

THE VILLAGE LOG

CAESAR'S CREEK
PIONEER VILLAGE

July 1988

ANTIQUE FARM MACHINERY SHOW SET

The August public activity for the Village, the Antique Farm Machinery Club's show, tractor and horse pull event is all set to go for August 20 and 21 from 10 till 5 both Saturday and Sunday, with later hours on Saturday as the antique tractor pull will continue into darkness that day and the horse pull will take place Friday evening the 19th from about 6 PM till it is over around 10.

This promises to be one of the big events of the season and the members of the club have been planning for it for months.

The new lights are up, the bleachers have been pulled to the track, a barbecue pit has been constructed near the track, the scales are being readied, and the sawmill is waiting for the big steam engine to pull in.

Around the green will be the many displays of small engines and small tractors, and inside will be the antique machinery, the thrashing displays, baleing and backing of wagons. The two days promises to be a show full of noise, color, movement and activity. And of course crafts-people, food from the kitchen, music wherever the players assemble and the lore of the log buildings themselves.

KITCHEN NEEDS YOUR HELP

Due to plan changes, the kitchen promises to be shorthanded during the coming antique farm machinery show. Volunteers are needed for both Saturday and Sunday to serve food drinks, run the cash register, and help cook. Michelle Ghearing who is one of the two cooks is also the Secretary to the farm machinery club and will have to be on "the other side" this festival and not in the kitchen. Barbara Lee has a new baby and probably will not be able to do much in the kitchen either.

This is a time for some of our members to be volunteers as well, to help out with the food service for the 20th and 21st.

NEW LIGHTS IN PLACE FOR TRACK

New powerful lights are now in place along the tractor and horse pulling track to the rear of the south side buildings, ready for the antique machinery show coming up. Installed by Dick Smith and other members of the antique machinery club, they are much higher, brighter, and numerous than the ones previously installed.

The lights were given by Stengers Ford of Dayton and machinery necessary to put them up was donated by the United Telephone company.

ALCO CONSTRUCTION FINISHES

Alco Construction company, a Warren county firm with Al Ireton as its chief operator has completed its contractual agreement with the Village in the construction of the addition to the store building with the roof, sides, doors and windows added on the rear of the original Napoleon Harrais building which is the store log building.

In addition to the wooden addition, water has been added to the addition with a line tapped into the line that comes from the central man hole in the middle of the green to the barnyard. The water is for the use of the storekeeper and is in the form of a hydrant in a small closet in the rear room. A drain, catch basin and leaching line complete the installation.

The addition, which about triples the retailing space for the store, has been stocked with craft items, candy and rustic sales furniture.

AUGUST WEDDING SET

A wedding for the Village, probably to be held in the locust grove in the vicinity of the Elam house is set for August 18 with a rehearsal scheduled for the 16th. Also on the 16th the Centerville Kiwanis Club is planning a corn roast in the barbecue building for the evening.

TWO CHIMNEYS COMPLETED

Two more chimneys have been completed at the Village this summer, marking further completion of work on the restoration of the houses there.

George Wall and Burnett Butterworth with help from Jack Bender, Roy McDonald and Stan Ireton have finished the blacksmith building's chimney, using old brick from the Vesta Ewing house. Also completed is the forge for the building. Now is needed blacksmithing tools, equipment, an anvil, bellows, and other items that would be found in such a building.

Don Richards finished the Hawkins house double chimney recently, a job he has been working on for several years. He has started on the tollhouse foundation and will try to get that done by the end of the summer.

WATER A VERY VALUABLE ITEM

Over the past two months at least during which time we had no rain at all, some extraordinary precautions have had to be taken to provide water to keep things going.

During the civil war re-enactment the Harveysburg fire department posed a pumper and a fire tanker alongside the greens in case the tinder dry grass should ignite from the artillery being used. The ground around each cannon was well watered before each skirmish, and George Wall stood by with a large tank full of water on his truck just in case.

Several trees that have been planted for the entire life of the Village had to get good drenching to keep them from dying. The second planting of the hominy corn never came up at all, but the sorghum and corn crops are doing well and look as good as any in Warren County. It is still a toss-up whether the pumpkin patch will amount to anything.

Mowing has been a memory only, but now that we have had some rain, things will once again need the mower's touch.

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Congratulations to Barbara Lee: A new baby boy Daniel Lee July 24

SAFE (ty) FIRST IS OUR MOTTO 2016

A huge and heavy and very antique safe was recently donated by the New Burlington Friends Meeting, now located on route 380 north of the old New Burlington, and is now installed in the store addition, the only floor in the Village thought strong enough to hold it.

The historic item was originally in the office of a New Burlington doctor and ended up in the New Burlington Friends church after the movement to the new building when the town was dismantled. Not serving a significant purpose there, it was offered to the Village through the Charles Jones of Roxanna Road.

The Friday crew brought it to the Village in George Wall's truck and muscled it into the store and into place on one of those 100 degree plus days this summer will be remembered for.

It probably was manufactured some time during the 1800s and opens with a big brass key. Estimated to weigh about half a ton, it is the epitome of the safe that all the bad guys tried to hijack in all the classic western movies.

The Village really has no present use for it, but it is a great conversation piece!

NEW FIRE EXTINGUISHERS PURCHASED

Five new extinguishers have been purchased to replace old ones that were more expensive to repair and replace than to buy new. A small re-fund was allowed on the old ones.

A HOT TIME FOR THE CIVIL WAR

The July civil war re-enactment became a challenge not too dissimilar to the real ones of the civil war the re-enactment sought to portray-the main difference was that the bullets were blanks and the dead got up and went back to camp.

But the re-enactment was well put on, there were many more soldiers than in previous ones, the camps were quite authentic and this year a hospital corps complete with real live doctors, nurses in Florence Nightengale uniforms, a field ambulance with a horse (name of Amos) and medical kits and medicines of the era rounded out a good basic cast for two days of stirring and exciting panorama.

But the weather- it must have made it all seem like Gettysburg indeed, as waves of soldiers swept into steady fire in 100 degree heat. When the re-enactment was being set up, the army personnel hoped that the weather would be mild. Instead we had some of the hottest weather of the century, the mercury registering 100 and above both days. Made those heavy wool uniforms downright uncomfortable!

The heat definitely kept the public away, but for those that did come the show was well staged and worth the wait beneath the locust trees alongside the green. Both days saw small crowds, but Villagers as well as soldiers weathered through and look forward to next summer's activities.

DULCIMERS MEETING AGAIN

Members of the Dayton Dulcimer Club are once again meeting at the Village, practicing and playing together with beginner's classes followed by group music. Meeting times are set to coincide with Trustees meetings; the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

The Dulcimer Club meets on the first such meeting night at 6:00 PM in front of the toll house. Anyone interested in learning to play the dulcimer have Joann Lee, an accomplished musician as a teacher for the first hour or so and then may join the rest of the group for another hour or so.

Persons interested in playing should have their own instrument and a chair for seating.

LET'S DROP HER A CARD

Helen (Mrs. George) Wall is presently in the Wilmington Health Care facility and would like to be remembered by her friends at the Village as she misses them as well as home at Harveysburg. It would be a good idea to drop her a card occasionally to brighten up what must be a lonesome sojourn.

FURNAS HOUSE GETTING CHINKING 2016

Steve Hisle is singlehandedly re-chinking the inside of the Furnas house this summer. He is about half through and plans to finish in August.