

The Beloit Historical Society and the City of Beloit in 1915

In the last issue of *Confluence* the Historical Society took a look at the city of Beloit in the year 1910 and the month of February which was the date of the Beloit Historical Society's founding. We follow up in this issue with a look at 1915. At this time the Historical Society was ensconced at the Carnegie Library that was located on West Grand Avenue. What follows are briefs from the Beloit Daily Free Press relating to the goings on in the city of Beloit.

February 2

The Common Council sets the salary for the City Engineer at \$1,500 a year. Former salary was \$5 per day.

Boulevard Lights Granted

The street lights committee reported favorably for cluster boulevard lights for East Grand Ave., from the Northwestern tracks to Pleasant St., and State St., from the Milwaukee tracks to Public Ave. A big majority of the property owners along these two streets signed the petition.

Asks Spur Tracks

The petition of Edward Brannigan of the City Ice company for a spur track across Eclipse Ave., at the east end of "upper bridge" [Portland Ave.] was referred to the public works committee to report at the next council meeting and a petition of Mr. Brannigan for use of the city pile driver was referred to the same committee with power to act.

Several tax rebates were then granted by the council while others were refused outright and still others referred to the 1915 board of review. The annual report of the chief of police was received and made part of the minutes. The city sexton's report showing \$192 cemetery receipts for the past month was received and placed on file.

February 3

Movie Machine at High School to show slides

J.V. Hogan, manager of the Rex Theatre, has closed a contract for the installation at the high school of a complete moving picture outfit. It is the latest type power 6A machine and will be fitted with a stereopticon attachment.

February 5

To Keep Feathers Beautiful

Feathers of an Ostrich, soiled, and unsightly, can be made beautiful by drawing through suds made of ivory soap, then rinsed and placed on a paper in a warm, not hot, oven to dry.

February 15

Salts is Fine for Kidneys, Quit Meat

No man or woman who eats meat regularly can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well known authority. Meat forms uric acid which clogs the kidney pores so they sluggishly filter or strain only part of the waste and poisons from the blood. Then you get sick. Nearly all rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, constipation, dizziness, sleeplessness, and bladder disorders come from sluggish kidneys.

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February 15

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25 February



The Theatres: September Morn

Secured by Manager Carruthers for March 3 on a large guarantee comes that big Chicago musical success, "September Morn". with all its tuneful, catchy, whistling songs; girls of the pretty kind that can sing; Tango dancers, Maxixe dancers, Fox Trot, Hesitation waltzes and a cast of musical comedy artists far above the average, including such recognized stars as Hazel Shannon, Elsie Baird, Wm. Howland, Nat. Phillips and forty seven helpers, mostly girls. Many of the song hits that set Chicago humming are: "When a Little Boy Loves a Little Girl", "In Berlin", "Oh, You September Morn", "Everybody's Tango Crazy", "A Spare-rib From the Butcher Shop of Life", "Beautiful Dreams I'm Dreaming", "Where is the Pleasure in Wine and Song if the Woman is Not There?" Etc. [To be held at the Wilson Theatre March 3]

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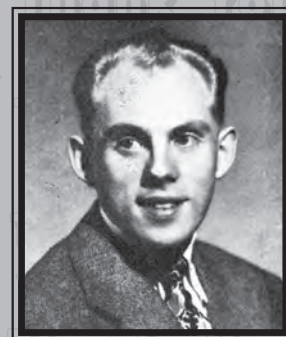
There will be no board
meeting in December.

The Newsletter, Confluence, is published quarterly for the membership of the Beloit Historical Society to inform readers of Society activities as well as educate them on the history of Beloit. The Beloit Historical Society manages two sites, Lincoln Center Museum with main offices at 845 Hackett St. and Hanchett-Bartlett Homestead, 2149 St. Lawrence Ave. For further information please call (608) 365-7835 or e-mail us at Pkerr@beloithistoricalsociety.com. Or see our new web site which can be found on the web at beloithistoricalsociety.com.

Thank You! Thank You!

We at the BHS would like to thank the volunteers who helped with this year's fund drive: Ann Martin, Louise Reidenbach, Carol Bolgrien, Betty Jones and Judy Nichols.

After fifteen years of service as Chairman of the Curatorial Committee, Lloyd Page is stepping down. Lloyd established one heck of a hard working committee who every second Monday of the month. Over these many years he and his committee have overseen thousands of items enter the collection and have written hundreds of thank yous to those who donated. We send him sincere thanks for a job well done. The order, dedication, and regularity he brought with his Chairmanship were much needed for this major function of the historical society.



The Beloit Historical Society received from Roger Goecks a donation of \$500 in memory of his wife Jeanette. This donation is restricted to the Hanchett-Bartlett account. The Society also received from Roger an antique cabinet for use at the Homestead. We thank you Roger.

In late October the Beloit Historical Society received into its collection file cabinets made of Maple from the Lynn and Sterling Skinner family. These cabinets will become home to the Society's varied collection of photographs. We extend a thank you to the Skinners.

Membership News

429 members which means: **52** 2-year memberships, **86** 3-year memberships and **291** 1-year memberships. Feel free to tell all the **lovers of Beloit History** you know about us. Help us keep our membership growing!

Wish List

Large L.E.D. Flashlight
8 1/2 X 10" hanging file folders
Box of copy paper
File folder tabs
2010 programing sponsor(s)

DO YOU KNOW?

Beloit was host to the Grand Human Menagerie which exhibited here July 31, 1875. The Menagerie consisted of the Giant Seek-a-Seek, the Baron Pompalino, the White Elephant, The Royal Shanghai, The Dutch Dwarf, and The Whirligig—a four armed dancing boy. Admission was 5 cents for adults and 2 cents for children under 7 years. Doors opened at Fosters at 2 p.m., the program started at 3 p.m. [Fosters was located at the far east end of St. Paul Ave.]

O Tannenbaum

Kick off your Christmas Season by visiting one of the gems of Beloit History- the Beautiful Hanchett-Bartlett Homestead. See an exhibit of decorated Christmas Trees representing decades from 1850 to the present. See how a Christmas tree looked when the Hanchett Homestead was brand new in 1857, marvel at the elaborate decorating techniques of the Victorian period and take a nostalgic look at a Christmas tree of the 1950's. Bring the whole family and take a step back in time and while you're visiting enjoy some refreshments. And please remember that donations are appreciated for the on-going work of preserving and restoring the Homestead to its former glory.

See the Trees!

November 27, 2009, 4-8 p.m.
November 28, 2009, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
December 4, 2009, 4-8 p.m.
December 5, 2009, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

UP-COMING EVENTS

12 February 2010 David HB Drake will present a program entitled **Wisconsin** for the Society's Annual Evening at Lincoln Center. Program to start at 6 p.m. Cost: \$35 for members/\$40 non-members.

16 April 2010 Geoffrey Gyrisco will speak at the Society's **100th Annual Dinner** about The Development and Decline of the Wisconsin Dairy Barn: The Transformation of Wisconsin Architecture. Program to start at 6 p.m. Cost: \$35 for members/\$40 non-members.

22 April 2010 the Society holds its annual thank you to the Volunteers- our **Volunteer Brunch**. Presenting a program for the afternoon get-together will be Dr. Traci Nathan Kelly who will discuss the historical significance of cookbooks.

Beginning in February and running through March will be the usual **Quilting Classes** taught by Bobbie Fiske. They run on every Saturday through both months from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

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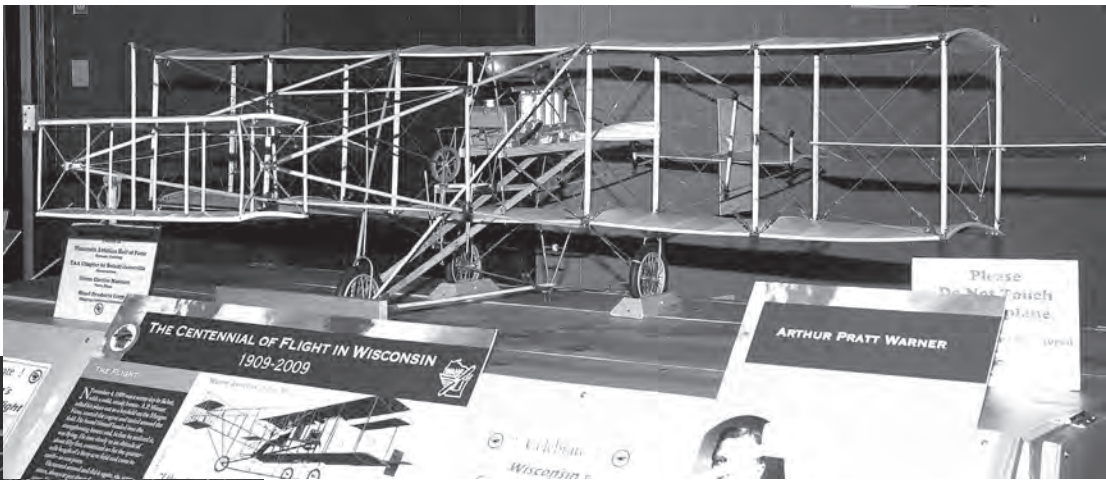
This Year's Annual Appeal will reach you soon and we hope you will consider favorably making a tax deductible gift to the Beloit Historical Society.

We have managed another year of numerous events with sound fiscal management and with a great deal of valuable volunteer help. It has been over three years now since we have had to dip into the proverbial rainy day fund and we're proud of that. Help us to keep the trend going if you can.

To all of you out there we Thank You and send you best wishes for an enjoyable Holiday Season Cheers!

Society Lands Model Plane

On 4 November 2009, one hundred years after Arthur Pratt Warner's historic flight on Morgan Farm in Beloit, the Society received into its collection a quarter scale model of his Curtiss Pusher airplane.



It was built by EAA Chapter 60. They donated it to the Society on the 100th anniversary. We invite you to visit us and take a look at the details that went in to making this model plane which will have a permanent location in our front lobby by the end of the year.

Left: Tom Crouch, Senior Curator at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum and an extremely informative speaker, admires the model.

The Vision of the Beloit Historical Society is to make history a focal point of community pride and to serve as a constant reminder to the community of its great and diverse heritage. Visit our web site at beloithistoricalsociety.com

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