

THE VILLAGE LOG

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FINAL FESTIVAL TO BE BIG ONE

The last festival for the Village for this year is fast approaching and promises to be larger than any of the rest. Traditionally the largest for the year, the fall harvest festival will be more like those of the past than others that have tended to specialize toward the interests of or special groups. This will be a harvest and craft festival for all.

Linda Lee, Coordinator, says that she has letters out to about ninety craftsmen and expects that around seventy will be present for the event. She also says that there will be donkey and wagon rides.

Musicians on the stage, food at the kitchen, and molasses being made from the cane crop are also to be featured. Once-a-year only crafts such as apple butter making and cider pressing will be available.

As usual the entrance fee for adults will be two dollars and for children under 12, fifty cents. The days? of course- September 19 and 20. 10 AM to 5 PM. SAUERKRAUT BOOTH PLANNED

Much discussion has been taking place about the booth at the forthcoming sauerkraut festival in Waynesville. Joe Worley has drawn up some plans and a committee composed of Trustee Becky Siva, Barbara Lee and Linda Lee has been named to deal with the cooking and preparation of the food to serve.

Trying several samples, the decision was made to serve "Caesar's Creek Chilli," which appropriately enough has sauerkraut as one of its main ingredients.

The logistics of the operation are not complete yet, but cooking will be done at the Village kitchen, served on Main Street, and handled by volunteers wielding pickle buckets and barrels of chilli.

JOE WORLEY RESIGNS

Joe Worley, a Lebanon resident and a Village trustee for the several years past, recently resigned, giving personal reasons as the reason for his action.

Joe has been a most active member and a motivated trustee, doing most of the electrical work at the Village for the past several years, serving regularly in festival capacities and together with Miriam, his wife, taking care of the publicity and mailings for each special event. He has also taken the responsibility for seeing that the Village was adequately covered with insurance and almost singlehandedly got the coverage we now have, an arduous task last year when the Grange Company dropped the Village.

He has assured everyone that he has not quit- just didn't want the extra burden of the work of being a Trustee. To emphasize that point, he was out chasing the wiring down in the store Friday.

NEW GIFTS RECENTLY GIVEN

The Village has recently received several gifts, all of them appreciated, from friends who choose it as a source of their generosity.

The Warren County Historical Society recently gave a log farm roller that had been stored in their basement for some years as an addition to the pioneer farm complex. It is presently stored in the Lukens barn. The roller is probably from the mid to late 1800's in date, and is composed of two gum logs held together in a metal frame, equipped with a seat and provision for a team of two animals.

Richard and Miriam Satterthwaite of Lebanon donated a used deep freeze to use in the bake table and drink stand there. It was brought in by Vance.

Milo Banta gave through Trustee Stan Ireton fluorescent lights for the Lukens barn which

Joe Worley installed. They make possible holding meetings in the barn longer than twilight and also greatly assist working and serving in that part of the barn.

The Drew Gilliams- Drew and Judy provided the meat free of charge for the evening stew for the Antique Farm Machinery show.

Gus and Neva Brining of Dayton have donated a large sauerkraut crock and a pile of field stone to the Village.

Carol Purnell gave the herb garden a bee skep that has been placed on a stand among the herbs there. Mic gave the stand.

Bill LeMay of Waynesville gave the farm club members enough logs to keep the sawmill busy at the recent show and to provide boards enough for the roof sheeting and framing for the sawmill building.

NEW SAWMILL SET TO WORK

The last issue of the Log had an article about the sawmill and what was being done to get it set up and working. This issue has an article about it sawing logs, producing boards, and being a major attraction for the latest show. That's progress!

Credit goes to the members of the Village's antique farm machinery club, and particularly Trustee Gary Breeze who all together made it happen. Got the mill in from Bellbrook where it was stored, poured the piers, set the track, graded the ground, dug the sawdust pit and laid the block, hauled in the logs, and then worked with it night and day into and through the last festival to get it working the way it should. In the heat, dust, smoke and noise of the work. That's progress!

The mill is located to the rear of the caretaker's residence south of the boiling shed for sorghum and maple syrup. The four posts are up for the roof and that may well be on by now.

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MACHINERY SHOW WELL RECEIVED

The third show put on by the Caesar's Creek Antique Farm Machinery Club went off very well and without a hitch according to Trustee Gary Breeze who commented that the only thing that was wrong was the weather. And indeed the weather was hot. It was 93 degrees Saturday, the warmest day of the year, according to the weather records.

But almost all agreed that it would have been worse if it had rained, so although the extreme heat made many spectators leave early, the fair weather brought them to the Village in the first place. And made the show the largest weekend of the 1987 season for the four weekend long festivals so far.

With an expanded horse pull Friday evening, tractor pulls on both Saturday and Sunday, a new class for customized antique tractors, a bale throw, wagon backing, the thrashing and baling, the many collections of small engines and engine displays on the grounds, the weekend held much for many to watch. "Boy, they sure don't have anything like this in Florida," a visitor was heard to remark.

But the big attraction this year was the sawmill, just set up the week before, and the steam engine that was brought in to run it. Although it was behind many

other activities, the smoke from the engine could be seen from almost anywhere, and most spectators got to see the combination in action. Much credit goes to the members of the antique machinery club, who worked day and night during the weeks prior to the show to set it up.

All visitors seemed to have favorable comments about the show when leaving with the most often thing heard was, "I'll be back next year!"

PROPOSAL SENT TO FOUNDATION

Following the direction of the Board of Trustees, President Don Richards recently developed a proposal for enough money to finish the Lacy Springhouse. Letters had been sent to several local foundations soliciting funds, and the Village received a favorable response from one and asked for some \$1800 to go with the remaining funds from the Lacy's donation and the budgeted amount of \$500 for this year's work. If the request is granted, the springhouse plus the water tap and a hydrant should be complete.

FALL SCHOOL DAYS CHANGE

The dates for the fall school days, the days when school children are bussed to the Village to hear craftsmen relate their art in short, small sessions, has been changed to September 30, and October 1 and 2.

SORGHUM CROP GOOD AND THICK

One of the highlights of the fall harvest festival is the turning of the cane crop into molasses and that can't be accomplished without the necessary preliminary work in the cane field, stripping the leaves from the stalks. The leaves must be knocked off the stalks or they will absorb most of the juice as the stalks are crushed in the mill during the processing.

Members who wish to experience first hand the thrills of pioneer labor are urged to try a few rows of cane during the week before the fall festival- the week of September 12 through the 18th.

VILLAGE WAITING ON MEAD LOGS

The logs donated to the Village by the Mead Corporation of Dayton are still not ready to come, according to the Forest Products Superintendent from the Chillicothe area, and the reason appears to be that number of big trees were not nearly as common as was originally thought. The Village asked for 21, 22 feet in length and no smaller than 18 inches in diameter and was assured that there would be little trouble finding that number. But so far several forests have been surveyed and the number has not been accumulated.

The big trees were for logs to saw for replacement logs for the Harkrader barn.