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GOT A FEW MINUTES?

Now that better weather is again replacing snow and cold and members can anticipate being able to do something outside at the Village again, it is a good time to review some of the things needing to be done in the way of projects for the spring, summer and fall.

A porch can be built on the front of the Furnas house, steps for the corn crib back of the Furnas house, playground equipment for the school, desks for the school, coving trim for the Meeting House, assorted work for the Toll house, replacement chinking on the Lukens, Mills, and Hawkins houses, trim painted for most of the buildings, the Mills house chimney finished, foundations finished for the Githens and Toll houses, stairs for the Hawkins and Toll houses, flooring for the barn loft, painting the outside of the kitchen, plugging holes and painting the roofs of the corn crib and barbecue building, inside mudding and applying screen to the Furnas house, erecting picket fencing for the Hatfield house, completing the fence around the herb garden, building mock pumps over the hydrants, building gates for the fencing, erecting a bell tower for the school and placing a bell for the kitchen, building the outdoor bake oven, the churchyard wall, completing lighting for the outside area, rebuilding several stone buildings, putting back up the old privy behind the crib, sowing and hoeing cane, building chimneys for the Hawkins and Furnas houses, completing the fireplace in the Elam house, and the

country road around the green, and completing the steps on the Lukens house -- for starters.

If you think the list is long, just consider how long it used to be! Of course not included above is the work involved in School Days, the Gatherings, the Music and Pioneer Days festivals, and supervising the various other activities that seem to be coming along this summer.

If anyone wishes to tackle one or some of the above projects, or others not listed, they are waiting for the asking.

MEETINGS TO MOVE BACK

Meetings will move back to the caretaker house on the second meeting of April, which will be the 20th. The first meeting in April will mark the ninth birthday of the Village and will be observed at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Waynesville. Members will bring early pictures of the Village project.

A change in the format for meetings was proposed and approved at the last meeting. In the future the first meeting of the month will be business as usual; the second will be business in a shortened version and a program for the remainder of the meeting time. Programs will be of an informative, instructional and/or historical nature.

INSURANCE VALUES ADDED

At a recent meeting the Village trustees voted to adjust the insurance values of several buildings upward and to insure several other structures now completed. Newly insured are the Furnas, Githens, and Toll houses and the kitchen, with an increase in the caretaker's house.

TRUSTEES, OFFICERS ELECTED

At the Annual Meeting, the first one in March, the nominated slate of trustees for the Village was elected, and from them the same officers as in the past year were elected.

Trustees for the present year are: Burnett Butterworth, Bob Head, Linda Lee, Edna Marsh, Glyn Marsh, Don Richards, Ed. Simpkins, Jane Spargur and George Wall.

Richards was named as president; Butterworth, vice-president; Miriam Lukens, treasurer; Kathryn Butterworth, recording secretary; Ethyl Jefferis, membership chairman; Linda Lee, General Chairman of festivals.

Not running for re-election were Miriam Lukens and Thelma Hatfield. Miriam is now the treasurer, a large job, and Thelma works on the mail, newsletter and numerous phone inquiries.

STUDENT SEMINARS SCHEDULED

School Days, the popular seminars held during the latter days of April each year, for area school children, will be held this year on April 28, 29 and 30.

These children's seminars are arranged with groups led by tour guides and stopping at spots along the trip around the Village to hear, observe and be instructed in various pioneer arts and crafts.

In the past as many as nine hundred children have utilized this coordinated effort of Village volunteers over the three-day period.

Miriam Lukens, the organizer of this event, reports that reservations have come in more slowly this year due to cuts in funds and bus scheduling.

VOLKSMARSCH APRIL 17 & 18

Pioneer Village will be the site of the beginning and ending of the first "Volksmarsch" of the area, to be held in the state park on April 17 and 18.

Volksmarsching is a sport imported from Germany, where it is popular. It is essentially a hike, more controlled and rigorous. The trail of a volksmarsch is marked and the hikers are timed, and at various checkpoints the walkers have a card punched to show that they have passed that point.

Participants pay a fee of one dollar, which entitles them to hike under the auspices of The Ohio Wander Freunde, Inc., the sponsoring organization. Those completing the course (there are two: a 10-km and a 20 km) qualify for a medal which has been struck for the occasion. It costs \$4.

Volksmarschers will be at the Village as early as 8 A.M. for a simple breakfast of coffee or other drink and doughnut before going on the hike. When finished, they will be served a German type sandwich and drink by ladies of the Village. The last of the Volksmarschers will be finished by 5 P.M.

CONTEST PERSONNEL NEEDED

Time is approaching for the Gatherings of the Month of Sundays in June and a number of positions are needed to be filled to help with them. Presently needed are persons interested in supervising the contests for each Gathering, the culinary contests and the contests of skill for the Fourth of July.

Judges are also needed for the baking contests, bread for the 6th, cookies for the 13th, fruit pies for the 27th, and cakes for the Fourth of July.

ONE FREE PASS FOR MEMBERS

The trustees voted to allow cardholding members to enter into one of the four Gatherings of his choice. Others will still be a donation of one dollar per adult and fifty cents per child.

YACC NOW DISCONTINUED

The Little Miami branch of the Young Adult Conservation Corps, which has been working on the barbecue building, has ceased operations due to the lack of funding in the State. This means the group will be unable to complete the final roof work on the barbecue building. This building is used mainly for doing and serving barbecued chicken at festivals.

SPRING SAP SEASON SWEET

A successful season was the verdict of all who had a hand in the operation of the maple sugar "bush" at the Village. This event just completed marks the third year of its operation.

Homer Marsh, who headed the venture, reported that about twenty gallons of syrup was boiled off, and the quality was even and high. This spring very little rain water got into the sap, and it was exceptionally clean and clear.

STATE DENIES LAND REQUEST

The fifteen or so acres that the Village mows to the s.e. of the grounds is not to be included in the lease revision according to Wayne Warren, who visited the area representing the Ohio Department of Natural Resources of Columbus.

Mr. Warren and an assistant, Mrs. Fisk, recently visited the grounds and, accompanied by Don Richards and Burnett Butterworth, walked the bounds of the newly surveyed land, including the parcel requested for the Inn building. Mr. Warren said the state would approve the new boundaries and increased land to the north and west but not to the southeast.

HELP NEEDED FOR SCHOOL DAYS, THE VOLKSMARSCH

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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