



FEBRUARY 2017



OLD ABE, A BLACK ANGEL AND IRON MEN: WISCONSIN IN THE CIVIL WAR

**Wednesday, February 1,
7 PM, Hunt Room of the
Hales Corners Library**

Lance Herdegan, noted author and former director of the Institute for Civil War Studies at Carroll University, will give this talk.



Lance Herdegan

His books include *The Iron Brigade in Civil War and Memory*, and *Those Damned Black Hats*. Lance's presentation focuses on the effects of the Civil War in Wisconsin. Some of you may remember Lance from his previous work with HCHS. Refreshments will follow the presentation.

CABIN AND KITCHEN

The Hunt Cabin was open for the Christmas tree lighting on December 3rd, and will resume monthly open houses in May. By the way, I was recently reminded by Dave O'Brien that he donated that tree and Trees on the Move replanted it. It had been on the Copy Corner property.

The Summer Kitchen has only one scheduled open house—the 4th of July. We do have someone doing occasional gardening there, **but need volunteers**. However, we have to be careful not to rip out what our gardener planted.

TOY DISPLAY A BIG HIT!

Our December display of toys in the Library window elicited a lot of interest. The toys were provided by our members, who evidently took good care of their toys! We'll be decorating the window again this December.

SAD NEWS

Longtime member Marion Schlytter passed away November 23, 2016, at the age of 86. Our condolences go out to her family and friends.

BEN HUNT DESK DONATED BY FLIELLER FAMILIES

As reported in our previous newsletter, a wonderful desk was added to the Society's Ben Hunt collection. Now we have a photo which we wanted to share with you. Thanks again to the families of Carol and Milt Flieller and Jane and Chris Flieller for this donation. In spite of its age, it appears practically brand new which attests to the Fliellers' loving care.



Ben Hunt Desk

FUNDRAISING PROJECT

The fundraising committee (Jim Bain, Katy Galewski, and Mary Beth Javorek) is in the process of determining projects for this purpose in 2017. Under consideration at the moment is manning the brat/hot dog stand at Pick 'n Save for a single date. This would require quite a few people to help cook and serve, but the equipment is not a problem. **Have other ideas? Please suggest them!**

WEBSITE PROJECT

The website committee (Bob Liebl, Kathy O'Brien, Nancy Stangler, Ruth Strekow, and Al Strekow) will be meeting to determine our site's content,
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including new features, and the creation of a photo archive. In conjunction with this, we need to get back to cataloging, preferably using Past Perfect. **Volunteers are needed.**

TOWERING INFORMATION

Villagers have been living in the shadows of the nine Hwy. 100 towers since 1959. Here are a few facts regarding them.

- They have a lifetime of 100 years so they're good until 2059!
- Last year, one tower was replaced by the American Transmission Company (ATC) at its expense due to new height restrictions which affected that tower alone.
- To replace all nine towers with a similar pole-like version would cost more than \$5 million and that expense would have to be restricted to Village taxpayers, so that will not be happening.
- To remove the towers and install underground lines would cost more than \$45 million.
- At present, no underground lines of that voltage exist anywhere in Wisconsin.



Highway 100 Towers

PERMANENT PLAQUE GONE MISSING

Enthusiasts of all ages were searching through Milwaukee County Parks trying to find elusive Pokémon Go characters on their SmartPhones. If only that energy could be harnessed to search Whitnall Park for the missing Legion Post Plaque. This plaque was presented to the Forestry Army Conservation Corps by members of the Freede-Eckel American Legion Post in 1933 as a permanent part of the park. Unfortunately it has disappeared. If found, the plaque would be moved to the site of the Hales Corners Veterans Memorial. Anyone have inside info on where it is?



Legion Post Plaque

A GLIMPSE OF HALES CORNERS IN THE 1930s AND 1940s

Three photos depicting the Village in 1937, 1939, and 1942 were emailed to the Society by Harlow "Sam" Schmidt. All photos face east from the yard where Sam grew up along Janesville Road, and that's Sam pictured at right in his baby buggy and his portable swimming pool. Behind him are Bosch Motors, Bosch Hotel, Getz Drug Store, a tavern, and Holz Motors. Sam was born in the Village in 1937 and left to join the U.S. Air Force in 1955. He now lives in Hawaii and

corresponds with our Society from there. His brother Mel, now 90 years old, still lives in Hales Corners and is a member of our Society.



Hales Corners, June 1937



Hales Corners, June 1939

CORRECTION

In our last newsletter we featured an item about Irvin Ruehle, Dairy Man and Fireman. We misspelled his first name as Irwin. Our apologies.

DUES

If you haven't paid your 2017 dues yet, the meeting is a good time to do it. I hope to see you there!

Kathy O'Brien

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