

THE VILLAGE LOG

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MAPLE SYRUP TIME AGAIN *2016*

Once again maple syrup will be made at the Village. Sap will be gathered from the sugar maples, taken to the furnace building in the sorghum complex, and boiled to syrup. The syrup will be eaten with pancakes or sold benefiting the restoration.

As sap's running depends on freeze-thaw weather, no definite date can be set for the season. In past years it has usually been sometime during the latter half of February and the first half of March. Length of the sap season also depends on the weather.

As sap will not store for a very long time, it must be boiled down soon after it is gathered.

Members and guests are invited to participate and watch in all phases of the activity from the tapping of the trees to the finished syrup and strong backs are certainly needed by our group to help carry the buckets of sap from the trees along the ridges to the camp. Although this is not advertised as a public event, members and guests are most welcome.

It is, however, a typical and authentic American activity and fits in well with the themes of the Village. Inquire for dates of any of the trustees, Jim Merrick at the Village or Homer and Edna Marsh, who will once again manage the syrup season.

DONATION FROM CENTERVILLE

Centerville Historical Society, through Mrs. Janet Thobaben, Village member, has donated to the Village a quantity of old doors, boards and windows from some of its restoration projects.

The Village much appreciates these materials.

VILLAGE INVOLVED IN HIKE

Again the Village will be the middle point (or the end, depending on how enthusiastic a hiker you are) of the Caesar Creek State Park Winter Hike to be held February 11. As in the past, Scouts will be serving beans and cornbread with beverages at the barbeque building to hikers coming into the Village. This will mark the halfway point of the hike.

At this point, hikers may elect to ride back to the beginning, to hike the other half, or to hike back to the beginning.

ACTIVITIES AT LOW EBB *done 2016*

Since the Christmas program in early December, the planned activities had ceased, and during the cold weather in December and January, the grounds were about deserted.

Jim reports that the water froze in the caretaker house during the Christmas sub-zero temperatures. The installation of a heat tape on the lines that ran near the outside wall thawed the line without damage and kept the line clear during the next series of sub-zero days in mid January. This is a permanent heat tape with a thermostat.

Burnett Butterworth and George Wall nearly finished the store porch roof until bad weather stopped them.

David Hastell, Orin Schaal and Don Richards put several Inn logs up before they became snow covered and too dangerous to handle. An average length, hewn log may weigh about a thousand pounds, and the logs for the Inn range as long as 42 feet. Caution for safety is very important in handling them.

NEW INN GETS OLD NAME *2016*

done The most recent building under reconstruction, the Inn building located near the service driveway, has been given a name. Henceforth, it will be known as the "Bullskin Inn."

Plans include an office as well as a meeting room in the building, and some type of food service.

The name "Bullskin" comes from an early and well known trail that originated on the Ohio River east of Portsmouth and connected to trails leading to Lake Erie. It ran close to the site of Pioneer Village, to the east of Harveysburg and was used by Indians, explorers, trappers and then settlers to the Ohio country.

It would have been a normal occurrence to place a roadhouse or tavern along such a trail in the early days, particularly above a wooded stream such as Caesar's Creek.

ELECTIONS COMING SOON

The 1984 elections for Village trustees and officers will be held during the March 6 meeting, 7:30 at the Episcopal Church in Waynesville. This meeting is important and we urge members to attend and vote.

DIRECTOR GIVES PROGRAM

Victoria Visintainer, the Director of the Warren County museum was the speaker at the second January meeting. Ms. Visintainer had slides to show Christmas scenes at Glendower, and recent water damage at Harmon Hall, where ceiling pipes froze and burst, collapsing the ceiling and causing a great deal of damage.

DECEMBER 4 PROGRAM LAUDED

"The best Christmas program I have ever been to here," and "The best one yet," were two of the comments heard after the December 4, 1983, Christmas program had concluded. It was a memorable program indeed, timely, talented, and touching. Bill and Eileen Spencer of New Lebanon provided the music with several original songs as well as familiar ones. Lynn Callender gave a most effective soliloquy on the spirit of Christmas. Group caroling followed to close the program. A tableful of desserts and warm drinks furnished by the Harveysburg Historical Society concluded the day.

VILLAGE SETS FOR NEW YEAR

Linda Lee reports that mailings for both the spring and music festivals have been completed, which were preliminary informative letters crafts people need in order to set specific dates for their calendars.

Miriam Lukens reports a few spots are still available for the "School Days," seminars for school classes on the grounds by craftsmen and guided by persons familiar with the Village. School Days are set for May 3 and 4, later this year to avoid conflict with Easter. Call 932-2752.

CALENDAR NEW ADDITION

Included with this issue of The Log is a calendar for the year, printed on a separate sheet, listing the dates for the planned events at the Village in 1984.

Most Village dates are listed, including meeting dates, work weekends, and special events such as festivals. Members will note that the number of activities has increased for 1984 over previous years.

This calendar can be removed and slipped inside the front cover of the phone book, pinned to the wall or some bulletin board, or sent to a friend to inform him of the year's coming events. Additional copies can be secured from the Toll house or requested by writing to the Village post office box 329.

The trustees felt the number and complexity of activities require a reminder more complete than by word of mouth or mention in The Log.

FOUNDATION GIVES \$100

The George Henkle Foundation of Cincinnati recently gave the Village a gift of \$100 for restoration efforts. Mr. Henkle is a well known Warren County developer and citizen. The Village is grateful for this financial boost.

BOB HEAD DIES IN DECEMBER

Bob Head, former trustee and tireless worker at the Village, died December 30 at Kettering Hospital, following a long illness. He was a retired Frigidaire employee.

Bob, who spent several years working on Village projects, spent much time on the Githens house. Together with Homer Marsh and others, he built the maintenance shed. He became ill roofing that building. He also provided the grounds maintenance for the year 1981.

Bob was an enthusiastic worker and was well liked by all the Village volunteers. He enjoyed bringing his motor home to the grounds to camp during the festivals.

At the past meeting it was decided to create a memorial fund in his memory as several donations had been received already. Donations can be sent to Box 329.

DAN STEWART TO GIVE PROGRAM

The program for the second meeting in February, on the 21st, will be presented by Dan and/or Jan Stewart of the Old Freeport Inn at Oregonia. They will talk about Oregonia in the past and present.

FEbruary 11 and 12 WORK WEEKEND IS

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