

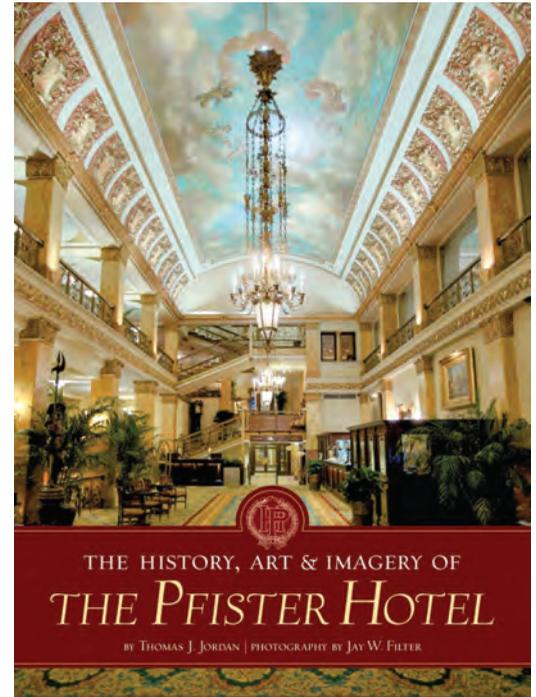


March / April 2020

**Wednesday, May 13th at 7 p.m.!**  
**THE HISTORY, ART & IMAGERY  
OF THE PFISTER HOTEL**

If the coronavirus crisis is resolved by May 13th, our program at 7:00 p.m. on that date will feature **Jay W. Filter**, noted architectural photographer, whose artistry is featured in the 2013 book *The History, Art & Imagery of the Pfister Hotel*. If you've been to the Pfister (and who hasn't?) and think you've already seen this historic "Palace for the People," built in 1893...you really haven't! This presentation has been described as "a big, beautiful love letter to Milwaukee and the jewel-box Pfister!" As usual, the program will take place in the Ben Hunt Room of the Hales Corners Library, at 116th & Janesville Road.

**FREE for HCHS members!**  
**For non-members, a donation of \$5 is suggested.**



**CCC PROGRAM BECAME A MEMORIAL TO OUR BUILDING IN WHITNALL PARK**

On March 10th, our guest speaker, **Steve Schaffer** of the Milwaukee County Historical Society, did a great job narrating the story of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in Milwaukee County. Sadly and ironically, the only remaining CCC building in Hales Corners was razed in February, a month before our program, but the sign marking its location still remains (see photo at right).



## HUNT CABIN OPENS MAY 2ND (WE HOPE)

The current coronavirus crisis is providing us with the most severe case of “Cabin Fever” in recent memory!

HCHS hopes to open the Ben Hunt Cabin on the **first Saturday in May, the 2nd, from 1 - 3 p.m.** If that cannot occur, we will try for the next first Saturday of each month until we’re successful. That would be: **June 6, July 4\*, August 1, September 5, October 3, November 7, and December 5\*.**

**\*Please note** different hours for these two dates:  
- July 4th, Noon to 3 p.m., and  
- December 5th - 5:30 to 7 p.m.  
Group tours are also available by reservation.



*John Krainik, Ben Hunt's son-in-law and a member of the Spit 'n Whittle Club, is shown in the Cabin working on a totem pole, c.1940s*

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## AN UNKNOWN INDIAN RESERVATION IN HALES CORNERS?

We’ve received several photos of Hales Corners residents in Native American costumes, and of teepees erected outside of modern-day homes. The photos, from 1966, were donated by **Judy Vogel**. If anyone knows the story behind these images, please contact HCHS and let us know where the pictures were taken and who the people are. Thanks!



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## BEN HUNT’S PHOTOGRAPH OF PRINCESS SUMMER-FALL-WINTER-SPRING

The editors apologize for this reference to a Howdy Doody character but they could not resist. This framed photograph measures 13” by 17.5” and is signed by Ben Hunt in the lower right corner. It was donated by **James and Mary Jo Fuhry** of Port Washington. After acquiring the photo, they did some research on Ben Hunt and discovered his connection to Hales Corners. So, they decided the photo should be added to our collection and drove to our offices in January. Because they knew very little about Ben, we gave them a tour of the Ben Hunt Cabin and a copy of our Ben Hunt book. Does anyone know the identity of the young woman?



## MEMORABILIA NEEDED FOR HALES CORNERS SPEEDWAY PROGRAM

Our Society is in need of any items you might have that relate to the Hales Corners Speedway -- photos, ads, signs, posters, etc. We intend to use those bits and pieces to produce our upcoming August 12th program, **Hales Corners Speedway: 53 Years of Racing Thrills**. All items will be returned to you following the program, or we will add them to our historical collection if you wish to donate them. Please contact HCHS at [info@HalesCornersHistory.com](mailto:info@HalesCornersHistory.com) or 414-529-6150, Ext. 24.

We will make arrangements to get the materials from you.



Speedway sign, c.1970s



Eugene Willman and his midget racer, 1971.

## IT WAS 68 YEARS AGO...

Spring is a time for new beginnings, and some HCHS members with good memories may recall an important beginning that took place in our Village on April 15, 1952: the first meeting of the Hales Corners Board of Trustees, held at Hales Corners Elementary School.



*New beginnings: The first meeting of Officers and Trustees of the newly incorporated Village of Hales Corners on April 15, 1952.*

An official facility and other arrangements for the newly incorporated Village were still works in progress. For example, Clerk **William Holz** volunteered his breezeway for office space, and his house as the official mailing address for the Village. That temporary free arrangement was approved at the April 15 meeting.

During their first few meetings, Trustees dealt with common irritants, public nuisances, and other items of the most immediate concern to Hales Corners' citizens. The subject matter in the titles of the first 10 Village

ordinances provide an interesting snapshot of the time:

1. Peddlers (Fair days) (5/12/52)
2. Transient Merchants (5/12/52)
3. Cigarettes (5/26/52)
4. Fermented Malt Beverages Soda Water, Operators (5/26/52)
5. Intoxicating Liquors (5/26/52)
6. Amusement Devices (6/16/52)
7. Disorderly Conduct, Vagrancy, Begging, Trespassing, etc. (8/11/52)
8. Regulations of Sewers and Drains (9/22/52)
9. Structures and Work on and under Public Ways (10/20/52)
10. Substitute for Bond of Treasurer (11/14/52)

The first flurry of ordinances preceded the adoption of a core of basic legislation around which our new community would grow. Law and order, public works, zoning, health, and social services were addressed in a businesslike manner. A young attorney, **David Schoetz**, was retained by the Board to provide legal services. Dave drafted the legislation and bylaws necessary for the foundation of the new governmental unit on which official actions are based today.

-- Excerpted from *Hales Corners Wisconsin: A History of the Village Since 1937*

## DIGITAL COLLECTION CONTINUES TO GROW

One photo at a time, our Society is preserving the history of Hales Corners by making digital copies of our collection of photos, slides, newspaper clippings, and assorted printed materials. In addition, we are adding today's photos to the mix, which is a lot easier since they are already digital. Currently, HCHS has more than 4,000 images in its database from the 1800s to 2020. If you think you have photos that might be of interest to us, please email us at the address listed at the bottom of the page. We will digitize your photos and return them to you afterward.

## TALES OF THE CORNERS

From the files of the *Tri-Town News* and *Hub*

### 90 YEARS AGO (1930)

- Two framed prints are purchased for each Hales Corners School classroom. Included are "Joan of Arc" and "Dance of the Nymphs."

### 80 YEARS AGO (1940)

- Plans are made for the Milwaukee-Rockford and the Milwaukee-Janesville buses to stop in Hales Corners.

### 70 YEARS AGO (1950)

- Dial telephone service is installed in Hales Corners.
- A quarter-mile dirt track is under construction on Highway 100. It is a project of the Hales Corners Recreational Enterprises.
- \$120,000 bond issue is raised for the new Hales Corners grade school.

### 50 YEARS AGO (1970)

- The Hales Corners Village Board votes to spend \$1,500 to complete a downstairs community meeting room at the new municipal building.
- Dietrich's Decorating advertises two gallons of paint for \$8.98.

### 40 YEARS AGO (1980)

- James Ryan, chairman of the Hales Corners Village Board's Personnel Committee, runs for Milwaukee County Supervisor.

*Research by Katy Galewski*

## NEARLY 250 PEOPLE NOW FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!



Kudos to **Mike Fischer**, who is doing a great job of regularly creating new posts for our Facebook page. Thanks to his efforts, as well as the diligence of everyone who "Shares" the posts with others, 247 people now follow HCHS on Facebook (compared to only 134 two months ago -- wow!). Check out the latest posts at [facebook.com/HalesCornersHistory](https://www.facebook.com/HalesCornersHistory).

## WELCOME, NEW\* AND RETURNING 2020 HCHS MEMBERS!

Constance Anderson  
Bette Arey  
Kenneth J. Augustine\*  
James Bain  
Mary Bennett  
Joan Berg  
Dan & Diane Besson  
Roger Brinkmeier  
Robert Burnham  
& Patricia Laughlin  
Esther Demerdash  
Jeffrey Dietz\*  
Ronald & Kathleen  
Dondlinger  
Mike & Judee Fischer  
Robert & Mary Forecki  
Katy Galewski  
Jean Hancock  
David & Margarete Harvey\*  
Michael J. Holmes  
Frank & Judith Humpal  
Jeffrey & Mary Javorek  
Mike Jedrzejewski  
& Sybil Grandeck  
Celine Kashishian  
James & Jacqueline Keuck  
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Mary Ann Kniep  
Gary Kohls  
& Karen Niessing  
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Cornelio & Colleen  
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Scott & Maureen Riemer  
Richard & Carol Ann Rose  
Randy & Sandy Sannes  
Chris & Caroline Schachtlie  
Kevin & Marnie Schmidt\*  
Mel & Elaine Schmidt  
Don & Suzanne Schwartz  
Rosemary Selep  
Walt & Nancy Sievert  
Marjorie Stahl  
Sherman & Sally Stock  
Daniel & Kayellyn Strasburg  
Al & Ruth Strekow  
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Thomas Ueberroth  
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