

THE VILLAGE LOG

Maple Syrup

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IT'S MAPLE SYRUP TIME AGAIN

Once again the year's turn has come to the end of February and the beginning of March, it's maple syrup time!

According to those that know, the Village's trees could have been tapped a couple weeks ago, but since maple syrup season is a product of the season, and this winter has been mild, it was feared that the weather would turn cold. But now the buckets are out and the sap is boiling.

First tapped by Sharon and Jim, and then by members of the Friday crew, and finally by Linda and Frank the number of buckets out number about seventy five.

Two boilings have been made, with sunny weather predicted to bring more. Boilings will probably continue through February and into the first week of March. All Village members are invited to the pancake-and-maple-syrup dinner in the furnace shed, set for March 8 from 2 to 4 PM.

This Village activity is a sure sign that old man winter is in full retreat and spring is waiting in the wings. Bring a guest (and your boots) and come out to see.

PANCAKE SUPPER MEETING NIGHT

St. Mary's church, where the Village meets in the winter months, will hold its Shrove Tuesday pancake supper in the parish hall from 5 to 8 PM March 3, meeting night.

Village members are invited to dine before the meeting, which will be in the usual room. Prices for the meal are \$3.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

SAND RECENTLY HAULED

Stan Ireton, Trustee, recently arranged to have a truckload of sand hauled to the Village and dumped in several locations. This load will be an ample supply for the summer's mortar and chinking work.

NEW BROCHURE ABOUT READY

Faced with reordering the Village hand-out brochure it has been using for several years or developing a new one, and discovering that the printing costs would be about the same for either alternative, the Trustees, following a recommendation of the Publicity committee, directed the members of that committee to develop a new one. The preference was for a simpler, smaller, and one using color. The Village has never had a color brochure.

So far two meetings have been held at the Joseph Worley residence to screen color slides and decide on content. A tentative design has been approved after photography by Joe, design by Don Richards, editing by Janet Goode, and copy work by Linda Lee.

RESTAURANT TO GIVE POINTS

The Bill Knapp restaurants, according to Miriam Lukens, are giving points for patronage at their various restaurants based on money spent on food there. Each dollar spent gets a point, and patrons may collect tickets after dining which can accumulate for cash for certain non-profit organizations like Pioneer Village.

The restaurants would wish to know the item that the organization is working for. 1500 points are worth a \$30 item, and 5000 points worth \$100. Those members who wish to patronize Bill Knapps and send the tickets to Miriam, are encouraged to do so.

They should be sent to 204 Northwood Drive, Lebanon, 45068, or to the Village address where they will also be collected.

REFRIGERATOR GIVEN

Joe and Thelma Hatfield recently gave the Village a good used refrigerator which will be used in the barbecue building to replace the one there which had a latch that would not stay shut.

TRINITY MUSEUM VISITED

Mic and Don Richards drove to Mt. Clemens, Michigan last week on a two-day fact finding and inspection trip to the Trinity Museum there.

Last fall Mr. Philip Trinity, a native of Columbus, visited the Village to propose that the Village might be interested in a small private museum located in Mt. Clemens, Michigan, and a product of his family's development there, and his continuing partial responsibility.

After some discussion, it was decided to investigate the offer, as the Village did have empty buildings, and needed to fill them.

The Richards reported that the contents of the collection would fit in well with the type of setting the Village portrays, which is organized around a country Village store of the late 1800s.

A committee to investigate the offer further and to determine just what type of agreement could be reached with the Trinity family was appointed. No further progress has been made.

VILLAGE TO GO TO BELLBROOK

This year Pioneer Village will participate in the Bellbrook Maple Sugar festival with Becky Siva acting as chairperson. A simplified General Store booth will be featured.

The festival is scheduled for April 3, 4, and 5. The Village will set up on the evening of the 3rd.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM MEMORABLE

The 1986 Christmas program, much like the previous ones, held the afternoon of the first Sunday in December, was pleasantly memorable. Featured were a puppet group from the Northside Baptist church near Lebanon, who presented the Christmas story by utilizing a series of puppets similar to the popular characters on TV and recorded music. It was most favorably received.

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LONG TERM MEMBERSHIP RESEARCHED

Linda Lee, Coordinator, and Ethel Jefferis, Membership Chairperson, recently reviewed back through past records as Linda unpacked boxes of old records in preparation to file them.

Some interesting facts were uncovered, but perhaps the most interesting were the number of long-term members that the Village has.

Since 1976, or for the past ten years, 110 members have remained with the Village. A special letter of congratulations was sent to these members by the president.

Since 1977 the numbers of new members as opposed to those not renewing their membership are as follows:

In 1977, 13 members joined, and 15 dropped out. In 1978 20 were new and we lost 10. In 1979, 18 were new and 31 left. In 1980 only 10 were new, but 28 did not renew. In 1981, 7 joined new and 23 dropped. In 1982, 14 were new and 28 left and in 1983 17 joined and 25 left. 12 were new in 1984 and 39 left. In 1985, 25 turned the tide and 21 dropped out. And in 1986 the Village got 53 new members and we lost 15.

Members ebb and flow, and perhaps the ebb of recent years is now past and membership will pick up. It is hoped that as it offers more, more will be attracted to it.

One other fact is apparent: The job of membership chairman is a vital and important job that is

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far from easy. Ethel Jefferis' contribution to the Village over the past years is often unsung, but never undervalued.

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AND THE WORK GOES ON...

Despite the winter season, there has been much steady and significant construction work at the Village. The mild weather allowed workers reasonable comfort in work, and the lack of snow allowed them to find their tools when they laid them down.

The men who usually work on Friday, have rarely missed a week this winter, concentrating on the interior of the Hawkins small side of that house. They have framed windows and doors, repaired windows, strengthened the stairway and enclosed the space below it with a closet. Hardware cloth has been put in the spaces between the logs preparing the room for chinking as soon as warm weather arrives. They still will lay the top floor over the sub flooring that has been down since the house was erected in 1975.

Don Richards has concentrated on the closet under the stairs in the Bullsken Inn, and should have that finished in a week or so. He reports that the walnut boards used in the construction of that stairway (from the Harkrader house) are of the finest quality, absolutely impossible to secure on today's market.

The most obvious progress has been at the Harkrader barn site, where members of the Antique Farm

ranchery club have been putting up the massive logs for that building. The left pen is nearly complete.

That building, rising starkly on the southern skyline, will be one of the finest log barns in the state.

Joe and Don Worley have been restoring the Allis-Chalmers tractor recently given to the Village.

ELECTIONS SET FOR MARCH 3

Elections will be held for three positions on the Village board of trustees at the meeting scheduled March 3 of this year. The three positions open this year will be those held by George Wall, Don Richards and Frank Crabtree.

Crabtree and Richards, according to the nominations committee, will run again, but George Wall declined to do so. Becky Siva has accepted her name to be placed in nomination and other nominations may be made from the floor the night of the meeting.

VILLAGE TO JOIN OPEN HOUSE

Trustees voted at the last meeting to take part in the Dayton Philharmonic Womans' Association open house which will be at a restored house near the Dayton Art Institute that that organization will take on as their project this year.

The Village will be on the grounds or on the porch of the house May 2 and 3 between the hours of 9 AM and 4 PM both days. A craftsman will demonstrate some Village craft during those hours.

The next work weekend is Fri, Sat, Sun March 13, & 14

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