

Markesan Historical Society Gazette

October/November/December 2016

The 25th Annual Heritage Day on Sunday, September 18th was very successful. Many people toured the museum complex and all chairs were filled in the Barn when Jerry Apps, Wisconsin author and storyteller, spoke at 2 p.m. Jerry also brought along some of his many books for purchase which he autographed.

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Karl Stewart shared his memorable family background on the Hatfields at the October meeting. Karl's grandmother, Sally Carpenter, was a niece of "Devil Anse" Hatfield, and Karl has written, *Devil's Backbone*, the sequel to his first novel, *The Legend of See Bird: The Last Long Drive*.

Granny's husband, See Bird, was a friend of Devil Anse, and was drawn into the infamous feud between the Hatfields and the McCoys. Karl described Granny as the storyteller who chain smoked Pall Mall cigarettes and had yellow nicotine stains on her fingers. According to Granny, Devil said, "People won't mess with you if your name is Devil." This name gave him space, and he was really a shy man. His true name was Anderson Hatfield. It was not widely known that he went to a revival meeting, became a Christian in 1911 and was baptized, thus keeping the name of Devil intact. The feud was not a day by day happening. Years would pass and nothing would occur. As to the McCoys, Granny stated that they had their own side to the feud, stating "they's stupid people." The feud has ended, but it is an event in American history.

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At the November meeting, Margaret Whirry shared remembrances of her father, Maurice Whirry, who served in World War II in a most unique way. During the Nuremburg Trials in Germany, his duty was to watch the defendants. In these trials, leaders of Nazi Germany were accused of crimes against international law. Her father, along with others assigned to this duty, slept in the very barracks and beds in which SS officers once slept. Thank you, Margaret, for sharing.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 14, 2016

5:30 p.m. Gathering

6:00 p.m. Catered Dinner

Markesan City Hall

150 S. Bridge Street

All members who have paid their dues will be treated to a free meal. Sixteen dollars will be required for each guest accompanying members. For reservations, please call Kathy--920-295-3042 by December 5th. Please bring a non-perishable item for the Food Pantry. Happy Christmas!

## MENU

Roast Beef

Spaghetti & Meatballs

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All the Trimmings

## ENTERTAINMENT

William Gorr, a member of the Marine Silent Drill Platoon, will demonstrate the intricacies of a silent drill.

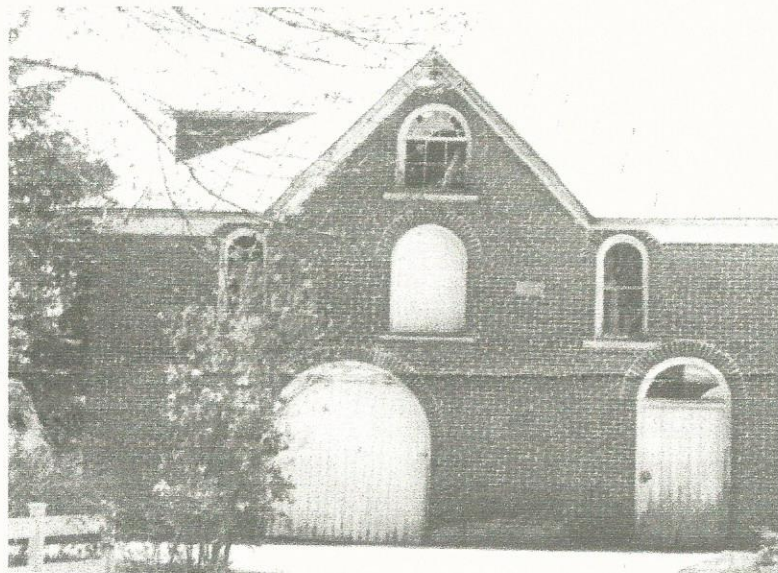
William is the son of Markesan Historical Society members, Richard and Susan Gorr.





# CALENDARS

The 2017 Markesan Historical Society Calendars, "Markesan Carriage Houses," are now available. They have been designed by Gayle Schultz. Calendars are \$5 each and make excellent Christmas gifts for those on your list.



## New Book

Karl Stewart's new book is entitled, *The 7th Cruise*, which is about World War II. Look for it at area libraries or contact Karl.

## Thank You

Thanks to everyone who gave of their time and talents in staffing the museum this past season. All events were carried out in a most enjoyable fashion for those attending.

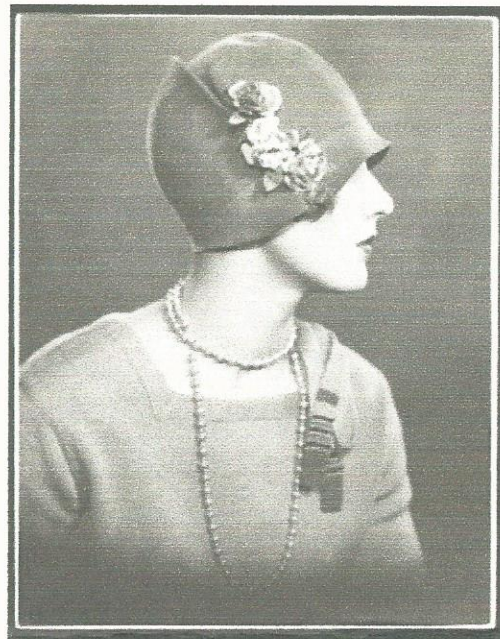
## Meetings

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.

## Have you paid your dues?

### MEMBERSHIP

\$5/yr. individual  
\$100/ lifetime individual or husband & wife



What style of hat is the woman wearing? The United States makes more hats than any other nation. The design, production and sale of women's hats is called millinery. This term originates from the name of the city of Milan, Italy, also a leading producer of ladies' hats.

In the 1920's, women wore a drooping, bell-shaped hat called the cloche, as pictured above. In the 1930's, they wore a harlequin hat, which had a wide, upturned brim. Will the popularity of hats return? Time will tell.

## 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.

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