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Maple Syrup Sales Year Place

TEN YEAR PLAN DEVELOPED

Twenty-five people, trustees, members and friends of the Village, met in the maintenance shed Sunday afternoon Feb. 13 for an afternoon-long planning session to map out a master plan for the next ten years at the Village.

Trustees had determined the Village needed such a plan after the ODNr recently requested information enabling them to plan park activities to coordinate with development of the Village, according to the general agreement in transferring the most recent acreage to the Village.

For the past ten years the Village has done a lot of informal growing and become larger and more complex without such deliberate pre-planning.

The ten-year plan will provide a blueprint for an orderly development, with goals set forth and organizational strategies listed.

Among highlights of the plan are the finishing and furnishing of the buildings now existing, repair of the Lukens barn, addition to the stage area, additional fences, completion of the Furnas house complex with a barn, sheds, animal pens, and various small buildings commonly found on an early farmstead.

A de-emphasis on acquiring buildings will be in force after the Inn, Collett house, and mill with mill pond are constructed. Two stone smokehouses are still to be erected and a settler's cabin complex is still to go. A bell and playground equipment will be needed at the school, plus a burying ground for the Meeting House and an addition to the Toll house.

As to land development the ten-year plan calls for more trails, improved roads and trails, fencing for the farm, readying the camping area for members and craftsmen, and improvements in the food service area.

In addition it was felt that regular hours will be instituted, scheduled daily crafts, admission donation at the Gate house, food in the food service area on a daily basis, a system of hosts and hostesses, and historical and working exhibits.

Festivals will be continued about as they are with emphasis on special and thematic activities. Workshops and seminars should be increased and more school oriented activities instituted such as Pioneer living experiences for children.

Historical reenactments should be emphasized.

New members should have the benefit of an orientation program, and an office should be added for records, meetings and Village business. A full-time Director should be employed within ten years, a part-time Treasurer, a food Manager and commissioned crafts people and demonstrators.

FESTIVALS GET PLANNING

A large festival planning meeting was recently held in Miriam Lukens' home with an enthusiastic and well founded program outlined for both 1983 festivals. Improved crafts, better publicity and greater variety appear to be the goals of these events.

A Civil War military group (the Ohio 10th Volunteer Infantry) will come to the festival days this year.

VILLAGE TREASURER NEEDED

Miriam Lukens, Village Treasurer for the past year, has informed the trustees she no longer feels she has the time and energy to carry on the job.

Miriam, who took the job when Jane Spargur resigned, has had a particularly busy year with the regular festivals, the Gatherings of the last year, the mall shows, and much on-going construction.

The Treasurer's job in recent years has become more and more complex as the Village has grown. The trend will continue.

The trustees are very interested in any one who would be willing to assume this important and central job for the Village.

Any one interested please contact any trustee or officer, or Box 329, Waynesville 45068.

KOPP WILL MAKE IT GO

Debbie Kopp will again be the general Chairperson for the Music Festival, a position she has held the past two years.

With the past music festivals meeting with continued growth and success, her repeated volunteer assumption of this role is only an exercise in natural selection.

The music festival promises to be better this year than last with an enlarged format and the inclusion of the former talent and new.

The Village's copyrighted flyer is again in print and available for members to pass on wherever and whenever possible.

February 1983 maple syrup

SYRUP AND CAKES MARCH 6. 2016

BUFFALO HEAD BLUES

Maple syrup is in full season with the pancake supper and genuine syrup (as of this writing) scheduled for March 6 between 2:00 and 4:30 p.m. The Village uses this as a time officially let winter know that spring has arrived.

About 100 buckets hang on the Village trees, with Becky Siva's and Jim Merrick's doing most of the gathering, while Homer, George and Burnett are running the furnace. So far, they have gathered about 150 gallons of sap.

A BIRTHDAY PARTY COMING

Linda Lee and Debbie Kopp are arranging a tenth anniversary birthday party for the Village, complete with food, dancing and a good time for all. In the meantime, the anniversary will also be observed at the April 19 meeting.

WINTER TOO WARM TO WORK

Don Patton reports that winter weather has been so warm that there has been no time heavy equipment could have been used on the grounds without extensive damage to grass, roads and ground. It may be summer and dry weather before the ground is ready for equipment to construct the Inn and the Collett house.

PARDON THE TYPIST -- Becky Siva and Marge Wight.

Readers of the Log may recall that last summer the Village was given a buffalo hide and head. After a considerable amount of fuss over both, the hide (which was what we originally wanted) was found to be unsuitable for tanning, but the head proved to be worth keeping. The mount was given to the Springboro Taxidermy and the skull and horns put into the barbecue building deepfreeze, waiting for a time to boil off the meat and use the skull as a museum piece to accompany the mount when it is finished.

No one ever got to the huge head, which practically filled the deepfreeze. Sometime in January the electricity went off for the deepfreeze and the head molded there for about a month.

Jim Merrick discovered it. With some loss of appetite (and other things) he got it out, along with a couple buckets of chicken, also spoiled. He and George Wall decided to boil the meat off the head there and then. George brought a large rendering kettle and the head was immersed (all except the too large horns) in water, and a fire was lit under the pot.

This scenario was complicated by the fact that the Boy Scouts were to use the barbecue building to cook beans for the park's winter hike.

After a couple days of boiling, during which time the Scouts nearly abandoned their cooking nearby, the head was as ripe and rubbery as ever. George and Burnett then hauled it off in the woods and tied it to a tree for the animals to clean. The winter hike went off as planned.

Stay tuned for the next episode.

NEED DIRECTIONS SET UP

Several significant decisions were made in meeting recently which will set forth changes in the Village. Trustees voted to employ a storekeeper on a commission basis and keep the store open on weekends from about the end of April to Spring Planting Festival, and then daily from 1 to 5 p.m. till Fall Harvest; and then weekends till the Christmas party. It will be closed for the remainder of the season.

They also voted to keep the kitchen and food service area open daily through the summer with the help of a person to work as coordinator on a percentage basis, who will do the ordering, scheduling of volunteers and prepare the limited menu.

They also decided to employ the Toll house as an entrance way for all visitors.

TRY A WORK WEEKEND AT THE VILLAGE -- THEY'RE FUN!

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