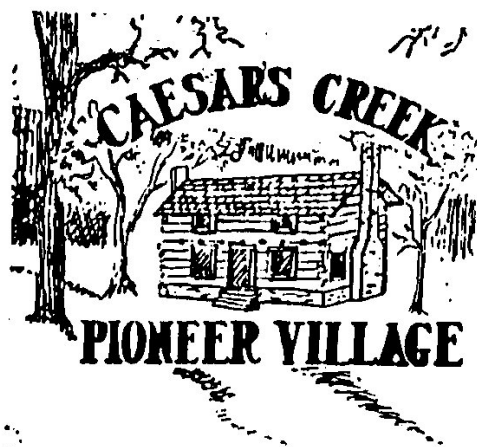
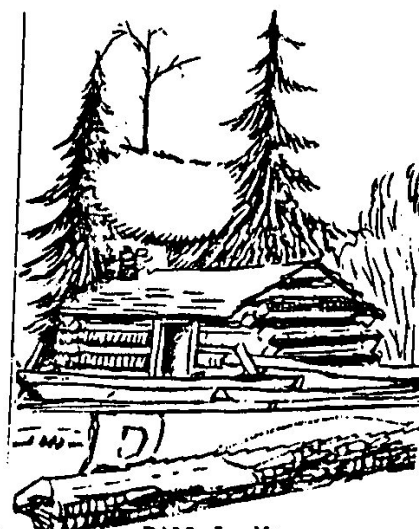




OLD MACHINERY

CLUB NEWS

July 1987



News for this month includes many exciting items. First the logs donated by Bill Le May are here at the Village. A warm Thank-You goes out to Mr. Le May. These logs will be used to build a structure over the sawmill.

The new saw mill has been bought and excavation is currently under way. We hope to have the new mill in here and operating for the Old Machinery Days.

Our collectors buttons are in and available at the Village General Store for \$1.00 each. They depict a picture of one of the cabins at the Village. This year the Lukens Cabin is featured. Each year we will depict a different cabin at the Village. Be sure to pick up your first collectors button soon!!!

We are currently in need of men and women power for work during the Old Machinery Days. This years show will take many more helpers than last year. This due in part to the Show being held by the Old Machinery Club, than by the Warren County Antique Machinery Club. Anyone wishing to help out, please contact Gary Breeze, 897-7041 evenings, or Linda Lee.

We all hope to see you at the Caesars Creek Old Machinery Days, August 14th, 15th, and 16th, here at the Pioneer Village.



THE VILLAGE LOG

CAESAR'S CREEK
PIONEER VILLAGE

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AUGUST FARM SHOW TO BE TOPS

The fourth major public activity for the Village this summer, and perhaps the largest of the season will be the Antique Machinery Show set for August 15 and 16 with a night feature on the 14th. Sponsored by the Caesar's Creek Antique Farm Machinery Club, a branch of the Village, it will feature much power machinery, the new (old) Village saw mill in action sawing logs for the Harkrader barn, use of the club's thrashing machine working on the Village's wheat crop, craftsmen, food, contests, music, and tractor pulls both Saturday and Sunday and a horse pull Friday night.

The use of and display of farm machinery and power equipment has become one of the midwest's major attractions during the summer and particularly so in Ohio. Pioneer Village will for the third year present such a show that has become of the best in the state, utilizing the frontier setting and roomy show, contest and camping areas available. And foremost the friendly and accommodating way the club runs the show. Horse pulls and tractor pulls are rarely found together.

Gary Breeze says that a steam engine will be working and on display both days.

SEVERAL BUILDINGS GET STEPS

Burnet Butterworth and Jack Bender have been putting in stone and cement steps at several buildings over the past several weeks, replacing rickety wooden or stone or block steps that were working only temporarily.

The Inn, the Hawkins house, the tollhouse were only a few that got much needed steps.

The two men also built a little shelter along side the fence for the sheep to get shade from the sun. Under it they are conveniently close to the visitors to pet as they pass by.

DEBBIE DIES SUDDENLY

Debbie, the half Nubian/Pygmy female goat that has been a resident of the barnyard and the Green for the past couple years died suddenly a couple weeks ago. Jim Merrick found her dead inside the pen that she and Teddie occupied to the rear of the Furnas house, still warm but lifeless.

The cause of her death is a mystery, since she seemed to be in good health when Jim fed the goats earlier in the day. She did not exhibit any symptoms of ill health such as weight loss or coughing, nor was there any sign that she had been fed some foreign object that might have poisoned or choked her. Teddy was in the same pen and was as lively as ever.

Jim buried her to the rear of the Plecker orchard, a place she visited every time she could get out, since she liked to eat the young sprouts on the little trees.

The two goats were given by a local teacher, Mrs. Steiner and were great favorites with the visiting children. Her twin, Teddy now spends all his time with the three sheep.

TOLLHOUSE BREAK-IN REPORTED

Sometime during the evening hours of July 11, Saturday, vandals broke in the front door of the tollhouse and tore off the top of the little log house that gatehouse donations are placed. The caretakers remove all money from the box beneath it, so it is doubtful that anything was taken but the building and the log house did suffer damage.

The incident was reported to the Warren County Sheriff's office and they asked the local park ranger to investigate. His assumption was that it was done by local youth who were familiar with the set-up of the Village.

SUMMER MOWING HELP PRAISED

Instead of using manpower training personnel this summer, commonly known as the CETA youth, the Village decided to try simply hiring two young men from previous summers that had gained the confidence of the Villagers and Jim Merrick. They are paid at a minimum wage and work for eight hours Fridays doing trimming, mowing, and general yard work.

George Pace from Lebanon and Pete Trimble from Waynesville were chosen and have worked each Friday since the end of May. Now George has moved to Columbus, but Pete seems to be able to keep the grass trimmed by himself. Jim mows with the Ford and bush hog on Friday and provides the supervision needed, although it is a fact that very little supervision is needed. It appears at this point in the summer that just about as much work is being accomplished with two (or one) energetic young man working for wages as in previous summers with four to six CETA workers.

MEMORIAL BENCHES NOW NUMBER 20

Six new benches have been added to the existing twelve already on the grounds plus two more just recently dedicated, which brings the total number to twenty, a number the Trustees feel is sufficient for the needs of visitors.

Of the six recently added which do not have their routing on the back board yet, the donors are: Mrs. Ackerman, Jackson Hedges, David and Beth Hastell, Becky Siva, Millie Poppe, and Corwin Nixon. The Nixon bench will have a plaque added rather than routing.

The two most recent ones were given by Lukens from California. In most cases the benches have been placed in locations close to the desired place as asked for by the donors.

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Join the Caesar's Creek dulcimer group- 2nd Sunday monthly at 2 PM at the Village

VILLAGE JOINS KRAUT FESTIVAL

Pioneer Village will participate in the Waynesville Sauerkraut festival this fall, setting up a food booth along Main Street somewhere.

The Village has wanted a rare and highly competitive food sales permit for some years, but were unable to get one due to the limited number of such permits available and the very small turn over for them. President Don Richards was notified recently that one of the holders (issued only to local organizations) had decided not to use theirs, thus providing an opening for one the Village now has.

For some years the Village participated in mall shows, but dropped them due to logistical problems and small profits. It was thought that a booth at the Sauerkraut festival would make a good substitute, but only now has one become available. Each permit costs \$125 and are only slightly less complicated to attain and qualify for than a seat on the New York Stock Exchange.

Much discussion so far about what to serve has centered around what to serve. Duplications must be avoided with the food served by the other booths, but sauerkraut must be used. How far can creativity be stretched? Several proposals will be taste tested at the next meeting.

The Sauerkraut festival, started some fifteen years ago as a humble and in some ways a humbug activity has caught on and has become one of the big time local festivals in the state with more thousands flocking in each year. Yearly attendance figures range from 75 to nearly two hundred thousands, and is a major fall craft and food festival for Ohio.

THE CROPS ARE TOPS THIS SUMMER

Residents of the Miami and Caesar's Creek valleys may complain a lot about the heat and humidity this summer, of which we have had our share, but we surely cannot complain about the crops growing at the Village.

The farm club has harvested their wheat, and report that it is very heavy, so heavy in fact, that they had a lot of trouble getting it cut and loaded and stored (in wagonloads anywhere there is room.) It is ready for the antique farm machinery show in August.

Don Richards says his hickory king corn, planted in the little farm garden will be so tall that he will have to use a step ladder to get to the ears! The farm club's corn (and everyone else's) looks excellent. The sorghum cane is thick. The pumpkins are coming along well.

HERB GARDEN THRIVING

Mic Richards who is the Village's herbologist and in charge of the Village herb garden, says that it is coming along fine with about fifty to sixty varieties and many interested visitors on almost any day. It is a very interesting place to visit.

Some of the help she has had this summer have been Linda Jackson, Mary Nelson, Sharon Maloney and her son Jessie, Wendy Boyer, Barbara Dixon and Barbara Frasure.

Despite the Japanese Beetles who also like the herb garden, most of the varieties are healthy and in sufficient abundance to enable visitors to "pinch and sniff", which is what the garden is called.

CANDLE MAKERS HARD AT WORK

Several ladies have been doing the candles in the Furnas house this year, with that activity receiving much attention. In charge has been Ingrid Smith, helped by Cheryl Richards, Muriel Marshal and Barbara Dixon.

TWO SET FOR THE NORTH COUNTRY

Two young ladies from the Village, Trustee Becky Siva and Storekeeper Beverly Lee are all set to make a trip (in Becky's pick up) to Alaska this summer, to be away for several weeks on an extended vacation.