

THE VILLAGE LOG

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WINTER MEETINGS AT St. MARYS

The winter meetings of the Village are being held the first and third Tuesday evenings at 7:30 in St. Mary's Episcopal church, corner of Third and Miami Streets in Waynesville. The side entrance may be used to the basement, where the meetings are being held this year. All members and interested people are invited.

CONSTRUCTION KEEPS ON GOING

Several projects have been going on at the Village this winter by several different groups as weather permits.

A group of Antique Machinery Club members; Gary Breeze, Jim Leyes, Bruce Lindamood and others have been putting up the Harkrader barn logs, using a track hoe donated by the Don Thompson Construction company. So far the left end is up to the mow level, with mow logs to be put up next.

A group composed of Burnett Butterworth, Stan Ireton, Jack Brenner, and George Wall have been doing inside floor and window framing in the Hawkins house, and cut down a tree in front of the Inn just recently.

Ireton and Don Richards buried the water line under the Inn floor and set up a heavy angle iron to reinforce the corner of the downstairs room. Richards also planted some ash trees in various locations.

Frank Crahtree and Richards finished the Heighway cabin roof and Richards put in a fire pit in the floor.

The Eismann brothers have put in the first floor of the Inn, leveling it and reinforcing the rear sill and floor joists and setting up the stairs.

PARRISH PAYS VISIT TO CONFIR

Chuck Parrish, historian with the Corps of Engineers from the Louisville office paid a visit to the Village in December to take further measurements for the Lukens house in preparation to listing that building on the National Register of Historic Places.

SIX MORE BENCHES ORDERED

Trustees recently decided to order six more benches for the Village grounds bringing to eighteen to be situated around the Village.

Last year two orders of six each were placed on the grounds and all twelve have been sponsored with two additional donors left waiting. So feeling that the remainder of the new order would also be filled, the additional order was placed.

The last two were sponsored for the Vandervort family and for Will Smith. Most of the benches have been stored inside, with several yet to be routed for identification.

TWO GIFTS START OFF NEW YEAR

The Village recently received two gifts of \$100 each, to start off 1987 in good style.

One gift was given by the George Henkle Foundation of Cincinnati and the other by the R N Smith Company of Dayton.

Both donations were by staunch supporters of the restoration work being carried on, men who have given much to the Village in the past also.

NEW FLYER READY TO BE DISTRIBUTED

A flyer to replace the "spring fair" one that has been used for the past two years has been designed and is ready for early distribution.

The theme of the spring event is "The Way It Was" and marks a departure from the usual spring type of festival with more of an open house type of activity. The spring event will be organized around a typical day in a frontier town of the early 1800's, with routine activities being carried on in the houses, and on the grounds by people carrying on the tasks of a self-contained town; cooking, gardening, weaving, quilting, and other common jobs. There will be music and food served in the Village kitchen.

The admission for 1987 will remain the same as in the past year.

NEW COMMITTEE PLANS CAMPAIGNS

A new committee in charge of publicity for the Village recently met at the Joe Worley residence to map out publicity strategy for the 1987 year. Joe Worley was named chairman.

The committee looked at several different types of approaches to the public, finally recommending advertisements in the Cincinnati edition of the TV Guide, a new smaller two-fold color brochure, and the possible use of a Middletown firm to facilitate festival mailing.

Over the years the concern for adequate publicity has become a major concern of the Trustees. As the majority of the Village's operating funds come through public programs or festivals, it has become increasingly important to reach populations of major metropolitan areas in this part of the state in a timely and as inexpensive manner as possible.

Many times in the past, serendipity has appeared to have played a major role in reaching the public, with newspaper or TV features about the Village appearing in timely fashion before a festival or when funds were especially needed, drawing patrons to the activities. But many times the activities were poorly attended because advertisements reached few people or were too haphazardly organized to be effective.

Joe and Miriam Worley have for the past several years handled the mailings for each festival, sending out about a hundred plus letters and news releases to radio stations, newspapers, TV studios, and other media types. Linda Lee has mailed reams to other segments of the public. Don Richards has placed small paid ads in the Enquirer, and other philanthropic minded members have paid for ads out of their own pockets. However, nothing was deliberately planned, with sometimes dismal results.

The committee will meet several times during the year to plan and carry out a campaign to inform the public of the activities going on.