



Markesan Historical Society Gazette

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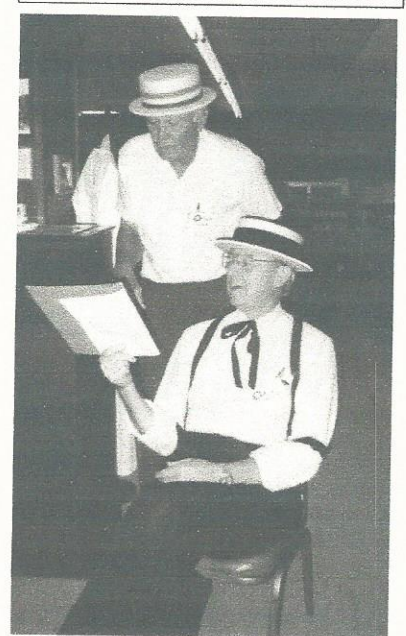
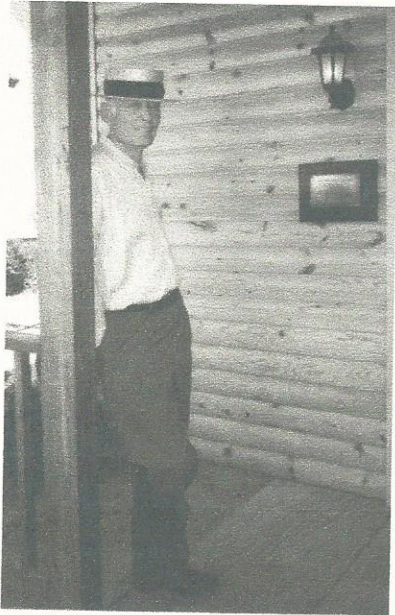


Good days are wished to all for the new year of 2015.

The Markesan Historical Society began the year of 2015 with newly elected officers. **Gayle Schultz** is the Society's new President, while **James Fenske** takes the office of Vice-president. **Pat Dallman** remains as Secretary and **David Prill** as Treasurer. Board members are Don Leider, Lorraine Justmann, Sue Abendroth, Orville Swanson and Roger Cotterill. The beginning of the year saw the need for either the repairing of the current furnace or the acquisition of a new one. The museum has a new furnace!

THANK YOU

We wish to extend our thoughts of appreciation to **Don Leider** for his many years of service to the Markesan Historical Society as President, and to the Grand River Valley Museum. His dedication to the organization has been exemplary, and it is with heartfelt thanks that he will remain on the Society's Board of Directors. A man of many talents, he sang a duet with Lee Krueger (seated) during a Heritage Day at the Grand River Valley Museum.



January Meeting

The transition of officers was accomplished during the January meeting. This was a time of reflecting on the past year and looking forward to the schedule and ideas for 2015. There are some Historical Society calendars available for the new year. They are \$5 each and are entitled, "Green Lake County Cemeteries--Part 2."

February Meeting

Back by popular demand, "Show and Tell" was the program for the evening. Members brought a sampling of Valentines and Sweetheart cards for viewing, a board

from the Clarence Mielke and Earl Nehring Hardware Store building--dated 1927, a mustache cup belonging to Ruth Riemer Parker, a glass container used for white gas, Lillian Long's wedding dress and photos, writings from autograph books, an unusual dish from childhood memories, a blackjack used by a shepherding relative, a photograph of the late Joyce Timm as a child, and a threshing crew photo--dated 1925. How would you like to cook for a crew of over 20 men? A member gave some interesting facts about the Hatfields and McCoys. As he is related to one of the families, his telling of the feud between the two families seems to have begun during the Civil War.

April 8th Meeting
Meteorologist Sara Schultz
of the National Weather Service,
Detroit, Michigan, will speak
on The Study of Upper Air & How It
Aids in Forecasting Severe Weather.

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March Meeting

Remember those days when one could drive to the gas station and fill up the tank for a mere two dollars? The showing of the documentary: **Fill'er Up: The Glory Days of Wisconsin Gas Stations** was enjoyed by the members during the March meeting. "Vintage gas stations are unique buildings that changed the way we live. They are symbols of the automotive age--icons of architecture, economics, and pop culture. Get behind the wheel for a journey through Wisconsin to visit historically significant gas stations from simple shacks to homey cottages, exotic pagodas, and sleek service centers." --Jacket description.

Many members will remember some of Markesan's gas stations: Heinie's Texaco, Zanto's Mobil, Schraeder's, Co-op Station, Tankar, and Page's.



Meetings

The Historical Society meets the second Wednesday of the month in the Barn at the Grand River Valley Museum, 214 E. John St. for the summer months at 7 p.m. The Society meets at the Markesan City Hall, 150 S. Bridge St. during the winter months.

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### Museum Hours

The Grand River Valley Museum is open on Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. May through September. The museum is also open by appointment. **Opening Day for 2015 is May 2.**

### Board of Directors

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