



Confluence

Scraps from Daisy Chapin's Scrapbook

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Probably not an Historical Society in the country is without its shelves of musty scrapbooks. This one is no different. We have plenty of them in the collection. Some are quite organized with index and table of contents, others with seemingly no rhyme or reason to them at all. Those of Daisy Chapin are of the former condition. Her set of nine volumes date from 1955-1967 and are meticulously ordered and so we choose for this compilation the year 1958 and have a look at what articles Daisy pasted to volume one of her scrapbook fifty years ago. All articles are from the *Beloit Daily News* and by a staff writer.



Dr. Crockett Closes Office Downtown After 55 Years By Joe Kobyłka

There's an empty room in a third floor office in the Wisconsin Power and Light Co. building today [Dec. 30th 1958]- and gone from it for good is a physician and surgeon who has practiced here for 55 years.



The small chamber long accommodated Dr. W.W. Crockett. He was one of the building's senior occupants-both in years of residence and in age.

But although he's left the building, the tall white haired doctor nevertheless will continue to serve his patients. He's merely moved his office to his home at 603 Wisconsin Ave.

Well known and loved by hundreds in this area, Dr. Crockett has no plans for retirement. Observers may feel his move indicates semiretirement; yet the medical veteran plans to look after his patients as long as he can, believing he has "no right" to pass on or sell his practice to someone else.

While the move means no marked change in his office procedure, he did confide-with a twinkle in his eye-he'll now "manage to get in my wife's way."

This remarkable man is spry and witty at 89. And he has enjoyed a memorable career-one which has endeared him to so many.

Walter Will Crockett was born on a farm near Seward, Ill., in Winnebago County. His family moved to a farm east of Beloit when he was 10.

In 1892, the Beloit high school graduate enrolled in Northwestern University's first four year course in medicine. After graduation, he practiced in Roscoe seven years be-

fore coming here in 1903.

(The article continues with talk of Crockett's association with Dr. McCabe and having offices at the Strong Building as well as him being doctor for many of the city's industries.)

Beloit Man Now Editor In London By Special Correspondent

Old friends who remember Clifford "Tip" Day as a Beloit newspaper man would be pleased to see him ensconced here at an executive desk of one of the world's leading news-gathering organizations.

Back in his Beloit days as a member of the college class of 1915, Day worked as a reporter on the old Beloit Free Press. Besides covering news beats he occasionally, in uniform, walked a Beloit police beat when extra officers were needed on busy days.

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After his college graduation and experience on newspaper staffs in Madison and Milwaukee, he joined the United Press Association in 1924, being assigned to foreign duty. Most of the years since have been spent in the London UP headquarters, where he has risen to a responsible administrative position.

Amid the clatter of numerous teletype machines, gathering and dispatching news from all over the world, Day chatted reminiscently with this visitor about the beginnings of his newspaper career, in the old Free Press office on north State Street, and some of his interesting subsequent experiences.

Fleet Street, which in a way might be considered the newspaper hub of the universe, has its fascinations for anyone interested in journalism. Here the leading London dailies have their publishing establishments. Also here are the foreign press bureaus of American metropolitan newspapers and London headquarters of most of the important journals of the United Kingdom.

In Fleet Street, one is reminded, many British novelists and authors got their early experience as newspaper scribes. Dodge down an alley into the old Cheshire Cheese restaurant, and you are shown the seat Charles Dickens most frequently occupied when he ducked in there for refreshment in his days as a young parliamentary reporter.

But at the head of the main table is the tablet indicating where Dr. Samuel Johnson, the pontiff of 18th century letters, frequently used to preside when he dined there with his faithful biographer, Boswell, and such associates as Oliver Goldsmith and other leading figures of the literature and arts of his day.

As contrasted with the Beloit Daily News, the average London daily seems a small affair, often appearing with only 12 pages and sometimes only 8. *The London Morning Telegraph* and *The Times* (which still covers its whole front page with want ads) are exceptions to the rule.

(The article continues with comparisons between American & British newspapers especially mentioning long and drawn out commentary on cricket matches.)

MGM Script Writer needs help locating information on Life of J.F. Appleby, Beloit Inventor By Staff Writer

A series of ten-hour television movies on natural resources, being produced by MGM for the petroleum industry, will include a film on the life of Beloit John F. Appleby, inventor of the twine-knotter used on harvesting machines. [A process that binded bales of hay with twine.]

The ten films will be shown on T.V. in 1959 as part of the petroleum industry's centennial celebration.

Appleby a Beloit resident from 1872-1882 developed the knotting device while he was in this area. The invention was first tried in grain fields adjacent to Beloit, and the first machines to use it were built in Beloit by Parker & Stone manufacturer's. Henry Fonda will play the role of John F. Appleby.

One could pick and choose so many more articles from the scrapbook but space only allows for a sampling. They are interesting and do take one back to a period forgotten but still available for serious perusal if one is so inclined.

Welcome Dwight Alton

In the last issue we said farewell to Fred Bull. In this issue we say hello and give a warm Beloit welcome to Dwight Alton. He replaced Fred and started working here 5 August 2008.

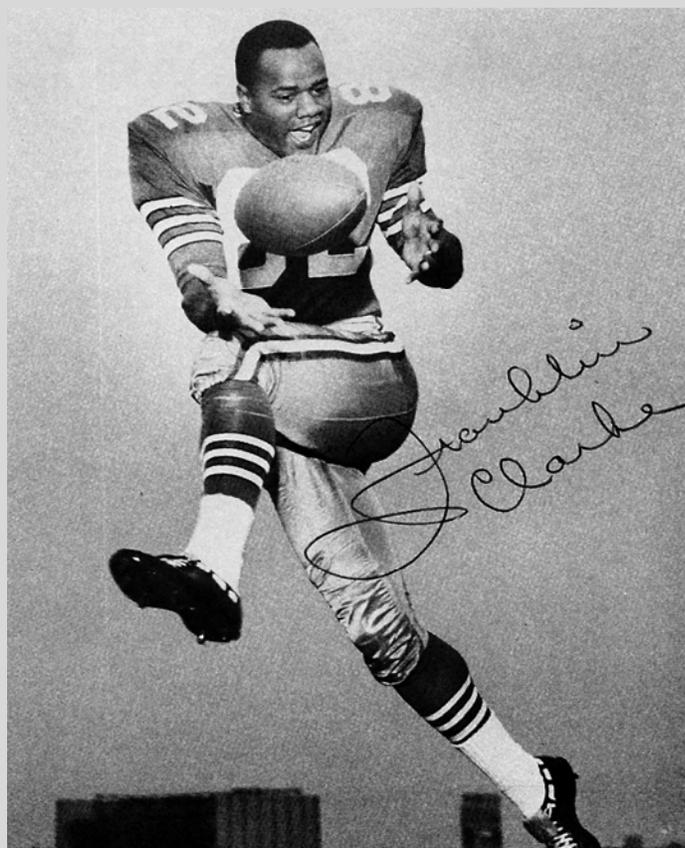


Frank Clarke

Frank Clarke was born on 7 February 1934 in Beloit, Wisconsin. Frank was a sensational high school athlete, lettering in football, basketball, and track at Beloit Memorial. Frank continued to excel at the University of Colorado [where recently-17 October 2008-he was inducted into their Athletic Hall of Fame] and upon graduation in 1957 was the fifth round draft pick of the Cleveland Browns. He played for Cleveland from 1957-1959. In 1960, he became one of the charter members of the Dallas Cowboys and played there through 1967. He retired in 1968.

Frank played offensive end until 1966, then switched to playing tight end. He led the league in touchdown receptions with 14 in 1962. In that year he averaged 22.4 yards gained per reception. In 1964 he was selected All-Pro. In all Frank scored 51 touchdowns as a Dallas player. One of Frank's greatest games was against the Green Bay Packers in the 1966 league championship game. He scored on a 68 yard touchdown in the last four minutes. The Packers, however, prevailed in that game as well as in that of the following year. The last for Frank.

Frank was a noted player on the Beloit Memorial High School football team of 1951-52. His fellow mates on that team were Dick Gupton, Gordie Gower, Buddy Bolgrien, Russ Wells, Pat O'Neill, Tarzan Honor, George Foster, Bob Brewer, Tom Pratt and Bob Kreinz. The relatively new coach, Ken Currier, was able to end the year in second place tying with Horlick.



Books at the Beloit Historical Society

A reminder to the members that we still have books for sale here at Lincoln Center. If you would like one as a Christmas present for that special someone or for your personal interest please consider stopping in. We also have a selection of colorful **cotton afghans** with images of historic landmarks on each for \$40 (available in cranberry, navy, and forest green).

Century of a City ~~\$24.95~~, Now \$20!

Beloit's Club Pop House \$19.99 *

Pioneer Beloit \$10

Sparks of the Flaming Wheel \$10

History of the Fire Department \$10

The Book of Beloit (1936 edition), \$20

Out of Print! Only 5 copies left!

Windows to our Past (postcards) \$20 *

Goodbye

Since the last Confluence we have learned of the deaths of some of the Society's members and volunteers. We say goodbye to **Annabelle Hauser, Philip Holmes, Harry Schermerhorn, George Schoonover, Kay Blakely** and **Carl Balke**. The Society's family is the less with the loss of these good people.

**\$8 of each sales goes to BHS*



Seasons Greetings

With the Holiday Season not far from us, just down the road so to speak which, no doubt entails a winter scene of some sort, I leave you with this headline and a few words Timothy Vick wrote in the 29 November 1968 issue of the *Beloit Daily News* (another piece from one of our scrapbooks).

"A vicious November storm moved in from the southwest whipping Beloit and most of the Midwest with winds gusting up to 40 miles per hour and dropping several inches of wet, heavy snow and ice. Roger Plumb, director of the Department of Public Works, told the Daily News his department responded to the storm with ten trucks." The article goes on to talk about this being the second major storm of the season. It is titled: *Snow Adds New Beauty*.

Recipe of Old

This recipe is taken from a cook book that reads from the title page: *Tried, Tested, Proved. The Home Cook Book*. It was published in 1877.

English Plumb Pudding, By M. Walker

One pound raisins (stoned), one pound of currants, one pound suet very finely chopped, one pound flour, seven eggs, two wineglasses brandy, three of sweet wine, sugar and spice to taste (it may require a little sweet milk); tie it tightly in a well floured cloth, which should be first dipped in hot water, and boil four hours, or it may be boiled in a pudding form.

Past Events

The **City Hall of Fame** took place at Lincoln Center 14 September 2008. The event brought together friends, family, and associates of the five people inducted: Bernie Barkin, Daniel T. (Tom) Kelly, Harry C. Moore, Sr., Margaret "Peggy" Neese, and Gary F. Pierce. Most of those attending stayed for refreshments. Sincere thanks to Lois MacGowan for helping with those refreshments and everything else. And thanks to the volunteer Committee members: William Behling, William Bolgrien, Herbert Christiansen, Sarajane Crave, Jerome Elliott, Barbara Hickman, Walter Knight, LaVaughn Kunny (our newest member), Frank Marsden and Tom O'Brien.

The **Sports Hall of Fame** event transpired the 24th of September 2008. This was the 23rd year for the induction ceremony at which time another five distinguished Beloit athletes were added to the roster. These notables were: Kirk A. Bradford, Joe Chamberlain, Julius Pellegrini, Rebecca Tibbetts, and William Watson. The Lifetime Sports Achievement Award was presented to Gerald Hoey. This event, as always, attracted large numbers to the Society at Lincoln Center. Over 120 people attended the program. This turned out to be one of the best fund raising events of the year for the Society and we have the Sports Hall of Fame committee members to thank for that. They are: John Carroll, William Fitzgerald, John Heineke, William Watson, Jerry Elliott, Jim

Franz, Hardy Johnson, Rick West, H. Daniel Green, and David Luebke.

The **Gala Auction**, for the second year in a row, was allowed free use of the Bryden Showroom floor to celebrate its 13th year. The event, traditionally, has been the largest fund raiser of the year. We can still maintain the truth of this but it was a lower take for us this year than last. Still attendance was respectable and many enjoyed themselves bidding on packages and items of interest. We thank Roger Bryden and his staff for being the help and great hosts that they were as well as the donated services of Rich and Pat Ranft of the Beloit Auction Service. Additional thanks to Maggie Janke providing her services as treasurer and to the Gala Auction Committee members: Rick West, Jennifer Scott, Cheryl Jackson, Jackie Landers, Craig Mellem, Deb Ovist, and Bette Thompson.

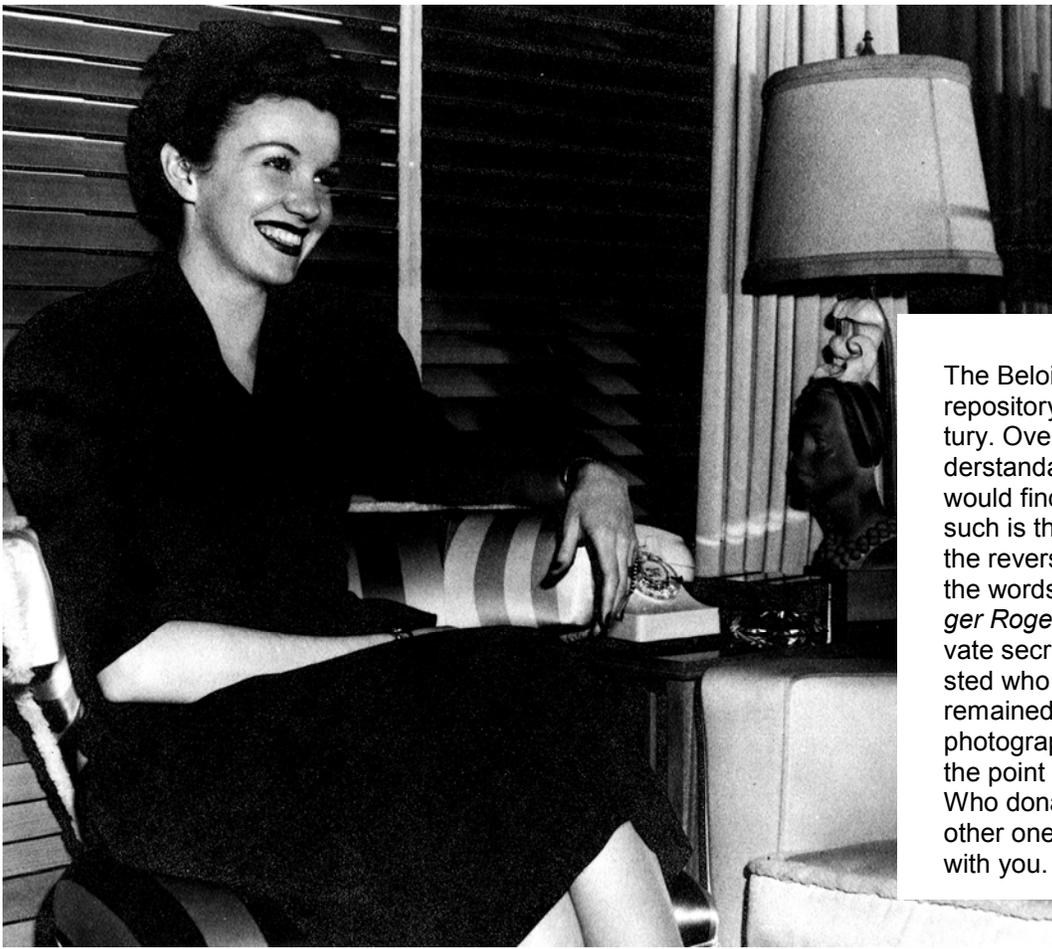
And one more note about the Gala. The Committee members want to start earlier in the year to organize the event: to get people involved, to collect items, to market the event. If any of you readers can help us as a committee member or would like to donate items, please give a call to the Historical Society at 365-7835.

As long as we are thanking committees and their work for this year we pause here to say a sincere thank you to the hard-working **Hanchett-Bartlett Committee** and to the **Beloit Garden Lovers Club** who have contributed mightily to the beautification of the Hanchett-Bartlett Homestead. Committee members are: Chairman Ron Klein, Cathy Piazza, Sue Drevdahl, Everett Bennett, Amy Couillard, Jeanette & Roger Goecks, Wilma Jensen, Terry Karow, Lois Roen, and Cathy Schafman.

Up-Coming Events

Quilting Classes will start up again February of 2009 and run through the month of March. These classes are held on Saturdays from 9:00a.m. - 3:00p.m. (For 2009: February 7, 14, 21 & 28; March 7, 14, 21 & 28) Cost this year is \$12 for each class as a member of the Historical Society and \$14 for each class if not a member of the Society.

An Evening at Lincoln Center is scheduled for 20 February 2009 at 6:00p.m. John Eastberg, Director of the Pabst Mansion in Milwaukee, will discuss and show slides of Milwaukee's "Lost Homes of Grand Avenue." Cost is \$35 for member, \$40 for non member. Dinner and dessert will be served.

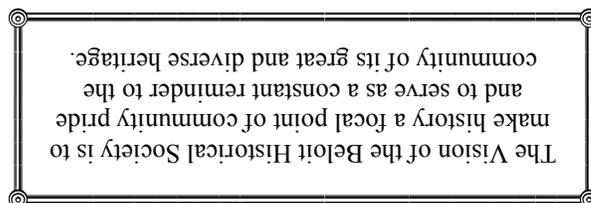
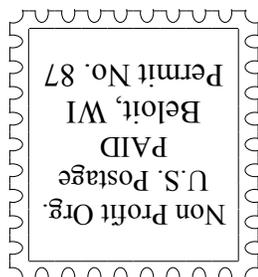


A Curiosity: Penny Pascoe

The Beloit Historical Society has been the repository of Beloit history for nearly a century. Over such a number of years it is understandable that more than a few curiosities would find their way to the collection. One such is this photograph of Penny Pascoe. On the reverse side of this 8x10 photograph are the words *Penny Pascoe, secretary to Ginger Rogers*. Probably the more famous private secretary of Ginger's is Roberta Olmsted who began her services in 1978 and remained till Ms. Rogers' death in 1995. This photograph is of an earlier period but more to the point than that is why do we have it? Who donated it? This is a mystery among other ones I'm sure, and it's one we share with you.

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