

THE VILLAGE LOG

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THE BIG ONE COMING NOW

The next, last and largest event of the year, the fall harvest festival, Pioneer Days, will occupy the weekend of Sept. 21 and 22, from 10 a.m. till 5 p.m. both days. Again suggested adult gate donation will be one dollar with children 12 and under, free.

An attempt is being made to make this the biggest and best of the year, and according to history of Village festivals, it just may be. Linda Lee reports an unusually large number of respondents among the craftsmen. The outdoor bake oven is scheduled, the cider mill, apple butter, hominy, herb garden in full swing, music on the stage both days, displays, wagon and donkey rides, and of course food from the kitchen.

Fall festivals have always been largest and best of the year, and this should be no exception.

FALL MARSCH TO USE VILLAGE

October 19 and 20, Saturday and Sunday, will see the Volksmarschers sallying forth on either a ten mile hike (to the east) or a twenty mile hike (to the west) from the hike headquarters at the barbecue building in the Village.

The annual volksmarsch has been changed from spring until fall, when the scenery is optimal and the weather will probably be better. Marchers will start anytime from 8 to 1. Everyone must be off the trails at 4. The public is invited to join. The Village will serve pancakes, sausage, drinks till 9 (\$2.50 adults, \$1.50 children) and "German" sandwiches for lunch.

MACHINERY SHOW A GOOD ONE

Chugging, pumping, puffing, moving, popping, banging, tugging, fanning, pulling, baling, treeshing, binding, plowing — the Village became a scene of action as well as antiques over the weekend of the Warren County Antique Farm Machinery Club show. It fit well into the background of rail fences and log houses.

According to Gary Breeze, a Waynesville member of the club (who also joined the Village at the time), there were 52 tractors on the grounds, several hundred pieces of antique engines, plows, pumps, grinders, tools and engine repair equipment.

It was an action weekend, with a plowing and wagon backing contest on Saturday and a tractor pull on Sunday. Threshing and baling took place both days. Little engines putted all over.

The organization of the show was well planned out by the Warren County club with programs, "T" shirts, awards, plaques, and registration procedures. Even a loading ramp was constructed. The Village seemed to adapt well to the event, with room for everything that went on and parking and camping for all participants.

Both groups, the Village and the machinery club, felt it was a successful and noteworthy event.

The Village served pancake and sausage breakfasts, by Frank Crabtree and Linda Lee on both Saturday and Sunday mornings. Both groups contributed to a community "stone" soup on Saturday evening, together with corn bread, cake and drinks.

Thelma Hatfield, treasurer, reported that the event grossed about \$3800, and left an inventory for the harvest festival in September.

Despite dire predictions by

the weatherman, both days were rain free, even hot so that drinks served at the herb garden, the barn and the kitchen all did well.

Musicians livened up the groups both days. The stage was filled with performers till late Saturday evening.

YOUTH GROUP WORKS ON HOUSE

Work on the Heighway house progressed over one weekend in August as a group of youngsters in a church-related organization from a Kettering church dug foundations and moved rocks for that building. They slept overnight in the Mills house and ate breakfast at the barbecue building.

VILLAGE TO INSTALL METER

A water meter will be put in the manhole in the green to meter the water the Village uses so that state park will not be obliged to pay for water consumption by the Village. A local plumber will contract to do the job.

CREW GETS INN LOGS UP

The Inn got a big boost a recent Saturday, when several men and machines met to complete the raising of the last top logs. With the use of a sign crane rented from the Clinter Sign Company and its operator, the Village men finally got all logs up, corners straightened and two large logs spliced. Lunch was prepared by Linda Lee, Mic Richards and Sharon Cunningham.

Men helping were George Wall, Burnett Butterworth, Jim Merrick, Dave Hastell, Joe Worley, Stan Ireton and Don Richards.

GIFTS GREATLY APPRECIATED *25/6*

The Village was recently given several nice items appropriate to the times and needs of the early 19th century.

The Blackenderfers of Butterworth Road near Mainville donated a cider mill and press, which has been put in the orchard for demonstration of cider making for the harvest festival. The minor repair is needed, the mill will work as is. Joe Worley and Don Richards brought in this gift with the Village trailer.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Slattery of Route 73, donated an early rope bed in excellent condition which will be placed in either the Mills house or be used as part of the display in the Elam house.

The Sorghum Valley sawmill near Ogden in Clinton county brought in a truck load of slab wood for the molasses making as a donation.

Tom Lacy brought in an old hand corn sheller that he placed in the barn.

Fred Grauman gave a set of window sash, which has been added to the building supplies.

Don Worley brought in a log that was put in the inn as a replacement floor joist, and Joe Worley gave the Village a pipe vise for the shop. Mr. J.E. Carnahan presented the Village with a copy of his book on history of Blanchester & area.

YOUR KITCHEN HELP NEEDED

For anyone who wishes to help cook in the kitchen for the fall festival, the following is the schedule:

Sept. 11, 12, and 13, cookies,
Sept. 17, fried pies.

Dottie Hawke, in charge of food service, will appreciate your contribution of some help. Food is a major fund raising item for the Village at festivals.

WORKERS ACCOMPLISH MUCH

The CETA group, the summer employees who worked on the grounds all summer under the supervision of Jim Merrick, have left, but with a lot of good work done and progress you can see.

This past two months they built fences, rebuilt the floor of the boiling shed, set the floor for the inn joists, moved piles of rocks, cut weeds, mowed grass, trimmed, chinked the Collett house, cared for the goats, plied wood, worked on the wagon shed, hauled lumber, painted and lettered signs, cleaned up after festivals, assisted other Village workers, helped in the kitchen, painted floors and repaired furniture. How's that?!

IRETON HAULS MORE GRAVEL

Stan Ireton hauled more gravel in recently to fill mud holes and build up the exit drive to the level of the marina road to which it connects.

LUKENS RESEARCHING LUKENS

Miriam Lukens is working steadily researching the Lukens house in preparation to have it placed on the National Registry of Historic Places. Of all the historic buildings at the Village, the Lukens house alone qualifies for the Register, as it is the only building that has not been moved from its original site, a requirement.

Miriam reports that the researching is frustrating and slow and full of blind leads due to the scarcity of early Warren County and Ohio records and the sale and resale and division of the original tract of land settled by Lukens into various parts and farms.

The sale of land and the deeds resulting almost never mention buildings and such improvements must be inferred or found from other sources, in this case, few and far between, if any.

THE VILLAGE WILL SHOW AT CORN festival in Wilmington on Sept. 6, 7 and 8, booth manned by volunteers.

BID RECEIVED FOR SPRAYING

The Village has received one bid for spraying buildings and awaits another before deciding to award the job. It has also received a bid from a local pest control firm to spray the interiors and foundations.

HAVE YOU STRIPPED YOUR CANE TODAY? HELP! SEPT. 16 - 20.

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