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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 V Era: Fall 1941 – Spring 1948

The 1941-42 Faculty: Joe Lynch – Voc-Ag; Dale Peer – Principal and Math; R. J. Erickson – Supt., Science, Guidance; Marjorie Byal – Elem. Principal and Third Grade; Earl Cooper – Coach, History, Economics, Government; Elizabeth Hofler – Music, Band, English; Wilma Anderson – Fifth Grade; Adlyn Deere – Dramatics, Sixth Grade; Clara Signs – Junior High; Josephine Coleman – Second Grade; Juanita Hyde – Fourth Grade; Evelyn Everly – Home-Ec; Ruth Behrens – English, Literature, Typing; Grace Carpenter – First Grade; Fred Renfeldt - Custodian.

September 4, 1941 Collins "Quiz" Team Takes Fourth Place in State Fair Contest

The Collins Consolidated school **junior high team, composed of** Kathleen Hanson, Johanna Tiffany and Curtis Marsh, took fourth place in the state-wise "quiz derby" finals, held at the state fair last Thursday afternoon. They ranked **first in the preliminaries and second in the semi-finals**. Marengo won first place. These young people, with their instructor and **sponsor, Miss Clara Signs**, are deserving of a "great big hand" from all of us for their fine achievement.

September 18, 1941 Dramatic Club under the direction of Miss Deere is starting out well. **Baseball**, with 12 members from last year's squad, appears to have fine prospects. The **music groups directed by Miss Hofler** are headed for a big year. Tryouts for **band** have been made and band members are already hard at work. Lessons on band instruments are free.

September 25, 1941 The Collins **Vocational** boys have been busy the past two weeks preparing for the Dairy Cattle and Poultry Congress, to be held in Waterloo Sept. 29 to Oct. 5. At present the most outstanding marks have been made by the **following boys:** Jack Fertig, Reid Beavers, Gene Fertig, Charles Kimberley, Curtis Marsh, Rex Beavers, John Kingman and Bill Atwood.

Plans for the **school carnival** to be held Oct. 17 are well under way. Outstanding features will be a dance, trading post, wrestling matches, bingo, popularity contest, and everything that goes with carnivals.

October 2, 1941 Collins high school's **baseball team** opened the season with a 10-7 victory over Rhodes. Collins collected 7 hits while Rhodes garnered 5. J. Fertig (p) and Milligan (c) constituted Collins' battery. The team also won the second game of the season behind Joe Anderson's four-hit pitching, defeating Shipley, 3-1. (No box scores found)

The cast for the **Junior class play**, "Fixit Incorporated," has been chosen. Under the coaching of Miss Deere, the play will be presented October 24. The **cast:** John Kingman, Joe Anderson, Colleen Stratton, Betty Griffieon, Dorrell Taylor, Eileen Hofer, Bob Keagle, Ruth Mullihan, Helen Renfeldt, Lowell Atkinson.

Several **music groups** have been selected by Miss Hofler for the coming year.

October 9, 1941 The Collins high school **baseball team won the Sectional Tournament championship** by defeating the Alleman, Elkhart and Shipley teams to **win the sectional tournament**, which was played at Elkhart. Joe Anderson pitched the first two games, defeating Alleman 22-4, and Elkhart 12-2. Jack Fertig pitched the last game, defeating Shipley 13-1. Each game lasted only three innings because Collins held a 10-run lead. The entire team played good ball. The district tournament will be played October 9, 10, 11. (Insert 2004: No report on district tourney found and no box scores found on above games. Team lost to either Gilbert 8-4 or Mingo 5-3 as only two games lost during season.) Scheduled games: Collins **won** – Rhodes 10-7, Shipley 3-1, Mingo 6-4.

Team members: Ronald Johnson, Joe Anderson, Jack Fertig (Captain), Dorrel Taylor, Jack Stratton, Bill Atwood, Dale Deal, Wendell Coles, Gene Fertig, Arnold Milligan, Charles Kimberley. **Coach** – Earl Cooper, Manager – Curt Marsh.

The Collins **Vocational Agricultural** department spent Monday and Tuesday in Waterloo attending the Dairy Congress. There were two teams from the local high school: **Dairy judging:** Reid Beavers, Chuck Kimberley, Gene Fertig. **Poultry:** William Atwood and Olin Pitcher. We have not yet received our placing.

October 16, 1941 The high school **baseball** team defeated Mingo, 6-4. Joe Anderson and Jack Fertig joined efforts and fanned 12 batters, allowing six hits.

October 30, 1941 The **school music groups** will present a program November 4. The Program is: Solos: Johanna Tiffany - flute; Eileen Hofer - clarinet; Flo Signs - soprano; Margaret Kimberley - saxophone. Duet: Karol Robinson, Louis Elliott; Girls' Glee Club - One Night and Passed by Your Window; Mixed Chorus - On the Road to Mandalay and The New Song.

November 6, 1941 State Teacher's Convention theme this year is "Building a Strong America." No school for students Thursday and Friday during the teacher's convention.

The **advanced Home Economics** girls held their class dinner Monday evening in the home ec room. With 16 girls helping it was possible to carry out an elaborate menu and nice decorations.

Basketball squads: Girls – Helen Deal (42), Luella Dolph (42), Anoka Elliott (42), Dorothy Johnston (42), Mildred Kimberley (42), Dorothy Neale (43), Lucy Noring (42), Marguerite Oswald (43), Flo Signs (42), Gloria Smith (45), Norma Smith (44) and Colleen Stratton. **Boys** – Jack Fertig (42), Arnold Milligan (42), Charles (Chuck) Kimberley (42), Wendell Coles (42), LaVerne Lillard (43), John Kingman (43), Joe Anderson, Dorrell Taylor (43), Jack Stratton (42), Gene Fertig (44), Dale Deal (43) and Wm. (Bill) Atwood (43).

November 13, 1941 The entire student body will have **individual pictures taken** Wednesday. Pictures of this type are taken every other year. The students may buy one dozen pictures for 25 cents.

November 20, 1941 A large audience filled the Collins high school auditorium to enjoy the three one-act plays presented by the Collins high school students, under the **direction of Adlyn Deere, dramatic coach**. The boys' glee club sang three numbers, "Soldier's Chorus," "Kentucky Babe," and "Comrades of the Road" and Miss Johanna Tiffany played a flute solo for between-the-acts. The **plays presented** were: "**Fireman, Save My Child**," Harriett Cooper, Bill Atwood, Jack Stratton, Karol Robinson, Anoka Elliott, Margaret Kimberley, Richard Hand and Dorothy Neale. "**The Captain Comes Home**" Gail Partridge, Anne Fish, Curtis Marsh, Flo Signs. "**Eh**" Colleen Stratton, Joe Anderson, John Tiffany, Dorrell Taylor, Louise Elliott. The play "**Eh**" was chosen to be entered in the county contests.

January 2, 1942 – The **Ag Boys** placed with their livestock in the local Farm Institute show. **Those placing are:** Richard Long, Forrest Long, Dean Partridge, Otis Huntrods, Keith Swanson, Howard Pitcher, and Joe Tiffany. Sweepstakes was won by Keith Swanson.

Basketball – The **girls** proved their ability, outplaying Colo 33-12 with Flo Signs scoring 13 points. The guards and forwards exchanged positions in the final quarter. The **boys** maintained their pace by defeating a much-improved Colo team 27-21. (No box scores found)

January 8, 1942 – There was 15 inches of snowfall and temperatures 15 to 24 below over the past five days. Highway 65 was blocked all day Thursday and much of Friday. "Smoke" Keagle did a good job with his County snowplow in opening up some of the Collins' streets.

Supt. Glen E. Holmes and Miss Beulah Holland were married Tuesday evening. The bride had been teacher of the second grade in Collins the past several years and the bridegroom, superintendent of the local school.

January 22, 1942 – Basketball Schedule – Jan. 23 – State Center H; Jan. 27 – Van Cleve T; Jan. 28, 29, 30 – **Girls** County Tournament at Maxwell; Feb. 4, 5, 6 – **Boys** County Tournament at Nevada; Feb. 11, 12, 13 – **Girls** Sectional; Feb. 17 – Colo T; Feb. 20 – Cambridge H; Feb. 26, 27, 28 – **Girls** District.

January 28, 1942 – Sunday Broadcast – A group of students will **broadcast over Station KFJB of Marshalltown** Sunday at 5:30 to 6:00 P.M. **The group includes a verse choir, girls' trio, Yvonne Torry with her accordion, and Flo Signs will sing.**

Basketball – Collins **boys** won over State Center 39-23 with Kimberley scoring 12 points and Fertig 10. Collins **junior high boys** lost 24-17. The **boys** stopped Van Cleve 35-21 after a 12-10 half-time lead. Lillard led the scoring with 11 points. The Collins and Van Cleve **girls** played a thriller with the score tied 27-27. Half-score was 11-11. Deal led the scoring with 14 points. The local **girls** lost to Huxley in the first round of the **County Tournament**, 37-17. (Insert 2004: Box scores not found)

February 12, 1942 – The Collins **boys** were defeated by Gilbert in the **finals of the County Tournament**. The locals made a fine showing and received the **runner-up trophy in Class B**. They

defeated Milford 24-14 in the **first round**, Colo 19-17 in the **second round**, and Zearing 28-26 in the **semi-finals**. (Insert 2004: No box scores found – believe highest to date by the boys' team)

Radio Broadcast: For those **listening to KFJB at Marshalltown Sunday, you heard the following students:** Karol Robinson, Earl Cooper, Adlyn Deere, Eileen Hofer, Flo Signs, Anne Fish, Jane Hofer, Colleen Stratton, Anoka Elliott, Lois Elliott, and Johanna Tiffany. Adlyn Deere – Teacher.

Measles – Many of the Collins students are ill with the measles. The epidemic struck the grade school first, but has gradually worked its way up through the grades.

February 19, 1942 – Basketball – Coach Earl Cooper's basketball teams were winners of 2 games at Colo, the **boys** winning 28-14 and the **girls** 34-32. (Insert 2004: Box scores not found) The final home games for the season are this coming Monday evening against Melbourne.

The **Collins Evening School** closed a successful year February 9 with a covered dish supper with 78 people attending. **Diplomas were presented to Ladies;** Mrs. Ernest Hofer, Mrs. E. W. Swanson, Mrs. Floyd Oswalt, Mrs. Rollo Beavers, Miss Alice Burney, Mrs. J. A. Lund, Mrs. Henry Vasey, Mrs. J. E. Lynch, Miss Ruth Lund, Mrs. Sid Atkinson, Mrs. Wayne Cleverley, Mrs. W. Neale, Mrs. May Nelson, Mrs. Orville Smith, Mrs. Esther Signs, and Mrs. Earl Milligan. **Men;** C. E. Fish, E. W. Swanson, Floyd Oswalt, J. A. Lund, Ernest Hofer, Henry Vasey, Earl Milligan, Rollo Beavers, Wayne Cleverley.

Coach Earl Cooper treated the **boys' basketball team** to a steak dinner at the high school home-ec room last Thursday noon. The **boys won second place in the County Tournament** and this dinner was to celebrate that event. **Team members** present: Jack Fertig, Wendell Coles, Dorrell Taylor, Charles Kimberley, LaVerne Lillard, John Kingman, Gene Fertig, Arnold Milligan, Harold Thompson, Dale Deal, and Bill Atwood.

March 5, 1942 – Supt. Erickson announces a **7-week kindergarten course** will start March 16. This will be for children who will enroll in school next fall. They must be five years of age by July 15, 1942. Parents should contact the school as soon as possible for arrangements to enroll the children. [Insert 2004: Second year of kindergarten]

March 19, 1942 - Basketball – Coach Earl Cooper was host to members of the **boys' basketball team** dinner at the A. K. Sward home March 13. A two-course dinner was served by Mrs. Sward and Mrs. Fred Renfeldt. **Votes were cast for captain of next year's team.** LaVerne Lillard was elected captain with Bill Atwood as co-captain. Retiring captain is Jack Fertig and Wendell Coles, retiring co-captain.

Boy's 1941-42 Basketball Season Summary: The team won 14 games and lost five with two of the defeats in tournament games. The Collins teams scored 576 points to the opponents' 415. Collins **won** – Maxwell 31-17, Melbourne 20-18, Colo 27-21, Rhodes 39-21, State Center 39-23, Van Cleve 35-21, State Center 23-13, Colo 19-17, Milford 24-14, Zearing 28-26, McCallsburg 39-23, St. Anthony 53-9, Melbourne 33-26, Colo 28-14. Collins **lost** – Maxwell 23-22, Huxley 34-29, Gilbert 20-14, Cambridge 31-30, Cambridge 44-31. **Runner-up in Class B Story County Tournament.** Individual player's

season records: Jack Fertig (42) – 134 pts; LaVerne (Topy) Lillard (43) – 98 pts; Charles (Chuck) Kimberley (43) – 100 pts; Dorrell Taylor (43) – 90 pts; Wendell Coles (42) – 57 pts. (Insert 2004: The above played in 19 games.) Wm. (Bill) Atwood (43) – 55 pts; John Kingman (43) – 19 pts; Earl Milligan (43) – 5 pts; Gene Fertig (44) – 6 pts; Joe Anderson – 8 pts; Harold Thompson - 2 pts; Dale Deal – (43) – 2 pts. **Coach** – Earl Cooper.

April 2, 1942 – The staff of the **1942 edition of “Co-HawkS” Annual is: Reid Beavers – Editor-in-Chief; Charles Kimberley – Assist. Editor; Colleen Stratton – Chair, Advertising Comm.; Robert Keagle, Anne Fish, Bill Atwood – Advertising Comm.; Karol Robinson – Chair of Picture Comm.; Norma Smith, Olin Pitcher - Picture Comm.; Jack Fertig, Luella Dolph – Sports Comm.; Flo Signs, Gretchen Mead – General News Comm.; Bill Atwood, Robert Keagle – Circulation Comm.; R. J. Erickson, Faculty Sponsor.** The Collins high school yearbook committee has been putting in strenuous work gathering and preparing copy and soliciting advertising and subscriptions for the book. Some of this copy already is being put into type form in the Gazette office. The annual promises to be extremely interesting and well worth keeping in the family bookcase for years to come.

April 16, 1942 – Commencement Exercises for the class of 1942 will be held in the high school auditorium May 15 when 13 boys and 12 girls will receive their diplomas.

Coach Cooper announces opening of the **1942 baseball season** Friday when they play Dowling High School of Des Moines on the local viaduct park. The **lineup** will be from the following: Jack Fertig (42) (Captain), Jack Stratton (42), Wendell Coles (42), Arnold Milligan (42), Joe Anderson, Gene Fertig (44), Bill Huntrods (42), Bill Atwood (43), Dorrell Taylor (43), Charles Kimberley (42), Donald Neale (42), Harold Thompson, Forrest Long (44), Russell Oswalt (45), Dale Deal (43), Ronald Johnston. **Scheduled games:** Apr. 21 – Mingo H; Apr. 23 – Maxwell T; Apr. 28 – Shipley T; May 7, 8, 9 – Sectional Tournament; May 12 – Maxwell H.

April 23, 1942 – Senior Play, “Jane Eyre” will be presented by the senior class in early May. The play is based on the book of the same name written by Wall Spence.

Skip Day was inaugurated by the seniors last Tuesday as a supposed privilege for the seniors. However, the juniors did likewise on Wednesday, the sophomores on Thursday, and we who skipped on Friday?

April 30, 1942 – The 1942 Co-HawkS Yearbook of Collins High School is off the press and for binding Friday for the final operation. **This year’s annual is dedicated to the boys who are graduates and are now in the armed forces of their country.** (Why not order a copy as gift for local boys in the service.)

Members of the **Collins High School Alumni Association** met at the Town Hall April 25 to make arrangements for the annual banquet, which will be held following the commencement exercises May 15. **The officers are:** Pres. – Henry Vasey; V. Pres. – Rev. Lloyd Patton; Sec.-Treas. – Mary Tomlinson. Committees are: Decorating, Program, Table and Chairs, Menu, Invitation, Nominating.

The **Collins High School Junior-Senior Banquet**, held Friday evening **in the gymnasium** was reported a great success. The gym was completely “remolded” to conform to the banquet theme of “Keep ‘Em Flying.” The setting was complete from hangars to planes. One large model plane suspended from the ceiling was especially realistic. It was constructed by Fred Renfeldt, school custodian. The committee in charge of decorations and theme were - John Kingman, Helen Deal, Lowell Atkinson, and LaVerne Lillard. Invitations were in the form of airplane tickets. The invitation committee - Bill Atwood, Claretta Duncan, Dorrell Taylor, Lois Robinson and Hazel Harris. Entertainment Committee – Eileen Hofer, Ronald Johnston, Dale Deal, Ruth Mullihan. Program Committee – Bob Keagle, Joe Anderson, Gladys Dodd, Ronald Ball.

May 14, 1942 – Captain Frank Miles of Des Moines, Editor of the Iowa Legionnaire, will deliver the address of the evening at the **Commencement Exercises** to be held in the high school auditorium at 8:00 P.M. The program is: Star Spangled Banner – Audience; Cornet Music – Bill Pritchard, Patty Fertig; Processional; Invocation; Solo – Flo Signs; Address – Frank Miles – “America Tomorrow;” Boys Quartette – Caisson Song; Presentation of Class Graduates – Supt. Erickson; Class History – Jack Fertig; Last Will and Testament – Jack Stratton; Class Gift to School – Jack Stratton; Class Prophecy – Anoka Elliott; Salutatory – Flo Signs; Valedictory – Anne Fish; Sign’s Honor Trophy Award; Award of Achievement Pins – Mr. Peer; Awarding of Athletic Letters – Mr. Cooper; Awarding of Diplomas – Supt. Erickson; Benediction; Congratulatory. (Alumni Banquet follows immediately in the gymnasium)

Baseball – A steady, 4-hit, mound job by Joe Anderson and the brilliant defensive play gave the Collins baseball team a 3-0 victory over Nevada and the **Spring Sectional Baseball Championship**. Collins **Lineup:** Milligan (c) 1 hit; Atwood (cf) 2 hits; Coles (ss) 1 hit; J. Fertig (1b) 0 hits; Stratton (3b) 2 hits; Kimberley (rf) 0 hits; G. Fertig (2b) – 0 hits; Taylor (lf) 1 hit; Anderson (p) 0 hits. Collins 3 runs, 7 hits, no errors. The tournament was held at Zearing last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. **In the opening game**, Collins eliminated Shipley 5-1 with Anderson allowing only four hits. Milligan was the catcher. **Semi-finals** - The Collins team had plenty of **trouble in getting by a stubborn Clemons team** that scored five runs in the second inning. With Dorrell Taylor leading the way, the Co-Hawks kept pecking away to come from behind and win in the 7th, 6-5. Collins had six runs on five hits and five errors. Jack Fertig pitched and Arnold Milligan was catcher.

August 20, 1942 New Faculty Members - W. E. Young – Supt.; Leona Schilder – Commercial and English; Olive Divine – Grades Five and Six; Gladys Bredall – Grade Two; Bus Drivers - Byron Keagle - Rt. 1; Dwight Luing - Rt. 2; D. L. Halterman - Rt. 3; C. G. Schlarb – Rt. 4; E. L. Woolheather – Rt. 5.

A number of improvements have been made to the school facilities. New equipment in the shop includes a wood turning lathe, drill press with shaping attachments, band saw, jig saw, tool grinder, combination planer and jointer, hand and electric drill, soldering equipment and hand tools for wood and metal working. New tables and chairs for the homemaking department. A supply of new kitchen equipment is also added. Numerous replacements of textbooks have been made with worn-out copies

discarded. The music program has been expanded. Free band instrument will be offered to pupils from grade five through twelve. As planned **hot lunches will be available during the noon period.** The school will **continue the policy of renting textbooks to pupils.** The rental fees are derived from the cost of replacing the textbooks after a five-year period, the normal period of time the book is usable. The present national emergency (**World War II**) will require much from the public schools. It is possible that certain extra-curricular programs will be curtailed.

September 17, 1942 That was a wild and hilarious **baseball game** in Collins Friday evening with Rhodes team. The outcome of the contest was many times in doubt, but the home boys took the big end of the 10-9 score. **Four letterman** - Co-captains Bill Atwood and Gene Fertig, Dorrell Taylor and Pitcher Joe Anderson. **New players in the lineup** – Bob Titus – 3b; Bud Renfeldt – 1b; Harold Thompson – 2b; Dale Deal – c; Roger Huntrods – rf; Harold McQuiston; Forrest Long; Russell Oswalt.

October 1, 1942 There is much excitement and big plans in the air in the school building this week. Everyone is invited from near and far to forget their troubles and have a good time at the **Carnival** to be held in the high school building Friday evening at 8:00. Many interesting things have been planned: dance, fun house, freak show, picture gallery, amateur show, bingo games, fortune teller, ball throw, roulette wheel, weight guess, fish pond, rifle range, mouse game, penny throw, telegraph booth, a beauty parlor and home-made candy will be on sale. Each class in school has selected a queen for its representative and ballots are now on sale for one cent each. Any one of these twelve ladies would make a lovely **carnival queen** and is deserving of this honor. The candidates are: 12th – Helen Deal, 11th – Norma Smith; 10th – Betty Coughenour, 9th – Bernice Hofer; 8th – Kathryn Coughenour, 7th – Lois Maxwell, 6th – Joan Fertig, 5th – Carol Atwood, 4th – Carolyn Stratton, 3rd – Virginia Mead, 2nd – Lee Ann Ridgeway. **The proceeds of the event will be used for the athletic funds.**

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Editorial – Many Collins High Schools go swishing through the halls with the attitude, “Here I am. Get out of my way.” You can ask these same students if they are in a hurry to get to class, and they will answer with an emphatic, “No.” The school also has some practical jokers who delight in trying to trip their fellow students when walking up the stairs. Nothing seems to make them happier than to see someone fall down and have their books scattered along the flight of stairs. Come on students of Collins High. Watch your conduct in the halls and on the stairways.

October 8, 1942 Baseball – Collins lost to Mingo 6-5. Anderson was the pitcher and Deal catcher. (No box score found) **Music** – The boys glee club is practicing on the song, “Joshua Fit de Battle of Jericho,” and the girls glee club is practicing on the songs, “Panis Angelus,” a Latin song, and “I Hear America Singing.”

October 15, 1942 The **school carnival** was a big success with receipts of \$247 with expenses of \$171.

Baseball – Collins met Rhodes on their diamond with Rhodes winning 9-7. Joe Anderson pitched and Deal was the catcher (No box score found)

School was dismissed Tuesday for **scrap day**. Trucks were donated and men and boys went out to gather all the scrap iron they could find in this township. With everyone cooperating, the day was very successful.

November 12, 1942 Editorial – High School athletics are carried out in the school through games, exercises and drills. The girls compete in softball, basketball and sometimes exercises, while the boys play basketball, baseball, and that new game called battle ball. One hour period of athletics is compulsory for each junior high and high school pupil each week unless given a doctor's excuse.

The **juniors** have selected their class rings. After much debate over which ring to select, it was finally decided everyone would order the ring they wanted.

November 26, 1942 – Basketball – The **girls** lost the opening season game to Cambridge 21-10. **Starting lineup:** Forwards – Jo Dean White, Barbara Buck, and Patty Fertig; Guards – Marguerite Oswald, Dorothy Neale, Lucille Crabb. The **boys** lost the season opener in a thriller to Cambridge 21-20. Collins was leading at the first quarter 12-1 with Cambridge outscoring Collins in the second quarter for a half-time score of 14-14. **Starting lineup:** Forwards – Gene Fertig, Roger Huntrods; Center – Bill Atwood; Guards – Dorrell Taylor, Lowell Atkinson.

Basketball - The **girls** played an exciting game at Melbourne winning 28-24. Leading scorers for Collins were Deal – 14 points and Buck – 11 points. The **boys** easily won 28-12. Half-time score was 12-8. Scoring leaders were Atwood and Lillard with six points and Huntrods with five. A rousing **pep meeting** was held Friday afternoon with new **cheerleaders** leading the way.

Basketball Squads – Girls – Helen Deal (43), Dorothy Neale (43), Marguerite Oswald (43), Barbara Buck (43), Jo Dean White, Patty Fertig (46), Gloria Smith (45), Doris Atkinson (45), Lucille Crabb (45), Betty Luing, Betty Coughenour (45), Pauline Dolph. **Boys** – Gene Fertig (44), Bill Atwood (43), Lowell Atkinson (43), Roger Huntrods (44), Dorrell Taylor (43), Dale Deal (43), LaVerne Lillard (43), Harold McQuiston (44), Forrest Long (44), Roland Smith, Curtis Marsh (45).

December 3, 1942 - Mr. Lynch and the junior and senior **agriculture boys** attended farm auction sale. The IHC F-20 tractor brought over \$1400.

Honor Roll: Seniors – Bill Atwood, Barbara Buck, Claretta Duncan, Ruth Mullihan, Helen Deal, Gladys Dodd, Eileen Hofer, Dorothy Neale; **Juniors** – Roger Huntrods, Gene Fertig, Colleen Lillard; **Sophomores** – Wanda Huntrods, Pauline Dolph, Curtis Marsh, Johanna Tiffany, Russell Oswald; **Freshmen** – Patty Fertig, Bernice Hofer, Robert Titus.

December 10, 1942 – The Superintendent Speaks – Schools During Wartime: As we survey the first twelve months of the war, we note persons in all walks of life have made tremendous adjustments. It is quite likely many more changes will be necessary before the conflict can be successfully terminated. The public schools have assisted with the war progress in many ways, a few of which are: Supervising of rationing programs, scrap and salvage drives, stamp and bond sales promotion, and the adjustment of the school program to more adequately train the pupils for wartime needs. We are also faced with a limitation of available supplies, equipment, and a serious shortage of adequately trained teachers. While the wartime demands are a decided inconvenience to the schools, they need not greatly alter the basic program of education. Our offering of actual curricular work has been slightly increased. It has been possible to do this only because teachers have accepted additional teaching loads and others have willingly donated their time in lending assistance. With the winning of the war as our immediate goal, we must also remember that the paramount purpose of the public schools is to train the pupils for successful living “after victory.” Superintendent – W. E. Young.

December 17, 1942 – Basketball – Bill Atwood led the **boys** to a 23-20 victory over Colo. The **girls** were defeated in an exciting game at Colo. Dolph scored 7 points and Fertig 6. (Final score not given) The **boys** won a fast game over West High of Des Moines 25-10 on the home court. West Des Moines was held scoreless until the 4th quarter. Taylor was scoring leader with 9 points. The **girls** lost to the taller Four C’s team 33-22. Helen Deal was high scorer with 17 points.

December 24, 1942 – Basketball – Collins **girls** defeated Baxter 26– 19, leading at halftime 18-6. Deal was high point with 14. The **boys** beat Baxter in an exciting game on the home floor 30-27 with halftime score of 20-15. Lillard was top scorer with 10 points. The **girls** lost to Maxwell 55-21 with halftime score 37-9. The **boys** defeated Maxwell at Maxwell 27-21. Lillard led Collins with all-year high of 14 points. **Lineup:** Forwards – Lillard and Fertig; Center – Atwood; Guards – Taylor, Huntrods.

Immunization Program – Smallpox vaccinations were administered to 43 school children and many are still to be given. After Christmas vacation, the Schick test will be given, and those who have positive results will be, with the consent of their parents, vaccinated. Later in February, the tuberculin test and necessary X-rays will be given.

The amount taken in from the **Christmas Seal Campaign** was \$70.37. Fifty percent of this amount will be kept for local use to finance tuberculin tests, X-rays, health education and first aid courses.

The **sophomore home economics class** prepared and served a 3-course luncheon to honor their mothers. The gym was decorated in keeping with the Christmas season and musical numbers served as entertainment.

January 14, 1943 Optic Paper Staff: Sponsor – Miss Schilder; Editor-in-Chief – Ruth Mullihan; Assistant Editor – Colleen Lillard; Sports – Pauline Dolph, Gene Fertig; Music – Norma Smith; Society – Gladys Dodd, Howard Kimberley; Reporters - Johanna Tiffany, Yvonne Torry; Grade Editor – Patty Fertig; Jokes Editor – LaVerne Lillard; Typists – Helen Deal, Marguerite Oswalt.

School Lunch Program In recent years, the federal government has authorized certain of its agencies to co-operate with local groups in providing warm noon lunches for school pupils. The school lunch program has become particularly popular in rural and consolidated schools, because it is important for a majority of the pupils enrolled in such schools to go to their homes for noon lunches. In the organization of the present school lunch program, the Federal Government provides a part of the necessary food, through the Agricultural Marketing Administration and all the labor necessary in preparing the food, through the Works Progress Administration. **The local Parent-Teachers Association has been sponsoring our school lunch program during this school year. A charge of 7 cents per lunch has been made** to cover the cost of necessary additional foods and supplies to provide a balanced lunch. The average number of lunches served to date this year has varied from 160 to 180 per day.

January 21, 1943 Collins Boys defeated Maxwell in overtime 38-32. **Lineup:** Lillard – 4 pts; Fertig – 12 pts; Atwood – 8 pts; Huntrods – 0 pts; Deal – 6 pts; Taylor – 6 pts; Atkinson – 0 pts. Maxwell defeated Collins **girls** 47-29. Dolph scored 15 points.

Collins **Jr. High** girls defeated the Maxwell team 22-14. Woolheather scored 12 points.

Girls County Tournament at Maxwell Gym January 27-30. Collins vs. Zearing in first round.
Boys County Tournament at Nevada School Field house February 3-6. Collins vs. Huxley in first round. Admission fees – Adults 40 cents, Students 25 cents.

January 28, 1943 Hot Lunch Program **The Parent-Teachers Association decided to continue sponsoring the school hot lunch program.** Prior to January 27, the labor was supplied by the Works Program Administration, so the PTA voted to re-hire at **\$2.00 per day** the three women who have been preparing the meals. **To meet this added expense the price per meal has been raised from 7 to 10 cents.** The weekly tickets will be sold on Monday morning for 50 cents per pupil. The student body wishes to thank the PTA for the effort to bring us the hot lunch program.

Collins Boys had another overtime game. They defeated West Industrial of Des Moines, with Lillard making a basket in the final seconds to tie the game and Fertig making the winning basket in overtime, for 31-29 victory. **Lineup:** Lillard – 6 pts; Fertig – 12 pts; Atwood – 8 pts; Huntrods – 0 pts; Deal – 2 pts; Taylor – 3 pts; Atkinson – 0 pts.

Fifth Grade: We have studied the Eastern and Southern states and are now in the Central states. We have started the fractions and can change to like denominators and reduce to simplest terms as well as add and subtract simple fractions. We have a file of all books each person has read. Each person writes a report on a small card and places it in the file.

February 4, 1943 Optic Paper Staff (2nd Semester) Sponsor – Miss Schilder; Editor-in-Chief – Colleen Lillard; Assistant Editor – Johanna Tiffany; Sports Editors – Dorothy Neale and Topypy Lillard; Music Editor – Bernice Hofer; Society Editors – Helen Elliott, Rex Beavers; Reporters - Betty Lewis,

Olin Pitcher; Grade Editor – Max Dodd; Jokes Editor – Curtis Marsh, Bill Pritchard; Typists – Claretta Duncan, Gladys Dodd; Honorary Advisor - Ruth Mullihan.

Girls were defeated in the first round of the County Tournament by Zearing 36-32 (Box score not found)

The **sophomore class** will give three one-act plays February 10. They are entitled “Cupid Advertises,” “Mama’s Wondering Boy,” and “Highest Bidder Gets a Date.”

Third Grade: We are learning to divide in arithmetic. We are studying about cotton. **Seventh Grade:** Plans are being made for the **purchase of a service plaque** in honor of former students and teachers from Collins who are in the service of their country. The seventh grade is sponsoring this project and is preparing some plays which will be given at a later date as a benefit for this cause.

February 11, 1943 Collins boys defeated Colfax 27-21 (No box score found).

Boys County Tournament. Collins showed the fans some of the best basketball they have played this year. In a very fast game they racked up a surprisingly high score, defeating Huxley 38-26 in **first round game**. Lillard was top scorer with 12 points. **Collins** again showed too much speed and scoring power for the taller McCallsburg team. Final score 20-16 in the **second round game**. **Collins** lost to a strong Cambridge five 25-21 in **third round game**. (No box scores found). Cambridge’s tight zone defense had Collins baffled the first half, with half-time score of 18-4.

February 18, 1943 Not until two overtime periods were played did the Collins **boys** come out victorious in a rough and thrilling game with Colo. Regulation score – 31 all. Neither team scored in the first overtime. In the second overtime Fertig made a beautiful one-handed shot to win the game for Collins 33-31. **Lineup:** Lillard – 5 pts; Fertig – 9 pts; Atwood – 8 pts; Huntrods – 0 pts; Deal – 2 pts; Taylor – 3 pts; Atkinson – 0 pts; Renfeldt – 4 pts; McQuiston – 2 pts. Collins **girls** had a very exciting thrilling game, with Colo winning 22-21. Deal led Collins with 11 points.

February 25, 1943 School Election to be held March 8, 1943. Two directors will be elected for a term of three years to succeed A. W. Kracht and L. D. Holland.

Collins **girls** played the last game of the season, defeating Melbourne 33-22. Neale and Deal scored 13 points a piece for Collins.

The Collins **boys** downed Melbourne without the help of two first-team members – Bill Atwood and Dorrell Taylor, who were out with the measles. Collins led at half-time 8-4, final score not given. Lillard led the scoring with 16 points. **Lineup:** Lillard – 16 pts; Fertig – 2 pts; Huntrods – 0 pts; Deal – 0 pts; Atkinson – 0 pts; Renfeldt – 0 pts.

March 4, 1943 Collins boys lost a first and second team double header to Milford. This is the last scheduled game of the season. Atwood and Taylor were absent because of the measles. Final score of first team game – Milford 31, Collins 13.

Junior Class will present their class play, “Take It Easy,” on March 12 in the high school auditorium.

The senior class party was held in the high school gym. As each person entered, identification card was pinned on. The evening was spent in playing cards, ping-pong, and dancing, with refreshments late in the party.

Honor Roll: Seniors – Bill Atwood, Dale Deal, Helen Deal, Gladys Dodd, Claretta Duncan, Elaine Hofer, Ruth Mulligan, Dorothy Neale, Marguerite Oswald, Lois Robinson. **Juniors** – Gene Fertig, Roger Huntrods. **Sophomores** – Rex Beavers, Wanda Huntrods, Carol Kimberley, Beverly Kitchen, Curtis Marsh, Russell Oswald, Johanna Tiffany.

March 11, 1943 Boys’ Sectional Tournament. Collins got to the finals by defeating Maxwell [score not available]; LaMoille [score not available] and Clemons [score not available], but was **beaten in the finals** by the fast Marshalltown team. Bill Atwood was standout on defense as well as offense, scoring 48 points in the four games. **First Round - Collins vs. Maxwell, Lineup:** Lillard – 4 pts; Fertig – 2 pts; Atwood – 19; Taylor – 6 pts; Deal – 0 pts; Kingman – 4 pts; Long – 6 pts. **Second Round - Collins vs. Lamoille Lineup:** Lillard – 13 pts; Fertig – 10 pts; Atwood – 10; Taylor – 4 pts; Deal – 6 pts; Kingman – 0 pts. **Semi-Finals - Collins vs. Clemons Lineup:** Lillard – 10 pts; Fertig – 1 pts; Atwood – 11; Taylor – 7 pts; Deal – 2 pts; Kingman – 8 pts. **Finals - Collins vs. Marshalltown Lineup:** LaVern Lillard – 6 pts; Gene Fertig – 0 pts; Bill Atwood – 8; Dorrell Taylor – 1 pts; Dale Deal – 0 pts; John Kingman – 7 pts.

School Bus Routes The Office of Defense Transportation (ODT) has ordered a drastic cut to be made in school bus mileage. According to ODT directions, **pupils will be required to walk a distance of not more than one and a half miles to meet school buses.** Since no gasoline certificates will be issued to the local school district after April 1, unless such regulations are met, the local board of education has no alternative except to comply with ODT regulations. [Insert 2004: My personal experience (8-10 yrs.) was walking .4 miles to and from Hwy for the school bus. Bus routes were to avoid back-tracking.]

Assembly Speaker Monday morning was Dr. Hal Dewey, who has spent 23 years in India as a Methodist missionary. Dr. Dewey gave a very interesting talk about life in India. He told of the hardships of the life of most of the people, the lack of opportunities for education among lower classes, the religious differences and customs. He is a friend and admirer of Mahatma Gandhi, and gave us a very different impression of the Hindu leader. He demonstrated the mode of dress in India and also showed us some of the beautiful objects in metal and needlework made by pupils in the missionary school.

“Co-Hawk Chatter” What sophomore girl has not yet learned to pop popcorn in a skillet? Better luck next time G. S. Did you intend to take all the Freshmen class home Monday night, Mr. Young. What grade school teacher and Collins newcomer were really doing a nice bit of rug cuttin’ Friday night?

March 18, 1943 At the **reorganization meeting of the Collins Consolidated School Board** Monday evening, **L. D. Holland was elected president. Committees were named** by Mr. Holland; Finance – C. E. Fish, D. W. Hubbard. Building and Grounds – Ernest Hofer, C. W. Keagle. J. R. Witmer is Treasurer and **Mrs. O. N. Serbein, is Secretary.** W. E. Young was re-elected as superintendent with an increase in salary.

Joyce Maxwell won the Story County Spelling Contest held at Nevada. Joyce is an eighth grade student, the **daughter of Mrs. Lela Maxwell.** Her **teacher is Miss Clara Signs.** In the spell-off, the final round of the contest between Janet Mather, the winner of the written contest and Joyce, the word “recompense” proved a stumbling block for Janet and was corrected by Joyce who then spelled “venomous” to clinch the title. Twenty-two contestants participated in the contest.

Class tournaments. The high school grades are having basketball games to determine what grade has the best team. In the **boys** first round, the freshmen defeated the sophomore and the seniors defeated the juniors. In the final round the seniors had little trouble defeating the freshmen. The **girls** are having a tournament, but it has not been completed.

Editorial – Manners. It has been mentioned that the pupils of Collins High School should watch our behavior in assemblies and basketball games. At games let us show good sportsmanship, for disagreeing only hinders the referee and lowers the opinion of both the referee and the opponent. It is now too late to discuss the past events, but let us try to improve before our next public appearance. As far as the assembly is concerned, it is thought that some of us should show more courtesy to those giving the program, such as being silent when someone is speaking. I am sure that not only the audience, but also the speaker will appreciate it.

March 25, 1943 Who’s Who of the Students. Name - Bernice Hofer. Born Melbourne, Iowa; Age - 14; Weight - 115 pounds; Height - 5’ 2”; Hobby – scrapbooks; nickname – Hofer. Favorites: Sport – basketball; Song – You’d Be So Nice to Come Home To; Past time – talking; Vegetable – Carrots; Fruit – Pineapple; Saying – Wow; Pet peeve – tests; Candy – Mounds; Subject – English; Color – Green; Movie Actor – Henry Fonda; Movie Actress – Joan Fontaine; Book – Comics; Drink – Lemon Coke; Show – This Above All.

Gossip Is winking at strange sailors the latest fad, M. S.? A certain sophomore boy would be grateful if some girl would go to the school party with him Friday night. How about it girls? What is this we hear about Kingman using Hollywood and charm curlers?

April 1, 1943 The sophomore class sponsored a high school party Friday night. The entertainment consisted of dancing, cards, ping pong, checkers and other games. Songs were given by a sextet, trio, boys’ quartet, and mixed quartet from the sophomore class. A musical story of “The Three Bears,” was

told by Gloria Smith, accompanied of Mrs. Ratcliffe. Refreshments consisted of Coney Islands, Punch, and Cookies.

Who's Who of the Students. Name – Forrest Long. Nickname – Long; Age – 16; Favorites: Color – Blue; Book – The Call of the Wild; Movie – Springtime in the Rockies; Hobby – sleeping; Candy – O Henry; Past time – throwing erasers; Pet peeve – having to stay home nights; Band leader – Harry James; Song – Please Think of Me; Actor – John Payne; Actress – Betty Grable; Sport – Basketball; Saying – “Are you kiddin’”; Fruit – Apples; Vegetable – Onion.

Basketball Girls' and Boys' Banquet A delicious supper was served to the basketball boys and girls by **their mothers** in the Home Ec. Room of the school building. Talks were given by the senior boys and girls, Miss Schilder, Mr. Young and Dick. Topy Lillard, Captain of the boys' team presented Dick with a gift in appreciation of his work with them. A dance was held in the study hall before and after the supper.

April 8, 1943 Baseball is opening soon. In the last couple of years we have had successful seasons. **Last year we won a spring (42)sectional trophy and a fall (41) sectional trophy.** Most of our team graduated last year, but we believe we can do as well this year.

April 15, 1943 Who's Who of the Students. Name – Gene Fertig. Nickname – Eddie; Age – 16, Born – Maxwell; Weight – 135 pounds; Height – 5' 8”; Favorites: Color – Gold; Book – The Life of Lou Gehrig; Movie – Random Harvest; Hobby – hearing different orchestras; Drink – Green River; Pet peeve – keep from whistling; Actor – Ronald Coleman; Actress – Greer Garson; Sport – Basketball; Saying – “Izzat So”; Fruit – Bananas; Vegetable – Cabbage.

April 22, 1943 The high school operetta “Sun Bonnet Girl” was very well presented to an appreciative audience Friday night. The stage was set in a beautiful spring scene with realistic flowers growing everywhere. Much talent was uncovered in our classmates and we should be proud of all who participated. **Mrs. Ratcliffe also deserves much credit** for the work she did in making this operetta a success.

Collins defeated Maxwell 15-7. Bill Atwood did an outstanding job of pitching the first four innings and LaVerne Lillard finished the game. Dale Deal was the catcher. (No box scores found)

April 29, 1943 With some nice pitching by Gene Fertig, Collins **won their second game** of the season 12-9 over Maxwell. In **the third game** of the season, Bill Atwood pitched another fine game with Collins defeating Rhodes 6-3. Deal was the catcher.

May 6, 1943 May 7, the **senior class** will present a dramatic production “Poor Dear Edgar,” a comedy in three acts with a cast of five men and seven ladies. The cast is: Bob Keagle, Topy Lillard, Gladys Dodd, John Kingman, Barbara Buck, Marguerite Oswalt, Dorothy Neale, Eileen Hofer, Ruth Mullihan, Betty Jean Lewis, Olin Pitcher, and Earl Milligan. Admission – Adults 28 cents, Students 18.

Eighth Grade Commencement this coming Wednesday afternoon. Members of the class and their teacher, Miss Clara Signs, cordially invite the public to these exercises.

High school sectional baseball tournament opens in Collins Saturday morning and continues Monday and Tuesday. **Admission is 15 cents and 25 cents.** The first round schedule is Altoona vs. Slater; Cambridge vs. Shipley; Huxley vs. Nevada; **Collins** vs. Prairie City. (Tournament results not found.)

May 13, 1943 Commencement Exercises are Thursday evening at the High School auditorium. Music – Marines Hymn – Boys' Quartet; Presentation of Speaker – Supt. W. E. Young; Address – Finding the Goal Post – Rev. Dwight Walker, Jefferson, Iowa; Awarding Honors – Supt. W. E. Young; Presentation of Class – Supt. W. E. Young; Presentation of Diplomas – L. D. Holland, Chair of Board. Following is the **class roll**; Lowell Atkinson, William Atwood, Ronald Ball, Barbara Buck, Dale Deal, Helen Deal, Gladys Dodd, Claretta Duncan, Hazel Harris, Eileen Hofer, Robert Keagle, John Kingman, Betty Lewis, LaVerne Lillard, Earl Milligan, Ruth Mullihan, Dorothy Neale, Marguerite Oswald, Olin Pitcher, Helen Renfeldt, Lois Robinson, Dorrell Taylor.

June 10, 1943 The Collins School Faculty for 1943-44 school year has been completed. **Faculty members are:** W. E. Young – Supt. and Math; Leona Schilder – Principal and Commercial Subjects; A. E. Silletto – Voc. Ag. and Science; Ethel Shatwell – Social Studies and Junior High Math; Dorothy Aldrich – English and Dramatics; Darlene Love – Home Ec and Science; Bernice Buck – Music; Clara Signs – Junior High English and Social Studies; Myrtha Fenn – Grade Six; Mabel Osborn – Grade Five; Dorothy Faas – Grade Four; Kolleen Kottmeier – Grade Three; Gladys Bredall – Elementary Principal and Grade Two; Margaret Larson – Grade One; Ruth Lundvall – Primary. School begins on August 30.

July 8, 1943 School budget estimates; the general pattern of the budget proposals is much the same as during the past year except for the following deviations: (1) It has been necessary to allocate increases for the salaries of all school employees, roughly an increase of 20%. (2) Greatly reduced allotments have been made for the purchase of new equipment. (3) Reduced allotments have been made to the school house fund due to the decrease in interest since a large number of bonds were retired during the past year.

August 12, 1943 Collins School will open on August 30. **For the first time in history, a full year of Primary work will be offered to beginning pupils.** Certain **elective subjects** are being offered for the first time this year, provided sufficient pupils enroll to make a class. Among such subjects are: Junior business training, chemistry, problems of democracy, and first year Latin. **Required and elective subjects follows: (required subject*) 9th grade** - algebra I*, English I*, agriculture II, home ec. II, biology, world history, junior business training. **10th grade** – plain geometry*, English II*, agriculture II, home ec. II, biology, world history, junior business training. **11th grade** – American history*, English IV, problems of democracy, Latin I, chemistry, agriculture IV, home ec. IV, bookkeeping, shorthand, typing I. **12th grade** – English IV, problems of democracy, Latin I, chemistry, agriculture IV, home ec. IV, bookkeeping, typing I, typing II, shorthand.

August 19, 1943 School textbook rental: For several years the Collins school has used the rental plan of providing pupils with textbooks. This plan has worked quite successfully and **will be continued during the coming school year.** The rental fees for high school pupils depend entirely upon the courses selected. The total rental fees for textbooks and costs of workbooks for elementary grade pupils are: Primary - \$1.21; first - \$1.58; second - \$2.14; third - \$2.28; fourth - \$2.72; fifth - \$2.86; sixth - \$3.00; seventh - \$2.39; eighth - \$2.32. In order to save time and avoid confusion on the opening day of school, parents of elementary school pupils are asked to pay book rentals at the superintendent's office between 1:00 and 5:00 P.M. on August 25 or 26. Registration for high school pupils is being held in the high school study hall on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday afternoons of this week.

September 2, 1943 School opened Monday with a total enrollment of 238: High school enrollment is 77.

September 30, 1943 The high school is **presenting its annual school carnival** on Friday evening in the high school gym. There will be attractions such as bingo, baseball throw, penny throw, fish pond, fortune teller, dart game, and many others. A program has been planned to be given in the auditorium at 8:00 p.m. This will include a play, vocal numbers by the boys and girls quartettes. You can dance in the study hall to all the most popular music. The cafeteria will furnish your appetites with a variety of attractive foods.

Senior class officers are: President – Roger Huntrods; Vice Pres. – Colleen Lillard; Secretary – Gene Fertig; Treasurer – Norma Smith; Student Council Rep – Colleen Lillard. **Junior class officers are:** President – Russ Oswalt; Vice President – Gloria Smith; Secretary – Beverly Kitchen; Treasurer – Bernice Ball. **The Freshman class officers are:** President – Gene Stoneberg; vice president – Jack Moore; Secretary – Wanda Anderson; Student Council Rep. – Harold Mullihan.

Baseball team suffered their third defeat of the season at the hands of Maxwell, 4-2. (No box score found)

Vocal music – the boys and girls glee clubs have been selected with a large representation in all grades. The boys' glee club has membership of 19, while the girls' glee club has 30 members.

October 7, 1943 Optic staff: Editor – Colleen Lillard; Assistant Editor – Curtis Marsh; Reporters: Grade 12 – James Silletto; Grade 11 – Wanda Huntrods; Grade 10 – Gene Boster; Grade 9 – Donald Huntrods; Copy editors – Gene Fertig, Norma Smith; Sponsor – Miss Aldrich.

A senior – he's quiet; he's good looking; he's president of the senior class; he's captain of the baseball team; he's Roger Huntrods.

October 28, 1943 The basketball season opened Oct. 18 with a very good turnout. The prospects look good for fine teams this year. The boys' practice Monday and Wednesday and girls' practices are Tuesday and Thursday.

“Co-Hawk Chatter” What two freshman girls had a very interesting telephone conversation Thursday night about one junior? Did you get a pretty good idea for your new spring hat creation, Miss Buck? Why is it that some of the seniors girls like; “The Lady in Red;” come on, we would like to know to.

November 4, 1943 The first **high school party** was held at the gymnasium on Friday evening, sponsored by the senior class. The evening was spent in playing table-up, cards, and dancing with refreshments consisting of pop and hot dogs.

November 11, 1943 Question of the week: Of all of the famous women of today, who would you rather be? Virginia Wilkins – Ginger Rogers; Patty Fertig – Betty Grable; Pauline Dolph – Greer Garson; Norma Smith – Candy Jones.

Personality of the week: She is blond, she wears her brother’s sweater, she is short, she is a sophomore, she is Mildred Swanson.

November 18, 1943 The 1943-44 **basketball season opened** on the local floor with a double win, the **boys** defeating Rhodes 34-24 and the **girls** wining from Rhodes 47-39. **Boys’ Lineup:** Fertig – 13 pts; Huntrods – 4 pts; Long – 12 pts; McQuiston – 0 pts; Renfeldt – 4 pts; Smith – 1 pt. **Girls’ Lineup:** White – 13 pts; Fertig – 18 pts; Dolph – 16 pts; Crabb – g; Graham – g; Pritchard – g; Smith – g; Luing – g.

Basketball Schedule: Nov. 23 – Fernald, T; Nov. 26 – West Des Moines, (boys) H; Dec. 3 – Colfax, H; Dec. 7 – Mingo, H; Dec. 10 – Maxwell, T; Dec. 14 – Fernald, H; Dec. 17 – Colo, T; Dec. 21 – Baxter, T; Dec. 23 – Melbourne, T; Dec. 30 – Rhodes, T; Jan. 7 – Colo, H; Jan. 11 – Zearing, T; Jan. 14 – West Des Moines (boys), T; Jan. 18 - Mingo, T; Jan. 21 – Maxwell, H; Jan. 26 – 29 **Girls** County Tourney; Feb. 2 – 5 **Boys** County Tourney; Feb. 9 -12 **Girls** Sectional Tourney; Feb. 17 – Farrar, T; Feb. 23 – 26 **Girls** District Tourney; Mar. 1-4 **Boys** Sectional Tourney; Mar. 9-11 **Girls** State Tourney; Mar. 15-18 **Boys** District Tourney; Mar. 23-25 **Boys** State Tourney.

December 2, 1943 Basketball - Collins **boys** defeated Fernald 44-23, while the **girls** lost 32-29. (No box scores found) The boys West High School of Des Moines played a double header at the local gym, defeating Collins’ **first team** in a close game 28-25, while the Collins’ **second team** won 30-19.

Senior News Motto - Our Aim – Success; Our Goal, to Win. Colors - Red and Silver. Flower - Red Rose. The seniors’ pictures arrived on Thanksgiving Day, much to the surprise and enjoyment of everyone. From all reports, they were very well liked.

Pep Meeting We had a very good pep meeting before the games at Fernald. Bob Titus and Jo Dean White spoke a few words and the band played. We also had a few words from Miss Schilder and Mr. Young.

December 9, 1943 Basketball - The Collins **boys** from Colfax on the local floor Friday night by a score of 24-22 while our **girls** lost 55-36. **Boys’ Lineup:** Fertig – 5 pts; Huntrods – 4 pts; Long – 7 pts;

McQuiston – 0 pts; Renfeldt – 8 pts; Smith – 0 pt. **Girls' Lineup:** White – 14 pts; Fertig – 4 pts; Dolph – 18 pts; Crabb – g; Graham – g; Pritchard – g; Smith – g.

The Collins **boys** won from Mingo Tuesday night 37-26 while the **girls** lost 62-29. Boys' Lineup: Fertig (f) – 8 pts; Huntrods (f) – 5 pts; Oswald (f) 0 pts; Long (c) – 14 pts; McQuiston (g) – 4 pts; Renfeldt (g) – 4 pts; Smith (g) – 0 pts; Miller (f) - 2 pts; Titus (g) – 0 pts. **Girls' Lineup:** White (f) – 14 pts; Fertig (f) – 4 pts; Dolph (f) – 18 pts; Crabb (g); Graham (g); Pritchard (g); Smith (g).

December 16, 1943 The high school music groups are presenting a musical pageant Sunday.

Program follows: Choral Service – Mixed Chorus; Star of the East – Helen Elliott; Bethlehem Story – Roger Huntrods, Reader; Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem – Mixed Chorus; While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night – Mixed Chorus; Gesu Bambino – Girls' Trio (Patty Fertig, Wanda Huntrods, Norma Smith; Hark, the Herald Angles Sing – Mixed Chorus; We Three Kings – Boys' Trio (Gene Fertig, David Renfeldt, Curtis Marsh; Oh, Come All Ye Faithful – Helen Elliott with Mixed Chorus; The following are the angels of the program (Virginia Wilkins, Colleen Lillard, Kathryn Coughenour); Mary – Betty Coughenour; Joseph – Forrest Long.

Last Friday night **Collins won a double header** from their old rivals – Maxell. Collins **boys** won 43-16 and the **girls** won 33-30. **Boys' Lineup:** Gene Fertig (44) (f) – 21 pts; Roger Huntrods (44) (f) – 7 pts; Russell Oswald (45) (g) 0 pts; Forrest Long (44) (c) – 9 pts; Harold McQuiston (44) (g) – 0 pts; David (Bud) Renfeldt (45) (g) – 4 pts; Smith (g) – 0 pts; Frank Miller (46) (f) - 2 pts; Bob Titus (46) (g) – 0 pts; Gordon Holland (46) (c) – 0 pts. **Girls' Lineup:** White (f) – 17 pts; Patty Fertig (46) (f) – 4 pts; Pauline Dolph (f) – 12 pts; Betty Luving (45) (f) – 0 pts; Lucille Crabb (45) (g); Wanda Graham (g); Lois Pritchard (47) (g); Gloria Smith (45) (g); Doris Atkinson (47) (g).

December 23, 1943 Personality of the week: He is a sophomore, he is tall, he has a butch, he has a bright red and black plaid shirt, he likes basketball, he is Gordon Holland.

December 30, 1943 Basketball - Collins **boys** defeated Colo 43-16 while the **girls** lost 49-41. **Boys' Lineup:** Fertig (f) – 8 pts; Huntrods (f) – 3 pts; Miller (f) – 2 pts; Long (c) – 14 pts; McQuiston (g) – 0 pts; Renfeldt (g) – 2 pts; Marsh (g) – 0 pts. **Girls' Lineup:** White (f) – 13 pts; Fertig (f) – 19 pts; Smith (f) – 12 pts; Crabb (g); Graham (g); Pritchard (g); Atkinson (g).

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The Office of Defense Transportation has granted schools permission to transport pupils to and from their homes on days when the weather is such that walking to meet the busses would be hazardous. It has been ruled that full transportation may be provided if either of the following conditions exist: (1) the temperature is colder than 5 degrees above zero (2) if there is a storm or blizzard, (3) if the weather conditions are generally very disagreeable. **Parents may find out if busses will make their full trips**

on any given day by phoning the local telephone operator after 7:30 A. M. The telephone office will be notified whenever the busses are to make their full trips.

Honor Roll for the first semester: Seventh – Charles Fish; **Eighth** – Gene Atwood, Darlene Haley, Jean Ann Marsh, Anna Van Pilsum; **Ninth** – Donald Huntrods, Gerald Wood, Donald Young, Joyce Maxwell, Carolyn Partridge; **Tenth** – Eugene Boster, Donald Snyder, Robert Titus, Bernice Hofer; **Eleventh** – Rex Beavers, Curtis Marsh, Russell Oswald, David Renfeldt, Helen Caulkins, Wanda Huntrods, Carol Kimberley; **Twelfth** – Gene Fertig, James Silletto, Colleen Lillard.

Basketball - Collins **boys** 38, Zearing 25. Fertig (f) – 15 pts; Miller (f) – 6 pts; Long (c) – 14 pts; McQuiston (g) – 0 pts; Renfeldt (g) – 3 pts; Marsh (g) – 0 pts.

West Tech of Des Moines Boys' team defeated Collins 41-29. Fertig (f) – 10 pts; Huntrods (f) – 4 pts; Miller (f) – 2 pts; Long (c) – 12 pts; McQuiston (g) – 0 pts; Renfeldt (g) – 1 pts; Smith (g) – 0 pts.

January 27, 1944 Basketball - Collins **boys** win over Maxwell 55-33 and **girls** win over Maxwell 48-42. **Boys Lineup:** Fertig (f) – 8 pts; Huntrods (f) – 16 pts; Miller (f) – 5 pts; Long (c) – 12 pts; McQuiston (g) – 2 pts; Renfeldt (g) – 12 pts; Marsh (g) – 0 pts; Smith (g) – 0 pts. **Girls' Lineup:** White (f) – 18 pts; Fertig (f) – 3 pts; Dolph (f) – 15 pts; Smith (f) – 10 pts; Crabb (g); Graham (g); Pritchard (g); Atkinson (g).

Basketball - Collins **boys** defeated Mingo 31-29; Mingo **girls** defeat 59-24. **Boys Lineup:** Fertig (f) – 8 pts; Huntrods (f) – 7 pts; Miller (f) – 4 pts; Long (c) – 2 pts; McQuiston (g) – 4 pts; Renfeldt (g) – 6 pts; Marsh (g) – 0 pts. **Girls' Lineup:** White (f) – 8 pts; Fertig (f) – 2 pts; Luing (f) – 6 pts; Dolph (g, f) – 3 pts; Smith (f) – 5 pts; Crabb (g); Pritchard (g).

February 3, 1944 Basketball - Collins loses to Slater in the **Girls County Tourney** 27-17. **Girls' Lineup:** White (f) – 3 pts; Fertig (f) – 5 pts; Luing (f) – 2 pts; Dolph (g, f) – 2 pts; Smith (f) – 5 pts; Crabb (g); Pritchard (g); Atkinson (g).

Nevada boys defeat Collins 43-29. **Boys Lineup:** Fertig (f) – 12 pts; Huntrods (f) – 4 pts; Miller (f) – 3 pts; Long (c) – 2 pts; McQuiston (g) – 0 pts; Renfeldt (g) – 8 pts; Marsh (g) – 0 pts; Smith (g) – 0 pts.

February 10, 1944 The last session of the **Evening School** will be held on February 14. Fifteen men will receive diplomas for having attended at least 80% of the sessions with several having perfect attendance.

Huxley defeats Collins in **Boys Basketball County Tournament** 32-24. **Lineup:** Fertig (f) – 3 pts; Huntrods (f) – 7 pts; Miller (f) – 4 pts; Long (c) – 10 pts; McQuiston (g) – 0 pts; Renfeldt (g) – 5 pts.

February 17, 1944 Who's Who of the Faculty: Name - Myrtha Fenn; Nickname – Mert; Hometown – Carson; College – Parsons. Favorites: Flower – Carnation; Color – Light Blue; Book – The Robe;

Food – Strawberry Sundae; Movie – Random Harvest; Drink – Lemonade; Actress – Rosalind Russell; Actor – Jimmy Stewart; Subject in College – U. S. History; Pet Peeve – the word, gripe.

Collins wins over White Oak in the **first round of Girls Sectional Basketball Tourney** at Maxwell 46-27. Girls' **Lineup:** White (f) – 26 pts; Patty Fertig (46) (f) – 2 pts; Betty Luing (45) (f) – 0 pts; Gloria Smith (45) (f) – 16 pts; Lucille Crabb (45) (g); Lois Pritchard (47) (g); Doris Atkinson (47) (g); Dolph (g); Wanda Graham (g). In the **second round**, Mingo defeated Collins 56-28 (Insert 2004: Box score not found)

March 2, 1944 The Collins School has received notice of **State approval for an OSYA poultry course**. This course is to be financed through Federal funds and will consist of 20 hours of intensive instruction under the direction of A. E. Silletto, voc ag instructor. Town people who are interested in poultry as well as farm men and women are invited to enroll. Meetings will begin on March 6. **The government has asked producers to increase their egg and poultry production for 1944.** More than 240 of these Federal courses are now in operation in Iowa.

March 9, 1944 The **Junior Class will present two one-act plays** on March 17: **“Hold Everything.”** The cast: Bud Renfeldt, Gloria Smith, Bill Pritchard, Lucille Crabb, Russ Oswald, Yvonne Torry, Myrtle Haley, Curtis Marsh. **“The Patched Coat.”** The cast: Helen Caulkins, Betty Luing, Helen Elliott, Doris Atkinson, Max Dodd, Carol Kimberley, Warren Keagle, Norman Wilkins, Rex Beavers.

Boys Sectional Basketball Tournament March 1-4 - no information found on games.

March 16, 1944 Personality of the Week: He was on the basketball team, he is in glee club, he is in the junior play, he is good looking, he is Russ Oswald.

March 23, 1944 Norma Vasey wins Story County Spelling Contest: Norma Vasey, 12-year old member of the 8th grade, **daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Vasey**, won the 1944 contest held at Nevada and will **represent Story County in the State Contest to be held in Des Moines**, April 22. Norma was winner in the written contest and won the oral in the spell-off with Janet Mather of Shipley. Janet was also runner-up in last year's contest. Nineteen spellers participated. **For the third time in the last four years, a pupil of Collins School (and Miss Clara Signs as teacher) has won the Story County Spelling Contest.**

Seniors boys win the **class basketball tournament**, defeating the sophomores 44-8. Junior girls win the class basketball tournament, defeating the seniors 34-11.

April 13, 1944 Superintendent W. E. Young informs the Gazette that he has tendered his **resignation** as head of the local school to become effective at the close of the school year. The family moved to Collins in 1942.

April 20, 1944 The baseball team defeated Maxwell on the Collins diamond 7-5. Bob Titus pitched for Collins. Collins Lineup: Renfeldt – 1b; Marsh – 2b; Fertig – 3b; Huntrods – lf; Long – cf; Evans – c; Oswalt – ss; Miller – rf; Titus – p.

The **various music groups and freshmen class** will collaborate in a program to be presented Wednesday evening. The program will include selections by the band, girls' glee club, girls' sextet, and solos by Gene Fertig, Myrtle Haley and Joyce Maxwell. The play, "Billie's First Date," has the following cast: Gene Stoneberg, Wanda Anderson, Lois Pritchard, Harold Mullihan, Kathryn Coughenour, Ramona Beavers, Dorothy Buck, Romaine Milligan, and Donald Young.

May 4, 1944 Sectional Baseball Tournament Here on May 6, 8, and 9. Admission – Adults 35 cents, Students 20 cents. Competing teams are: Farrar, Melbourne, Mitchellville, Mingo, Nevada, **Collins vs. Maxwell** first round. (No information on results found.)

The Senior Class Play is "The Taming of Tuffy." Admission – Adults 35 cents, Students 15. The **cast is:** Lorena Moore, Otis Huntrods, Colleen Lillard, Georgena Luing, Forrest Long, Gene Fertig, Norma Smith, Dean Partridge, Harold McQuiston, Roger Huntrods.

Junior-Senior Banquet. The Collins **gymnasium was the lovely setting** for the Junior-Senior Banquet. The theme was the "Garden of Tomorrow." The seniors were welcomed by Russ Oswalt and response was by the senior class president, Roger Huntrods. Gloria Smith, the junior Class Vice President toasted the seniors and Colleen Lillard gave the response. The main speech of the evening was by Supt. Young.

May 18, 1944 Graduation Exercises were held on May 11. The address was given by Dr. T. A. Hippaka of Iowa State College/University. The senior with the highest scholastic standing was Roger Huntrods. The citizenship awards offered to the senior girl and boy with the highest record for worthwhile service rendered to the school during their four years in high school, were Colleen Lillard and Gene Fertig. Their names will be engraved upon the Signs Trophy. L. D. Holland, President of the school board presented diplomas. **Class roll:** Gene Fertig, Richard Hand, Otis Huntrods, Roger Huntrods, Colleen Lillard, Forrest Long, Georgena Luing, Harold McQuiston, Lorena Moore, Dean Partridge, James Silletto, Norma Smith.

Baccalaureate services were held in the Church of Christ (Christian Church) on May 7. The address was given by Rev. Duane Manning, pastor of the Collins Methodist Church.

August 24, 1944 The Collins School will open September 4. Due to existing circumstances, we have been forced to drop Home Ec from the curriculum for one year as we were unable to hire a teacher at the salary offered. Registration will take place August 28 through August 31. Book rental and locker fees will be paid at that time. **Hot lunches will begin on September 5. Four cooks have again been hired to prepare the meals.**

(Insert 2004 – Personal contacts with early to mid-1940 graduates indicate the first cooks with the full school year Hot Lunch Program were Mrs. Jess [Myra] Vasey, Mrs. Andrew [Rub] [Hazel] Johnston,

Mrs. Sid **[Mabel] Atkinson** and Mrs. **Ardell Baker**. The meals were prepared in the Home-Ec kitchen area with students eating in the gym area. The floor was covered with canvas tarp daily and folding tables and chairs set up for students' eating. All students [including grade school] ate in the gym. Tables, chairs and floor tarp were removed daily for athletic use of the gym. The setting up and taking down was done by six to ten high school boys, earning their meals. High school girls [six to ten] helped with serving the meals and clean up [washing dishes, pots, pans, silverware - no machine dishwasher] daily, earning their meals. Walking/running on the gym floor in street shoes at any time it was not covered with the canvas tarp was a serious rule violation with severe reprimands by teachers and maybe a trip to the principal's office.]

Regarding bus service, all children below nine years of age will be picked up at their gate. This ruling has been sent to us by the State office. **The faculty members are:** R. A. Long – Supt. and Math; Helen Barger – Principal, Commercial and Assistant Girls Coach; W. M. Westcoat – Voc Ag and Physics; Bernice Buck – Music; Irene Browns – English and Social Science; Ethel Shatwell – Social Science and Junior High; Clara Signs – Junior High; Myrtha Fenn – Elementary Departmental; Mabel Osborn – Elementary Departmental; Vera Vasey – Elementary Departmental; Cheryl Bressler – Second Grade; Hope Robinson – Primary and First Grade.

September 14, 1944 Optic staff: Editor – Wanda Huntrods; Assistant Editor – Bernice Hofer; Sports – Russ Oswalt, Patty Fertig, Frank Miller, Carol Kimberley; Agriculture – Curtis Marsh; Music and Dramatics – Joyce Maxwell; Reporters – Bud Renfeldt, Yvonne Torry; Typists – Helen Caulkins, Doris Atkinson, Jenalva Elliott. Faculty Sponsor – Miss Barger.

Class officers – Seniors: President – Warren Keagle, Vice President – Jenalva Elliott, Secretary – Curtis Marsh; Treasurer – Bud Renfeldt. **Juniors:** President – Bob Titus, Vice President – Albert Vasey, Secretary-Treasurer – Donald Snyder. **Sophomores:** President – Donald Huntrods, Vice President – Carolyn Partridge, Secretary – Kathryn Carroll, Treasurer – Marjorie Shearer. **Freshmen:** President - Doris Caulkins, Vice President – Donald Gilley, Secretary – Alma Bach, Treasurer – Ronald Stratton. **Eighth Grade:** President – Billy Hand; Vice President – Chris Buck; Secretary – Treasurer – Kathleen Kitchen. **Seventh Grade:** President – Dick Corey; Vice President – Robert Johnson; Secretary-Treasurer – Carol Atwood; Reporter – Patty Fertig. **Student Council** – Warren Keagle, Bob Titus, Doris Caulkins, Catherine Carroll, Bernice Hofer.

This year the **agriculture department** has three courses instead of two: farm crops for the freshmen boys, animal husbandry for the sophomores and farm mechanics for juniors and seniors. There are more than 30 boys enrolled in agriculture courses and 14 boys are enrolled in farm mechanics.

Dramatics – Mrs. Shatwell is organizing a Dramatics Club this year. There are to be four presentations of plays produced by the club members, which are in addition to the junior and senior class plays.

Personality of the week: He is popular, he is ambitious, he is the pitcher on the baseball team, he is president of the junior class. He is Bob Titus.

Agriculture: Two boys from the junior and senior class will attend the District Vocational Agriculture and FFA Leadership Conference on Wednesday, September 27. The conference will deal with methods of planning FFA activities for this year and providing training for boys in acting as officers of the chapters. The Ag instructor is making visits to all the boys' farm homes and has visited about half of them.

September – October Baseball Season: Collins **defeated Huxley 12-5**. Bob Titus struck out 11 batters and allowed only one hit. Collins Lineup: Pritchard (lf) – 2; Renfeldt (1b) - 1; Miller (cf) 1; Oswalt (ss) – 2; Marsh (3b) – 1; Titus (p) – 1; Evans (c) – 0; Smith (rf) – 1; Holland (2b) 1. **The Boys lost to Maxwell 4-3** in a very well played game. Titus pitched a 2-hitter and struck out 9. (No box score found). **The Boys defeated Rhodes 16-7**. Every member on the roster saw action in the game. Titus, Oswalt, and Rhoades did the pitching with Evans and Keagle catching. Oswalt hit a home run. **Sectional Tourney - Collins defeated Huxley 7-6 and lost to Maxwell 1-0. Season Record:** Three victories, two losses (both by one run to Maxwell.)

Team Members and Batting Averages: Russell Oswalt ss (45) .333; David (Bud) Renfeldt 1b (45) .313; Curtis Marsh 3b (45) .313; Earl Evans c (46) .308; Gordon Holland 2b (46) .286; Wm. (Bill) Pritchard lf (45) .235; Frank Miller cf (46) .235; Ronald Smith rf (45) .213; Robert Titus p (46) .167; Ronald Stratton if (48); Dean Wolf p (46). **Coach - Supt. Long.** Manager – Warren Keagle.

October 12, 1944 Basketball Schedule: Nov. 10 – Shipley, H; Nov. 17 – Fernald, H; Nov. 21 – Baxter, T; Nov. 28 – Maxwell, H; Dec. 1 – Fernald, T; Dec. 8 – Colo, H; Dec. 12 – Rhodes, T; Dec. 15 – Baxter, H; Dec. 22 – Melbourne, H; Jan. 5 – Rhodes, H; Jan. 9 – Slater, T; Jan. 12 – Zearing, H; Jan. 16 – Maxwell, T; Jan. 24-27 Girls County Tournament; Jan. 31-Feb. 3 Boys County Tournament; Feb. 7-10 – Girls Sectional Tournament; Feb. 13 – Colo, T; Feb. 23 – Shipley – T.

Dramatics: Two one-act plays were given by the Dramatics Club last Friday evening, were well presented and provided an enjoyable evening for those attending. The Club wishes to thank the public for the good turnout.

Junior Class Play: Play is "Listen to Leon." **Cast members are:** Bob Titus, Frankie Miller, Laura Sager, Mildred Swanson, Albert Vasey, Patty Fertig, Bernice Hofer, Dick Long. The play is scheduled for presentation Oct. 31.

November 2, 1944 Boys Basketball Practice is going strong. Shipley is the opening game opponent. The State Center **Girls basketball** team came for a practice game with Collins Monday. State Center won 30-26.

November 9, 1944 Agriculture: The Farm Shop boys are continuing concrete work. The crew did a good job on the runway last week. The class is expecting to start a hog house in the near future.

Fifth Grade: Six pupils out of 21 who had 100 in spelling were: Joan Battles, John Carver, John Duesbury, Loretta Hennick, Larry Heintz, Virginia Mead. We enjoyed a Halloween party on Tuesday.

November 16, 1944 The following are the topics to be discussed at the **Collins Farmers Evening School** this winter. The first class will be held Monday evening, November 20. All farmers of the community are invited to attend. November 20 – What Soils Do We Have In This Community and How Do They Compare for Raising the Various Crops? November 27 – What are the Fertility Needs of the Story County Soils? December 4 – How Can Each Farmer Test His Own Soil for Fertility? December 11 – Farm and Home Safety. December 18 – Information Needed To Buy and Use Commercial Fertilizer and Limestone Most Intelligently. January 2 – How Can We Increase Soybean Yields and What Are the Best Varieties? January 8 – Maintaining Alfalfa Stands. January 15 – Agriculture Tariffs, Now and After the War. January 22 – Corn Borer Menace. January 29 – Newest Tips on Beef Cattle Feeding; February 5 – Evening School Banquet.

Basketball: Collins **boys** opened their season with a bang by defeating Shipley, which had them in height, but not in speed. Collins missed 14 of 19 free throws. **Boys Lineup:** Miller (f) – 12 pts; Oswalt (f) – 2 pts; Renfeldt (c) – 5 pts; Marsh (g) – 4 pts; Titus (g) – 1 pt; Pritchard – 6 pts; Holland (g) - 8 pts. Collins **Girls** defeated Shipley 28-20. Half-time score was 13-5. **Lineup:** Pritchard (f) – 15 pts; Fertig (f) – 7 pts; Smith (f) – 6 pts; Crabb (g); Atkinson (g); Luing (g); Coughenour (g); Caulkins (g); Beavers (g); Maxwell (g).

November 23, 1944 Basketball – Collins **boys** 34, Fernald 20. **Boys Lineup:** Miller (f) – 11 pts; Oswalt (f) – 2 pts; Renfeldt (c) – 4 pts; Marsh (g) – 1 pt; Titus (g) – 2 pt; Pritchard – 8 pts; Holland (g) - 6 pts. Fernald defeated Collins **Girls** 31-28. **Lineup:** Pritchard (f) – 10 pts; Fertig (f) – 11 pts; Smith (f) – 7 pts; Crabb (g); Atkinson (g); Luing (g); Coughenour (g); Caulkins (g); Beavers (g); Maxwell (g).

The **Dramatics Club** consisting of 35 members has **elected officers:** Pres. – Marjorie Shearer; Vice Pres. – Marilyn Torry; Sec. – Wanda Anderson. The club decided to donate \$5 to buy new music for our orchestra.

December 7, 1944 Boys Basketball – Collins wins 4th straight game, defeating Maxwell 48-33. **Lineup:** Miller (f) – 17 pts; Oswalt (f) – 2 pts; Renfeldt (c) – 2 pts; Marsh (g) – 9 pts; Titus (g) – 7 pt; Pritchard – 6 pts; Holland (g) - 5 pts.

Girls Basketball - Collins and Maxwell played to a tie game 23-23. **Lineup:** Pritchard (f) – 8 pts; Fertig (f) – 8 pts; Smith (f) – 7 pts; Crabb (g); Atkinson (g); Luing (g); Maxwell (g).

Basketball – Collins Boys Defeated Fernald 66-18. Collins Girls were defeated by Fernald 40-23.

December 14, 1944 Boys Basketball – Collins 22, Colo 17. Half-time score 8-8. **The boys lost their first** regular season game to Rhodes, 36-33. The boys didn't play well, but were ahead until the last minute of the game. **Lineup:** Miller (f) – 17 pts; Oswalt (f) – 2 pts; Renfeldt (c) – 4 pts; Titus (g) – 0 pts; Pritchard (f) – 6 pts; Holland (g) - 4 pts.

Basketball – Girls played to another tie game. Collins 31, Colo 31. **Lineup:** Pritchard (f) – 9 pts; Fertig (f) – 12 pts; Smith (f) – 10 pts; Crabb (g); Atkinson (g); Luing (g); Coughenour (g); Caulkins (g); Beavers (g); Maxwell (g). Rhodes defeated Collins girls 54 – 35.

December 21, 1944 Ag News: A lot of good workmanship has been shown in our **farm shop class** the last few weeks. Some of the nearly completed projects are: Hayrack, livestock loading chute, two feed bunks, and other smaller projects.

Basketball – Collins boys defeated Baxter 41-10. **The girls' team played to their third tie game of this season, Collins 36, Baxter 36.**

January 4, 1945 Basketball – Melbourne defeats Collins **boys** 25-17. Collins **girls** defeat Melbourne 35-18. **Lineup:** Pritchard - 17 pts; Fertig – 0 pts; Smith – 0 pts; Crabb – 14 pts; Atkinson – 4 pts; Luing – 0 pts; Maxwell – 0 pts; Coughenour – 0 pts.

January 11, 1945 Collins boys rolled to an easy victory over Rhodes for their **8th victory of the season – 37-17.** Collins **girls** were defeated by Rhodes 32-20. The half-time score was 17-16 in favor of Collins, but they scored only 3 points in the last half.

Who's Who of Students: Name – Carol Kimberley; Age – 17; Birth date – October 24; Ambition – to get out of school. Favorites: Subject – Typing; Color – Red; Food – Chicken and Noodles; Drink – Coke; Book – A Tree Grows in Brooklyn; Actor – Dennis Morgan; Actress – Rita Hayward; Type of Music – Swing; Song – Swinging on a Star.

Basketball – Collins boys defeated by Zearing 41-35. **Lineup:** Miller (f) – 10 pts; Oswalt (f) – 0 pts; Renfeldt (c) – 5 pts; Marsh (g) – 6 pts; Titus (g) – 9 pt; Pritchard (f) – 1 pt; Holland (g) - 4 pts. **Girls** had one-point loss to Zearing, 28-27. Leading scorers were Crabb – 15 points and Pritchard – 11 points.

January 25, 1945 School Annual: **We are planning to have a school annual. It will be sold at \$1.50 per copy and will contain pictures of all students. One hundred copies must be sold before we can go ahead with the project. Your help is needed.**

Honor Roll: Ninth Grade: Gene Atwood, Dolores Gardener, Darlene Haley, Anna Van Pilsum. **Tenth Grade:** Wanda Anderson, Dorothy Buck, Kathryn Carroll, Donald Huntrods, Joyce Maxwell, Harold Mullihan, Margie Shearer. **Eleventh Grade:** Patty Fertig, Bernice Hofer, Frank Miller, Donald Snyder, Bob Titus. **Twelfth Grade:** Jenalva Elliott, Wanda Huntrods, Carol Kimberley, Curtis Marsh, Russ Oswalt.

Boys Basketball – Collins boys got back into their winning column by defeating their old rival, Maxwell, for the second time this season 47-18. Collins **won their tenth game of the season** by defeating a strong McCallsburg five 32-27. **Lineup:** Miller (f) – 13 pts; Renfeldt (c) – 8 pts; Marsh (g) – 9 pts; Titus (g) – 2 pt; Pritchard (f) – 0 pts. The Collins boys' **reserves** lost to McCallsburg 32-29. Oswalt led the scoring with 12 points.

Girls Basketball – Collins and Maxwell played to a tie time for the second time this season 22 all. This is the 4th tie game Collins girls have played this season. Crabb led the scoring with 12 points, followed by Pritchard with 8 points.

February 1, 1945 Grade School Operetta “The Children of Buttercup Commons” will be given February 6 in the high school auditorium.

Collins **girls** lost in the first round of the **Story County Basketball tournament** to Fernald 37-12. Half-time score was 12-3. (Insert: No box score found)

February 8, 1945 Over 100 persons were in attendance at the Collins Evening School Banquet held in the gymnasium. Thirteen men and 11 women were present at every weekly meeting for perfect attendance. Attendance certificates were awarded to more than 50 men and women who attended 7 or more lessons. **G. F. Holland holds the record for having received certificates for regular attendance at 12 Collins Evening Schools. He also holds the honor of the oldest member of the 44-45 School.**

Boys County Basketball Tournament: Collins defeated Cambridge in the **first round**, 32-24. Collins trailed at half-time 15-14. This is their **11th victory of the season.** **Lineup:** Miller (f) – 15 pts; Oswald (f) – 0 pts; Renfeldt (c) – 2 pts; Marsh (g) – 4 pts; Titus (g) – 2 pt; Pritchard (f) – 5 pts; Holland (g) - 4 pts. Collins lost to Zearing in the **second round**, 33-23. Zearing built up a 10-point margin in the final minutes.

February 15, 1945 Boys Basketball: Steamboat Rock defeated the first team 47-28. Steamboat Rock also won the second team game 40-31.

Girls Sectional Basketball Tournament: White Oak defeated Collins in the **first round** of the Sectional Tournament 31-23. Scoring was Crabb – 8 pts, Pritchard – 7 pts; Fertig – 6 pts; Gardener – 2 pts.

Music News: In case you are wondering what all the weird noises coming from the auditorium these days are – I’ll tell you – **Music Contest** is in the offing (April 6 and 7) and those noises, my friends, are rehearsals. Miss Buck is planning to take mixed chorus, girls’ glee club, boys’ quartet, mixed quartet, girls’ sextet, and several solos.

February 22, 1945 Can You Imagine? Everyone being present at choir? The Senior Boys not having a good time? Sometime getting 100 in a Business Law test? All the Senior Girls going steady?

Basketball: Collins **Boys** 37, Colo 17. **Lineup:** Frank Miller (46) (f) – 16 pts; Russell Oswald (45) (f) – 1 pt; David (Bud) Renfeldt (45) (c) – 6 pts; Curtis Marsh (45) (g) – 2 pts; Robert Titus (46) (g) – 2 pts; Wm. (Bill) Pritchard (45) (f) – 8 pts; Gordon Holland (46) (g) - 2 pts. Other team members: Donald Huntrods (47); Ronnie Halterman (48); Harold (Barney) Mullihan (47); Dean Wolf (46); Ronnie Stratton (48) Collins **Girls** lost to Colo 47-27. **Lineup:** Lois Pritchard (47) (f) – 10 pts; Patricia Fertig (46) (f) – 11 pts; Gloria Smith (45) (f) – 2 pts; Lucile Crabb (45) (g/f) – 3 pts; Doris Atkinson

(45) (g/f) – 1 pt; Betty Luing (45) (g); Ramona Beavers (48) (g); Lois Maxwell (48) (g). Other team members: Betty Coughenour (45); Doris Caulkins (48); Dorothy Buck (47); Dolores Gardner (48).
Coach of boys and girls teams – Supt. R. A. Long.

Cheerleaders: Yvonne Torry (45); Jenalva Elliott (45).

Basketball: Collins **Boys** defeated Farrar, 53-18, for their 13th victory of the season and the last home game of the year. **Lineup:** Miller (f) – 21 pts; Oswalt (f) – 2 pts; Renfeldt (c) – 2 pts; Marsh (g) – 5 pts; Titus (g) – 8 pt; Pritchard (f) – 13 pts; Holland (g) - 2 pts. Collins **Girls** lost to Farrar, 54-28.

Lineup: Pritchard (f) – 9 pts; Fertig (f) – 13 pts; Smith (f) – 0 pts; Crabb (g/f) – 6 pts; Atkinson (g); Luing (g); Beavers (g); Maxwell (g).

Grade News: Primary – We have talked and studied about plants, seeds and bulbs. This week we are doing spring planting in our room and then watch and wait to see what happens. **Fourth Grade** – We have been giving special attention to taking care of our teeth. In bird club, we have finished coloring pictures of the house wren. Patricia Hall is the new president and Dolores Mulligan is secretary.

Basketball: Collins **Boys** lose to Shipley 56 -38 and Collins **Girls** won over Shipley 57-37. **Girls** lineup: Pritchard (f) – 28 pts; Fertig (f) – 12 pts; Smith (f) – 0 pts; Crabb (g/f) – 17 pts; Atkinson (g); Luing (g); Coughenour (g); Maxwell (g).

Girls 44-45 Basketball Season Summary – Collins **won:** Shipley 28-20; Melbourne 35-18; Shipley 57-37. **Tied:** Maxwell 23-23; Colo 31-31; Baxter 36-36; Maxwell 22-22. **Lost to:** Fernald 31-28; Baxter 39-23; Fernald 40-24; Rhodes 54-35; Rhodes 32-20; Slater 33-24; Zearing 28-27; Colo 47-27; Farrar 54-28; in **County Tourney** – Fernald 37-12; **Sectional Tourney** – White Oak 31-23.
Season Record: Three victories, **four games tied** – **all time school record**, eleven games lost.

The girls basketball squad members: Lois Pritchard (47) f; Patty Fertig (46) f; Gloria Smith (45) f; Lucille Crabb (45) g; Doris Atkinson (45) g; Betty Luing (45) g; Betty Coughenour (45) g; Doris Caulkins (48) g; Ramona Beavers (48) g; Lois Maxwell (48) g; Dorothy Buck (47) g; Dolores Gardner (48) g. **Coach** – Supt. Long. **Team Manager** – Helen Caulkins (45).

Cheerleaders: Yvonne Torry (45); Jenalva Elliott (45).

March 8, 1945 Funeral services were held at the Collins Church of Christ last Saturday for the late **Miss Clara Signs whose death** occurred March 1. The pallbearers were school board members: L. D. Holland, C. E. Fish, Ernest Hofer, C. W. Keagle, D. W. Hubbard, and Supt. Long. Miss Signs was born south of Mingo, May 21, 1887. During her girlhood, she moved with her parents to Collins and graduated from Collins high school in 1907. She attended Drake University and Highland Park College in Des Moines to prepare for the teaching profession. After teaching two years in country schools of this community, **she accepted a position as Elementary Grade teacher, and in a few years, becoming seventh and eighth grade (Junior High) teacher in the Collins Public School, for approximately 35 years. Her greatest interest in life was her teaching and she became widely known with junior high pupils.**

Boys' Basketball: Collins **boys** lost to White Oak in the **Sectional tournament** at Nevada 36-25.

Lineup: Miller (f) – 10 pts; Oswalt (f) – 0 pts; Renfeldt (c) – 11 pts; Marsh (g) – 2 pts; Titus (g) – 2 pt; Pritchard (f) – 0 pts; Holland (g) - 0 pts.

Boys Basketball Season Summary – Collins **won:** Shipley 38-22; Fernald 34-20; Baxter 31-21; Maxwell 48-23; Fernald 66-18; Colo 22-17; Baxter 41-10; Rhodes 37-17; Maxwell 47-18; McCallsburg 32-17; Colo 37-17; Farrar 53-18; **County Tourney** – Cambridge 32-24. **Lost to:** Dowling (Des Moines) 49-21; Rhodes 36-33; Melbourne 25-17; Slater 58-35; Zearing 41-35; Steamboat Rock 47-28; Shipley 38-36; **County Tourney-** Zearing 33-23; **Sectional Tourney** - White Oak 36-25. **Season Record:** Thirteen victories, nine games lost.

Boys Basketball team members and individual scoring: Frank Miller (46) f - 290;

David (Bud) Renfeldt (45) c - 118; Wm. (Bill) Pritchard (45) f – 106; Curtis Marsh (45) g – 88;

Robert (Bob) Titus (46) g – 67; Gordon Holland (46) g – 63; Russell Oswalt (45) f – 35;

Ronald Halterman (48) f – 8; Dean Wolf (46) f - 6; Harold Mullihan (47) g; Ronald Stratton (48) g.

Coach – Supt. Long. Team Manager – Warren Keagle (45). **Cheerleaders:** Yvonne Torry (45);

Jenalva Elliott (45).

Girls' school basketball tournament – The girls have been divided into six teams. The captain of each team is a first-string player and there is a second-string player on each team. A game is played each day. To date each team has played three games.

Personality of the Week – Name – John Patterson; Age 17; Ambition – to own and operate a 200 acre farm; Favorites: Actors – Abbot and Castello; Actress – Judy Garland; Movie – A Soldier for Dinner; Food – Chicken; Drink – Fountain Coke; Book – Deep Silver; Song – Opus One by Tommy Dorsey; Subject – Farm Shop; Sport – Baseball; Past time – Dancing.

Voc Ag – The Farm Crops Class of the Voc Ag department has set up a **laboratory to test seed for farmers** of the community. The class will test oats, soybeans, corn, or legume seeds for germination. A charge of 15 cents per sample. All persons wishing tests please bring or send at least one pound of seed.

March 15, 1945 Voters of the School District cast 24 ballots for re-election of C. E. Fish and C. W. Keagle as Board Members for three years. J. R. Witmer was re-elected as Treasurer. Other Board Members are L. D. Holland, Ernest Hofer, D. W. Hubbard and Mrs. O. M. Serbein as Secretary.

Honor Roll Ninth – Gene Atwood, Alma Bach, Doris Caulkins, Dolores Gardner, Darlene Haley, Lois Maxwell, Anna Van Pilsum. **Tenth** – Wanda Anderson, Ramona Beavers, Dorothy Buck, Katherine Carroll, Donald Huntrods, Joyce Maxwell, Harold Mullihan, Carolyn Partridge, Margie Shearer, Gerald Wood. **Eleventh** – Patty Fertig, Bernice Hofer, Frank Miller, Donald Snyder, Bob Titus, Albert Vasey. **Twelfth** – Doris Atkinson, Russ Beavers, Helen Caulkins, Wanda Huntrods, Carol Kimberley, Curt Marsh, Russ Oswalt, Leola Harris.

Students of the Week – Our Mixed Quartet is made up of four seniors: Bud Renfeldt, Curt Marsh, Wanda Huntrods, and Helen Elliott. The group has song together for some time, singing for special occasions, union services, and graduations.

Baseball Schedule – April 5th – Ames T; 10th - Maxwell T; 13th – Roland T; 26th – Ames H. May 5, 7, 8 – Sectional Tournament. May 18th – Roland H.

Track There are about 30 boys out this spring for track, first year of this sport.

Sixth Grade – All members of the class had 100 in the Wednesday Spelling Class, so we didn't have to take the Friday test. On Friday during the regular Spelling period, Delbert Neece and Nora Neale chose up sides for a spell down. Phyllis Baker, on Nora's team, was the winner.

March 22, 1945 Ambitions – Gloria Smith – Beauty Operator; Dean Wolf – Farming; Max Dodd – Own an Airplane; Gene Van Pilsum – Mechanic; Dick Long – Own a Hardware; Rex Beavers – Sailor; Joyce Maxwell – Photographer; Helen Caulkins – Office Worker; Millie Swanson – Attend A. I. B.; Ronnie Stratton – Farming; Gene Atwood – Farming; Marlin Long – Marines; Bob Baker – “B” in Algebra; Donald Gilley – Rich; Frank Miller – Travel; Earl Evans – Play baseball for New York Giants and Own a burlesque show; Jenny Elliott – Central Telephone Operator; Doris Atkinson – Office Worker; Naomi Varce – Missionary.

Dr. Richardson received his first allotment of penicillin, which has been available to civilians through retail channels only since March 10, 1945. [Insert 2004: This is a medical milestone in human healthcare.]

March 29, 1945 School Optic Editorial – Vacation time will soon be here. There are all kinds of jobs waiting for you. Boys and girls are needed very badly to work on the farms since all of the farm boys are entering the service. So do your bit and get a job on someone's farm. Help isn't needed only on the farms, but in the various factories, too. So come on kids, don't be slackers, do your part and go to work during the summer and help to win the war.

Second and Third Grade News – We had several interesting science experiments the past week in connection with our unit about water. One experiment proved that things dissolve and the other proved that plants absorb water.

April 5, 1945 Assembly – A very interesting talk was given by Dale Peer, our former Principal and Mathematics teacher. He told us of his experiences while he was oversees in Africa and Italy. He expressed hope that he would be with us again as soon as possible teaching CHS students.

Firth Grade – We enjoyed Virginia Mead's annual Easter party. Each desk was decorated with a little Easter Basket with the ice cream and cake served on little Easter plates.

April 12, 1945 Music News – The Collins Music Groups returned from the **Preliminary State Contest** held in Marshalltown last Friday and Saturday with big smiles on their faces. The Mixed Chorus came through very nicely with a **rating of “1.” This means the Mixed Chorus is eligible to compete in the State Mixed Chorus contest at Creston April 27th**; that is, if transportation is available for these 32 students. The next five entries: Girls Sextet, Girls Glee Club, Mixed Quartet, Contralto Solo and Soprano Solo, each rated a “2.” The Boys Quartet rated a “3.”

The final round of the **Girls School Basketball Tournament** was played, Panthers defeating the Coyotes for the title, 29 to 18. Teams participating – Fertig’s Foxes; Pritchard’s Panthers; Crabb’s Coyotes; Smith’s Skunks; Maxwell’s Mud Hens; Atkinson’s Ant Eaters.

Can you imagine – All of us coming to school Monday morning wide awake and feeling ambitious? The freshman boys all knowing what the assignment is?

April 19, 1945 The Senior Class Play is a farce-comedy in three acts, “Let Me Out of Here.” **The Cast is:** Carol Kimberley, Jennie Elliott, Rex Beavers, Bill Pritchard, Helen Caulkins, Russ Oswald, Bud Renfeldt, Lucille Crabb, Helen Elliott, Max Dodd.

Baseball Team won their first game of the season, defeating Maxwell 6–2. Titus went all the way on the mound for Collins, allowing only two hits while striking out 13. **Lineup:** Pritchard – lf – 1 hit; Miller – cf – 0 hits; Renfeldt – 1b – 1 hit; Oswald – ss – 1 hit; Marsh 3b – 0 hit; Evans - rf – 0 hit; Holland – c – 0 hits; Stratton 2b – 0 hits; Titus – p – 1 hit.

Girls’ P.T. Class has been divided into two classes – 7th, 8th and 9th grades meet on Tuesday and Thursday; the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades meet on Monday and Wednesday. Teams have been chosen for each class.

Second and Third Grade News – Marilyn Carver has been reading us a nursery rhyme book. It has rhymes about Jack Spratt, Peter Pieper, Old King Cole, and some riddles (Reda Smith). We have been studying about coal in geography. Now we are studying about natural gas (Dale Derby).

April 26, 1945 The 1945 Co-Hawks High School Annual is being completed and is expected to be ready for distribution next week. The annual consists of 31 pages and is published by the **“Co-Hawks” staff of Collins High School: Wanda Huntrods (Editors), Patty Fertig, Jenalva Elliott, Yvonne Torry, Carol Kimberley, Helen Caulkins, Curt Marsh, Frank Miller, Leola Harris, Doris Atkinson, Bernice Hofer, Russell Oswald, David (Bud) Rendfelt. Miss Barger – Faculty Sponsor. The annual is dedicated to the boys who are graduates of the local school and are now serving in the armed forces.** A picture of the late Miss Clara Signs, Junior High Teacher, for 34 years is on page 3. Sale of the annual was by advance subscription and very few additional copies will be available.

School Choir Members: Max Dodd, Rex Beavers, Dick Smith, Bernice Hofer, Colleen Moore, JoAnn Fertig, Lois Maxwell, Anna Van Pilsum, Norma Vasey, Dean Wolf, Wanda Huntrods, Dolores Gardner, Dorothy Buck, Lucille Crabb, Doris Caulkins, Margie Shearer, Doris Atkinson, Beverly Liggett,

Chris Buck, Dick Cory, Albert Vasey, Harold Mullihan, John Patterson, Helen Caulkins, Darlene Haley, Lois Elliott, Arleen Brown, Kathleen Kitchen, LaVon Johnson, Alma Bach, Curtis Marsh, Russell Oswalt, Donald Huntrods. Charles Hofer, Beverly Moore, Lois Pritchard, Patty Fertig, Wanda Anderson, Katherine Carroll, Burrel Browns, Donald Williams, Richard Moses, Marilyn Torry, Kathryn Coughenour, Joyce Tomlinson, Arlene Baker. Faculty members in the choir: Miss Fenn, Miss Bressler, Miss Buck, Miss Barger, Miss Robinson.

The choir increased from forty voices to sixty-five. All the members are robed. **The choir has appeared in several neighboring towns, Nevada three times and Madrid once.** The choir sang every Sunday evening at the Union services and once every month the members were called upon to give the complete service. **Mrs. Browns was the pianist and Supt. Long the director.**

Many of the above school choir members were also members of the **girls' glee club** with 34 members, and the **mixed chorus** with 31 members.

Band Members: Dick Smith, Patty Fertig, Leola Harris, John Patterson, Max Dodd, Albert Vasey, Darlene Haley, Wanda Anderson, Dorothy Buck, Richard Moses, Donald Snyder, Lois Maxwell, Carolyn Partridge, Lane Rice, Dean Wolf, Burrel Browns, Chris Buck, Bernice Hofer. **Band director - Miss Buck.** (18 members)

Dramatic Club Members: Kathryn Coughenour, Marilyn Torry, Beverly Liggett, LaVon Johnson, Alma Bach, Ramona Beavers, Lois Pritchard, Helen Elliott, Norma Vasey, Jerry Wood, Warren Keagle, Marian Wood, Romaine Milligan, Doris Ball, Anna Van Pilsum, Margie Shearer, Dorothy Buck, Rex Beavers, Gene Stoneberg, Doris Caulkins, Wanda, Dolores Gardner, Bernice Ball, Shirley Johnson, Bill Luing, Jack Moore, Albert Vasey, Carolyn Partridge, Faye Duncan, Donald Snyder, Max Dodd, Jenalva Elliott, Dean Kitchen, Oscar Duncan. **Director - Mrs. Shatwell.** (34 members)

May 19, 1945 The first high school prom by the students of the Collins School with the alumni as their special guests was sponsored by the Juniors and Seniors on the evening of May 15. The gymnasium was nicely decorated in school colors of blue and white. A raised platform with a background of blue and white stars was arranged for the orchestra. Jim Crosby's orchestra of Marshalltown played for the dancing. About 120 were present and everyone felt they had a fine time.

May 22, 1945 A community picnic on May 18 brought the school year to a happy close. The picnic was so successful that from now on, it is to be a **part of the annual commencement activities.** There were **more than 500 present for the basket dinner** and nearly as many stayed for the band concert and presentation of awards that took place in the auditorium at 1:00 P.M.

The **band**, Miss Bette Buck, music supervisor, played several numbers and their fine music put the large crowd in just the right frame of mind for presenting of awards. The presentation of letters and other awards was by Supt. R. A. Long, Mrs. Irene Browns of the faculty and C. E. Fish, of the school board. **Awards** were as follows:

Boys Basketball Letters: David Renfeldt (Captain) (45) (c), Curtis Marsh (45) (g), Bill Pritchard (45) (f), Russ Oswald (46) (f), Bob Titus (46) (g), Gordon Holland (46) (g), Frank Miller (46) (f). Pennants were given to cheerleaders Dick Halterman (47), Bill Noring, and student manager Warren Keagle (46).

Girls Basketball Letters: Lucille Crabb (Captain) (45) (g), Gloria Smith (45) (f), Doris Atkinson (45) (g), Betty Luing (45) (g), Betty Coughenour (45) (g), Patty Fertig (46) (f), Joyce Maxwell (47) (f), Lois Pritchard (47) (f). Pennants were given to student manager Helen Caulkins (45) and cheerleaders Jenelva Elliott (45), and Yvonne Tory (45).

Baseball Letters: David Renfeldt (45) (1b), Bill Pritchard (45) (rf), Bob Titus (46) (p), Frank Miller (46) (cf), Earl Evans (46) (c), Gordon Holland (46) (lf), Ronald Stratton (48) (2b), Ronald Smith. Captains Russ Oswald (45) (ss) and Curtis Marsh (45) (3b).

Gold Metals for Scholarship and Activities: Wanda Huntrods, David Renfeldt.

Point System Pins: Wanda Huntrods, Curtis Marsh, David Renfeldt, Leola Harris, Russ Oswald.

Band Letters: (Note – this is duplicate from page 237) Dick Smith, Max Dodd, Albert Vasey, Richard Moses, Bernice Hofer, Dean Wolf, Joyce Maxwell, Chris Buck, Donald Snyder, Darlene Haley, Wanda Anderson, Beryl Browns, Lane Rice, John Patterson, Carolyn Partridge.

Signs Trophy for Citizenship, Activities, and Scholarship: Wanda Huntrods, David Renfeldt.

Bus Drivers: George Adkins, Ray Coughenour, Vern Halterman, Byron Keagle.

Senior Class: Warren Keagle, class president, presented the school with a fine cabinet for their stage equipment.

Class Will was read by senior vice-pres. Jenelva Elliott.

The day closed with a **baseball game**, Collins boys defeating Maxwell, which made the day about perfect for all.

May 23, 1945 Commencement Exercises for the Class of 1945 were held on May 17 in the high school auditorium. The **entire program was presented by the graduates**. The auditorium was filled to overflowing and their response to each number proved this type of program was a big success.

The program: Processional; Invocation – Rev. Varce; Solo – Helen Elliott; Class History – Warren Keagle. Mixed Quartette – Helen Prescott, Wanda Huntrods, David Renfeldt, Curtis Marsh; What Makes America Tick? – Leola Harris; Solo – John Patterson; “Beyond Victory” – Curtis Marsh, Mixed Chorus (Class); “With Thought of Tomorrow” – Wanda Huntrods; Presentation of Eighth Grade Diplomas – Mrs. Shatwell; Presentation of Class of 1945 – Supt. R. A. Long; Presentation of Diplomas – L. D. Holland, Pres. of the school board; Benediction – Rev. Manning; Recessional.

The 23 members of the **graduating class** are: Doris Atkinson, Bernice Ball, Rex Beavers, Helen Caulkins, Betty Coughenour, Lucille Crabb, Max Dodd, Jenalva Elliott, Leola Harris, Wanda Huntrods, Byron Keagle, Carol Kimberley, Beverly Kitchen, Betty Luing, Curtis Marsh, Russell Oswald, John Patterson, Helen Prescott, William Pritchard, David Renfeldt, Gloria Smith, Yvonne Torry, Naomi Varce. The seniors have chosen as they motto: “We have crossed the bay, the ocean lies before us.” The class flower is the Talisman Rose, and the colors, Old Gold and Royal Blue.

September 1, 1945 Story County School Administrators Association met in the Story Hotel at Nevada for business/dinner last evening. The administrators’ group had 100% attendance with several new members in the group. During the business session with L. E. Smith, President presiding, plans for

improvement of instruction for the school year were discussed. The group voted to hold the Story County boys and girls basketball tournaments in the Nevada school field house.

September 8, 1945 The Collins Consolidated School opened Monday morning. An **enrollment of near 235** was reported and enthusiasm was running high. The school building and grounds have undergone a thorough cleaning during the summer. A very fine faculty was on the job for the opening of school. **The faculty and their residences:** R. A. Long – Supt., at Collins home; Miss Helen Barger – Principal and Commercial, at Rev. Manning home; Miss Bette Buck – English and Music, at L. M. Hall home; Aber Klaaren – Agriculture, at Collins home; Mrs. Ethel Shattwell – English, at Alice Burney home; Mrs. Irene Browns – Social Science, at S. W. Inman home; Miss Myrtha Finn – Junior High, at C. E. Fish home; Mrs. Vera Vasey – 6th Grade, at Collins home; Mrs. Mabel Osborn – 5th Grade, at Alice Burney home; Mrs. Anna Moses – 4th Grade, at Collins home; Miss Cheryl Bressler – 3rd Grade, at A. W. Kracht home; Miss Helen Curtis – 2nd Grade, at Ora Hanson home; Miss Hope Robinson – Kindergarten and 1st Grade at Rev. Manning home.

October 11, 1945 Dale Peer of Atlantic, Iowa, who was recently discharged from the army, arrived in Collins Friday afternoon and **will take up his duties as Principal and Mathematics teacher** in the Collins School. Mr. Peer was teacher in the local school at the time of his enlistment.

December 20, 1945 The South Story County Conference Basketball Tournament at Maxwell.

First round - The Huxley **girls** jumped into a 16-8 lead in the first quarter, half-time score 28-10 and final score of Huxley 53, **Collins girls** 28. **Lineup:** Patty Fertig – 8 pts.; Joyce Maxwell – 4 pts.; Lois Pritchard – 8 pts; Dorothy Buck – 0 pts.; Dee Gardner – 6 pts.; Wanda Anderson – 2 pts. Ramona Beavers (g); Carol Atwood (g); Romaine Milligan (g); Doris Caulkins (g); Lois Maxwell (g); Darlene Haley (g).

First round - The strong Shipley **boys'** team defeated Collins 37-25. **Collins boys** gave Shipley a battle royal in the game, although Shipley held a slight margin throughout. Shipley led 9-7 in the first quarter, 16-12 at the half, and went on to win 37-25. **Lineup:** Frank Miller (f) 14 pts.; Bob Titus (f) 5 pts.; Gordon Holland (c) 4 pts.; Donald Huntruds (g) 0 pts.; Earl Evans (g) 2 pts.; Ronald Stratton (g) 0 pts.; Ronald Halterman (f) 0 pts.; Marlin Long (c) 0 pts.; Gene Atwood (f) 0 pts., Bob Baker (g) 0 pts.; Dean Wolf (f) 0 pts.

January 24, 1946 The Story County Girls Basketball Tournament – in spite of extremely disagreeable weather, basketball fans jammed the Roland and Maxwell field houses last evening for the **first round** of the girls county basketball tournament. The final two rounds will move into the larger Nevada field house on Friday and Saturday night. Playing at Maxwell **Collins girls** defeated Cambridge 38-20 in **first round** game. Collins jumped to a 12-9 first quarter lead, increased the lead to 30-11 at half time, and went on to win 38-20. **Lineup:** Patty Fertig – 10 pts.; Joyce Maxwell – 0 pts.; Lois Pritchard – 20 pts; Dorothy Buck – 0 pts.; Dee Gardner – 8 pts.; Wanda Anderson – 0 pts. Ramona Beavers (g); Carol Atwood (g); Romaine Milligan (g); Doris Caulkins (g); Lois Maxwell (g); Darlene Haley (g). **Second round** - Slater's high-scoring combination defeated **Collins girls** in game at Maxwell in spite of the long-range marksmanship of Patty Fertig, Collins forward, who hit 9 field goals from far out on the court. Slater led 12-7 in the opening quarter, 24-13 at half and went on to win 41-25. **Lineup:** Patty

Fertig – 18 pts.; Joyce Maxwell – 0 pts.; Lois Pritchard – 6 pts; Dorothy Buck – 0 pts.; Dee Gardner – 1 pt.; Wanda Anderson – 0 pts. Ramona Beavers (g); Carol Atwood (g); Romaine Milligan (g); Doris Caulkins (g); Lois Maxwell (g).

February 8, 1946 Capacity crowds jammed into the Colo and Maxwell gymnasiums for the **girls sectional basketball tournament**. Fans attending the **Maxwell sectional** were treated to two real thrillers when Rhodes and Farrar narrowly defeated their opponents. Rhodes, one of the stronger clubs in central Iowa, found they had a real job on their hands in eliminating the battling **Collins sextet** 31-30. (Insert 2005: Lineup not found.)

February 25, 1946 **The Collins PTA** held their regular February meeting. The business session was preceded by a potluck supper and followed by a program by the grade school pupils under the direction of their teachers. This was the first time this year that the school children were asked to furnish the PTA program, so they made the most of the opportunity. A large crowd was present for both the supper and program. The evening was most enjoyable.

Boys Sectional Basketball Tournament at Nevada School Fieldhouse: First round - Collins defeated Cambridge after losing three games to them earlier in the season.

Second round – Collins defeated Colo

Final round – Collins defeated Fernald for the **sectional championship - the first boys' sectional basketball championship in school history**. (Insert 2005: No box score on the games found.)

District Tournament. Collins team lost to Bondurant in the first round. Starting five throughout the season: Frank Miller (46) (f), Bob Titus (46) (f), Gordon Holland (46) (c), Donald Huntrods (47) (g), Earl (46) (g). (Insert 2005: No box scores found.)

Added sidelight – 18-month waiting period for new automobiles.

April 6, 1946 Preliminary State Music Contest Placings. Collins Placings: Girls Trio - No. II rating; Girls Glee Club – No. II rating; Mixed Chorus – No. II rating; Clarinet Solo – Joyce Maxwell – No. II rating.

May 2, 1946 Collins School Optic Staff: Editor – Bernice Hofer; Asst. Editor – Joyce Maxwell; Grade News – Mildred Swanson; Sports – Donald Huntrods; Typists – Donald Snyder, Joyce Maxwell, Bernice Hofer, Mildred Swanson.

Graduation week in Collins begins May 12 with baccalaureate service at the Church of Christ with Rev. Varce giving the address. May 12 is the big social event of the year with the Junior-Senior prom being held in the high school gymnasium. Jerry Sherman and his orchestra furnishing the music. Admission is 75 cents per person. Thursday night will be commencement in the high school auditorium. The speaker will be John Marston, Head of the Department of Journalism, Drake University. The second annual community picnic will be held Friday, May 17. A grade school exhibit will be open to the public from 11 to 3. A picnic dinner will be served at 12 noon. Everyone is urged to bring their basket and

attend. After that there will be a brief band concert followed by presentation of awards. The day will be completed with a baseball game between Collins and Colo.

South Story Six Conference Baseball Tournament. Collins defeated Slater 2-0 in the **opening round**. Titus was pitcher and Evans catcher. **Lineup:** Ronald Stratton (48) (ss) 1 hit; Dick Halterman (47) (of) 1 hit; Frank Miller (46) (1b) 2 hits; Earl Evans (46) (c) 0 hits; Gordon Holland (46) (of) 1 hit; Bob Titus (46) (p) 1 hit; George Tiffany (48) (of) 2 hits; Dick Keagle (46) (2b) 0 hits; Ronald Halterman (48) (3b) 0 hits. **Second round** - Collins defeated Cambridge 7 – 0 with Dean Wolf (46) doing a fine job of pitching and Evans catching. Jennings pitched and McHone caught for Cambridge. **Lineup:** Stratton 0 hits; D. Halterman 1 hit; Miller 2 hits; Evans 1 hit; Holland 1 hit; Wolf 0 hits; Tiffany 1 hit; Keagle 1 hit; R. Halterman 1 hit.

Finals - Maxwell won over Collins 14-13. Maxwell took a 10-0 lead in the first inning with Collins coming back to tie Maxwell 13-13 in the last inning. Maxwell's winning run was in the bottom of the 7th inning. Titus pitched and Evans caught. **Lineup:** Stratton 1 hit; D. Halterman 0 hits; Miller 1 hit; Evans 0 hits; Holland 1 hit; Titus 1 hit; Tiffany 1 hit; Keagle 0 hits; R. Halterman 0 hits.

The local **Vocational Ag** boys attended a **Dairy Judging school** with 17 other schools at the Newton High School. Particularly interesting was the tour through the building and dairy barns on the **Maytag Holstein farm** to observe one of the finest Holstein dairy herds in the middle west. The **Voc Ag boys have been busy setting out trees on the school grounds. Two rows of trees (27) have been planted along the east side of the grounds.**

Collins' Baseball Team defeated Maxwell 11-2, giving Collins the season edge with two victories and one loss. Maxwell defeated Collins the previous week 14-13 in the **conference** tournament game. (Insert 2005: No box score found)

On April 26 the juniors, seniors and faculty saw the fulfillment of their **Junior-Senior Banquet** plans on arriving at the **Commodore Hotel in Des Moines**. We were delighted when we saw the luxurious lobby and our own beautifully decorated banquet table in the hotel's ballroom. Three little cowboys stood on each table. On the ends of each table were black coyotes against big, yellow paper moons. Place cards were tiny boots cut from fiberboard. Forty-five attended; the juniors, seniors, and junior-senior faculty. The theme of the very interesting program was "The Last Roundup:" Toastmistress – Carolyn Partridge; "First Brandings" - Dorothy Buck; "Headin' for the Last Roundup" - Donald Snyder; "Along the Trail" - Harold Mullihan; "Get Along Little Doggie" - Supt. R. A. Long; Music - junior girls sextet – "Riding the Wrong Trail." After the program, everyone was given a rose to wear home. When the banquet ended we attended the Orpheum theater where the juniors provided tickets for all to see "From This Day Forward." (Insert 2005: Second out-of-town junior-senior banquet)

Grade News: Third - In language, we have been learning how to give book reports, both written and oral. **Fourth** - We are finishing our history books this week and having a world review in geography, studying the heat zones. **Fifth** - Our study of South America has just begun.

May 9, 1946 Sectional Baseball Tournament held at Collins. **First round** - Collins defeated Colo 3-1, scoring three runs on four hits. Bob Titus pitched, allowing only one hit and Earl Evans caught.

Semi-final - defeated Farrar 6-1.

Final round - defeated State Center 6-1 for the **second straight year on winning the sectional tournament**. Bob Titus pitched for Collins striking out 11, walked 2, allowed 3 hits and Evans was the catcher. **Lineup**: Stratton 1 hit; Miller 1 hit; Evans 2 hits; Holland 2 hits; Titus 1 hit; Tiffany 0 hits; Keagle 1 hit; R. Halterman 0 hits; Wolf 1 hit.

May 16, 1946 The Annual High School Prom, held in the gymnasium Monday night, was a big success in the way of attendance and enjoyment. The Jerry Sherman orchestra from Marshalltown furnished the music for dancing. The gym was attractively decorated with the class colors and baskets of flowers. Alumni of the Collins School were invited guests.

Track - Collins took third place with 34 points in the County meet held at Ames. Star performers for Collins, Ronnie Stratton placing 1st in the mile run with 4.55 and 1st in the 880 yard run – 2.12. Earl Evans took first in the shot put with 36 feet 10 inches and also 5th in the discus. Harold (Barney) Mullihan placed 4th in the broad jump and Dean Wolf tied for 1st in the high jump and was 5th in the 880 yard run. Gene Atwood placed 5th in the 120 yard hurdles.

District baseball tournament held at the Collins Park. Collins was eliminated in the **first round** by North High of Des Moines 5-0. Des Moines pitcher hurled hitless ball and Titus of Collins allowed only three hits. North High made three of their runs in the second inning with Collins' errors being the undoing. Collins team had an excellent season record: Won 12 and lost 2 (both in tournament games), among best in school history.

North High carried off top honors by defeating Radcliffe 2-1 in ten innings. North High reached the finals in the state tournament, losing 1-0. The team had an outstanding pitcher who was signed by the Los Angeles (Brooklyn) Dodgers baseball organization. (Insert 2005: No dividing of schools by enrollment)

May 23, 1946 Commencement exercises for the class of 1946, Collins High School, were held in the school auditorium. A very large crowd was present with the main auditorium and adjoining classrooms crowded. A **new feature, which attracted many people, was the 8th Grade Graduation** that followed the Senior High Graduation.

Program: Processional – Irene Browns; Invocation – Rev. Duane Manning; Girls Quintet – “Gionina Mia;” Shirley Wilson – “Let My Song Fit Your Heart;” John Marston, Drake University – Holding onto Realities in Today’s Revolution; Girls Trio – “I’ll See You Again;” Presentation of Class of 1946 by Supt. Long; Awarding of Diplomas by L. D. Holland, Pres. of the school board; **Class Role** – Mabel Coates, Earl Evans, Patty Fertig, Bernice Hofer, Gordon Holland, Dick Keagle, Dick Long, Frank Miller, Laura Sager, Donald Snyder, Mildred Swanson, Bob Titus, Eugene Van Pilsum, Albert Vasey, Dean Wolf. Class Motto: “Not Famous, but Faithful;” Presentation of 8th Grade – Myrtha Finn; Awarding of Diplomas – Supt. Long; Invocation – Rev. Duane Manning; Recessional – Irene Browns.

May 23, 1946 The school year ended at Collins Friday with a big community picnic. From point of attendance and interest, it was more than a picnic; **it was an old fashioned homecoming.** The festivities started with **grade school exhibits** open to the public from 11:00 A.M. through 3:00 P.M. The exhibit consisted of examples of regular schoolwork throughout the school year and displayed so the progress of the pupils could be easily determined. The **basket dinner** was served in the gymnasium with an abundance of food of all kinds. The dinner was followed by a **band concert** from 1:00 to 1:30 P.M. The next event was the **presentation of the awards**, which took an hour or more and the large audience was thrilled by the achievements of the young people of the school.

Band awards presented by Mrs. Bette (Buck) Miller, music instructor: Duane Harris, Dean Wolf (46), Bernice Hofer (46), Dick Smith (49), Richard Moses (49), Albert Vasey (46), Max Liggett (51), Donald Snyder (46), Joyce Maxwell (47), Beryl Browns, Lane Rice (50), Darlene Haley (48), and George Tiffany (48).

Senior class prophesy – Albert Vasey. **Class Will** – Robert Titus. **Class History** – Dean Wolf.

Girls Basketball Letters, Helen Barger, Assist. Coach. Patty Fertig (Captain) (46) (f), Lois Pritchard (Co-captain) (47) (f), Delores Gardner (48) (f), Frances Maxwell (47) (f), Wanda Anderson (47) (f), Lois Maxwell (48) (g), Doris Caulkins (48) (g), Romaine Milligan (47) (g), Carol Atwood (50) (g), Mildred Swanson (46) (g), and Ramona Beavers (48) (g).

Boys Basketball Letters by Supt. R. A. Long (Coach): Frank Miller (Captain) (46) (f), Robert Titus (Co-captain) (46) (f), Earl Evans (46) (g), Ronald Stratton (48) (g), Gordon Holland (46) (c), Donald Huntrods (47) (g) and Robert Baker (48).

Honor Students by Dale Peer, Principal: Valedictorian – Donald Snyder; Salutatorian – Bernice Hofer.

The Senior Class gift to the school, a public address system, was presented by Frank Miller.

Baseball Letters by Supt. Long (Coach): Earl Evans (Captain) (46) (c), Gordon Holland (Co-captain) (46) (cf), Ronald Stratton (48) (2b), Ronald Halterman (48) (ss), George Tiffany (48) (1b), Dick Halterman (47) (lf), Dean Wolf (46) (lf) and Robert Titus (46) (p).

Track Letters by Supt. Long (Coach): Ronald Stratton (48), Dean Wolf (46), Earl Evans (46), Bob Baker (48), Harold Mullihan (47) and Bob Apker.

Cheerleaders by Miss Barger: Carolyn Partridge (47), Margie Shearer (47), Shirley Johnson (47) and Kathryn Coughenour (47).

Honor Pins by Mrs. Irene Browns: Frank Miller, Robert Titus, Patty Fertig and Bernice Hofer. A point system by which high school students may earn as high as 200 points in the four years has been in effect for several years. These points are based on scholarship, citizenry, activities and athletics. **The pins are awarded in the senior year.**

Gold Medals for Scholastic and Athletic Ability by A. M. Klaaren (Voc. Ag.): Donald Snyder, Frank Miller and Patty Fertig. The names selected by the faculty to be **engraved on the Signs Trophy**: Robert Titus and Bernice Hofer. This trophy was presented to the school by the late Miss Clara Signs who taught in Collins School for over 30 years.

Supt. Long thanked the **bus drivers** for faithful performance of their duties and had them stand to receive recognition. The program ended by singing “God Bless America.” The baseball game between Colo and Collins was cancelled because of rain. Businesses in Collins closed from 11:00 A.M. through 3:00 P.M. in order that all could enjoy this picnic.

(Insert - October 2005) Letter from 1946 Graduate:

World War II was on during a large part of my high school years. We had rationing of gas, tires, etc., and it continued for quite some time. I remember going in private cars to out-of-town basketball games. We weren't allowed to use the school buses. Our basketball uniform had no zippers, only buttons. I treasure my high school years. We had no luxuries, but it made us more appreciative of the little things. It was a long, hard, war and at times, the news was very bleak. Our little sacrifice was nothing compared to what our armed forces were enduring. We had two from our class who left and joined the service, since they were old enough, and didn't graduate with us; (Ronald Smith and William Noring).

I carried good grades; otherwise, my parents would not have allowed me to participate in so many school activities. I switched to guard position in basketball in my junior and senior years. I wasn't very big, but was quick and fast and made the second team All-Story County Conference. Back then, you played half court and were allowed only one dribble, but it was fun. ~Pat (Fertig) Caulkins (1946)

(Insert - October 2005) Letter from 1946 Graduate:

I thought we had some very good teachers and the school board, parents, and whole community were all involved in having an excellent school. We did miss some trips and activities because of the war, but all schools had the same problem. Our class is one of the smallest in school and the only one entitled to a service flag with two stars: One for Roland Smith, and another for William Noring. Dick Long, Dean Wolf, Donald Snyder, Albert Vasey, and possibly others, served in the armed forces. I enjoyed going to Collins school (went to Melbourne until the fourth grade) and look forward to the alumni banquets. Pat (Fertig) Caulkins and I are thinking about our 60th Alumni Anniversary coming up. Seven class members have passed on. We had a real nice reunion for our 50th and Earl Evans did a nice introduction of our class. ~Bernice (Hofer) Huntrods (1946).

August 15, 1946 Collins Schools open Monday September 2nd at 9:00 A.M. The school buildings have been entirely refinished, even the tops of the desks in the grade building. **Walker Smith, custodian** has done a splendid job putting the whole school in top condition. The **bus routes** will be similar to last year. **Mr. Byron Keagle has overhauled each bus. Hot lunches** will be served again this year with price increase from 12 cents to 17 cents. **The cooks are: Mrs. Mabel Atkinson, Mrs. Hazel Johnston, Mrs. Ardel Baker, and Mrs. Myra Vasey.** The **second annual "kickoff dinner"** will be held Friday evening, September 6. This will be a pot luck dinner with program following. Everyone in the community is especially urged to attend and help officially open the new school year. **Faculty:** R. A. Long – Supt.; Dale Peer – Principal; Helen Barger – Commercial; Aber Klaaren – Voc. Ag; Alberta Beall – Home Ec; Irene Browns – English and Music; Ethel Shatwell – English and Dramatics; Louise Westcott – Social Science; Vance Stead – Junior High and Coach; Vera Vasey – Sixth Grade; Anna Moses – Fifth Grade; Mary Ward – Fourth Grade; Margaret Drake – Third Grade; Cheryll Bressler – First and Second; Hope Robinson – Kindergarten. New faculty members are: Vance Stead – Junior Principal and Athletic Coach; Margaret Drake – Third grade teacher.

NOT PART OF THE SCHOOL 8-22-1946 Collins Boys won class B baseball championship. The Collins B team won the county championship and the A team provided plenty of excitement for their three games. **The B team (9-12 years old)** beat Shipley 3-2 on Friday and on Saturday won the championship by defeating Ames 15-7. Philip Holland pitched both games in fine style and hit a grand slam homer against Ames. Duesbury, Battles, Heintz, Holland, A. Smith, Liggett, K. Smith, Kilker,

Boozell and Vasey played on the championship team. The Collins A team (12-15 years old) defeated Nevada 3-2. Ames defeated Collins 6-2 in the second round and went on to win the championship. Halterman pitched excellent for the A team in the second game. Boys on the A team were: Apker, Hand, Cory, Halterman, Baker, Buck, Boozell, Fish, Marsh, Maxwell.

August 29, 1946 The grade school book rental is the same as last year: Kindergarten \$1.25; First Grade \$1.50; Second Grade \$2.25; Third Grade \$2.50; Fourth through Sixth Grade \$2.75.

September 5, 1946 Statement to the Public – The Collins School Board has purchased the S. W. Inman property for the district to be used as a home for the superintendent. Purchase price was \$4,250 and will be paid from the general fund. The purchase of a property was an absolute necessity as there were very few houses in town for rent. In order to have a superintendent, a suitable house had to be found without delay. The house will be a rental to the superintendent, a rental initiated by OPA rent control measures. The board wishes to thank the voters for giving them the right to pay for this property from school funds and assure the public the transaction will prove in due time an asset and not a liability to the district. L. D. Holland, President of Board. (**Insert 2005:** House [large 2-story] location on corner lot where post office currently located.)

September 12, 1946 The **second annual “kickoff”** event was successful. The program numbers were: Group singing; Mixed Chorus of Grades, four, five and six; Welcome by Mrs. O. N. Serbein; Response by Dale Peer; Trumpet Solo – Dick Smith; Vocal Solo – Mrs. Vance Stead; Introduction of Teachers – R. A. Long; Vocal Duet – Elliott Partridge and Norlyn Smith; Senior Sextet – Carolyn Partridge, Wanda Anderson, Joyce Maxwell, Lois Pritchard, Margie Shearer, Dorothy Buck.

Baseball - Collins won their first game of the season 5-2 over Cambridge. Bob Wilkening and Ronald Halterman did the pitching, allowing 5 hits and striking out 8 with Marlin Long catching. **Lineup:** Stratton (ss) 1 hit; R. Halterman (p-3b) 0 hits; D. Halterman (cf) 0 hits; Tiffany (1b) 1 hit; Atwood (2b) 1 hit; Huntrods (lf) 2 hits; Wilkening (3b- p) 0 hits; Long (c) 0 hits; Mullihan (rf) 0 hits.

September 19, 1946 Collins School Optic Editor – Joyce Maxwell; Asst. Editor – Darlene Haley; Boys’ Sports – Donald Huntrods; Girls’ Sports – Frances Maxwell; Music and Dramatics – Wanda Anderson; Grade News – Lois Pritchard; Typists – Dorothy Buck, Carolyn Partridge; Sponsor – Miss Barger.

The **Student Council** is being organized for the benefit of the students of our school. It is their job to promote all school activities.

Class elections: Seniors: Pres. – Margie Shearer; V.P. – Clayton Neese; Secy. – Frances Maxwell; Treas. – Harold (Barney) Mullihan; Student Council – Shirley Johnson; Sponsor – Mrs. Irene Browns. **Juniors:** Pres. – George Tiffany; V.P. – Ronald Halterman; Secy. – Darlene Haley; Treas. – Lois Maxwell; Student Council - Alma Bach; Sponsor – Miss Alberta Beall. **Sophomores:** Pres. – Jo Ann Fertig; V. P. – Dick Smith; Secy-Treas. – Shirley Wilson; Student Council – Lois Elliott; Sponsor – Mrs. Ethel Shatwell. **Freshmen:** Pres. – Burrel Browns; V. P. Dick Cory; Secy-Treas. Carol Atwood; Sponsor – Mrs. Louise Westcott. **Eighth:** Pres. – Lola Oswalt; V. P. – Rex Apker; Secy-Treas. – Max

Liggett; Sponsor – Vance Stead. **Seventh:** Pres. – John Duesbury; V. P. Philip Holland; Secy-Treas. – Rheinardt Kilker; Sponsor – Vance Stead.

Baseball - Collins played a fluke **baseball** game with Huxley with the locals defeated 20-19. Collins lost to Colo 6-4 with the main highlight of the game being Ronnie Stratton's **home run** in the first inning and a near home run in the last inning.

September 26, 1946 Collins wins Sectional baseball tournament, defeating Cambridge 5-2 in the **first round**. **Lineup:** Ronnie Stratton (48) (ss) 0 hits; Ronald Halterman (48) (p) 0 hits; Dick Halterman (47) (lf) 0 hits; George Tiffany (48) (1b) 0 hits; Gene Atwood (48) (2b) 1 hit; Don Huntrods (47) (cf) 1 hit; Bob Wilkening (49) (3b) 1 hit; Marlin Long (48) (c) 0 hits; Harold (Barney) Mullihan (48) (rf) 0 hits; Lonnie Boozell (50) (rf) 0 hits.

Second Round - Collins 8, Fernald 2.

Final Round - Collins over Milford 4-3, scoring the winning run in the 6th inning. **Lineup:** Stratton (ss) 1 hit; R. Halterman (p) 1 hit; D. Halterman (lf) 1 hit; Tiffany (1b) 0 hit; Atwood (2b) 1 hit; Huntrods (cf) 1 hit; Wilkening (3b) 0 hits; Long (c) 0 hits; Mullihan (rf) 0 hits.

District Tournament - Collins was defeated by Carlisle in the first round 4-1, collecting only 2 hits. Ronald Halterman pitched, striking out 9 and Long was catcher.

Junior High Wins Baseball Tournament held at Shipley. At the end of four innings, Collins was leading Cambridge 2-1 in the **first round** game. In the fifth inning, Patterson, Liggett, Holland, Heintz, and Duesbury crossed the plate. Collins winning 7-3. **Lineup:** Larry Patterson (lf) 0 hits; Max Liggett (ss-p) 1 hits; Charles Maxwell (c) 1 hit; Philip Holland (p-ss) 1 hit; Larry Heintz (cf) 1 hit; John Duesbury (3b) 1 hit; Larry Smith (2b) 1 hit; Donald Coughenour (1b) 0 hits; Kenneth Carroll (rf) 0 hits; Apker (rf) 0 hits. In the **second round**, Collins won over Shipley 6-4, scoring 1 run in the first inning, 3 in the fourth inning and 2 runs in the fifth inning. Holland and Heintz had 2 hits each. **Collins won the championship game** against Huxley. The score was tied at 3-3 in the fifth inning putting the game into extra innings. Both teams were scoreless in the 6th, Collins and Huxley both scored one run in the 7th and both teams scored a run in the 8th inning. In the **9th inning** Collins started off with Maxwell and Holland getting hits, Coughenour walked, Heintz drove in Maxwell and Carroll drove in Holland for a two-run lead. Holland struck out three batters, **ending the game with Collins winning first place 8-6**. **Lineup:** Larry Patterson (8th) (lf) 2 hits; Max Liggett (8th) (p-ss) 2 hits; Charles Maxwell (8th) (c) 1 hit; Philip Holland (7th) (p-ss) 2 hits; Larry Heintz (7th) (cf) 1 hit; John Duesbury (7th) (3b) 0 hit; Rheinardt Kilker (7th) (rf) 0 hits; Larry Smith (8th) (2b) 2 hits; Donald Coughenour (7th) (1b) 0 hits; Kenneth Carroll (8th) (rf) 0 hits; Apker (8th) (rf) 0 hits.

Baseball - High School team lost to Colo 5-4 and defeated Shipley 8-3. (No box scores found)

October 10, 1946 Class notes – **Sociology** class wrote a paper on gossip in small towns last week. **American Literature** class has been memorizing excerpts from poetry written in the Revolutionary Period of our country. **American History** class has been studying the causes of the American Revolution. **Shorthand** class is learning to read and write shorthand, which is a quicker form of writing

used to take dictation. **Home Ec** girls have been using mud packs and raw egg facials to improve their complexions.

October 17, 1946 PTA Program for 46-47: Officers: Pres. Mrs. Ivan Mullihan, V. P. Ernest Hofer, Secy. Helen Barger, Treas. Dale Peer, Program Chm. Mrs. Grainger Buck. **Programs:** October 22, 1946 Chairpersons Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anderson with a program of two films, committee of fifteen families. November 21, 1946 Chairpersons Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Long with program of Creative Art with committee of twenty families. December 19, 1946 Chairpersons Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hofer, program presented by the grade school with committee of sixteen families. January 21, 1947 Chairpersons Mr. and Mrs. Royal Cory and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Westcott with program of Truth or Consequences with committee of eighteen families. February 20, 1947 Chairpersons Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Partridge with program of panel discussion with committee of sixteen families. March 18, 1947 Chairpersons Mr. and Mrs. Grainger Buck with program of Home Talent Play with committee of eighteen families. April 15, 1947 Chairperson Mrs. Lela Maxwell with a musical program with committee of eighteen families. **Extensive listing of PTA membership of community families.**

Track - Collins took a team of three one-mile runners to Iowa City to compete in the mile team contest. Ronnie Stratton took 1st place. Don Huntrods finished 9th and Gene Atwood 16th for **26 points for third placing in the mile team contest.**

Conference Baseball Tournament - Collins lost its first game of the tournament to Cambridge 4-2. Collins had four hits, one each by Ronnie Halterman, Gene Atwood, George Tiffany, and Harold (Barney) Mullihan. Ronnie Halterman pitched for Collins and Jennings was Cambridge pitcher.

October 24, 1946 Editorial- Teacher Student Relations: I think much is to be gained from realizing, as students, that teachers are human too. They are responsible for your education, proper conduct and general welfare some seven hours each day. Our teachers are at all times striving to give us advice and help on methods of study or specific problems. They have much to bring us from their varied backgrounds and experience.

Dramatics – The cast of the **Junior Class Play** “Bolts and Nuts” are: Lois Maxwell, Dolores Gardner, Darlene Haley, Margaret Maxwell, Ronnie Halterman, Marlin Long, Bob Apker, Bob Baker, Alma Bach, Donald Gilley, Ronnie Stratton, Gene Atwood. This comedy is to be presented October 25 in the high school auditorium.

October 31, 1946 Basketball High School Schedule - (Joint Boys and Girls games): Nov. 8 – Shipley (H); Nov. 12 – Rhodes (H); Nov. 15 – Huxley (T); Nov. 19 – Slater (H); Nov. 22 – Melbourne (T); Nov. 26 – Maxwell (T); Dec. 4, 5, 6, 7 – Conference Tournament at Maxwell; Dec. 10 – Rhodes (T); Dec. 13 – Cambridge (T); Dec. 17 – Zearing (T); Dec. 20 – Colo – (H); Jan. 3 – Huxley (H); Jan. 7 – Colo (T); Jan. 10 – Slater (T); Jan. 17 (H); Jan. 22 – 25 Girls County Tourney; Jan. 29 – Feb. 1 Boys County Tourney; Feb. 3 – Kelley (T); Feb. 6-8 Girls Sectional Tourney; Feb. 11 – Cambridge (H); Feb. 18 – Shipley (T); Feb. 21 – Zearing (H); Feb. 26-3-1 Boys Sectional Tourney (18 scheduled games).

Editorial – Congratulations, Juniors. We think your class play was a fine one. Our dramatics program has done good work under **Mrs. Shatwell's direction** for several years and we are indebted to her for many fine play performances.

Interviewing New Faculty – Vance Stead is another new faculty member. He is married and has a young son – David. Hopkinton, Iowa is his native home. He attended Lenox Junior College at Hopkinton, University of Minnesota and Drake University. He likes the idea of grading pupils by whether their work is satisfactory or not; that is, have three grades – satisfactory, improvement or unsatisfactory.

November 7, 1946 Farm Shop - The first project has been completed. A flare wagon box was built in record time, three weeks. Students on the project were Jack Moore, Dean Kitchen, and Harold (Barney) Mullihan.

November 14, 1946 The **Collins Evening School** will open the fall session on Monday evening November 18 and a potluck supper will be served at 7:00 O'clock.

Armistice – Students gathered in the high school auditorium Monday morning along with several parents and townspeople to spend a few minutes and prayer and homage to our war dead. There was a program that included a brief address by Dale Peer, Principal.

Basketball - Collins **boys** succeeded in outscoring Shipley 31-24 in the first game of the season.

Lineup: Ronnie Halterman (48) (f) – 5 pts; Gene Atwood (48) (f-g) – 15 pts; Marlin Long (48) (c) - 8 pts; Don Huntrods (47) (g) – 2 pts; Harold (Barney) Mullihan (47) (g) – 0 pts; Glen Weese (47) (f) – 0 pts; Ronnie Stratton (48) (g) – 1 pt.; Joe Apker (g) – 0 pts; Bob Baker (48) (f) – 0 pts; Lonnie Boozell (50) (g) 0 pts.

Girls won 36-19 over Shipley in their first game of the season. **Lineup:** Wanda Anderson (47) (f) – 20 pts; Dee Gardner (48) (f) – 11 pts; Lois Pritchard (47) (f) – 5 pts; Frances Maxwell (47) (f) – 0 pts; Barbara Kimberley (51) (f) – 0 pts; Doris Caulkins (48) (f - g) – 0 pts; Carol Atwood (50) (g); Lois Maxwell (48) (g); Darlene Haley (48) (g); Romaine Milligan (47) (g); Lola Oswald (51) (g); Jo Ann Fertig (49) (g).

November 21, 1946 School Hot Lunches to Cost 20 Cents - During the past twelve weeks every effort has been made charging .17, but we have been losing a little each month. Beginning November 25, the charge will be .20 per meal and as soon as prices start back to normal, we will again make an adjustment in the price.

Shop Class now has a body and fender repair shop. Bob Apker and Don Huntrods have been using the fender repairing and straightening equipment. They say they can straighten out any fender a woman can smash up. Anyhow, the Apker family automobile looks much better since the fellows have been working on it.

Basketball - Girls were defeated by Huxley 46-31. **Lineup:** Anderson (f) – 19 pts; Gardner (f) – 6 pts; Pritchard (f) – 6 pts; Maxwell (f) – 0 pts; Kimberley (f) – 0 pts; Caulkins (f-g) – 0 pts; Atwood (g); Maxwell (g); Haley (g); Milligan (g); Oswalt (g); Fertig (g).

Boys got off to a fine start against Huxley with a final score of 42-30. **Lineup:** Halterman (f) – 5 pts; Atwood (f-g) – 11 pts; Long (c) – 11 pts; Huntrods (g) – 11 pts; Mullihan – (g) – 4 pts; Weese (f) – 0 pts; Stratton (g) – 3 pts.; Apker (g) – 0 pts; Baker (f) – 0 pts; Boozell (g) – 1 pt.

Girls overcome Rhodes 25-23. **Lineup:** Anderson (f) – 7 pts; Gardner (f) – 10 pts; Pritchard (f) – 8 pts; Maxwell (f) – 0 pts; Kimberley (f) – 0 pts; Caulkins (f-g) – 0 pts; Atwood (g); Maxwell (g); Haley (g); Milligan (g); Oswalt (g); Fertig (g).

Boys didn't look very good in the first quarter, but gained momentum during the game to defeat Rhodes 38-25. **Lineup:** Ronnie Halterman (f) – 5 pts; Gene Atwood (f-g) – 10 pts; Marlin Long (c) – 8 pts; Don Huntrods (g) – 6 pts; Harold (Barney) Mullihan – (g) – 3 pts; Glen Weese (f) – 4 pts; Ronnie Stratton (g) – 2 pts.; J. Apker (g) – 0 pts; Bob Baker (f) – 0 pts; Lonnie Boozell (g) – 1 pt.

The fall term of the **Collins Evening School** got off to an auspicious start Monday evening.

November 28, 1946 What do you think of the basketball team this year? Dick Cory – “My opinion is Collins has a good team this year and with lots of support will win all the rest of the games.” **Carolyn Long** “I think Collins has some good basketball teams this year that play very exciting games.”

Basketball - Girls lost to Slater 37-25 with the Slater girls overshadowing the home girls with their height.

Boys won a thriller from the tall Slater team by a one point margin of 29-28. **Lineup:** Ronnie Halterman (f) – 6 pts; Gene Atwood (f-g) – 7 pts; Marlin Long (c) – 10 pts; Don Huntrods (g) – 6 pts; Harold (Barney) Mullihan – (g) – 0 pts; Glen Weese (f) – 0 pts; Ronnie Stratton (g) – 0 pts.; J. Apker (g) – 0 pts.

Girls played to a 14-14 tie with Melbourne.

Boys suffered their first defeat of the season at Melbourne by a one-point margin 39-38. Four Collins players fouled out of the game. **Lineup:** Ronnie Halterman (f) – 9 pts; Gene Atwood (f-g) – 7 pts; Marlin Long (c) – 2 pts; Don Huntrods (g) – 8 pts; Harold (Barney) Mullihan – (g) – 0 pts; Glen Weese (f) – 3 pts; Ronnie Stratton (g) – 2 pts.; J. Apker (g) – 3 pts; Bob Baker (f) – 0 pts; Lonnie Boozell (g) – 4 pt.

December 5, 1946 Editorial – Public Opinion: Has a news reel or a movie made any impression upon you as to what the Republicans or Democrats are doing for the country and influenced your recent vote? Doesn't the radio serve to mold your opinion of public officials through their speeches and news reports? Hasn't the American school given you nearly all the background you possess in history and social studies with which you formulate opinions? All these are at work to influence you. It is therefore important that we learn to think constructively.

Honor Roll: Seventh – Joan Battles, Larry Heintz, Carolyn Long, Virginia Mead, Joy Milligan, Shirley Smith. **Eighth** – Phyllis Baker, Kenneth Carroll, Barbara Kimberley, Max Liggett, Bonnie Long, Nora Neale, Lola Oswalt, Joan Sager, Norma Keagle. **Ninth** – Carol Atwood, Burrel Browns, Gail Clark, Jackie Keagle, Connie Neale, Dorothy Partridge, Lane Rice, Bill Sager, Willacine Taylor, Joyce Tomlinson. **Tenth** – Joe Apker, Chris Buck, Lois Elliott, Jo Ann Fertig, Charles Hofer, Robert Wilkening. **Eleventh** – Anna Van Pilsum, Norma Vasey, Gene Atwood, Alma Bach, Doris Ball, Dolores Gardner, Darlene Haley, Ronnie Halterman, Beverly Liggett, Lois Maxwell, Margaret Maxwell. **Twelfth** – Wanda Anderson, Dorothy Buck, Donald Huntrods, Frances Maxwell, Joyce Maxwell, Harold Mullihan, Carolyn Partridge, Margie Shearer.

Basketball - Girls had big victory over Maxwell 40-22. Leading scorers for Collins was Gardner 18 and Anderson 13.

Boys could not get on the beam in the second half with Maxwell. Collins leading Maxwell 21-9 at the half, Maxwell came back to lead 27-24 at the third quarter mark. Collins struggled back to win 31- 30.

Lineup: Halterman (f) – 8 pts; Atwood (f-g) – 12 pts; Long (c) – 4 pts; Huntrods (g) – 3 pts; Weese (f) – 0 pts; Stratton (g) – 3 pts.; Apker (g) – 0 pts; Boozell (g) – 1 pt.

Grade News: First and Second - We have been studying the Pilgrims and the first Thanksgiving.

Third: We are starting to study about vegetables. We have made a food chart for health and hope to soon know what foods are good for us that we should eat every day. **Fourth** - The Greek gods and goddesses have been our recent study in ancient history. Each one interests us.

December 12, 1946 Girls Basketball Conference Tournament – Collins girls went out this week and earned **runner-up trophy**. The forwards scored 131 total points during the tournament and the guards held the opposing teams to 106 total points.

First round - Collins defeated Cambridge 56-26. **Lineup:** Wanda Anderson (f) – 21 pts; Dee Gardner (f) – 17 pts; Lois Pritchard (f) – 6 pts; Frances Maxwell (f) – 2 pts; Barbara Kimberley (f) – 3 pts; Doris Caulkins (f-g) – 7 pts; Carol Atwood (g); Lois Maxwell (g); Darlene Haley (g); Romaine Milligan (g); Oswalt (g); Jo Ann Fertig (g).

Second round - Collins won 37-32 over Maxwell. **Lineup:** Wanda Anderson (f) – 11 pts; Dee Gardner (f) – 15 pts; Lois Pritchard (f) – 11 pts; Frances Maxwell (f) – 0 pts; Barbara Kimberley (f) – 0 pts; Doris Caulkins (f-g) – 0 pts; Carol Atwood (g); Lois Maxwell (g); Darlene Haley (g); Romaine Milligan (g); Oswalt (g); Jo Ann Fertig (g).

Final round - Suffered a 48-38 defeat to Slater for second place trophy in the tournament. **Lineup:** Wanda Anderson (f) – 16 pts; Dee Gardner (f) – 20 pts; Lois Pritchard (f) – 2 pts; Frances Maxwell (f) – 0 pts; Barbara Kimberley (f) – 0 pts; Doris Caulkins (f-g) – 0 pts; Carol Atwood (g); Lois Maxwell (g); Darlene Haley (g); Romaine Milligan (g); Oswalt (g); Jo Ann Fertig (g).

Boys Basketball Conference Tournament – **First round** of play Collins defeated Huxley 34-31 in a fast played game. Atwood was top scorer at 17 points. **Lineup:** Ronnie Halterman (f) – 3 pts; Gene Atwood (f-g) – 17 pts; Marlin Long (c) – 2 pts; Don Huntrods (g) – 4 pts; Harold (Barney) Mullihan (g) – 2 pts; Glen Weese (c) – 2 pts; Ronnie Stratton (g) – 3 pts.; J. Apker (g) – 0 pts; Lonnie Boozell (g) – 1 pt.

Second round - Collins trounced Maxwell 44-28. This was revenge for the close game Maxwell gave Collins a week before. Collins' fast break was working with split precision. **Lineup:** Ronnie Halterman (f) – 12 pts; Gene Atwood (f-g) – 10 pts; Marlin Long (c) – 7 pts; Don Huntrods (g) – 10 pts; Harold (Barney) Mullihan (g) – 0 pts ; Glen Weese (c) – 2 pts; Ronnie Stratton (g) – 3 pts.; J. Apker (g) – 0 pts; Lonnie Boozell (g) – 0 pts.

Finals round - Collins lost to the taller Cambridge by 44-34. Collins couldn't connect with dozens of set shots to overcome Cambridge's shooting ability. Stratton was outstanding all through the tournament for defense. **Lineup:** Ronnie Halterman (f) – 7 pts; Gene Atwood (f-g) – 8 pts; Marlin Long (c) – 2 pts; Don Huntrods (g) – 2 pts; Harold (Barney) Mullihan (g) – 0 pts ; Glen Weese (c) – 2 pts; Ronnie Stratton (g) – 2 pts.; J. Apker (g) – 0 pts; Lonnie Boozell (g) – 0 pts.

December 19, 1946 Assembly Tuesday morning, the high school listened to a speaker on health. The topic was the effect of smoking and drugs on the human body. Use of these drugs will stunt growth and make a person lack in ability for sports activities and all sorts of active recreations. **Ag News** – A few members of the **Shop Class** have decided they are steeple jacks and are undertaking the removal of the old, and installation of the new scoreboard clock in the gym. Hopefully it will be up for the next home game. (We have it up.) **Home Ec. News** – The freshmen finished a unit on breakfast cooking. The sophomores are working on their blouses. We hope to have a good turnout at our bazaar sale Thursday night at the school house.

The **sociology class** went to Woodward to visit the State hospital. Dr. Seymore was our guide and she took us through several of the buildings, showing us examples of each of the many different classes. In the annex building, we saw some of the beautiful artwork that was done by these people. It was certainly amazing on the work they have accomplished.

Basketball - Girls won over Rhodes 48-33. They had only a two-point margin at the end of the third quarter. Doris Caulkins was outstanding, netting 30 points. **Lineup:** Anderson (f) – 6 pts; Gardner (f) – 3 pts; Pritchard (f) – 9 pts; Maxwell (f) – 0 pts; Kimberley (f) – 0 pts; Caulkins (f-g) – 30 pts; Atwood (g); Maxwell (g); Haley (g); Milligan (g); Oswald (g); Fertig (g).
Boys completely overpowered Rhodes' five 46-22.

Girls defeated Cambridge 38-31 at Cambridge. **Lineup:** Anderson (f) – 2 pts; Gardner (f) – 13 pts; Pritchard (f) – 5 pts; Maxwell (f) – 5 pts; Kimberley (f) – 4 pts; Caulkins (f-g) – 10 pts; Atwood (g); Maxwell (g); Haley (g); Milligan (g); Oswald (g); Fertig (g).

Boys met disaster at Cambridge losing 40-29. Huntrods and Stratton were top scorers with 9 and 7 points.

January 9, 1947 In Appreciation: By now you are probably well aware that an **ice skating pond** has been constructed just east of the high school building. We should like to take this opportunity to say **“Thank You” to Clyde Keagle, Walter Keagle, Fay Hand and others who made the pond available.** Also thanks to Bob Baker for those nice warm fires. I believe there has been word of some students from other towns joining us and this may soon make Collins' ice pond a popular spot.

January 16, 1947 Grade News: Fourth – Our teacher has put a chart in our room to help us learn our multiplication tables. For each one we learn we get a star. Several are tied for first place. **Fifth** – We are learning to add and subtract fractions. In language we are giving book reports and are happy to have new books to read. **Sixth** – In science we are studying weather. We learned that great masses of cold air collect in the polar regions and how they move and shift about. We are studying the growth of the German nation and how it was founded on military strength. Its war-like leaders always placed the armies before the interests of the common people.

Basketball - Girls traveled to Colo, losing 38-33. **Lineup:** Anderson (f) – 0 pts; Gardner (f) – 12 pts; Pritchard (f) – 19 pts; F. Maxwell (f) – 0 pts; Kimberley (f) – 0 pts; Caulkins (f-g) – 2 pts; Atwood (g); L. Maxwell (g); Haley (g); Milligan (g); Oswald (g); Fertig (g).

Boys team took 28 minutes to get started playing basketball, but when they started to roll, Colo couldn't stop them. Colo was leading 7-1 ending the first quarter. Final score Collins winning 38-31. **Lineup:** Halterman (f) – 6 pts; Atwood (f) – 14 pts; Long (c) – 8 pts; Huntrods (g) – 6 pts; Weese (f) – 0 pts; Stratton (g) – 0 pts.; Apker (g) – 0 pts.

Girls - Slater again won 37-17 over the Collins girls. The girls couldn't overcome the disadvantage of Slater's height.

Boys met their fourth defeat of the year at Slater 40-27. (Insert 2005: No box score found)

January 23, 1947 Basketball - Girls played a swell game against Maxwell, winning 42 - ?. **Lineup:** Anderson (f) – 10 pts; Gardner (f) – 19 pts; Pritchard (f) – 10 pts; F. Maxwell (f) – 0 pts; Kimberley (f) – 0 pts; Caulkins (f-g) – 3 pts; Atwood (g); L. Maxwell (g); Haley (g); Milligan (g); Oswald (g); Fertig (g).

Boys succeeding in tripping Maxwell for the third time this year, 40-31 in a rough and tumble game. Half-time score 16-16: **Lineup:** Halterman (f) – 9 pts; Atwood (f) – 8 pts; Long (c) – 11 pts; Huntrods (g) – 9 pts; Weese (f) – 2 pts; Stratton (g) – 1 pt.

January 30, 1947 Girls County Basketball Tournament at Roland: First round - Collins lost to Huxley, 32-28. The guards did a lot of intentional fouling in order to hold down Huxley's number of field goals. Anderson (f) – 4 pts; Gardner (f) – 10 pts; Pritchard (f) – 14 pts; Maxwell (f) – 0 pts; Kimberley (f) – 0 pts; Caulkins (f-g) – 0 pts; Atwood (g); L. Maxwell (g); Haley (g); Milligan (g); Oswald (g); Fertig (g).

Boys will be playing the first game in the county tournament against Slater. **To date the boys have won 14 and lost 4**, scoring 673 points to the opponents' 595. Only two Collins defeats have been in conference – to Slater and Cambridge. (Insert 2005: Results not found – assume loss)

The Contest: As you were no doubt informed by your magazine sales student, the profits go toward buying a new score board, and any remaining profits go into the activity fund. To date we have sold \$595 worth of magazines, and we will have net profit of \$247. The odd grades 7, 9, and 11 are the “red devils” with Ronnie Halterman as their captain. The even grades 8, 10, and 12 are the “blue dragons” with Wanda Anderson as their captain. **Each team has passed their goal of \$250.**

February 6, 1947 The **Collins Community Evening School** graduation exercises is February 10: Program chairman - Stanley Mitchell; Community Sing – Vance Stead; Talk – Rev. Henry Esch; Music – Quartet; Presentation of Diplomas – Lloyd Holland; Benediction – Rev. Paul Varce.

February 13, 1947 Girls Sectional Basketball Tournament at Maxwell: First round – Collins –Bye. **Second round** Collins girls lost Baxter, 42-34 with Baxter leading the entire game. **Lineup:** Anderson (f) – 10 pts; Gardner (f) – 12 pts; Pritchard (f) – 8 pts; F. Maxwell (f) – 0 pts; Kimberley (f) – 0 pts; Caulkins (f-g) – 4 pts; Atwood (g); L. Maxwell (g); Haley (g); Milligan (g); Oswalt (g); Fertig (g).

Editorial: The youth of today are changing to keep up with these fast moving times. Many people think the youth of these times can never become leaders. These opinions are derived from the youth's ways and actions. Their slang talk, sloppy clothes, and careless ways run them down in some people's minds. Although some of the youth are sloppy dressers, they can dress up and look nice. People think that since magazines talk of bobbysoxers, they never dress nicely or use proper English.

The **Story County Junior High Basketball Tournament** will begin on February 10, 1946 at Ames in Welch Junior High. **Collins** plays Huxley and Colo plays Kelley with games at 7:00 P.M. The games are played cross court, enabling two games at the same time.

February 20, 1947 Editorial: One fine trait we have noticed this year is the **good sportsmanship** of our boys and girls basketball teams. One of the hardest things in the world is to control your temper. It's a fine spirit that can let you say "Congratulations" to your opponents, whether you won or lost. Also last but not least, I should like to mention that the **general school spirit and friendliness and fair play are evident here.** As one who was not native to this community, I found my classmates very friendly toward me. That means a lot.

Basketball - Girls journeyed to Farrar and brought back a 39-32 victory. Half-time score was 10-8, Collins. **Lineup:** Anderson (f) – 23 pts; Gardner (f) – 6 pts; Pritchard (f) – 10 pts; F. Maxwell (f) – 0 pts; Kimberley (f) – 0 pts; Caulkins (f-g) – 0 pts; Atwood (g); L. Maxwell (g); Haley (g); Milligan (g); Oswalt (g); Fertig (g).

Boys won a last half game from Farrar 51-30. Half-time score 21-17, Collins. Collins outscored Farrar 18-4 in the third period. **Lineup:** Halterman (f) – 15 pts; Atwood (f) – 17 pts; Long (c) – 4 pts; Huntrods (g) – 12 pts; Stratton (g) – 0 pts; Boozell – 3 pts.

Girls defeated Cambridge 52-21. **Lineup:** Anderson (f) – 15 pts; Gardner (f) – 15 pts; Pritchard (f) – 19 pts; F. Maxwell (f) – 0 pts; Kimberley (f) – 1 pt; Caulkins (f-g) – 0 pts; Atwood (f-g) – 1 pts; L. Maxwell (g); Haley (g); Milligan (g); Oswalt (g); Fertig (g).

Boys gave up their last hope of winning the South Story Seven Conference title, losing to Cambridge 56-29 in Collins' worst defeat of the year.

Wednesday night the **Junior-Senior Home Ec Class** put on a Valentine party for the Junior-Senior boys. The study hall was decorated in pretty red and white crepe paper, hung streamers from the lights and the girls drew fascinating pictures on the blackboard.

February 27, 1947 Grade News: First – We had social studies' lesson about George Washington whose birthday was February 22. In numbers we have started subtraction problems. **Third** – We are looking forward to starting division in arithmetic. **Fourth** – We have worked with Roman Numerals and found we will still take our present number system, as it seems much easier to us.

Dramatics – The **sophomores** are putting on three one-act plays. We promise you a program that will give you your money's worth. Admission – 45 cents. Between acts four freshmen girls - Arlene Baker, Joyce Tomlinson, Carol Atwood and Jackie Keagle and four freshman boys – Burrell Browns, Lane Rice, Dick Cory and Lonnie Boozell will present the musical number, "The Dream Gypsies."

March 6, 1947 Boys Sectional Basketball Tournament: First game - Collins defeated State Center 49-34. Collins had a 16-point half-time lead. **Lineup:** Halterman (f) – 8 pts; Atwood (f) – 26 pts; Long (c) – 7 pts; Huntrods (g) – 2 pts; Stratton (g) – 4 pts; Mullihan (g) – 2 pts.

Final round - Collins won another one-sided game 59-40 over Clemons to win the **tournament championship**. Collins was up 31-20 at halftime. Collins controlled the rebounds off both boards.

Lineup: Halterman (f) – 9 pts; Atwood (f) – 17 pts; Long (c) – 13 pts; Huntrods (g) – 16 pts; Stratton (g) – 2 pts; Apker (g) – 2 pts; Baker (g) – 0 pts; Mullihan (g) – 0 pts; Sager (g) – 0 pts; Renfeldt (g) – 0 pts. (Insert 2005: First time achieved two consecutive championships)

March 13, 1947 Election day for the Collins school district passed very quietly with **only 32 votes cast**. Directors elected; Ernest Hofer (3-year term), K. W. Tomlinson (2-year term), Forrest Kitchen (1-year term). Holdover board members are L. D. Holland and C. W. Keagle. Treasurer – J. R. Witmer (2-year term).

Boys District Basketball Tournament at Grinnell – First round - Collins defeated Barnes City 48-32. The boys took an early lead in the game and had a 29-9 lead at the half. Fast breaks worked very well the entire game. **Lineup:** Halterman (f) – 19 pts; Atwood (f) – 12 pts; Long (c) – 12 pts; Huntrods (g) – 3 pts; Stratton (g) – 2 pts; Apker (g) – 2 pts; Baker (g) – 0 pts.; Mullihan (g) – 0 pts; Bill Sager (50) (g) – 0 pts; Lowell Renfeldt (47) (g) – 0 pts; Cory (50) (g) – 0 pts.

Second round – Boys lost their chance to advance to the sub-state tournament when Melbourne bombarded Collins in the third quarter to win 56-36. Halftime score was 24-21, Melbourne. Long and Huntrods fouled out in the fourth quarter. Collins couldn't match Melbourne's height. **Lineup:** Halterman (f) – 3 pts; Atwood (f) – 16 pts; Long (c) – 4 pts; Huntrods (g) – 12 pts; Stratton (g) – 1 pts; Apker (g) – 0 pts; Baker (g) – 0 pts.; Mullihan (g) – 0 pts; Bill Sager (50) (g) – 0 pts; Lowell Renfeldt (47) (g) – 0 pts; Dick Cory (50) (g) - 0 pts. (Insert 2005: Highest tournament advancement by girls or boys to date.)

March 27, 1947 Grade News: Primary – Several boys and girls from our room have been missing because of flu and **Chicken Pox**. One day there were fourteen absent. **First and Second** - Several

students were absent because of flu and **Chicken Pox**. **Fifth** – In history, we are studying the discovery and exploration of America. **Sixth** – We are reading the history of Italy. It is a very old nation and has made many valuable contributions to the world.

April 3, 1947 Collins High School took part in the **music contest** at Nevada. **Soloist** Burrel Browns placed 2nd on his baritone solo and the **girls' glee club** placed 1st. This **enables them to take part in the State contest** at Independence in late April. The **girls' trio** placed 3rd. Mrs. Jack Stone was the accompanist.

Collins **track squad** of 12 members participated in the **State indoor track meet**. They did well in preliminary heats, but did not place in the finals.

Basketball Conference Results – The members of the Collins basketball squads traveled to Cambridge for a program honoring the South Story Conference. The program featured xylophone solo and several selections by the Slater Girls' sextet and trio. **Mr. Peer, Collins principal**, the Conference secretary presented the all-conference teams and awarded conference championships. The **girls'** championship trophy went to Slater with an undefeated conference season. Cambridge and Slater **boys** were co-champions of the Conference. **Collins players** receiving recognition: **Girls** – Wanda Anderson (f) and Carol Atwood (g) were on the **second team**. Dolores Gardner (f), Lois Pritchard (f), and Doris Caulkins (f) received **honorable mention**. **Boys** – Gene Atwood (g) was on the **first team**. Ronnie Halterman (f), Marlin Long (c), and Donald Huntrods (g) were on the **second team**. Ed Chisholm, head of the Girls' Basketball Union, gave us some of the highlights and advancement of girls' basketball during past years. Babe Tiesling, coach at Central College, presented an interesting speech on the game of basketball and the highlights of boys' games. The evening was closed with a movie of the Danbury and Iowa City game of the preceding year's boys' state tournament at Iowa City. (Insert 2005: Danbury was a very small school near Sioux City area competing very well against the large Iowa City school.

April 10, 1947 The **Senior Class Play** (Faith, Hope and Flarity) a comedy in three acts, will be presented. **The cast is:** Lois Pritchard, Gene Stoneberg, Shirley Johnson, Margie Shearer, Romaine Milligan, Wanda Anderson, Clayton Neese, Jack Moore, Dick Halterman, Harold Mullihan, Donald Huntrods, Joyce Maxwell, and Dean Kitchen.

April 17, 1947 Collins **baseball** team defeated Huxley 12-6 on the local diamond.

The Collins **track team** won first in the mile-medley relay race at Marion. They placed third in the Class C schools division of the meet. Medley team members: Ronnie Stratton, Gene Atwood, Harold (Barney) Mullihan, and Bob Baker.

Collins **baseball team** came up on the small end of a 4-3 score with Nevada. Nevada scored one in the 6th and three in the 7th to win. Halterman pitched, allowing nine hits and striking out eight. Long was the catcher. Dick Halterman and Don Huntrods had one hit each for Collins.

April 24, 1947 Spring Baseball Conference Tournament: First round - Collins defeated Kelley 7-2. Ronnie Stratton pitched, striking out 12. Collins' team had seven hits.

Second round - Collins defeated Huxley, 7-2. **Lineup:** Ronnie Halterman (p) 1 hit; Ronnie Stratton (ss) 1 hit; Dick Halterman (lf) 1 hit; Gene Atwood (1b) 2 hits; Don Huntrods (cf) 1 hit; Bob Wilkening (3b) 0 hits; Marlin Long (c) 0 hits; Lonnie Boozell (2b) 1 hit; Dick Cory (rf) 0 hits; Bill Sager (rf) 0 hits; Bob Baker (rf) 0 hits. Halterman strikeouts - 5, walked - 3.

Final round - Collins lost the championship game to Colo 9-8. A few days later Collins defeated Colo 8-3 in a regular season game. (No box scores found)

Track – The high school team went to Winterset for a track meet. Ronnie Stratton placed second in the mile run, the only placing by the Collins team.

May 1, 1947 The **girls' glee club** journeyed to Boone to participate in the **State Music Contest** and came home with a **second rating**; good work.

“Hitch Your Wagon to a Star” – the **seniors** of 47 were entertained last Friday evening at a lovely **Junior-Senior banquet** in the **Colony Room of the Commodore Hotel in Des Moines**. The **juniors** provided us with a fine dinner and cleverly decorated tables. Ronnie Halterman was toastmaster and we had four entertaining speeches given by Margie Lou Shearer, George Tiffany, Darlene Haley, and Mr. Dale Peer. From the banquet, we were escorted to the theater where we all enjoyed the “The McComber Affair.” The seniors would like to say a final “Thank you, Kids.”

May 8, 1947 Baccalaureate Services for the class of 1947 will be held at the Collins Church of Christ, Sunday, May 11. Program is: Processional – Mrs. Irene Browns; Music – Senior Sextet; Scripture Reading and Address – Rev. Duane Manning; Solo – George Tiffany; Benediction – Rev. Paul Varce.

The **commencement exercises** will be held at the high school auditorium on May 15. The program: Processional – Mrs. Irene Browns; Invocation – Rev. Paul Varce; Music – Senior Sextet; Address – “What’s on the Horizon?” - Prof. H. A. Riebe, Iowa State Teachers College. Presentation of Class – Supt. Long; Awarding of Diplomas – L. D. Holland, Pres. of School Board. **Class members:** Wanda Anderson, Dorothy Buck, Kathryn Coughenour, Dick Halterman, Donald Huntrods, Shirley Johnson, Dean Kitchen, Frances Maxwell, Joyce Maxwell, Romaine Milligan, Jack Moore, Harold Mullihan, Clayton Neese, Carolyn Partridge, Lois Pritchard, Lowell Renfeldt, Margie Shearer, Gene Stoneberg, Marilyn Torry, Glenn Weese. Class Motto – “Not at the top, But Climbing.” Colors – Blue and Gold. Flower - Talisman Rose. Presentation of Eighth Grade – Vance Stead; Benediction – Rev. Henry Esch.

Sectional Baseball Tournament held at Collins park diamond. **First round** - Collins bye. **Second round** - Collins 10, Maxwell 2. **Semi-final** - Rhodes 6, Collins 4. Final round Nevada 18, Rhodes 12. (No further information found.)

Home Ec News: The Home Ec. rooms have been busting with activity these last few days. On Monday evening the freshmen girls honored the freshmen boys and some of the faculty at a dinner party in which they had prepared the food. The food was fine and the evening was made complete by a trip to the

theater. Tuesday evening the sophomores held a similar dinner theater for the sophomore boys and some others of the faculty.

May 15, 1947 The Collins High School Track Team placed fourth in the County Meet at Ames with 46 ½ points. Ames finished first, Nevada 2nd, and Colo 3rd. Collins won three events - 1st in the medley relay; Gene Atwood 1st and Apker 4th in the 120 yard high hurdles; Gene Atwood was 1st in the 200 yard low hurdles; Ronnie Stratton was 3rd and Lonnie Boozell 5th in the mile run; Don Huntrods was 2nd in the 440 yard run and 3rd in the 220 yard dash; Chris Buck was 2nd in the discus; Marlin Long was 2nd in the high jump; Don Huntrods was 2nd and Barney Mullihan 5th in the football throw.

May 29, 1947 About 800 students of **Vocational Agriculture** from 160 Iowa high schools attended the Better Farming Field Day held at Ames on May 25. **Four boys from the Collins school** – Ronnie Stratton, Gene Atwood, Don Barnes, and Richard Moses accompanied by their instructor A. M. Klaaren, attended. **Demonstrations in five divisions were held:** Don Barnes attended Engineering Division, Ronnie Stratton and Gene Atwood attended swine division, and Richard Moses attended Dairy Industries Demonstrations. **The Voc Ag boys held their first meeting of their summer series** last Friday evening. Eleven boys were present and plans were made to hold meetings every two weeks during the summer vacation. Under the sponsorship of their instructor, A. M. Klaaren, three boys have formed a “spray ring.” Bill Hand is managing the group and is assisted by Dick Cory and Lane Rice. They have sprayed a barn, four lawns and two groups of fruit trees. The boys are interested in more work.

August 28, 1947 All is in readiness for the opening of the Collins Consolidated schools for the 1947-1948 school year. **The opening is Monday, September 1 at 9:00 A. M. The third annual kickoff dinner** will be held September 5 at 7:00 P.M. Everyone in the community is invited. Please bring covered dishes and sandwiches. A good attendance will be appreciated.

September 4, 1947 Faculty: Kindergarten – Cheryll Bressler; First – Anna Moses; Second and Third – Margaret Drake; Fourth – Mary Ward; Fifth and Sixth – Myrtha (Fenn) Robinson; Seventh and Eighth – Vance Stead. **(Insert 2005: Class members of each grade are listed in this issue of the Collins Gazette.)**

September 11, 1947 Collins School Optic Staff: Editor – Darlene Haley; Asst. Editor – Lois Elliott; Home Ec – Norma Vasey; Agriculture – Ronnie Stratton; Boys’ Sports – George Tiffany; Girls’ Sports – Jo Ann Fertig; Music and Dramatics – Beverly Liggett; Typists – Lois Maxwell, Doris Caulkins, and Dolores Gardner; Sponsor – Miss Barger.

Baseball Schedule: Sept. 9 – Cambridge (H); Sept. 11 – Slater (T); Sept. 15 – Huxley (T); Sept. 17 – Slater (H); Sept. 20-24 - Sectional Tourney; Oct. 7 – Huxley (H).

Class officers: Seniors: Pres. – Doris Caulkins; V. P. – Ronnie Stratton; Secy – Margaret Maxwell; Treas. – Gene Atwood; Student Council – Ronnie Halterman. **Juniors:** Pres. – Chris Buck; V. P. – Charles Hofer; Secy. Treas. – Shirley Wilson; Student Council – Jo Ann Fertig. **Sophomores:** Pres. –

Lane Rice; V. P. – Dick Cory; Secy–John Runyan; Treas. – Lonnie Boozell. **Freshmen:** Pres. – Lola Oswald; V. P. – Norma Evans; Secy–Treas. – Carolyn Stratton. **Eighth:** Pres. – John Duesbury; V. P. – Erwin Frerichs; Secy–Treas. – Philip Holland. **Seventh:** Pres. – Dorothy Long; V. P. – Arnold Smith; Secy–Treas. – Phyllis Carroll.

September 18, 1947 Baseball - With the superb pitching of Halterman and Stratton, **Collins team defeated Cambridge** 15-14. Bob Wilkening led the hitting attack with a **home run**, triple and double. With the aid of a **home run** by Wilkening and three other hits, **Collins defeated Slater** 5-4. Halterman pitched the opening inning and Wilkening the other five. The game was called at the end of the 6th inning because of rain. (Insert 2005: No box score found)

Home Ec News: Senior home ec class has five students – La Von Johnson, Jean Ann Coughenour, Lois Maxwell, Dolores Gardner and Norma Vasey. We are now studying care and selection of clothing. There are **eleven in the freshman class**. They are making notebooks on good grooming.

Thirteen members of the **senior class** and four teachers enjoyed a hayride and picnic at Atwood's September 14. Before the wiener roast we played softball. We thank Ronnie Stratton for providing a tractor and hay rack and a way home for everyone.

The **freshmen were initiated** in the high school on Monday evening by the sophomores. Each freshman took part in the initiation program and is now legally in high school. When the program was over, refreshments were served and everyone danced.

September 25, 1947 Baseball – **Collins defeated Slater** 4-1 on the local diamond with Halterman pitching an excellent game. Collins team had six hits. **Collins defeated Huxley** 7-5 with Ronnie Halterman, Ronnie Stratton, and Lonnie Boozell doing the mound duties for Collins. Collins had six hits.

Sectional baseball tournament: First round – Collins **won** over Cambridge 17-6.

Second round – Collins **won** over Fernald 14-4.

Finals - Collins **won** over Clemons 6-3 to win the **tournament championship** and advance to the **District meet**. Halterman pitched, allowing three hits and Long caught. **Lineup:** Ronnie Stratton (48) (cf) 2 hits; Ronnie Halterman (48) (p) 1 hit; Lonnie Boozell (50) (ss) 1 hit; Bob Wilkening (47) (3b) 1 hit; Gene Atwood (48) (2b) 1 hit; George Tiffany (48) (1b) 1 hit; Marlin Long (48) (c) 0 hits; Apker (lf) 0 hits; Dick Cory (50) (rf) 2 hits. Collins Summary – 9 hits, 6 runs, 4 errors.

October 2, 1947 District Baseball Tournament held at Collins: First round - Aplington defeated Collins 4-3. Aplington scored the game winning run in the bottom of the 7th inning. Halterman allowed four hits and Collins made five errors. **Lineup:** Ronnie Stratton (cf) 1 hit; Ronnie Halterman (p) 0 hits; Lonnie Boozell (ss) 1 hit; Bob Wilkening (3b) 1 hit; Gene Atwood (2b) 2 hits; George Tiffany (1b) 0 hits; Marlin Long (c) 1 hit; Apker (lf) 0 hits; Dick Cory (rf) 0 hits. On Wednesday afternoon Dysart defeated Aplington 1-0 in the final game. **An unusual feature** of this game was the winning team was held hitless by Aplington. The State Tournament will be held at Dysart October 4, 6 and 8.

October 9, 1947 Collins PTA Officers. Pres. – Mrs. Aber Klaaren; V. P. – Alva Elliott; Sec. – Helen Barger; Treas. – Dale Peer; Program Chairman – Mrs. Walter Keagle.

Dramatics – the cast has been chosen for the **Junior Class Play**, “Worrying Willie.” **Cast:** Joe Apker, Kathleen Kitchen, Bob Wilkening, Jo Ann Fertig, Lois Elliott, Elsie Coates; Richard Moses; Bill Hand; Bea Clark; Colleen Moore; Dick Smith; Shirley Wilson.

October 16, 1947 Baseball - The local team defeated Huxley on the home diamond in excellent played game. Wilkening pitched a one-hit shutout for Collins. Collins had ten hits off Lewis and Kalsem, Huxley pitchers. **Lineup:** Ronnie Stratton (cf) 1 hit; Ronnie Halterman (3b) 2 hits; Lonnie Boozell (ss) 0 hits; Bob Wilkening (p) 3 hits; Gene Atwood (2b) 2 hits; Marlin Long (c) 1 hit; Joe Apker (lf) 1 hit; Dick Cory (1b) 0 hits; Connie Smith (rf) 0 hits.

Due to the hitting power of Roland, Collins was defeated 5-2 at the opponents’ diamond. Three home runs provided the scores for Roland. (Insert 2005: Box score not found)

October 23, 1947 Friday, the seniors spent their **Skip Day** in Des Moines having their pictures taken and enjoying themselves.

Basketball - Both boys and girls started practice Monday. There are near 20 girls and 20 boys out for basketball. Vance Stead coaches both girls and boys teams.

The **Collins Community Evening Community School** will hold its first session on November 10 and will run for ten regular meetings.

A bit of news the Gazette would rather not print is that **Supt. and Mrs. R. A. Long** and family are leaving Collins soon. The death of his father last week made it necessary that **he resign his position and take charge of the grocery store he purchased from his father in Monticello this past summer.** It is understood the local school board has good prospects for securing a successor to Mr. Long.

October 30, 1947 Editorial – In the last few years the Collins school kids have had every color of school colors from red to green. In so many schools, when a student obtains a school sweater, he gets one which represents the school colors. If you have one specific color, people can tell what school you attend. Also, if there is one set color, it gives the cheerleaders for yells at the ballgames and pep rallies. What do you say students? **Let’s all choose one school color and stick to it.**

School News – A lot of sad students because Mr. Long is leaving. He is wearing a new wristwatch given to him by students of C. H. S. and faculty in appreciation of his fine work in the school and other activities.

November 6, 1947 Basketball Schedule (Boys and Girls) November – 11 Farrar (H); 14 Shipley (T); 18 Huxley (T); 21 Slater (H); 25 Colo (T). **December** – 2 Fernald (T); 5 Rhodes (H); 9 Kelley (T); 12 Shipley (H); 16 Maxwell (H); 19 Melbourne (H); 30 Open. **January** - 2 Fernald (H); 6 Cambridge (T); 9 Maxwell (T); 13 Kelley (H); 16 Slater (T); January 21-24 **Girls' County Tourney**; January 28-31 **Boys' County Tourney**. **February** – 2 Rhodes (T); Feb. 4-7 **Girls' Sectional Tourney**; Feb. 10 Colo (H); 13 Cambridge (H); 17 Open; 20 Huxley (H); Feb. 24-March 1 **Boys' Sectional Tourney**.

Tuesday an assembly was held for **election of cheerleaders**. **Those chosen** were Jackie Keagle, Joyce Tomlinson, Dorothy Partridge, and Lois Elliott (Captain).

Can you imagine: Ronnie S. not speaking to everyone; George T. fat; Kathleen K. or Lane R. noisy; Butch R. without that devilish look in his eye; Boofy not driving a bus; Joyce T. without an A on her report card; Gene A. not liking athletics; Arlin D. as tall as George T; All paper assignments in on time.

November 13, 1947 Girls Basketball Team Members – Seniors; Ramona Beavers, Doris Caulkins, Dolores Gardner, Lois Maxwell. **Juniors;** Bea Clark, Jo Ann Fertig; Shirley Wilson. **Sophomore;** Carol Atwood. **Freshmen;** Norma Evans, Bonnie Long, Lola Oswalt, Barbara Kimberley. Manager; Darlene Haley. **Boys Basketball Team Members - Seniors;** Gene Atwood, Ronnie Stratton; Marlin Long; George Tiffany; Ronnie Halterman; Bob Baker. **Junior;** Chris Buck. **Sophomores;** Lonnie Boozell, Dick Cory. **Freshmen;** Kenny Carroll, Charles Maxwell, Larry Smith. Manager; Bill Hand.

Dramatics – A large crowd was present Friday evening to see the presentation of the junior class play “Mary’s Little Lamb.” A splendid performance was shown by all members of the cast. A lovely gift was presented to Mrs. Shatwell for her fine direction of the play. Admission 40¢ and 25¢.

Personality of the Week – She is in the 8th grade, Blond hair; 5’ 4” tall, Pastime - playing the piano, Food - apple pie, Drink – milk, Movie – “Going My Way,” Actress – Barbara Stanwyck, Actor – Bing Crosby, Singer – Bing Crosby, Orchestra – Tommy Dorsey, Sport – Basketball. She is Shirley Smith.

November 20, 1947 Basketball – Collins boys opened the season with two victories defeating Farrar 43-23. **Lineup:** Ronnie Halterman (48) (f) – 7 pts; George Tiffany (48) (f) 6 pts.; Marlin Long (48) (c) - 8 pts; Gene Atwood (48) (g-f) – 7 pts; Ronnie Stratton (48) (g) – 2 pts.; Bob Baker (48) (g-f) – 2 pts; Lonnie Boozell (50) (g) 1 pt.; Dick Cory (50) (f) 7 pts.; Chris Buck (49) (c) 1 pt.; Larry Smith (51) (g), 0 pts.; Kenny Carroll (51) (g) 1 pt.; Charles Maxwell (g) 1 pt.

The girls defeated Farrar 31-23. **Lineup:** Dee Gardner (48) (f) – 15 pts; Barbara Kimberley (51) (f) – 11 pts; Doris Caulkins (48) (g-f) – 2 pts; Bonnie Long (51) (f) – 0 pts.; Norma Evans (51) (f); Ramona Beavers (48) (g); Carol Atwood (50) (g-f) - 3 pts; Lois Maxwell (48) (g); Bea Clark (49) (g); Jo Ann Fertig (49) (g); Shirley Wilson (49) (g); Lola Oswalt (51) (g); Pat Klaaren (g).

Boys defeated Shipley 41-28. **Lineup:** Ronnie Halterman (f) – 15 pts; George Tiffany (f) - 14 pts.; Marlin Long (c) - 8 pts; Gene Atwood (g-f) - 1 pt; Ronnie Stratton (g) – 1 pt.; Bob Baker (f) – 2 pts;

Lonnie Boozell (g) 0 pts.; Dick Cory (f) 0 pts.; Chris Buck (c) 0 pts.; Larry Smith (g), 0 pts.; Kenny Carroll (g) 0 pts.; Charles Maxwell (g) 0 pts.

Shipley overcame the Collins **girls** 36-19. **Lineup:** Dee Gardner (f) – 9 pts; Barbara Kimberley (f) – 6 pts; Doris Caulkins (g-f) – 0 pts; Bonnie Long (f) – 0 pts.; Norma Evans (f); Ramona Beavers (g); Carol Atwood (g-f) - 4 pts; Lois Maxwell (g); Bea Clark (g); Jo Ann Fertig (g); Lola Oswald (g); Shirley Wilson (g).

Home-Ec. News – The Freshmen girls are making aprons. The Senior girls are doing textile painting. They attended a horticultural show at Iowa State (College) University in Ames Friday.

Agriculture News – The Collins Chapter of the **FFA elected officers:** Ronnie Stratton – Pres.; Charles Hofer – Vice Pres.; Bob Baker – Secretary; Marlin Long – Treas.; Lonnie Boozell – Reporter.

Music – An octet consisting of Lois Maxwell, Beverley Liggett, Dolores Gardner, Shirley Wilson, Darlene Haley, La Von Johnson, Norma Vasey and Alma Bach sang “Your Land and My Land” at the Armistice Day program November 11.

November 27, 1947 New Superintendent – Dean McKee of Tarkio, MO assumed duties Monday as Superintendent of the Collins School succeeding R. A. Long who resigned several weeks ago. He was superintendent of the Shenandoah, IA school for 15 years and prior to that was superintendent at Sigourney, Iowa for 11 years. Since Shenandoah, he has been Director of Public Relations for Tarkio College in Missouri.

Basketball – Collins **boys** defeated Huxley 42-30. **Lineup:** Halterman (f) – 2 pts; Tiffany (f) - 14 pts.; Long (c) - 10 pts; Atwood (g-f) - 11 pts; Stratton (g) – 4 pts.; Boozell (g) 0 pts.; Cory (f) 1 pt.

Girls team was defeated by Huxley 52-37. **Lineup:** Gardner (f) – 17 pts; Kimberley (f) – 15 pts; Atwood (g-f) - 5 pts; Long (f) – 0 pts.; Evans (f); Beavers (g); Maxwell (g); Clark (g); Fertig (g); Oswald (g); Wilson (g).

Boys also defeated Slater on their court 50 – 48. **Lineup:** Halterman (f) – 23 pts; Tiffany (f) - 7 pts.; Long (c) - 13 pts; Atwood (g-f) - 6 pts; Stratton (g) – 1 pt.; Boozell (g) 0 pts. **The boys are currently leading the South Story County Conference with an undefeated record.**

Girls team was defeated by Slater 45-33. **Lineup:** Gardner (f) – 18 pts; Kimberley (f) – 10 pts; Atwood (g-f) - 5 pts; Long (f) – 0 pts.; Beavers (g); Maxwell (g); Clark (g); Fertig (g); Oswald (g); Wilson (g).

Sophomore’s Pet Peeves: Carol A - Jumping rope in basketball practice, Arlene B – Going to school, Lonnie B – Listening to Iowa play football, Gail C. – Straight hair, Dick C. – Bubble gum popping in a person’s face. Robert J. – Work, Jackie K. – Doing dishes, Connie N. – Dishwashing, Lane R. – Little brothers, Joyce T. – Mice.

News – A new Coke machine in the hall of the high school building. **A new school bus.**

December 4, 1947 Honor Roll Second Six Weeks: 7th – Ruth Klaaren, Dorothy Long, Lee Ann Ridgeway, Shirley Shuey, Keith Weigel; 8th – John Carver, John Duesbury, Erwin Frerichs, Larry Heintz, Philip Holland, Virginia Mead, Joy Milligan; 9th – Phyllis Baker, Norma Keagle, Barbara Kimberley, Pat Klaaren, Max Liggett, Bonnie Long, Lola Oswald; 11th – Chris Buck, Lois Elliott, Jo Ann Fertig, Shirley Wilson. 12th – Gene Atwood, Alma Bach, Ramona Beavers, Dolores Gardner, Darlene Haley, Ronnie Halterman, Beverley Liggett, Lois Maxwell, Margaret Maxwell, Ronald Stratton, George Tiffany, Anna Van Pilsun, Norma Vasey.

Basketball – Girls defeated Colo 41-32. **Lineup:** Gardner (f) – 13 pts; Kimberley (f) – 24 pts; Atwood (g-f) - 4 pts; Long (f) – 0 pts.; Beavers (g); Maxwell (g); Clark (g); Fertig (g).

Boys continued winning streak by defeating Colo 47-25. **Lineup:** Halterman (f) – 19 pts; Tiffany (f) - 11 pts.; Long (c) - 4 pts; Atwood (g-f) - 11 pts; Stratton (g) – 0 pts.; Boozell (g) 2 pts.; Cory (f) 0 pts.; Buck (c) 0 pts.; Smith (g) 0 pts.; Carroll (g) 0 pts.; Maxwell (g) 0 pts.

December 11, 1947 Ag News – Wednesday the **FFA boys** go to Iowa Falls for initiation into FFA. **Farm Management class** is making an inventory and setting up depreciation schedules on farm equipment required to operate a 200 acre farm. **Ag II** is studying practical methods of pasture improvement. Each student is preparing a plan for reseeding and improving 10 acres of permanent pasture. Kenneth Carroll has purchased a purebred Angus heifer from Ardmore Farms at Radcliffe, now owns two purebred Angus heifers.

School Dance – The junior high and high school attended a dance at school building Wednesday night with music furnished by records with Dick Smith the disc jockey. Everyone had an enjoyable time – so what do you say, let's have more dances.

Basketball - Boys defeated Fernald 45-26 to keep their record with **no loses**. **Lineup:** Halterman (f) – 14 pts; Tiffany (f) - 7 pts.; Long (c) - 9 pts; Atwood (g-f) - 12 pts; Stratton (g) – 3 pts.; Boozell (g) 0 pts.; Cory (f) 0 pts.; Buck (c) 0 pts.; Smith (g) 0 pts.; Carroll (g) 0 pts.; Maxwell (g) 0 pts.; Baker (g-f) - 0 pts.

Girls lost to Fernald 40-38. **Lineup:** Gardner (f) – 24 pts; Kimberley (f) – 2 pts; Fertig (f) – 12 pts; Atwood (g); Beavers (g); Maxwell (g); Clark (g).

Boys defeated Rhodes 48-20. **Lineup:** Halterman (f) – 12 pts; Tiffany (f) - 7 pts.; Long (c) - 6 pts; Atwood (g-f) - 14 pts; Stratton (g) – 0 pts.; Boozell (g) 4 pts.; Cory (f) 4 pts.; Buck (c) 0 pts.; Smith (g) 1 pt.; Carroll (g) 0 pts.; Maxwell (g) 0 pts.; Baker (g-f) - 0 pts.

Girls lost to Rhodes on the home court 31-27. **Lineup:** Gardner (f) – 8 pts; Kimberley (f) – 11 pts; Fertig (f) – 8 pts; Atwood (g); Beavers (g); Maxwell (g); Clark (g).

Junior Pet Peeves: Chris Buck – Being called Albert, Richard Moses – Somebody getting mad over nothing, Dick Smith – Running out of gas, Bob Wilkening – Physics, Charles Hofer – School, Don Barnes – World History, Bea Clark – Long skirts, Lois Elliott – People who can't take no for an answer, Colleen Moore – Being called SP, Jo Ann Fertig – Being called Shorty, Elsie Coates – Snobs, Shirley Wilson – Having my scarf pulled off, Kathleen Kitchen – Wolves.

December 18, 1947 School Notes – The December PTA meeting will be held on the 18th at the high school. It is pot luck supper with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith in charge. The grade school will give a Christmas operetta.

Voc Ag Projects – This is the first series of reports on Vocational Ag Supervised Productive Projects. This week we are interviewing Charles Hofer, a junior who is now enrolled for his third year in Voc Ag. He is active in FFA work and is Vice Pres. of the Collins Chapter.

Basketball – Girls won their third game of the season at Kelley – 23-19. Gardner (f) – 9 pts; Kimberley (f) – 10 pts; Fertig (f) – 4 pts; Long (f) – 0 pts; Atwood (g); Beavers (g); Maxwell (g); Clark (g); Wilson (g).

Boys defeated Kelley 40-29. **Lineup:** Halterman and Tiffany injured, did not play. Long (c) - 9 pts; Atwood (g-f) - 11 pts; Stratton (g) – 3 pts.; Boozell (g) 10 pts.; Cory (f) 2 pts.; Buck (c) 0 pts.; Baker (g-f) - 6 pts.

Girls were defeated by Shipley 33-29. **Lineup:** Gardner (f) – 17 pts; Kimberley (f) – 10 pts; Fertig (f) – 0 pts; Long (f) 0 pts; Atwood (g); Beavers (g); Maxwell (g); B. Clark (g-f) – 2 pts; Wilson (g).

Boys - An inspired hard fighting quintet from Shipley defeated the local boys on the home floor 38-35. This is the **first loss of the season.** **Lineup:** Halterman (f) – 9 pts; Tiffany (f) - 2 pts.; Long (c) - 10 pts; Atwood (g-f) - 13 pts; Stratton (g) – 1 pt.; Buck (c) 0 pts.; Baker (g-f) - 0 pts.

Grade News: First – Much of our working time this week has been spent on the Christmas operetta. The reading groups have completed their supplementary readers and will begin new books after holiday vacation. In Numbers work, we are learning to add or subtract with numbers up to ten. **Second and Third** – We are learning multiplication tables. We drew names for our Christmas Party which is next week.

December 25, 1947 New Years Resolutions: Jo Ann Fertig – No more black eyes, Ramona Beavers – Get more sleep, Joan Sager – Act better in Home-Ec, Gail Clark – Quit slang language, Lane Rice – Sleep more and work less, Norma Evans – Get better grades in general business, Beverley Liggett – Not break any more teeth, Margaret Maxwell – Stay home more often.

Senior Class Party – Wednesday night the senior class held a Christmas Party with each person entitled to bring a guest. The evening was spent in dancing, playing cards, and ping-pong. After refreshments, everyone took part in the grab bag.

Basketball - Girls played an outstanding game against Maxwell Tuesday night, winning 35-27.

Lineup: Gardner (f) – 22 pts; Kimberley (f) – 13 pts; Fertig (f) – 0 pts; Long (f) 0 pts.; Atwood (g); Beavers (g); Maxwell (g); B. Clark (g).

Boys defeated a shorter Maxwell five, 50-22. **Lineup:** Halterman (f) – 10 pts; Tiffany (f) - 13 pts.; Long (c) - 6 pts; Atwood (g-f) - 10 pts; Boozell (g) 5 pts.; Cory (f) 0 pts.; Smith (g) 0 pts.; Carroll (g) 0 pts.; Baker (g-f) - 6 pts.

January 1, 1948 Another Voc Ag Project – Freshman Kenneth Carroll was interviewed. His folks live on a 120-acre farm seven miles south of Collins in Jasper County. Aspiration is farming after graduation.

Basketball – Boys had another close and exciting game, defeating Melbourne 55-53. Halterman (f) – 18 pts; Tiffany (f) - 15 pts.; Long (c) - 6 pts; Atwood (g-f) - 11 pts; Boozell (g) 2 pts.; Cory (f) 0 pts.; Baker (g-f) - 3 pts.

Girls also had close and exciting game overcoming Melbourne 37-34. **Lineup:** Gardner (f) – 17 pts; Kimberley (f) – 15 pts; Fertig (f) – 5 pts; Long (f) – 0 pts.; Atwood (g); Beavers (g); Maxwell (g); B. Clark (g).

Grade News: First – The flag was presented to us by the Legion Auxiliary. We are giving the pledge to the flag every morning. **Second and Third** – Our teacher read us the book entitled “The Belinda Blue.” It was the story of a kitten that had a hard time finding someone to play with.

January 8, 1948 Home-Ec. News: The senior girls have completed their wool dresses and are now starting on cooking unit. They are preparing a luncheon Monday. The freshmen girls are studying cooking and will serve breakfast Tuesday.

Ag News: We are now studying the rental and structures of farm buildings. Last Friday we took a field trip to the Stanley Mitchell farm to study the way he reconstructed their barn. We have acquired two new copies of “Morrison’s Feed and Feeding” for our Ag Library.

Basketball – Boys were defeated by a larger Roland five at Roland 47-32. **Lineup:** Halterman (f) 12 pts; Tiffany (f) 2 pts.; Long (c) 3 pts; Atwood (g-f) 6 pts; Boozell (g) 7 pts.; Maxwell (g) 0 pts.; Baker (g-f) 2 pts.

Girls played an outstanding game against Roland Tuesday night, winning 33-30. **Lineup:** Gardner (f) 13 pts; Kimberley (f) 16 pts; Fertig (f) 4 pts; Long (f) 0 pts; Atwood (g); Beavers (g); Maxwell (g); B. Clark (g).

Boys resumed their winning ways by defeating Fernald at Collins 55-25. **Lineup:** Halterman (f) 16 pts; Tiffany (f) 11 pts.; Long (c) 6 pts; Atwood (g-f) 15 pts; Stratton (g) 1 pt.; Boozell (g) 0 pts.; Cory (f) 4 pts.; Buck (c) 3 pts.; Smith (g) 0 pts.; Carroll (g) 0 pts.; Maxwell (g) 0 pts.; Baker (g-f) 0 pts.

Girls won their 7th game over Fernald 31-27. **Lineup:** Gardner (f) 11 pts; Kimberley (f) 16 pts; Fertig (f) 3 pts; Long (f) 0 pts; Atwood (g); Beavers (g); Maxwell (g); B. Clark (g).

Boys Record is 11 victories and 2 losses. Individual Players Total Points Scored: Ronnie Halterman (48) (f) – 168, Gene Atwood (48) (g-f) – 127, George Tiffany (48) (f) – 115, Marlin Long (48) (c) – 98, Lonnie Stratton (48) (g) – 16, Dick Cory (50) (f) – 20, Bob Baker (48) (g-f) – 19, Ronnie Boozell (50) (g) – 14, Chris Buck (49) (c) – 4, Kenny Carroll (51) (g) – 1, Larry Smith (51) (g) – 1, Charles Maxwell (g) – 1.

Girls Record is 7 victories and 6 losses. Individual Players Total Points Scored: Dee Gardner (48) (f) – 194, Barabra Kimberley (51) (f) – 159, Jo Ann Fertig (49) (f) – 36, Carol Atwood (50) (f-g) – 21, Doris Caulkins (48) (f-g) – 2.

January 15, 1948 Basketball – The **girls Story County Tournament** is being held at Colo and Roland with semi-finals and finals in Nevada field house. Collins vs. Colo in first round at Colo. The **boys** tournament is in Nevada field house, will play McCallsburg in first round. Admission – adults .50, students .30.

Question of the Week – What do you think Collins will do in the County Tournament? Chris Buck – Win, Kathleen Kitchen – Win, Bob Wilkening – Beat Roland, Bonnie Long – Beat Colo, Lonnie Boozell – Play in the finals, Dick Cory – Beat Roland, Margaret Maxwell – I think we have two swell teams and they will bring home victories if they are given our whole-hearted support.

Basketball – **Boys** defeated an inspired Cambridge five on their home court 42-34. **Lineup:** Halterman (f) 17 pts; Tiffany (f) 2 pts.; Long (c) 5 pts; Atwood (g-f) 16 pts; Boozell (g) 2 pts. **Girls** set the record at eight wins, overcoming Cambridge 29-25. Halftime score – Collins 10-5. **Lineup:** Gardner (f) 7 pts; Kimberley (f) 20 pts; Fertig (f) 2 pts; Long (f) 0 pts; Evans (f) 0 pts.; Atwood (g); Beavers (g); Maxwell (g); B. Clark (g); Oswald (g).

Boys defeated Maxwell on their gym 54-19. The first string saw little action after the first half. **Lineup:** Halterman (f) 18 pts; Tiffany (f) 5 pts.; Long (c) 0 pts; Atwood (g-f) 11 pts; Stratton (g) 3 pts.; Boozell (g) 3 pts.; Cory (f) 3 pts.; Buck (c) 6 pts.; Smith (g) 0 pts.; Carroll (g) 0 pts.; Maxwell (g) 1 pt.; Baker (g-f) 0 pts.

Girls were defeated by Maxwell on their gym 25-23. **Lineup:** Dee Gardner (48) (f) – 11 pts; Barbara Kimberley (51) (f) – 5 pts; Jo Ann Fertig (49) (f) – 7 pts; Bonnie Long (51) (f) 0 pts.; Carol Atwood (50) (g); Ramona Beavers (48) (g); Lois Maxwell (48) (g); Bea Clark (49) (g).

Grade News: Kindergarten – Our reading readiness books are completed and we are ready to begin the first pre-primer, “We Look and See;” **First** – We made our unit booklets in numbers and social studies to take home; **Second and Third** – Some of us have brought our toy band instruments to school and we are learning to keep time to music. In language we are making up imaginary stories and telling them to the class. Some of them are very interesting; **Fourth** – we have been bringing clippings from newspapers to discuss in our current events period. The ones that are most interesting are put up on the bulletin board.

January 22, 1948 Ag News: Delbert Neese and Arlin Dodd brought their model airplane motors to class. Delbert explained the principle of the model airplane motor. Ag II boys are studying practical methods of applying commercial fertilizers.

Basketball – **Boys** had another conference win 56-28 over Kelley. **Lineup:** Halterman (f) 20 pts; Tiffany (f) 6 pts.; Long (c) 10 pts; Atwood (g-f) 14 pts; Stratton (g) 4 pts.; Boozell (g) 2 pts.

The **girls** defeated Kelley in a home game 33-24. **Lineup:** Gardner (f) 14 pts; Kimberley (f) 11 pts; Fertig (f) 8 pts; Long (f) 0 pts; Atwood (g); Beavers (g); Maxwell (g); B. Clark (g); Wilson (g).

Boys final period rally fell six points short as time ran out, losing to Slater 44-39 on their floor. **Lineup:** Halterman (f) 7 pts; Tiffany (f) 2 pts.; Long (c) 17 pts; Atwood (g-f) 12 pts; Stratton (g) 0 pts.; Boozell (g) 0 pts.; Cory (f) 0 pts.; Baker (g-f) 0 pts.

The **girls** lost a hard-fought game at Slater 41-31. **Lineup:** Gardner (f) 10 pts; Kimberley (f) 9 pts; Fertig (f) 14 pts; Long (f) 0 pts; Atwood (g); Beavers (g); Maxwell (g); B. Clark (g); Wilson (g).

Favorite Hobbies: Bob Wilkening – Baseball, Lois Maxwell – Basketball, Jo Ann Fertig – Saddle Horses, Dee Gardner – Salt and Pepper Shakers, Gene Atwood – Basketball, Joyce Tomlinson – Drawing, Barbara Kimberley – Basketball, Arlin Dodd – Model Airplanes, Connie Neale – Sewing.

Grade News: First – We are practicing writing our letters correctly. We find it is easier to read our writing when our letters are made correctly and neatly. We are learning about the year. We found it is divided into days, weeks, months and seasons. We are learning the names of the days of the week.

Second and Third – In science we made paper windmills to help us determine the direction and speed of the wind. The second grade is learning to do three-number addition. Some of the third grade know their multiplication tables to fives. **Fourth** – Mrs. Anna Moses is our new teacher, beginning this week, replacing Mrs. Robinson. **Fifth and Sixth** – We have started our science lessons. We learned that all food comes from green plants and that green plants can be found all over the world.

January 29, 1948 Girls Story County Basketball Tournament at Colo: Collins lost in the **first round** of the **County Tournament** to Colo 43-33. **Lineup:** Gardner (f) 15 pts; Kimberley (f) 12 pts; Fertig (f) 4 pts; Long (f) 0 pts; Atwood (g-f) 2 pts.; Beavers (g); Maxwell (g); B. Clark (g); Wilson (g); Oswalt (g).

Interview of Faculty – Donna Ose attended all twelve years of school at Collins. She attended Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls and also the University of Colorado. Her previous teaching has been at Rhodes, Zearing, and Guthrie Center. The reason she likes teaching is she likes to work with children. Her favorites are: Food – Swiss Steak, Sport – Badminton, Book – *In His Steps*, Pastime – Reading and Playing Piano.

The Collins **Adult Evening School dinner and graduating exercises** were held in the high school gym and marked the close of another successful series of evening classes. **Four courses** were offered this year: Agriculture – 14 graduates; Homemaking – 14 graduates; Community Planning – 15 graduates; Current Affairs – 17 graduates.

February 5, 1948 Editorial “Hat’s Off,” score Roland 40, Collins 27, Whew! !! Whew! !! was the exclamation by both Collins and Roland fans. Many, many happy faces were seen Saturday in the field house at Nevada when our boys’ team played a very good basketball game against the Rockets of Roland. Even though we didn’t come home with the victory, **we did receive a nice trophy and the Collins fans take their hats off to our team.** They played a good game. We are also proud of the good

sportsmanship shown by you. The Collins fans salute the boys' basketball team and their coach, Vance Stead.

Basketball – County Tournament Games at Nevada: Collins **boys first round** win over McCallsburg 35 -27. **Lineup:** Halterman (f) 15 pts; Tiffany (f) 6 pts.; Long (c) 10 pts; Atwood (g-f) 3 pts; Stratton (g) 1 pt.; Boozell (g) 0 pts.; Cory (f) 0 pts.; Baker (g-f) 0 pts.

Second round win over Colo 39-26. **Lineup:** Halterman (f) 16 pts; Tiffany (f) 2 pts.; Long (c) 10 pts; Atwood (g-f) 10 pts; Stratton (g) 0 pts.; Boozell (g) 1 pt.; Cory (f) 0 pts.; Buck (c) 0 pts.; Smith (g) 1 pt.; Carroll (g) 0 pts.; Maxwell (g) 0 pts.; Baker (g-f) 0 pts.

Semi-final round victory over Huxley 31-29. The first quarter ended 11-11. Collins moved into a 19-14 lead at the half and to a 27-16 lead midway in the third quarter. The Vikings scored six points while Collins was scoreless. Lonnie Boozell ended the draught with a free throw near the end of the quarter with Collins leading 28-22. George Tiffany made two free throws and Bob Baker added the final point. The Vikings scored eight points in the closing minutes to close out the game with Collins winning 31-29. **Lineup:** Halterman (f) 13 pts; Tiffany (f) 2 pts.; Long (c) 4 pts; Atwood (g-f) 8 pts; Stratton (g) 2 pts.; Boozell (g) 1 pt.; Cory (f) 0 pts.; Buck (c) 0 pts.; Maxwell (g) 0 pts.; Baker (g-f) 1 pt.

Final round – Roland had too much scoring power, defeating Collins 40-27. It was a battle of defenses, especially the first half with Roland leading 7-6 at the first quarter, and only 13-10 at the half. **Lineup:** Halterman (f) 11 pts; Tiffany (f) 4 pts.; Long (c) 9 pts; Atwood (g-f) 1 pt; Stratton (g) 0 pts.; Boozell (g) 0 pts.; Cory (f) 0 pts.; Baker (g-f) 2 pts.

Home-Ec News: The **senior girls** have completed the coverage of their chairs. The **freshmen girls** entertained their mothers and friends at a brunch Tuesday morning. After the brunch, the girls presented a play entitled “Be It Ever So Humble,” written by a freshmen Home-Ec class in New York; Songs-Serenade of the Bells and Sentimental Journey duet by Lola Oswalt and Norma Evans. **Ag News:** The Ag boys went out to O. A. Caulkins' field back of the schoolhouse to pick up corn. Charles Hofer brought his tractor and wagon. We hope to get more jobs of picking up corn so we can build up our treasury.

February 12, 1948 Voc Ag – This week we present another report in a series of interviews of boys taking Voc Ag. We have chosen Norman Ball, who lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ball, on a farm five miles southeast of Collins. He intends to farm after graduating.

Basketball – Girls Sectional Tournament: Although the Collins team didn't take top honors at the sectional tournament at Maxwell last week, **they only missed by one point in the final game**, losing to Colo – 31-30. They are deserving of a lot of credit for good playing and good sportsmanship. **The runner-up trophy won by the local girls is on display in the Gazette office window along with the boys runner-up trophy received in the Story County Tournament.**

First round victory over Shipley 38-32. **Lineup:** Gardner (f) 18 pts; Kimberley (f) 12 pts; Fertig (f) 8 pts; Atwood (g); Beavers (g); Maxwell (g); B. Clark (g); Gail Clark (g).

Semi-final round victory over Maxwell 38-34. **Lineup:** Gardner (f) 22 pts; Kimberley (f) 13 pts; Fertig (f) 3 pts; Long (f) 0 pts; Atwood (g); Beavers (g); Maxwell (g); B. Clark (g); G. Clark (g).

Final round, Collins lost to Colo 31 -30. Colo led 27-20 in the third quarter. Collins girls rallied strongly, but were unable to overcome the seven-point deficit. The guards on both teams were deciding factors as they held the scoring to a minimum. **Lineup:** Gardner (f) 11 pts; Kimberley (f) 10 pts; Fertig (f) 9 pts; Long (f) 0 pts; Atwood (g); Beavers (g); Maxwell (g); B. Clark (g); G. Clark (g).

Regular Season Game Collins **girls'** victory over Rhodes 52-34 and **boys'** victory over Rhodes 43-21. Box scores bypassed for these games.

Grade News: Second and Third – Third are learning how to divide in arithmetic. We think it is fun. We learned some singing games this week in music. We especially like Farmer in the Dell and the Little Pig in the Parlor. We are still reading Tom Sawyer and enjoy it very much. **Fourth** – During Language this week we have given reports on our favorite book and also a movie we particularly like. We have been having music with the fifth and sixth graders this week.

February 19, 1948 Voc Ag: On Thursday the junior and senior Ag boys attended the Farm and Home Week at Iowa State (College) University. Members of the Farm Management class are making an analysis of the home farm. This includes cropping and livestock system.

Basketball – Boys defeat Colo 44-26. **Lineup:** Halterman (f) 12 pts; Tiffany (f) 6 pts.; Long (c) 10 pts; Atwood (g-f) 9 pts; Stratton (g) 1 pt.; Boozell (g) 2 pts.; Cory (f) 4 pts.; Buck (c) 0 pts.; Maxwell (g) 0 pts.; Baker (g-f) 0 pts.

Girls now have a record of 12 wins and 11 losses as they lost to Colo 43-25. **Lineup:** Gardner (injured) Kimberley (f) 8 pts; Fertig (f) 11 pts; Long (f) 2 pts; Atwood (g-f) 3 pts.; Beavers (g); Maxwell (g); B. Clark (g); G. Clark (g); Wilson (g); Oswalt (g).

Girls defeated Cambridge 33-17. **Lineup:** Long started in place of Gardner who was unable to play. Kimberley (f) 9 pts; Fertig (f) 11 pts; Long (f) 13 pts; Atwood (g); Beavers (g); Maxwell (g); G. Clark (g); Wilson (g).

Boys defeated Cambridge 59-33. **Lineup:** Halterman (f) 10 pts; Tiffany (f) 5 pts.; Long (c) 15 pts; Atwood (g-f) 10 pts; Stratton (g) 0 pts.; Boozell (g) 2 pts.; Cory (f) 6 pts.; Buck (c) 2 pts.; Smith (g) 1 pts.; Carroll (g) 0 pts.; Maxwell (g) 2 pts.; Baker (g-f) 4 pts.

February 26, 1948 Basketball – The Collins **boys** became **Conference Champs** by defeating Huxley in their gym 42-26 in final regular season game. Collins **Conference Record is 12 wins and 2 losses.** **Lineup:** Halterman (f) 15 pts; Tiffany (f) 0 pts.; Long (c) 13 pts; Atwood (g-f) 10 pts; Stratton (g) 0 pts.; Boozell (g) 2 pts.; Cory (f) 2 pts.; Baker (g-f) 0 pts.

The **girls** played a good game, defeating Huxley 45-37 in the last game of the season. **Lineup:** Gardner (f) 13 pts; Kimberley (f) 10 pts; Fertig (f) 22 pts; Long (f) 0 pts; Atwood (g); Beavers (g); Maxwell (g); B. Clark (g); G. Clark (g).

Boys Sectional Tournament: Colo upset Collins 35-33 in the opening game thriller. Defeated three times during the season by Collins, Colo trailed 10-5 at the end of the first quarter, were leading 15-14 at halftime, and finished out the game for a two-point victory. A Colo player scored the deciding basket

with 35 seconds remaining in the game, with a shot from behind the free throw circle for a 34-31 lead. Colo made the first of two free throws, but waived the second free throw to take the ball out of bounds. (Insert 2005: The team shooting free throws had the option at any time for shooting the free throw or taking the ball out of bounds. When the team was in the lead, it was customary to take the ball out of bounds near the end of the game to stall the remainder of the time.) After playing their first three games against Collins with a zone defense, Colo switched to man-to-man tactics for the tournament game, which was very effective. Collins also played a pressing defense as both teams played rugged defensive game. Ronnie Halterman was leading Collins' scorer with 12 points.

Basketball – Junior high boys runners-up in the Ames Junior High Tournament: **First round** defeated Cambridge by a two point margin; **Second round** defeated Fernald by a seven point margin; **Semi-final** round defeated Gilbert by a 12 point margin. **Final round** – The championship game was a hard-fought battle the first half, with Nevada holding a 17-10 lead. The taller Nevada team controlled second half to win by an eighteen-point margin. Junior High team usual starting **lineup**: Rhineardt Kilker (f) 0 pts.; Donald Coughenour (f) 0 pts.; Philip Holland (c) 9 pts.; Erwin Frerichs (g) 1 pt.; John Duesbury (g) 0 pts.; and other team members: Carroll Smith (g) 3 pts.; Reno Milligan (f); Darrel Moses (c); Larry Heintz (f); John Carver (f); Virgil Swaim (f); Arnold Smith (g). Trophy displayed in Gazette office window.

March 11, 1948 Monday's **election** of the Collins Consolidated School District resulted in the election of two new members to the School Board – Mrs. Grainger Buck and Alva Elliott, both elected for three-year terms. Other Board members are L. D. Holland, Ernest Hofer, K. W. Tomlinson. Treas. – J. R. Witmer; Secretary - Mrs. O. N. Serbein.

Honor Roll - Six Weeks: 7th - Keith Weigel, Shirley Shuey, Lee Ann Ridgeway, Ruth Klaaren, Phyllis Carroll. 8th – John Carver, John Duesbury, Erwin Frerichs, Larry Heintz, Philip Holland, Carolyn Long, Virginia Mead, Joy Milligan. 9th Nora Neale, Bonnie Long, Max Liggett, Pat Klaaren, Barbara Kimberley, Norma Keagle, Kenneth Carroll, Phyllis Baker. 10th Carol Atwood, Arlene Baker, Gail Clark, Connie Neale, Lane Rice, John Runyan, Joyce Tomlinson. 11th Chris Buck, Jo Ann Fertig, Kathleen Kitchen, Bob Wilkening. 12th Gene Atwood, Alma Bach, Ramona Beavers, Dolores Gardner, Darlene Haley, Ronald Halterman, Beverly Liggett, Lois Maxwell, Margaret Maxwell, Ronald Stratton, George Tiffany, Anna Van Pilsum, Norma Vasey.

March 18, 1948 Spelling Contest - Virginia Mead represented Collins in the Story County Spelling Contest. She was **second in the oral contest section**.

Free Throw Contest On Monday, March 1, **64 contestants started the first round of the free throw contest**. It ended last Tuesday (five rounds later) with a **red-hot battle between Dolores Gardner (48) and Erwin Frerichs (52), with Erwin the winner. Erwin made 45 out of a possible 75 and Dee made 44 out 75. The consolation round was another fast battle** between Gene Atwood (48) and George Tiffany (48). George finally downed Gene after dropping 57 to Gene's 49 out of a possible 75. We know all the students are looking forward to another tournament next year. The 1st prize was a 1-lb

box of Fanny Farmer candy and 2nd and 3rd place prizes were ½-lb. boxes. Also there was a booby prize which was awarded to Donald Barnes as he only made 1 out of 25.

Basketball – Junior High Boys Conference Tournament Champions. First round Collins defeated Maxwell 25-23. Starting **Lineup**: Rhineardt Kilker (f) 0 pts; Donald Coughenour (f) 0 pts; Philip Holland (c) 16 pts; Erwin Frerichs (g) 3 pts; John Duesbury (g) 6 pts.; and other players: Reno Milligan (g) 0 pts; Darrel Moses (c), 0 pts.; Carroll Smith (g) 0 pts.

Semi-final round Collins overcame Kelley 16-13. Starting **Lineup**: Rhineardt Kilker (f) 2 pts; Donald Coughenour (f) 0 pts; Philip Holland (c) 9 pts; Erwin Frerichs (g) 2 pts; John Duesbury (g) 3 pts; and other players: Reno Milligan (f) 0 pts; Darrel Moses (c) 0 pts; Carroll Smith (g) 0 pts.

Final Collins defeated Cambridge 25-23 **winning Conference Championship**. Collins led at halftime 16-15. Game played at Cambridge. Starting **Lineup**: Rhineardt Kilker (f) 0 pts; Donald Coughenour (f) 3 pts; Philip Holland (c) 15 pts; Erwin Frerichs (g) 5 pts; John Duesbury (g) 1 pt; and other players: Reno Milligan (g) 0 pts; Carroll Smith (g) 1 pt. Vance Stead – **Coach**.

Junior High Basketball Girls – The Junior High **girls** played Colo girls in the tournament at Cambridge, losing 26-15. Virginia Mead – 7 pts; Carolyn Long – 5 pts.; Dorothy Long – 1 pt.; Betty Boozell – 2 pts. Other players were Delores Milligan, Joy Milligan, Lee Ann Ridgeway, Bonnie Snyder, Shirley Shuey, Delores Gilley. Vance Stead – **Coach**.

Girls' Basketball 1947-48 Season Summary: Collins won – Farrar 31-23; Colo 41-32; Kelley 23-19; Maxwell 35-27; Melbourne 37-34; Roland 33-30; Fernald 31-27; Cambridge 29-25, **lost** – Shipley 36-19; Huxley 52-37; Slater 45-33; Fernald 40-38; Rhodes 31-27; Shipley 33-29; Maxwell 25-23; Kelley 33-24; Slater 41-31. **County Tourney: Collins lost** – Colo 43-33. **Sectional Tourney: Collins won** – Shipley 38-32; Maxwell 38-34, **lost** – Colo 31-30 in the finals. **Runner- up trophy**.

Team Members – starting six: Dee Gardner (48) (pivot forward) 330 pts.; Barabra Kimberley (51) (f) 291 pts.; Jo Ann Fertig (49) (f) 148 pts; Ramona Beavers (48) (pivot guard) , Carol Atwood (50) (f/g) 31 pts.; Lois Maxwell (48). Other team members: Bonnie Long (f) 15 pts.; Norma Evans (51) (f) 0 pts.; Shirley Wilson (50) (g); Gail Clark (50) (g); Bea Clark (49) (g); Doris Caulkins (48) (g); Lola Oswalt (51) (g). Collins Season points 819, Opponents 815. **Season Record: Won 14 – Lost 11. Runner-up in the Sectional Tournament losing by one point to Colo. Coach - Vance Stead.**

Boys' Basketball 1947-48 Season Summary: Collins won – Farrar 43-23; Shipley 41-28; Huxley 42-30; Slater 50-48; Colo 47-25; Fernald 45-26; Rhodes 48-20; Kelley 40-29; Maxwell 50-22; Melbourne 55-53; Fernald 55-25; Cambridge 42-34; Maxwell 54-19; Kelley 56-28; Colo – 44-26; Cambridge 59-33; Huxley 42-26, **lost** - Shipley 38-35; Roland 47-32; Slater 44-39. **County Tourney: Collins won** – McCallsburg 35-27; Colo 39-26; Huxley 31-29, Collins **lost** - Roland 40-27 in the finals. **Sectional Tourney: Collins lost** to Colo 35-33.

Team Members – starting five: Ronnie Halterman (48) (f) 326; George Tiffany (48) (f) 151;

Marlin Long (48) (c) 213; Gene Atwood (48) (g) 254; Ronnie Stratton (48) (g) 34. Other team members: Lonnie Boozell (50) (g) 56; Dick Cory (50) (f) 38; Bob Baker (48) (g-f) 28; Chris Buck (49) (c) 16; Charles Maxwell (g) 6; Kenny Carroll (51) (g) 4; Larry Smith (51) (g) 2. Collins team points – 1127, Opponents - 811. **Outstanding Season Record: Won 21 – Lost 5; South Story Conference Champions; Second place in Story County Tournament. Coach - Vance Stead.**

April 1, 1948 Senior Play Seniors have chosen “Million Dollar Cook.” **The cast** is Alma Bach, George Tiffany, Bob Baker, Ronnie Stratton, Doris Ball, Doris Caulkins, Anna Van Pilsum, Lois Maxwell, Beverly Liggett, Norma Vasey, and La Von Johnson.

The **Speech Class** has selected plays, which they will present in late April. **“Don’t Feed the Animals”** with **cast members:** Bob Wilkening, Bill Hand, Colleen Moore, Anna Van Pilsum, Bea Clark, La Von Johnson, Norma Vasey, with **Director** – Doris Caulkins. **“Weather or No”** with **cast members:** Bev Wendell, Jo Ann Fertig, Marlin Long, Kathleen Kitchen, Ronnie Stratton, Ronnie Halterman, with **Director** Lois Maxwell. **“First Class Matter”** with **cast members:** Shirley Wilson, Elsie Coates, Charles Hofer, Richard Moses, with **Director** Dee Gardner.

Boys Sports: Spring is here and a squad of 23 boys turned out for **baseball practice**. Not to be forgotten in the midst of baseball is our **track team** as there are several good runners and field events men this year.

Grade News: Fifth and Sixth – In science we learned how the arm muscles work and the names of the arm bones. A bone was brought in showing where the ligaments were attached and how the joints work. The **sixth** grade is beginning to work on decimal fractions.

April 8, 1948 Baseball – After having their opponents blanked 3-0 up to the 6th inning, Collins baseball team dropped the season opener to Nevada on the local diamond 6-3. The visitors scored all their runs in the 6th inning. Halterman and Wilkening pitched for Collins with Long catching.

What is your favorite song? Anna Van Pilsum – Whiffenpoof Song, Alma Bach – Because, Lane Rice – Golden Earrings, Lola Oswald – Four Leaf Clover, George Tiffany – Make Believe, Bob McBride – Serenade of the Bells, Lois Elliott – Now is the Hour, Colleen Moore – Beg Your Pardon, Ronnie Halterman – Now is the Hour, Nora Neale – Now is the Hour, Charles Hofer – Too Fat Polka, Connie Neale – Slap ‘Er Down Again, Pa.

April 15, 1948 Ideal Senior Boy and Girl: Face – Gene Atwood, Ramona Beavers, Profile – Ronnie Halterman, Doris Caulkins, Hair – Marlin Long, Jean Coughenour, Eyes – Ronnie Stratton, Ramona Beavers, Dee Gardner, Margaret Maxwell, Complexion – Gene Atwood, Darlene Haley, Figure – Doris Caulkins, Physique – Marlin Long, Personality – Ronnie Stratton, Beverly Liggett, Dee Gardner, Popular – Ronnie Stratton, Doris Caulkins, Neatest – Ronnie Halterman, Beverly Liggett, Wittiest – Ronnie Stratton, Ramona Beavers, Smartest – Gene Atwood, Darlene Haley, Best Looking – Ronnie Halterman, La Von Johnson, Quietest – Gene Atwood, Jean Coughenour, Peppiest – Ronnie Stratton, Lois Maxwell, Laugh – Ronnie Halterman, Ramona Beavers.

April 22, 1948 Baseball games – Collins defeated Colo 5 – 0, with **Bob Wilkening pitching a no hit – no run game**. He struck out 13, walked 2 and faced only 22 batters [Only one batter over the minimum of 21, for a 7-inning game]. Collins did not make any errors and had only two hits, one each by Halterman and Long.

Collins defeated Shipley 8-4, collecting 8 hits, but making 5 errors. Halterman, McBride and Stratton pitched with Long catching. Atwood had 2 hits. **Lineup:** Stratton (ss or 3b), Halterman (p-ss), Boozell (2b), Wilkening (3b), Baker (lf), Tiffany (1b), Atwood (cf), McBride (p), Cory (rf), Long (c).

Collins **Junior High Baseball team won the South Story Conference Tournament** held in Collins, winning all three of their games by wide margins. They defeated Slater 12-0 in the first game, Shipley 14-0 in the semi-finals and Maxwell 20-3 in the finals. The games were five innings. Vance Stead – **Coach**.

First round Collins 12 Slater 0. **Lineup:** John Duesbury (3b-p) 0 hts. – 1 run; Carroll Smith (cf -3b) 1 hit – 2 runs; Darrel Moses (c) 2 hits – 2 runs; Phil Holland (p) 2 hits – 2 runs; Donald Johnson (2b) 1 hit – 2 runs; Larry Heintz (lf) 0 hits – 0 runs; Donald Coughenour (1b) 2 hits – 1 run; Erwin Frerichs (ss) 0 hits – 1 run; Rhineardt Kilker (rf) 1 hit – 1 run; and others who played: Arnold Smith (cf) no hits – 0 runs; John Carver (rf) 0 hits – no runs; Reno Milligan (2b) 0 hits – 0 runs. Collins - Holland allowed **no hits**, struck out 11, walked only one in four innings pitched. Collins Summary: 9 hits, scored 12 runs, and 0 fielding errors.

Semi-final round, Collins over Shipley 14-0. **Lineup:** Duesbury (p) 2 hts – 3 runs; C. Smith (cf -c) 1 hit – 2 runs; Moses (c) 0 hits – 1 run; Holland (3b) 0 hits – 1 run; Johnson (2b) 0 hits – 0 runs; Heintz (lf) 0 hits – 2 runs; Coughenour (1b) 1 hit – 1 run; Frerichs (ss) 1 hit – 2 runs; Kilker (rf) 1 hit – 0 run; other players: A. Smith (3b) 0 hits – 0 runs; Milligan (cf) 0 hits – 1 run; Carver (rf) 1 hit – 1 run. Collins – Duesbury struck out 11, allowed one hit and no walks in four innings pitched. Team Summary: 7 hits, scored 14 runs, and one fielding error.

Final game Collins **won the championship** with a 20-3 victory over Maxwell. **Lineup:** Duesbury (3b-p) 2 hts. – 4 runs; C. Smith (cf) 1 hit – 4 runs; Moses (c) 2 hits – 2 runs; Holland (p-3b) 4 hits – 2 runs; Johnson (2b) 0 hits – 1 run; Heintz (lf) 0 hits – 1 run; Coughenour (1b) 1 hit – 1 run; Frerichs (ss) 1 hit – 2 runs; Kilker (rf) 3 his – 3 runs; and other player Carver (rf) 0 hits – 0 runs. Collins – Holland struck out 8, allowed one hit and walked only one in four innings pitched. Team Summary: 14 hits, scored 20 runs [10 runs in 1st inning], and 3 fielding errors.

April 29, 1948 Grade News: Second and Third – We finished our unit on rocks and are starting a unit on how to recognize trees by their leaves and bark. For assembly we dramatized Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. **Fourth** – Finished studying about the honey bee and prepared our booklets. We also finished our geography books and as a final touch on South America, Mrs. Moses showed us slides of that country. For the remainder of the year, we are going to take an imaginary trip across the United States on the Lincoln Highway (Highway No. 30). For Music on Friday we listened to the Fred Waring Orchestra radio program. **Fifth and Sixth** – Fifth is studying South America and the sixth is learning a geography of the oriental countries. In History the fifth is studying about colonial days the sixth is studying the World War period.

Baseball: Colo defeated Collins 10-2 with Wilkening the losing pitcher. Collins had 6 hits and made 3 errors. Collins defeated Huxley 13-0 with Halterman the winning pitcher. Collins had 9 hits and 1 error.

May 6, 1948 The Junior-Senior Banquet was at the **Commodore Hotel in Des Moines**. The Junior-Senior Prom will be May 11 and the alumni are invited. It is semi-formal dress. May 14 the annual potluck dinner will be held in the high school gym with the letter awards to be made after dinner.

Baseball: Collins won championship of the South Story County Conference Tournament.

First round, Collins defeated Slater 5-4, with Halterman the winning pitcher. **Lineup:** Ronnie Stratton (48) (ss) 2 hits; Ronnie Halterman (48) (p) 1 hit; Lonnie Boozell (50) (2b) 1 hit; Bob Wilkening (49) (3b) 1 hit; Gene Atwood (48) (cf) 0 hits; George Tiffany (48) (1b) 1 hit; Bob Baker (48) (lf) 0 hits; Marlin Long (48) (c) 2 hits; Dick Cory (50) (rf) 1 hit.

Semi-final round defeated Huxley 2-1, with Stratton the winning pitcher. **Lineup:** Stratton (p) 0 hits; Halterman (ss) 1 hit; Boozell (2b) 1 hit; Wilkening (3b) 1 hit; Atwood (cf) 0 hits; Tiffany (1b) 1 hit; Baker (lf) 0 hits; Long (c) 0 hits; Cory (rf) 0 hits.

Final Collins defeated Shipley for **the championship** 13-2 with Wilkening pitching. Stratton (ss) 1 hit; Halterman (3b) 2 hits; Boozell (2b) 1 hit; Wilkening (p) 1 hit; Atwood (cf) 1 hit; Tiffany (1b) 1 hit; Baker (lf) 0 hits; Long (c) 1 hit; Cory (rf) 1 hit. **Coach,** Vance Stead. (Insert 2005: Collins had two one-run pitchers' dual wins to reach the finals for decisive championship win.)

Track – Little Cyclone Invitational Meet, Ames, IA: Gene Atwood won the 120-yard high hurdles and the 200-yard low hurdles. Chris Buck placed 3rd in the discus throw. [Insert 2005: This is large sized very competitive track and field meet.]

May 13, 1948 Baccalaureate Service for the class of 1948 was held at the Collins Church of Christ last Sunday evening.

Commencement Exercises of Collins High School held May 13, at 8:00 P.M. in the High School auditorium. The program: Processional – Mrs. C. R. Stone, Invocation – Rev. Henry Esch, Music – School Sextet - Shirley Wilson, Joyce Tomlinson, Jo Ann Fertig, Lois Elliott, Jackie Keagle, Colleen More, Salutatory – Anna Van Pilsum, Valedictory – Gene Atwood, Address – Richard A. Long, former Superintendent of Collins School, **Presentation of Eighth Grade** – Vance Stead, Junior High Principal, (8th Grade – Betty Boozell, John Carver, Donald Coughenour, John Duesbury, Erwin Frerichs, Larry Heintz, Philip Holland, Rhineardt Kilker, Carolyn Long, Virginia Mead, Joy Milligan, Reno Milligan, Chrystal Moore, Darrel Moses, Shirley Smith, Bonnie Snyder, Virgil Swaim.), **Presentation of the Class of 1948** - Dale Peer, Principal; Presentation of Diplomas - Lloyd Holland, President of School Board. Benediction – Rev. Paul Varce. Recessional – Mrs. C. R. Stone.

Sectional Baseball Tournament: First round - Paced by the **no-hit pitching of Ronnie Stratton**, Collins defeated Cambridge 17-0. Collins had 17 hits and only 2 errors.

Semi-final round - Collins defeated Napier 11-1. Stratton was the winning pitcher, striking out 6, walking 3 and allowing 4 hits. **Lineup:** Halterman (ss) 0 hits; Tiffany (1b) 0 hits; Long (c) 0 hits;

Stratton (p) 1 hit; Wilkening (3b) 3 hits; Atwood (cf) 1 hit; Cory (rf) 1 hit; Bob Johnson (2b) 1 hit; Bob McBride (lf) 0 hits.

Final round - Nevada defeated Collins, scoring their only run in the top of the seventh for a 1 – 0 victory. (Insert 2005: No further information found.)

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Editorial: When this editor began her present work last fall, she was little aware of the responsibility involved. But as in most other work, you learn by doing. Working with this staff has been fun. Each of them has earned honor points in exercising their imaginations and journalistic abilities. The work and fun of preparing a school paper now lies with the staff of 48-49; good luck to you kids!

In Appreciation: As time draws near when we will part for summer vacation and the senior class leaves high school days behind, we wish to extend our appreciation and thanks to each and every teacher for the help and advice they have given us in the past year and years before. Also to say fond goodbye to any of those who won’t be with us again next year. I wish to express my thanks for the fine cooperation I have received from the faculty, pupils, and especially the paper staff this year. ~ Darlene Haley - Editor.

May 20, 1948 The school year came to an official close last Friday with the **annual picnic and awards:** **Signs Trophy** – Darlene Haley, Ronald Stratton. **Honor Pins** – Gene Atwood, Ramona Beavers, Alma Bach, Doris Caulkins, Dolores Gardner, Darlene Haley, Ronald Halterman, Lois Maxwell, Ronald Stratton, George Tiffany, Norma Vasey. **Girls Basketball** – Ramona Beavers, Lois Maxwell, Dolores Gardner, Jo Ann Fertig, Carol Atwood, Bea Clark, Bonnie Long, Barbara Kimberley, Darlene Haley (Manager). **Cheerleaders** – Lois Elliott, Joyce Tomlinson, Jackie Keagle, Dorothy Partridge. **Boys Basketball** – Gene Atwood, Ronald Halterman, Bob Baker, George Tiffany, Lonnie Boozell, Marlin Long, Chris Buck, Dick Cory, Ronald Stratton, Bill Hand (Manager). **Track-** Ronnie Stratton, Marlin Long, Gene Atwood, Bob Baker, Chris Buck, Lonnie Boozell. **Baseball** – Ronnie Stratton, George Tiffany, Lonnie Boozell, Marlin Long, Gene Atwood, Bob Wilkening, Dick Cory, Ronald Halterman. **Senior Class Mother** – Mrs. Tom Stratton (Ronnie Stratton’s mother). Gift presented from the class by Gene Atwood.

School Board Members – Collins School

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

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1941-42 School Board Term

President – Alvin W. Kracht Board Member – Lloyd Holland Board Member – Clair Fish Board Member – Clyde Keagle Board Member – Ernest Hofer

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