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ELECTRIC LINES PLANNED

4-1-16
As the result of two meetings with representatives of the Dayton Power and Light Company, the Village is now able to plan for its network of electrical wiring, and plans are developing for the construction of a switch building from which the wires can service the Village.

The switches will be housed in a hooded shed similar to that of the well house, which will be built in the little grove of trees just to the west of the Elam house. DP&L will trench the service from the road in front of the Lukens and Elam house and install a meter on the side of the shed. A transformer will be placed on the ground adjacent to it. A seven-foot-high "privacy" fence will be built to the rear of the switch building, which will hide the meter and transformer.

The building will be kept locked at all times and a gate into the transformer yard also when the grounds are open to the public.

From the switch building heavy duty lines will run to the Hatfield house and the food building. Several lines will run to serve centrally located areas with lighter lines to all buildings from these.

Plans are underway to build the switch shed as soon as possible so the electric service can be in for the summer work.

SEWER NOW ACROSS GROUNDS

4-1-16
During the last half of December and into the first of January, the Danis Construction Company installed the sewer line that had been staked across the Village land for several years.

The line runs into Village land to the rear of the sorghum shed, across the land plowed last fall for sorghum, near the Hatfield house, then bends to a direct line with the corner of the parking lot and the fence between the overflow parking field and the Village, under Pioneer Village Road, and on across field and woods in the direction of the bridge over Route 73.

It is buried as deeply as fourteen feet in some places on Village grounds; according to observers.

Four manholes have been placed on Village grounds: One to the rear of the sorghum shed, one near the corner of the Hatfield house, one near the flagpole, and one at the corner of the parking lot.

Due to the softness of the earth during the time of excavation, it was feared that the huge ditch and the fill would permanently scar the green, but nearly all the dirt has been packed back in the trench and the line is scarcely visible.

When ground leveling is complete and grass is once again seeded, signs of the operation will not be apparent.

The Corps of Engineers did this job to avoid any inconvenience to us at festival times, as was their stated plan.

ANIMAL COLLECTION BOUGHT

4-1-16
In a recent meeting, the trustees voted to purchase the Hatfield collection of stuffed animals for display at the Village. Thelma and Joe had offered the group for sale.

This outstanding collection, consisting of most of the kinds of wild mammals native to this area of Ohio, now as 150 years ago, are planned for the Village museum. There are included a wild turkey, a snapping turtle and a large butterfly besides the mammals. There are also a number of small rodents such as voles, shrews and mice. These have been on display at the Village for several School Days and festivals.

The collection is a rare find and should be an important addition to the attractions at the Village.

A hobby of Thelma for several years, the collection was started while Hatfields lived on the farm in Lytle. Its reputation grew, and then she was given specimens to have preserved. Many of the animals were purchased from the taxidermy shop in Springboro, where the preservation work was done.

SELF-GUIDING TOUR PLANNED

Barbara Olmsted, together with a group of Friends from the Wilmington area, is preparing a self-guiding tour booklet for visiting Quaker sites in the area.

WATER LINE INSTALLED

Immediately after the sewer line was installed, water lines were laid to Caesar Creek Park. Although these lines do not cross Village grounds, they do come close. They cross Pioneer Village extra parking field.

A water tower will be placed in this field to the rear of Henpeck, one of the highest points in the park. Pioneer Village hopes to be able to tap into the line where it crosses the road and construct a line to the Village in the vicinity of the flag pole, where a hydrant will be located.

Water will not run in the system until the jurisdictional problems are solved over what agency supplies water to the area.

HERBS ASKED FOR GARDEN

Mic Richards, who is presently coordinating the efforts to nurture the herb garden, wishes those members who have herbs, either wild or cultivated, to contact her so she can secure sprouts, seeds, roots, or plantings for the garden at the Village. Her number is: 897-6546.

ONE SOLD; ONE BOUGHT

The trustees have sold the Village tractor, the International Cub, and have purchased a larger one. Recommended by George Wall and Don Patton, the new tractor will be a '48 Ford, with new rubber and fully reconditioned. A three-month guarantee accompanies the Ford.

At the same time of the tractor purchase, trustees voted to purchase a new bush hog mower to fit the tractor.

Delivery of both units will be April first.

CHRISTMAS PARTY SUCCESS

The Annual Christmas Party was a huge success, with standing-room-only in the Meeting House. A wide assortment of pastries was available as well as hot cider, punch and coffee. Every one seemed to find the food table most attractive.

The program consisted of opening remarks by Don Richards, harp music and group singing led by Sonja Kaldahl, a Christmas story by Dennis Dalton and dulcimer and banjo music by Wally Pergram and Mr. Ed Simpkin.

MUSIC FESTIVAL PLANNED

As the result of a germ of ideas born during the Christmas party, Ed Simpkin and Bob Sampson, two of the music craftsmen of the Village, have recently approached the Village to propose that it sponsor a traditional Pioneer Music Festival.

With the idea elaborated in a meeting held at the Riddles', a proposal was placed before the trustees at the Jan. 16 meeting to hold such a festival June 22, 23, and 24.

Approved by the trustees at that meeting, such a festival will be hosted by the Village in coordination with the Dayton Dulcimer society.

Only traditional pioneer music will be allowed and instruments such as the dulcimer, guitar, zither, fiddle, lap organ and banjo will be featured.

ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED

The first meeting in March, according to our constitution, is designated as the annual meeting. Notices were sent in the January mail for this important meeting. It will be March 6, at 7:30, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Waynesville.

WORK DAY AT VILLAGE SET FOR FEB. 17.

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