

THE VILLAGE LOG

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CONCRETE FOOTERS POURED 2016

Several foundations were poured during the first part of March, giving construction workers plenty of work ahead for the summer.

Poured were the cement footers for the Githens house, the first of many craft shops, located to the rear of the kiln area; the addition to the Hatfield house; and a base for an outdoor oven. This last structure will be in the food preparation area of the Village near the east end of the barn.

EXPANDED SCHOOL DAYS SET D

Three days of School Days this year, April 26, 27, and 28, will feature more craftsmen demonstrating to more children over one more day than in other years.

What has become an anticipated spring event on the part of local children as well as a rewarding activity on the part of the demonstrators acts as a prelude to the spring festival and a kind of an official opening for the Village for the summer.

C'MON OUT ON THIRD SUNDAY

Unofficially, as well as officially, the third Sunday in each month is becoming Pioneer Village Day.

The two festivals are held on third Sundays, the picnic in July is on that day, and an effort will be made this year to turn out many workers on each third Sunday when nothing of a special nature is planned. On these work Sundays, lunches are usually prepared and served by Village members.

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1979 TRUSTEES ELECTED

Trustee elections at the March 6th meeting saw Burnett Butterworth, Mildred Crane, Miriam Lukens, Linda Morgan, Don Richards, and George Wall re-elected for another one-year term, and Linda Lee and Jane Spargur elected for their first term.

After the membership meeting the trustees met and elected Don Richards as president, Burnett Butterworth as vice-president, Jane Spargur as treasurer, Catherine Butterworth as recording secretary, and Thelma Hatfield as corresponding secretary.

All officers remain as they were for the past year except for Catherine, who replaces Linda Morgan, Gloria Herres and Linda Lee.

MOLASSES COOKIES ANY ONE?

Mildred Crane took the opportunity of a week's vacation to squeeze into her busy schedule the mixing and baking of literally dozens and dozens of molasses cookies in preparation for the festival.

She used some of the sorghum remaining from the fall festival.

HERBS COME FOR GARDEN 2016

The herb garden, tried by several and forgotten by many, will be planned and planted by Mic Richards, who is collecting as many herbs and plants as she can find for spring planting.

Her request for herb seeds has been rewarded by some dozen and a half varieties, some of which she received in duplicate packages. Mic still requests your help in preparing and caring for the garden. Bring your green thumb out weekends.

ELECTRIC SWITCH SHED UP D

2016
Good weather on a nice Sunday, a willing crowd of workers, coffee and food from the kitchen, and one good model already completed, melded together to get most of the small electric building erected.

Spearheaded by Walter Smith, assisted by Don Patton Ed Simpkin, Homer Marsh, Mike Heintz, and what seemed like a dozen others, the frame of the building rose quickly during the afternoon.

Don Richards had previously built the foundation with concrete. After the work Sunday, Walter and Homer finished the sides and roof, and installed the door and a board on the inside rear wall to accommodate the electric switches.

Dave Patton will run the electric lines from this building to the buildings in the Village, and Dayton Power and Light will run the main power line to it from the road via underground cable.

The switch building, like the well building, is designed to perform a modern function yet merge into the Village aesthetically appealing and compatible with the other structures.

NEW ROOF SHINGLES SET 2016

Following a recommendation by Don Richards that the roof of the Meeting house be given a high priority, the trustees voted recently to shingle it as soon as a roofer is secured for the job.

The green asphalt shingles will be replaced with wooden shingles, the type of roof originally used on the building.

TRACTOR IN USE FOR SPRING

The Village took delivery of its new tractor a few days early, but spring weather prompted enough workers on the grounds to welcome its use.

The tractor, a "Canadian" model of the late '40's vintage, was completely re-conditioned by the Lebanon Ford Tractor Company, where it was purchased, before delivery. New tires, draw bar, and engine parts make it practically a new machine.

According to an employee at the Ford Company, the price paid by the Village is very reasonable compared to the necessary repairs required to put it in such good shape.

Along with the tractor, a new Woods rear-mounted "bush-hog" mower and an override clutch for the tractor were also purchased, making the complete unit a reliable machine for summer's work.

Part of the price for the unit was financed by the sale of the smaller tractor used by the Village for the past several years.

SPRING FESTIVAL PLANS PROCEED

Linda Lee reports that many craftsmen have indicated their desire to participate in the May 20 festival, and also have signed for Sunday demonstrations during the summer.

MUSIC FESTIVAL PLANS SET

Following a meeting at the Richards' with the officers of The Mountain Dulcimer Society and attendance at one of their meetings by members of the Village, plans seem to be well established for the coming American Folk Music Festival scheduled for June 22, 23 and 24.

Two flyers have been printed and are in distribution. One, a handbill of the type used by the Village, and another, designed by Andy Kopp of the Dulcimer Society, are available and will be passed out by members of both groups as they travel and attend the activities available. The Dulcimer Society in particular covers a wide range of festivals and attends musical activities in several states.

Ed Simpkin, president of the Society, and Debbie Kopp, chairperson for the festival, laid out the site for an outdoor stage to the rear of the Hawkins house, where it will be shaded from the afternoon sun by large trees.

MESSY, MUDDY, BUT NICE

Ground has been smoothed back and seeding will be completed soon, making disruption of the earth nearly forgotten where water and sewer lines were installed this past winter.

SCHOOL ABOUT COMPLETE

The Village school, recently finished inside, on a weekend this spring, now has a coat of whitewash on the inside to make it resemble the interior decorating used for log structures in the early 1800's.

The first building in the Village to be so decorated inside, the school will be a focal point of interest for the spring School Days in April.

Together with the punch-eon benches and peg coat hangers built by Burnett Butterworth, the charming building with its two little windows, weathered logs, and large fireplace, is as authentic as such a building could be.

RESIDENCE BID TOO HIGH

To-date no carpenter has been secured to do the construction on the caretaker's house addition due to the high cost of carpenters and the unavailable personnel at a price the Village can pay.

Mr. Hartz's bid of over \$19,000 for the addition was too high for the Village's treasury and no other carpenter has so far expressed interest. The work on the addition is now deferred.

SPRING ON A PIONEER FARM MAY 20, 10 - 6.

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