

## Pearsall family

Researched by Ruth Ann Montgomery

While playing on a piano box last Monday morning, Mr. C. J. Pearsall's little five year old son accidentally fell and dislocated his shoulder and also trained the ligaments in his elbow.

September 12, 1895, Evansville Review

Mr. C. J. Pearsall's family returned Tuesday from Camp Brooklyn, First Lake, where they have been a couple of weeks enjoying an outing.

The Badger, August 4, 1900, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

C. J. Pearsall has been on a trip east in company with two brothers. They spent much of their time in their native town in New York.

October 25, 1902, The Badger, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

—A family reunion was enjoyed at the home of C. J. Pearsall, Thanksgiving, in which the following guests participated: B. S. Pearsall and family, M. C. Jocelyn and family, Mrs. Eliza Hall and daughter, D. E. Wood and son Frank, all of Elgin; also Mr. Fred Pearsall and family of Batavia, Ill. All returned to their homes, Friday except Mr. Jocelyn's family who remained over Sunday.

December 2, 1902, The Tribune, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Among the many new fashion colors for house painting is what is termed a copper brown. Mayor Pearsall is one of the first householders in this city to adopt that color and he is having his residence repainted with this, and trimmings are white. It makes a very rich coloring. Fisher Bros, are doing the work.

July 4, 1907, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

### Commercial Club Organized.

The meeting of the Commercial club at the city hall last Friday night resulted in a perfected organization with fifty-two charter members. The officers elected are:

President—C. J. Pearsall.

Vice President—M. J. Paulson.

Secretary—Geo. W. Leyda.

Treasurer—Robt. D. Hartley.

T. C. Richardson, E. VanPatten and H. A. Langemak were named to act with the officers as an executive committee.

The organization will use every effort to bring the city of Evansville and its advantages before the manufacturing public and offer inducements, at times, if necessary, to get factories to locate here.

February 2, 1910, Enterprise & Tribune, p. 1, col. 6, Evansville,

Wisconsin

### CLIFFORD PEARSALL HIGHLY HONORED

Beloit, Wis., Oct. 15.—Clifford Pearsall of Evansville, is the only college senior to be elected to the Honor Committee this fall for the ensuing year. The election is no small honor, positions on the committee involving much responsibility since the committee constitutes a court in which students charged with cheating in examinations, or otherwise violating the honor system, are tried. Aside from being one of the big men of his class, leading soloist of the college, a member of both the Vesper choir and the men's glee club, Mr. Pearsall is a member of one of the leading fraternities, Phi Kappa Psi.

October 16, 1913, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

C. J. Pearsall, Clifford and Phillip Pearsall and Fred A. Baker, left by auto early Tuesday morning for a 225 mile drive to Culver, Ind., where Phillip is to enroll as a student in the summer school of the Culver Military academy, in the naval department. This is the largest private military school in the United States and perhaps the best known of them all. Any boy who has the good fortune to enter it may consider himself very fortunate. The rest of the party are expected home sometime today.

July 1, 1915, p. 5, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

#### CITIZENS' MEETING

A citizens' meeting was held at the Commercial club rooms on Friday evening to appoint committees from the different wards to attend a meeting in Janesville, on April 27, at which the county will organize to take steps to supply the machinery needed for common defense in time of war. The second ward committee is composed of the following gentlemen: M. L. Paulson, E. J. Ballard, John S. Baker, T. C. Richardson and R. M. Richmond. C. J. Pearsall, A. C. Holmes and others will be sent from the first ward, the committees from that ward and the third ward not having been appointed in full as yet.

April 19, 1917, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

A little son, Charles Judd, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Phil D. Pearsall, Sunday, April fifteenth.

April 26, 1923, Evansville Review, p. 5, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. R. B. Vance returned Monday from Winipeg, Canada, where she had been visiting her brother, Robert E. Pearsall and family for the past month. She states that while Mr. Pearsall is still manager of the Holland Creamery Co. of that city, he has entered business for himself, having organized a creamery under the name of the R. E. Pearsall Creamery Co., which will sell to the retailers, his product to be known as the "Monogram" brand, a trade-mark and name that was originated and first used by his father, C. J. Pearsall, when he was in the creamery business in this city.

February 19, 1925, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 5, Evansville, Wisconsin



## PEOPLE YOU KNOW

This Week C. J. Pearsall. Next  
Week Who? Who Knows,  
It May Be You!

C. J. Pearsall one of Evansville's most prominent citizens, was born in Ostego county, New York. On locating in Huntley, Ill., in 1876 he was employed for 11 years for his uncle, D. E. Wood, in a butter and cheese factory after which he served four years as manager of four creameries at Fairfield, Nebr.

Mr. Pearsall came to Evansville in Feb. 1890 to enter partnership with his uncle in operating the local creamery then known as D. E. Wood and company. The firm, which operated other creameries in Albany, Magnolia, Cooksville, Story, Belleville, Brownstown, South Wayne, Gratiot, Town Line, and Schultzberg, was incorporated in 1897 under the name of the D. E. Wood Butter company and was sold to the Cudahy Packing company in 1918.

Mr. Pearsall served three terms here as mayor, two terms as county supervisor from the first ward, and was president of the school board most of the time for 25 years. He was a member of the city council for several years and president of the Commercial club. Mr. Pearsall is a member of the Masonic lodge, the Knights of Pythias, and the Modern Woodmen of America.

April 24, 1930, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 7, Evansville, Wisconsin

Wanted: Girl for general housework, apply to Mrs. P. D. Pearsall, 233 W. Church Street.

December 8, 1938, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Judd Pearsall, who has spent the past ten days in the East with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Antes, is expected to arrive at his home here the latter part of the week.

June 12, 1941, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

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Russell Bros. Circus as  
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Encircled by the picturesque Alle-  
gheny mountains and but a stone's  
throw from the meandering Allegheny  
river, the show is today set up in  
Warren, Pennsylvania, a quaint city  
of approximately 15,000 inhabitants.

We arrived here early Sunday  
morning from Franklin, our second  
stand in this state, after enjoying one  
of the most beautiful mountain and  
river drives to be found in this sec-  
tion of the country.

We observed yesterday, Sunday, as  
a day of rest and after our crew had  
erected the all-important timing tent,  
menagerie, marquee, and ring and  
dressing tents operations ceased until  
early this morning when the big top  
was hoisted for today's performances.

### Friendly City

Residents of the city of Warren  
have proven most friendly and cour-  
teous. The show lot was crowded all  
day Sunday by men, women, and  
children who flocked in large numbers  
to the grounds to get an inside glimpse  
of just how circus people really live  
when the daily routine of two per-  
formances is abandoned for a single  
day.

We had scarcely arrived on the lot  
with our trailer before Ed Lowry,  
managing editor of the Daily Times-  
Mirror greeted me and invited me to  
be his guest at the Elk's club. I ac-  
cepted the invitation and found the  
Warren chapter of the Elks brother-  
hood to be one of the most progres-  
sive and wide-awake fraternal organ-  
izations I had ever contacted.

Boasting of an active membership  
of 500, the lodge here has one of the  
most modern club houses to be found  
in America. The basement is devoted  
to bowling alleys, the first floor to  
parlors and recreation rooms, and the  
top floor to dining rooms, lodge room,

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and to beautifully furnished card  
playing salons. The building is ap-  
proximately 40 years old but due to  
the foresight of those who partici-  
pated in planning the structure, the  
club house is as modern in design as  
any building erected within the past  
few years.

While at the Elks club I personally  
met many of the city's most promi-  
nent business men with the result that  
by the time I left the club I felt quite  
at home and could easily have adopted  
Warren as my future abode.

### Kiwanis Entertained

Though unusually friendly, Warren  
has not been the only welcoming city  
along the route. Alliance, Ohio, also  
greeted us with outstretched arms and  
noon of show day in that city found  
me entertaining the Kiwanis club  
there with a varied banquet program  
of circus attractions.

We had scarcely arrived in Alli-  
ance before I was approached by a  
group of business men who invited  
me to their Kiwanis luncheon to meet  
their fellow townsmen and business  
associates. To show my appreciation  
I took to the banquet with me our  
little sideshow midget, two full-  
blooded American Indian chiefs from  
our wild west after show, a versatile  
clown, and a bareback rider all of  
whom entertained in a royal manner  
to my delight.

With the exception of our recent  
tussle with the labor union, we have  
experienced nothing very exciting  
around the big top during the past  
week. The most thrilling event, how-  
ever, occurred the night before last  
when our huge buffalo, which was be-  
ing untied and loaded in a wagon, ran  
away from his keeper and played  
havoc in the menagerie tent giving  
everyone a thrill that will not soon be  
forgotten.



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Before the beast was finally conquered he dashed toward a dozen circus patrons and employees frightening them half to death and making them "move" as they had never "moved" before.

#### Nephew Joins

Our nephew, Judd, joined the show from Evansville at Mt. Vernon, O., and today finds him steadily at work in the menagerie helping care for camels, elephants, and horses. The chap looks so different in his circus uniform of green and gold that when I walk through the menagerie or see him leading a camel in the opening circus spectacle I hardly recognize him as my nephew.

Judd says he sure like circus business with its life of uncertainty and travel and regrets the fact that his vacation with the white tops is nearing its close.

#### Topsy Dies

A blanket of sadness covered the circus last Thursday when Topsy, the beloved chimpanzee mascot of the show, died at 3:30 p.m. in a Cleveland Ohio hospital where she had been taken for medical treatment.

Topsy had shown signs of sickness for nearly ten days and in nearly every city we visited we secured the services of an M.D. to restore her health. The thin line of distinction that rests between the anthropoid apes of the animal kingdom and the human race was certainly demonstrated by Topsy and so human was this animal that we secured the services of an M.D. rather than a veterinarian to assist in restoring her health.

Everyone saw in Topsy's conduct much that was akin to human. She wore clothes and ate her meals in the dining tent with the rest of the circus family. She delighted in bathing her hands in a basin of water, was adept in the use of a wash board, and was fascinated by soap suds.

Topsy did all the cute little tricks of a child; she kissed the wound of a human friend to "make it well," was

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quick in her defense of those she loved. Her face was highly mobile, and her enormously expansive lips and keen brown eyes were capable of expressing in turn the emotions of contentment, doubt, fear, and terror; effections, disapproval, jealousy, anger, rage; hunger and satiety; loneliness and illness.

When Topsy had a severe siege of flu last winter she took her medicine "like a good girl" and submitted to an X-ray examination of her lungs without protest. Any persons opposing the theory that animals have the power of reason would have found refutation in the clever devices Topsy used in an effort to unlock her cage or maneuver herself out of a tight position.

That's all for this time folks! Will be writing to you again next week.

#### LOCAL RESIDENT DIES

June 12, 1941, Evansville Review, p. 8, col. 2 & 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Pvt. Judd Pearsall, who was recently inducted into the armed forces is stationed at Camp Hood, Texas. His address is Charles J. Pearsall, 16115679, Co. C, 127<sup>th</sup> Tng Bn Bks. 1104, 1<sup>st</sup> Reg. T.D.R.T.C. Camp Hood Texas.

April 1, 1943, p. 5, col. 2, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin



# Report of Audit of City's Books Shows \$15,000 Deficit

## Council Sends Record To County Attorney After Special Meeting

At a special meeting Thursday evening, the city council unanimously voted to make demand on former city clerk-treasurer Phil D. Pearsall for \$15,443.76 claimed to be due the city for moneys received but not deposited to the city's account during the period May 7, 1952 through August 10, 1953. In addition, the council moved to demand the sum of \$3,607.29 to cover the cost of the audit by George K. Hood, Madison certified public accountant which disclosed the discrepancies in the treasurer's records.

The total sum demanded is \$19,051.05, and Hood, who has been acting as the city's clerk-treasurer since Pearsall's resignation in August, was instructed to make the demand also on the Western Surety Company, by whom the former city official was bonded.

The Thursday meeting was brief, and was attended by only a half dozen citizens, besides the council and reporters from Madison and Janesville papers.

The council also voted unanimously, on the basis of the report Hood made to forward his complete report to Rock county district attorney Frank X. Kinast for whatever action is proper in view of the information shown in the audit.

The meeting went quickly, with Hood reading his report, and quick passage by the council of motions to put the report on file, demand repayment of the funds apparently missing, and the motion to get legal advice on possible next procedures from the district attorney. Following the motions, Mayor A. M. Winn pointed out, for the records, that the report of the auditor is a part of the public records of the city, and will be on file and available for inspection by any citizen.

With his report, Hood filed several photostatic copies of his work sheets, showing funds received in the clerk's office, but never deposited to the city account. Also included were photostatic copies of checks which had apparently been received and then cashed. A summary of the audit showed receipts during the period of \$277,550.02, with deposits of only \$265,455.05, leaving \$12,094.97 unaccounted for.

Besides the difference in receipts and deposits, examination of the 1952 tax roll showed a difference of \$3,348.79 between receipts and deposits. With the cost of the audit listed at \$3,607.29, these figures make the total of \$19,051.05 which the council is demanding from Pearsall and the bonding company.

The period of the audit actually started January 1, 1952, and Hood's report stated that an examination of the books from that date to May 7, 1952, when Pearsall took over as clerk-treasurer showed all receipts and disbursements properly recorded and deposited by then clerk William Schneider and former treasurer Dorothy Richmond. Hood's report indicated that while examination of the books for 1952 prior to May 7 indicated everything in good order, the discrepancies started appearing almost immediately after May 7.

The report also stated that through the whole period covered by the audit, no irregularities were found in connection with issuing of checks or their recording on the city's records.

According to city officials, the next steps to be taken in the matter will be presentation to Pearsall and the bonding company of the city's demand for reimbursement, with copies of the

audit. The statutes provide for such demand and in the event of non-payment the city must then make complaint initiating prosecution.

The letter summarizing the audit, and conveying the facts to the council from the auditor follows:

October 7, 1953

City of Evansville  
Mayor and Common Council  
Evansville, Wisconsin

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, we have made an examination of the city's financial records for the year 1952 and for the period January 1st through August 10, 1953. We began our examination in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We soon found, however, that certain funds peculiar to a municipality had not either been recorded or deposited and that, therefore, a detailed audit would be required of all receipts and disbursements. By formal action of your body on August 10, 1953, we were retained to make a special investigation of all City Clerk-Treasurer accounts to determine the exact amount of unaccounted for differences between recorded receipts and deposits from January 1, 1952 to August 11, 1953; to check all disbursements as well as receipts for the same period and to check for unrecorded receipts, if any.

From January 1, 1952 through May 7, 1952 all receipts and disbursements were found to have been properly recorded and all receipts promptly deposited in the city's depository. The Union Bank and Trust Company. During this period, Mr. William C. Schneider served as your City Clerk and Miss Dorothy Richmond served as your City Treasurer, the receipts and deposits which they were responsible for being summarized on Exhibit No. 1 which is a photostatic copy of our work papers covering this period.

As of May 7, 1952 Mr. Phil D. Pearsall was duly appointed to the joint position of City Clerk-Treasurer and almost immediately thereafter we found discrepancies in the recording and depositing of general funds, the details of which are covered by Exhibit No. 2, which is also a photostatic copy of our work papers for the period of May 7, 1952 up to and including August 10, 1953, the date of Mr. Pearsall's resignation. The total of the differences between General Fund receipts and deposits as shown on Exhibit No. 2 amounts to \$12,094.97, and is made up of transactions involving both checks and cash. By checking with the State Treasurer's office, the County Treasurer, your Water and Light Department, your Board of Education and with several individuals we found that they had made payments to the city; their checks having cleared the local bank and returned to them without having been deposited to the credit of the city in the depository bank, the Union Bank and Trust Company. Photostatic copies of some of these checks showing endorsements and bank stamps appear on Exhibit No. 3.

An examination of the 1952 tax roll collections was likewise made and discrepancies amounting to \$3,348.79 were found to exist in this respect, as reflected on Exhibit No. 4.

An analysis of all disbursements made since January 1, 1952 through August 10, 1953 showed no irregularities having taken place in connection with the issuing of checks or their recording on the city's records.

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## Report of Audit--

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After having made a thorough examination of all the usual and known transactions as well as having made numerous test checks of other possible business affairs involving the city which could have taken place without the necessary records having been maintained, it is our belief that the total differences between receipts and deposits are covered by Exhibits No. 2 and No. 4 and result in a total of \$15,443.76. It is, of course, possible that a few additional transactions of a minor nature took place without a record having been made thereof, but as we feel these would be negligible and the effort required to ascertain such items would require considerable correspondence or personal contacts with individuals who might have transacted business with the city, the expense of continuing the investigation to run down possible items that we have not uncovered would not be warranted by the results obtained. It

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is therefore our opinion that a claim should now be made based on the results of our examination to date, this claim to be made against Mr. Phil D. Pearsall as well as his bonding company, The Western Surety Company, for the determined shortage as well as for the costs of the special investigation which amount to \$3,607.29 as of October 6, 1953. (See Exhibit No. 6), the total claim to be \$19,051.05.

Before final settlement is obtained there will doubtless be additional time required on our part to further assist the city in presenting their claim of loss as we have found it and as evidenced by the accompanying summary and supporting data.

We wish to thank the city officials for the very fine cooperation and courtesies extended us during the course of the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed)

GEORGE K. HOOD,

Certified Public Accountant

October 8, 1953, Evansville

Review, p. 8 Evansville, Wisconsin

## Pearsall's Attorney Enters Not Guilty Plea

Phil D. Pearsall, former city clerk-treasurer was arraigned in Janesville Municipal court Saturday morning, on charges of shortages of \$15,443 in his accounts while treasurer. He was represented in court by attorney Oscar Toebaas, Madison, who entered a plea of not guilty for his client.

Bond was set by Judge Gunn at \$25,000, and was signed for Pearsall by Dr. Rodney Gray. Judge Gunn set the date for preliminary hearing on the charges for 2 p. m., Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 20.

County district attorney Frank X. Kinast appeared for the prosecution. Kinast took action, following complaint made by councilman Wilson Brown, following disclosure of the amount of the shortages by auditor George Hood.

Brown and councilman Ralph Bennett discussed the matter with Kinast last Friday, with the complaint and arraignment then coming promptly Saturday morning.

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October 15, 1953, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville,

Wisconsin





**MRS. P. D. PEARSALL Sr.**

Mrs. Phillip D. Pearsall, 77, of 233 W. Church St., Evansville, died Saturday, Aug. 3 in Mercy Hospital after a short illness.

The former Josephine C. Antes, daughter of the late R. M. and Margaret Cornelius Antes, was born in Evansville Nov. 12, 1897 and was married to Mr. Pearsall in 1920. She was a member of United Methodist Church, Order of Eastern Star and its Past Matron's Chain; American

Thomas J. Franklin, all of Evansville were dismissed from the Stoughton Hospital on July 31.

On Aug. 1 Kenneth C. Nehls, Jr., Evansville was discharged from the Stoughton Hospital.

Released from the Stoughton Hospital on Aug. 2 was Mrs. William A. Sumner, Jr., Evansville.

On Aug. 3 Gordon Page, August W. Koepp and Ernest O. Kloften, all of Evansville were discharged from the Stoughton Hospital.

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Legion Auxiliary and Evansville Tourist Club. Her husband died several years ago.

Surviving are two sons, Philip D. Pearsall, Janesville and Charles J., West Salem; seven grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. J. H. Waite, Waukesha and a brother, Robert Antes, Evansville.

Services in charge of the Allen Funeral Home were at 1:30 pm. Tuesday in the church with burial in Maple Hill Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Fund.

August 8, 1974, Evansville Review, p. 2, col. 3-4, Evansville, Wisconsin