

McLean County Museum of History

Brokaw Service League Follies

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Collection Information

Volume of Collection:	One Box.
Collection Dates:	1947, 1965,68,69, 1973,74, 1981,83,84
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Location:	Archives
Notes:	5 photos in Pantagraph photo collection

Historical Sketch

The Brokaw Hospital Service League was organized in 1925. It was one of the oldest Hospital organizations of its type in the country. In the beginning they aided staff, student nurses, and provided comforts to patients. Over the years the League and its support of the hospital grew. Brokaw Hospital merged with the Mennonite Hospital in 1984 and became BroMenn Hospital. The Brokaw Service League merged with the Mennonite Auxiliary in 1992. After 2000 the hospital became part of the Advocate Group. The service league is now known as Advocate BroMenn Service Auxiliary.

The first Follies in 1947 had a profit of \$10,000.00 for new kitchen equipment. During the late 1960s through the early 2000s, a show was held every three years for renovation or purchase of the newest medical equipment. Professional show business directors/choreographers were hired. The last Follies fund raiser was held in 2003. Since then the Advocate BroMenn Service Auxiliary group has turned to other means for fund raising.

Scope and Content Notes

This collection contains the programs for the 1947, 1974, 1978, 1981, and 1984 Follies. Newspaper clippings are included as well as photos for the 1969, 1974, 1978, 1981 and 1984 Follies. There are also lists naming the General Chairmen, committee members, cast members, and those behind the scenes who were responsible for the success of the Follies.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Undated newspaper articles

- 1.1.1 Artist's rendition of the Nursery Renovation – 3 views, undated.
- 1.1.2 “To benefit Brokaw The Follies ...” and “From New York The director ...” /photo, one page, 2 undated newspaper articles.
- 1.1.3 “Retired opera tenor to sing,” w /3 photos, undated.
- 1.1.4 “Williams brothers meet in Hawaii,” by Vi Gilmore, undated.
- 1.1.5 “Brokaw Follies rehearsals under way,” undated.
- 1.1.7 “Follies highlight to be doctor,” by Judy Jennings, Follies publicity chairman, and “Experienced artists to appear in revue,” w/photo, undated.
- 1.1.8 “Full scanning method moves nearer approval,” undated.

Folder 2: 1960s newspaper articles, *Pantagraph*

- 1.2.1 “The Follies Are Coming! The Follies Are Coming!” by Lolita Driver, September 15, 1968, w/7 photos (3 pages stapled together).
- 1.2.2 “Brokaw Follies Volunteers,” w/photos, and “Getting the Pitch,” w/3 photos, (2 pages stapled together). October 20, 1968
- 1.2.3 “Follies Seats Going, Going ...,” w/photo, November 24, 1968.
- 1.2.4 “11 Compete for Follies King,” w/photo, January 21, 1969.
- 1.2.5 “Follies Fever,” by Lolita Driver, w/8 photos, January 26, 1969.
- 1.2.6 “Brokaw Follies Director Man of Many Roles,” by Tony Holloway, w/photo, January 30, 1969.
- 1.2.7 “‘Follies’ in Final Rehearsals,” by Lolita Driver, w/5 photos, February 2, 1969.
- 1.2.8 “Evening Full of Fun At ‘High-Fever Follies,’” by Tony Holloway, February 8, 1969.
- 1.2.9 “Net From ‘Follies’ At \$15,000 Mark,” w/ photo, February 10, 1969.

Folder 3: 1970s newspaper articles, *Pantagraph* unless noted

- 1.3.1 “Slate Follies party,” w/photo, and “Follies Dollies,” photo, (2 pages stapled together), January 6, 197?
- 1.3.2 “Brokaw Follies,” glossy photo, October 29, 1973.
- 1.3.3 “Choose garter guy,” w/12 photos, January 13, 1974 and “Rehearsals underway for Brokaw Follies,” undated, (2 pages stapled together).

- 1.3.4 "Brokaw Follies has worldly scenes, skits," w/5 photos, January 22, 1978, (3 pages stapled together, 1 duplicate).
- 1.3.5 "Brokaw Follies Chairmen – 1978," list of committee chairmen for '78 Follies, 2 pages, 2 copies.

Folder 4: 1980s items, *Pantagraph* newspaper

- 1.4.1 "1981 Brokaw Follies, ADVERTISING COMMITTEE" – 4 page list of SALESPEOPLE.
- 1.4.2 "Brokaw Follies – 1981, BROKAW HOSPITAL SERVICE LEAGUE, list of committee chairmen, 2 copies.
- 1.4.3. "Frolicking foursome in Follies," and "Ape Man," 2 photos, Focus section, February 1, 1981.
- 1.4.4 "Follies logo depicts 'Scar Wars,'" w/illustration, December 4, 1983.
- 1.4.5 "1984 Follies off the ground," w/photo, May 15, 1983.
- 1.4.6 "Follies ad campaign under way," w/3 photos, September 9, 1983.
- 1.4.7 "Follies hopefuls to meet the director," w/photo, January 13, 1984.
- 1.4.8 "Choreographer directing follies," w/photo, January 27, 1984.
- 1.4.9 "Homey hospital," w/2 photos, January 22, 1984.
- 1.4.10 "Seventh follies Brokaw benefit," by Vi Gilmore, w/3 photos, Focus section, January 29, 1984, 2 pages stapled.
- 1.4.11 "Follies has something for everyone," by Bob Simpson, February 3, 1984.
- 1.4.12 "'Characters' in follies," Focus section, February 3, 1984.

Folder 5: Miscellaneous

- 1.5.1 ¼ type-written page planning to get chairmen of 1981 Follies together.
- 1.5.2 List and description of 5 items to be funded by the 1984 Follies, 2 copies.
- 1.5.3 Minutes from Brokaw Hospital Follies 1984 advertising campaign coffee, submitted by Bev Gale, Publicity Chairman. Pledge for the future improvements, 3 pages.
- 1.5.4 Pages 2, 3, and 4 list of membership names and addresses.
- 1.5.5 Program details and cast, including orchestra as well as behind the scenes, 10 pages, 2 copies.

Folder 1947: Follies Program 1947

76 pages, 2 copies.

Folder 1969: Follies Program 1969

"Hi Fever Follies," 64 pages.

Folder 1974: Follies Program 1974

"Red Stocking Revue," 104 pages.

Folder 1978: Follies Program 1978

"Stop the Stretcher...I want to get off!" 120 pages.

Folder 1981: Follies Program 1981

"A Scar is born." 104 pages, 2 copies.

Folder 1984: Follies Program 1984

1.10.1 "Scar Wars," 80 pages.