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HARKRADER BARN FUND GROWS

The fund for the accumulation of monies to match a grant by the Iddings foundation for roofing for the Harkrader barn is growing if somewhat slowly. To date the goal of \$2500 is about halfway met. Most gifts have been in the ten and twenty dollar category, so the donors have been fairly numerous, although there have been some sizable gifts also. Just recently the R E Smith Company delivered a check for \$200.

An appeal accompanied the last newsletter, informing members of the need for the matching amount and the conditions under which the Iddings foundation would make the grant; namely that the Village match their grant of \$2500 by May 1 of this year.

The largest and most ambitious project undertaken by the Village, the Harkrader barn is being financed by donations of time (most of that on the part of the Caesar's Creek Antique Machinery Club who have done most of the work on it so far) and money from donations as indicated above. Logs are still being sought for the replacements for the deteriorated ones on parts of the barn.

If readers wish to contribute to the fund, money may be sent to the Village, PO Box 329, Waynesville, 45068, marked "barn fund".

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SHORT AND SWEET

The 1987 Christmas program held in the Meeting House in early December was pronounced a success even though no special music was available for entertainment. The usual group carolling was followed by a homily by Victor Fredriksen, Rector of the Episcopal church in Waynesville and Chaplin of Children's hospital in Cincinnati.

This will probably be the last such program, as the Trustees have decided not to continue them for another year.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE MEETS

The Village publicity committee, a group of members concerned with choosing photographs for news releases this year, types of advertisement approaches for the year and the production of a new inexpensive flyer for hand-outs at the toll house and mass disbursements to visiting groups, met at the home of the Joseph Worleys recently, charted the course for the year and enjoyed the Worley's hospitality.

More information about the flyer will be forthcoming as it is developed.

VILLAGE NAMED AS PICK-UP POINT

Pioneer Village will be the point for pick-up for hikers participating in the park's winter hike this February 13. Hikers will start the hike at the Day Lodge, break at mid-point at Wellman Meadows, and eat there if desired and finish at the Village where they will be picked up and bussed back to the starting point.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NAMED

A nominations committee consisting of Mary Nelson, Mic Richards and Jean MacDonald was named to develop a slate of names for the positions for the three trustees rotating off the board of trustees this year. Election of officers will be held at the March 1 meeting as well as three trustees for a three year period.

ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP

Village elections will be held in the Village restaurant, Waynesville, March 1 at the regular meeting at 7:30 PM. Three trustee positions are open and officers will be elected from the trustees. All members are urged to attend.

COVERLET GIVEN TO VILLAGE

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A unique and attractive woven coverlet in a "pine tree and snowflake" pattern was recently given to the Village by Harris Barnes of Napa, California, a relative of Miriam Lukens. The coverlet, in excellent condition, is estimated to have been made between 1600 and 1803, locally, and is valued at several hundred dollars. It will be used for display on public activity days.

LOGS BROUGHT TO VILLAGE

A large truckload of house logs from a log building near Oederers Lake in Warren County was recently brought to the Village by members of the Antique Machinery Club. The logs will be used to repair the Mills house.

The machinery required to move the logs was donated by the Hamilton Equipment Company and its operators.

IT'S MAPLE SYRUP TIME AGAIN

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Once again as for many years in the past, the Village will tap trees, collect sap and boil it down into maple syrup. This annual late winter and early spring event utilizes the sorghum shed and furnace to boil, the trees of the Village for sap, and the volunteers there for the labor and arrangements.

As in the past, the weather almost completely controls the operation, but visitors may be reasonably certain that syrup making will take place on the weekends of late February. Visitors and welcome.

SLED TOP REPAIRED

The metal sled used for light hauling around the Village has a new top, constructed by the Friday work group. When acquired, the sled had a top of well rotted boards and needed the timely repair.

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BOTH VILLAGE GEESE KILLED

Both Village geese, given by Mr. and Mrs. John Engle last summer have been killed by a stray dog that got into the pen.

The dog, a large "wild" dog running loose, killed the goose before Christmas and then recently came again and killed the gander. Jim Merrick the Caretaker reports that the dog has been destroyed after attempting to get into the sheep pen.

The two geese, named John and Maggie after the Engles, had been favorites with the visitors over the school days in the fall. They had been kept in the Flecker Orchard which had been fenced. The Friday workers had built a small pen for them and Jim kept grain and water available.

It is uncertain whether they will be replaced, but certain they will not before a new hatching in the spring.

This is the first time that Village animals have been victims of dogs although several animals on previous occasions have chased the sheep.

ADDITIONAL TABLES ACQUIRED

Trustees recently voted to purchase eighteen additional tables of the type in common usage around the Village from the Warren County Historical Association who no longer need them. The asking price is \$8 each.

The tables, each about eight feet long and three feet wide are built of pine boards with steel screw-on legs at each corner in pipe brackets bolted on to the wood. They are light, fairly sturdy and can be stored in a disassembled condition handily. They are also rather old fashioned and lack the handy folding features of modern conference tables. They were probably built in the 1930s.

Several years ago the Historical Association gave nearly two dozen of them to the Village in somewhat repairable condition out of storage in an old barn in Lebanon, and they have since been all repaired and are used often and extensively during festivals. These eighteen will be the entire supply available.

Members who remember scrounging for tables for public activities out of schools and churches will welcome the adequate supply now on hand.

CORRECTION TO BE NOTED

Previously it had been reported that one of the benches located around the grounds had been given in memory of Bill Lukens, one of the founders of the Village and now deceased, by Miriam Lukens, his widow. The bench was given by Esther and Robert Greulich instead. Bill has two benches in his honor; one at the toll house and another at the Lukens house.

MEMBERS CLEAN UP YARD

Members of the Antique Machinery Club recently made great improvements in the front yard of the Lukens house by burning out the large stump left after a wind storm blew down the big old maple tree next to the road. They also cut two dead locust trees near the utility drive gate.

That general area was always difficult to keep presentable due to the tangle of vines and small trees that grew there, making it difficult to keep mowed.

HAWKINS HOUSE GETTING FLOORS

John Eismann, an independent contractor has built a top floor on both sides of the Hawkins house and floored the loft over the kitchen half of the saddlebag house and put a railing along the open side that looks down on the fireplace.

In a second job, he is finishing the outside window frames and putting baseboards around both side and doing other small finishing jobs needed there.

Work on the Furnas house is proceeding slowly due to cold weather. Steve Hisle has the old chinking removed from much of the interior logs.

When finished that building will be the model farmhouse and will feature cooking over both the fireplace and the large range set up there. Some furniture will be available for that building.