

THE VILLAGE LOG

CAESAR'S CREEK
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OLD MACHINERY SHOW SET

The trustees at the January 15 meeting voted to include an antique machinery show the third weekend in August this year. This would be jointly sponsored by the Warren County Antique Farm Machinery Club. This club is similar to those of other Ohio counties, who join together in presenting their equipment at summer shows. The Warren County club holds its own show at the fair each year.

The Village show is planned for August 17 and 18, and will feature the antique farm machinery of members and of those from visiting clubs. Activities will include operation of the equipment, antique parts flea market, displays, and a daily parade. The Warren County group has been displaying at the fair for several years, and wishes to expand to a more suitable space and season for tilling. The club will continue with the fair display also.

The club members will camp at the Village and display in the green. Admittance to the event will be the same as other festival events and as last year: A donation of one dollar per adult, with children under 12, free.

HENKLES SEND \$100 GIFT

The Village recently received a grant of \$100 from the Greater Cincinnati Corporation in the name of Mr. and Mrs. George Henkle. Mr. Henkle is a prominent developer in southwest Ohio and has been active for many years in the areas of local history and preservation. Mr. and Mrs. Henkle are Village members.

NATIONAL REGISTER A GOAL

The Levi Lukens house and barn, the only buildings original to the Village site, are the only ones able to qualify for inclusion on the National Registry of Historic Places, provided the proposed application is finally acceptable.

With the support of the Corps of Engineers and Chuck Parrish, their history representative, efforts are being initiated to research the house (with barn) so it can qualify. This involves much record searching and work by some one with an understanding of such records and an ability to devote extra hours.

Mrs. Mirlam Lukens, great grand-daughter of Levi Lukens, has offered to spearhead this project beginning this spring. Mrs. Betty Cleveland, also a Village member, and experienced in this work, has agreed to assist Mrs. Lukens.

WALKER TO PRESENT PROGRAM

Dr. George B. Walker, resident of Waynesville and long a member of the Village, is an expert on quilts and coverlets. He will present the program for the Feb. 19 meeting, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Third and Miami Streets, Waynesville. Dr. Walker will follow a short business meeting and has offered to evaluate quilts and coverlets brought to the meeting.

HUGHES TO WORK ON TRACTOR

Arrangements have been made to employ a local mechanic, Gary Hughes, to do a general check-up and overhaul on the Village tractor sometime during the winter months. Mr. Hughes said the tractor did not need any major repairs, but a new battery, and that his estimate of the cost of the work would be less than \$100. It has been several years since the tractor has had major maintenance work.

P & G ROTOTILLER DELIVERED

The Troy-Built Rototiller, purchased through the grant given to the Village by Procter and Gamble Company of Cincinnati has finally arrived.

It was delivered by freight truck in the heavy snow, unloaded to a large sled and pulled by a four-wheel drive to storage until such time as the ground appears again.

Waiting for the delivery proved to be rather frustrating for trustee Joe Worley, who handled the purchasing and was to receive delivery before Thanksgiving. The tiller arrived on January 9, after many phone calls and letters from Joe.

The grant of \$1,000 was received through the efforts of Pioneer Village member Al Byrd.

GRAVEL HAULED FOR HOLES

Several loads of gravel were hauled and spread on the parking lot in front of the Tollhouse before Christmas. This fills in several large water holes that had developed there. Trustee Stan Ireton arranged for the gravel and supervised its spreading. Stan also brought in several bales of hay for Samantha, the sheep, for her winter feed.

ANOTHER MEMORABLE TIME

The 1984 Christmas party was judged a success, as usual, by all those in attendance.

Group caroling was led by Don Richards and musical accompaniment by Jim Merrick. He and Sharon Cunningham also played several special musical numbers.

Dottie Hawke read several Christmas readings and poems. Desserts followed.

BLACKSMITH SHOP GETS ROOF

Shortly before Christmas, Dave Hatfield, a Franklin carpenter and student at a local college, completed the outside construction of the blacksmith building at the Village.

He removed three tiers of logs laid up earlier, changing the building from 1 1/2 to one story. He dropped original upper floor joists into their former slots, built new rafters to replace deteriorated original rafters, put on roof sheathing and a wood shingle roof. He enclosed the gable ends with vertical siding, and faced the large east opening with new wood for stability and strength.

Construction took about a week, although snow and cold weather interrupted for quite some time.

The two Lukens wagons have been stored under roof at the building for the winter.

LIBRARY FUND INCREASES

Miriam Lukens reports that contributions to the Eleanor Hatton memorial are still coming in. The donations are to be used for a library fund for the Village.

The library was voted by the trustees some years ago to be the Miriam Lukens Library. Eleanor, Miriam's sister, passed away late in 1984.

EDITOR WANTS RECIPES

Mrs. Martha Martin, who for several years was in charge of the herb garden at the Village and who is a well-known research person on herbs, is presently writing an herb cookbook which she would like to dedicate to the Village for income for the restoration work.

Martha would like very much to receive any and all recipes involving herbs from friends of the Village who read of this request or would like to contribute to the book. Please send contributions to the Village address, Box 329, Waynesville, Ohio 45068.

Your contributions will assist the preparation of this book, which in turn will bring in revenue for the Village restoration work.

HIKE WILL STOP AT VILLAGE

The Caesar Creek Park's Winter Hike has been set for February 9, and as usual, the mid-point will be at Pioneer Village. The hike will take place regardless of weather conditions. A Waynesville Boy Scout troop will provide bean soup and other food at the Village for the hikers on that day. As in past years, the barbeque building will be used for cooking and serving.

Money donations at that time will help offset food costs and go into the troop treasury.

THANKS TO FAITHFUL MEMBERS ...

for renewing your dues year after year, a needed source of restoration funds.

HAWKES AGAIN TAKE KITCHEN JOB

Trustees were very pleased to learn recently that Don and Dottie Hawke will be assuming responsibility for food preparation and service in 1985 for the major special events.

This volunteer service is central to the success and operation of the festivals and special shows that have come to mark the summer season.

Dottie will take charge of purchasing and initiate a system of comparative buying to assure highest quality from the smallest investment.

The food service is a large undertaking and requires much planning and many long hours of hard work.

WRIGHT HOUSE NOW STORED

During the latter half of December, the Stewart Road log house, the Wright house, from Bellbrook, was dismantled and transported to the Village by Tom and Jeff Patton, Dave Hastell and helpers.

Dave Hastell had been working on the house most of the summer in spare time to prepare the building to be moved. Dave and friends and Jim Merrick assisted the Pattons in bringing in the building. Probably the last house that will be brought in, the Wright house will serve as a needed addition to the country store.

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