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MORGAN TO RAID UNION CAMP

On July 21 and 22, Morgan, the famous renegade Confederate officer who led a raiding party into sections of southern Ohio, will make an attack on Camp Dennison at Pioneer Village. Battles will be at 3 p.m. on Saturday and 1:30 on Sunday in the Village green.

Camp Dennison was a Civil War recruiting and training area north of Cincinnati for the Union Army.

This Civil War enactment marks the third public performance at the Village for this summer, following the spring and music festivals. The fall harvest festival will round out the season.

The use of cannon, mortars, authentic weaponry of the Civil War period, camp life and organization, uniforms and all the other paraphernalia will be used to create as authentic period as possible at the Village for this episode in Ohio's history.

It is estimated that as many as 125 soldiers will be on hand from just the local groups, with many more expected from visiting groups.

As with the other summer activities, adults will be asked to donate a dollar each and children twelve and under will be admitted without charge. Some craftsmen will be on the grounds and food will be served.

AUGUST MOVE SET FOR HOUSE

done At the last meeting it was decided to attempt to move the Highway house in the middle of August, probably the 11th and 12th.

If it cannot be erected this summer, it will be stored. Plans are to erect it without floor, chimney, or glass windows, as it would have originally been.

FIVE CETA PEOPLE EMPLOYED

Once again a summer program of CETA employees is in force at the Village. A group of five employees is working there, composed of two sets of brothers.

Jim Merric, the caretaker for the Village, is also the supervisor for the CETA program.

A list of summer projects has been drawn up covering the application of mud and mortar between logs, the construction of a seating arrangement for spectators at the stage area, the building of gates and fences, nature trail construction, mowing and maintenance of the grounds and camping area.

The CETA workers are on the grounds four days a week with Fridays off.

NOT A YEAR TO RAISE CANE

done 2015 The sorghum is not coming up well at all, according to every one who has taken a look at it, probably due to wet conditions under which it was planted, according to trustee, Stan Ireton.

The rototiller has been repaired and will be used to do some cultivating, but it is feared there will not be much to harvest. However, plans are being made to work with the Bellbrook Grange who also raise cane.

HERB GARDEN BLOSSOMING

Mic Richards' work on the herb garden is paying off, as the garden has many more herbs than before and has attracted large groups of visitors on weekends. It even paid its own way during the music festival, as nearly fifty dollars worth of materials was sold from it.

Mic took charge of the garden when Martha Martin moved to Florida.

STAGE GETS PLANK SEATS

An on-going project for the summer and one on which the CETA employees are working, is the seating for the stage. Supervised by Jim Merrick, the seating will consist of sections of used utility poles set endways in the ground and planked over by 2 x 10's twelve feet long. Two such sections placed end to end are sufficient for the stage's width, and will parallel the stage. About fifteen rows are planned.

The seating for the stage has been on the job list for some time and has become more important each season as more and more use of the stage accompanies each festival.

done Several builders have been by to look at the Collett house, but so far none has submitted a bid. David Hastell has had to give up his plans for supervising the erecting of the building due to full-time employment.

Plans for the summer include putting the Collett house under roof, building floors, gable ends and window and door framing.

VILLAGE TO FILL BOOTH

Trustees plan to set up a booth at the Wilmington Corn Festival this fall to present the Village there and hand out literature. It will not be used to sell items but demonstrators will be on hand. The arrangements will be the same as used in the Mall shows, but without a sales staff.

The Corn Festival has attracted large crowds in recent years.

FESTIVAL WELL RECEIVED

Probably the best attended music festival we have had so far -- this was the general verdict among most of the Villagers who managed and held responsibilities for the affair. The attendance may have been due to flyers or signs, but also the trustees advertised in the Dayton newspapers.

Managed this year by Bob Sampson, who kept the action on the stage going both days, the festival was declared a success by the musicians, who said they would be back to play in the next one and would attend others this summer too.

Blessed by nice weather and a cooperative and enthusiastic corps of workers, the two-day affair went off more smoothly than many in recent memory, particularly last year's, which was hampered by poor weather and a small crowd.

Again the camping area across the road was used, and although the problems encountered in the spring due to wet grounds were missing, it was found to be almost too small to accommodate all who wished to use it.

Jim Merrick set up the barn stage, played from that area, and has other musicians to spell him off.

Sampson had a different group of entertainers on stage live both days at 30-minute

intervals. He was assisted by Ed Fisher who has run the sound systems for the last several years. Although over eighty letters were sent to Warren County churches asking for gospel groups, none indicated interest, and the Meeting house was essentially unused.

JULY ATTENDANTS NEEDED

Ethel Jefferis and Burnett Butterworth, who have been able to organize volunteer Tollhouse attendants through June, report they need persons to cover July and August. She and Burnett have diligently and responsibly been substituting weekends that attendants did not show up, but enough is enough.

Volunteers are needed for the hours of 10 a.m. or so to 5:00 in the afternoon on Saturdays and Sundays. Those who have been there for a weekend day report it is interesting because of all the people coming in, talking with them and discussing the Village.

The Ektograph is a very helpful tool in this work.

If you can donate hours on a Saturday or Sunday, we need you, and please call Ethel at 932-2994, or Burnett at 897-4218.

VILLAGE MUSICIANS WED

Kathy Oldfield and Willis Baker were married in the Meeting House June 30 at 6:30 p.m. and they then presided over the reception held in the barn.

Both Kathy and Willis have been present in many of the music festivals and have participated on stage, as both are accomplished musicians. Their wedding highlights the summer activities not of a festival nature.

Kathy's mother, Eunice Oldfield, furnished and arranged for the reception, serving around one hundred guests.

LOOK IN YOUR ATTIC FOR US

Since the furnishing of the Elam house for the spring and music festivals was so successful and greeted by so many favorable comments, the trustees feel that at least half of the Mills house (the right half) should also be furnished. Those who have everyday furniture of a vintage that would be appropriate for the Village (before 1850, and the earlier the better), can place it in the Mills house on loan for the remainder of the summer. Call Helen Wall, 897-4161, or Edna Marsh, 897-8342.

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