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INTRODUCTION

As school systems and communities expand changes come; this report shows that the Beloit Junior High School was a product of this educational movement. The community of Beloit is located in the heart of the Solomon River Valley, in Mitchell County. In the progression of events the original Beloit City School District No. 2, of which the junior high is a part, will become Unified School District No. 273 on July 1, 1966.

According to records furnished by ex-superintendent John S. Morrell, the name Junior High was started in 1921 as a part of the Beloit High School and included eighty-five students compared to the present day enrollment of one hundred forty-five. This new building accommodated the Junior High as an eighth grade only along with the high school. In 1943, the seventh grade was moved into the Beloit High building making the Junior High two grades.

Although it is called Beloit Junior High School, reports to the state department indicate the first eight grades as elementary and the upper four grades as high school.

It is interesting to note in conversation with Mr. Morrell that in 1921 three women teachers taught these eighty-five children. One of these teachers, Ella Lynch, taught Mr. Morrell in a rural grade school in previous years and she paid him ten cents each morning to build her fire. Years

later, in 1930, fate played an important coincidence in that he became her administrator in the Beloit system.

In 1930, when Mr. John S. Morrell became superintendent, he began formulating a plan to achieve the requirements for a separate Junior High unit. This meant not only a separate building but rigid qualifications for teachers.

The first male teacher employed in the junior high was Mr. Joseph Woolman. He began with the 1939 term as a mathematics teacher.

At the beginning of the 1943 school term Mr. John Byrd, a teacher from the Beloit Field grade school, was transferred to the junior high. Mr. Byrd assumed the first coaching duties according to available records. Athletics was limited to some intramural activities, much of which was in conjunction with the high school practice sessions.

According to Mr. E. M. Chestnut, recently retired superintendent of the Beloit Public Schools, interscholastic competition did not take form until 1946.

A building program for an elementary unit was completed in the summer of 1955, vacating two older grade school buildings.

The writer came to this school system in the fall of 1955 to accept the coaching duties of the junior high. During that school year plans were completed to renovate one of the unused grade school buildings located in the west part of Beloit at 301 N. Independence Street, and make a separate

junior high unit. This building was constructed in 1911.

In the fall of 1956, ninety-seven students enrolled in seventh and eighth grades in a building named Beloit Junior High School. It housed four general classrooms but had neither a gymnasium nor practice areas for athletics. The Beloit Junior High staff has grown from four regular teachers and three special staff members in 1956, to six regular and eight special teachers at the present time. This same year, Miss Louise E. Matheis, became the first Beloit Junior High School Principal, a position she has held for the past ten years. Miss Matheis had a varied history in Beloit City Schools, in that she taught in the primary department at Rodgers building in east Beloit; later became principal of the Field building in west Beloit; and in 1950, joined the junior high faculty.

The first assistant coach was hired in 1960. Mr. Arvid D. McFarland was a great help to the head coach because each new season brought about fifty boys to be coached and supervised. Together the two coaches could give much more individual attention in teaching the skills in athletics.

Other improvements are evident as we look back. Mr. John L. Byrd, the first coach, received a salary of \$2,100. Twelve years later, in 1955, the writer came into the system at an increase of \$1,800, and there was nothing extra paid for coaching.

Salaries have progressed much the same as athletics.

In 1958, the first amount paid for coaching, in addition to the base pay, was \$75. This amount was paid to coach all three sports. At the time the first assistant coach was hired, the head coach was paid \$125 above the base schedule and the assistant received \$75 in addition to the regular schedule. Three years ago the head coach's salary was raised to \$200 above the schedule and the assistant to \$125. This salary included coaching all three sports. Beginning with the 1966-'67 school term, the head coach will receive \$200 for each sport, and the assistant coach will be paid \$150 for each sport coached. Football, basketball, and track are the only sports offered at Beloit Junior High School.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is two fold: to provide a record of the history of the school system as well as interscholastic athletic competition at Beloit Junior High School. The writer has been interested in obtaining and in recording this information for sometime. The facts had not previously been composed in any form for future reference.

It is hoped that the information gathered in this report will be of significant nature to warrant its future use.

SOURCES

Material for this study of Beloit Junior High School

athletics was procured by various methods. The main sources of information were from former coaches, former players, superintendents, principals, newspapers, school papers, score books, high school yearbooks, and junior high yearbooks.

SCHOOL COLORS AND EMBLEM

The Beloit Junior High School colors have been black with orange numbers since 1952. Previous to this time gold jerseys with black numbers were worn. In 1963, white jerseys with black numbers replaced the previously mentioned colors for football uniforms. This was done to eliminate conflicts since two league schools were the same color combination.

Since 1952, the basketball suits also have been black with orange numerals.

The track suits are black with an orange sash sewed diagonally across the front of the jersey.

With the beginning of athletics, the junior high adopted the same emblem as the high school--the Trojan. Consequently, all athletic teams compete under the title of Beloit Junior High Trojans.

LEAGUES

During the period 1946-1950 there were no league affiliations. Beloit played only the schools in this general vicinity.

The Beloit Junior High School entered the North

Central Kansas League in 1950, and remained in that league until May of 1966.

Members of this league were the following schools:

Belleville	Lincoln
Beloit	Marysville
Concordia	Minneapolis

Smith Center

Beginning with the 1966-1967 season, Beloit will become a member of the newly established Northern Kansas League.

This league will include the following schools:

Belleville	Minneapolis
Beloit	Osborne
Lincoln	Smith Center

FINANCING

There are no gate receipts for junior high sports events.

The Board of Education now provides for all necessary equipment purchases for athletics. Over the years, however, the Junior Hi-Y and Junior Y-Teens, Christian organizations for the students, have had money making projects to equip the three sports groups.

In 1960, the Junior Hi-Y initiated a rental plan for track shoes which has continued to the present time. This works on the basis of a revolving fund. Shoes are purchased

from athletic goods companies and rented for a given amount so that new shoes can be purchased. It is hoped that a pair of shoes can be paid for in three years on this plan.

Beginning with the 1966-'67 school year there will be no money making projects in the junior high. All equipment will be purchased by the board of education.

FOOTBALL

John L. Byrd (1946 through 1949)
(Deceased 1961)

Mr. John L. Byrd was a graduate of Fort Hays Kansas State College in 1924. From this date through May 1926 he coached football and taught mathematics at Oakley High School, Oakley, Kansas. At the close of that school year, he accepted a similar position at Madison High School, Madison, Kansas. In 1936 Coach Byrd was hired as a seventh grade teacher in the Beloit City Schools. Seven years later he became the Beloit Junior High coach, mathematics, and physical education instructor.

Mrs. Martha Byrd, his widow, has a newspaper clipping which states that John Byrd had the distinction of playing every minute of every game throughout his high school and college career. This covered four years of high school and four years of college competition.

No records can be found for the 1946-'47 season, but interviews with former students indicate that the junior high

boys practiced with the high school. Teams coached by Mr. Byrd won two games, lost three, and tied two.

During these years their equipment consisted of hand-me-downs from the high school such as football pants, shoulder pads, hip pads, thigh guards, and helmets. The player furnished whatever other equipment was needed. Games were played on Saturday mornings or Wednesday midafternoons. Football records covering the years Mr. John L. Byrd coached at Beloit Junior High School are as follows:

1947-'48

Beloit	20	Glasco	0
Beloit	0	Beloit Freshmen	7
Beloit	6	Beloit Freshmen	14

1948-'49

Beloit	0	Minneapolis	27
Beloit	13	Concordia	13
Beloit	6	Belleville	6
Beloit	28	Glasco	0

Gail L. Applebee (1949-'50 and 1951 through 1955)

Football teams under Mr. Applebee indicate sixteen wins, twelve losses, and two ties. The football pants were one-piece with built in hip pads. Boys indicated that this part of the uniform was very uncomfortable to wear.

It should be noted that Coach Applebee enjoyed much satisfaction during the 1952-'53 season. The team of this year presented him with five wins and only one loss.

During these years Coach Applebee practiced his teams

in the end zones and the present parking lots at the Trojan Stadium Field. All games were played on the high school field, and all high school facilities were used.

Mr. Applebee had a varied teaching experience. From the fall of 1935 until the close of the 1939 term, he taught in a rural Mitchell County school. The following year was spent teaching the fifth and sixth grades at Burr Oak, Kansas. He completed only one-half year at Ionia, Kansas, before entering the United States Army. After his tour of duty in World War II, Mr. Applebee taught three years at Asherville Grade School, Asherville, Kansas, before accepting the Junior High position of science teacher, coach and physical education instructor at Beloit in 1949. Gail earned his A. B. degree in 1951 from Fort Hays Kansas State College while on leave from the Beloit City Schools. In 1954, he completed a Master of Science degree from the same institution. At present he is the elementary principal in Beloit, a position he has held since 1957.

Football records covering the years Mr. Gail L. Applebee coached at Beloit Junior High School are as follows:

1949-'50

Beloit	7	Minneapolis	20
Beloit	37	Glasco	12
Beloit	52	Concordia	18
Beloit	32	Downs	14
Beloit	32	Belleville	6
Beloit	28	Downs	18
Beloit	13	Minneapolis	19

1951-'52

Beloit	12	Glasco	13
Beloit	13	Minneapolis	21
Beloit	14	Smith Center	7
Beloit	0	Osborne	24
Beloit	7	Concordia	27
Beloit	14	Downs	0

1952-'53

Beloit	33	Minneapolis	21
Beloit	20	Osborne	7
Beloit	20	Concordia	0
Beloit	25	Downs	7
Beloit	13	Belleville	22
Beloit	19	Smith Center	0

1953-'54

Beloit	20	Minneapolis	26
Beloit	9	Downs	0
Beloit	0	Concordia	14
Beloit	0	Glasco	0
Beloit	7	Belleville	19

1954-'55

Beloit	0	Minneapolis	18
Beloit	0	Belleville	20
Beloit	19	Downs	0
Beloit	6	Glasco	6
Beloit	18	Concordia	6
Beloit	19	Superior, Nebr.	13

Max L. Stratton (1950 through 1951)

Coach Stratton, a 1950 graduate of Kansas Wesleyan University, was employed in the Beloit system only one year while Mr. Gail Applebee was on leave to obtain his Bachelor's Degree.

Beloit was most fortunate to obtain the services of Mr. Stratton for this school term. He is at present the

First Methodist minister at Herington, Kansas

As well as coaching, Mr. Stratton assumed the same teaching duties as Mr. Applebee.

The Junior Hi-Y was inaugurated during this year with Mr. Stratton as sponsor and has continued since that time with each succeeding coach assuming this responsibility.

His football team posted an outstanding record with four wins and one loss. The team of this year never punted the entire season, beat Delphos who had not lost a game for three years, and won from Minneapolis who had not lost for four years.

The scores for this football season are as follows:

1950-'51

Beloit	22	Glasco	0
Beloit	47	Downs	25
Beloit	33	Delphos	13
Beloit	7	Concordia	12
Beloit	54	Minneapolis	0

Denzil L. Williams (1955 through 1966)

Over this span of eleven years, the writer's teams have won thirty-five, lost seventeen, and tied six. Two outstanding seasons have been his pleasure to remember. In 1962-'63 his team enjoyed a six won and zero loss season and were unscored upon. Another good group of athletes honored themselves with five wins and no losses during the 1964-'65 season. Two seasons, however, were spent building character

and teaching fundamentals. The 1955-'56 and 1965-'66 seasons had identical records of two wins and four losses.

The writer of this study was graduated from Washburn Municipal University, Topeka, Kansas, in June 1950. His first three years experience were in the Alexander Consolidated Schools, Alexander, Kansas, teaching grades seven and eight. The next two years were spent teaching mathematics, history, physical education, and coaching football, basketball, and baseball in the high school of the same school system. In 1955 the writer was employed in the Beloit City School system. He was hired to teach and coach in the Junior High School. In 1956 the Beloit Board of Education renovated an unused grade school building in west Beloit and called it the Beloit Junior High School. On moving to this building this unit became departmentalized. The writer taught all science classes, and during a block of time each teacher taught literature and spelling to his own home room class. He also taught boys and girls physical education, was Hi-Y sponsor, and coached all three sports.

In 1960 the board elected Mr. Arvid D. McFarland as assistant coach for the junior high. He had spent five summers at Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina, Kansas, and two years at Westmar College, LeMars, Iowa, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in 1957. In 1963 he earned a Master of Science degree in education from Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas. Coach McFarland taught at District 83,

southwest of Beloit (the school house has since been moved to Knotts Berry Farm in California), then two years at Athens Grade School in Jewell County, six years at Ionia Grade School also in Jewell County, and three years at Woodbine Grade School before coming to Beloit. Mr. McFarland was a coach with high moral and personal standards and was a conscientious cooperative worker. Coach McFarland taught literature, spelling, and assisted with physical education classes, football, basketball, and track. Mr. McFarland accepted the position of principal of the Osborne Grade School in 1963, and holds this same position at the present time.

In 1963 Mr. John L. Laughlin, filled the position vacated by Mr. McFarland. Coach Laughlin was a 1963 graduate of Fort Hays Kansas State College, Hays, Kansas. He began his teaching career in the fall of 1957 at Cawker City Grade School, Cawker City, Kansas. At the end of two years, he moved to the Natoma school system where he became a grade school teacher and coach. This position was held through the 1963 term at which time he accepted the present position. His teaching assignment is the same as his predecessor and he assists with all sports. As a coach he possesses a good knowledge of athletics.

The junior high still uses high school facilities and plays all games at the Trojan Stadium Field. Practice is held on a Cookie baseball diamond located across the street

from the stadium as no locker facilities are available at the Junior High building. The team must be transported to the stadium field by bus for practice.

In recent years Beloit has replaced the one-piece football pants with football shells, and the old leather helmets were abandoned for new plastic type. During this time the use of the regulation size high school football was discontinued, and it was replaced with the intermediate junior high football.

The North Central Kansas League schools do not have a league championship in junior high football as all teams do not play each other because of distance and loss of school time.

The Beloit school board, at the beginning of the 1964-'65 season, set a policy limiting the junior high to participation in six football games per season. Board policy suggests all games be played on Thursday unless unavoidable conflicts arise.

Beginning with the 1965-'66 season, a policy of playing junior high games at six o'clock in the evening was initiated to allow for more parent spectators and eliminate loss of school time for travel and the sports' event.

Football records covering the years Mr. Denzil L. Williams coached at the Beloit Junior High School are as follows:

1955-'56

Beloit	0	Concordia	32
Beloit	19	Superior, Nebr.	7
Beloit	0	Concordia	35
Beloit	0	Belleville	32
Beloit	7	Minneapolis	0
Beloit	0	Osborne	13

1956-'57

Beloit	6	Osborne	19
Beloit	7	Concordia	20
Beloit	14	Belleville	13
Beloit	22	Minneapolis	0
Beloit	14	Smith Center	14

1957-'58

Beloit	13	Osborne	0
Beloit	13	Concordia	14
Beloit	19	Belleville	6
Beloit	20	Clifton	7

1958-'59

Beloit	25	Osborne	7
Beloit	13	Belleville	13
Beloit	0	Concordia	21
Beloit	34	Minneapolis	7
Beloit	13	Smith Center	7

1959-'60

Beloit	7	Osborne	7
Beloit	6	Concordia	33
Beloit	32	Belleville	14
Beloit	25	Minneapolis	7
Beloit	12	Smith Center	26

1960-'61

Beloit	26	Osborne	13
Beloit	6	Concordia	6
Beloit	6	Belleville	13
Beloit	7	Minneapolis	7
Beloit	37	Smith Center	14

1961-'62

Beloit	25	Osborne	7
Beloit	12	Concordia	0
Beloit	6	Belleville	0
Beloit	0	Minneapolis	0
Beloit	0	Smith Center	7

1962-'63

Beloit	13	Osborne	0
Beloit	13	Concordia	0
Beloit	20	Belleville	0
Beloit	14	Minneapolis	0
Beloit	14	Smith Center	0
Beloit	40	Lincoln	0

This winning team was composed of the following members:

Greg White, Kenneth Knarr, Doug Kugler, Greg Nelson, Ronald Roy, Mark Torr, Mike Stewart, Charles File, Denny Dean, Bob Dameron, Roger Bean, Stephen Rugg, Steve Nelson, Tom Schneider, Carl Thompson, Greg Hamilton, Bob Colby, Gerry Bassford, Stan Belden, Dick Lynch, Greg Chapman, Marty Schwemmer, Mike Gray, Greg Olson, Steve Evans, David Williams, Calvin Staley, Mike Roberts, Jerry File, Dan Staley, Gary Lynch, Dale Kent, Rex Waggoner, Paul Abram, Melvin Litton, Steve Donker, Nick Niewald, Terry Thompson, Bill Haigh, Bruce Smith, Bob Burkey, Jeff Morris, Allan Lummis, Terry Jennison, Terry Shamburg, John Sink, and the managers were Bob Hayes and Ray McMann.

1963-'64

Beloit	26	Lincoln	0
Beloit	14	Osborne	33
Beloit	6	Concordia	0
Beloit	19	Belleville	0
Beloit	8	Minneapolis	7
Beloit	7	Smith Center	0

1964-'65

Beloit	23	Osborne	7
Beloit	26	Concordia	6
Beloit	13	Belleville	7
Beloit	24	Minneapolis	7
Beloit	20	Smith Center	0

The team of this year was made up of the following athletes:

Larry Blanding, Stanley Bulthaup, Randy Chapman, Mike Clegg, Harlan Cox, Jerry Donker, Chadwick Farmer, Bill File, Dan Fleming, Jeff Flinn, Larry Fouts, Mike Fuller, Joe Harrison, Leon Holl, Van Hollaway, Larry Lampert, John Maxwell, Randy Miltner, Rodney Pearson, Noral Preeo, Scott Treaster, Sid Vetter, Eric Waddell, Bob Wells, Doug Dean, Steve File, Bill Hansen, John Hicks, Bruce Houghton, Randy Johnson, Curtis Jones, J. J. Kindscher, Lanny Kohler, Chris Peck, Don Scholl, John Vetter, Greg Wagner, Dean Walters, Murray Bean, and the managers were Jerry Clark and David Isbell.

1965-'66

Beloit	6	Lincoln	2
Beloit	6	Osborne	0
Beloit	0	Belleville	7
Beloit	7	Concordia	16
Beloit	0	Minneapolis	19
Beloit	0	Smith Center	27

FOOTBALL RECORDS AT BELOIT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

From 1947 Through 1965

<u>Season</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>
1947-'48	1	2	
1948-'49	1	1	2
1949-'50	5	2	
1950-'51	4	1	
1951-'52	2	4	
1952-'53	5	1	
1953-'54	1	3	1
1954-'55	3	2	1
1955-'56	2	4	

FOOTBALL RECORDS AT BELOIT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL (continued)

<u>Season</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Tied</u>
1956-'57	2	2	1
1957-'58	3	1	
1958-'59	3	1	1
1959-'60	2	2	1
1960-'61	2	1	2
1961-'62	3	1	1
1962-'63	6	0	
1963-'64	5	1	
1964-'65	5	0	
1965-'66	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u> </u>
TOTALS	57	33	10

As can be noted since the beginning of organized junior high interscholastic football in 1947 through 1966 Beloit has won fifty-seven games, lost thirty-three games, and tied ten games. The high light seasons were 1949-'50 with five wins and two losses; 1950-'51 with four wins and one loss; 1952-'53 with five wins and one loss; 1962-'63 with six wins and no losses; 1963-'64 with five wins and one loss; 1964-'65 with five wins and no losses. During these six seasons of nineteen that the junior high has been in existence, thirty, or over half of the wins have been accounted for.

BASKETBALL

John L. Byrd (1946 through 1949)

Mr. Byrd enjoyed an outstanding three years of competition with seventeen wins and ten losses. His teams won the following trophies:

1947	1st Place	Lincoln Invitational
1947	3rd Place	Concordia Invitational
1949	2nd Place	Lincoln Invitational

Although records were not available for seventh grade games, a seventh grade team of 1948 won two and lost none.

The following are scores of basketball games while John L. Byrd was coach:

1946-'47

Beloit	17	Mankato	18
Beloit	18	Minneapolis	16
Beloit	31	Belleville	4
Beloit	10	Concordia	30
*Beloit	17	Minneapolis	22
*Beloit	24	Lincoln	9
*Beloit	29	Minneapolis	15
*Beloit	18	Abilene	23

1947-'48

Beloit	13	Minneapolis	32
Beloit	13	Glasco	15
Beloit	19	Concordia	12
Beloit	25	Glasco	39
Beloit	12	Belleville	23
Beloit	20	Lincoln	9
*Beloit	40	Ellsworth	20
*Beloit	25	Minneapolis	7
*Beloit	26	Lincoln	27

1948-'49

Beloit	27	Concordia	13
Beloit	28	Mankato	23
Beloit	34	Belleville	24
Beloit	29	Minneapolis	13
Beloit	28	Concordia	12
Beloit	26	Glasco	25
Beloit	41	Downs	19
Beloit	26	Minneapolis	25
*Beloit	18	Lincoln	22
*Beloit	41	Concordia	23

Gail L. Applebee (1949-'50 and 1951 through 1955)

Eighth grade teams under the guidance of Mr. Gail L. Applebee had a thirty-eight won and twenty-four loss record during these years. The seventh grade teams had an eleven won and ten loss record. He also was fortunate in winning the following trophies:

1953 1st Place North Central Kansas League
(Belleville)

1954 1st Place North Central Kansas League
(Minneapolis)

His accumulated record for the 1952 through 1954 season was twenty-three wins and three losses--a very successful record for a junior high basketball coach.

Beloit Junior High School, until 1950, played independently. From that time until the present the North Central League Tournament has been the high point of each season.

Scores of basketball games during Mr. Applebee's years of coaching at Beloit Junior High School are as

follows:

SEVENTH GRADE

1951-'52

Beloit	12	Glasco	28
Beloit	34	Glasco	22

1952-'53

Beloit	31	Glasco	25
Beloit	19	Lincoln	12
Beloit	24	Glasco	22
Beloit	31	Lincoln	21

1953-'54

Beloit	20	Glasco	24
Beloit	31	Glen Elder	34
Beloit	22	Glasco	29

1954-'55

Beloit	22	Belleville	24
Beloit	16	Glasco	31
Beloit	22	Miltonvale	28
Beloit	34	Belleville	12
Beloit	18	Miltonvale	29

EIGHTH GRADE

1949-'50

Beloit	12	Glasco	9
Beloit	19	Belleville	16
Beloit	11	Glen Elder	27
Beloit	22	Osborne	24
Beloit	22	Minneapolis	18
Beloit	24	Mankato	15
Beloit	19	Osborne	24
Beloit	47	Concordia	22
Beloit	24	Lincoln	11
Beloit	36	Lincoln	23
Beloit	34	Belleville	33
Beloit	36	Concordia	14
Beloit	32	Mankato	27
Beloit	18	Minneapolis	17
*Beloit	16	Concordia	17
*Beloit	29	Belleville	35

1951-'52

Beloit	9	Concordia	14
Beloit	12	Lincoln	22
Beloit	19	Glasco	17
Beloit	18	Concordia	24
Beloit	24	Minneapolis	28
Beloit	19	Belleville	38
Beloit	14	Lincoln	28
Beloit	33	Belleville	29
Beloit	35	Glasco	37
*Beloit	16	Concordia	33

1952-'53

Beloit	14	Belleville	24
Beloit	44	Minneapolis	24
Beloit	37	Glasco	26
Beloit	37	Lincoln	18
Beloit	43	Concordia	24
Beloit	34	Minneapolis	31
*Beloit	39	Marysville	8
*Beloit	32	Belleville	30
Beloit	23	Belleville	26
Beloit	39	Glasco	25
Beloit	28	Concordia	16
Beloit	37	Lincoln	24

1953-'54

Beloit	35	Concordia	14
Beloit	20	Glasco	14
Beloit	41	Belleville	18
Beloit	42	Minneapolis	26
Beloit	33	Lincoln	15
Beloit	34	Concordia	24
Beloit	34	Belleville	16
Beloit	47	Glen Elder	36
Beloit	40	Glasco	38
Beloit	26	Minneapolis	28
Beloit	48	Lincoln	43
*Beloit	39	Belleville	24
*Beloit	29	Concordia	18
*Beloit	32	Lincoln	19

1954-'55

Beloit	13	Belleville	20
Beloit	17	Lincoln	21
Beloit	50	Glasco	31
Beloit	20	Minneapolis	34

1954-'55 (continued)

Beloit	27	Concordia	32
Beloit	19	Belleville	32
Beloit	41	Belleville	27
Beloit	33	Lincoln	39
Beloit	23	Minneapolis	43
*Beloit	21	Concordia	32

Max L. Stratton (1950 through 1951)

Mr. Stratton had a seven win and seven loss season for his one year at junior high, but he managed to win the trophy listed below--

1951 2nd Place North Central Kansas League
(Concordia)

From conversation with members of this junior high team, it was revealed that Coach Stratton carried his Christian principles into this sport as well as his other duties.

Basketball scores for Coach Stratton's 1950-'51 season are as follows:

Beloit	29	Lincoln	43
Beloit	20	Osborne	35
Beloit	19	Concordia	31
Beloit	16	Minneapolis	14
Beloit	13	Glasco	12
Beloit	21	Belleville	14
Beloit	23	Concordia	26
Beloit	18	Osborne	27
Beloit	21	Lincoln	20
Beloit	38	Glasco	33
Beloit	17	Minneapolis	26
Beloit	30	Belleville	3
*Beloit	28	Concordia	12
*Beloit	27	Marysville	33

Denzil L. Williams (1955 through 1966)

During the eleven years the writer has been in Beloit Junior High School it has been his privilege to coach many fine basketball players, as the records show that Beloit High School teams have gone to the State Tournament three times during this span of years.

Eighth grade teams in these eleven years have accumulated a record of seventy-four wins and forty-eight losses, while the seventh grade teams have accumulated eleven wins and twenty-one losses.

The 1960-'61 season records indicate twelve wins against zero losses, and again in 1964-'65 only one defeat was recorded. That loss came in the finals of the league tournament.

These teams have won the following trophies:

- 1961 1st Place North Central Kansas League
(Minneapolis)
- 1963 1st Place North Central Kansas League
(Belleville)
- 1965 2nd Place North Central Kansas League
(Minneapolis)
- 1966 2nd Place North Central Kansas League
(Smith Center)

All basketball games are played in the high school gymnasium because of unavailable facilities in our present Junior High building.

Practices are limited to two days a week with less

than two hours in the entire session for about fifty boys. The participants are transported to the high school building by bus for these practices.

Approximately forty minutes of each practice period are used for intrasquad games. The coaches divide the boys into six squads all of which are assumed to be of equal ability. Three games are played each night. During the season a total of fifteen games are played by each team. Each boy's work is evaluated by the coaches to determine weaknesses and strong points.

Previous to 1964, the junior high practiced two nights after school and two nights after six o'clock in the evening. The evening practices were discontinued because of conflicts in the use of the high school gymnasium and Boy Scout meetings.

The Board of Education of Beloit, in 1964, initiated a policy limiting junior high basketball participation to eight games in the regular season and one league tournament. Beginning with the 1965-'66 season, both the seventh and eighth grade teams play identical schedules with the schools. All North Central Kansas League schools do not play each other during the regular season because of distance and loss of school time, but they do all meet in tournament play.

The following basketball scores cover the years the writer has coached in the Beloit Junior High School:

SEVENTH GRADE

1955-'56

Beloit	24	Glasco	38
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1956-'57

Beloit	15	Osborne	19
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1958-'59

Beloit	11	Concordia	28
Beloit	11	Osborne	17
Beloit	12	Concordia	24

1960-'61

Beloit	15	Concordia	14
Beloit	24	Concordia	27
Beloit	21	Belleville	25

1961-'62

Beloit	34	Belleville	4
Beloit	22	Smith Center	23
Beloit	14	Lincoln	19
Beloit	20	Concordia	10
Beloit	24	Minneapolis	15

1962-'63

Beloit	18	Minneapolis	24
Beloit	18	Lincoln	28
Beloit	23	Concordia	24
Beloit	10	Smith Center	16
Beloit	15	Lincoln	26
Beloit	37	Belleville	18
Beloit	25	Minneapolis	28
Beloit	22	Concordia	10

1964-'65

Beloit	30	Lebanon	29
Beloit	24	Minneapolis	27
Beloit	22	Concordia	36

1965-'66

Beloit	37	Lincoln	14
Beloit	17	Belleville	28

1965-'66 (continued)

Beloit	17	Concordia	25
Beloit	31	Minneapolis	27
Beloit	16	Smith Center	26
Beloit	53	Lincoln	15
Beloit	43	Belleville	37
Beloit	25	Minneapolis	26

EIGHTH GRADE

1955-'56

Beloit	36	Smith Center	28
Beloit	21	Minneapolis	31
Beloit	22	Concordia	33
Beloit	28	Belleville	33
Beloit	43	Lincoln	40
Beloit	17	Smith Center	35
Beloit	31	Minneapolis	35
Beloit	17	Concordia	39
Beloit	32	Belleville	19
Beloit	25	Glasco	39
Beloit	27	Lincoln	20
*Beloit	15	Belleville	21

1956-'57

Beloit	27	Smith Center	23
Beloit	32	Minneapolis	22
Beloit	26	Concordia	15
Beloit	37	Belleville	23
Beloit	28	Lincoln	39
Beloit	14	Smith Center	23
Beloit	34	Minneapolis	24
Beloit	13	Concordia	37
Beloit	20	Belleville	23
Beloit	31	Osborne	24
Beloit	27	Lincoln	31
*Beloit	46	Minneapolis	24
*Beloit	27	Concordia	32

1957-'58

Beloit	22	Concordia	23
Beloit	20	Minneapolis	13
Beloit	40	Lincoln	28
Beloit	21	Smith Center	39
Beloit	31	Belleville	16
Beloit	24	Concordia	39

1957-'58 (continued)

Beloit	27	Minneapolis	25
Beloit	35	Lincoln	32
Beloit	37	Smith Center	40
Beloit	36	Belleville	15
*Beloit	28	Lincoln	35

1958-'59

Beloit	18	Lincoln	17
Beloit	27	Smith Center	18
Beloit	24	Minneapolis	44
Beloit	43	Belleville	26
Beloit	13	Concordia	37
Beloit	21	Lincoln	15
Beloit	19	Smith Center	11
Beloit	21	Minneapolis	24
Beloit	21	Concordia	22
Beloit	18	Belleville	17
Beloit	28	Smith Center	17
*Beloit	24	Concordia	34
Beloit	24	Osborne	15

1959-'60

Beloit	18	Smith Center	29
Beloit	31	Minneapolis	8
Beloit	43	Belleville	26
Beloit	30	Concordia	24
Beloit	39	Lincoln	19
Beloit	29	Smith Center	20
Beloit	49	Minneapolis	14
Beloit	22	Belleville	20
Beloit	39	Concordia	49
Beloit	43	Lincoln	35
*Beloit	30	Concordia	22
*Beloit	25	Belleville	30

1960-'61

Beloit	36	Minneapolis	18
Beloit	27	Concordia	18
Beloit	48	Belleville	35
Beloit	46	Lincoln	18
Beloit	29	Smith Center	16
Beloit	46	Minneapolis	18
Beloit	40	Concordia	25
Beloit	30	Belleville	29
Beloit	49	Lincoln	28
Beloit	39	Smith Center	23

1960-'61 (continued)

*Beloit	34	Concordia	21
*Beloit	46	Belleville	32

The following names represent the undefeated basketball squad of 1960-'61:

Warren Hixenbaugh, Larry Miltner, Dennis Isbell, Gerald Hansen, Bruce Sweeney, Kenny Vetter, Bill Frazier, Brad Giddings, Chris Jones, Jim Slaven, Dan Davis, Mike Erickson, Jerry Dean, Jeff Weltmer, Bill Earle, Tad Fuller, Richard Bean, Gary Schoen, Wayne Roblee, Jerry Harrison, Mike Miller, Dale VanPelt, Scott Griffith, Dan File, Bruce Canfield, Doug Scholl, David Stone, Mike Frazier, Mike Wray, Monty Applebee, Mgr. Ivan Young.

1961-'62

Beloit	31	Lincoln	38
Beloit	21	Belleville	26
Beloit	27	Concordia	43
Beloit	30	Minneapolis	44
Beloit	25	Smith Center	41
Beloit	40	Lincoln	36
Beloit	20	Concordia	37
Beloit	22	Minneapolis	38
*Beloit	36	Concordia	35
*Beloit	39	Minneapolis	43

1962-'63

Beloit	16	Minneapolis	21
Beloit	13	Lincoln	29
Beloit	32	Concordia	18
Beloit	13	Smith Center	25
Beloit	18	Lincoln	30
Beloit	44	Belleville	23
Beloit	36	Minneapolis	27
Beloit	33	Concordia	27
*Beloit	29	Concordia	21
*Beloit	34	Smith Center	33
*Beloit	41	Lincoln	13

1963-'64

Beloit	47	Concordia	20
Beloit	26	Minneapolis	30
Beloit	20	Lincoln	31

1962-'64 (continued)

Beloit	23	Belleville	31
Beloit	29	Lincoln	31
Beloit	26	Concordia	25
Beloit	20	Minneapolis	47
Beloit	31	Smith Center	28
*Beloit	27	Belleville	29

1964-'65

Beloit	45	Lincoln	11
Beloit	37	Minneapolis	30
Beloit	47	Lebanon	34
Beloit	48	Lincoln	18
Beloit	31	Minneapolis	27
*Beloit	43	Minneapolis	39
*Beloit	36	Concordia	43
Beloit	51	Concordia	21

1965-'66

Beloit	40	Lincoln	25
Beloit	36	Belleville	33
Beloit	45	Concordia	22
Beloit	31	Minneapolis	28
Beloit	37	Smith Center	41
Beloit	45	Lincoln	14
Beloit	49	Belleville	31
*Beloit	37	Lincoln	27
Beloit	30	Minneapolis	24
*Beloit	33	Minneapolis	23
*Beloit	19	Smith Center	29

*Indicates tournament games.

BASKETBALL RECORDS AT BELOIT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

SEVENTH GRADE

(Some years there was no seventh grade team,
thus there is no continuity in dates.)

<u>Season</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
1948-'49	2	0
1949-'50	5	2

BASKETBALL RECORDS AT BELOIT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

(continued)

<u>Season</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
1951-'52	1	1
1952-'53	4	0
1953-'54	0	3
1954-'55	1	4
1955-'56	0	1
1956-'57	0	1
1958-'59	0	3
1960-'61	1	2
1961-'62	3	2
1962-'63	2	6
1964-'65	1	2
1965-'66	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
TOTAL	24	31

Of the fourteen seasons in which seventh grade basketball games were played only two seasons were outstanding-- 1949-'50 with five wins and one loss and 1952-'53 with four wins and no losses. The poor record of twenty-four wins and thirty-one losses is due partially to the fact that one coach was responsible for both the seventh and eighth basketball until 1960. Also, the emphasis is placed on the eighth grade because this is the team that represents Beloit Junior High at the league tournament.

BASKETBALL RECORDS AT BLOIT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

From 1946 Through 1966

EIGHTH GRADE

<u>Season</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>
1946-'47	4	4
1947-'48	4	5
1948-'49	9	1
1949-'50	11	5
1950-'51	7	7
1951-'52	2	8
1952-'53	10	2
1953-'54	13	1
1954-'55	2	8
1955-'56	4	8
1956-'57	7	6
1957-'58	6	5
1958-'59	8	5
1959-'60	9	3
1960-'61	12	0
1961-'62	2	8
1962-'63	7	4
1963-'64	3	6
1964-'65	7	1
1965-'66	<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>
TOTAL	136	89

As can be noted since the beginning of interscholastic basketball in 1946 through 1966 Beloit has won one hundred thirty-six games and lost eighty-nine. The outstanding seasons were as follows: 1948-'49 with nine wins and one loss, 1952-'53 with ten wins and two losses, 1953-'54 with thirteen wins and one loss, 1959-'60 with nine wins and three losses, 1960-'61 with twelve wins and no losses, 1964-'65 with seven wins and one loss, and 1965-'66 with nine wins and two losses. During these seven seasons of the twenty, sixty-nine, or over half of the wins have been accounted for.

TRACK

John L. Byrd (1946 through 1949)

The track in use at the time Mr. Byrd came into the system, and used at the present time, was constructed in 1939 by the Works Progress Administration. This structure includes a native stone stadium and a quarter mile cinder track.

The track program during these years was in connection with the high school team. Practices and instruction were the essence of track for the junior high at this time. The only available records show two meets for the 1946-1947 season, one meet for the 1947-1948 season, and one meet for the 1948-1949 season. Of these four meets Coach Byrd's athletes won three and placed second in one.

Gail L. Applebee (1949-'50 and 1951 through 1955)

Coach Applebee had only one meet during the 1949-'50 track season but he recalls that some fine athletes participated. According to Mr. Applebee the boys of that year certainly won their share of the points.

During his years as junior high track coach, his teams won nine track meets, placed second in two, and fourth once.

Two fine teams won honors for themselves and Beloit Junior High. The 1952-'53 season was the inauguration of league track meets. The teams of 1953 and 1954 won the North Central Kansas League Junior High titles.

Coach Applebee's track teams participated in the following events:

High Jump
 Shot Put (8-Pound)
 120 Yard Low Hurdles (5 hurdles-20 yards apart)
 180 Yard Low Hurdles
 Broad Jump
 50 Yard Dash
 100 Yard Dash
 Discus (high school size)
 220 Yard Dash
 440 Yard Dash
 440 Yard Relay
 440 Yard Relay (Midget but no points counted)

The squads during these years wore no special uniform. Each participant furnished his own gym suit, purchased track shoes, or borrowed track spikes.

Max L. Stratton (1950 through 1951)

Records for this year show only two meets. In the

triangular Beloit placed second and in the quadrangular they placed first.

Denzil L. Williams (1955 through 1966)

From 1955 through the 1957 track season the track athletes continued to use high school equipment and facilities. The boys still had to borrow or buy track shoes.

Beginning with the 1958 season the Ki-Y, a Christian organization for boys in junior high, earned enough money to purchase warmups, black jerseys and a vaulting pole. This enthusiasm continued until the track athletes became one of the best dressed and equipped in the league.

It has indeed been a satisfying experience during the last eleven years of coaching track at Beloit Junior High School. Records show thirty-six meets won, seventeen second places, three third places, two fourth places, and one each for fifth, sixth, and seventh place.

The squads have been fortunate to win the League meet in 1957, 1958, 1961, 1963, and 1964.

Through 1957 all the events remained as previously mentioned, but in 1958 the seventh grade relay was given points (same as all other events). In 1959 the high school discus was replaced with the junior high size which is one and one-fourth inches smaller in diameter and weighs one pound five ounces less. While in 1960, the North Central Kansas League dropped the 440 yard dash, it substituted a

330 yard dash. The 120 yard low hurdles were shortened to 100 yards in 1961, using four hurdles twenty yards apart. At the request of the Kansas State High School Activities Association, in 1962, junior high administrators were contacted in regard to the discus event being kept or eliminated. The vote was to eliminate it from the junior high track meets. The same year the Junior High North Central Kansas League agreed to award points for the seventh grade 100 yard dash and to run all track meets according to the state regulations. This had not been done previously, as each school conducted the sequence of events differently. This caused a hardship because the coach was at a loss in knowing where to place a boy to give the necessary rest in order to compete in different events.

The 100 yard low hurdles was run over nine hurdles in 1964. This included fifteen yards to the first hurdle, nine hurdles ten yards apart, and five yards from the last hurdle to the finish. In 1965, the distance was the same, but the last hurdle was removed. This made fifteen yards from the last hurdle to the finish.

The seventh and eighth grades did not participate in separate meets until 1965, and in 1966 the seventh grade won the league meet. The league coaches felt that more boys could participate in this manner. This same year the 50 yard dash was dropped, and the 75 yard dash was added.

Beloit had one of the best cinder tracks in the area;

consequently, the league meets were held here until 1965. Concordia completed a new all-weather track and volunteered its use for the 1965 meet. The league accepted the invitation. Due to a change in league membership, the league members voted to return the meet to Beloit in 1966.

Board policy for the Beloit Junior High School permits five track meets, including the league meet.

TRACK RECORDS AT BELOIT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

- 1946-'47 (1) Beloit 36 1/2 (under 100 pounds), Beloit 13 (over 100 pounds), other participating schools: Concordia, Mankato, and Clyde. (No available scores)
- 1947-'48 (1) Beloit 57, Concordia 29.
- 1948-'49 (1) Beloit 83 1/3, Concordia 22 2/3.
- 1949-'50 (1) Beloit 58, Glen Elder 39.
- 1950-'51 (1) Concordia 33 1/2, Beloit 28 1/2, Minneapolis 9.
- (2) Beloit, First; Concordia, second; Abilene, third; Minneapolis, fourth. (No available scores)
- 1951-'52 (1) Beloit 55, St. John's (Beloit) 32, Glen Elder 2.
- (2) Concordia 43 1/2, Beloit 33 1/2, Minneapolis 9.
- (3) Beloit 56 1/2, Minneapolis 34 1/2.
- 1952-'53 (1) Beloit 89, Belleville 27 2/5, Minneapolis 22, Concordia 18 3/5.
- (2) Beloit 107 1/5, St. John's (Beloit) 27 2/5, Glen Elder 20 2/5.
- (3) Beloit 64, Downs 29.

- 1953-'54 (1) Beloit 69, Concordia 47, Minneapolis 25, Belleville 18.
- (2) Beloit 82 $\frac{3}{4}$, St. John's (Beloit) 36 $\frac{3}{4}$, Glen Elder 34 $\frac{3}{4}$.
- *(3) Beloit 68 $\frac{1}{2}$, Concordia 47 $\frac{1}{2}$, Minneapolis 22, Belleville 20.
- 1954-'55 (1) Concordia 69 $\frac{1}{6}$, Beloit 35 $\frac{1}{3}$, Belleville 29, Minneapolis 23 $\frac{1}{2}$.
- *(2) Concordia 65 $\frac{11}{14}$, Minneapolis 33 $\frac{1}{2}$, Belleville 30 $\frac{6}{7}$, Beloit 28 $\frac{6}{7}$.
- 1955-'56 (1) Beloit 58 $\frac{1}{2}$, Concordia 56 $\frac{1}{2}$.
- (2) Concordia 74 $\frac{1}{2}$, Beloit 45 $\frac{1}{2}$, Minneapolis 19 $\frac{1}{2}$, Belleville 19 $\frac{1}{2}$.
- (3) Beloit 61, Osborne 34.
- *(4) Concordia 74 $\frac{1}{2}$, Beloit 44 $\frac{1}{2}$, Belleville 20 $\frac{1}{2}$, Minneapolis 19 $\frac{1}{2}$.
- 1956-'57 (1) Beloit 60 $\frac{1}{2}$, Concordia 54 $\frac{1}{2}$.
- (2) Concordia 46, Beloit 45 $\frac{3}{5}$, Minneapolis 25, Marysville 24 $\frac{1}{5}$, Belleville 18 $\frac{1}{5}$.
- *(3) Beloit 43 $\frac{3}{4}$, Concordia 41, Minneapolis 30 $\frac{3}{4}$, Belleville 29, Smith Center 14 $\frac{1}{2}$.
- 1957-'58 (1) Beloit 54, Concordia 46.
- (2) Beloit 64, Concordia 51 $\frac{1}{3}$, Marysville 34 $\frac{5}{6}$, Minneapolis 19 $\frac{5}{6}$.
- (3) Beloit 64 $\frac{1}{2}$, Smith Center 59 $\frac{1}{2}$, Osborne 21 $\frac{1}{2}$, Natoma 12 $\frac{1}{2}$.
- (4) Beloit 55 $\frac{3}{4}$, Osborne 17 $\frac{1}{4}$.
- *(5) Beloit 57 $\frac{5}{14}$, Concordia 40 $\frac{5}{14}$, Marysville 29 $\frac{5}{14}$, Minneapolis 25 $\frac{1}{2}$, Belleville 11 $\frac{1}{2}$, Smith Center 9 $\frac{8}{14}$.
- 1958-'59 (1) Concordia 67, Beloit 33.

- (2) Concordia 68, Marysville 46, Beloit 43, Minneapolis 13.
- (3) Beloit 87, Belleville 45 1/2, Osborne 27 1/2.
- (4) Beloit 103 1/2, Smith Center 38, Osborne 28 1/2.
- *(5) Concordia 59 1/2, Beloit 57, Belleville 27 1/2, Minneapolis 20 1/2, Smith Center 5 1/2.
- 1959-'60 (1) Concordia 55 1/2, Beloit 44 1/2.
- (2) Concordia 75, Beloit 51, Marysville 43, Minneapolis 1.
- (3) Beloit 60 1/4, Smith Center 39 3/4.
- (4) Belleville 75, Beloit 67, Osborne 26.
- *(5) Concordia 68, Beloit 41 1/2, Belleville 36 1/2, Smith Center 21, Minneapolis 3.
- 1960-'61 (1) Belleville 84, Beloit 59 1/2, Smith Center 20 1/2.
- (2) Beloit 54 1/3, Concordia 45 2/3.
- (3) Beloit 87 1/2, Minneapolis 37 1/2, Smith Center 23, Glasco 20.
- (4) Beloit 85, Belleville 66, Osborne 17.
- *(5) Beloit 57, Belleville 56, Concordia 26 1/2, Minneapolis 18 1/2, Smith Center 12.
- 1961-'62 (1) Concordia 55 1/3, Beloit 40 2/3.
- (2) Beloit 106, Lincoln 38, Osborne 18.
- (3) Concordia 64 2/3, Smith Center 46 1/2, Beloit 40 1/3, Minneapolis 10 1/2.
- (4) Beloit 77, Minneapolis 19.
- (5) Concordia 65 1/2, Beloit 51 4/5, Smith Center 27 3/10, Belleville 21.

- *(6) Concordia 62, Smith Center 30, Belleville 27, Beloit 23, Lincoln 11, Minneapolis 9.
- 1962-'63 (1) Beloit 93 1/2, Smith Center 31 1/2, Belleville 21 1/2, Osborne 19, Lincoln 14 1/2.
- (2) Beloit 78, Minneapolis 18.
- (3) Beloit 58, Concordia 56, Marysville 16 1/2, Minneapolis 7 1/2.
- *(4) Beloit 67 1/2, Concordia 57, Smith Center 21 1/2, Belleville 20 1/2, Lincoln 10, Minneapolis 3 1/2.
- 1963-'64 (1) Beloit 68 1/2, Osborne 27 1/2.
- (2) Beloit 40, Smith Center 21, Osborne 21.
- (3) Beloit 50 1/2, Smith Center 36 1/2, Osborne 5.
- (4) Beloit 77 1/2, Belleville 41 5/6, Minneapolis 24 1/3, Concordia 24, Lincoln 12 1/3.
- (5) Beloit 61 1/2, Belleville 37 1/2, Concordia 31, Marysville 28, Minneapolis 22.
- *(6) Beloit 57 1/2, Smith Center 39 1/2, Belleville 30, Concordia 20, Minneapolis 16 1/2, Marysville 11 1/2, Lincoln 5.
- 1964-'65 Seventh Grade
- (1) Beloit 55, Smith Center 53, Lincoln 29.
- (2) Minneapolis 43 1/2, Belleville 42, Concordia 28 1/2, Marysville 28, Beloit 7.
- (3) Glasco 60, Beloit 40 1/2, St. John's (Beloit) 37 1/2.
- *(4) Minneapolis 37, Concordia 32, Smith Center 30, Marysville 22, Lincoln 15, Belleville 11, Beloit 3.

Eighth Grade

- (1) Beloit 84, Smith Center 35, Lincoln 17.
- (2) Beloit 45 1/2, Belleville 35 1/2, Minneapolis 27, Marysville 24, Concordia 18.
- (3) Beloit 70 1/2, Glasco 46, St. John's (Beloit) 20 1/2.
- * (4) Belleville 50 1/2, Beloit 30 1/2, Minneapolis 25, Marysville 18, Smith Center 12, Concordia 9, Lincoln 7.

Seventh and Eighth Grade Combined Meet
according to weight classification
(0 to 106 pounds midgets; 107 pounds
up unlimited)

- (1) Belleville 69 11/28, Beloit 62 1/2, Smith Center 40 10/18, Alton 40, Downs 30 11/18, Lebanon 25 2/9, Osborne 16 2/9.

1965-'66

Seventh Grade

- (1) Beloit 48, Concordia 42.
- (2) Beloit 59, Downs 46 1/2, Osborne 20, Glasco 13 1/2, Minneapolis 13, St. John's (Beloit) 7, Lincoln 0.
- (3) Beloit 57, Belleville 43 1/2, Smith Center 36 1/2, Marysville 12.
- * (4) Beloit 39 1/2, Concordia 38 1/2, Belleville 33 1/2, Smith Center 20, Minneapolis 19, Marysville 6, Lincoln 2 1/2.

Eighth Grade

- (1) Concordia 45 1/2, Beloit 44 1/2.
- (2) Beloit 42, Minneapolis 35, Downs 33 1/2, St. John's (Beloit) 18 1/2, Lincoln 12, Osborne 11, Glasco 8.
- (3) Belleville 60 1/2, Smith Center 39 1/2, Marysville 32, Beloit 18.

- * (4) Smith Center 36, Belleville 35 1/2, Marysville 26, Concordia 25, Minneapolis 18, Beloit 17 1/2, Lincoln 2.

Seventh and Eighth Grade Combined Meet according to weight classification (0 to 106 pounds-midgets; 107 pounds up unlimited)

- (1) Smith Center 70, Belleville 61, Beloit 57 1/2, Downs 39, Mankato 24 1/2, Osborne 20 1/2, Kensington 19, Lebanon 12 1/2.

*Indicates League Meets.

Of the twenty years in which Beloit Junior High has participated in track six seasons have been outstanding. All track meets were won during the following years: 1952-'53, 1953-'54, 1957-'58, 1962-'63, 1963-'64, and the seventh grade in 1965-'66. During these six seasons of the twenty, twenty-five, or over half of the forty-nine first places have been accounted for.

BELOIT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL TRACK RECORDS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Distance</u>
	<u>1949</u>		
Briney, Delmar	50 yard Dash	6.0	
	<u>1950</u>		
Briney, Delmar	220 yard Dash	25.2	
Briney, Delmar	100 yard Dash	10.8	
	<u>1953</u>		
Gengler, Noel	Discus (High School size)		112'1"

BELOIT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL TRACK RECORDS (continued)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Distance</u>
<u>1954</u>			
Wesselowski, Tim	440 yard Dash	59.0:9	
Shamburg, Eddie	180 yard Low Hurdles	22.9:5	
<u>1958</u>			
Grecian, Jerry	120 yard Low Hurdles (5)	15.2	
Grecian, Jerry Harrison, Jim Skinner, Jim Wesselowski, Walt	440 yard Relay	50.4	
<u>1959</u>			
Wesselowski, Walt	Discus (Junior High size)		120'3"
<u>1960</u>			
Meats, Bob	330 yard Dash	40.5	
<u>1961</u>			
Harrison, Jerry	100 yard Low Hurdles (4)	13.2	
Harrison, Jerry	High Jump		5'4 1/2"
<u>1963</u>			
Torr, Mark	Shot Put		49'8"
<u>1964</u>			
Bassford, Gerry	100 yard Low Hurdles (9)	14.3	
Nelson, Steve Kent, Dales Staley, Dan Bassford, Gerry	880 yard Relay	1.48:2	

BELOIT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL TRACK RECORDS (continued)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Distance</u>
	<u>1965</u>		
Harrison, Joe	75 yard Dash	8.7	
Harrison, Joe	Pole Vault		10'6"
Harrison, Joe	Broad Jump		18'8"
	<u>1966</u>		
Jones, Curtis	100 yard Low Hurdles (8)	14.6	
Peck, Chris	100 yard Low Hurdles (8)	14.6	

NORTH CENTRAL KANSAS LEAGUE RECORDS
Held by
BELOIT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

	<u>1953</u>		
Gengler, Noel	Discus (High School size)		112'1"
	<u>1954</u>		
Wesselowski, Tim	440 yard Dash	59.0:9	
	<u>1963</u>		
Torr, Mark	Shot Put		49'2 1/2"
	<u>1965</u>		
Harrison, Joe	Pole Vault		10'6"

SEVENTH GRADE TRACK RECORDS
for
BELOIT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

<u>Name</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Distance</u>
<u>1964</u>			
Harrison, Joe	100 yard Dash	11.9	
Chapman, Randy Hollaway, Van Harrison, Joe Miltner, Randy	440 yard Relay	54.1	
<u>1965</u>			
Peck, Chris	High Jump		4'6"
<u>1966</u>			
Jones, Craig	100 yard Low Hurdles (8)	15.8	
Wagner, Jim	75 yard Dash	9.0:5	
Wagner, Jim	220 yard Dash	27.1	
Earle, Jim	Pole Vault		8'6"
Tripp, Gary	Broad Jump		15'6"
Wagner, Jim	Shot Put		35'3 1/2"
Earle, Jim Tripp, Gary Siebecker, Jim Wilson, Jim	880 yard Relay	1.59:3	

GOLF

Max L. Stratton (1950 through 1951)

This was the only year golf was offered. Because golf was scheduled at the same time as track and tennis, it was

rather difficult to give adequate time with all the duties falling to one coach. According to one of the participants of this year, golf instruction and practice was held on Saturday mornings.

One golf meet was held at Minneapolis, with six boys from each school participating. Beloit Junior High School was represented by Vaughn Shamburg, George Stephens, Richard Caraway, Jim Beardmore, Jim Grecian, and Darrell Fulhage. Beloit won this meet 320 to 376.

TENNIS

Max L. Stratton (1950 through 1951)

Because there was no league track schedule in operation at this time, tennis was offered to supplement the program.

In the spring of 1951, an intramural tennis meet was held to determine who would represent Beloit at the Glasco tennis meet. Larry VanPelt, Vaughn Shamburg, Wayne Huggins, and Darrell Fulhage won the right to play in the meet. Beloit won both singles and doubles matches at the Glasco meet.

SUMMARY

In 1921, the Beloit Junior High School was formed in name only and as a part of the Beloit High School. This

junior high was composed of the eighth grade only. It consisted of eighty-five students with a teaching staff of three women. Although it was called Beloit Junior High School, reports to the state department indicate it was elementary.

Athletics was not incorporated into the junior high schedule as interscholastic sports until 1946. Mr. John L. Byrd was the first coach at the junior high and available records indicate he had a good basketball season his first year of participation. In 1956 the Beloit Junior High School moved into a separate unit located in west Beloit at 301 North Independence. This building, constructed in 1911, housed a former grade school which had been abandoned due to an elementary school building program. During the summer of 1956, this building was renovated and made to include the seventh grade as well as the eighth.

Up to the present date Beloit Junior High has had only four head coaches. The head coach is responsible for football, basketball, and track. However, as the enrollment grew from eighty-five to one hundred forty-five, it became necessary to add an assistant coach who was hired to assist in all three sports.

Practices take place after school hours and use high school facilities. This has been the policy since the origin of junior high athletics and has continued even though they are now located in a separate building. Until facilities are provided, this policy will probably continue.

Beloit Junior High School has been a member of only one league since its athletic program began. In this North Central Kansas League Beloit participated in football, basketball, and track. With the exception of 1950-1951, when tennis and golf were offered, these three sports represent the total sports program of Beloit Junior High School.

Because the junior high has not had complete coverage of all its athletic contests in the local newspaper, some information was obtained from the senior high school yearbooks, junior high yearbooks, some from score books, junior high school newspaper, and personal interviews.

Since football began, no league championship has been awarded because only a few of the schools play each other. During the nineteen years in which football has been played, Beloit has won fifty-seven, lost thirty-three, and tied ten.

After twenty years of basketball competition, records show one hundred sixty wins and one hundred twenty losses. During this same period Beloit Junior High has won four league championships.

Track records indicate that Beloit has placed first in forty-nine meets, second in twenty-one meets, third in three meets, fourth in three meets, fifth, sixth, and seventh in one meet each. This occurred over a period of twenty years. Seven eighth grade and one seventh grade track championships have been won by the Beloit Junior High School during this time.

Salaries have progressed the same as other phases of athletics. The first amount paid to coach all sports was \$75 and there was no assistant coach to help. With the beginning of the 1966-1967 school year, the head coach will receive \$200 for each sport. The assistant coach will receive \$150 for each sport.

The school board limits the Junior High to participation in six football games, eight basketball games and the league tournament, and five track meets including the league meet.

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