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ELECTION MEETING MARCH 5

The March 5 meeting of the Village members, to be held in St. Mary's Church in Waynesville, will be the time of the annual election of trustees and officers, as required in the Village by-laws. The time for the meeting will be 7:30 p.m.

According to Kathryn Butterworth, who was chair person of the nominations committee, the outgoing trustees will stand for re-election, plus nominations from the floor at the meeting. The three outgoing trustees are: Burnett Butterworth, Thelma Hatfield and Edna Marsh.

Last year the method of election was changed from all trustees' being elected each year to a system of three people for three years each. Trustees last year drew straws to determine their period of service: One, two or three years. The three outgoing drew one-year terms.

It is hoped that a good turnout will be seen for this important meeting.

BOB HEAD GIVEN MEMORIAL

At the first meeting in February the Village resolved to name the maintenance building, built several years ago over a year's period, and un-named since then, the Robert Head Maintenance Building.

In honoring Bob Head in this manner, the Village is remembering one of the past strong supporters of the Village, who was at one time a trustee, worked one summer as maintenance man on the grounds, worked extensively on the Githens house, and with Homer Marsh built the building on whose walls his name shall be set.

Bob became ill while roofing the building.

SCHOOL DAYS MAY 1, 2, and 3

The Village will hold again this spring the well known "School Days" spring seminar for school children on May 1, 2 and 3.

Schools interested in scheduling are signing up fast.

ALL BUT SNOWED UNDER

The park's spring hike went off quite well with about 250 hikers over the one day. The scouts served beans and hot drinks at the barbecue building at the Village to all who stumbled through the deep snow to get that far.

In some years they have slogged through rain and in others, mud. This year it was knee-deep snow. Maybe some year the sun will shine and the weather be mild.

Harold Anderson, who headed the scouts, said that their profit on the food was just over thirty dollars.

MACHINERY SHOW CHUGS AHEAD

An ongoing dialogue has been taking place with the Warren County Antique Machinery Club on the arrangements for the show tentatively scheduled for August of this year. Representatives met with Villagers at a recent meeting after Joe Worley and several other Villagers had met with them in the Springboro Grange hall in January.

Most details have been ironed out although there are still considerations involving supply of gasoline, attendance plaques, a loading ramp, and camping facilities.

WALKER PRESENTS QUILTS

Dr. George Walker spoke at the February 19 meeting and showed quilts and coverlets. He also discussed other pieces brought in by members. Dr. Walker buys and sells quilts and coverlets, which stems from a hobby he and Mrs. Walker started while in Missouri.

DID YOU THINK IT SIMPLE?

At one time the Village was a simple affair with a volunteer group of people who met by mutual interest to restore and preserve the heritage of southwestern Ohio in this part of the state. In the eleven years since the first building was tackled, much has passed and the restoration business has become big business indeed.

Last year it was deemed necessary by the trustees that we employ a person to coordinate activities, keep buildings open, do certain maintenance activities and work with volunteers as is necessary.

This year the position has been again given to Linda since it has justified its creation. The work she does is essential to the operation of the Village. As the organization has become more complex, it has become necessary to employ help for a number of tasks attached to the restoration. The Village does not exist simply to be; it needs to serve as well. And serve it does, in many ways to many people.

Linda has been employed as the coordinator, a catch-all position that includes seeing that the following things are carried through: The maple syrup, School Days, the Spring Fair, the Music Festival, the Civil War re-enactment, the Harvest Festival, the spring hike, the machinery show, the volksmarsche, a homecoming party, the Christmas program, a mall show, the Bellbrook festival, tours and trips, weddings, much correspondence, help with the newsletter, the gatehouse, the kitchen and the store. This work became far too heavy for Linda to handle as a volunteer.

How did we get along without such a position?

1984 IS COMPLETELY SPENT

At the February 19th meeting of the Village, Thelma Hatfield passed out annual reports, easily the earliest they have ever been distributed. They are complete and Succinct.

The report covers the year 1984, expenditures and income, and then details the amounts budgeted on the various projects as well as anticipated categorical incomes.

1984 income statistics reveal that memberships raised \$2,300 (thanks again to all you loyal members who keep renewing); cash donations \$2,956; crops (syrup and sorgham molasses mainly) \$805; products from the food service including the barbecue building \$11,270; sales from the general store \$7,100; the toll house donations \$2,172; memorials \$200, School Days in both spring and fall \$312; Interest from savings \$966; CETA refunds for part of the Coordinator's salary \$1,072; gate receipts at special events \$8,081; herb garden \$627; bake table \$2,476, and craft percentage shares \$2,954. These items include: the Collett fund donation of \$1,500; the George Henkle donation of \$100, the Procter and Gamble grant of \$1,000, and the Eleanor Hatton memorial of \$150. With miscellaneous minor items, incomes total \$43,552.95.

1985 projected income totals

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\$41,500, with the larger amounts anticipated from memberships, food service, the store, the toll house, gate for special events, crafts, crops and the bake table.

BUDGET SETS EXPENDITURES

Expenditures for 1985 form an ever-lengthening list of projects and monies.

The Village hopes to spend \$7,000 in 1985 on the grounds; \$200 on the Lukens house; \$500 on the Lukens barn; \$50 on the Elam smokehouse; and \$150 on the Elam house; \$3,000 on the Hawkins house; \$1,000 on the Furnas house; \$200 on the school; \$300 on the Meeting house; \$250 on the Hatfield house; \$5,000 on the store and the Wright addition, \$2,500 on the Highway house; \$500 on the Mills house; \$100 on the Githens house; \$500 on the toll house, \$200 on the herb complex; \$5,000 on the Bullskin Inn; \$2,000 on the Collett house; \$1,500 on the blacksmith building; \$500 for furnishings, probably for the Elam house; \$2,500 on miscellaneous other buildings including a chicken coop for the farm.

Operating expenses budgeted are: \$1,000 for postage; \$2,500 on printing; \$3,000 on miscellaneous supplies and equipment; \$1,500 on electricity; \$150 for workman's comp, \$1,200 on sanitation, \$1,200 for sales tax payment; \$7,000 for the coordinator's salary, \$700 for telephone; \$2,500 for insurance; \$1,500 for miscellaneous festival expenses; \$4,500 for store operation and

inventory expenses; \$500 for farm operation, \$6,500 for kitchen supplies and equipment; \$100 on meetings and programs.

It can be seen that almost as much money is needed to run the Village as to carry on its goals.

IT'S A SURE SIGN OF SPRING

Once again the sweet, familiar smell of maple syrup fills the air when visitors venture by the part of the Village where where syrup and molasses are boiled off in season. And this is the maple syrup season.

According to Burnett Butterworth about thirty buckets are out on the trees, considerably fewer than in past years due to the smaller number of volunteers who can run the camp.

The sap is running and appears to be clear and sweet.

The maple syrup season will culminate with a pancake and genuine syrup eat-off as has become the custom. That date has been set for March 3, 2 to 4 p.m. in the boiling shed. Sausage, pancakes, coffee, and the trimmings will be on hand for those with an appetite for such a spring tonic. Come and bring friends. Put on boots and don't worry whether the weather is sunny or not.

Sap is being boiled both the weekends of February 23 and 24, and March 2 and 3.

INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT? ASK FOR A LIST OF PROJECTS.

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