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VOTE TO EMPLOY CARPENTER

Trustees recently voted to employ a carpenter to erect the addition to the caretaker's house in the interest of preparing that structure for residents. A set of plans was taken to George Hartz of Lebanon, who has expressed interest in the job. Mr. Hartz is a well-known local master carpenter.

As the employed carpenter works on the addition, Village men will work to complete the main structure.

SPRING FESTIVAL MAY 20

The spring craft day, Spring on a Pioneer Farm, will be held on the usual third Sunday in May, the 20th, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Linda Lee, Chairlady, is already working on craft letters, musical groups, and grounds layout for the popular, well attended activity.

GROUP MEETS ABOUT STORE

In the interest of expanding and enriching the merchandise in the General Store, a group of Villagers drove to Carriage Hill Farm to spend an afternoon with Maud Lawson, storekeeper at their General Store.

Several hours were spent learning how she orders, stocks, prices, and displays, as well as manages a well-run operation.

TRUSTEE BUYS DRIVE BELT

Walter Smith recently located a drive belt for the sorghum press, and purchased it at the recommendation of the trustees. The belt is approximately thirty feet long and four inches wide.

TRUSTEES APPROVE LARGER BUDGET, PLAN FOR INCOME

An operating budget of \$58,695.00, based on projected income of \$59,104.00, was approved at the Feb. 8 meeting of the trustees. This represents the largest set of expenses and income yet set for the Village.

Of the projected income quite a sizable sum is cash on hand saved for construction of the caretaker's house, plus the several funds held for the maintenance and construction of specific buildings, and the checking balance. These funds break down as follows:

Checking account, \$2,569.89; William A. Lukens memorial fund, \$1,080.22; Ann Mitchener Lane memorial fund, \$1,081.81; Furnas memorial fund, \$2,766.21; monies in the savings account, \$13,856.27; totaling \$21,354.40.

The \$37,750 projected income for 1979 is composed of \$2,500 for memberships; \$1,000, cash donations; \$150, miscellaneous income; \$8,000 from Spring on a Pioneer Farm; \$12,000 from Pioneer Day (fall); \$3,000 from the traditional music festival (June); \$100 from School Days; \$3,000, sorghum and produce; \$300 from the kitchen; \$100 balance of sale of the tractor; \$2,000 in memorial funds; \$600 in interest; and \$5,000 from the General Store.

Projected expenses are higher also since the complexity of the Village increases each year. Maintenance of the lands, including the new tractor and laying electric lines, \$7,000. Construction on the Hatfield (caretaker's) house, \$12,500. Also \$2,000 for Hawkins house; \$3,000, Furnas house; \$3,000, Meeting House; \$1,800 for the Mills saddlebag, \$2,000, the

Githens house; \$500 for the store; \$150, Elam house; \$500 for the barn; \$1,000 for the stone smoke house; \$500 for the Lukens house; \$300 for the school; and \$3,000 for miscellaneous supporting buildings.

\$1,000 is set aside for permanent equipment; \$500 for postage; \$1,000 for printing; \$1,000 for supplies; \$400 for security; \$1,000 for sanitation; \$1,000 for sales tax, and other small expenses such as administration, telephone, workmen's compensation, special programs.

The store has been allotted \$4,000 to spend on inventory; \$4,000 will be spent on each festival; and \$1,000 on the music festival. The kitchen will get \$500, and \$200 is budgeted for crops. Insurance will cost \$1,500.

SCHOOL DAYS APRIL 25-27

Plans for School Days, set for April 25, 26 and 27 this spring, are proceeding smoothly, according to Chairlady Miriam Lukens, who has filled each day with busloads of children and at least a dozen craftsmen to display their art.

Miriam reports that the schools attending range from Cincinnati to Oakwood and primary through Junior High. Several of the schools have not participated previously. One class from an Oakwood school will later perform with early American dances at the spring festival.

Crafts and displays include early tools, construction techniques, food preparation, textile work and music work, plus the Pioneer Village mounted native animals.

NEW MUSIC FESTIVAL ADDED

A third major activity at the Village this summer, a music festival, is planned through the cooperative efforts of the Mountain Dulcimer Society of Dayton and the Village. The festival, officially named The Traditional American Folk Music Festival, is planned for June 22, 23, and 24, carrying the following schedules:

Friday evening will be a "free" night with no admission charged but no formal program planned. Participants will hold impromptu jam sessions, meet, practice, and organize themselves. Any public who wish to come, may be on hand to watch, sing along, or play along if they desire.

Saturday will be mostly occupied by workshops for the care of dulcimers and other instruments, the building of them, and the rudiments of playing them. These sessions will be held in various buildings and Village locations.

Saturday evening will mark performances scheduled by the Dulcimer Society on a first-come basis. No prizes or contests will be part of the festival, but professionals will be on hand to play, as well as amateurs. Performances are to start around seven and run possibly to midnight.

There will be gospel singing in the Meeting House on Saturday evening also.

Sunday will start with gospel singing in the Meeting House and performances elsewhere on the grounds, culminating in afternoon performances that finish around six. It appears that the weekend will be full and varied.

Various early American music instruments will be used: Dulcimer, fiddle, banjo, guitar and mandolin. Vocal selections will also be included. Solos and group selections will be on the program.

The festival will keep to traditional folk music from the early mountain and pioneer settlers, and not include later variations such as blue grass and country-western. The Dulcimer Society will plan the program, act as master-of-ceremonies, handle lighting and PA system, schedule the workshops, and direct all musical activities. Pioneer Village will furnish the facilities, serve food, handle parking and grounds maintenance.

Entrance fees have been set at \$3 each adult per day, with children at all times under 12 admitted free, or \$5 each adult for both days.

A menu-of-the-day will be served from the Village kitchen, with sandwiches and cold drinks.

The full meal will be Saturday only. Mildred Crane will supervise the food service.

Handbills will appear soon advertising the festival. This new endeavor marks the first such festival in this section of the country.

CARDS, NOTE PADS PRINTED

Thelma Hatfield has had printed a new set of notepaper and also small note pads, both with a Village picture. Thelma and Joe are presently working on Christmas cards to be for sale in the fall.

Five hundred sorghum cookbooks are printed for distribution.

Homer Marsh has spent much indoor winter time fashioning wood craft items for sale also.

SEVERAL ITEMS REQUESTED

Among items needed for the summer's work are: A small, old, unpainted shed, a septic tank, and a two-wheeled trailer. 1979 plans include construction of an electric switch building, a tool shed, stage for the music festival, shed to house the sorghum press, and an outdoor oven for communal baking. It is hoped a new roof for the Meeting House can be put on and the Githens house erected, in addition to the stone smokehouse and caretaker's.

MEETING MOVED TO VILLAGE APRIL 3.

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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