

TUSCANIA

One of the Baraboo 21
Bray, James Francis
1896 WI – 1959 WI



CORPORAL JAMES F. BRAY
H. Q. Co. 107th Supply Train

James Francis Bray



"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Tuesday 5 Feb 1935 p 6 -

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James is then the president of the National Tuscania Survivors Association

'Baraboo's 21,' of Tuscania Fame, Meet



Surviving members of "Baraboo's 21," who escaped alive when the troopship, Tuscania, was sunk in World War I, with a loss of 147 American lives, will hold a dinner and smoker at Baraboo Saturday on the 31st anniversary of the sinking of the ship. Among the 2,030 American soldiers aboard the transport when it was sunk by a German submarine Feb. 5, 1918, off the coast of Ireland were 21 Baraboo soldiers. Fifteen of the 21 are alive but one of them, Wayland Kier, now lives in Montana. The other 14 are expected to attend the reunion in the Baraboo Legion club. The 14 expected at the anniversary celebration are pictured above. They are, from left to right: front row, Richard Mahler, Maywood, Ill.; Horace Cahoon, Lake Delton; Paul L. Stewart, Baraboo city clerk; Edward Coughlin, Baraboo; Charles Kellogg, Janesville, and James Bray, and Randall Herfort, Baraboo; back row, Otto Bates, Baraboo; Earl Veerhusen, Milwaukee; Otto Arndt, Reedsburg; and Earl Powell, Clarence Braun, Arthur Thayer, and Herbert Steckenbauer, Baraboo.

James Francis Bray is 2nd from the right in the front row (light-colored suit) – "Madison (WI) Capital Times" 4 Feb 1949 p 12

James Bray Passes Away Early Today

James F. Bray, 63, passed away after a long illness early this morning at St. Mary's Ringling hospital. A resident of Baraboo for 53 years, Bray has been agent for the New York Life Insurance company. Prior to this position, he was a partner in the Bray and Schey and Bray and Stewart shoe stores.

Survivors include his wife; one son James Jr., of Baraboo; and one daughter, Mrs. Ray Shaheen of North Brook, Illinois. Other survivors are a sister, Mrs. Edna Ross, Wauwatosa; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 9:15 a.m. at the Scheible funeral home and 9:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic church with Father Korzinek officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph cemetery with military rites at the grave by members of the American Legion.

A veteran of World War I, Bray in

was one of the Tuscania survivors serving as president of that organization. He also was a 40-year member of the American Legion, 3POE 688, and St. Joseph Catholic church.

Friends may call at the Scheible funeral home Sunday from 3:30 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. The Rosary will be said Sunday evening at 8:30.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Friday 10 Apr 1959 p 5

J. F. Bray, Baraboo, Is Dead

BARABOO—James F. Bray, 63, well known Baraboo businessman, died here early today after a long illness resulting from a stroke he suffered last October while watching a Braves baseball game in Milwaukee. He was born in Madison and moved to Baraboo 52 years ago.

Mr. Bray operated a shoe store here for a number of years, and for the past 20 years had operated his own insurance agency.

As a soldier enroute to England in World War I, he was one of 21 Baraboo servicemen who were among the survivors of the sinking of the *Tuscania*, a liner converted into a troopship, in the Atlantic.

He was a member of the American Legion, 40 et 8, and the Baraboo Elks Club.

He is survived by his wife, the former Edna Zimmerman of Medford, at home; one son, James Jr., Baraboo; one daughter, Mrs. Jane Shaheen, North Brooks, Ill.; one sister, Mrs. Edna Ross, Wauwatosa, and two grandchildren.

The body is at the Schelble Funeral Home here.

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" Friday 10 Apr 1959 p 14

U.S., Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1861-1985 for James F Bray
1958-1959 > Boe, Charles John-Brunner, William Frank

ORIGINAL

A/D 15 Jul 17

11-4-59

1. NAME OF DECEASED—LAST—FIRST—MIDDLE (Print or type) Bray, James F.			APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER (See attached instructions. Complete and submit original and duplicate)		
2. ENLISTMENT DATE (Month, Day, Year) <i>N.B.</i> 6/23/17		3. DISCHARGE DATE (Month, Day, Year) 5/29/19 <i>146w</i>		12. EMBLEM (Check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CHRISTIAN (Latin Cross) <input type="checkbox"/> HEBREW (Star of David) <input type="checkbox"/> NONE	
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6. STATE Wis.		7. GRADE Cpl.		8. MEDALS dna <i>none</i>	
9. BRANCH OF SERVICE, COMPANY, REGIMENT, AND DIVISION OR SHIP Hq. Co. 107th Supply Train <i>32 sep.</i>				14. SHIP TO (Name and address of person who will transport stone or marker to cemetery) M. S. Sweeney, CVSO, 510 1/2 Oak St., Baraboo, Wis.	
10. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) 3/10/1896		11. DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) 4/10/59		15. FREIGHT STATION Chicago NW., Railroad	
16. NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY (City and State) Walnut Hill Cemetery (St Joseph's) Baraboo, Wis.				17. THE APPLICANT FOR THIS STONE OR MARKER HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ME TO TRANSPORT SAME TO THE CEMETERY. SIGNATURE <i>Mike Sweeney</i> DATE 5/4/59	
DO NOT WRITE HERE RECEIVED MAY 8 - 1959 MAY 10 - 1959			18. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Print or type) Mrs. Edna Bray 126 8th Ave., Baraboo, Wis.		
VERIFIED B/L WY 8863691 H. E. FLETCHER CO., INC. WEST CHOLMSFORD, MASS.			19. This application is submitted for a stone or marker for the unmarked grave of a deceased member or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, soldiers of Union and Confederate Armies of the Civil War. I hereby agree to accept responsibility for properly placing the stone or marker at the grave at no expense to the Government.		
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Letter home written 13 Feb 1918 from England:

Headquarters

American Rest Camp in England
Winchester Feb 13 1918

Dear Folks:

Just a line to say hello and to say I am well and fine. Of course it seems kind of funny to be with out our clothing and things we brought from America. For we lost everything even money and etc. All I had on was a shirt and breeches and shoes. I dont know when we will receive any money but the American Y.M.C.A. has made it possible to get money from your home banks. So I guess we will have to do it today. It is a from [sic/form] of check. And Lieut. Stewart goes good for it. We won't need very much but it is impossible to get along with out some to buy soap, razor and things like that. I dont know if the Bank will say something to you about it, but if they do you will know what it is (Bank of Baraboo)

The weather is fine here just now only we get a little rain now and then. The Red Cross is doing fine work hear [sic] and so are the K of C and Y.M.C.A. There is a priest hear [sic] at camp and church every day. It sure is fine.

How are your people at home? I sure hope you are well. Do you remember the fellow there called Hutchins or Grandma in Hdqs. [Otis Hutchins] He sleep beside the tall slim fellow. He had a cola when you were down. Well, the poor fellow is dead or at least he can not be found. The Supply Train lost 14 men. That's not bad considering to number a men in the Sup Train. Of course it's bad enough.

The people of Irland [sic] were sure very fine to us fellows. We stayed in Irland [sic] about five days. Now we are in England and will stay hear [sic] for some time I beleive [sic]. Hows [sic] Martin and Bob? Give them my regards. The Baraboo boys are fine. We eat hole [sic] wheat bread hear [sic] altogether. I sure do like it and could eat it all day. The English boys dont like it.

Hows Grandma? It seems funny not to hear from any one, but I guess we will in a few weeks. The fellows that got hear [sic] Christmas hasnt received any as yet. Did you get our cable message sent to Nick Straus?

And did you get my things out of Kiers truck? [Wayland Kier is another Baraboo men on board.] You can guess where my trunk is. The fish is using it now for a winter home. I may get that package of yours some day and it will come in handy.

Well I guess I will close for this time and will write again soon. Don't worry about me for I will be alright.

Your Loving Son,
Jim

P.S. Write once in awhile and I will do likewise. Love to you all.

Life:

Master Jimmie Bray, son of D. F. Bray, while playing Sunday with a small express wagon tumbled out onto his right shoulder and broke his collar bone. He did not feel it very much at the time, and the parents did not know. About 2 o'clock Monday morning the little fellow began to complain. His father brought him to a doctor who quickly discovered what was the matter. Jimmie seemed to stand it like a man.

"Fennimore (WI) Times" Wednesday 29 Aug 1906 p 8

Mrs. Katherine Conway returned to her home in Hillsboro this morning after spending the past three weeks at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dennis Bray. She was accompanied by her grandson, James Bray.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Friday 16 Jun 1911 p 2

Y. M. C. A. WINS FROM KENDALL

The Y. M. C. A. basket ball team defeated the Kendall high school team at Kelley Hall in Kendall last evening by the score of 31 to 16. The Kendall boys proved stronger than was expected and the contest was a lively one especially in the second half when the score was 10 to 1 in favor of the local men; however the first half ended 20 to 6.

The Baraboo lineup was Peck and Duncan g., McHugh and Reuland f., and Flannagan c., the latter being replaced by Sandberg in the second half.

Among those attending the game from Baraboo, were Physical Director George Steeley, Harry Tudor, who acted as referee, Randall Herfort, Boyd Ladd, James Bray, Wayland Kier and Walter Kier.

"Baraboo (WI) Republic" Thursday 11 Jan 1912 p 11

Mrs. D. F. Bray and son, James have gone to Hillsboro to attend the funeral of Mrs. Brays uncle, Thomas Reed.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Friday 5 Mar 1915 p 4

REGISTRY LIST OF SAUK COUNTY

Following is the complete registry list for the war, a copy of the names sent to Washington, D. C. The complete plan for making the draft has not been made known, but the serial number will obtain throughout. The board will take the necessary data of each individual, which will be placed on file. The board consists of Sheriff Wm. Welk, County Clerk F. A. Cooper, County Physician Dr. L. W. Sayles, H. E. Paddock, August Siefert, Robt. Buerki and Wilber Cahoon.

This list of names within the next few months may be of great value to nearly everyone in Sauk county, and it is therefore advisable that all preserve this publication.

Here is the list:

- 293 Fred Herbert Conner, 716 East St.
- 294 James F. Bray, 402 Ash St.
- 295 John M. Sullivan, 602 East St.
- 296 Ernest A. C. Isenberg, 515 1st St.
- 297 Vernon A. Cafilisch, 723 East St.

"Baraboo (WI) Weekly News" Thursday 12 Jul 1917 p 3

MEMBERS COMPANY "I" OF BARABOO

Following is the list of members of
Company I of Baraboo:

Capt. Carl Swinson.
First Lieut. Paul L. Stewart.
Second Lieut. Ernest Isenberg.
First Serg. Otto Arndt.
Sup. Serg. George Hattle.
Mess. Serg. Fred Jaquish.
Clerk Arthur Bender.
Serg. Earl Veerhusen.
Serg. Earl Powell.
Cpl. Otto Bates.
Cpl. Joseph Nickel.
Cpl. Randall Herfort.
Cpl. Edward Coughlin.
Cpl. Frank Koons.
Cpl. George Tinkham.
Mech. Vernon Caffisch.
Bugler, Miles A. Bell.
Pvt. Dewey Armbruster.
Pvt. Forrest Barber.

Pvt. Stewart Brand.
Pvt. James Bray.
Pvt. Clarence Braun.
Pvt. Raymond Briscoe.
Pvt. Russell Brodie.
Pvt. Russell Cahoon.
Pvt. Max Coates.
Pvt. Thomas Cullin.
Pvt. Benjamin Doty.
Pvt. Eli Drca.
Pvt. Donald Duncan.
Pvt. Emmett Dwyer.
Pvt. Edward Edwards.
Pvt. Clarence Freising.
Pvt. Eddie Gertsen.
Pvt. George Gilmore.
Pvt. George Guthrie.
Pvt. Floyd Harrison.
Pvt. Simond Hillebrandt.
Pvt. William E. Holmes.
Pvt. Robert Holms.
Pvt. Tony Holtman.
Pvt. Ora Hosaple.
Pvt. Hoyt Hoisington.
Pvt. Lawrence Kaiser.
Pvt. Steven Kamowski.
Pvt. Frederick Kellogg.
Pvt. Charles Kellogg.
Pvt. Ralph Ketchum.
Pvt. Wayland Kier.

Pvt. Wm. Kroeger.
Pvt. Andro Leonard.
Pvt. Marco Marriatto.
Pvt. Richard Maher.
Pvt. George McGee.
Pvt. Herbert Moag.
Pvt. Henry Neuman.
Pvt. John O'Brien.
Pvt. Clarence Oleson.
Pvt. James O'Niel.
Pvt. Carl Paulson.
Pvt. Verne Payne.
Pvt. Arthur Rooney.
Pvt. Benjamin Rossow.
Pvt. Leo Solomons.
Pvt. Ralph Sanderson.
Pvt. John Sansum.
Pvt. Clarence Schenck.
Pvt. William Schlinger.
Pvt. William Schwanz.
Pvt. Dewey Schuster.
Pvt. Louis Schultz.
Pvt. Herbert Steckenbauer.
Pvt. Emil Trachsler.
Pvt. George Weirich.
Pvt. Tony Wrezesinski.

"Baraboo (WI) Republic" Thursday 23 Aug 1917 p 6

VICTIMS OF TRAGEDY REDUCED

NUMBER POSSIBLY SAFE
IS ESTIMATED AT 234

Red Cross Agents Aiding in Work
of Identifying the Bodies Picked
Up or Washed Ashore

(Continued from first page.)

On Sunday afternoon the intense tension in Baraboo homes was relieved when word came that all of the soldiers from here on the Tuscania had been saved. For several days cables had been coming through that certain ones were safe, and on Sunday a message came to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cahoon that their son was all right, and this accounted for them all. The days had been ones of intense anxiety, and there was general rejoicing when the last report was received.

The following in the Tuscania disaster are reported safe:

Earl L. Powell, son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Powell, 598 Fifth avenue.

Donald Duncan, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Duncan, 224 Fourth street.

Otto F. Bates, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bates, 604 Ninth avenue.

Clarence Braun, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Braun, 802 Ridge.

Herbert Steckenbauer, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Steckenbauer, Seventh street.

Vernon Caffisch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Caffisch, Fairfield.

Ralph L. Sanderson, son of Ernest Sanderson, 711 West street.

Arthur Francis Bender, Baraboo.

Wayland E. Kier, Baraboo.

Hale R. Tolleth, Kilbourn.

Otto Arndt, Baraboo.

James F. Bray, Baraboo.

Horace C. Cahoon, Baraboo.

Randall H. Herfort, Baraboo.

G. W. Hattle, Baraboo.

C. G. Jones, Kilbourn.

R. L. Mahler, Baraboo.

Earl Veerhusen, Baraboo.

A. H. Thayer, Reedsburg.

John O'Brien, Baraboo.

NO WORD FROM O'NEILL

The relatives of James O'Neill, Greenfield, have heard no word from him. It is not certain that he was on the boat. Word is expected later.

A report was current that Earl Veerhausen was in a hospital, but there appears to be no foundation for the rumor.

There are a few other names, but it is thought they were not on the ship that went down.

Total Dead

The latest reports state 126 bodies have been recovered. It is thought that 145 soldiers were killed, but the list has not been made public.

Casualty count was 215 – "Baraboo (WI) Weekly News" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 2

Cablegram From James Bray

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Bray have received a cablegram from their son, James Bray, who was on the Tuscania. It is thought the cablegram was sent from England.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Monday 4 Mar 1918 p 8

RED CROSS ENTERTAINMENT A SUCCESS

"Doing Our Bit," was done on large scale at the Al. Ringling Theatre Thursday night. The owners of the theatre donated the theatre to the local Red Cross, supplying also the regular equipment, which included the regular daily expenses, all but the cost of the films, which was taken out of the proceeds. The result is that the Red Cross is ahead \$500 or more. The house was well filled at the matinee in the afternoon and at both shows in the evening, many being turned away.

The entertainment consisted of patriotic music by the orchestra and singing by the audience. It was surely an inspiring event to take part with about 900 others in singing the songs that mean so much to a loyal American just now. The program opened with a scene from the spirit of 1776, by living members of Baraboo. The setting was in the rear of the stage with four persons in the uniform of that time. This inspiring sight was augmented by the background scenery and the splendid lighting system, showing the sunset. The scene brought back the history of our glorious country, it caused everyone to realize more fully what freedom as we know it, means, and why we would be glad to even shed blood that the people of the world might be liberated and have an opportunity to enjoy such freedom as we have. This was followed by showing the pictures that make our hearts beat faster—

Washington, the one who laid the foundation which we so much appreciate, Lincoln, the man who added so much to real freedom by destroying slavery, Wilson, the man whom the world looks upon to lead all the people to greater freedom. The orchestra composed of the high school boys and others was donated by the boys. The orchestra was appreciated for the reason that they handle the difficult selections with the ability of traveling organizations. They were a credit to the entertainment. They received the applause several times during the evening.

Then came the 21 Baraboo boys who were on the Tuscania when it went down, but all were saved to go forward, to do the great task for humanity, in the same spirit and with as great courage as have the patriots in our other wars since the time of 1776:

First Lieut. Paul L. Stewart, H. Q. Co. 107 Supply Train.

First Seargt. Otto Arndt, E. Co. 107 Supply Train.

Sergt. George W. Hattle, H. Q. 107 Supply Train.

Sergt. Arthur Bender, E. Co. 107th Supply Train.

Sergt. Earl L. Powell, E. Co., 107th Supply Train.

Corp. Russell Brodie, E. Co. 107th Supply Train.

Corp. Otto F. Bates, E. Co. 107th Supply Train.

Corp. Horace C. Cahoon, E. Co. 107th Supply Train.

Corp. Edward W. Coughlin, E. Co. 107th Supply Train.

Corp. Vernon A. Caffisch, E. Co. 107th Supply Train.

Corp. Herbert E. Steckenbauer, E. Co. 107 th. Supply Train.

Corp. Donald M. Duncan, E. Co., 107th Supply Train.

Corp. Randall H. Herfort E. Co. 107 Supply Train.

Corp. Charles M. Kellogg, E. Co. 107 Supply Train.

Corp. Richard Mahler, E. Co., 107th Supply Train.

Corp. Ralph L. Sanderson, E. Co. 107 Supply Train.

Corp. Earl W. Veerhusen, E. Co. 107 Supply Train.

Corp. James F. Bray, H. Q. Co. 107th Supply Train.

Private Wayland E. Kier, H. Q. 107th Supply Train.

Private John T. O'Brien, H. Q. Co. 107th Supply Train.

Private Clarence Braun, E. Co., 107th Supply Train.

Then followed the film picture, which was the living hardship of the war, showing how friends became foes by flocking to their colors, by leaving the United States where they had come to make their homes, but the call of the motherland was too strong. There was a love story that enlivened the story and was very interesting, and being worked with hundreds in this country. Also trench fighting and other activities in the war were shown, making a great picture.

After the showing of the pictures of our boys "over there" who had escaped the fate of the Tuscania, it would have been an interesting feature if a message could have been read from the boys. Frank Herfort received the fullness of the exhibit this morning when he received a letter from his son Randall Herfort, the first scratch of a pen since he embarked. The letter was written the next day after he had been rescued. He told in a few words that he was on a raft and soon picked up by a trawler and taken to a hotel on the coast of Ireland, where he and

John O'Brien, Wayland Kier and James Bray were cared for. They were put into dry clothing and fed and in a few hours were all right. He says not to worry about them; that they are being well cared for in every way and all are enjoying themselves and ready for anything that comes their way. The members of the committee on arrangement for this entertainment desire to thank the teachers and pupils for their splendid efforts in selling so many tickets. They also wish to thank all others who contributed. They also appreciate the manner in which the people bought the little booklets.

The large audiences, meeting under patriotic circumstances, could not help but feel that The Ringling Brothers were not only generous in donating the building for the occasion, but are generous in offering to the people of Baraboo the building and entire equipment as a gift forever. One could not help swelling up with pride that the building can be ours merely for the acceptance and guaranteed care in the future. This magnificent building is needed for many such occasions, and as owned by the city, it would always be open for public meetings. It seems inconceivable that anyone could hesitate to vote for the acceptance on election day.

"Baraboo (WI) Republic" Thursday 7 Mar 1918 p 9

WRITES LETTER FROM H WINCHESTER, ENG.

Winchester, Feb. 14, 1918.

Dear Mother and all:

Will write you again today because I presume you will be glad to get the letters. I suppose they will be few and far between. I am going to tell you about my experience when we were hit. I was down in my sleeping quarters lying on my bunk. There were about ten of us there just getting ready to go to supper. You see the first sitting was at five and the second sitting was at six. I ate at the second sitting. It was just about 5:45 when we were hit. I was never so surprised in my life. An officer was down where we were and told us that we had better go up on deck until 8:30. This was about ten minutes before we were hit. Well, I says to him, "what are we going to do about our supper?" He says: "Well, then go up as soon as you have supper. I says: "all right." I thought when we were hit we would never get out of that hole because we were down four decks from where the life boats were. The minute we were hit the water came rushing in where we were and glass was flying around and then besides that the lights went out the minute we were hit. Well I grabbed my life belt and ran for the door or where I thought it was. I got up on deck where the life boats were and just as I got up there, why, the boat that I was supposed to go in, went down and was broken in splinters. Then 3 more boats came down and broke into pieces. Well, then I thought we were gone. I helped the Major into a boat and that was the last

next day.

Your loving son,
Wayland C. Kier.

I saw of him for 4 days. Some of the fellows lost their heads and jumped the over board. Well, I waited there with or John O'Brien, James Bray and our Sergeant Major. We managed to get in the last life boat, I slid down a rope about 30 feet into the life boat. Well, the sea wasn't very rough when we started out but it got pretty rough after awhile. Well, we rowed as hard as we could so as to get away from the big boat sucking us down. Of course, you know that there is an awful suction when a big boat sinks. Well, we managed to get away from the big boat and then it got so rough that we were not able to do anything by rowing so we just drifted. We drifted for 4 hours before we were picked up. We were picked up by a fish boat. It was about 11:20 when we were picked up and we didn't land on shore until 5:30 the next morning. Believe me, I was sure glad when I got my feet on land. The people there in Ireland where we landed treated us fine. They got something for us to eat right away and then I went to bed and slept until 2:00 in the afternoon. I got up then and looked around. The people had an entertainment for us that afternoon which was swell of them. We stayed there 2 days and then went to a camp for a day and then went to Dublin and then came to Wales and now I am in England. I am feeling just fine.

Well, I lost that swell pair of socks that you and Marjorie made for me and that helmet that Shirley sent me, but I should worry, so long as that I am alive. I guess there were about 100 men lost altogether. It sure was a great experience anyway but it was an exciting one. Ha! Ha! The weather is very damp here. You see the sun about once a week. I don't know how much of this letter will go through but I am writing quite a little.

Will say good bye to all for this time. Will write again tomorrow or next day.

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Corporal James F. Bray, 107 Supply Train, American E. F., A. P. O. 734, France, sends a copy of the army edition of the Chicago Tribune. The paper is printed in France and contains the casualty list, pages of war news, The Gumps, A Line O' Type or Two, and other features. The particular paper sent contains the mention of an item in the Line O' Type column which appeared in this paper a number of weeks ago.

"Baraboo (WI) Weekly News" Thursday 15 Aug 1918 p 4

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Bray received a German helmet this morning from their son, James Bray, who is at the front in France. The helmet shows a hole in the front and back, and it would appear that a bullet had gone straight through it, and probably the head of the wearer, too.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Saturday 7 Sep 1918 p 4

Lieutenant Otto M. Ritzenthaler surprised his mother and friends by arriving in Baraboo on Monday evening direct from the battle fields of France. He is well and feeling fine. On Monday noon his mother, Mrs. Louise Ritzenthaler, received a letter from the officer stating that he would arrive home soon but she did not dream he was so near. She supposed he was probably on the ocean and was greatly surprised to see him walk in after the arrival of the 7:00 o'clock train.

Excerpt:

Sees Baraboo Boys

Not long before leaving, Mr. Ritzen-thaler saw Vaughn and Philip Gibbons of Baraboo. Veo is engaged in painting signs for the army. He also saw Raymond Hiller and James Bray. The boys are fine. The young men from Sauk county are so scattered they are seldom seen by the boys from here. Roy Messenger is in the ordnance department and Harry Tudor is probably out of the hospital by this time.

Tudor Was Wounded

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Tuesday 10 Sep 1918 p 1

When the Tuscania Sank

There has been some discussion as to the time of the sinking of the Tuscania and according to a telegram received by J. T. Bates from the government the date was the evening of February 5, 1918. The files of this paper agree to the above date. Following the first news of the sinking were very anxious hours in Baraboo. One after another the messages came telling of those who had been saved until all were reported alive. Baraboo never passed through such a tense period and the good news was celebrated by a monster mass meeting at the Al. Ringling theatre. The Baraboo soldiers (21) on the boat included Paul L. Stewart, Otto Arndt, George W. Hattle, Arthur Bender, Earl L. Powell, Russell Brodie, Otto F. Bates, Horace C. Cahoon, Edward C. Coughlin, Vernon A. Caffisch, Herbert E. Steckenbauer, Charles M. Kellogg, Richard L. Mahler, James F. Bray, Wayland E. Kier, John T. O'Brien, Clarence Braun, Donald M. Duncan, Randall H. Herfort, Ralph L. Sanderson and Earl W. Veerhausen.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Thursday 6 Feb 1919 p 2

BARABOO HEROES REACH BOSTON

Fifteen of Baraboo's "twenty-one" have landed in Boston, Mass. The boys who went over on the Tuscania and went through the war without losing a man in actual fighting are in the U. S.

The twenty-one boys left here with Co I. and were sent to Waco, Texas. Soon after they went across abroad the Tuscania, which was sunk by a torpedo over a year ago. In Waco the company was split up and some of the boys were transferred to the 107th Supply train of the 32d division and others were put in the headquarters of the division. When they arrived in France they were changed to the 101st Supply train of the 26th division of which 16 of the 21 were included. The others were in the headquarters of the 26th division. The boys who landed in Boston Friday are:

Edward Coughlin.
Herbert Stickenbauer.
Randall Herfort.
Horace Cahoon.
Earl Powell.
Otto Arndt.
Otto Bates.
Arthur Bender.
Verne Cafilish.
Earl Veerhusen.
Russel Brody.
Richard Mahler.
Charles Kellog.
Ralph Sanderson.
Clarence Braun.

Donald Duncan, who died of disease over there, would have been with these men if he had lived.

The boys arrived on board the Winifredian, an interned vessel of Germans.

They went from the boat to Camp Devens.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Saturday 19 Apr 1919 p 1

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Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Bray have received word that their son James has landed in this country. He left Baraboo with Co. I boys and went across from Texas. He was one of the boys on board the Tuscania when it went down. Mr. Bray has been overseas for more than a year in the 107th supply train, 32d division to which he was transferred, with many of the other Baraboo boys, upon their arrival in France.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Thursday 22 May 1919 p 8

MORE SOLDIERS RETURN HOME

Thursday evening brought more of the local soldiers back. Most of the boys were formerly in Co. I, Fourth Wisconsin infantry, but when that regiment was broken up were transferred into other units.

Wayland Kier, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kier, belonged to a headquarters unit in the 32d division. He is looking well and is glad to be home again.

George Weirich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Weirich, belonged to the military police and was discharged in New York. The military police had other duties to perform as well as fighting. Part of their work was to track down Uncle Sam's soldiers who were absent without leave.

George Hattle, son of Mrs. Robert Hattle, is home in the best of health.

James Bray, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Bray, Simon Hillebrant, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hillebrandt, and Dewey Schuster, son of Mrs. F. C. Schuster, have arrived.

Kier, Hattle, O'Brien and Bray were aboard the Tuscania when it went down. All the boys have been in France and Germany for over a year in the service.

"Baraboo (WI) Weekly News" Thursday 5 Jun 1919 p 3

James Bray, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Bray of this city, who underwent an operation at a hospital in La Crosse, a few days ago for appendicitis, is getting along nicely.

"Baraboo (WI) Republic" Thursday 3 Jul 1919 p 6

Obituary

Russell W. Brodie

Funeral services for Russell W. Brodie were held at St. Mary's Catholic church of Portage at 9 o'clock Monday morning conducted by Rev. Fr. J. H. Mohahan.

The exercises were military and were in charge of the Richard W. Mulcahy Post of the American Legion.

The cortege was led by the Kilbourn band under the direction of C. M. Morris, himself a gold star father, having lost a son in the World War. The draped colors in the hands of George Alexander and guarded by Harry Nehls and Earl Peterson preceded the firing squad which in command of Lieut. Wm. Crawhall was composed of Chas. R. Sharpe, David Leach, Roy Watson, Harry Methar, Robert Alexander, Frank Schmidt, Walter Kerr and Carl Belgrien.

The active pallbearers were Jesse Taylor, Ivan Little, George Lennon, Jack Cochrane, Raymond Klenert and Edward Murphy. The honorary bearers were Julius Eulberg, Lawrence McQueeney and Sidney Klenert of Portage, Earl Powell, James Bray and Arthur Bender of Baraboo—members of Co. E. of the 32nd division and with the 107th supply train in the World War.

At the grave the beautiful and impressive burial service of the Catholic church was read.—Portage Register-Democrat

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Wednesday 30 Jun 1920 p 5

James Bray and others of this city have gone to Milwaukee to attend the First Annual reunion of the Thirty Second Division. Over 6,000 members of the Red Arrow division from Wisconsin and Michigan were in Milwaukee.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Tuesday 21 Sep 1920 p 2

SCHEY SHOE CO.

JAS. F. BRAY

M. H. SCHEY

New Prices on the Complete Stock of Men's, Women's and Children's Shoes

*This store beginning Dec 15, will offer its
complete stock of shoes for men, women
and children at REDUCED PRICES.*

These shoes were bought months ago when the price of leather was at its highest level. Leather prices are lower now but this leather cannot be made into shoes much before the spring 1921 season.

Our new prices anticipate the spring reduction on shoes; they are six months ahead. In other words you will buy your fall and winter shoes, as you always do, at the rock bottom prices.

You always buy our shoes with confidence. No matter what conditions exist, our shoes are priced right, they fit right and they give long wear.

SCHEY SHOE COMPANY

"The Home of Good Shoes"

South Side

Phone 448J

South Side

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Wednesday 15 Dec 1920 p 8

BARABOO HAS RED ARROW CLUB

In 184 cities and towns of the U. S. there are being organized "Red Arrow Clubs" comprising the greater part of the membership of the famous 32 Division of the World War. This city has one of them.

The Red Arrow Club of Baraboo begins with at least 30 charter members. All are delegates to the national Peace Reunion and jubilee of that famous outfit to be held in Detroit, Mich., Aug. 28, 29 and 30.

George E. Tinkham, Max J. Coates, Herbert E. Moog, Arthur M. Rooney, Verne C. Payne, Doran A. Delter, Simon P. Hillebrandt, Clarence E. Schank, George E. Schultz, James E. O'Neil, Jesse L. Wickus, James F. Bray, William M. Hayes, Eli Droa, George W. Hattle, Paul Stewart, Robert Holmes, E. A. Isenberg, George E. Buelow, John A. Sansum, Fred G. Mueller, Wayland E. Kier, Louis M. Schultz, Forest M. Barber, George Weirich, Ben L. Denson, Clarence Olson.

"Baraboo (WI) Weekly News" Thursday 28 Jul 1921 p 6

TUSCANIA MEN OFFER SERVICES; IRISH RELIEF

Seeing that efforts are being made to help the homeless and starving women and children of Ireland, we the survivors of the Tuscania, wish to proclaim to our fellow citizens that we owe to the Irish people a debt of gratitude which we can never repay.

On that dreadful night when we were thrown adrift on the coast of Ireland, the Irish people, at the peril of their lives, rescued us from death, took us into their hospitable homes, and divided with us, not only their scanty supply of food, but even their clothing.

While nothing which we can do for them can fully compensate for what they have done for us, we are determined to do all we can to alleviate their hardships and sufferings in this hour of need. For that purpose, we have offered our services to the chairman of the relief committee, and we call upon the citizens of Baraboo and surrounding country to cooperate with us in every manner possible in giving to the poor Irish people a most substantial proof of our gratitude and appreciation.

Signed: Paul Stewart, Otto Bates, Charles Kellogg, Edw. Coughlin, Jas. F. Bray, Herbert Stickenbauer, Richard Mahler, Earl Powell, Randall Herfort, Rex. Cafilisch, Horace Cahoon, Otto Arndt.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Saturday 12 Nov 1921 p 8

Mr. and Mrs. James Bray have returned from a wedding trip to various parts of the state and are at the home of the formers parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Bray, Second St. They expect to move into their apartment on Fourth street next week.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Wednesday 28 Jun 1922 p 8

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Bray have moved into their new home at 502 Fourth street. Since their marriage in June, they have been residing with Mr. Bray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Bray, Second street.

"Baraboo (WI) Weekly News" Thursday 27 Jul 1922 p 8

**BARABOO YOUNG MAN
SUBMITS TO OPERATION**

James F. Bray of Baraboo, well-known in the younger social circles in Portage, submitted to an operation for removal of tonsils at St. Mary's Ringling hospital, at Baraboo, Wednesday.

"Portage (WI) Daily Register" Saturday 12 Jan 1924 p 1

INSTALL NEW OFFICERS OF LEGION POST

Commander Runge Announces List Of Standing Committees

The annual installation of officers in the Baraboo post of the American Legion took place Monday evening in the K. P. hall. Following a short business session plans for the 1927 Legion convention in Paris were discussed.

The following officers were installed:

Commander: Ralf T. Runge.
Senior Vice-Comdr.—W. T. Kerndt.

Junior Vice-Comdr.—Robert L. Hirschinger.

Adjutant, C. E. Hackett.
Finance Officer, Carl E. Zantow.
Historian, Harlan Page.

Chaplain, Walter Schroeder.
Service Officer, Dr. A. R. Dippel.
Sergeant-at-Arms, Ben Getchman.

The following standing committees were named by Post Commander Runge:

Executive Committee—Ralf T. Runge, Walter T. Kerndt, C. E. Hackett, Walter Volles, E. Hamermister, Bruce Apker, Dr. C. F. Stekl, W. W. Kradwell, Geo. A. Weber and Harold Boyd.

Membership Committee—Robert L. Hirschinger, chairman, Clifford M. LaMar, Bert Bellows, Wm. Lange, Roy Bump, Wm. Schweltzer, Wm. L. Berkley, Ralph Sarlington, Dewey Armbruster, Horace Wieglow and Leonard Hainstock.

Legion Home Committee—W. W. Kradwell, chairman, Paul Stewart, Dr. C. F. Stekl, C. E. Hackett and Geo. A. Weber.

Initiation Committee—Herbert Steckenbauer, chairman, George Guthrie, L. P. Gerou and Clifford Campbell.

Money Raising Investigating Committee—Geo. Knight, Marty Joyce and James F. Bray.

Resolution Committee—Walter Jenks, Harlan Page and E. A. Isenberg.

Relief Committee—Floyd A. Costes, Geo. Martiny, and Clyde Sturdevant.

Entertainment Committee—Cliff Calhoun, chairman; Cliff Steinbrink, W. T. Kerndt, E. H. Foster, Randall Herfort, Frank E. McCoskrie, C. B. Albert and Wm. C. Watts.

France Convention Officer—Geo. A. Weber.

Color Bearers—Richard Heltzmann and Mark Graham.

Color Guards—C. G. Holmes and Robert Braun.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Tuesday 10 Nov 1925 p 1

NEW CORPORATIONS
Bray-Stewart Shoe Co., Baraboo; \$20,000—200—\$100; Jas. F. Bray, Paul L. Stewart, John A. Malone.

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" Friday 24 Dec 1925 p 20

Paul Stewart has purchased interests of M. H. Schey in the Schey Shoe Co. here and formed a partnership with James F. Bray, Mr. Schey's partner in the business.

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" Monday 3 Jan 1927 p 11

NEW PARTNERS IN SHOE FIRM START TODAY

**M. H. Schey Retires
And P. L. Stewart
Goes in With J. F.
Bray**

Effective today the management of the Schey Shoe company has gone into the hands of James F. Bray, associated with M. H. Schey in the business for many years, and P. L. Stewart, with the Rowland Shoe company here for several years. M. H. Schey, in the business for the past 25 years, is retiring.

The new firm, which has been incorporated under the laws of Wisconsin, will be known as the Bray-Stewart Shoe company, with Mr. Stewart as president and Mr. Bray secretary and treasurer. The new firm will be continued with the same policies that were those of Mr. Schey in the past.

The new proprietors of the store are experienced shoe men, popular, born, raised and educated in this city. Mr. Bray started in
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NEW PARTNERS IN SHOE FIRM START TODAY

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the shoe business in 1912 in the employment of the Marriott Shoe Co., he went in with Mr. Schey in 1915 and has been in the firm since, with the exception of the time he served overseas in the world war. Mr. Bray was presi-

dent of the Schey firm.

Mr. Stewart started in the shoe business in 1913 with the Brewer-Rowland company and was later made president of the Rowland firm. He is also a veteran of the world war and served overseas as a captain of infantry. With the exception of the time he was in the army, Mr. Stewart has been with the Brewer-Rowland store and later the Rowland firm, during the thirteen years.

25 Years in Business

Mr. Schey has made no definite plans for the future as yet but hopes to remain in Baraboo where he has made countless friends in his business associations of the past 25 years. With the retirement of Mr. Schey the oldest shoe merchant in Baraboo quits the business.

This morning found Mr. Schey still in the store, somewhat reluctant to sever old ties and bid good-bye to his business associates, of the past quarter of a century. In leaving the business which bares his name the retiring merchant wished the News to give a word of appreciation to those who have contributed to the success of his store here. I am very grateful to those who have patronized our firm here during my business career, he stated, and hope that my friends will still visit the store where I am sure they will continue to get fair treatment from my successors.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Monday 3 Jan 1927 p 1 & p 4

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Frazer have gone to Madison where they will be more conveniently located for Mr. Frazer's employment on the North Western railroad. They expect to take apartments in that city in the spring. Their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Page, Jr., have rented the Frazer home here at 216 Sixth avenue. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bray will take the residence vacated by the Pages at 510 Second street.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Friday 16 Dec 1927 p 20

Baraboo Veterans Observe Tuscania Disaster Day

BARABOO — Eighteen Baraboo veterans of the World war who were aboard the Tuscania when the transport was sunk off the coast of Ireland will observe the 10th anniversary of the sinking of the vessel on Sunday.

There were 21 Baraboo men on board when a German torpedo sent the Tuscania to the bottom, but three of these have died, all as the result of their service. Russell Brodie died of a pneumonia in southern camp, after his return from overseas, Donald Duncan died in France of the flu, and Clarence Sanderson has passed away within the past year in a Texas sanitarium.

The 18 men who expect to take part in Sunday's reunion are James F. Bray, Paul L. Stewart, Otto Arndt, Earl F. Powell, Arthur Bender, Otto F. Bates, Edward E. Coughlin, Vernon Caffisch, Herbert E. Steckenbauer, and Clarence Braun, all of Baraboo; George W. Hattle, Beloit; Horace C. Cahoon of Kilbourn; Randall H. Herfort of Detroit; Charles M. Kellogg, Janesville; Richard Mahler of Maywood, Ill.; Earl W. Veerhusen, Milwaukee; Wayland Kier of Montana; and John T. O'Brien, Milwaukee. A banquet Saturday night has been planned as part of the anniversary celebration.

"Wisconsin State Journal" Saturday 4 Feb 1928 p 7

Celebrate Sinking of S. S. Tuscania

Baraboo Survivors of Ill-Fated Ship Hold Annual Gathering

BARABOO—At the time of the sinking of the Tuscania in the early days of the entrance of the United States into the World war, there were 21 Baraboo boys aboard the transport. All escaped with their lives, although three have since died as the result of their service, and annually since the war ended the Tuscania survivors from Baraboo have gathered to celebrate the anniversary, which falls on Feb. 5. This year's observance took place on Saturday night at the American Legion hall with all but a few of the 18 present. "Baraboo's Twenty-one" were Donald Duncan, who died of pneumonia overseas, Russell Brodie who succumbed to the same disease on his return to this country, Ralph Sanderson who died in 1925 in Texas, Otto Arndt, Paul L. Stewart, George W. Hattle of Beloit, Arthur Bender, Earl L. Powell, Otto F. Bates, Horace Cahoon of Kilbourn, Edward W. Coughlin, Vernon E. Cafilisch, Herbert E. Steckenbauer, Randall H. Herfort of Detroit, Charles M. Kellogg of Janesville, James F. Bray, Wayland Kier of Montana, John T. O'Brien of Chicago, and Clarence Braun.

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Monday 4 Feb 1929 p 10

Installation of officers of Baraboo post of the American Legion was held on Monday night. The new officers are: commander, C. B. Albert; senior vice commander, James F. Bray; Junior vice commander, H. F. Steckenbauer; post adjutant, Paul L. Stewart; finance officer, George Weber; historian, C. M. LaMar; chaplain, Walter Schroeder; sergeant at arms, M. Graham; and service officer, Dr. C. F. Stekl.

Application for a marriage license has been filed here by James C.

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Thursday 17 Oct 1929 p 18

Baraboo Boys Aboard Tuscania Hold Reunion

When a German torpedo sank the American transport, the Tuscania, off the coast of Ireland, Feb. 5, 1918, there were 21 Baraboo boys aboard. Comrades in that disaster in which all of the 21 local men escaped, the little group from Baraboo has been observing the anniversary annually since. While the number is no longer 21 and there are several vacant places in the group, Saturday of this week will see the boys, together with their invited guests, assembling at the American Legion hall.

The gathering is generally held on a Saturday night since it is possible for more of the out-of-town men to be here at that time, although the real anniversary of the sinking of the Tuscania does not occur until next Wednesday. Invitations have been sent to the following 18 guests of honor:

Paul L. Stewart, Otto Arndt, George W. Hattle of Beloit, Arthur Bender, Earl F. Powell, Otto F. Bates, Horace C. Cahoon of Kilbourn, Edward W. Coughlin, Vernon E. Caffisch, Herbert E. Steck-

enbauer, Randall H. Herfort, Charles M. Kellogg of Janesville, Richard L. Mahler of Maywood, Ill., Earl W. Veerhusen of Milwaukee, James F. Bray, Wayland E. Kier of Montana, John T. O'Brien of Milwaukee and Clarence Braun.

Vacant chairs will be those of Donald Duncan, who died of pneumonia overseas, Russell Brodie who died of the same disease after his return to this country, and Ralph Sanderson who passed away in 1928 in Texas, his death due to his war service.

It was only the past year that secrecy surrounding the sinking of the Tuscania was broken and a German officer revealed the name of the submarine which sank the transport with a loss of 200 American lives. This account, contained in a letter from the submarine commander sent to the historian of the Milwaukee Tuscania association, was read with great interest by the Baraboo boys, and made an interesting feature of last year's gathering.

"Baraboo's 21" Meet In Annual Reunion Tonight

For the past five years a group of Baraboo boys, survivors of the Tuscania when the American transport was sunk by a German U-boat back on November fifth of 1918, have held a reunion here. Because of the fact that there were 21 boys from Baraboo on board at the time, the group has been known as "Baraboo's 21", however that number has been shifting in the intervening years and death has taken several from the ranks.

Tonight a large group of Baraboo men will join with the survivors in celebrating that event of 13 years ago. The nucleus of the original 21 group will be guests of honor at the party which is to be held in the American Legion hall.

Here is the list of those honor guests who plan to attend:

Paul L. Stewart, Otto Arndt, George W. Hattie, of Beloit, Arthur Bender, Earl L. Powell, Otto F. Bates, Horace C. Cahoon, of Madison, Edward W. Coughlin, Herbert E. Steckenbauer, Randall Herfort, Charles M. Kellogg of Janesville, Richard L. Mahler of Maywood, Ill., Earl W. Veerhusen of Milwaukee, James F. Bray, Arthur H. Thayer, Clarence Braun and John T. O'Brien of Milwaukee. Wayland Kier resides in Montana and cannot be present.

Several Names Missing

There is one less name on the list of survivors this year. Vernon E. Caffisch of the original Baraboo group on the Tuscania passed away just about a year ago and his absence will be one of the sad incidents in connection with the reunion. There are others of the original 21 who will be absent: Donald Duncan who did not return from overseas with the other boys; Russell Brodie who returned only to succumb to pneumonia; and Ralph Sanderson who died three years ago in Texas, death probably being the result of his overseas service.

Part of the Baraboo group went to Milwaukee the past week to take part in the national observance of the Tuscania sinking. At that meeting many interesting accounts of the experiences of the various men were told. It was at last year's meeting that the account of the sinking of the Tuscania was first revealed from the German standpoint, a letter being read from the commander of the German boat which fired the torpedo which resulted in the sinking of the American transport, six hours later.

A permanent organization of the survivors has been formed but the Baraboo group can claim the distinction of being one of the first to hold reunions.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Saturday 7 Feb 1931 p 1

40 et 8 Officers Are Installed

The installation of officers was held at the meeting of 40 et 8 members Tuesday evening with Ernest Isenberg, past chef de gare, acting as installing officer. The officers were installed as follows:

Chef de Gare—James F. Bray
 Chef de Train—Paul L. Stewart
 Commissaire entendant — George Weber
 Correspondant—Louis Martin
 Conducteur—H. L. Steckenbauer

Garde de la Porte—William Spellman

Medecin—Dr. Roger Cahoon

Lampiste—H. Oehlers

Commis Voyageur — Walter T. Kerndt

Garde la Prisonare—John Wisson, Ernest Isenberg and Dr. Al dippel

Cheminot locale—Arthur Keller, W. Schroeder and Dr. C. F. Stekl

Historian—H. H. Prange

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Wednesday 25 Nov 1931 p 7

Survivors Of Tuscania To Hold Reunion

This week-end will see the observance of the fourteenth anniversary of the sinking of the Tuscania, an event which is annually marked by a reunion of the 21 Baraboo boys aboard.

Five Baraboo men motored to Milwaukee this morning to attend the annual state reunion of the Tuscania survivors. They are Otto Arndt, James Bray, Horace Cahoon, H. L. Steckenbauer and Edward Coughlin. The men will attend the meeting there this evening and return here for the local reunion Saturday evening. Other Baraboo boys who are now residing away from here accompanying them home for the occasion.

As usual, invitations have been issued to a number of other Baraboo men to be present at the reunion held here at the Legion hall. Baraboo was among the first places to observe the anniversary and it is only in the past few years that a state organization has grown up.

Baraboo's 21 survivors were Paul L. Stewart, Otto Arndt, George W. Hattle, Arthur Bender, Earl L. Powell, Otto F. Bates, Horace C. Cahoon, Edward W. Coughlin, Vernon E. Caffisch (deceased), Herbert E. Steckenbauer, Randall H. Herfort, Charles M. Kellogg, Richard L. Mshler, Ralph L. Sanderson (deceased), Earl W. Veerhusen, James F. Bray, Wayland E. Kler, John T. O'Brien, Clarence Braun, Donald Duncan (deceased), and Russell Brodie (deceased). The group has also been joined by A. H. Thayer who moved here from Reedsburg.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Friday 5 Feb 1932 p 1

Long Illness Is Fatal To Mrs. E. Owen

Mrs. Elizabeth Owen, a resident of the town of Fairfield and city of Baraboo for many years, died this morning at 5:30 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Louis Wichern. The deceased, who was aged about 79 years, had been ill for four months.

The venerable lady, who was the widow of Evan D. Owen who passed away in 1917, spent most of her life on a farm in the town of Fairfield, coming to Baraboo ten years ago to reside with her son, David Owen.

Surviving her are three children, David Owen, Mrs. Wichern, and George Owen, all of Baraboo, and a number of grandchildren.

The remains were brought to the Scheible and Dyrud undertaking parlors.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Presbyterian church. Rev. E. C. Henke and Rev. Guy W. Campbell officiating. Interment will be in the Baraboo cemetery.

D. F. Bray and son, James F. Bray, left this noon for Hillsboro where they were called by the death of Mrs. Owen Conway, mother of Mrs. D. F. Bray. Mrs. Conway passed away Wednesday morning. Mrs. D. F. Bray has been with her mother for the past week and the local people will be joined tomorrow morning by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Kaiser of Wauwatosa who will arrive here tonight to accompany Mrs. J. F. Bray to that place. Mrs. Kaiser is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Bray and granddaughter of the deceased.

James, father Dennis F. Bray, mother Loretta Conway Brag, sister Edna Braun Kaiser – death of James's maternal grandmother – "Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Thursday 17 Mar 1932 p 4

J. F. Bray Sells His Interest In Local Shoe Store

James F. Bray has sold his interest in the Bray-Schey shoe store of this city to Martin H. Schey. Mr. Bray has been associated with the Schey firm since the World war, and he has been in the shoe business in Baraboo since 1911.

He is now representing the National Guardian Life insurance company in this district and his many Baraboo friends wish him success in his new position.

J. F. Bray Is Given Award

James F. Bray, representative for the New York Life insurance company in this city, has been awarded the turkey in his district for volume of paid business in November. Mr. Bray has been with this company but a short time, taking up his work two months ago.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" left: Wednesday 18 Oct 1933 p 1 and right: Monday 18 Dec 1933 p 4

TUSCANIA SURVIVORS HOLD GET-TOGETHER

KENOSHA, Wis., Feb. 6—Men who fought against each other in the World war sat side by side at a banquet last night which concluded the 16th annual reunion of the National Tuscania Survivors' association.

August Heise, Milwaukee a machinist mate on a German submarine during the war, was a guest at the meeting. He sat beside John Newton Jones, former British naval officer, who was awarded a medal last night for rescuing 210 soldiers when the Tuscania was torpedoed. On the other side of Heise was Fred Scholey, Kenosha, an American soldier who survived the Tuscania disaster.

James F. Bray, Baraboo, was elected president of the association to succeed Scholey. Baraboo was selected as the 1935 meeting place of the association.

Survivors' Association in Annual Meet at Kenosha

Kenosha, Feb. 6.—(AP)—James F. Bray, Chicago, was elected president of the National Tuscania Survivors' association at the sixteenth annual reunion here last night of Americans who were rescued when the troop transport was torpedoed off the coast of Ireland in 1918.

Richard J. Poteet, Nashville, Tenn., was named treasurer; Charles B. Dunn, Chicago, judge advocate; Leo V. Zimmerman, Milwaukee, historian; Harry Shostack, Chicago, sergeant-at-arms; and Arthur J. Nissen, Milwaukee, chaplain. The 1935 meeting will be in Baraboo on February 5, the anniversary of the ship sinking in which 225 lost their lives.

John Newton Jones, former chief petty officer on the Pigeon, British destroyer, who directed rescue work, was presented with a medal by Fred Scholey, Kenosha, retiring national president of the association. Jones now lives in New York.

Left: "Waukesha (WI) County Freeman" Tusday 6 Feb 1934 p 10 and right: "Wausau (WI) Daily Herald" Tuesday 6 Feb 1934 p 6

Commander Can't Come

Dr. Wilhelm Meyer, commander of the U-boat which sank the Tuscania, will be unable to come to Baraboo for the national Tuscania Survivors' assn. convention, which will be held here Feb. 5. In a letter to James F. Bray, Baraboo, national president, Dr. Meyer explained that as a resident of Saarland he feels it his duty to remain in Germany to vote, thus making it impossible for him to accept the invitation.

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Wednesday 19 Dec 1934 p 6

When Baraboo is host to the national convention of Tuscania survivors in February the Baraboo members had hoped to have with them Dr. Wilhelm Meyer, commander of the German submarine which sank the Tuscania. However, a letter from Dr. Meyer has been received, regretting his inability to be present, by James F. Bray of Baraboo, president of the national Tuscania Survivors association.

He writes, "As perhaps you know, we residents of the Saarland, by reason of the provisions of the treaty of Versailles, must vote in January whether we are to remain Germans or become French. At this important period of my country's history, I cannot depart from here, but must, like every other German Saarlander, do my duty."

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" Wednesday 19 Dec 1934 p 6

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Survivors of Tuscania Plan Convo at Baraboo

17th Annual Reunion to Be Held on Feb. 5

[State Journal News Service]

BARABOO—The 17th annual national convention and reunion of the national Tuscania Survivors' assn. will be held in the new American Legion home here Feb. 5. James F. Bray, association president, announced Thursday.

An all-day program, including a reception, business meeting, memorial exercises, and banquet, has been arranged to commemorate the tragedy of the World war.

The association was formed by survivors of the sinking of the Tuscania off the coast of Ireland on Feb. 5, 1918. Bearing a contingent of the A. E. F., the Tuscania was torpedoed by a German submarine. Many on board were Wisconsin soldiers, among them men from Madison, Soughton, Edgerton and Baraboo.

Officers of the association are: James F. Bray, Baraboo, president; Richard J. Poteet, Nashville, Tenn., vice-president; Paul L. Stewart, Baraboo, secretary; Edward W. Coughlin, Baraboo, treasurer.

Charles B. Dunn, Chicago, judge advocate; Leo V. Zimmerman, Milwaukee, historian; Harry Schostak, Chicago, sergeant-at-arms; and Arthur J. Nissen, Milwaukee, chaplain.

The annual business meeting will be held at 3 p. m., at which the 1936 reunion city will be selected and new officers elected.

Memorial services will be held at 6:30 p. m., with the national chaplain in charge, and the annual banquet will begin at 7 p. m., with Gov. La Follette as the principal speaker.

The convention will be concluded with entertainment and a stag in the armory on Third ave., beginning at 9 p. m.

"Wisconsin State Journal" Friday 25 Jan 1935 p 9

TUSCANIA GROUP TO GATHER AT BARABOO FOR REUNION FEB. 5

Milwaukee Chaplain Will Con- duct Memorial Service for Survivors.

BARABOO, Wis. —(U.P.)— Reservations have been received from a dozen states for the National Tuscania Survivors association's 17th reunion scheduled here Feb. 5 on the anniversary of the sinking of the troopship off the Irish coast, it was learned today.

Memorial services will be conducted by Arthur J. Nissen, Milwaukee, national chaplain, for the 200 American soldiers lost when a torpedo from a German submarine sank the Tuscania, according to program arrangements announced by James F. Bray, Baraboo, national president. Gov. Philip F. La Follette is scheduled to be the principal speaker at a banquet.

Officers of the association besides Bray are Richard J. Poteet, Nashville, Tenn., vice president; Paul L. Stewart, Baraboo, secretary; Edward W. Coughlin, Baraboo, treasurer; Charles B. Dunn, Chicago, judge advocate; Leo V. Zimmerman, Milwaukee, historian; Harry Schostak, Chicago, sergeant-at-arms, and Arthur J. Nissen, Milwaukee, chaplain.

"Wisconsin State Journal" Friday 25 Jan 1935 p 9

TUESDAY, FEB. 5, 1935

HISTORY OF 107TH SUPPLY TRAIN GIVEN

Officer Supplies First Complete Record for Tuscania Sur- vivors

Editor's note: Through the courtesy of Captain Oakley L. Parkhill, Fargo, N. D. the News-Republic is able to present the following complete history of the 107th Supply Train, 32nd Division to which many of the Baraboo boys belonged. Captain Parkhill, who is in Baraboo today to attend the convention or the National Tuscania Survivors association, prepared the history and because of the account it contains of the Tuscania's sinking it is particularly interesting at this time.

(By Captain Oakley L. Parkhill)
Historical Synopsis of 107th Supply
Train, 32nd Div.

The 107th Supply Train was formed from companies and officers of the old 4th, 5th and 6th Regiments of Wisconsin National Guard, at Camp MacArthur, Waco, Texas, on the 15th of October, 1917, by G. O. 4, 57th Depot Brigade. It consisted of 6 companies and a headquarters company of 1 Adjutant who also acted as Supply Officer, and 8 enlisted men. The Headquarters company was composed of the following officers and men, Major E. F. Kraning, (6th Wis.) Commanding 1st Lt. Paul L. Stewart, Baraboo, (6th Wis., Co. I), Adjutant and Supply officer, Sergt. 1st Cl. Oakley L. Parkhill, Abbotsford, (6th Wis. Co. "K"), Q. M. Sergt. QMC. George W. Hattle, Baraboo, (6th Wis. Co. I), Q. M. Sergt. QMC. Otis E. Hutchins, Whitehall, (6th Wis. Co. L), Corp. James F. Bray, Baraboo, (6th Wis. Co. I), Corp. Omer Houkom, Blair, (6th Wis. Co. L), Pvt. 1st Cl. Ervin A. Eckel, Marshfield, (6th Wis. Co. K) Privts. Wayland E. Kier and John F. O'Brien, both of Baraboo, (6th Wis. Co. I).

The companies were commanded by the following officers: Co. "A" 1st. Lieut. P. J. Pangborn of Chipewa Falls, (4th Wis. Co. "A") men

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Convention Headquarters



The new American Legion clubhouse pictured above is headquarters for the veterans attending the convention of the National Tuscania Survivors association here today. Acquired by the Baraboo post during the past year, the club house was dedicated on Armistice day last November, on which occasion the above photograph was made, showing some of the people assembled for the exercises, and in the foreground members of the Legion ladies' drum corps who took an important part in the program. Adjacent to the clubhouse is shown the residence also acquired by the Legion post and used as the residence of the caretaker, with rooms available for Legionnaires. Registration of the Tuscania Survivors today has been made at the clubhouse, the annual meeting was held there this afternoon, and the day's program will wind up with a smoker and stag party at the clubhouse tonight.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Tuesday 5 Feb 1935 p 1

Tuscanians' 1936 Reunion to Sheboygan

17th Annual Gather-
ing Brings 175 Mem-
bers to Baraboo

[State Journal News Service]

BARABOO — Sheboygan was voted the 18th annual convention of the National Tuscania Survivors' assn. by members of the group meeting in Baraboo Tuesday on the 17th anniversary of the sinking of the American transport off the Irish coast by a German U-boat.

The following officers were elected: president, Fred A. Duxbury, Sheboygan; vice-president, Dr. Ingwald Hansen, Manitowoc; secretary, Max Collins, Eau Claire; treasurer, Fred Braem, Marshfield; judge advocate, Charles B. Dunn, Chicago; historian, Leo V. Zimmerman, Milwaukee; sergeant-at-arms, Nathan F. Carhart, Galesville; and chaplain, John L. Barnes, Wautoma. The business meeting was follow-

displayed.

Tell of Difficulties

Among reminiscences of the days after the survivors had landed at various points in Ireland were those of James F. Bray, Baraboo, who told of the boys' difficulties in arriving in a strange country without funds. Several wrote checks on Y. M. C. A. stationery, which were honored by Irish storekeepers and in due time arrived at the Baraboo banks for payment.

As souvenirs of the convention, each man was presented a bronze badge depicting the sinking of the ship and carrying the name of Baraboo and the date, together with a booklet about Baraboo and containing a song, "Tuscania Calls," which was written by Miss Lydia L. Schultz and dedicated to Tuscania victims.

Excerpts — "Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Wednesday 6 Feb 1935 p 9

James F. Bray has returned from the New York Life Club meeting at Lake Lawn resort. These meetings are held each year at some prominent resort in the United States or Canada, where leading agents are guests of the company. Mr. Bray was among those participating in the program.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Friday 6 Feb 1935 p 4

Survivors Of Tuscania Pray For New AEF

Beloit Man Is Elected as Group Leader; Hear Martin, Others

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, Wis.—(AP)—Survivors of the torpedoed Tuscania, British ship carrying American soldiers which was sunk off the Irish coast in February, 1918, prayed for "happy landing" for America's new AEF at memorial rites Sunday for their 269 buddies who went down with the Tuscania.

The occasion was the annual meeting of the National Tuscania Survivors association.

An American Legion firing squad blew taps as an airplane dropped a memorial wreath into the Wisconsin river.

Dr. F. F. Firnstahl, of Wisconsin Rapids, retiring president of the association, expressed a hope that convoys would be successful in shepherding troop ships to the foreign battlefields of World war II with the least number of casualties.

"We weren't prepared in the last war," he commented. "We're really getting prepared now. We've got a bunch of good boats and a powerful navy of our own. We had Englishmen taking us over."

taking us over."

James F. Bray, of Baraboo, Wis., a past president, said that the American navy was strong, "but needed to be strengthened because we're now convoying on two oceans and have airplanes to contend with, too."

Speaking at the convention banquet Saturday night, Wisconsin Atty. Gen. John E. Martin asked.

"Let there be no World war III. Help make a decent America for the boys of the second AEF who return when this battle finally is won."

J. Creal Hopper, of Beloit, Wis., succeeded Dr. Firnstahl as president. Charles Kellogg, of Janesville, Wis., was named vice-president. Beloit was chosen as the 1943 convention city.

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" Monday 9 Feb 1942 p 2

Five Tuscania Survivors From Here at Reunion

Five of Baraboo's 21 Tuscania survivors were present when the National Tuscania Survivors association held its annual reunion in Wisconsin Rapids this past week-end.

Paul L. Stewart, James F. Bray and Herbert E. Steckenbauer of this city were joined here by Charles Kellogg, now of Janesville, and in Wisconsin Rapids the fifth member of the group joined them, Earl Veerhusen of Milwaukee.

Headquarters for the convention was the Hotel Witter of which L. E. Daniels, formerly of Baraboo, is owner, and there were 100 members present for the annual reunion dinner on Saturday evening.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Tuesday 10 Feb 1942 p 4

Tuscania Survivors Hold Meeting

BARABOO—Carrying on a tradition of 25 years, "Baraboo's 21," survivors of the sinking of the Tuscania 25 years ago, met at dinner at the Warren hotel Saturday night. When a German torpedo sent the transport to the bottom of the Irish sea, the 21 Baraboo men aboard were saved, and each year since then they have held a reunion. True, the 21 were never all present for two of them lost their lives in the first World war, and others have since died.

Those who hoped to be present Saturday night were Paul L. Stewart, James F. Bray, Otto Arndt, Herbert Steckenbauer, Earl Powell, Edward Coughlin, Otto Bates, Arthur Thayer, Randall Herfort, Clarence Braun, all of Baraboo; Horace Cahoon, Wisconsin Dells; Earl Veerhusen, Milwaukee; Richard Mahler, Maywood, Ill.; and Charles Kellogg, Janesville. Only other surviving member of the group is Wayland Kier, who resides in Montana and could not be here.

The group is affiliated with the National Tuscania Survivors assn., but this group is not holding its

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'Baraboo's 21' Plan Reunion

Tuscania Survivors to Meet Saturday

By IRENE UNDERKOFER
(State Journal Correspondent)

BARABOO — The group of Tuscania survivors, known as "Baraboo's 21", will meet in reunion here on Saturday night, to recall that night of 26 years ago when a German torpedo sent their transport to the bottom of the Irish sea and the 21 Baraboo men aboard found their way to safety.

This year's conversation probably will be different from that of past years, however, for most of the "boys" of the Tuscania disaster are now the fathers of men in service or else themselves are doing "behind the lines" service in war plants or otherwise.

Otto Arndt, always one of the leading spirits in the reunion, is in Alaska, serving as baker for a construction crew, while his three sons are all in military service on widely-scattered fronts. Paul L. Stewart, Baraboo city clerk, will be present at the reunion, but thinking of his two sons in service. Possibly he will be wearing alongside his American Legion button the decoration recently conferred upon him by naval authorities for meritorious service in naval recruiting.

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James F. Bray has a son in service, Earl Powell's boy is in the navy; Otto F. Bates, who will come from Milwaukee where he is employed, has a son in the air corps, and Charles Kellogg, father of a son in service, will be here from Janesville. Edward Coughlin and Randall Herfort will be on hand, their shifts at the Badger Ordnance Works permitting.

Other planning to be present are Herbert C. Steckenbauer, Arthur H. Thayer, Clarence Braun, Horace Cahoon, Wisconsin Dells, and Richard Mahler, Maywood, Ill. Wayland Kier, who lives in Montana, completes the roster of surviving members of "Baraboo's 21". The union dinner will be held at the Warren hotel.

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Friday 4 Feb 1944 p 9

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"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Thursday 12 Apr 1945 p 4

Baraboo Man Is Honored By New York Company

James F. Bray, local representative of the New York Life Insurance company has received an invitation to attend the company's meeting to be held the latter part of September at French Lick, Ind. Each year the company has educational meetings and the agents who have qualified under certain rules and production are granted an invitation to attend these educational meetings. Mr. Bray has again qualified this year as he has for many years in the past.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Tuesday 27 Aug 1946 p 4

13 Tuscania Survivors Still In Local Group

Thirty-six years ago frightening news came to Baraboo—the Tuscania had been sunk by a German torpedo off the coast of Ireland and the army transport was carrying Baraboo boys, in fact quite a few from Wisconsin. While the transport was sunk on Feb. 5, 1918, it was not until Feb. 7th that the word was received here, communication means of those days were not what they are now when radio brings a message of that kind in a matter of seconds.

Not until Feb. 11th did the Baraboo newspapers carry the welcome news — "All 21 Baraboo Boys on Tuscania are Safe".

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"Tuscania"

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Ranks of the 21 have now thinned to 12, while A. H. Thayer has joined the local boys, although he was with a Reedsburg outfit at the time, so there are 13 men now in the local Tuscania survivors group. A state organization has been formed so that the local group is not planning any special celebration this year, some may go to the Eau Claire state meeting, however.

Most of the local group are still from Baraboo — H. E. Steckenbauer, P. L. Stewart, James Bray, Randall Herfort, Ed. Coughlin, Otto Arndt, Otto Bates and A. H. Thayer. Earl Powell is in St. Petersburg, Fla., Richard Mahler is in Maywood, Ill., Horace Cahoon lives at Lake Delton, Charles Kellogg is now of Janesville and Clarence Braun is of Lodi.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Friday 5 Feb 1954 p 1 & p 2

Baraboo Man Is Star Club Member

New York, N. Y. — James F. Bray of 128 Eighth avenue, Baraboo, has qualified as a member of the Star club of the New York Life Insurance company. Dudley Dowell, executive vice president of the company, announced today.

Mr. Dowell said that Bray also qualified to attend an educational conference in Chicago, Ill., May 26-29th.

The Star club is composed of the top agents of New York Life which has a field force of over 5,200 full-time agents in 173 branch offices throughout the United States, Canada and Hawaii. Mr. Bray is attached to the capital branch office in Madison.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Monday 23 May 1955 p 4

Wife Edna A. Zimmerman

EDNA BRAY

Mrs. James F. (Edna) Bray, 80, Baraboo, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 19, 1985 in St. Mary's Hospital, Madison, after a long illness.

Mrs. Bray was born to Minnie and William Zimmerman, Medford, Wis., in 1896. She traveled with her family to the Dakota Territory at an early age to homestead a horse ranch. After the untimely death of her father, the family returned to Medford, where she completed her education at the Taylor County Normal School. She taught in the lower grades in Gilman, Lowell and Baraboo.

She married James F. Bray in 1922; he preceded her in death in 1959.

She is survived by a daughter, Mary Jane Shaheen, Northbrook, Ill.; a son, James C. Bray, Baraboo; two grandsons, Jeffrey Shaheen, Philadelphia, and Robert Shaheen, Denver; a brother, Al Ward, Logan, Utah; and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Nov. 21, in the Redlin Funeral Home, Baraboo.

Burial will occur in St. Joseph's Cemetery.


Friends may call one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her name may be made to the Baraboo Public Library and the St. Clare Hospital Auxiliary.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic Thursday 21 Nov 1985 p 5

Edna Zimmerman

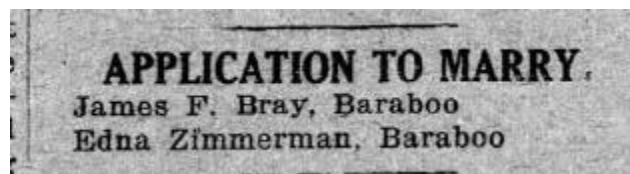
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"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Saturday 3 Jun 1922 p 1

Bray-Zimmerman

An exceedingly pretty church wedding was solemnized this morning at eight o'clock, at St. Joseph's Catholic church, when Rev. Father J. Orlovski united in holy wedlock Miss Edna Zimmerman and James F. Bray. They were attended by Miss Edna Bray, a sister of the groom, and Joseph Siberz. The bridal procession entered the church to the strains of Lohengren's wedding march, with Sister M. Rita at the pipe organ, and proceeded to the main altar thence within the chancel rail where the wedding ceremony proceeded the nuptial mass, during which the Junion choir rendered appropriate music..

The altars and chancel rail were beautifully decorated with roses, daisies, peonies and potted plants, which together with the bridal party, made a very pleasing picture.

The bride, the daughter of Mrs. William Zimmerman of Medford, Wis., is very popular with the younger social set, having taught in our public school the past two years making many friends by her genial disposition. She was beautifully gowned in grey crepe satin, with a picture hat of silver lace and carried a shower bouquet of pink and white roses. The bridesmaid wore a dress of periwinkle canton crepe and cream lace with hat to match, and carried a bouquet of tea roses. The groom is one of Baraboo's popular young business men, being the junior partner of the Schey Shoe Co., and was a veteran of the World war. one of the survivors of the ill fated Tuscania and saw 17 months of active service across the sea.

After the church ceremony the party went to the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Bray, 433 Second street where a sumptuous wedding breakfast was served to sixteen relatives and intimate friends. Decorations were in pink and white cut flowers and ferns.

The happy couple have departed on an extended wedding trip to northern Wisconsin points, and will be home to their many friends after July tenth at 502 Fourth street where cozily furnished apartments await their return.

The bridal couple was the recipient of many pretty and useful gifts and their host of friends wish them a long and happy married life.

"Baraboo (WI) Weekly News" Thursday 15 Jun 1922 p 2

**Baraboo Girl,
Milwaukee Man
Wed Monday**

**Edna Bray Becomes Wife
of Irwin Kaiser at
Bride's Home**

(By Special Correspondent)

BARABOO, Wis.—Miss Edna E. Bray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Bray, 433 Second st., and Irwin W. Kaiser, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Kaiser, Milwaukee, were married here Monday morning at 10:30 at the St. Josephs parsonage, the Rev. Edward C. O'Reilly, performing the ceremony. They will reside in Milwaukee.

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" Tuesday 10

Virginia Danube, 14, Observes First American Birthday

Virginia Danube, who came to America last March to make her home with her father, John Danube, is today observing her fourteenth birthday, and her first American birthday. It is a coincidence that this little new American's first birthday falls on Columbus Day.

Yesterday Mrs. James F. Bray entertained a number of little girls in honor of Virginia's birthday at the Bray home on Eighth avenue and decorations for the birthday dinner were fittingly enough of the patriotic colors in keeping with the Columbus Day holiday today.

Mrs. Bray, who is a former Baraboo teacher, has been tutoring Virginia during the summer, particu-

larly in English and in reading, and Virginia is especially advanced in mathematics. This year she is attending the fourth grade of the Second Ward school and is making splendid progress in spite of the fact that she finds school in America quite different from that of her native land, Yugoslavia.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Thursday 12 Oct 1950 p 4

Children

JAMES C. BRAY

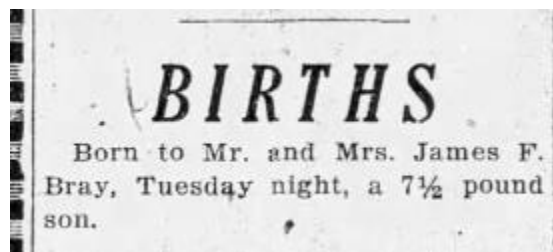
BARABOO — James C. Bray, age 65, of Baraboo, passed away Tuesday morning, Jan. 2, 1989 at his home on Elizabeth Street.

Mr. Bray was born in Baraboo on Oct. 21, 1924 and has been a resident of Baraboo most of his life. He was employed for the sheriff's department as a deputy for many years and he served in the U.S. Army in WWII and in the Korean War.

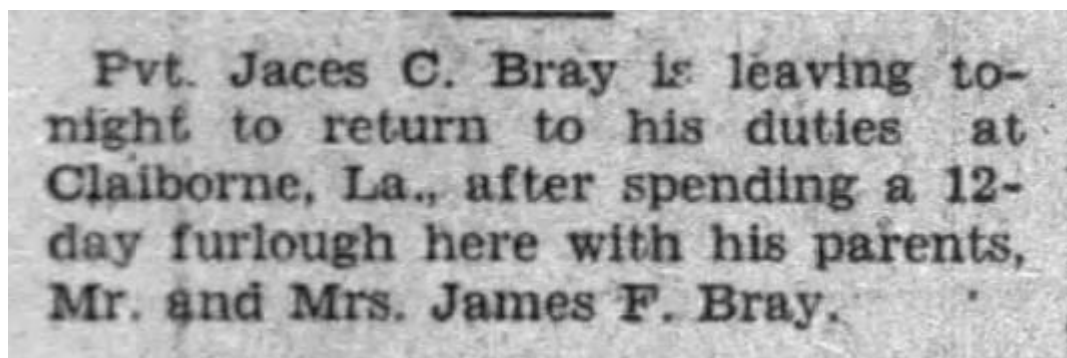
Survivors include his wife, Nancie, of Baraboo; one sister, Jane (Ray) Shaheen, Highland Park, Ill. and other relatives and friends.

There will be no funeral services due to the wishes of Mr. Bray. Memorials may be made to ART Friends, Inc. or the Sauk County Humane Society. The Redlin Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Son James Conway Bray (1924-1990) – "Baraboo (WI) News-Republic" Wednesday 3 Jan 1990 p 2



"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Wednesday 22 Oct 1924 p 5



"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Monday 31 Jan 1944 p 4

T Sgt. Marvin Hanley of the local recruiting office reports the re-enlistment of James C. Bray, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bray of Baraboo. "Jim" has re-enlisted in the same branch of service in which he served during the war, which was the corps of engineers. He was with the engineers during the invasion of France and Germany and has re-enlisted for three years with the European theatre as a choice.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Tuesday 10 Feb 1948 p 4

Sgt. James C. Bray, son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Bray of this city, has left for the Korean theater of war. Sgt. Bray is serving with the U.S. Signal Corps.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Wednesday 23 Aug 1950 p 4

Nancie C. Bray

JANESVILLE — Nancie C. Bray, age 67 of Janesville, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2005 at Haven House in Janesville.

She was born on Feb. 4, 1938 in Ladysmith, the daughter of John A. and Fannie I. (Presher) Miller. Nancie received her BA degree from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in 1961. She was united in marriage to James C. Bray on Sept. 8, 1962 in Ladysmith. Nancie spent 40 years, from 1961 to 2001 in her career as a social worker with the Sauk County Department of Human Services. She enjoyed attending auctions and collecting antiques. Nancie was known far and wide for her great variety of delicious Christmas cookies, enjoyed by all. She was an excellent cook with Chinese food being her specialty.

Nancie is survived by her brother, Duane (Lori) Miller of Janesville; two sisters, Lorraine (Robert) Flohr of Ladysmith and Janet (William) Eulberg of Montgomery, Ohio; a brother-in-

law, Ray Shaheen of Florida; nieces; nephews; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Fannie Miller; her husband, James on Jan. 2, 1990; and a sister-in-law, Mary Jane Shaheen.

According to Nancie's wishes, there will be no services; however, memorials to the Sauk County Humane Society in her name would be appreciated. The Redlin Funeral Home is assisting the family.

She will be missed by her family and friends.

Obituary of Nancie Miller Bray – "Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Friday 25 Nov 2005 p 18



Miss Mary Jane Bray

THE June 26 wedding plans of Miss Mary Jane Bray, Chicago, formerly of Baraboo, and Raymond Shaheen, a Chicago attorney, are told today. They will be united in a 4 p.m. service in the Country Church in the City, Chicago.

The Edgewater Beach Hotel will be the scene of the reception.

The bride-to-be is a University of Wisconsin graduate. Her fiancé, a graduate of the DePaul University law school, is a law partner of Edward A. Hayes, former national commander of the American Legion.

Daughter Mary Jane Bray Shaheen (1924-) "Madison (WI) Capital Times" Monday 14 Jun 1954 p 8



With the sun beating down on Madison with full force the three University of Wisconsin co-eds shown above, along with many another Madison resident, sought relief from the heat Thursday in the inviting waters of Madison's lakes.

Pictured on the shores of Lake Mendota are (left to right) Mary Jane Bray, a junior from Baraboo; Margaret A. Van Wagenen, a freshman from Wauwatosa, and Carol S. Allen, a freshman from Princeton, Ill.

—Arthur M. Vinje photo

Mary Jane Bray at far left – "Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) Friday 8 May 1949 p 1

Graduates



MISS BRAY

Mary Jane Bray of Baraboo literally is "up in the air" these days, wearing the trim uniform and silver wings of a new United Air Lines stewardess. She recently completed an intensive five-week course at United's stewardess training center, Cheyenne, Wyo., and has been assigned to mainliner flights operating east and west from Chicago.

Miss Bray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Bray of 126 Eighth avenue, attended grammar and high schools here, then studied at Carroll college and the University

of Wisconsin, graduating from the latter earlier this year. She is a member of Kappa Gamma Phi and Chi Omega sororities.

In becoming a stewardess, Miss Bray has entered one of the world's newest, most popular professions for women. It was pioneered by United Air Lines just 20 years ago when eight young ladies were assigned to the company's San Francisco-Chicago planes. Today, more than 5,000 stewardesses are serving on airlines whose routes criss-cross the world.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Saturday 25 Nov 1950 p 4

CHILDREN.
Little Jane Bray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Bray, is ill with scarlet fever and the home has been quarantined.

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" Thursday 19 Apr 1934 p 10

YOUNG PEOPLE UNITED IN MARRIAGE

Miss Mary Jane Bray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Bray of Baraboo, Wis. and Raymond Shaheen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Shaheen of Tampico, were married in the Country Church in the City, Chicago, Saturday afternoon at 4:00, with the pastor, Rev. Will, officiating.

Mrs. John Peterson of Baraboo was bridesmatron and Richard Shaheen of New York, brother of the groom, was best man. The ushers were John Shaheen of New York and Hugh Downs of Chicago, brother and brother-in-law of the groom.

Only the members of the two families and a few close friends attended the ceremony, the wedding dinner and the reception which followed in the Edgewater Beach hotel.

Following a wedding trip the newlyweds will make their home in Chicago where the groom is an attorney and law partner of Edward A. Hayes. Raymond graduated from the Tampico high school and DePaul university law school. The bride is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin.

"Tampico (IL) Tornado" Thursday 1 Jul 1954 p 1

Shaheen-Bray

The marriage of Miss Mary Jane Bray of Melrose st. and Raymond Shaheen of Diversey pkwy. took place at 4 p. m. Saturday in the Granville Avenue Methodist church, the "Country Church in the City." The reception was held in the Edgewater Beach hotel. The bride, daughter of the James F. Brays of Baraboo, Wis., is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin. Mr. Shaheen, the son of the Michael Shaheens of Tampico, Ill., holds a degree from De Paul university law school.

"Chicago Tribune" Thursday 1 Jul 1954 p 38

home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Shaheen spent the weekend in Chicago and attended the wedding of their son Raymond to Miss Mary Jane Bray. They were accompanied home by son Richard of New York and their grandchildren, Hugh Raymond and Diedre Downs of Chicago.

"Tampico (IL) Tornado" Thursday 1 Jul 1954 p 3

Bray-Shaheen Wedding Event In Chicago

In a pretty chapel wedding in Chicago on Saturday, Miss Jane Bray of Chicago became the bride of Raymond Shaheen of Chicago. Miss Bray is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Bray of Baraboo and Mr. Shaheen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Shaheen of Tampico, Ill. The chapel altar was beautifully decorated with white garden flowers and tall candelabra.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was gowned in a street length, Princess style dress of white lace over satin. She wore a Juliette cap of matching lace from which fell a shoulder length veil, short white kid gloves and carried white roses fashioned in a crescent shaped bouquet.

Her only attendant was Mrs. Louise Rittenhouse Peterson of Baraboo, her matron of honor. Mrs. Peterson's gown was of pink embroidered organdy designed with a fitted bodice, cap sleeves, a bouffant skirt, and a satin ribbon sash. With it she wore a matching head dress of ribbon and veiling and short gloves. She carried a pink rose bouquet fashioned like the bride's.

The groom chose his brother Richard Shaheen as best man. Ushers were John Shaheen and Hugh Downs.

The bride's mother was attired in a two-piece dress of beige silk shantung. The mother of the groom wore an aqua suit. Both mothers had fuschia orchid corsages.

A reception and dinner was held at the Edgewater Beach hotel.

Guests from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. John Shaheen and son, Richard Shaheen, and Lt. L. B. Poirier, all of New York City, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Downs and son and daughter of Westport, Conn., Kenneth B. Laftus of London, England, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Ross of Wauwatosa, Mr. and Mrs. William Lawler of Waukesha, Mrs. Lydia Greisch and Jerry Greisch of Edgar, Wis.

Following a wedding trip to Ephriam, Door county, the young couple will reside at 434 Diversy, Chicago.

The bride, a graduate of Baraboo High school and the University of Wisconsin, is a member of Chi Omega sorority. She is employed as a secretary with the John F. Meissner Engineers.

The groom, a graduate of DePaul University law school, was a navy flier in the South Pacific during World war II. He is a junior partner in the law firm of Damon, Hayes, White and Hogan.

SHAHEEN

Mary Jane Shaheen, **nee Bray**, 66, of Highland Park, beloved wife of Raymond; loving mother of Jeff (Gwen) and Bob (Emily); dear grandmother of Caitlyn, Danielle, Sam and Molly. Visitation 4 to 9 p.m. Friday, April 14. Funeral Service 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 15 at **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home**, 1787 Deerfield Rd., Highland Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1300 N. Skokie Hwy., Suite 104, Gurnee, IL 60031. Funeral info, 708-831-4260 .

"Chicago Tribune" Thursday 13 Apr 1995 p 259

SHAHEEN, RAYMOND

Funeral services for Raymond Shaheen, 88, of Sanford, FL, who passed away Saturday, Dec. 2, 2006, will be held at 5 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 7, at the **Baldwin Fairchild Oaklawn Chapel**, 5000 County Rd. 46A, Sanford, FL, 32771. Gathering for family and friends will begin at 4:30 p.m., until time of service. Born Feb. 8, 1918, in Deer Grove, IL, Ray had been a resident of the North Shore area of Chicago for most of his life. He was an attorney and the Senior Partner in a Chicago law firm. Ray was a U.S. Navy pilot and veteran of WWII. He was loved by his family and friends for his warm personality, honesty, integrity and generosity. He is survived by his children Jeff (Gwen) and Bob (Emily); and his grandchildren Caitlyn and Danielle and Samuel and Molly; and his sister Ruth (Hugh) Downs; preceded in death by his wife Jane (1995); and his brothers John and Richard. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1-800-227-2345.

Funeral info: 407-322-4263.

Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries

"Chicago Tribune" Tuesday 5 Dec 2006 p 3-10

Father-In-Law Of TV Announcer Downs Dies In Tampico, Ill.

NEW YORK (AP)—Death has taken Michael Shaheen, 72, father-in-law of television announcer Hugh Downs.

Jack Paar's reference to personal sorrow in the Downs family on his NBC show Thursday night brought a flurry of telephone calls from viewers anxious to know the trouble.

Downs is an announcer on the Paar show and pinch-hits for him frequently.

Shaheen, a retired farmer of Tampico, Ill., died Friday. He leaves his widow, his daughter Ruth, (Mrs. Downs), and three sons.

"Freeport (IL) Journal-Standard" Wednesday 14 Dec 1960 p 1

Father:

D. F. Bray is not only a good fellow, but the boss car repairer of the Northwestern on this division. He keeps everything ship shape, and his reputation extends over the entire system. But Dan has been in trouble lately. The Northwestern runs some nice

trains out here now, and it is part of Dan's business to keep them clean—both on the outside as well as on the inside. The latter duties do not give him much worry; it is the former. Dan will keep everything in prime condition, but he wants room to go at it. He is not as lean as a fence rail, you know. In cleaning the outside of the cars at Lancaster, at present, he may be said to be between the devil and the deep sea, or, more properly, a pile of wood on one side of the track and a big heap of cinders on the other, making it inconvenient and almost impossible to do as nice a job as Dan would wish. The room is so limited that when Dan throws a bucket full of water on the side of the car, most of it is thrown back and goes down his neck. Dan isn't as partial to water as all that, in spite of his being a teetotaler, so he had Conductor Searles write to headquarters at Baraboo to have the evil mitigated and himself saved from probable drowning. Here is the reply, with a lot of the usual red tape, just received from the assistant superintendent:

I have your letter of March 16, mentioning some important matters in the way of obstructions to the washing the outside of your cars at Lancaster, and wish to thank you for the same. I have asked Mr. Snyder to remove the cinders and repile the wood back, at least eight feet from the track, and give our car repairers a chance. As for the water going back and down the neck of the man, I do not feel that this is an absolute loss as we always figure to wash our necks on Sundays, and if this man is able to get his washed in this manner, he is so much ahead of the rest of us.

"Fennimore (WI) Times" Wednesday 23 Mar 1904 p t

D. F. Bray started with his family yesterday for Epiphany, S. D. His wife, who is in poor health, will remain a month or so.

"Fennimore (WI) Times" Wednesday 6 Apr 1904 p 12

(Montfort Mall.)

Henry Snyder, division superintendent, has a motor car. He has made several trips on it and it works perfectly. He in company with his son Louis and D. F. Bray went to Woodman Saturday, and caught some nice fish. The average speed of the machine is 35 miles per hour, although it is capable of making much faster time. Mr. Snyder will find it very useful in his work.

"Fennimore (WI) Times" Wednesday 3 Aug 1904 p 7

A Bit of Woodman.

(By the Walking Editor)

The editor was down the narrow gauge Thursday and found the men making rapid headway in reconstructing the bridges and track.

The men used a novel pile driver; a big piece of timber, which one would hold on the ground and steady, while about a dozen would lift the other end up in the air and let it drop on the piling. It worked to perfection. Car repairer D. F. Bray of Lancaster got the cars, although they were in a bad condition, back on the track sooner than expected. We improved the occasion to make a brief visit at Woodman and short calls on some of our good farmer friends.

"Fennimore (WI) Times" Wednesday 1 Jul 1908 p 2

Promotion for Bray.

We are to lose D. F. Bray and his estimable family. They will move in a few weeks to Baraboo, Mr. Bray having been promoted from car repairer to a better position, that of superintendent of the steam wrecker. We are glad to see Dennis promoted but hate like the dickens to have him leave us. He has a host of friends here who all join in extending him best wishes and continued advancement.

"Fennimore (WI) Times" Wednesday 30 Sep 1908 p 8

Dennis Bray of LaValle, appeared before Justice Andro this forenoon and pleaded guilty to the charge of being drunk and disorderly in La Valle. He was fined \$1 and costs. This is not the first time that he has been here on the same charge.

"Baraboo (WI) Republic" Thursday 3 Dec 1914 p 7

The condition of Dennis F. Bray showed a slight improvement at his home, 510 Second street, today. Mr. Bray suffered a stroke on Saturday and his condition is critical. His daughter, Mrs. D. W. Kaiser, of Wauwatosa has been called here by Mr. Bray's illness.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Thursday 11 Feb 1937 p 4

Dennis Bray Passes Away This Morning

Dennis F. Bray, 73, died this morning about two-thirty at his home at 433 Second street where he had been critically ill since a week ago Saturday when he suffered a stroke.

Baraboo had been the home of Mr. Bray for the past 31 years. He was born in LaValle, June 2, 1863, and spent his boyhood there, later residing at Madison and Lancaster before coming to Baraboo as wreck-er foreman for the Chicago and Northwestern railroad. He was retired 9 years ago after more than 30 years of service with this railroad.

His marriage to Laurretta Conway of Hillsboro took place at Union Center on Sept. 18, 1894.

Surviving him are his widow, one son, James F. Bray of this city, and a daughter, Mrs. E. W. Kaiser, of Wauwatosa who had come here to be with her father during his last illness. There are also four grandchildren.

Funeral services are to be held on Wednesday morning at 9:30 at St. Joseph's church and burial is to be made in the St. Joseph's cemetery.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Monday 15 Feb 1937 p 1

Services For Dennis Bray Held Today

Last rites for Dennis Bray of this city were held this morning at 9:30 o'clock at the St. Joseph's church, Msgr. E. C. O'Reilly officiating.

The pallbearers were Edward Coughlin, Orlen Haight, John P. True, David Owen, Hugh Sarahan and Edwin Dupuis.

Interment was made in the St. Joseph's cemetery.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Wednesday 17 Feb 1937 p 5

U.S., Chicago and North Western Railroad Employment Records, 1935-1970 for Dennis Bray
 Pensioners Records and History > Benner - Burrell

Pension No. **3869**

Name Dennis Bray

Occupation Coach Carpenter

Payroll Car Dept No. 77

Div. or Dept Chgo. Shops

Address { 433 - 2nd St.,
Baraboo, Wis.



Born 6/2/1864 Age 65 Yrs. 1 Mos. Service 32 Yrs. 9 Mos.

Average Mo. Pay \$ 148.20 Monthly Allowance, \$ 48.53 ¹⁹³¹ 436.8

Pension Granted JUL 26 1929 Pension Began AUG 1 1932 ¹⁹²⁹ 28.12

Terminated 2/15/1937 Total Paid \$ 3141.09

Finis No. **3524** Class **DISABILITY**

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Mother:

Mrs. Bray Dies In Wauwatosa

Mrs. Dennis Bray, 72, passed away yesterday afternoon in Wauwatosa at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William R. Ross. Much of her life had been spent in Baraboo, where her husband passed away 9 years ago.

Surviving her are one son, James F. Bray, of Baraboo and the daughter, Mrs. Ross, two sisters, Mrs. Gus Rice and Mrs. William Kelley of Elroy, a brother, James Conway, of Hillsboro, and four grandchildren.

The funeral will be on Friday morning at 9:30 at St. Joseph's church in this city and burial will be in St. Joseph's cemetery. Friends may call at the McGann funeral home on Thursday afternoon or evening.

Mother Loretta Conway Bray – "Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Wednesday 9 Jan 1946 p 4

Marriages.

No. 110 **02239**

1. Full name of husband..... *Bray, Denis* ✓ *John*
2. Name of the father of husband..... *Daniel Bray* ✓ *John*
3. Name of the mother of husband before marriage..... *Ellen Thompson* ✓ *Ad*
4. Occupation of husband..... *Farmer* ✓ *La*
5. Residence of husband..... *LaValle, Wis* ✓ *La*
6. Birthplace of husband..... *"* ✓ *Me*
7. Full name of wife previous to marriage..... *Loretta Conway* ✓ *La*
8. Name of the father of wife..... *Owen Conway* ✓ *C*
9. Name of the mother of wife..... *John Lynch* ✓ *La*
10. Birthplace of wife..... *Greenwood Wis* ✓ *La*
11. Time when the marriage was contracted..... *Sept 24th 1895* ✓ *La*
12. The place, town or township, and county, where the marriage was contracted..... *Union Center, Juneau Co, W*
13. The color of the parties..... *White* ✓ *C*
14. By what ceremony contracted..... *Roman Catholic* ✓ *C*
15. Names of subscribing witnesses..... *David Healy* ✓ *Ad*
Catherin Tierney ✓ *Ad*
Burgess E. Prusha ✓ *Ad*
16. Name of person pronouncing marriage..... *Union Center, Juneau Co, Wis*
17. Residence of person last named..... *Sept 24th 1895* ✓ *C*
18. Date of certificate or affidavit of marriage..... *Oct 17th 1895* ✓ *C*
19. Date of registration.....

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Sibling:

<h2 style="text-align: center;">PROGRAM FOR ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Closing Exercises Friday Evening, June 13, at the Hall.</p> <p>The closing exercises of St. Joseph's school occur Friday, June 13. Following is the program:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Class of 1913</p> <p>John George Keller Thomas Paul McMahon Arthur Andrew Kieffer Walter William Dunn Grace Felicita Degan Catherine Cosgrove Cecilia Patterson Gertrude Teresa Flanigan Catherine Lucile Troy Edna Ellen Bray Margaret Anna Sarahan</p> <p>Class motto—Knowledge and Virtue United Class colors—Blue and white Class flower—The Red rose.</p>
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Sister Edna Ellen Bray Kaiser Ross (1899-1990) Excerpt – "Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Thursday 12 Jun 1913 p 8

Edna E Bray

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Birth Index, 1808-1907

[View and order this record](#)

Detail	Source
Name	Edna E Bray
Birth Date	10 Jun 1899
Birth Place	Dane, Wisconsin, USA
Reel	0320
Record Number	DX0370

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LIST OF GRADUATES OF BARABOO H.S

Following is the list of the Baraboo high school graduates, together with the list of events for the commencement period:

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Scientific Course.

Lester Albert,
 Cora Alice Bates,
 Florence C. Blakeman,
 Clara E. Brownrigg,
 Edna Ellen Bray,
 Lydia A. Genske,
 Asa A. Gluth,
 Alger David Goldfarb.
 Alma Groskopf,
 George A. Hill,
 Genevieve C. Jones,
 Amanda Marie Kessler,
 Edith Pelton,
 Edna Pelton,
 Dorothy Irene Rodems,
 Ruth A. Searle,
 Frederick J. Stanley,
 Vera Lucile Tinkham,
 Mildred Weiland,
 Carl Wenz.
 De Etta Monetta Weirich,
 Estella A. Wolfe.

"Baraboo (WI) Republic" Thursday 30 May 1918 p 7

Miss Edna Bray, who holds a responsible position with the First National Bank of Milwaukee, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Bray, returning to the Cream City yesterday afternoon.

"Baraboo (WI) Republic" Thursday 8 Jul 1920 p 2

BARABOO.—The 20th anniversary of graduation was observed this week-end by the 1918 class of the high school with a banquet at Devil-Bara Saturday and a family picnic Sunday at Devils Lake.

The class formed a permanent organization with the following officers elected:

Cecil W. Kilmer, president; Eleanor Weed Stanley, vice president; Inez Warner Rotzoll, secretary; and Monetta Weirich, treasurer.

Out-of-town guests at the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Meisser (Alma Groskopf), Madison; Miss Mary Worthman, Madison; Miss Ethel Sue Horton, Stevens Point; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Clark (Margaret Brethauer) and daughter Margaret of Beaver Dam; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hanson, Fort Dodge, Ia.; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Terry, Milwaukee; Mrs. V. A. Kohlman (Martha Kaether), and niece, Waunakee; and Charles F. Loos, Chicago.

At the picnic Sunday were the following out-of-town guests: Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lee (Florence Blake-man), Madison; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Meisser, Madison; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Clark, two sons and two daughters, Beaver Dam; Mr. and Mrs. Homer H. Hanson, son and daughter, Fort Dodge, Ia.; Thomas W. McMahon, St. Louis; Eugene J. Terry and son, Milwaukee; Edna Bray Kaiser and family, Wauwatosa; Mr. and Mrs. Asa G. Gluth, son and daughter, West Allis.

Edna Bray Kaiser - "Madison (WI) Capital Times" Tuesday 28 Jun 1928 p 23

Jan 1924 p 5

MARRIED

Bray—Kaiser

On Monday at the Catholic parsonage Edna E. Bray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Bray, and Irwin W. Kaiser of Milwaukee were quietly married at 10:30 o'clock, Rev. Fr. E. C. O'Reilly officiating.

Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents on Second street.

Mrs. Kaiser is a graduate of the local high school and business college and for the past four years she has been employed at the First National bank in Milwaukee.

Mr. Kaiser holds a position in the First National bank also.

After an extended trip the couple will be at home at 1107 Fortney street, Milwaukee.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Thursday 10 Jun 1924 p 3

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Kaiser and children, Betty Jane and Donald, have returned to their home in Wauwatosa after spending the past two weeks here with Mrs. Kaiser's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Bray. Mrs. Kaiser will be remembered as Miss Edna Bray, a former Baraboo girl.

"Baraboo (WI) News Republic" Thursday 9 Jul 1931 p 4

Wauwatosa Man Is Divorced Here

**Mrs. Edna B. Kaiser Wins Decree
From Bank Official**

Mrs. Edna B. Kaiser, 38, Wauwatosa, was granted a divorce from Erwin W. Kaiser, 37, vice president of the First National bank of Wauwatosa, by Circuit Judge A. C. Hoppmann, sitting in superior court here, today.

Mrs. Kaiser charged her husband with cruel and inhuman treatment. She testified he struck her and called her a "dumbbell" and a "jackass." She said he constantly exhibited an indifferent, sullen and superior attitude to her.

Judge Hoppman approved a property settlement under which Mrs. Kaiser is to receive approximately \$16,000 in cash and real estate. Mrs. Kaiser is also to receive household furniture and \$100 a month support money for two minor children, Betty Jean, 11, and Donald, 6. In addition, Kaiser agreed to carry \$7,500 life insurance for each child until they are 21 years of age.

The Kaisers were married at Baraboo June 19, 1924, and separated Mar. 10 of this year. Mrs. Kaiser said she was born in Madison and was a former Baraboo resident.

She was given custody of the children, subject to visitation rights of the father.

"Madison (WI) Capital Times" Wednesday 11 Aug 1937 p 1

WIFE OF BANKER GRANTED DIVORCE

Madison— (U.P.) —Circuit Judge August C. Hoppman today granted a divorce to Mrs. Edna B. Kaiser, 38, Wauwasota, from Erwin W. Kaiser, vice president of the First National Bank of Wauwatosa. She charged her husband struck her, called her improper names, and maintained a "superior attitude" toward her. The court also approved a financial settlement providing for the mother and the two children who remain in her custody.

"Oshkosh (WI) Northwestern" Wednesday 11 Aug 1937 p 4

Edna B. Ross

BROOKFIELD — Edna B. Ross (nee Bray) has died. She was born in Baraboo, Wis., and for many years was a resident of Wauwatosa.

She was a longtime member of St. Bernard's Church in Wauwatosa, lifetime member of the Wauwatosa Women's Club and over 50-year member of the Blue Mound Country Club.

She was the beloved wife of William R. "Bud"; loving mother of Betty (the late William C. Lawler) of Waukesha and Donald K. (Mary Therese) Ross of Naperville, Ill.; beloved grandmother of Mary (Larry) Ulrich, Katherine Ann (Dr. John) Augspurger and Donald Kevin Ross Jr., and beloved great-grandmother of three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Friday, Dec. 14, at the Becker Ritter Elmbrook Funeral Home, 14075 W. North Ave., Brookfield, from 6 to 8 p.m. A private family mass of Christian burial will be offered, followed by burial at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Baraboo. Memorials to the charity of donor's choice are suggested.

Note her son Donald Kaiser is now Donald Ross — "Waukesha County Freeman" (Waukesha WI) Thursday 13 Dec 1990 p 5

William R. Ross

BROOKFIELD — William R. "Bud" Ross was born to eternal life on Sunday, March 3, 1991, at the age of 94. He was born in Omaha, Neb., and lived for many years in Wauwatosa.

He was a longtime member of the Blue Mound Golf and Country Club and the Wisconsin Club. He was a former superintendent of production and chief purchasing agent for Jos. Schlitz Brewing Co. and prior to that an executive with A.O. Smith Corp.

He was the loving father of Betty (the late William C.) Lawler of Waukesha and Donald K. (Mary Therese) Ross; beloved grandfather of Mary (Larry) Ulrich, Katharine Ann (Dr. John) Augspurger and Donald Kevin Ross Jr.; beloved great-grandfather of three great-grandchildren. He is further survived by other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, Edna B. Ross.

Visitation will be held tonight, March 4, at the Becker-Ritter Elmbrook Funeral Home, 14075 W. North Ave., Brookfield, from 5 to 8 p.m. with a prayer vigil at 7 p.m. Services will be held on Wednesday, March 5, at 9:15 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Bernard's Church, Wauwatosa, where the mass of Christian burial will be offered at 10 a.m. Burial will be at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Baraboo, Wis. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the charity of donor's choice would be appreciated.

"Waukesha County Freeman" (Waukesha WI) Tuesday 5 Mar 1991 p 5

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: James Francis Bray

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Eng. HQ (1938 NTSA record lists 107th Supply Train) - corporal

Serial number: 250,918

Entered service from: Baraboo, Sauk WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: James F. Bray

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Mrs. Loretta Bray, 402 Ash St., Baraboo WI

Returned from war on: "Virginian" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: James F. Bray

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. Loretta Bray, 422 - 2nd St., Baraboo WI (cpl, HQ Co., 107th Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917): signed James Francis Bray, top line on form appears to read James Franecas Bray - b. 10 May 1896 Madison WI; res: 402 Ash, Baraboo, Sauk WI. Single. Shoe clerk, M.H. Schey, Baraboo WI. Medium height, slender build.

National Tuscania Survivors Association 1939 roster: 1939 NTSA & 1955 WI Survivors: 126 - 8th Ave., Baraboo WI. Served as president 1934-1935.

World War II draft registration (1942): as James Francis Bray - b. 10 Mar 1896 Madison WI; res: 126 – 8th St., Baraboo, Sauk WI. NOK wife Edna Bray, same address. Employed by New York Life Insurance Co., NY, NY, at Baraboo WI, Height: 5'9" – 170 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 15 Jul 1917

Discharged 29 May 1919

Address: 502 – 4th St., Baraboo WI

Rank/unit: corporal 1st, HQ Co., 107th Supply Train

Birth & death:

Born: 10 May 1896 (WWI draft) or 10 Mar 1896 (Find A Grave record) Madison, Dane WI

Died: 10 Apr 1959 Baraboo, Sauk WI (in a hospital)

Find A Grave record: 118646358, presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: Baraboo, Sauk WI

Cemetery: St. Joseph Catholic

Tombstone: veteran flat: Wisconsin Cpl HQ Co 107 Supply Train WWI

Father: Dennis F. (D.F.) Bray, 2 Jun 1863 (obituary) or 1864 (Find A Grave) or Jun 1866 (1900 census) LaValle, Sauk WI - 15 Feb 1937 Baraboo, Sauk WI at age 73. Sometimes listed as F.D. Bray.

Son of Daniel Bray & Ellen Thompson.

Obituary: "Madison (WI) Capital Times" 16 Feb 1937 p 6 – Dennis F. Bray, age 73, d. 15 Feb 1937 at his home in Baraboo WI. Was critically ill for 1 week following a stroke. A Baraboo resident for 31 years. Before that lived in Lancaster & Madison. Came to Baraboo as a wrecker foreman for the North Western railroad. Retired from the railroad 9 years ago after 30 years of service. Born in LaValle WI 2 Jun 1863 & spent his boyhood there. Married Lauretta Conway of Hillsboro WI at Union Center on 18 Sep 1894. Survived by his widow, son James F. Bray of Baraboo & daughter Mrs. E.W. Kaiser of Wauwatosa.

Buried in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Baraboo, Sauk WI.

Find A Grave: 215012976

Mother: Loretta/Lauretta Conway Bray, Jun 1875 Greenwood, Clark WI - 8 Jan 1946 Wauwatosa, Milwaukee WI at age 72.

Daughter of Owen P. Conway (1836-1881) & Catherine (Kate) Lynch (1850-1932).

Obituary: "Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) 10 Jan 1946 p 8 – Mrs. Dennis Bray, age 72, formerly of Baraboo, d. 8 Jan 1946 at the home of her daughter Mrs. William R. Ross in Wauwatosa. Burial in St. Joseph Cemetery (where James is buried). Spent most of her life in Baraboo WI. Survived by daughter Mrs. William R. Ross & son James F. Bray (Baraboo), 2 sisters & brother James Conway (Hillsboro WI).

Buried in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Baraboo, Sauk WI.

Find A Grave: 215012960

Parents' marriage: 24 Sep 1894 Union Center, Juneau WI

Spouse: Edna A. Zimmerman Bray, 1 Mar 1896 Taylor Co. WI (Mar 1896 in 1900 census) – 19 Nov 1985 Madison, Dane WI (in St. Mary's Hospital).

Daughter of William (Wilhelm) Zimmerman (Zimmermann) (1860 Germany – 1933, F: 263223721) & Minnie (Wilhelmine) Pagel/Pagle (1870 Germany – 1957 WI, F: 263223688). In 1900 census, Edna, b. Mar 1896 WI, living with parents William (40 Germany, Feb 1860) & Minnie (30 Germany, Nov 1870) in Medford, Taylor WI.

In 1910 census, age 14, in McHenry Co. ND with parents William F. (50 Germany) & Minnie (38 Germany).

In 1920 census, age 24, resident of Medford, Taylor WI, teacher in public school, with mother Minnie, age 45 Germany, widowed & 5 siblings. Brother Benjamin Joseph Zimmerman's obituary ("Cedar Rapids [IA] Gazette 20 Nov 1978 p 3) gives his birth in Bedford WI 17 Apr 1895 with death 19 Nov 1978 in Cedar Rapids IA. Believe she is the Edna Zimmerman b. 1 Mar 1896 WI & d. 19 Nov 1985 in a Madison hospital, a resident of Sauk City, Sauk WI. The birth of a "Paulina Zimmerman" to William & Minnie is recorded in WI births as occurring 8 Mar 1896 in Medford, Taylor WI.

Her tombstone is inscribed E.A.Z. Bray. Buried in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Baraboo, Sauk WI.

Spouse Find A Grave: 214994646

Marriage: "Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) 16 Jun 1922 p 16 – James Bray & Miss Edna Zimmerman of Medford were married in the Catholic church on 14 Jun 1922. The bride has been a teacher in the schools here for several years. The groom is a partner in the Schey Shoe Co. & a Tuscania survivor. The couple will reside on 4th St.

Children:

- James Conway Bray, 21 Oct 1924 Baraboo, Sauk WI - 2 Jan 1990 Baraboo, Sauk WI. Served in WWII & Korea. Obituary: "Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) 3 Jan 1990 p 21 – James C. Bray, 65, d. 2 Jan 1990 at his home on Elizabeth St. in Baraboo. Born 21 Oct 1924 in Baraboo, where he lived most of his life. Employed by Sauk County Sheriff's Department for many years. Veteran of WWII & Korean War. Survived by wife Nancie & sister Jane (Ray) Shaheen of Highland Park IL. – Husband of Nancie Miller (4 Feb 1938 Ladysmith, Rusk WI – 22 Nov 2005 Janesville, Rock WI), the daughter of John Abram Miller (1899-1975, F: 122082268) & Fannie Irene Presher (1909-2003, F: 122082241). James and Nancie married 8 Sep 1962 in Ladysmith, Rusk WI.
- Mary Jane Bray Shaheen, 17 Nov 1928 Baraboo, Sauk WI – Apr 1995 IL. Usually known as Jane. Graduate of Baraboo WI High School & the University of Wisconsin. Wife of Raymond Shaheen, whom she married 26 Jun 1954 in Cook Co. IL in the "Country Church in the City" (Granville Avenue Methodist Church). Raymond Shaheen (8 Feb 1918 Deer Grove IL – 2 Dec 2006 FL) was the son of Michael Shaheen (1888-1960, F: 127996212) & Sadie Saied (1894-1977, F: 127996227); both his parents were born in Lebanon. Raymond's sister Ruth Shaheen (1921-2017, F: 205212248) was married for 75 years to TV personality (news anchor, game show host, TV show host, broadcaster,) Hugh Downs (1921-2020, F: 212153978)..

Sibling:

- Edna Ellen Bray Kaiser Ross, 10 Jun 1899 (1900 census) or 1900 (tombstone) Dane Co. WI – 12 Dec 1990 Waukesha Co. WI birth record lists birth as 10 Jun 1889, so her tombstone inscription is incorrect. - Listed as Mrs. E.W. Kaiser of Wauwatosa WI in Feb 1937 when her father dies & as Mrs. William R. Ross of Wauwatosa in Jan 1946 when her mother dies. - Married Erwin William (also Irwin) Kaiser (1900 MD – 1979 WI, F: 79256310) on 9 Jun 1924 in Baraboo, Sauk WI at the parsonage of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. "Wisconsin State Journal" 4 Oct 1925 p 9 – Daughter Betty Jane born 30 Sep 1925 to Mr. & Mrs. Irwin Kayser of Milwaukee. Betty's mother is the former Edna Bray, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. F.D. Bray. "Madison Capital Times" 10 Jun 1924 p 5 – Miss Elna E. Bray, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. D.F. Bray, 433 Second St., Baraboo WI, married Irwin W. Kaiser, son of Mr. & Mrs. O. Kaiser of Milwaukee, on 9 Jun 1924 in St. Joseph's parsonage. The couple will live in Milwaukee. – Edna & Erwin divorced 11 Aug 1937. News carried in several WI newspapers, including "Madison Capital Times" 11 Aug 1937 p 1 – Mrs. Edna B. Kaiser, 38, Wauwatosa WI, was granted a divorce from Erwin W. Kaiser, 37, vice president of the 1st National Bank of Wauwatosa, today. She charged her husband with cruel & inhumane treatment. He called her a dumbbell & jackass, and exhibited an "indifferent, sullen and superior attitude to her." She receives \$16,000 in cash & real estate, household furniture, \$100 per month for support of their two minor children, Betty Jean (11) & Donald (6) with custody awarded to her & visitation rights to father, with Erwin carrying life insurance on the children until each reaches 21 years of age. The couple were married 19 [9] Jun 1924 in Baraboo & separated on 10 Mar 1937. She said she was born in Madison & a former resident of Baraboo. [Another newspaper reports he struck her.] – Married to William R. ("Bud") Ross (1896-1991, F: 214822155). Buried in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Baraboo, Sauk WI. F: 214822177

Notes: James Bray's wife and his sister are both named Edna, so avoid confusing the two.

There is another James F. Bray residing in Wisconsin, in Sheboygan, at the same time as James of Baraboo.

Wartime:

Post-war:

"Wisconsin State Journal" (Madison WI) 4 Feb 1944 p 9 - Baraboo 21 reunion on 5 Feb is 26 years after the sinking, now fathers of sons in service, or themselves working behind the lines for war – James has son in military

Obituary:

"Madison Capital Times" (WI) 10 Apr 1959 p 14 – James Bray, survived by wife, the former Edna Zimmerman of Medford WI, son James Bray, Jr. of Baraboo [not a junior] & daughter Mrs. Jane Shaheen (North Brook IL) & sister Mrs. Edna Ross, Wauwatosa WI.

"Madison Capital Times" [WI] 11 Apr 1959 p 3 - age 63, well-known Baraboo businessman, NY Life Insurance Co. agent about 20 years, before that partner in Bray & Schey and Bray & Stewart shoe stores, b. Madison, WWI vet, president NTSA, funeral 14 Apr 1959 at St. Joseph's.

Social Security Number:

Veteran headstone application lists wife as Mrs. Edna Bray of 126 – 8th Ave., Baraboo WI

Social Security Number: 398-12-2086

Censuses:

1900 Montfort, Grant WI - conducted 1 Jun 1900

Daniel or Dannis or Dennis Bray, 33 WI, Jun 1866, parents b. Ireland, married 5 years, railroad car repairer

Lena E., 24 WI, Jun 1875, parents b. Ireland, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living

James F., 4 WI, Mar 1896

Edna E., 11 months, Jun 1899

1905 WI state census – Lancaster, Grant WI

Dennis Bray, 36 WI, parents b. Ireland, car repairer [i.e. railroad car]

Ella, 30 WI, father b. Ireland, mother b. WI

James F., 9 WI

Etna [or Edna] H., 6 WI

1910 Baraboo, Sauk WI – house #402, street not listed

Denis F. Bray, 42 WI, parents b. Ireland, in 1st marriage, married 14 years, wrecker foreman, railroad

Loreta, 32 WI, parents b. WI, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living

James F., 13 WI

Edna E., 11 WI

1920 Baraboo, Sauk WI – 433 Second St.

Dennis F. Bray, 50 WI, parents b. Ireland, wrecker foreman, railroad

Loretta, 43 WI, parents b. Ireland

James F., 23 WI, salesman, shoe store, single

1930 Baraboo, Sauk WI – 510 Second St. – rented – conducted 7 Apr 1930

James F. Bray, 34 WI, parents b. WI, age 24 at 1st marriage, retail merchant, shoes, WWI veteran

Edna, 34 WI, parents b. WI, age 24 at 1st marriage
James F. Jr., 5 WI
Jane, 4 months WI

1940 Baraboo, Sauk WI – same house in 1935 – owns house – house #320
James Bray, 44 WI, salesman, insurance
Edna, 44 WI
James, 15 WI
Jane, 11 WI

1950 Baraboo, Sauk WI – 126 – 8th
James F. Bray, 54 WI, sales agent, insurance
Edna, 54 WI