to Zearing. **In the Monday Story County Tourney, Heintz pitched 3 games = 21 innings. During the State Tourney the following Friday, Heintz pitched 3 games = 20 innings (relief pitcher 1 inning) and on Saturday Heintz pitched 2 games = 13 innings for total of 54 innings pitched in 7 days.** During the 8 tourney games within the 7 days, only 9 runs (5 in one game) were scored by opponents. Very apparent team defense (only 3 errors in 5 state tourney games) was outstanding and consistent along with Heintz' superior pitching throughout the entire season.

5. Collins was the 4th State Baseball Championship team: State Tourneys beginning in 1921.
 - a. Collins played in the 1923 State Tourney, losing in the first round to Coin 4-1, who advanced to the semifinal round.

STATE OF IOWA MAY 1924 HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT, AMES
40 Participating School Teams (Following developed from information found. There were 2 divisions with upper and lower brackets in each.)

LEFT-Hand Division-Upper Bracket

1st round- Collins vs. Bye; Jamaica vs. Bye; Alden vs. Bye; Central City vs. Bye; Story City vs. Bye; Ellsworth vs. Bye; Boxholm vs. Bye; Fort Dodge vs. Bye.

2nd round - Collins 9 vs. Jamaica 5; Alden 3 vs. Central City 1; Story City 13 vs. Ellsworth 1; Boxholm 13 vs. Fort Dodge 8.

3rd round - Collins 4 vs. Alden 1; Story City 8 vs. Boxholm 2.

4th round - Collins winner (upper bracket) vs. Story City (loser) (game score not available)

LEFT-Hand Division Lower Bracket

1st round Pilot Mound 2 vs. Roland 1; Whitten 2 vs. New Hampton 1; Albion 13 vs. Kellogg 4; Plymouth 7 vs. Dows 6; Glenwood vs. Bye; LeMars vs. Bye; Lyons vs. Bye; Green Mountain 10 vs. Pella 1.

2nd round Whitten 4 vs. Pilot Mound 3; Albion 5 vs. Plymouth 4; Glenwood 2 vs. LeMars 1; Lyons 2 vs. Green Mountain 0.

3rd round Whitten 9 vs. Albion 7; Glenwood 2 vs. Lyons 0.

4th round Glenwood winner (lower bracket) vs. Whitten loser (game score not available)

RIGHT-Hand Division-Upper Bracket

1st round Panora vs. Bye; Maxwell 3 vs. Lehigh 2; State Center 5 vs. Hubbard 4; Atlantic 11 vs. Mitchelville 0; Earlham vs. Bye; Bridgewater vs. Bye; Searsboro vs. Bye; Rudd 7 vs. Delta 6.

2nd round Panora 15 vs. Maxwell 5; State Center 4 vs. Atlantic 2; Earlham 14 vs. Bridgewater 9; Searsboro 1 vs. Rudd 0.

3rd round Panora 8 vs. State Center 3; Earlham 8 vs. Searsboro 3.

4th round Earlham winner (upper bracket) vs. Panora (loser) (game score not available)

RIGHT-Hand Division-Lower Bracket

1st round Boone vs. Bye; Ogden vs. Bye; Schaller vs. Bye; Bye vs. Bye; Zearing vs. Bye; Stanhope vs. Bye; Van Wert vs. Bye; Kanawha vs. Bye.

2nd round Boone 10 vs. Ogden 6; Schaller vs. Bye; Zearing 7 vs. Stanhope 4; Van Wert 3 vs. Kanawha 2.

3rd round Boone 7 vs. Schaller 3; Zearing 4 vs. Van Wert 1.

4th round Boone winner (lower bracket) vs. Zearing loser (game score not available)

SEMI-FINALS Left-Hand Division

Collins 3 (upper bracket) vs. Glenwood 1 (lower bracket)
One extra inning

SEMI-FINALS Right-Hand Division

Earlham winner (upper bracket) vs. Boone loser (loser bracket) (game score not available).

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL GAME

Collins 12 vs. Earlham 0 - Game called at the end of 5 innings because of heavy rain. 5 innings constituted a complete game.

Collins Team Members

Coach (Supt.) Hollingsworth

Wayne Heintz (24) (Pitcher)

Lowell Halterman (27) (2b)

Howard Stier (3b)

Harold "Curley" Carver (24) (Catcher)

Curt Marsh (25) (SS)

Harold Gearhart (24) (1b)

Vern Halterman (26) (LF)

George Marsh (24) (CF)

Lowell “Buzz” Atwood (25) (RF)
 Dave Ozmun (26) (Pitcher)
 Franklin Richardson (25) (OF)
 Harold Harper (24) (OF)

State Baseball Tournaments Through the Years - Iowa State College/University at Ames, Iowa began the State High School spring baseball tournament in 1921. They sponsored and held tournament tournaments through 1927. For the first four years (1921-24) invitations were sent all high schools to participate in the State Baseball Tournament held in mid-May (no fall baseball) on Iowa State College/ University campus in Ames, Iowa. Beginning 1925 sixteen high school baseball teams across the state were selected by “Committee-in-Charge” for the State Tourney in Ames.

The Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) assumed sponsorship and control of the state tourney in **spring** 1928. Spring state baseball tournaments continued through 1972 when the spring season was ended and merged into **summer** baseball that began in 1946. Very few small (Class B) schools participated in summer baseball until after spring season ended in 1972. The **fall** baseball tournament began in 1938, and continued through 1985 when it was also merged into the summer season for one baseball season and state tournament.

Listing of participating high school teams and results:

May 1921, participating schools = estimated near 20. School names and results not available.

May 1922, participating schools = 23

Albion	Dunkerton	Massena	Roland
Beaver	Earlham	Mitchellville	Spring
Belmond	Hubbard	Monroe	Hill
Central City	Kellogg	Nevada	State
Dayton	Lakota	Onawa	Center
Dike	Mapleton	Radcliffe	Stratford
			Zearing

May 1923, participating schools = 34 (Includes Collins)
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<p>First Round Newhall 7, Wyoming 5 Sac City 9, Auburn 2 Stockport 4, Springville 3 Kellogg 5, Wall Lake 0 Coin 4, Collins 1 Albion 9, Creston 0</p>	<p>Second Round Massena 5, Slater 2 Hubbard 1, Union 0 Mitchellville 9, Earlham 7 Mapleton 4, Newhall 0 Story City 2, Sac City 0 Nevada 21, Van Horn 2 Glidden 2, Marble Rock 1 Kellogg 5, Huxley 0 Colo 6, Panora 2 Alden 2, State Center 0 Eldora Training School 9, Paton 0 Claremont 7, Oelwein 0 Cherokee 7, Albion 4 Dows 2, Boxholm 1</p>	<p>Third Round Massena 1, Hubbard 0 Mapleton 4, Mitchellville 0 Story City 2, Nevada 1 Pilot Mount 1, Glidden 0 Coin 6, Kellogg 0 Alden 6, Eldora 5 Claremont 2, Corning 1 Cherokee 7, Dows 4</p>
<p>Quarterfinal Round Massena 8, Mapleton 2 Story City 10, Pilot Mound 0 Coin 8, Alden 0 Cherokee 4, Claremont 3</p>	<p>Semifinal Round Cherokee 14, Coin 10 Story City 9, Massena 6</p>	<p>Final Round Cherokee 7, Story City 6 <i>Champion – Cherokee</i></p>

May 1924, participating schools = 40

May 28, 1924 Commencement at Collins The Commencement exercises of the Collins high school were held at the **high school auditorium** Friday evening at eight o'clock. The program was as follows: Instrumental Solo - Mrs. Fred Mead; Invocation - Rev. Shaffer; Music - Double Quartette; Address, Presentation of Class - Supt. W. W. Hield; Presentation of Diplomas - Pres. Of Board of Education; Invocation - Rev. A. B. Kern.

The **Class Roll** was: Donald Wade, Harold Gearhart, Wayne Heinz, George Marsh, Ralph Hattery, Harold Carver, Lois Witmer, Wanda Patterson, Myrtle Bates, Edna Franklin, Elizabeth Duesbury, Mildred Pointer, Eulalia Kern, Ana Stevens, Agnes Cleverly, Velma Jones, Loyd Coffeen.

The Collins High School Alumni Banquet was held Friday evening at the High School building immediately following the Commencement Exercises. Over one hundred of the Alumni were present to enjoy the interesting impromptu talks given by members of the various graduation classes, Board of Education and High School Faculty.

September 1924 Schools to Close, All Teachers Here on September 18-19

Strong program announced by Superintendent Kellogg for Institute. There will be probably 300 school teachers of Story county in Nevada September 18 and 19 for the Story County Institute, which is to be held at the high school building. Some of the best talent in the state will be here for lectures and all teachers are expected to be here and attend, according to County Superintendent Kellogg. The program follows:

Thursday Forenoon: 9:15 Devotional exercises; 9:45 Lecture – Dr. C. E. Germane, 10:45 Dr. E. L. Ritter. **Thursday Afternoon:** 1:15 Music; 1:30 Lecture – Dr. C. E. Germane; 2:30 Physical exercise; 2:45 Conferences: Superintendents, principals and high school teachers – Dr. E. L. Ritter; Rural, first and second grade teachers – E. Grace Young.

Friday Forenoon: 9:15 Devotional exercises; 9:30 Music; 9:45 Lecture – Dr. C. E. Germane; 10:45 Physical exercises; 11:00 Conferences: Rural teachers, grades 3 to 8 – Dr. E. L. Ritter; First and second grade teachers – Bertha Lamoreaux; Superintendents, principals and high school teachers – Dr. C. E. Germane. **Friday Afternoon:** 1:15 Music; 1:30 Penmanship – E. Grace Young; Hand work – Bertha Lamoreaux; Supervision – Dr. C. E. Germane; Educational tests – Dr. E. L. Ritter; 2:30 Rural Teachers – Geo. H. Kellogg and Dr. E. L. Ritter; Grade teachers – Bertha Lamoreaux; High school teachers – Dr. C. S. Germane; 3:30 Story County Schoolmen's association – Supt. D. J. Kelley.

October 27, 1924 Collins School Agriculture class and Supt. Hield to Cedar Rapids Tuesday to visit Quaker Oats Company.

December 3, 1924 Iowa Average corn yield 30 bushels per acre.

January 14, 1925 Basketball Schedule Collins High School

Jan. 15, Gilbert – there. This game will be held at 2:30 p.m. followed by a banquet at 6:00 p.m. and a home talent play at 7:30. This is free to the Collins boys and girls players and faculty.
Jan. 22, State Center – there
Jan. 29 Open

Feb. 5 Alumni – here
Feb. 12 Colo – here
Feb. 19 County tourney
Feb. 26 Kellogg – Here
Mar. 6-7 District tourney

The Seventh and Eighth Junior High Declamatory contest were held at Colo, 1st Wednesday, Feb. Schools in group – Collins, Colo, Maxwell, Zearing.

January 21, 1925 Girls Win 2, Boys Lose 2 The high school **basketball teams** of Collins school went to Slater Jan. 8th and the girls were victorious in winning from the Slater team by the score of 44.20. The Slater team proved too much for the Collins boys by the score of 16 to 11. (No box scores found)

On Friday evening of last week both teams went to Gilbert in the afternoon where they played the teams from that town and also had a **nice banquet served them and the coaches**, and all were well pleased with the way they were treated. The **girls'** game was a one-sided victory for Collins by the score of 32 to 10, while the Collins **boys** were again defeated by the tune of 22 to 15. It seems as though the boys have been playing in hard luck lately, but it is hoped they will start the other games with a determination to win. On Friday evening of this week both teams go to State Center. (No box scores found)

(Insert 2003: Slater, Iowa Historical Association newsletter had an article concerning **"Horse Drawn" school buses in 1924**. After arriving at school with the children, the bus drivers drove the horses to a barn across the street from the school and fed them oats and hay. They hitched to them to the bus later to take the children home.)

April 1925 Collins Quill Senior Class. Good Evening, Clarice! Presented by the **Senior Class** May 8 and 9. **Cast members:** Louis Franklin, a newspaper man – Franklin Richardson; Annette, his wife – Marjorie Chambers; Elmer Hudson, his friend – Curtis Marsh; Cleo, Elmer's wife – Ethelynd Denniston; Daphne, the Franklin's maid – Beulah Evans; Aunt Penelope, Annette's aunt – Gladys Kelderhouse; Cousin Mary, from California – Viola Helderhouse; Teddy Langley, her husband – Thomas Tracy; William Dunkirk, from Northville, N. Y. – William Mead; Mr. Lewis, the Lawyer – Lowell Atwood; Clarice de Mauree, the dancer – Zella Cummings.

May Calendar May 1 - Baseball at Rhodes; May 5 - Junior-Senior Banquet and Baseball with Melbourne here; May 8 and 9 - Senior play, Good Evening, Clarice!; May 10- Baccalaureate Sunday; May 12- Baseball with Eldora here; May 15 - County Tournament at Milford; May 15 - Commencement.

May 14, 1925 Graduation Program - Program of Graduation exercises, Collins High School May 15, 8 P.M. (Insert 2003: This is the first graduating class with graduates who had all four years of high school in the new building.)

<p>Song "The Lilies Wake," Girls Glee Club. Invocation, Rev. Ben Sinderson. Music, "In Old Madrid" Boys Quartet. Address, "A Balanced Ration in Education" by Edgar S. Kindley of Des Moines.</p>	<p>Presentation of the class, Supt. W. W. Hield. Presentation of diplomas, Pres. M. H. Biddick. Congratulations.</p>
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May 14, 1925 Alumni Banquet – The Alumni Banquet will be held in the High School Gymnasium, after Commencement, Friday evening. John Hattery of the class of 1914 will act as toast master and the following program of toasts will be given:

<p>Class Welcome, Mrs. Doris Holland, 1917. Response, Curtis Marsh, 1925. Footprints, C. G. Vasey, 1892. Success, B. L. Mead, 1899.</p>	<p>Beckoning Lights, Miss Irma Anderson, 1908. Overcoming the Jinx, Miss Ada Swallowell, 1914. Smiling Through, Harold Carver, 1924. Solo, A Perfect Day (No name given for solo.)</p>
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May 21, 1925 Baseball Tournament – The **second annual** Story County baseball tournament, held at Milford on May 8, was an easy walk-away for Maxwell. There were five high schools entered, namely, Collins, Huxley, Kelley, Maxwell and Milford. The drawing for pairings was made by the secretary of the county association and resulted in Milford drawing a bye, Kelley and Collins were paired and Maxwell and Huxley. The first game resulted in **Collins** making 7 runs to Kelley's 2; the second game was very one-sided, Maxwell crossing the plate 21 times, while Huxley failed to reach home.

In the second round Milford scored one run against **Collins'** 10. This threw the two old rivals, **Collins** and Maxwell into the finals. It was a closely fought game. But Maxwell finally came out with 9 scores to **Collins'** 6. This gives Maxwell the county trophy cup for one year. Strong interest is already centered around the Maxwell team for 1926 as they will lose but one player through graduation. Collins will also have a fine team next year. (Insert: No box scores found)

May 1925, "Committee in Charge" selected State Tourney Baseball teams = 16

(No results found)

First Round Games

Plymouth vs. Stanwood
 Mapleton vs. Jamaica
 Central City vs. Valley Junction
 Lake View vs. Dunkerton

First Round Games (Cont.)

Ferguson vs. Osceola
 Clearfield vs. Lyons
 Glenwood vs. Maxwell
 Cherokee vs. Mitchellville

September 3, 1925 and October 22, 1925 - School to Open Labor Day, Sept. 7. Vacation will soon be ended and the school children will again take up their courses of studies next Monday morning. All the old teachers have been rehired with the exception of one teacher, Sam T. Carter, who is to take the place of coach.

High School: J. E. Hollingsworth-Supt., Earl R. Cope - principal and mathematics; Sam T. Carter - coach and Voc. Agr.; Mrs. J. E. Hollingsworth - home economics and girls coach; Nina Keeran - music and art; Ruth Shomler - English; Carrie Hurley - senior high school and social science. Grade 9 - 14 students; Grade 10 - 14 students; Grade 11 - 23 students; Grade 12 - 21 students; Clara Signs - **junior high school** and social science. Grade 7 - 19 students; Grade 8 - 19 students. High school and junior high = 110 students.

Grades: Madge Byal, sixth - 23 students; Ana Holtby, fifth - 31 students; Doris Morrison, fourth - 25 students; Mildred Stratton, third - 27 students; Audrey Sherman, second - 31 students; Edith Reed, first - 32 students. Grade school = 169 students. **Total enrollment = 279 students.**

November 5, 1925 School Locals - The Collins schools will be closed today and tomorrow while the teachers are in attendance at the teachers meeting held in Des Moines on these two days.

The school **basketball teams** have started practice with a large number of veterans. The teams are showing up well and will give you some real games this winter. They will **meet the following teams:** Nevada, State Center, Slater, Gilbert, Colo, Colfax, and if schedule can be arranged will play Ames. Let's get out and back the coaches and their teams.

The **dramatic work** is also under way with a large number out for practice. The expectations are that they will take away their share of honors this year. Watch for the dates of the Home Concert and give them your support.

November 26, 1925 Colo Beats State Center - The foot ball game between Colo and State Center at the former place last Friday was a victory for Colo by a score of 12 to 0. The boys from Colo had arranged for their home band

to furnish music, while the State Center boys had the Collins Band furnish music for the game, and a large crowd had assembled to witness the game. After the game the Collins band went to State center where they played several selections in the different stores that were open and were invited into one place where the ladies were serving doughnuts and coffee.

December 10, 1925 Lose First Game – The boys' and girls' basket ball teams of the Collins high school went to Nevada last Friday evening where both teams met defeat from the teams of that place. The **girls'** game was perhaps one of the closest games that will ever be played on that floor when the score up to the last minute of the play stood 17 to 17, but the last minute Nevada secured another basket which made the score 19 to 17 in favor of Nevada. The **boys'** game was a good one with more of a difference in the score, the final score being 22 to 10 in favor of Nevada. This was the first games to be played this year and each one made a very good showing in team work, and after a few games have been played the boys and girls will be in better shape and will make a different showing.

December 24, 1925 Local Declamatory Contest. In the third annual Collins High Declamatory Contest the following pupils were placed first and second.

Oratorical: 1. The Prince of Peace – Alice Heintz, 2. American First – Harold Sinnott

Dramatic: 1. The Reprisal – Anna Marsh, 2. The Swan Song – Zelma Smith

Humorous: 1. Aunt Reavy Listens In – Gladys Dulaney, 2. The Movie Fan – Mary McWherter

Anna Marsh placed first over all for the third consecutive year. Each of the eleven contestants did splendid work and should be high commended. The firsts will enter the Preliminary Contest, the first of the series of District Contests in February, while the seconds will enter the Sub-county contest to be held the latter part of January.

December 24, 1925 Basketball Games The first game played at home was with Slater, both boys and **girls**, and the girls were victorious in winning their game by the score of 32 to 16, while the **boys** lost their game by the close margin of one point, this being one of the closest and best games ever played on the local floor.

Girls basketball team players include: Esther Taylor (27) JC, Freda Jones (27) SC, Vilda Smith (27) F, Anna Marsh (27) F, Alice Heintz (26) F, Velma Myers (26) G, Zelma Smith (27) F, Lola Gilley (27) G, Forrest Crabb (27) G, Gertrude Smith (29) G. Other team members unknown.

On Friday evening of last week the fast team from Colfax was here to try their hand at defeating the Collins team but they were too light for the task and met defeat by the score of 18 to 20.

December 31, 1925-26 Basket Ball Schedule

Jan. 8 State Center – there	Jan. 29 Open
Jan. 15 Gilbert – there. This game will be followed by a banquet at 6:00 p.m. and a home talent play at 7:30. This is free to the Collins, boys and girls, players and faculty.	Feb. 5 Alumni – here
Jan. 22 State Center – there	Feb. 12 Colo – Here
	Feb. 19 County tourney
	Feb. 26 Kellogg – Here
	Mar. 6-7 District tourney

December 31, 1925 Christmas Program was a Success, Large Crowd Present
The Christmas program for this year was held in the high school building on Wednesday evening of last week and was enjoyed by one of the largest audiences ever present in that building. The program commenced at 8 o'clock, **every seat had been filled and many were standing in the aisles.**

Pupils were represented in the program from the high school and the three churches and all taking part did exceptionally well. And also the teachers and all others who assisted in any way with the program should receive their share of the praises. Even the youngsters were enjoyed over the telephone calls received from Santa and also at the time of his arrival at the school house and the distribution of treats.

On Thursday afternoon and evening a picture show was presented to the people and a goodly number were present to enjoy it. On Thursday afternoon ten baskets loaded with good things for a Christmas dinner were distributed to several families that they might enjoy a treat at this happy Christmas time, and it is safe to say they enjoyed it as much as the senders did. Taking all in all the affair was handled in a very credible manner.

The Collins Community Club sponsored the entire program and it goes to show what can be done. The club is small in number yet they will soon grow and will be one of the leading organizations of this community.

January 20, 1926 Movie at School Building - - - Collins High School presents movie:

“Fools in the Dark” with Matt Moore and Patsy Ruth Miller and an All-Star Cast; Admission 10 cents and 20 cents. Saturday, January 23, 1926.

GRADE AND HIGH SCHOOL GRADE REPORT (1925-26)

REPORT OF WORK	First semester – 3-6 wks	Second semester – 3-6 wks
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Sociology																							
Botany																							
History																							
American Government																							
Economics																							
Commercial Law																							
Physical Education																							
Agriculture																							
Home Economics																							
Manual Training																							
Drawing																							
Days of Attendance																							

NUMERICAL GRADING: 95-100 (Excellent), **90-95** (Good), **85-90** (Fair), **75-85** (Passing), Below **75** (Failure) High School Minimum passing grade = 80%

*Elementary Grades: Same Required curriculum for all students with NO electives, Grades 1 through 8. **High School Grades: Subjects were offered on rotation with some only one semester term schedule. Students required to have four subject courses each semester. There were required core subjects (specific subjects uncertain) each semester through high school. Also elective subjects available, primarily in 11th and 12th grades. Typing and shorthand were not offered.

January 28, 1926 High School Splits Double-Header. At State Center Friday night the Collins **girls** won from the State Center girls by a score of 22 to 13. The Collins **boys** lost by a one point margin, the game ending 13 to 12. Both games were fast and exceedingly rough. **The girls** were threatened with defeat in the first quarter, but staged a rally and were not in danger again during the game. **The boys'** teams were more nearly evenly matched. The first half ending 9 to 7 in Collins' favor. In the third quarter State Center obtained the lead and held it thru the game. A good exhibition of team work was displayed by both teams.

February 18, 1926 Collins Wins Story County Declamatory Contest Last Wednesday evening, February tenth, held at Shipley. The participating schools were: Zearing, Shipley, McCallsburg, Slater, Roland, Cambridge, Fernald, Kelley, Collins and Gilbert.

Mary McWerter, who read "The Movie Fan," won first place in the Humorous division. This victory adds another silver loving cup to the school collection, besides winning a beautiful sterling silver medal for Mary herself. **The cup belongs to Collins for the year.** The school winning the cup for three successive years may retain it. The contest placings were as follows: Oratorical, Sylvia Rood, Slater, first; Dramatic, Mildred Burhead, Zearing, first; Humorous, **Mary McWerter, Collins, first.**

On Friday, February twenty-sixth, Miss Shomler will take three contestants, Alice Heintz, Anna Marsh and Gladys Dulaney, to Rhodes to the Preliminary District Contest. This contest is the first of a series of five contests.

February 18, 1926 Notice of Annual Meeting Consolidated School District. Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Independent School District of Collins Township, in the county of Story, State of Iowa, that the annual meeting of said Consolidated School District will be held at the Town Hall on the second Monday in March, 1926, at 12 o'clock P.M. and closing at 7 o'clock P.M. A director will be named for a term of 2 years to succeed M. H. Biddick, one for 2 years to succeed W. A. Ozmun, and one for 1 year to succeed J. C. McCord.

February 18, 1926 Iowa Tests on English Essentials The Iowa Association of Teachers of English has awakened to the fact that the present day High School pupil does not fully understand the minimum essentials of English. To meet this need, the Association has prepared two tests, one of which has just been given. The other will be given in April. The tests deal with spelling, punctuation and capitalization, miscellaneous grammar, sentence structure, and parts of speech. They are fair and comprehensive. On Friday, February 12th, the pupils of Collins High School were given Test 1. Following are the class averages: Freshmen – 79.16%; Sophomores – 83.86%; Juniors – 81.90%; Seniors – 82.01.

THE HONOR ROLL

Elena Mead – 96%	Velma Pitcher – 93%	Marie Holland – 92%	Hazel Vasey – 91%
Wayne Vasey – 96%	Ila Stratton – 93%	Verle McCord – 91%	Gladys Dulaney – 90%
William Byerly - 95%	Irene Dodd – 92%	Velma Myers – 91%	Walter Keagle – 90%
Dola Crabb – 93%	Maude Hale – 92%	Alma Stratton 91%	Esther Ozmun – 90%
Ronald Cummings – 93%			

Watch for the April report!

February 18, 1926 Story County Athletic Association will join in their fifth annual (began in 1922) basketball tournament for boys at Huxley, Friday and Saturday, February 19, and 20th. Fifteen schools are entered. The tournament is divided in two classes, A and B schools. The schools in class A are: **Collins**, McCallsburg, Colo, Gilbert, Huxley, Maxwell, Roland, Slater, Story City and Zearing. The schools in class B are: Fernald, Kelley, Milford, North Grant and Shipley. The first game will be called at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, Feb. 19th, and the second session will be that evening at 8 o'clock. R. G. Rapp of Ames will be referee.

February 25, 1926 The Thundering Herd, another of Zane Grey's great novels, All Star Cast and lots of action, Collins High School, February 27th, 8 p.m., admission, 20 cents and 35 cents.

March 11, 1926 Collins High School First in State English Tests. In the first Iowa test on English Essentials the **Collins High School led with a median of 84**. A second test will be given in April. We hope to raise our median very much, and of course, we wish to again maintain the lead. The following paragraph is quoted from the letter Miss Shomler received from Dr. M. F. Carpenter, assistant Professor of English at the State University:

“There was one thing about your record which especially appealed to me. Your report was the second or third to come to my hands. Often when a test like the one just given is sent out, there is an uncomfortable suspicion on the part of those conducting the test that certain schools keep the test by them and indulge in special preparation before giving it. The promptness with which you gave the test and sent in your reports shows clearly that you took no such unfair advantage. Your success is absolutely clean cut, and you have every reason to be proud of it.”

March 11, 1926 Forty Winks, A big New Comedy, and an All Star Cast, Collins High School, March 13th, 8 p.m., admission 10 cents and 20 cents.

March 26, 1926 The Pony Express, The Greatest Western Picture. It covered 2,000 miles in 7 days. It linked the East and the West. It employed the world's greatest riders, including "Buffalo Bill." It fought Indians, highwaymen, Ice, Snow, Rain and blazing heat. It saved the Union. Come and see it portrayed at the Collins High School, the greatest picture of today, March 26-27, Admission 20 and 40 cents. Presented by the Junior Class. COME!

April 15, 1926 The Thread of Destiny The Senior Play, a Fascinating Story of the Civil War Days, will be given on Friday and Saturday evenings, April 23rd and 24th. The cast of Characters are as follows: Fanny, A slave on the Montgomery plantation – Leona Keagle; George Washington Johnson, A slave on the Bailey plantation – Glenn Morrison; Betty Montgomery, The "Little Colonel" – Lauradell Lightfoot; Edith Sherman, the Northern Cousin – Velma Myers; Mrs. Montgomery, A true Virginian – Alice Heintz; Colonel Montgomery, A Gentlemen of the Old School – Harold Sinnott; Virginia Montgomery, The Toast of the County – Eva Franklin; Beverly Montgomery, A Confederate Scout – Laverne Halterman; Sally Ann and Laura Lee, The Fairfax Twins – Marie Holland and Maude Hale; Tom Randolph, A Southern Gallant – David Ozmun; Martha and Susan, Southern Girls – Elsie Jones and Hazel Sumpter; Jane – Myrtle Tiffany; John Mervale Morgan, of the North – Gerald Chambers; Marcella and Marion, Southern Girls – Mildred Lafferty and Jessie Thompson; Dinah, A Faithful Servitor – Alta Barbee; Peyton Bailey, of the U. S. Army – Everett Halterman; Uncle Billy, the Colonel's Bodyguard – Floyd Lafferty; Louise Lawton, in Federal Employ – Ramah Pointer; Ralph Francis, Who did not go to War – Verle McCord; Madge Young, a Thoroughbred – Charlotte Vasey; A Union Scout, Who is detained – Alva Hand; Miss Melissy, of an Inquisitive Nature – Ilo Carver. Scene – Virginia. Time – The Civil War. Act I Garden of Ashurst, the Montgomery home, near Richmond, April 1861. Act II Hall at Ashurst, May 1864. Act III Grounds of Ashurst, six weeks later. The Thread of Destiny is just the type of play that you've been wanted to see – full of good humor and containing an excellent story.

April 15, 1926 First Ball Game of Season – The first base ball game of the season of 1926 was played on the high school grounds last Friday afternoon between the Independent ball team and the high school team and was a very close game, the score being 4 to 2 in favor of the Independents. This was a practice game and goes to show that when the season opens both teams will be in the best of condition to play any other like aggregation and will be able to give a good account of themselves. Let's give all the teams of Collins our best support this year. (No box score found)

April 22, 1926 The high school **ball team** won two victories last week, the first one when they defeated Colo here last Thursday afternoon after school to the tune of 5 to 0, and on Friday afternoon at Melbourne when they defeated the Melbourne boys to the tune of 6 to 4. The boys are starting off strong and it is hoped they will keep the good work going. (No box scores found)

April 29, 1926 Children's Operetta, Collins High School, Friday, April 30, 1926.

Second Grade Children - "A Box of Japanese Dolls." The cast of Characters is: Coleen Carver, Dale Jay, Oscar Serbein, Illa Patterson, George Sokol, June Crabb, Laurence Vasey, John Patton, Elbert Bonawitz, Aileen Crosby, Alta Vasey, Darlene Dodd.

Fifth and Sixth Grade Children - "What's the Matter with Sally." A very rich and "spoiled" little girl, Sally Donnelly, has, due to her environment, become sulky and discontented. Hoping to discourage these traits, Sally's mother plans with an old friend and school mate, Miss Jefferies, who teaches at St. Thomas' Orphanage, to leave her there as "an orphan" for a few weeks. Under the influence of the new surroundings of those less fortunate than herself, Sally soon realizes that her place of superiority is the natural development of selfishness. The plot is full of interesting situations, finally developing into a characterization of friendship, love and loyalty. SCENE - both acts in the school room of St. Thomas' Orphanage. ACT I - End of afternoon session. ACT II - After school hours - 2 weeks later.

Cast of Characters as they appear in "What's the Matter with Sally:"

ORPHANS: Mary Eubank, Lester Pointer, Robert Sokol, Hazel Atkinson, Forrest Denniston - Prudence, Harold McCord - Peter, Vesta Myers - Betsy, Erma Brouhard - Agnes, Margaret Rouch, John Crabb, Wm. Vasey, Forrest Lafferty.

Miss Jefferies - Helen Stevens; Mrs. Blount - Gladys Hennick; Mrs. Donnelly - Iva Dodd; Sally - Ruth Mills.

MOP GIRLS AND PAPER DOLLS: Alice Hass, Opal Vasey, Lenore Randall, Maxine Hand, Gladoline Shickell, Frances Kimberley, Geraldine Crosby, Donna Huntrod, Thelma Evans, Leila Stratton.

BASEBALL BOYS: Everett McCord, Orville Smith, Floyd Kelderhouse, Forrest Brown, Dwight Luing, Otis Granger, George Lingenfelter, Amie Hanson, Faye Brown.

Prudence - Forest Denniston; Betsy - Vesta Myers; Agnes - Erma Brouhard

April 29, 1926 May 14–15 Ball Tourney The sixth annual Iowa high school baseball tournament, to be held at Iowa State College (University), Ames, Iowa, May 14-15 to decide the state championship, will be one of the many features of Veishea, Iowa State's exposition for the people of the state. When the tournament first started there was no limit to the number of teams that could enter, but in 1925 the number was cut to 25 teams, representing the pick of the different sections of the state. This year the same plan will be followed. Winning a county tournament will not insure a team an invitation to the state tournament but the **winner in a sectional tournament** that takes in teams from an area equivalent to one-sixteenth of the state will get a chance to fight it out for the state championship at Ames. T. N. Metcalf, director of athletics, would like to hear from high schools interested.

In the first tournament in 1921 Mapleton beat Earlham in the final game 7 to 6. In 1922 Earlham came back to take the state championship handily from the Des Moines Catholic Academy 7 to 4. In 1923 the tournament drew 41 teams, Cherokee defeating Story City in the final game for the championship 7 to 6. **With 42 teams entered in 1924 Collins had little trouble in downing Earlham 12 to 0 in the final game.** Stanwood, state champions in 1925, beat the fast Glenwood team in the finals 3 to 2.

May 1926, "Committee in Charge" selected teams = 16 for State baseball tournament. Collins bypassed, Zearing was selected, defeated 13-1 in semifinals.

First Round	Quarterfinal Round	Semifinal Round	Final Round
Nemaha 5, Olin 0 Hull 4, Minden 3 Rossie 10, Ottosen 3 Armstrong 5, Stanwood 4 Dows 3, Oakville 2 Zearing 5, Cherokee 0 Lake View 9, LaPorte City 0 Avoca 4, Pilot Mound 1	Hull 1, Nemaha 0 Rossie 9, Armstrong 2 Zearing 9, Dows 3 Lake View 4, Avoca 3	Hull 13, Rossie 6 Lake View 13, Zearing 1	Lake View 6, Hull 1

May 1926 Collins girls track team took first place honors in Story County track meet. They placed first or second in every event entered. Track team members were: Esther Taylor (27), Freda Jones (27), Vilda Smith (27), Anna Marsh (27), Alice Heintz (26), Velma Myers (26), Zelma Smith (27), Lola Gilley (27), Forrest Crabb (27), Gertrude Smith (29). Other team members unknown. (Insert 2003: The longest distance race was likely either one fourth

mile (440 yards) or one-half mile (880 yards). Also, no hurdles. Girls used basketball suites and tennis shoes; track was dirt. All distances were in yards.

May 6, 1926 Collins Wins State English Test On Thursday, April twenty-ninth, Miss Shomler gave the second Iowa test on English Essentials, sent out by the Department of English at the University. The class averages and medians were as follows:

	Median	Average
Twelfth Grade	92.5	91.2
Eleventh Grade	92.5	90.6
Tenth Grade	90	87.84
Ninth Grade	87	89.27

The High School Median is 92 percent over the winning 84 per cent made in the first test given in February.

THE HONOR ROLL

Seniors	Velma Myers – 95%	Juniors	Forrest Crabb – 94%
Marie Holland – 99%	Alice Heintz – 93%	Esther Ozmun – 97%	Dola Crabb – 94%
Maude Hale – 98%	Ramah Pointer – 93%	Hazel Vasey – 97%	Irene Dodd – 93%
Alta Barbee – 97%	Everett Halterman – 92%	Charlotte Vasey – 97%	Freda Jones – 92%
Ilo Carver – 96%	Elsie Jones – 91%	Verle McCord – 97%	Milo Pitcher – 92%
Leona Keagle – 96%	Mildred Lafferty – 91%	Anna Marsh – 96%	
Jessie Thompson – 96%	Harold Sinnot – 90%	Zelma Smith – 96%	
Laverne Halterman – 95%	Eva Frankliln – 90%	Ila Stratton – 95%	

May 13, 1926 Teachers Hired for Next Year Six New Instructors Added to Faculty.

For the past several weeks the school board has had the hard proposition of selecting teachers for the coming year and trying to get the best for the money available, and they have secured six new teachers and retained seven of this year's teaching forces. Several of the teachers of this year have accepted positions at other places with an advance in wages and which they should have with their knowledge and learning. Below is given the full list as they will appear next year:

J. E. Hollingsworth – Supt., Earl Cope – Principal, Emma Garner – Home Economics, Mabel Cairns – Music and Art, M. S. Applegate – Coach and Science, Ruth Shomler – English, Clara Signs – Junior High, Madge Byal – 6th Grade, Marjorie Byal – 5th Grade, Doris Morrison – 4th Grade, Geraldine Emerson – 3rd Grade, Minnie Marsh – 2nd Grade, Audrey Sherman – Primary. Miss Stratton has accepted a position at Rhodes; Miss Holtby at Melbourne.

May 1926 Commencement Speech by Class President, Everett Halterman. Perhaps this will be the last time we will ever be together again. If only I knew that I were to start over again in High School, it would mean the four happiest years of my life to live over again. When we started in as freshmen we had this goal to reach. We are here. I want to thank each of the teachers for the kind help we have received during our school years and especially the last two years. We have not the opportunity to go through High School again, but we have the opportunity to make a success in life's school. That is our aim now.

(Insert for May 1926: Everett Halterman and Alice (Heintz) Marsh were selected as outstanding students of the class of 1926 and **names engraved** on school trophy cup.

May 27, 1926 School is over for the school year. Graduating class was 21, near the largest class.

June 20, 1926 - The School Exhibit last Friday has been pronounced by all as the **best they have ever seen**. Each teacher's exhibit illustrated beyond doubt that the children have made excellent progress during the year. The splendid exhibit was entirely the work of teachers and their pupils and all deserve praise for their excellent work displayed.

June 20, 1926 - Grade Faculty Entertained Monday evening after school Doris Morrison entertained the grade teachers, misses Reed, Sherman, Stratton, Holtby, Byal, Signs and Keeran at a picnic supper in the woods and later a slumber party at her home.

August 26, 1926 - The Graduating Class of 1914 of Collins High School held their first reunion and picnic in the City Park at Maxwell on Sunday, August 22.

September 2, 1926 - School Begins Next Monday Everything in Readiness for the Term. On next Monday morning will be heard the old school bell ringing once more calling the children to work after three months of recreation and fun. Following is the list of teachers and the grades they will handle: J. E. Hollingsworth - Supt.; Earl Cope - Principal; M. S. Applegate - Coach and Ag.; Ruth M. Shomler - English; Emma Garner, Eco. and Sci.; Mable Cairns - Music; (Grade 12 - 20 pupils; Grade 11 - 13 pupils; Grade 10 - 12 pupils. [all girls]; Grade 9 - 21 pupils.) Clara Signs - Junior High (7th Grade - 22 pupils, 8th Grade - 20 pupils). Junior High and High School = 108.

Madge Byal - 6th Grade (28 pupils.) Marjorie Byal - 5th Grade (27 pupils.)
Doris Morrison - 4th Grade (25 pupils.) Geraldine Emerson - 3rd Grade (31

pupils.) Minnie Marsh – 2nd Grade – (31 pupils.) Audrey Sherman – 1st Grade (28 pupils) Grade School = 170. **Total school enrollment = 278.**

Bus routes and driver of each are as follows: No. 1 – Bill Luing; No. 2 – W. B. Hand; No. 3 – Frank Day; No. 4 – Earl Robinson; No. 5 – Milo Pitcher; No. 6 – E.L. Shonk; No. 7 – Wayne Signs; No. 8 – C. L. Davis; No. 9 – W. B. Brown.

[Insert 2004: The way country students went to the new consolidated school district in 1921-22 and a few years thereafter was by **horse-drawn** school bus. A bus route south of Collins was Tom Jones’ bus/horse owner and driver with passengers: Dave Ozmun, Iona (Crabb) Stratton, Catherine (Ozmun) McNamara, Ila (Crabb) (Atwood) Buck, Doris (Morrison) Duesbury, Leola (Toots) Stratton, Alma Stratton, Gertrude Smith, Velda Smith, Lela Stratton, Ila Stratton, Dola (Crabb) Romick, Esther (Ozmun) Taylor, Forrest (Crabb) Halterman, Orville Smith, Kenneth Smith, Lester Smith, Bill Vasey, Jeff Morrison, and John Crabb.]

[Insert 2004: The earliest (1923-24) Collins School motorized buses were improvised by the bus owners. They placed the horse-drawn bus body on a Ford Model-T truck chassis with a 22-Hp engine. The rear entry-exit bus capacity was 15-18 with the youngest sitting on laps of the older and a few standing in the aisle. There were no safety regulations such as bus color, stop sign, warning and stoplights. An early motorized route was northeast of Collins with W. E. (Bill) Luing bus owner and driver. Students on this route: Guy Robinson, Wayne Heintz, Harold Pointer, Wayne Southworth, Virgil Berg, Lowell Luing, Ramah Pointer, Willard Jones, Alice Heintz, Florence Jones, Mildred Pointer, Lester Pointer, Glen Pointer, Lillian Berg, Ben Jones and Ben Jones’ sister.]

September 9, 1926 – PTA Meeting - Regular meeting PTA will be held Tuesday, Sept. 14th. The committee promises a snappy program after which a social hour will be held in form of a reception for the teachers. All are invited to come and help give the teachers a hearty welcome.

-Clara Signs, Sec.

October 7, 1926 School Class Officers

Grade	President	Vice Pres.	Sec. and Treas.	Sponsor
Twelfth	Verle McCord	Freda Jones	Charlotte Vasey	Miss Shomler
Eleventh	Wayne Vasey	Walter Keagle	Velma Pitcher	Mr. Applegate
Tenth	Alma Stratton	Jessie Robinson	Lillian Vasey, Sec. Erma Kitchen, Treas.	Miss Garner
Ninth	Laurence Dodd	Belle Vasey	Theodore Evans, Sec. Imogene Signs, Treas.	Miss Cairns

Eighth	Harriet Sokol	Earl Robinson	Hazel Dulany	Miss Signs
Seventh	Helen Stevens	Forrest Lafferty	Gladys Hennick	Mr. Pope

October 14, 1926 Senior Class Picnic - A senior class picnic was held in Gearhart's timber Thursday, October 7. Only two cars found mud a bad friend. Those cars were, however, fortunate in getting there in time for a wiener and pickle. While waiting for eating time to come a football game was attempted but, as a whole the seniors are yet tender. Some that were a little (hungrier) hungry than the rest stood under red haw trees eating red haws almost as fast as they could shake them down. The picnic adjourned early and successful thanks to Mr. Gearhart, for he played a big part in making it a successful picnic.

Junior Class Picnic - The Juniors gather the ambition to have a picnic about two days before the Seniors on Tuesday, October 5. An interesting game of football was played and won by a team led by Captain Jones. The losing team was led by Captain Cummings, known throughout the county as a star football player. The Juniors seemed to be in a playful mood the next day so they must have had a good time the evening before.

Mothers of third grade children! It might interest you to know that Miss Emerson, their teacher, is giving a party for you Friday afternoon beginning at 2 o'clock. An interesting afternoon is assured and Miss Emerson would be greatly pleased with your presence.

October 14, 1926 Basketball - Basketball prospects look good for this year. Although only four letterman are left from last year, Coach Applegate can see good material in other men. The four lettermen are Mills, Keagle, Sheckles and Halterman. Regular practice started last Monday. With the help of Collins this team can clean up on the following schedule:

Nov. 19 – Fernald, here	January 19 – Gilbert, there
Nov. 28 – Milford, here	January 21 – State Center, here
Dec. 8 – Open	January 28 – Milford, there
Dec. 10 – Maxwell, here	February 4 – Kellogg, there
Dec. 19 – Cambridge, here	February 11 – Colo, there
January 7 – Slater, there	February 18 – Slater, here
January 14 – McCallsburg, here	

Of these games, the girls will play Maxwell, Cambridge, Slater, Gilbert, State Center and Slater at Collins. It has been arranged so the Collins Independent

team can play the nights that the girls don't play. Their schedule will be announced later.

The science class has to their credit a radio built by Harold Kimberley. This radio is a four tube affair and has been installed for use of science class in science laboratory.

The seventh and eighth grade enjoyed a picnic in Cleverley's timber Tuesday afternoon. A fine time was had by everyone.

November 11, 1926 An article on the different **diseases by Iowa State Board of Health** will be published each week under school notes. It would be appreciated if the parents would keep these to refer to in case of illness in the home. The first of the series will be is **chicken pox**. "Onset gradual. Maybe no symptoms before irruption. Slight fever. Irruption may be on covered portion of body. Discharges from lesions of skin. Exclude from school for minimum of 14 days. Should be examined daily for signs and symptoms for two weeks after last possible exposure. Children must not be allowed to return to school until scales and crusts have disappeared and there is complete restoration of skin. Be sure to examine the scalp."

November 11, 1926 At the meeting of the Iowa Association of Teachers of English in Des Moines on Tuesday, Nov. Fourth, **Miss Shomler conducted a Round Table concerning the study of Minimum Essentials of English. As you remember, our Collins students led the state in the Iowa English tests for the year 1925-1926. We have every reason to be proud of the publicity given us at this time.**

November 25, 1926 Collins High School to Have Homecoming This is the **first time** in the history of the school that a homecoming time that our graduates, whose exploits in the classroom, on the stage or on the athletic field still echo down the halls of "who's who," have thus been honored. We are proud of our alumni, we prize their achievements, we exalt them in this homecoming. We desire their acceptance of this, our tribute. Alumni of Collins H. S., this is your homecoming, will you honor us by your presence and support at the games on Friday night, Nov. 26?

In the opening engagement, the local Independent team, composed of former H. S. stars, will provide the thrill when they clash with a worthy Independent squad from a nearby city. The **Collins H. S. quintet** playing the much touted Milford five will furnish the De Luxe a la tear-em-up conflict of the evening. The Milford squad is composed wholly of veterans; they are being imbued with the intention of walloping Collins. They are bringing scores of rooters to aid them

in the struggle. They are going to fight until the final second ticks off into eternity. Students! Alumni! People of Collins! Do you want to see us win? Will you help us win? Milford fights while Collins scores, and when the last spontaneous ejaculation of exuberance shall have died away, can we say, "We have met the enemy and they are ours."

Basketball - Collins The first game of the season that started with a snappy orchestra number ended with a victory for Collins over Fernald 14, – 9. The game was typical of an early season game and our home team showed promise of making an excellent team. **At the end of the half the score was tied five to five.** The second half started Collins again owning the ball from center. For the first few minutes it seemed that a deadlock had been formed as neither team could score. Then Collins broke the spell and scored two field goals. From this time on Collins was not in any danger.

A new policy has been established by High School Athletic Teams and was successfully tried for the first time Friday night. **The visiting team was favored with a lunch served by the girl's basketball team and sponsored by the boy's basketball team.** We are sorry that we cannot prepare lunch for the spectators.

December 3, 1926 Mumps Early signs: Fever, pain and swelling at angle of jaw just in front of lower lobe of ear, stiffness of jaws. Dangers of infection: discharges sprayed or thrown from mouth or nose in coughing, sneezing or spitting. Direct contact with infected persons. What to do with case: exclude until swelling or tenderness of parotid gland is present. Minimum period 7 days. Immune: should not be excluded from school. Susceptibles: exclude for same period as infected person. Remarks: Mumps is very infectious and the saliva transports the infectious agent.

A few facts about Scarlet Fever: Sudden onset: vomiting, sore throat, headache, fever, and rash. Discharge sprayed or thrown from mouth or nose in coughing, sneezing or spitting. Also discharge from ears and down glands. Direct contact with infected persons and mild cases. Any of these will cause infection. You should exclude the cases during quarantine, minimum period 4 weeks. Exclude until there are no abnormal discharges from nose, ears or broken down glands. The immune may be instructed, disinfected and released to live elsewhere and may then return to school immediately. Susceptibles, if never in quarantine, may return to school 1 week after last possible exposure.

Attention: The school is facing the health problem on a new plan this year. Our success at the present time is questionable and because of this we are going to insist on the State Board of Health being observed. **Mumps made its**

appearance the first of this week. This gives us a serious disease to combat and we need your cooperation.

December 3, 1926 Collins High School lost a hard fought battle to Milford Friday night. The final score was 8 to 7. Although Milford won, Collins showed the best defensive work. Collins will meet them again January 28.

December 23, 1926 Declamatory Contest – Collins High School Probably the closes declamatory contest every given in Collins was held in the high school auditorium last Wednesday night. The program and winners in the various divisions were as follows:

Oratorical: The Delusion of Equality – Wayne Vasey. Thy Neighbor – Velma Pitcher. Velma Pitcher was winner in this class.

Dramatic: Tomorrow - Ivageene Signs. The White Hands of Telham – Anna Marsh. Yellow Butterflies - Zelma Smith. Zelma Smith won first and Anna Marsh second.

Humorous: The Bride - Zola Gilley. Domestic Science vs. Aunt Matilda - Lillian Vasey. Willie's First Contest – Mildred Gearhart. Boy at the Circus - Mary McWherter. A Case of Fits - Kathryn Kimberley. Mary McWherter won first and Zola Gilley second in the Humorous.

Zelma Smith won first over all.

The first in this contest will represent Collins in the preliminary contest and the seconds will represent us in the sub-county contest. Both of these contests will be held in Collins, the sub-county the latter part of January and the preliminary on February 25th.

December 23, 1926 Collins High won an easy double header from Cambridge Friday night. The **girls** won by a score of 41 to 10, the **boys** winning by a score of 32 to 2. Both games were entirely too rough for high school games. The next double header will be January 7th when the boys and girls will play Slater at Slater. (Insert 2003: No box scores found)

The senior class of '27 spent one of the most successful evenings of the year Saturday night at the school house. The class gathered in the home economics room for a 7 o'clock dinner, the dinner being prepared before by the girls. After dinner speeches were given by different members of the group and about 8 o'clock the class went to the show in the auditorium.

January 6, 1927 Remember the campaign against **diphtheria**. If you do not have a blank call Rev. Clark. The campaign started by the Parent-Teacher Association in cooperation with the state board of health is proving a success. At the present time we have a large number of blanks filled out and returned. We

would appreciate receiving yours on or before January 6th. **If there is a sufficient number we will order the material and the immunization will start the first of the week. Let us have your blanks.**

January 6, 1927 Coach Applegate gave his team a treat by taking them to the **dedication program of the new Drake University Field House, Des Moines, Iowa** the main feature of the evening being the Drake-Kansas game. Among the dedication speeches was one by Gov. John Hammill. In the first basketball game Drake lost to Kansas 13 to 27; in the second game Still won from Buena Vista by a large score.

January 20, 1927 Collins Loses Double Header. Collins boys and girls bowed in defeat to the flashy McCallsburg teams by the scores of 42-27 and 25-19 respectively. The **girls** game at first seemed to show victory when the forward combination traveled at old time speed while the team functioned like clock work behind them, but the persistent floor work of McCallsburg soon gained them the lead, and the sensational battle that followed left Collins at the small end. Until the last quarter Collins was always in the threatening distance, but a rampage of the invaders in the closing session gave them an insurmountable lead.

The McCallsburg boys forged into the lead early in the game although was small. Stonewall defense featured the entire first half and a score of 9 to 5 ended the half. The **local boys** flashed their brilliant basketball of the season to the third quarter attaining a one-point lead but they failed to maintain the pace and yielded several fatal baskets in the final quarter. (Insert 2003: No box scores found)

January 27, 1927 The Story County Basketball tournament will be held at Huxley on February 25th and 26th. As Collins is entered in this tournament you should begin to think about going.

Boys Lose Two, Girls Win Two: Displaying the best beginning thus far this season, Collins **girls** captured a hard fought battle from Gilbert Wednesday night by a score of 26 to 17. Close guarding in both teams and excellent floor work featured the contest. Collins' supremacy lay in the deadly basket eye of the forwards.

The **boys** functioned like high speed motors against a team ten miles faster than greased lightning. Excellent passing would work the ball down the floor to Halterman who would invariably tally. The spurt in the last quarter by Gilbert made the margin of victory 40 to 27.

Going strong as usual Collins **girls** gained a victory over State Center. This game was but a repetition of others, the centers and forwards working together in perfect style and preventing any attempts to equalize the score.

The Collins Statues (boys) allowed their opponents to dodge around and shoot baskets at will. When the locals did gain the ball the apparent pain caused by the contact made them quickly throw it in the region where they vaguely supposed the basket to be. The score ran up to 32 to 16 (in favor of State Center).

February 3, 1927 We feel that the parents would like to know which pupils receive the highest average of grades. Through the kind co-operation of the teachers we have secured the leading four pupils in the order in which they rank:

First grade – Alice Marie Bigger, Ruth Atkinson, Gola Mullihan and Alvan Robinson.

Second grade – June Halterman, Eileen Vasey, Lucille Huntrod, Delmar Halterman

Third Grade – Oscar Serbein, Coleen Carver, Junior Shearer, Marie Hass.

Fourth Grade – Eva Clark, Wayne Pointer, Jane Shearer, Russell Hattery.

Fifth Grade – Erma Brouhard, Donna Huntrod, Margaret Huntrod, Wilma Southern

Sixth Grade – Winifred Holmes, Murriel DeBusk, Milo Dodd, Isabell Neal

The Senior class was entertained Wednesday night by two members of their class, Dola and Forrest Crabb, at their home. The class spent a very successful evening together by taking part in various party games and by consuming a first class lunch.

Miss Shomler will be a judge at the County Junior High Declamatory Contest at McCallsburg February 2. Both Mr. Hollingsworth and Miss Shomler will judge the contest at Colo on Thursday, February 3rd.

Collins **boys** Lost to Milford 27-15.

February 9, 1927 Story County High School Preliminary Declamatory Contest, Collins, Iowa

Program: Music – Collins High School Orchestra

Collins participants are: Dramatic: The White Hands of Telham – **Anna Marsh**;

Humorous: The Bride – **Zola Gilley**

Music – Male Quartet - Schools Represented; Cambridge, Collins, Colo,
Maxwell

February 17, 1927 Reading Test In the high school our reading scores showed that each grade was above normal except the seniors. With these results we

desired that our reading should be improved through the lower grades and junior high school. On Feb. 10th another series of tests were given and we have the following results: Grade 3 – Tests were not given; Grade 4 - .2 below normal but showing a gain of 1.5 points; Grade 5 – 1.4 below normal, but showing a gain of 1.4 points; Grade 6 – One point above normal but showing a gain of .1 points; Grade 8 - .2 points below normal showing gain of .5 points.

This study shows, without doubt, that the efficiency has been improved in all subjects as reading is the key to all our school work. Each grade has shown some improvement while a few have made great strides. If this improvement continues until this time next year, we will find every grade above our national standard. Much enthusiasm is being shown and the teachers are resolved to try, even harder, from now on.

Basketball - Collins High split a double header Friday night with Colo. The Collins **girls** won by the score of 55 to 6 while the **boys** lost by a score of 27 to 12.

February 24, 1927 Preliminary Declamatory Contest. The preliminary contest, the first of the series of district contests, will be held in the Collins High School Auditorium on Friday evening, February 25th, at 7:45 o'clock. The program is as follows:

To the Firefly – Charlotte Vasey; Oratorical: Velma Pitcher - Thy Neighbor; Dramatic: Zelma Smith - Yellow Butterflies. Humorous: Mary McWherter - Boy at the Circus; Vocal Duet: Alice Heintz and Zola Gilley. Schools represented: Collins, Maxwell, Melbourne, and Rhodes.

February 24, 1927 Loses Double Header Collins seemed to be off form Friday night when Slater beat them, the **girls'** score was 38 to 8 and the **boys'** score was 20 to 5.

March 3, 1927 Collins High boys team was defeated in the Story County Basketball Tournament at Huxley Saturday. Gilbert beat Collins by a score of 42 to 9. Gilbert was not stopped until the final round, when Roland beat them 8 to 6. The Gilbert-Collins game marked the last high school game for Linn Mills, Alva (Tiny) Hand, Forrest Brouhard, Floyd Lafferty, and Verle McCord. These seniors did a great job for the team and other years that they have participated in high school athletics.

March 3, 1927 Three C. H. S. students in the declamatory contest last night. **Mary McWherter**, first in the humorous division, **Zelma Smith** second in

dramatic division and **Velma Pitcher** second in the oratorical division. Mary McWherter will advance next to District Preliminary contest.

March 14, 1927 Junior Class Play "A Deal in Fish," a rollicking farce in three acts. Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26, Tickets reserved at Hall's Haberdashery. Admission: Adults 40 cents; Children 25 cents.

Cast of Characters: Bob White, Proprietor of Lovers Retreat – Walter Keagle; Jack Gimore, his loving partner – Charles Clark; John Hardnock, a nickel-plated copper magnate – Wayne Vasey; Mrs. Hardnock, why men leave home – Zelda Etnier; Betty, who invented romance – Hilda Witmer; Ruth, deep and mysterious – Velma Pitcher; Loie, she knows her lobsters – Eva Duesbury; Archie, the lobster – Edwin Jones.

March 17, 1927 Coach Applegate attended the **Story County high school baseball** meeting at Story Hotel in Nevada. A schedule and officials were agreed upon. The **six teams** comprising the league are: **Collins**, Gilbert, Maxwell, Milford, Slater and Zearing. The Championship will be determined by a percentage basis and league will probably be entered in State Tournament.

March 17, 1927 The County Spelling Contest will be held at Nevada March 26 at 10:30 p.m. Each consolidated school may enter two and each rural school one speller. Pupils enrolled in eighth grade or below will be eligible. Contest is sponsored by the Des Moines Register.

April 7, 1927 Collins Gazette Changes Owners. With this issue, the **Collins Gazette passes into the hands of the undersigned, J. R. (Army) Armstrong**, who came here the last of the week from Des Moines, where he has been employed for the last year and a half on The Evening Tribune and Iowa Homestead. Previous to that time he conducted papers for himself for several years, and worked in various printing plants, having twenty-one years experience in the business.

April 14, 1927 Collins high will play their first home game this afternoon with Zearing. Zearing beat Milford Friday by a score of 9 to 8. This means that Collins will have to beat Zearing or let them take the lead in the league.

Collins High lost their **first baseball game** to Maxwell Friday, by a score of 7 to 6. Maxwell was held to 3 hits but in the meantime a large number of free bases were given, along with several decisive errors. The Collins infield seems to be in good shape and the rest of the week will be spent in preparing an outfield that will help in defeating Zearing here this afternoon. (No box score found)

April 14, 1927 Senior Play The Speech Department of Collins High School Presents the Senior Play "Catching Clara" A Commencement Play. Friday and Saturday, April 22, 23. Reserved Seat Sale Begins Monday, April 18, at Hall's Haberdashery. Admission, 25 cents and 40 cents.

Cast of Players:

Clara Craddock, President of the Senior Class of Rutland College – Zelma Smith. Seniors: Mrytle Bank – Hazel Vasey; Isabel Langley – Charlotte Vasey; Daisy Green – Dola Drabb; Bug Beal – Zola Gilley; Beth Mathis – Bernice Skinner; Willye Roye – Ila Stratton; Joy Jones – Irene Dodd. Cassie White, President of the Junior Class of Rutland College – Esther Oznum. Juniors: Katie Hugo – Freda Jones; Mattie Bragg – Forrest Crabb; Margaret Waterman – Helen Smith; Hazel Due – Lillian Vasey; Minnie Tracy – Mildred Gearhart. Two Burlglars: Muggy – Lowell Halterman; Pete – Forrest Brouhard. Settlement House Committee for Rutland Tech: Professor Rice – Verle McCord; Howard Brace – Milo Pitcher; George Grenville – Alva Hand. Mrs. Grenville, George's Mother – Anna Marsh. Settlement House Children: Patsy Flannigan – Geraldine Keagle; Tom Smith – Donald Evns; Giovanni Givanni – Earl Atkinson; Hans Reuther – Robert Sokol; Putman, the Janitor – Floyd Lafferty. Stage Manager – Linn Mills. **Synopsis:** Act I – Evening in a dormitory room at Rutland College for Women. Act II – 8 p.m. the following day in a dormitory room at Rutland Tech. Act III – Evening in South Corridor of Rutland College Hall. Place – A College Town; Time – The Present

April 21, 1927 Collins Trims Zearing. Collins High trimmed Zearing High in a fast game Monday afternoon by a score of 3 to 1. The **boys** showed old time stuff having Zearing in the hole during the entire game. The local boys showed much improvement in all positions as they only made 4 errors. But our boys managed to bunch their hits for 3 scores while Zearing's five scattered hits netted them only one score.

Summary – 1st and 2nd innings, 1-2-3 outs. 3rd inning, Mills got a three bagger scoring Sheckles and then went on an error by third baseman. 4th inning, Jones reached first by an error on Rankin and scored by a two bagger by Alva Hand. Total score 3 to 0. 5th to 8th inning – 1-2-3. **East Story County League** Standings: **Collins**, Maxwell, Milford, Zearing, each have won one and lost one.

April 28, 1927 Collins Drubs Milford. Collins high defeated Milford on Milford soil Friday afternoon 12 to 3. Milford was held to three hits and one of those

was a home run. Good fielding on the part of Collins featured the game. Collins will play Zearing Friday at Zearing.

April 28, 1927 League standing: **Collins 3-1**, Milford 2-2, Maxwell 1 – 2, Zearing 1-2.

April 28, 1927 Continues Winning Streak. Collins high defeated Maxwell Monday afternoon thus raising their winning streak to 3 consecutive games. The final score was 13 to 8. Mills pitched a good game for the local aggregation. League standings: Collins 3 wins, 1 loss; Milford 2 wins, 2 losses; Maxwell 1 win, 2 losses; Zearing 1 win, 2 losses.

April 28, 1927 Senior Class Play Goes Over Big The senior class play, “Catching Clara,” presented by the speech department of Collins High school in the school auditorium last Friday and Saturday nights, was an unqualified success in every sense of the word. **Full houses greeted the players on both nights**, the receipts being greater than for years, if not in the history of the school.

First of all, let us give a personal tribute: The writer has witnessed class plays and class plays, but can truthfully say that he enjoyed “Catching Clara” more than any he had ever seen before, anywhere. **Miss Ruth Shomler, the director**, is to be congratulated on her splendid work which had so much to do with the success of the production. It is a difficult matter to choose a play in which there is a part for every member of the senior class, and the play must be chosen to fit the size of the class as well as to obtain a production that will be suitable for the occasion. This year there were 17 students enrolled in the regular speech class, and others were used to fill in for parts in the play. Miss Shomler asks us to express her appreciation to the parents and teachers for their co-operation, which meant so much to the success of the play.

We’d like to, and could, write two columns about “Catching Clara,” about the comedy and complications and surprises, but time and space will not permit. There was not a visible flaw in the whole production, and the players had their lines perfect. And pretty girls! They were all pretty! The musical numbers between acts were in keeping with the rest of the program – excellent.

May 5, 1927 Collins Wins Another. The local boys traveled to Zearing Friday for the veteran game of the season which proved to be an easy victory for Collins. The Zearing boys were unable to bunch their hits and by good fielding on the part Collins were held to a single tally. (No box score found)

May 12, 1927 Collins Wins East Story County League. The Milford and Collins high school teams met in the most decisive game of the season last Friday on the Collins diamond. The game opened with a lively batting duel accompanied by poor fielding on the part of both teams. After the third inning, however, both teams settled down to real playing with a home run by a Collins player as the only run during this period. With the league championship won invitation to the State tournament is almost assured. (**Insert 2003:** Believe Collins selected; no article found.) The team appreciates your support and you will more than feel repaid for the time taken by watching a good game of baseball. The schedule for the remainder of the season is: Melbourne here Monday and there Wednesday. Come and Boost!

Final East Story County League standings: Collins 5 wins, 1 loss; Milford 3 wins, 2 losses; Maxwell 2 win, 3 losses; Zearing 1 win, 5 losses.

May 12, 1927 The Juniors should be given the undisputed honor for sponsoring one of the best banquets ever given in Collins high. Everything was evenly spaced, not a thing was out of position. Music seemed to blend with the menu, the menu with the roses, and the guests with all of them. And another thing, you could probably look for a great distance and yet not find a toast program as good as the one prepared by Mr. Applegate, the Junior class sponsor. Can't you derive from these actual facts a first class banquet?

A word of appreciation and commendation must be said of the **American Legion Auxiliary** for their splendid work in preparing the banquet and serving it, assisted by the Sophomore girls.

Besides the members of the Junior and Senior classes and faculty, there were present also the Junior class mother, Mrs. J. R. Witmer; Senior class mother, Mrs. Phil Ozmun; Mr. Ozman, Mr. Witmer, Mr. Gingles, John Hattery, Mrs. Cope and Mrs. Hollingsworth.

May 12, 1927 A Story County Track meet will be held at Story City Friday and Saturday. **Collins** expects to enter a team.

Several members of the physics class and Mr. Applegate visited the Drake observatory Monday night.

May 19, 1927 Baseball. Collins defeated Gilbert Wednesday by a score of 9 to 7, thus making **6 consecutive wins**. The game started off with poor baseball in all parts of the game and with good batting on the part of Gilbert. With this combination Gilbert snowed Collins under in the fifth inning by a score of 7 to 1. Collins rallied in the seventh and tied the score. The score was tied until the

eleventh inning when Collins broke loose and scored two runs on two hits and a squeeze play. **Summary-** Errors, Gilbert 4, Collins 8. Hits, Gilbert 6, Collins 12. Walked by Fox 4, by Halterman 0. Struck out by Fox 8, by Halterman 14. Earned runs, Gilbert 2, Collins 8.

May 19, 1927 English Test English pupils of Collins High School, under direction of Miss Shomler, last week completed the second test on English Essentials, prepared and administered by the Iowa association of Teachers of English in cooperation with the University of Iowa. Eighth grade pupils also took this test for experimental purposes.

It will be remembered that Collins High pupils were state champions in both tests last year.

May 26, 1927 School Exhibit Pleased Public The annual exhibit held at the Collins school last Friday afternoon and evening drew a good number of visitors, although the weather kept many from attending. There is much that might be said about this interesting and instructive exhibit. It should be said, however, that much credit is due both instructors and pupils for the skill manifested in the various exhibits.

The home economics department, Miss Irma Garner instructor, had an elaborate exhibit, including examples of sewing, cooking and fruit and vegetable canning. An outstanding part of this exhibit was the House of Health, a miniature home constructed of various kinds of health foods – with vegetable shrubberies and other unique features. In addition to the regular work of this department, there was a display of antiques that would be interesting in any museum. This display, gathered from many people of the community, included such articles as two century-old china, pictures, dresses of our great grandmothers' time, lanterns, lamps and any number of other interesting objects.

The manual training department, Supt. J. E. Hollingsworth instructor, exhibited a display of shop work that would be a credit to many woodworking shops, including a wagon box, cedar and walnut chests, office desks, etc.

In the Junior High school department, of which Miss Clara Signs is the head, the exhibit consisted of maps, posters, booklets, etc., that were extremely well done.

Art work throughout the various exhibits was the work of pupils of Miss Mabel Cairns, and showed the result of painstaking care and skill.

Each of the grades had its exhibit and all were very neat and attractive. Following are the names of the teachers of the various departments and grades: First grade - Miss Audrey Sherman; second - Miss Minnie Marsh; third - Miss Geraldine Emerson; fourth - Miss Doris Morrison; fifth - Miss Marjorie Byal; sixth - Miss Madge Byal; seventh and eighth - Miss Clara Signs; Art - Miss Mabel Cairns; home economics - Miss Irma Garner; English - Miss Ruth Shomler; science and history - M. S. Applegate; manual training - Supt. J. E. Hollingsworth. All of the above instructors will teach here again next year with the exception of Miss Garner.

June 2, 1927 Twenty Graduates: Alumni Banquet Last Friday evening two important events to local high school students, past and present, were held at the Collins high school building. One was the annual graduation exercises, and the other was the annual banquet of the Alumni association. **A class of twenty received diplomas at the graduation exercises which were attended by about 500 people, every available seat being filled and some of the audience being obliged to stand.**

This is the first class that has been under the superintendence of Mr. Hollingsworth for the entire four years, and he very naturally takes a little more than ordinary pride in the showing made by members of the class. **Anna Marsh was class valedictorian, her grade being 94.25. Honorable mention is given to Verle McCord, 93.66, and Charlotte Vasey, 93.33.** A number of others finished the year within a few points of each other.

The program was opened with the invocation by Rev. David Young, followed by a solo by Mrs. Clint Darling. Then Judge Hubert Utterback of Des Moines delivered a most helpful address – “Possibilities of Life” – to the graduates. The keynote of his speech was that the soul is the rudder to a person’s life – if the mind and soul are right, that person’s life will be right and successful. After a saxophone duet by C. R. Stone and Donald Wade, the diplomas were presented by Charles McCord and the benediction pronounced by Rev. C. E. Clark. Decorations for the occasion were prepared by the Junior class under the direction of Mr. Applegate.

Following is the **1927 class roll**: Hazel L. Vasey, Esther C. Oznum, Ila M. Stratton, Verle B. McCord, Milo S. Pitcher, Forrest H. Crabb, Floyd B. Lafferty, Charlotte M. Vasey, M. Bernice Skinner, Lowell M. Halterman, Alva J. Hand, Dola M. Crabb, D. Irene Dodd, Anna L. Marsh, Linn E. Mills, Helen B. Smith, Freda M. Jones, Zelma B. Smith, Zola M. Gilley, Forrest E. Brouhard. (Insert 2003: This is the first graduating class with graduates who had all six years of junior high and high school in the new building.)

Alumni Banquet. The annual banquet of the Collins High School Alumni association was held in the gymnasium of the high school building on May 27 following the commencement exercises. There were 103 seated at the banquet table to enjoy the bounteous two course dinner which was served. Members of the Junior and Sophomore classes acted as waiters. During the course of the dinner, music was furnished by “Jack’s Crackerjacks.”

Following the dinner the toastmaster, Harold Carver, took charge of the program, which consisted of many clever stories by the toastmaster, welcoming speech by the president of the Alumni association, Lowell Carver; response by Verle McCord; a short talk on the “Horse and Buggy Age” by Ralph Mcord; vocal solo by Mrs. Curtis Marsh, and a few remarks by C. G. Vasey. Following the program, the president called a business meeting and the following officers were elected for 1928: President – Oliver Shearer; Vice President – Arlo Heinrich; Secretary – Mary Holmes; Treasure – Mrs. Harley Gearhart.

1927 Recallings of 1927 Graduate: (Insert 2003) Attended Mt. Olive Country School (southwest corner of Collins Township), 1st through 5th grade. Changed to Collins town school in 6th grade (fall 1920). The classes were in 1909 building. (**The new High School Building was constructed during 1921 and occupied January 1922.**) Grades one through 8 were called **Grade School** and grades 9 through 12 were **High School**. There were no grades called Junior High.

The students remained in one room for all classes for 6th through 8th grades. Clara Signs was 8th grade teacher. The High School grades, 9 through 12, changed rooms for different subject classes. High school teachers recalled were; Miss Shomler – English and Dramatics, Earl Cope – Mathematics, Mr. Hollingsworth – Supt. and taught Geography and History. Mrs. Hollingsworth – Physical Education and Girls Basketball Coach. School days were Monday through Friday, hours 9:00 A. M. – 4:00 P.M. with lunch/recess 12 noon – 1:00 P.M.. Students could buy hot lunch (uncertain if served full year) or bring lunch from home. The High School building had individual lockers for students to place books, coats, etc. No school dress code.

Basketball games customarily played on Friday nights with girls’ games preceding boys’ games, attendance was very good. The schools played were: Colo, Cambridge, Maxwell, Huxley, Kelley, Farrar, Slater and Zearing. The girls’ team was six players with two players in each of the three courts. Partial listing of team members: Forrest Crabb, Dola Crabb, Esther Ozmun, Anna Marsha, Zelma Smith, Zola Gilley, Irene Dodd. No school cheerleaders. **Extra Curricular** activities were: Basketball, Glee Club (music), School Class Plays, and baseball added for boys.

(Insert 2003: **Early 1920's school picture of 1909 building** [located on site of mid-1990's elementary building] shows playground equipment of large-sized swing set, four swings with long metal slide at west end. The swing set is located south of the school building with a couple young trees a short distance away and the playground, including a baseball field area to the east. The swing set frame is steel pipe with two metal chains attached to each of the four separate swings that had wood board seats for children to sit or stand on for swinging. A few years later two merry-go-rounds and two teeter-totters were added. The same or very similar playground equipment was on the school ground in 1950's with the swing set location slightly further south and no slide attached.)

July 14, 1927 Vocational Agriculture in Schools With the arrival of M. W. Erwin, in charge of the Vocational Agriculture department of the Collins schools, preparations are being made for a season of great activity in this important branch. We print below an article concerning this work by J. R. Hattery, president of the school board:

The more progressive high schools of the state are becoming of more service to the public than ever before. Collins High School now has a Vocational Agriculture department ready to serve the community. The local school board elected M. W. Erwin as instructor, who has four years teaching experience and a life of farm experience. M. W. Erwin is here on the job and is determined to put over a program of sound agriculture among the boys and girls and adult farmers. All agriculture services from Collins High School are free to all people of Collins community. The work is educational in its nature and anyone asking for aid will receive information that is not only helpful but information that will be permanently valuable. A program of Vocational Agriculture to be successful must first have an efficient instructor and second the people of the community must whole heartedly cooperate with the teacher and his boys. The local school board and superintendent are going to aid in every way possible the program of the Vocational Agriculture department. Collins has been without Vocational Agriculture for a year and has seen fit to put it in the school again because of the benefits a community can obtain from it.

July 21, 1927 School Bus Drivers are Selected At the meeting of the school board Monday night, the bids of the following men were accepted for bus routes of Collins Consolidated School district for the ensuing year: Route 1 – W. G. Luing; 2 - Carl Day; 3 – E. F. Day; 4 – Earl Robinson; 5 – W. E. Brown; 6 – E. L. Shonk; 7 – John Halterman; 8 – Milo Pitcher. Spur route – Henry Stratton. J. G. Gingles was elected as janitor for the year.

August 18, 1927 Collins Teachers for 1927-28. The following teachers have been engaged for the coming school year for the Collins Consolidated schools, most of them having taught here last year, but a few being new to this school: First grade – Miss Mabel Hansen; Second – Miss Minnie Marsh; Third – Miss Geraldine Emerson; Fourth – Mrs. Henry (Doris Morrison) Duesbury; Fifth – Miss Marjorie Byal; Sixth – Miss Madge Byal; Seventh and Eighth – Miss Clara Signs; Art – Miss Mabel Cairns; Home Economic – (blank); English – Miss Ruth Shomler; Science and History – M. S. Applegate; Mathematics – Malcolm Love; Vocational Agriculture – M. W. Erwin; Manual Training – Superintendent J. E. Hollingsworth.

August 18, 1927 Text books are to be handled by the school. The Collins Board of Education has decided to handle the entire sale of text books through the school, including both new and second hand books. New books will be sold at wholesale price plus the cost of transportation. All second hand books brought in for sale should contain an envelope with the owner's name plainly written or printed, also the price for which the book is to be sold. The second hand books were handled in this manner last year with fair success, but with the added experience it should be more successful this year. The school will not be responsible for money collected from the sale of second hand books after Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 4:30. Student classification and general book sale will be Sat., Sept. 3, from 1 o'clock until 5 p.m. it is very important that all students classify and purchase books at this time.

August 18, 1927 Reunion of Class of 1905. The members of the class of 1905 held a reunion in the form of an all day picnic, in a grove east of Mingo, Tuesday, Aug. 9. At 12:30 noon they served a delicious lunch. This is the first time the class has had a reunion since their graduation. During the day they enjoyed telling of old times and happenings since being apart, after which they took several pictures.

Those present were Lena and Goldie Sams of Detroit, Mich; Mrs. Jennie Stock Gearhart of Des Moines; Mrs. Leota Hulse Black of Wapello; Mrs. Elsie McKeever Pond of Waterloo; Mrs. Paulena Stock Dodd of Collins, and Mrs. Eunice Couch Borts of Mingo. Those of the class who were not present were Mrs. Iva Baker McClay, Misses Mary Knoll and Clara and Edna Loerch of Washington. The members decided to make the reunion an annual affair.

August 25, 1927 Results of Tests on English Essentials. Miss Ruth Shomler of the English department of Collins High school has received the averages for the State and for Collins in the English Essentials tests for 1926-27 sent out by the Iowa Association of teachers of English, compiled by the University of Iowa. **It will be seen that the Collins averages are away above those for the state as a**

whole, especially in several of the grades, and while the ranking has not as yet been received, Collins should be near the top.

Test 1 – February General average of 40 schools reporting – 84.77. Averages by grades: 9th - 70.19; 10th – 78.96; 11th – 94.45; 12th – 104.20. **Collins average – 107.97.** Collins averages by grades – 9th – 74.16; 10th – 114.50; 11th – 125.26; 12th – 120.96.

Test 2 – May General average of 40 schools reporting – 90.10. Averages by grades: 9th – 74.37; 10th – 84.98; 11th – 99.73; 12th – 110.02. **Collins average – 112.77.** Collins averages by grades – 9th – 80.25; 10th – 115.33; 11th – 128.14; 12th – 127.36.

September 29, 1927 Basketball Schedule:

Nov. 11 – North Grant there	Jan. 6 – McCallsburg there (girls)
Nov. 18 – Gilbert here (girls)	Jan. 13 – Nevada there
Nov. 23 – Open	Jan. 20 – State Center there (girls)
Nov. 25 – Zearing there (girls)	Jan. 27 – Slater there (girls)
Dec. 2 – Mingo there	Feb. 3 – Colo there (girls)
Dec. 9 – Milford there	Feb. 10 – Slater here (girls)
Dec. 16 – Melbourne here	Feb. 17 – Mingo here
Dec. 23 – Story City here	

October 13, 1927 Schools Prepared and Put into Type by Wayne Vasey. The Seniors have chosen a one act play entitled “It Ain’t My Fault” for their contribution to the **carnival**. It is a screamingly funny play including such characters as a peppy young newspaper reporter, a mathematically inclined young man, two pretty young girl students, and extremely proper boarding school matron, and a rube-like country boy, played by an all-star cast of future Hollywood residents.

Mr. Hollingsworth has devised an ingenious method of instilling legal principles into his **Commercial Law class**. He divided them into law firms for the trial of such questions in litigation as may come to his attention. Mr. Shickell occupies the bench and imparts justice with true judicial discretion and dignity.

The members of the **Biology class** have become martyrs to the cause of science. At the suggestion of Mr. Applegate they promised to abstain from candy, pie, or any other form of sweets for a period of one month. Thus far they show no sign of weakening.

The Sophomores enjoyed a party last Friday night. The entire class and several teachers were present. The evening was devoted to games and the serving of an informal dinner.

November 3, 1927 - The carnival and festival was a huge success. Why? Because of the unstinted efforts of students and teachers and the interest and support of the community, all of which we sincerely appreciate.

November 3, 1927 Vaccination – pro and con. The local board of education decided at their special meeting on Oct. 24, 1927 to have Mr. Hollingsworth go to Des Moines and confer with the State Board of Health on the scarlet fever question, and vaccination. The doctors in the state office gave out the following information: Vaccination against **scarlet fever** is as yet a new thing and not proven to the point where they feel that it is advisable to vaccinate on a large scale. It is giving good results in most cases and they believe that in a few years it will be **in general use, just as smallpox and diphtheria.**

The opinion was also given that in case it became very bad and in a serious type it would be advisable to vaccinate. They urged, however, that it be done with the knowledge that it is a new thing and that the effects were more severe than that of diphtheria as a general rule. Fatalities are very uncommon and the statistics show one out of 40,000. This again seems very small, but is greater than smallpox or diphtheria. We will appreciate receiving the opinion of the parents on this problem. In case there is sufficient demand, the school will do all in their power to secure the vaccination at a very reasonable figure.

November 3, 1927 Local Student Wins Prize for Editorial The World News, a magazine used in the History department, recently conducted an editorial contest for H. S. students. A \$10.00 prize was given the winner, \$5.00 to second place and \$1.00 each to the eight next best editorials. **Mary McWherter was one of the eight, her name appearing among others.** When you know this paper has a circulation of over 300,000, and many editorials were submitted, her achievement is one of which we can well be proud.

November 10, 1927 - Collins High is Second in English Tests, Again Collins High has a right to be proud of the work done in the English department. At the state convention the reports of the Iowa Tests on Minimum Essentials for 1926-27 were given. **Collins stood second only to University High school of Iowa City in both tests.** Various scores ranged from 62 to 108 (Collins) in Test I. And from 59 to 113 (Collins) in Test II.

November 24, 1927 Collins Cagers Lose Two Games. Collins high school basketball teams were unfortunate in their games with Gilbert Friday night, losing both of them. **Girls 22-12 and boys 19-8.**

December 1, 1927 Collins **boys** lost to Zearing 42-12. (No box score found)

The agriculture boys have completed their straw loft chicken house project. They have also two hog houses to build for Vasey Brothers. The shop boys want jobs on poultry and hog houses, and other practical work. There is a small charge attached for labor.

The sixth grade will give a Spelling at P. T. A. next Tuesday night. Milo Dodd and Winfred Holmes are the leaders.

December 15, 1927 Tuesday, Dec. 21 the united efforts of the School and PTA will make possible the most beautiful **Christmas pageant** ever presented in this community. The pageant will provide a delectable morsel of entertainment. Treats will be provided for the kiddies.

January 12, 1928 Collins loses twice to McCallsburg: **Boys 29-21. Girls 45 – 18.** (No box scores found)

January 12, 1928 School Health Notes The health condition in regard to **contagious disease** is about the same. New cases are appearing at the rate of about one each week. The disease as yet is mild, but it is well to remember that the late winter months is the time for diseases to become more severe. The months of February and March are given as the period when diseases take their greatest toll because of the lowered vitality of the people and the type of weather that is common. Many are taking the scarlet fever vaccine. The reaction is not severe, and the injection is almost painless. It is well for everyone to investigate thoroughly, as we have disease with us and the time for it becoming severe is not far away. Notify your doctor or call Mr. Hollingsworth if you wish your children vaccinated.

February 9, 1928 Boys Lose 20-19 The team battled, slashed and shot their way to a six-point lead only to have it surmounted by the sensational shooting of Templeman for Colo in the last few moments of play. The eventual score was 20-19. Conspicuous parts of the work of the local team were the passing by the Streeter boys (Joe, Thurman) and the sterling defensive work of Capt. (Virgil) Shickell. A mighty good game if did lose.

February 9, 1928 Declamatory Contest The school is proud of the way Lillian Vasey came through in the sub-county declamatory contest. Her **next goal is the county contest.**

February 9, 1928 Seniors' Play The Seniors' one-act play, "Sauce for the Goslings," is now ready for presentation at P.T.A. next Tuesday night. Father, mother and grandmother give a shocking demonstration of modernism that has the jazzy son and daughter and the perfect-mannered guest in an inferno of embarrassment. Elena Mead, as grandmother, Velma Pitcher as mother, Wayne Vasey as father, Walter Keagle and Hilda Witmer as the rebellious son and daughter, and Ronald Cummings as the guest, make up the cast.

February 14, 1928 Collins Loses to Slater. The **girls** received an 18-17 defeat. Slater's most sensational battle of the season culminated in this score, and they may well feel proud of their night's work. We reluctantly admit that the **boys** dished up a terrible brand of basketball and Slater played a mighty good game combined to form a nightmare that ended with our reeking scalps in the opponents' belt as a result of a 32-6 score.

The Collins **boys'** basketball team plans to enter the **county tournament.** The meet will be **held at Ames.**

February 14, 1928 At the present time there is not a single case of scarlet fever in the community.

The Valentine spirit predominated throughout the grades this week.

The buses are having a severe test in the shape of bad roads lately. The drivers say that the gravel is like quicksand and the dirt roads closely resemble glue.

The Freshman civics class are making a practical study of politics. They have subdivided into districts, each pupil representing a district with the allotted number of votes. The "districts" make a study of the needs of their territory and vote accordingly. Carl Atkinson is the temporary chairman. Lloyd Patton is the chairman of the republican convention to be held later.

February 23, 1928 Collins Loses two to Mingo Tuesday night's basketball games between Collins and Mingo, here resulted in a hair-breadth defeat of the local **boys**, 19 to 18, and a more decisive defeat of the **girls**, 39 to 21. The local boys' basketball team entries from the Story County tournament at the Ames field house next Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Collins will play the winner of the Huxley-Zearing contest at 4 p.m. Friday in the county tourney.

March 1, 1928 Collins Reveals Unexpected Strength In the first game in the **A class** second round Zearing defeated Collins 22 to 14 Friday afternoon. Collins gave the northern team some unexpectedly stiff competition. In the second quarter, a field goal by (Walter) Keagle tied the score at 5 to 5. A basket by E. Jones a moment later gave Collins a two-point lead. A field goal apiece by the small Rankin brothers and two free shots by Ricketts put Zearing ahead 11 to 7 at the half. Thereafter Zearing gradually drew away from its opponent. (Virgil) Shickells, Collins guard, played a heroic game, limping half of the time with an injured leg. He was everywhere the mainstay of his team's play. The Jones Boys (Herbert, Edwin) (not related) played a good game at forward. The final game of the county tournament was won by Ames, who defeated Roland 24 to 17.

Next Friday at 3 p.m. in the H. S. auditorium, **the greatest radio program of the age** will be brought to the ears of the people of Collins through the efforts of the local Senior class. The program is presented by Eatmore and Swallow Co., canners and distributors of coreless applesauce. It is broadcast over the chain through stations Y E L L. B L A B and associate stations. Visitors are welcome as the Seniors do not wish to restrict this great opportunity to the H. S. alone.

The sub-district declamatory contest will be held on Thursday night. Melbourne, Farrar, Maxwell, and **Collins** representatives provide the competition. Collins will base its claim to honors on the work of Velma Pitcher in the oratorical division, Hilda Witmer in the dramatic and Harriet Sokol in the humorous. The judges are Prof. Barton Morgan of Iowa State College, Supt. Roseman of State Center and Mrs. C. H. McMahon of State Center.

March 1, 1928 Local Boys Basketball Team Wins from Ames. Tuesday evening's regular season basketball game in Collins resulted in victory for the High school five winning from Ames, 20 – 19.

March 8, 1928 The **declamatory contest** last Thursday evening turned out to be a dual meet between Collins and Maxwell, when both Melbourne and Farrar forfeited. The winners were as follows; **Oratorical, Velma Pitcher, Collins;** Dramatic, Myrtle Wickard, Maxwell; **Humorous, Harriet Sokol, Collins.**

Baseball gloves pop fast and viciously around school these days, and the air fairly reeks of horsehide.

March 15, 1928 The **sixth grade** spent last week making county maps, including railroads and highways. Mary Hughbanks represents the **seventh and eighth grades** at Nevada March 31, at the **annual county spelling contest**. The **sophomores** defeated the **freshmen** 12 –6 in the first inter-class game.

March 29, 1928 Baseball Fever A week of good weather and baseball practice has given a pretty fair idea of the prospects in that line of endeavor. Of the pitchers, (Virgil) Shickell and Thurman Streeter are flashing speed a la Walter Johnson and (Donald) Evans has shown more curves than a geometry text. Edwin Jones will interpose his bulky frame behind home plate. C. Dodd looks promising at first, Cummings appears likely to cover second, (Walter) Keagle shows up well at short and Herbert Jones may work in at third. The outfield is as yet a mystery.

The baseball fever has extended even to the girls. The feminine ball tossers display surprising proficiency and with a little major league experience should become expert fence busters.

April 5, 1928 Juniors Please Large Audiences with Class Play Customers of "Smile, Rodney, Smile" get Big Money's Worth. Several hundred people spent twenty-five and thirty-five cents each last Friday and Saturday evenings to see a two-dollar show at the Collins High school auditorium, where the Juniors presented their play, "Smile, Rodney, Smile."

The play, a comedy in three acts, had to do with the difficulties of one Rodney Bradley (Carl Atkinson), who sought to evade marriage with the step-daughter of his uncle, Bruce Bradley (Lloyd Patton), who had charge of the estate of which Rodney was to come into possession upon the fulfillment of certain conditions. One of these conditions was his marriage to the step-daughter, Virginia Roslyn, alias Miss Koogelhelheimer, nicknamed "The Princess" (Lillian Vasey). Rodney's aversion to the marriage was all before he had met "The Princess," for upon meeting her it was a case of love at first sight, as it would have been with anyone.

The part of Egbert Marmont, a young Englishman and a friend of Rod's, was well portrayed by Harold Kimberley, as was that of Tubby Hayes, another friend (Dwight Chambers.) Mary McWherter admirably played the part of Bedelia Dwiggin, an old man, whose specialty was broadcasting, and who drew many laughs from the audience. Charlotte Halterman looked every bit the handsome widow, Mrs. Gilbert Vance, looking with all her might for her fourth husband, and Gwendolyn Vance, her beautiful niece was well represented in the part of Gwendolyn Shuey. Mildred Gearhart was charming as Betty Crowley, an independent little neighbor of Mrs. Winslow, an elderly lady who was impersonated to perfection by Alma Stratton. Patty Nelson, another neighbor, was equally attractive in the person of Margaret Holmes. And then there was Pickney Herring, who was "Sardine" to some and "Salmon" to others, but a big fish in a small puddle to himself. He was chestily represented by Kenneth Roush, who is now considered about town as a real actor.

They were all good – from the leading man and lady, all the way through the cast – and the play was a good one, too. Credit for the success of the play is divided between the young people taking part and their **director, Miss Ruth M. Shomler**, whose painstaking training was evident throughout the production.

April 12, 1928 The **Senior play**, “When’s Your Birthday?” is progressing rapidly, and the thrills and laughs are beginning to materialize.

April 19, 1928 The two big debates given by the **Sociology class** on the questions, “Resolved: that the morals of youth are declining,” and “Resolved: that the 18th amendment should be repealed” were decided in favor of the negatives in both instances. The discussions were very spirited and were ably presented.

In a baseball game played last Friday between Kelly and Slater, the latter won 10 to 7. These teams are both members of the **South Story County League**, which is composed of teams from **Collins**, Maxwell, Kelly and Slater. Charles Kime of Collins umpired the game. (Insert 2003: First reference to South Story County League – 5/12/1927 reference to East Story County League.)

The **Sixth grade** boys made a foray last Tuesday in search of frogs and other carnivores for the biology class.

April 26, 1928 Collins turned loose the big guns and won a close **ball game** from Melbourne in the 8th inning of a **scheduled 7 inning game**, Tuesday afternoon. With the score tied at 3-all, (Laurence) Dodd smacked a single, scoring Luing from second base to home plate. The outstanding feature of the game was the tight pitching of Krough of Melbourne and (Donald) Evans and (Virgil) Shickell of Collins. The local infield showed a vast improvement. (No box score found).

Last Friday, the horsehide crashers from Kelley won a ten-inning thriller from the local **H. S. baseball team** by the score of 11 to 10. The game was marked by loose playing on the part of both teams and by heavy hitting. Kelley got to (Donald) Evans early in the game and piled up a three-point lead in the first two innings. The locals soon found their eye, however, and ran the score up to 8. Kelley resumed the lead in the eighth and Collins staged a rally that tied the score at 10-all. In the tenth the fatal score was pushed across by the invaders. Evans showed plenty of stuff but lacked the cool head that will come with experience. The chief threat of the opposing moundsman was a slow but effective curve. (No box score found)

Tomorrow night the curtain will rise for the first presentation of the blood congealing, laugh enforcing **Senior class play**, "When's Your Birthday?"

The **eighth grade** has prepared a butterfly and moth collection for the state fair. Many specimens are included.

April 26, 1928 Collins Alumni Banquet to be held on May 18 members of the Collins Alumni Association met Friday evening, April 20, at the A. F. Heinrich home and the following committees were appointed to take charge of the Alumni banquet which will be held the evening of May 18 at the high school building: "Toastmaster" – Harold Carver; "Entertainment Committee" – Myrna Sokol, Thelma Oswalt, Beulah Gearhart, Harold Lingenfelter, Lloyd Holland, Steve Carr. "Lunch Com." – Lena Vasey, Doris Holland, Edna Franklin, Mary Gingles, and Flora Holland. "Invitation Com." – Mary Holmes, Josephine Shearer, Leona Keagle. "Decoration Com." – Mildred Ozmun, Alice Burney, Lowell Halterman, Alice Marsh, David Ozmun, Jack Wade, Zola Gilley, Anna Marsh, Iona Stratton, George Gingles, Wm. Mead.

April 26, 1928 COLLINS SCHOOL RANKS ABOVE NATIONAL AVERAGE

The Collins school for the first time can lay claim to being better than the average school in the United States. Why? Because of their score in the most complete and thorough achievement test that can be secured. **The test is called the Stanford Achievement Test**, and is published by Leland Stanford University of Palo Alto, California. These tests cover every branch of instruction and are standardized by scores taken from city schools over the entire U. S. The city schools rank as a rule about four to five months in advance of consolidated school in their achievements in these tests. With this in mind, it is a distinct achievement to rank above the national average, as it shows that the school has improved a great deal, for three years ago we were uniformly low. **Now we rank above average in reading, natural science and arithmetic; just average in spelling and history, with a little below average in language usage and word meaning.** This means that another year we must put special emphasis on these subjects.

We have demonstrated the value of these tests as an educational tool for three years ago we were very low in arithmetic. This year because of the effort put forth by the teachers over a period of three years, our arithmetic work averages one year in advance of the average school and our reading, two months above the average school. The teachers should be thanked by the entire community for their efforts in accomplishing this as they do not have the equipment that is available in our city schools. In another year we should stand above the national average in all subjects.

May 3, 1928 Collins Loses. Melbourne proved too much for the **local H. S. baseball team** Tuesday evening, and won on their own field by a score of 6 to 2. The Melbourne boys garnered a feast of hits off the local twirler, while their own mounds man was holding the Collins artillery in check. The local outfield worked in fine style. (No box score found)

May 3, 1928 Senior Class Play Attendance and Receipts Surpass all Former Marks

"When's Your Birthday?" presented last Friday and Saturday nights by the local high school Seniors, was an even greater success than had been hoped for—and hopes were high! **A new record for attendance and receipts was set**, the total amount being \$184.80 for the two performances. And all who attended are sorry for all who did not attend! We can't tell the story here, and there's no use mentioning any one of the cast as doing especially well—for they all did that.

The part of Malory Dwight, a young man in love, was played by Ronald Cummings. The object of his affections, Lindy Nash, was portrayed by Harriet Sokol. Zelda Etnier played the part of Ann Parsons, a practical nurse who had great faith in her "bitters." Virgil Shickell was Jotham Nash of the play, an old codger whose afflictions were many and varied (and on top of these afflictions Virgil added one not in the book by spraining his ankle in ball practice, causing him to require the aid of a crutch). Jotham's wife, Nabby Nash, was Elena Mead, and she had her hands full caring for him and his many aches and pains. Clara Dwight, Malory's sister, was represented by Velma Pitcher, and her fiance, Nick Jameson, by Walter Keagle. Leonore, the fortune teller, who ran away from the show, was realistically impersonated by Hilda Witmer, and Ben Ali, the hypnotist, by Walter Keagle. Wayne Vasey in the character of Tim Gale, who was "living a righteous life" and "hadn't had no fun in thirty years," supplied plenty of laughing for the crowd, they all did that.

And it won't do to forget Jack Stone's Crackerjacks, the orchestra that furnished the excellent music, nor Mr. Applegate and Miss Gilley, who sang those beautiful duets. All in all it was a wonder show, and one of which the director, **Miss Shomler**, and the seniors may well be proud. **Miss Shomler** wishes to thank all who helped in both junior and senior plays and those who loaned properties.

May 10, 1928 School Exhibit Friday, May 11 Come and visit the public school exhibit tomorrow. It has something which will be of interest to you in every room and it promises to be the best we have ever had.

August 30, 1928 And Now for School, Again Collins Consolidated Schools will open Monday morning, Sept. 3, for registration, there being no school in the afternoon.

Following are the **new teachers** for the year: Mr. Burroughs, English and Music from Simpson College; Mr. Rawlings, Mathematics, from Parsons college; Mr. Jesperson, Social Science and coach, State Teachers (UNI); Miss Ives, Science., Iowa State college (ISU); Miss Davis, Auditorium and Art, State Teachers (UNI); Miss Rankin, Science and Library, Drake; Miss Hariem, Second Grade, State Teachers (UNI).

School News: The following books are needed for this year: "First grade" – Primer and First Reader; "Second" – Reader; "Third" – Reader, First Language, Speller; "Fourth" – Reader, Language, Arithmetic and workbook, Speller, Geography and workbook; "Fifth" – Reader, Arithmetic and workbook, Speller, Language, Geography and workbook; "Sixth" – Reader, Arithmetic and workbook, Speller, Language, Geography and workbook; "Seventh" - English, Spelling, Arithmetic and workbook, Geography, History of the American People, Civics, Physiology and Hygiene; "Eighth" – English, Arithmetic and workbook,

History of the American People; Physiology and Hygiene, Everyday Civics. "Ninth" – Theme and Sentence Book, Voc-Civics, Making a Living, Science of Home and Community.

Senior High School: "Tenth grade" – Modern History, M. O. S. books, Algebra workbook; "Eleventh" – English, Biology, American History; Electives, Physics or bookkeeping; "Twelfth" – English, Public Speaking, Literature, Rural Problems, Sociology, 2nd sem. Our Government, 2nd sem. Gen. Economics. Electives, Physics or Bookkeeping.

September 13, 1928 – 266 Enrolled by Lloyd Patton, School Reporter. The 1928 enrollment of the Collins schools totals about 266 scholars this year, there being about 116 enrolled in the junior high and high school, and about 150 in the grades. First grade – 27; Second - 30; Third – 21; Fourth – 23; Fifth – 24; Sixth – 25; Seventh – 22; Eighth – 25; Ninth – 25; Tenth – 19; Eleventh – 13; Twelfth – 12.

September 20, 1928 Vocational Agriculture The agriculture class is starting in with a good enrollment, consisting of the following boys: Earl Atkinson, Floyd Fox, John Haas, Kenneth Haas, Everett Kelderhouse, Joe Streeter, Thurman Streeter, Lowell Luing, Harold Smith, Glen Pointer and Dale Huffaker. The boys have been working on weeds, their identification, eradication, and can name at sight more than fifty of the most common weeds. One of their last lessons was the inspecting of oats and other grain samples brought from home for weed seed analysis. The boys put on a weed display during P. T. A. night. If you have any weeds you want identified, give them to the boys.

Shop Class Rope work of the most interesting and practical kind has been taking the boys' keen attention in the Farm Shop class. The boys have passed all the most useful and practical knots that are used about the home. The long splice was the very first knot and perhaps the most useful the boys worked on. The boys displayed their skill by making up a large exhibit of knots and splices that filled three tables the night of the P. T. A. The class roll this year is made up of Fay Brown, John Crabb, Ober Elliott, Donald Evans, Wendell Halterman, Wallace Inman, Amos Hanson, Floyd Kelderhouse, Forrest Lafferty, Dwight Luing, Everett McCord, Harold McCord, Vernon Huntrud, Mondell Rice, Loren Rhodes and William Vasey.

September 27, 1928 Schools – Lloyd Patton, Reporter. The following **class officers have been elected** for the ensuing year: **Seniors:** President - Beatrice Pritchard; Vice President - Mildred Gearhart; Secretary and Treasurer - Margaret Holmes; Class Mother - Mrs. Vasey; Class Sponsor - Mr. Burroughs. **Juniors:** President - Laurence Dodd; Vice President - Carl Atkinson; Secretary and Treasurer - Kathryn Kimberley; Class Mother - Mrs. Shickell; Class Sponsor - Mr. Jesperson. **Sophomores:** President - Gwendolyn Crosby; Vice President - Kenneth Haas; Secretary and Treasurer - Harriett Sokol; Class Mother - Mrs. Sokol; Class Sponsor - Mr. Rawlins.

Miss Davis has organized a **girls' glee club**. The following were elected officers: President - Beatrice Pritchard; Vice President - Lillian Vasey; Librarian - Kathryn Kimberley; Pianist - Beatrice Pritchard; Director - Miss Davis.

The Juniors and Seniors have begun on a play which they expect to present later in the season. It has an athletic name: "Cupid Scores a Touchdown."

October 11, 1928 Collins High School is becoming more of a community service station every day. During the past ten days four cars of limestone have been ordered through the **vocational agriculture department** of the school. Part of these orders are due to the Legume school conducted last year, and part due to the increased interest in legumes among the farmers in general. With two cars ordered last spring and four cars now, this makes a total of 288 tons through the school. Farmers ordering limestone the past two weeks are: Wm. Sinnott - 90 tons, 2 cars; A. G. Armstrong - 50 tons; Earl Robinson, Austin Pitcher, and Steve Carr - 40 tons. A total of 10 to 12 cars predicted before the year is up. This will be more limestone than any other community in Story county has had shipped in during a year. Let your high school serve you.

The school has decided to edit a school paper. A contest was held to determine the name. Ferdell Casebolt received the prize of a year's subscription on the name "**The Broadcaster.**" The following are the **officers:** Editor in Chief – Laurence Dodd; Business manager – Lillian Vasey; Circulation Manager – Edwin McWherter; Scout Editor – Earl Atkinson; Camp-Fire Editor – Kathryn Kimberley; Social Editor – Harriet Sokol; Athletic Editor – Carl Atkinson; Joke Editors – Mary McWherter and Mildred Gearhart; Agriculture Editor – John Hass; Home Economics Editor – Gwendolyn Crosby.

October 18, 1928 The **second grade** has begun work on a sand-table project on the life of the Arabs. They have made the characters and have dressed them in the Arabic dress. The scene shown is the Arabs traveling to an oasis. The **fifth and sixth grades** have begun work on their Geography "Work Books."

Basketball practice began Monday. Many turned out for the practice. Mr. Jespersen has thirteen games scheduled.

The Junior-Senior play will be presented in Colo and Maxwell after playing here the nineteenth of this month.

An orchestra has been organized with Miss Davis as director and Mr. Borough as assistant.

October 18, 1928 Collins High School Now has Own Paper, Volume 1, Number 1 of "The Collins High School Broadcaster," a three-column, four-page paper, made its appearance at the local high school Monday morning. The Broadcaster is published once a month during the school year by the high school students, and is crammed full of interesting matter pertaining to the students and their activities. Laurence Dodd is the editor-in-chief; Lillian Vasey - business manager, and Edwin McWherter - circulation manager.

From the **sports** we had thought of having fall baseball, but could not get enough out to practice. Nine men were the most we had out. Basketball is in the air now. Collins has a determination to win and redeem itself from the somewhat shady record of last year. Joe Streeter, Thurman Streeter and Jeff Morrison are the lettermen this year. We have some good prospects in some of the new raw material.

Miss Ives says she is going to have a winning team. She has a lot of good material. She is teaching them that good sportsmanship is necessary for success.

October 25, 1928 "Cupid Scores a Touchdown" – Scores a Touchdown! That heading may read like a bit of repetition, but it really isn't, and it tells in a few words how the play presented at the high school

auditorium Friday evening was received by a full house. Each character was right at home in his or her part and to the layman at least no flaws were in evidence anywhere, the players behaving like seasoned actors. While the work of the members of the cast is deserving of much praise for the players themselves, a great deal of credit for the success of the presentation must go to the **director, Mr. Basil Borough**, who worked long and diligently to bring about the splendid results achieved.

The music, by courtesy of Jack Wade and his orchestra, also drew its full share of applause from the audience, and the following splendid specialties were thoroughly enjoyed: The mixed quartet, composed of Mildred Brown, Helen Stevens, Earl Atkinson and Lloyd Patton; the Cupid Chorus, composed of Mary McWherter, Mildred Brown, Jessie Robinson, Beatrice Pritchard, Gertrude Smith, Gwendolyn Shuey; the instrumental duet by Elena Mead and Jack Wade, playing "Indian Love Call."

Cast members were: Kathryn Kimberley, Genevieve Shickell, Velda Smith, Belle Vasey, Lillian Vasey, Margaret Holmes, Carl Atkinson, Jefferson Morrison, Mildred Gearhart, and Laurence Dodd. The cast will present the play tonight (Thursday) at the Maxwell High school auditorium.

November 1, 1928 A Girls' Athletic Association has been formed. It is patterned after the National Woman's Athletic association. The following officers were elected: President - Velda Smith; Vice President - Beatrice Pritchard; Secretary and Treasurer - Gertrude Smith; Point Supervisor - Lillian Vasey; Captain - Beatrice Pritchard.

November 8, 1928 The **first grade** is working on a Pilgrim project in their sand table. The **second grade** are enumerating all the things for which they should be thankful. They are also working on a blackboard project. The **fifth and sixth grades** are studying the lives of the Pilgrims and are making booklets concerning them.

Mr. Borough has given out the list of books which are to be read outside of school and to be reported on. Out of a list of perhaps fifteen, three must be chosen and reported on during the first semester.

The **expression class** has been organized; A large class it is. There are ten in the dramatic division, nine in the humorous and two in the oratorical division. Next week, the parts will be getting the "Once over."

After some very close competition the following young men were **selected from the Boys Glee club** to give you some "close harmony" in the form of quartet, they are: first tenor - Carl Atkinson; second tenor - Earle Atkinson; baritone - Mondell Rice; base - Lloyd Patton.

November 15, 1928 November "Broadcaster" – 2nd Issue.

Vocational Agriculture. The agriculture boys have taken up the subject of limestone. Although it does not pay to lime on some land for corn, it is very profitable on legume crops. "Legumes love lime and wherever legumes thrive, crop yields increase, livestock is kept, manures are supplied and a healthy, prosperous farming citizenry is developed and maintained." The boys have also taken up soil testing which is necessary to determine for you the amount of lime required for a certain field. The agriculture boys will test soil, free of charge, for anyone who will bring the samples to the school house.

Corn picking is another proposition with the class. The question is: Which is the best method, by machine or by hand?

Community Agriculture Since the last issue three cars of lime have arrived. They were received as follows: One by Earl Robinson and Mr. Carr, one by Charles Kimberley and John Hattery, and one by Fletcher Mead.

The Library We have in our school a very well equipped library. It contains books of fiction, research books, and poetry. You should cater to the old saying that “Books Don’t Lie” and use our library. It is free for the use of the student and may be used by outsiders as well. An important addition to our library is the Traveling Library. A small deposit of a dollar is required in order to draw books from it. Then the person is entitled to check out two books for fourteen days.

November 22, 1928 Collins High School Basketball Schedule:

Nov. 16 – Gilbert at Gilbert – 1 st and 2 nd boys	Jan. 11 – Farrar here – Boys and Girls
Nov. 23 – Zearing here – 1 st and 2 nd boys	Jan. 18 – Huxley here – Boys and Girls
Nov. 27 – Slater at Slater – Boys and girls	Jan. 25 – Open
Dec. 3 – Baxter at Baxter - Boys and girls	Jan. 30 – Baxter here – Boys and Girls
Dec. 5 – McCallsburg here – Boys and girls	Feb. 1 – Farrar there – Boys and Girls’
Dec. 11 – Nevada there – 1 st and 2 nd boys	Feb. 8 – Huxley there –Boys and Girls
Dec. 14 – Roland here – 1 st and 2 nd boys	Feb. 15 – Colo here – 1 st and 2 nd boys
Dec. 21 – Story City there – 1 st and 2 nd boys	Feb. 22 – Story County Tournament

The team has not been picked by Coach Jespersen as yet, but Joe and Thurman Streeter as guards, Jeff Morrison and Orval Smith as forwards, John or Kenneth Haas and Ober Elliott. However, these are the promising ones.

November 22, 1928 The **boys** basketball team returned home Friday night much crestfallen. Though the boys put up a good fight, they lost both games. We do not need to be ashamed of our boys though they were defeated. They put up a real, clean, sportsmanlike battle. (No box score found)

This week is among those most hated during the school year. **Six weeks Exams.**

The **eighth grade** arithmetic class has been studying the business world.

Miss Ives picked out the following **girls for the basketball team**: First team squad members – Forwards: Gertrude Smith, Arleen Pritchard, Genevieve Shickell; Guards – Harriett Sokol, Ethlyn Keagle, Beatrice Pritchard, Kathryn Kimberley; Center – Vilda Smith, Ruby Snapp; Side Center – Mildred Gearhart, Opal Vasey. Second team: Forwards – Gwendolyn Crosby, Velma Lafferty; Guards – Daisy Mary Kimberley, Gwendolyn Carver; Center – Mable Huffaker; Side Center – Belle Vasey. (Insert 2003: Girls played 3 courts, 2 girls in each court. Also center jump after each basket.)

November 29, 1928 The **second grade** is working on a few dances. One, "The Gypsy Dance." The pupils contrived their own tambourines and other articles used in the dance. Another, "The Flower Dance" shows the growth of the flowers and why they grow. It shows the rain, wind and the flowers growing.

A new schedule has been worked out for the high school for Fridays. This will give all the classes and activities time to work out their regular line of work as well as time for "**pep**" meetings 3:20 to 3:50.

Friday night the Zearing **boys** proved too much for our teams. Both teams put up a real scrap, but were defeated. (No box scores found)

December 6, 1928 Last Tuesday evening the boys and girls went to Slater and there gave them a real battle. The final score being 18 to 11 in favor of Collins in the **boys'** fight, and 25 to 22 in favor of the Collins **girls**. Don't say that we have a losing team every year.

Monday night the **boys** and **girls** basketball teams went to Baxter where the girls won from Baxter to the tune of 75 to 18 and the boys lost. (No box scores found) Nevertheless Baxter earned their scores.

SCARLET FEVER is the most prevalent contagious disease in Iowa at present. One hundred and six cases of it have been reported to the state health department in the last week. There were 88 cases of chicken pox; 75 of mumps; 46 of smallpox; 28 of whooping cough, and 9 of diphtheria, also brought to the department's attention.

December 20, 1928 The **Collins Community Christmas program**, which is to be held at the High school auditorium tonight (Thurs. Dec. 20), at 8 o'clock, promises to be an unusually entertaining one, and the auditorium is expected to be filled to capacity. Following the program, there will be treats for all school children and those of pre-school age. The program is given below:

Primary Grades The first and second grade play consists of three scenes. First scene shows Mr. and Mrs. Santa and their helpers who are dressed as Christmas clowns. Next will be a dance by the Snowflake fairies. As the curtain drops very slowly a little girl in pajamas, holding a candle, sings to the tune of Brahms lullaby.

Intermediate Grades "The Trial of Santa Claus" The Grumpy family accuse Santa Claus of being an impostor and a cheat. The judge, counsel and jury bow to the will of Uncle Sam, and Santa Claus goes free and court is dismissed.

Junior and Senior High School "The Tablean Scene." Pastoral Symphony from "The Messiah." Adoration of Kings and Shepherds. The Holy Night. Adoration of the Kings. Presentation of White Gifts. Grand Finale. Margaret Holmes, accompanist. Mr. Borough, director.

January 10, 1929 School Notes: Now that the Christmas programs are over, Mr. Borough is going to try to help the **Dramatics class**. The rush of the last few weeks has made it impossible to practice on the parts. The **10th grade classics** are now in. The name is "Midsummer Night's Dream," by Shakespeare. They must

be finished by the end of the semester which is only two weeks away. The **Boys' Glee Club** has received one of the contest pieces which they are to sing at the contest later in the year.

January 17, 1929 S. N. (Sig) Jespersen of Roland, the Collins High School Athletic Director and Miss Lois Brouwer of Ventura were united in marriage last August, the wedding kept secret until recently, when announcements were received by friends.

February 7, 1929 High School Girls and Boys Win From Baxter The high school girls and boys were victorious when they defeated Baxter in two well-played games, making a clean bill for the evening. This was the first attempt at staging their games in one evening and a fairly large crowd was present. A triple bill is scheduled for Friday, February 8. The Independents play the fast Nevada Blue Devils, and the High School teams play the teams from Huxley. (No box scores found)

February 14, 1929 Collins Takes Two Second Places in the sub-county declamatory contest held at Nevada on Wednesday evening of last week. The awards were: Dramatic – second Kathryn Kimberley, “The Show Must Go On.” Humorous – Harriett Sokol, “China Blue Eyes.”

February 28, 1929 Collins Cagers Trounce Visitors The Gazette editor attended the basketball games at the local gym on Friday and Monday evenings, and although admittedly no basketball critic, he simply can't refrain from passing a compliment – a whole raft of compliments, in fact – on the work of both girls' and boys' teams – and also on the work of their respective coaches, Miss Ives and Mr. Jespersen.

Monday night's program marked the end of the season for the locals. The girls' team has been playing phenomenal basketball all season, having sustained not a single defeat, and only one tie. And they later defeated the team that tied them. In Friday night's game they defeated Maxwell 47 to 8, and Monday they did the same to Huxley, 40 to 22. (Insert 2003: Refer to 11/22/28 for listing of team members)

While everyone admits the boys were not going so well at the first of the season, the same “everyone” also admits they wound it up in a blaze of glory. The following, concerning the boys' team, was written for the High School Broadcaster, to appear the last of the week, but we're “stealing” it for the Gazette, because it is better than we can do – and exactly agrees with our opinion:

Since the last issue of the Broadcaster the boys' basketball team have made history for themselves and the school. The jinx that had hovered over them all season was finally broken. Starting with a victory over Baxter, they have won four out of five starts. Baxter was defeated 20-14; Colo, 19-9; Maxwell, 28-9; Huxley, 37-19. They lost to Farrar 17-25. Baxter and Huxley had both defeated Collins earlier in the season.

By far the best game which has been played on the local court this season was the game with Huxley last Monday night, which closed the season at home. Led by the superb basket shooting of Captain Joe Streeter, the boys displayed a real brand of basketball to win by the top-heavy score of 37-19. The first half started out like a real battle and ended with the score 12-10 in the visitors'

favor. The intermission seemed to favor the local team, however, and they came back with an offense that was non-stoppable. Joe (Streeter), alone, made 12 points in the third quarter, and he was ably aided by the other members of the team. In fact, the teamwork was functioning perfectly. Laurence (Dodd) and Ober (Elliot) scored when Joe (Streeter) didn't, and Thurman (Streeter) and Marion (Vasey) kept the ball within the enemy's territory.

The game was even better than the score would indicate, and in beating Huxley, the boys won from one of the better teams in the county. The boys' coach can well feel proud over the improvement shown during the season, and we shall watch their progress in the sectional and county tournaments with interest and enthusiasm.

Because of the snows we have had the busses are being housed while the sleds are being used; some having a time getting to school anyhow.

The **second grade** is the proud owner of a canary. We are studying health and observing this as Health Week.

Don't forget there is a library for the public's use in the grade building.

March 7, 1929 School Election Next Monday The annual election of Collins Consolidated School District will take place Monday, March 11 at the Town Hall.

March 7, 1929 Collins loses to Union at Nevada - Collins was eliminated in the **sectional tournament** at Nevada by Union by a score of 21-16. Union caught the **local boys** napping in the second quarter and scored 11 points which was enough to win the game. The second half went to Collins, 3-5, but the 8 point lead which Union held at half time was too much to overcome. The boys do not play again until the County Tournament at Ames March 16; when they play the winner of the Huxley-Roland contest. (Box scores not found)

March 14, 1929 School News Sig plans to begin baseball workouts.

The ninth and tenth grades have finished their classics. The ninth took their review last Tuesday and the Tenth took their test Wednesday.

March 21, 1929 School News The Juniors have started work on their annual play. From what we hear it is to be a real one, "What Anne Brought Home" is the title. The first and second grades are busy making furniture and curtains for their playhouse which is in the first grade room.

The boys were defeated in the county basketball tournament by one point. They fought as they have all season, but were bested. The game ended the season of basketball for them. They have gained by this year's games and next year they will fight and NOT be bested by one point. (No box scores found)

April 4, 1929 Collins Evening School Banquet Friday Collins school will hold its **first Evening School** banquet and graduation exercises at the school auditorium tomorrow (Friday) evening, the banquet to be at 7 o'clock followed by the program and commencement exercises. Great preparations are being made for a large attendance, which will be the best expression of the people of the community for an organized agricultural program.

Detailed information has been mailed by M. W. Erwin, Vocational Agriculture teacher, to interested persons throughout the community. Special Note: In case you cannot attend the banquet come at 8:00 p.m. to **hear Henry Wallace** and main part of evening's program. This is a public meeting. Following is the program. Dinner – 7:00 p.m.; Toasts and After-dinner Topics – “What the Evening School Has Meant to Me,” – by one of the pupils; “County and Township “Agriculture Co-operation” – H. P. Hanson, County Agent; “Red Pepper” – Roy O'Donnell. **Commencement Exercises** – “Where Does Dairy Manufacturing Begin?” – Prof. Iverson, Ames; “What Brand of Farm Aid Do We Need the Most?” – **Henry C. Wallace, of Wallace's Farmer**; “Vocational Agriculture Adult Education” – Prof. H. M. Hamlin, Ames. Presentation of Diplomas.

April 4, 1929 Junior Class Play Two Nights Next Week “What Anne Brought Home” is the title of the Junior Class play to be presented at the high school auditorium on Friday and Saturday evenings of next week, April 12 and 13. The play is said to be one of the latest Broadway hits, and the director, Mrs. J. M. Smith, and the cast, are working hard to make it the success that it undoubtedly will be.

April 18, 1929 The Junior class play, “What Anne Brought Home,” which was presented at the school auditorium on Friday and Saturday evenings, was greeted by good attendances on both nights, and was a clever, pleasing production, reflecting much credit both upon the players and upon their **director, Mrs. J. M. Smith**. The local of the play was a small village in northern Indiana, all the scenes being laid in the living room of Sam Bennet's residence, said Sam Bennet being the local lumber merchant – ably personified by Marion Vasey. Kathryn Kimberley as Mrs. Bennet played her part well and with great ease. Alma Bennet, their youngest daughter, as played by Genevieve Shickell, did her full part in holding the attention of the audience and Herb Hardcastle (Kenneth Roush), Alma's young man, with ambitions, drew many a laugh. Joe Streeter is going to make a fine grouchy old man if he lives up to his impersonation of Henry Bennet. Anne Bennet Purdy, the second daughter (Belle Vasey) was very likeable throughout the play, and “what she brought home” – Dudley Purdy (Laurence Dodd) proved to be far from a “dud” both as to the story of the play and as an actor. The part of Nina, the eldest daughter, was admirably taken by Mildred Brown, and Harold Smith was _____ as J. T. Raymond, a power company manager. Between acts the audience was favored with vocal selections by Miss Edith Davis and Mr. Basil Borough – and by those fine little singers “the two Johns” – Bonawitz and Patton.

May 9, 1929 On Friday evening May 3rd, members of the Collins **High School Alumni association** met at the home of A. F. Heinrich and the following **committees were appointed** to take charge of the Alumni banquet, which will be held on Friday evening May 24: Toasmaster – Ralph McCord. Entertainment Committee – Leona Keagle, Myrna Sokol, Clara Signs, Alice Marsh, Elena Mead, John Hattery, Harold Carver. Lunch Committee – Clara Serbein, Josephine Shearer, Doris Holland, Mabel Robinson, Edith Stevens. Decorating Committee – Lowell Hattery, Wm. Mead, Mildred Stratton, Walter Keagle, Esther

Ozman, Harvey Westcott, Genevieve Sinnott, Lawrence Chambers, Minnie Marsh, Anna Marsh, Lowell Halterman. Invitation Committee – Mary Holmes, Zelma Smith, Bessie Carver, Alice Burney.

May 16, 1929 The Senior class successfully presented their play, “After You, I’m Next” to appreciative audiences Friday and Saturday, May 10 and 11. The play centered around the efforts of Paul Delmon (Laurence Dodd) to create a little advance publicity for a play he is writing. He leaves all the details to his brother, George (played by Lloyd Patton) and George proceeds to fix things so that all sorts of complications and mirth-provoking situations arise. The complications start when Pansy Delmon (Jessie Robinson), an old flame of Paul’s, arrives on the scene just a few minutes ahead of his wife (Lillian Vasey), who has been away from home, and who returns very unexpectedly. The honey-mooning, adventure-seeking couple, Mary Jones (Beatrice Pritchard) and Henry Jones (Mondell Rice) arrive soon after, and provide many amusing and mysterious situations. In fact, it finally develops that their name isn’t Jones, at all, but that it is Smith. Aided by the efforts of reporter (Earle Atkinson) who is determined to make the front page, and by a rival reporter (Alma Stratton) the action is carried along to a mysterious climax. The burglar (Thurman Streeter), the grandmother (Charlotte Halterman), the stage-struck, romantic little girl (Mary McWherter) and the policewoman (Vilda Smith) helped to entangle and untangle the plot in a perfectly commendable manner.

May 23, 1929 Junior-Senior Banquet The Junior class entertained this Seniors and faculty at the annual Junior-Senior banquet Tuesday evening, May 21. The **gymnasium was beautifully decorated** in the senior colors – peach and orchid. It resembled an old fashioned garden, with a May-pole predominating. A bountiful four-course dinner was served at seven o’clock. The menu follows: Fruit Cocktail, Mock Chicken Leg, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Creamed Peas and Carrots in Timbals, Rolls, Radishes, Russian Salad, Wafers, Grape Cream Cake, Coffee, Nuts, Mints.

The following delightful toast program added to the success of the banquet: Toastmaster – Marion Vasey; Response – Beatrice Pritchard.

S – E – N – I – O – R: S – Gwendolyn Shuey; E – Belle Vasey; N – Jessie Robinson; I – Vilda Smith; O – Laurence Dodd; R – Mr. Jespersion.

Class Will – Alma Stratton; Class History – Mary McWherter; Class Prophecy - Kathryn Kimberley; Songs – Miss Davis and Mr. Borough.

May 23, 1929 Commencement Friday Evening Tomorrow evening (Friday, May 24) Commencement exercises will be held at the school auditorium for the class of 1929 of Collins High school. The class consists of ten young ladies and one young man, as follows; Mildred Gearhart, Gwendolyn F. Shuey, Beatrice F. Pritchard, Vilda B. Smith, Gertrude Smith, Alma D. Stratton, Thurman E. Streeter, Charlotte M. Halterman, Mary A. McWherter, Jessie A. Robinson, Lillian E. Vasey. The motto of the class is “Not at the top, but climbing;” the colors, Orchid and Peach; and their flower is the Sunburst Rose. The class sponsor is Basil L. Borough. Following is the **program for the Commencement exercises**, which will start at 8 o’clock.

Piano Solo – Mrs. Lowell Hattery, Invocation – Rev. G. H. Varee, Vocal Duet – Selma Smith, Alice Marsh; Address – Dr. J. L. Hillman, President of Simpson college, Music – Mixed Quartet, Presentation of Class – Supt. J. E. Hollingsworth, Presentation of Diplomas – Bradford Stevens, President of School Board, Benediction – Rev. John Adamson.

May 30, 1929 Annual School Exhibit The annual showing of the schoolwork was held Friday, May 17, starting at 2 p. m. and continuing throughout the afternoon and evening. It was one of the most complete exhibits that has ever been shown. Probably one of the most interesting articles shown was the “Model Home,” which the **seventh and eighth** grades furnished. The **10th grade girls** showed their skill in canning fruits and vegetables. The **manual training** boys had a fine display of their handicraft consisting of carts, trellis’s, brooder houses, tool chests, summer house, and other articles too numerous to mention. The **seventh and eighth** grade home room had a brilliant exhibit of booklets, posters and mottoes. The **science department** was represented by Wild Flower booklets and a hug Jack-in-the-Pulpit. The **first and second** grades furnished a complete playhouse consisting of furnished table, bookcase, chairs, davenport and pretty draperies. They also served tea and cookies to all lady visitors. There was also a large display of art work. The **second** grade had very beautiful music furnished by their canary, “Petee Dick.” An interesting article that was shown was a complete scene of Eskimo Land, and also an animal circus. The **third and fourth** grade work was mostly booklets. **Fifth and sixth** also had many beautiful pamphlets, booklets and showed very good penmanship. The **science room** had many interesting articles, which showed hard work done by the pupils. A Cecropia moth hatched sometime during the afternoon, interested everyone.

May 30, 1929 Farewell Schoolmates!

Dear old Collins High we’re leaving,
And you know we hate to go,
That although we smile, we’re grieving,
For we all have loved you so.
Many days we’ve spent together,
Shared alike our joys and tears,
And we’ll not forget them ever,
As we journey through the years.
Wish us luck is all we ask you,
And, perhaps, a little sigh,
Miss us sometimes, for we’ll miss you,
Classmates, teachers, all – goodbye!
-Mildred Gearhart

May 30, 1929 Appreciation. At the closing of this school year we are losing four members of the High school faculty. Mr. Hollingsworth, Supt.; Miss Helen Ives, teacher and coach (girls’ basketball team that was undefeated.); Mr. Rawlins, math and school paper; Mr. Borough, music and dramatics. The students of Collins High school take this opportunity to express their appreciation and extend to them their best wishes.

May 30, 1929 On Friday evening, May 24, following the Commencement exercises, the members of the Alumni association and their friends assembled in the High school gymnasium, which was beautifully decorated in orchid and peach, where tables were set for the annual banquet.

June 1929 (Insert 2003: Unable to find spring baseball news articles).

School Board Members – Collins School

Incomplete Listing of Board Members 1898-1907 (Information is lacking from 1882 – 1897)

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1922-23 School Board Term

President – Charles G. Vasey Board Member – William C. Heintz Board Member – Henry C. Denniston Board Member – William H. William H. Holmes Board Member – Tilghman H. Morrison

1923-24 School Board Term

President – Uncertain Board Member – Charles G. Vasey Board Member – M. H. Biddick Board Member – Henry C. Denniston Board Member – William C. Heintz Board Member - Tilghman H. Morrison

1924-25 School Board Term

President – Uncertain Board Member – M. H. Biddick Board Member – William C. Heintz Board Member – William H. Robinson Board Member – Tilghman H. Morrison Board Member – Ralph or Walter Marsh

1925-26 School Board Term

President – Uncertain Board Member – William H. Robinson Board Member – G. Frank Holland Board Member – John Hattery Board Member – William H. William H. Holmes Board Member – Earl McCord

1926-27 School Board Term

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1927-28 School Board Term

President – Uncertain Board Member – John Hattery Board Member – William H. Holmes Board Member – William H. Robinson Board Member – Earl McCord Board Member – G. Frank Holland

1928-29 School Board Term

President – William H. Robinson Board Member – Earl McCord Board Member – Arie Van Pilsum Board Member – Flavis Pritchard Board Member – Bradford Stevens