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VILLAGE LOSES PILLAR MEMBER

Mrs. DeWitt (Eleanor) Plecker, an original charter member of Pioneer Village, passed away suddenly April 28. A further article is to follow in Issue 5.

RECORD NUMBER TAKE HIKE

Pioneer Village hosted 661 Volksmarschers over the weekend of April 17 and 18, with the larger number's going through the trails and using the Village as a staging area on Saturday. Saturday was cold and wet, so Sunday hikers were greeted with better, nearly ideal weather.

According to officers of the society, this was the largest number to go on a hike during the period of their organization.

Registration, awards, maps, medals were lodged in the barbecue building. Village folks worked both days in the kitchen, dispensing weiners, brotwurst, soup, sauerkraut, drinks and other German-type dishes. Helping were Don and Dottie Hawke, Terry Lawson, Dave Hastell, Linda Lee, Wanda Hodson, Mic Richards, Linda Morgan, Jane Spargur, Becky Apostelos, John Kramer, Tina Simpkins, Edna Marsh, Miriam Lukens, Chick Minnich, Katherine Smart, and Miriam Worley.

ARMCO AWARD GRANTED KOPP

Debbie Kopp has announced the awarding of a \$100 grant from the Armco Steel Foundation to the Village to be used in Debbie's marking trees and shrubs on the nature trail she is developing. Debbie is employed at Armco Steel, and it is through her efforts that the grant was initiated and filed.

HOW ABOUT A CALLENDER TOO?

Lynn Callender, who, with his wife, Marjorie, have recently become members, offered to donate his services and experience in producing and marketing post cards for the Village.

The cards will offer several selections and will be in full color. Slides are being furnished by Joe Hatfield, Joe Worley and Burnett Butterworth. Lynn thinks Christmas cards will be a natural outgrowth.

BARN LOFT FLOORING LAID 2016

During the past month, rough subflooring and a plywood floor were laid on the right side barn loft. This project has been talked about for years, but there was always something else demanding attention.

Bob Head, Burnett Butterworth, Homer Marsh, George Wall and Harold Death one day did the work. They now are working on the left side but must find a main supporting beam before proceeding.

GARBAGE SERVICE STARTED

Trustees have voted to hire a regular garbage pick-up this summer. In the past Village members have hauled home a bag or two to set out with thier own. The first pick-up has been set in motion.

TREE PLANTED IN MEMORY

A beech tree, in memory of Clint Barber, a local businessman, was planted recently just off the corner of the Gate House by the Warren County Farmer's Club.

Additional fruit trees are planned in memory of DeWitt Plecker, Village member who passed away in January. The family suggested Village donations in lieu of flowers.

SHOW AND TELL SET FOR MAY 18

A new format has been adopted by the trustees for the bi-monthly meetings in the future. Meetings the first Tuesday of each month will be devoted mainly to business and multifaceted activities involved in running a village and historical restoration.

The meetings on the third Tuesday will feature an abbreviated business meeting and a special topical presentation of historical interest.

The subject for the second meeting in May, on the 18th, will be a "show and tell" with each member's bringing in some item of historical interest and telling about it.

Meetings are being held in the Hatfield house at 7:30, open to all.

TRUSTEES WRITE FOR HELP

Trustees, concerned over the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' refusal to include the mowed field on the south of the Village in the revised lease, met recently with Chuck Parrish, representative from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, who was in the vicinity.

Mr. Parrish's advice to the group was to write the Colonel in charge of the Louisville District, in which the park is located, and from whom the state holds the lease, asking for intercession in the lease, or consideration in including the adjacent field in the revised lease. Don Richards and others have done this. Continued use of the field is urgently needed for extra parking on Village event days.

SPRING WEATHER BEGS GOING

Over the past month, the Village has seen considerable progress in both construction with spring clean-up and in new directions.

Dave Hastell and Terry Lawson both worked several days on grounds cleaning and maintenance jobs among which were the spreading of gravel under the pit area of the barbecue building, the painting of the barbecue building roof, the trenching of an electric line from the kitchen to the barbecue building, and repair of the barn roof.

Don Richards painted the crib roof and put in steps.

Homer, assisted by Linda Lee and Mic Richards, cleaned out the wood storage section of the furnace building and sawed and stacked wood. Homer also has the railings cut for the Hatfield house picket fence.

Raymond Eakins has plowed the cane field and will disc it.

Burnett Butterworth and George Wall and Bob Head and Homer have studded the gable ends of the Gate House and enclosed the south gable and the fireplace opening.

Kat Spray and Kathy and Terry whitewashed the inside of the Githens house and cleaned that building. Mic Richards helped finish the mud on that building.

Linda Lee has cleaned the buildings. Herman Weaver turned on the water after the winter and hooked up the water heaters again.

Ed Simpkins has wired the barbecue building, setting up lights, switches, breaker boxes and plugs.

Becky and Mark painted the trim on the Elam house and started other painting.

Don Patton has measured the used flooring donated by the Stan Grunienger Olds Company and evaluated the trusses located there.

Miriam Lukens and helpers have conducted another April session of School Days.

The Fugetts have stocked and restocked the store and gotten it into operation.

OPERATION A RESPONSIBILITY

Within a month the summer program, Gatherings at the Village for a Month of Sundays, will be happening. This new schedule is both promising and challenging.

The thematic mini-festivals will start with pioneer food on June 6, followed by textiles and tools on the 12th. The two-day music festival then occupies the weekend of the 19th and 20th, as in the past four years.

Then follows the June 27th Gathering with the theme of tales, toys and tunes, and finally on July 4th, the old-

fashioned fourth.

These Gatherings replace the single festival held in May and offer a direction to phase into special activities each weekend throughout the summer as is the policy with most restorations such as the Village. It also affords the hedge to avoid a disastrous weather day and thus compromise the budget and the restoration moneys for half a year. Poor weather has been the rule for the past several spring festivals.

However, an increased set of activities implies an increased degree of responsibility for members as more days are spent working on festivals instead of on restoration activities. To offset this diminuation of restoration, several of the buildings will be erected with professional or semi-professional workers, different from years before when members did it all. So more time on running the Village and less time on building it occurs, an inevitability as our Village moves from construction to operation.

SHOWS BRING GOOD RESULTS

Linda Lee reported that the total proceeds from all the Mall shows came to just a little more than \$2,800.00 for the three shows.

VILLAGE GATHERINGS NEED YOUR HELP

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