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In January of 1949 the BELLEVILLE RECORDER was sixty-three years old.

Jane Garvoille was chosen as the DAR good citizen recipient for the class of 1949. The selection was based on dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism.

Art Scott became a partner in the Borst and Willoughby Feed Co.

It was the year that Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Dietzsch celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Bob Beich and Ruth Andregg were married that January.

Belleville Auto Co. announced that the 1949 Chevrolet had over twenty changes in styling from the 1948 model.

Even though the war effort was over the Red Cross played a big part in the lives of our community. A new regional blood center had opened in Madison and Belleville, as a part of Dane County, had to help finance the project.

By 1949 Wisconsin had one tenth of the dairy cattle in the United States, and of the nation's twenty-five highest milk producing counties, fourteen were in Wisconsin.

The postal department of the United States employed more people than the largest corporation.

Ricker's dry cleaning establishment advertised in the BELLEVILLE RECORDER to watch their weekly ad. If your name appeared in the following weeks ad, you were entitled to have a garment cleaned free of charge.

That spring Neil Luenschloss announced his resignation as supervising principal of the local public schools. Seven years previous he taught science and mathematics and then left to serve in the United States Navy from 1944-1946. Mr. C. H. Hageman was named to take his place.

The week of April 15 was a busy one for the fire department. They answered four calls, but there was no serious damage.

A concerned parent wrote a letter to the editor stating she would like to see a kindergarten in our school system.

The state conservation department reported that more arrests were made for illegal fishing in March than hunting and trapping combined.

John Stein, formerly of Madison, purchased the Plymouth-DeSoto garage from Homer Middleton. Mr. Stein had been located in Madison for twenty-four years before coming to Belleville.

Margaret Staley and Roger Krueger were prom royalty in the spring. The theme was "Slow Boat to China," and the music was provided by the Eddie Lawrence orchestra.

The American Legion sponsored a fun-frolic. To start the gala affair a street dance was held.

Reverend: Ray Scott was appointed the pastor of the Grace Methodist Church. He came to this community from Chicago.

Beverley Burrington and Jim Adams were married.

In September a group of sportsmen from the vicinity organized a club for the purpose of shooting clay birds. It was also organized to promote good sportsmanship in the community. The members leased

the land and building one half mile east of Belleville known as the Weber slaughter house.

Edna's dress shop opened in October. It was located in the old post office building.

Kathryn Gerhard and Paul Lamboley were married.

Winners of the scout Jack-O-Lantern contest were, Neil Brunner, first prize, Paul and Roger Cate second prize and the third prize was won by Alan MacDonald.

At its annual meeting the rod and gun club discussed having a fox hunt in November.

Coach Hageman ended his coaching days at Belleville that November. He coached for eight years at Belleville High School. His eight year record for all football games, conference and non conference showed thirty-nine wins, fourteen losses. A percentage of .735.

Postmaster Charles McCormick reminded everyone that unsealed Christmas cards would require two cents postage instead of one and one half cent stamps.

The annual Christmas contest was held at the Rexal drugstore again. The grand prize winner was Ray Francois. He won a bicycle.

Nineteen forty-nine ended a decade that the world can never forget. After starting to recover from a great depression we were plunged into a world war, leaving behind the knowledge that the world would never be the same again.

What made Belleville so unique from any other community? It probably wasn't. It was because of the efforts of so many small communities that made us the stronger of the nations at war. Everyone believed in what they were doing. We all had heroes, someone to look up to and be proud of. We had a common cause. When everyone combined their efforts

nationwide we became the stronger. The secret was unity.

Could we as a community rise to the occasion again? I'd like to believe we could. How about you?