

# THE VILLAGE LOG

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## BIRTHDAY PARTY SET FOR MAY 14

Two important dates to remember are coming soon and both involve members of the Village. They are the tenth birthday party and a recognition day for Village crafts people and musicians.

April 10, from 2 to 4 p.m. the Village will host a get-together for all Village musicians and craftsmen who have participated in festivals and festival workers of the Village as a recognition and appreciation day. Refreshments will be served in the maintenance shed and a tour of the Village will be held at 3. Trustees will be introduced. All members are welcome.

May 14, from 6 p.m. on will be a birthday party commemorating the tenth anniversary of the Village. This party is also open to all members.

## FOOD SERVICE AD PLACED

Fran Arcure and Ellen Hill have placed an advertisement in several local papers advising readers that Pioneer Village is interested in employing a food service manager for the summer.

This has grown out of the direction of the trustees that the food service area be open on a regular basis through the summer and that a professional be employed to manage it. Presently it is felt that weekends, festivals and a limited time during the week will be sought.

The ad will run four days and the accumulated responses will be sorted and personal contacts made with the best applicants to work toward the selection of a manager.

The food service committee has listed equipment needed.

At 6 p.m. a carry-in dinner will be enjoyed at the picnic shelter, and followed by a luminary walk. The walk will be a tour of the various buildings and a short talk about each. The dinner will be a pot-luck type with each member or family bringing a dish of his or their choice to the picnic shelter.

Following the walk a barn dance will be held, with Judy and Warren Waldron and the Old Time Music Group providing the music. The Waldrons will call.

This party to celebrate ten years of successful organization marks an important milestone in Village history, as a unique and remarkable accomplishment. As Debbie Chenoweth puts it, "We are pioneers in the art of pioneering." Each member is urged to come for a good time and to celebrate our coming of age.

## CARETAKER AGREEMENT MADE

The caretaker committee recently updated and made more agreeable and specific the agreement with the Merricks over responsibilities and procedures. The warmly received specifications were presented by Chairman Ed Simpkins.

## NEW TREASURER SET TO GO

Pat Apostelas of Bellbrook has accepted the volunteer job of Treasurer of the Village. Pat, mother of Becky Apostelas, a trustee, has had past experience in handling money for organizations such as Girl Scouts.

Miriam Lukens, Treasurer for the past year, recently found it necessary to resign her position.

Pat will keep track of the Village finances in her spare time at home on Perriwinkle Drive in Bellbrook.

## CHILDREN'S TOURS SCHEDULED

"School Days," pioneer craft seminars for school children, will again be a feature of the spring at the Village, according to Miriam Lukens, organizer and originator-manager of the event.

This year area schools will be attending the two days, either April 28 or 29. They will watch and hear six or seven selected craftsmen as they show and explain a pioneer craft. After hostesses guide the groups of children through these craft stations, the classes will probably enjoy a picnic on the Village grounds, as has been the practice in years past.

Miriam says that about 500 children are expected and that a few more groups could be scheduled in on Friday afternoon. The charge for activities is 25¢ per child.

Guides will be local persons and refreshments will be available for them.

## BEACHCOMBERS ANONYMOUS

Two programs, one done and another to come, highlight the late winter season. Andy Kopp presented an interesting program at the March 15 meeting about artifacts he has recovered from the lake bottom of the old Chataqua Lake after the dam broke. Kat Spray will on April 5 present a program on pioneer dress and clothing.

## EXTINGUISHERS RECOMMENDED

A safety committee with Jim Merrick as Chairman recently recommended an increase in the number of fire extinguishers at the Village.

## LUKENS HOUSE GETS REPAIR

In recent weeks several major jobs of repair have been undertaken on the Lukens house.

On the "work weekend" of March 12 and 13, Ed Simpkins and Tim Hill tackled the long needed Lukens house cellar job including stairway and steps. New steps were built and a new stairway enclosure over them. In addition, jacks in the basement of the house were straightened, new supporting beams were installed under the floor, and a new foundation corner was put under the southwest corner of the house.

George Wall and Burnett Butterworth have sided the inside of the maintenance building with paneling and plywood. Burnett and Don Richards have built four gates for the Village green. Don has re-erected the old privy as part of the farm complex and re-roofed it.

Linda Lee, Frank Crabtree, Linda Penlon, Mic Richards and others have completely removed the interior of the store and Burnett and Don have provided major log surgery on the west outside wall. They also put a mantle above the fireplace in the school.

Mic Richards and some of our new members, including the Hammer family, have put several rows of outside mortar and inside wire on the Toll house.

## TRUSTEES, OFFICERS NAMED

At the annual meeting in March nine trustees for the Village were elected from a field of thirteen candidates.

Trustees then elected a Vice President, Burnett Butterworth, and a President, Don Richards. Kathryn Butterworth will again fill the office of Secretary.

Trustees for 1983 will be: Rebekah Apostelas from Bellbrook, Burnett Butterworth from Clearcreek Twp. in War. Cty., Tim Hill from Cincinnati, Linda Lee from Waynesville, Miriam Lukens from Lebanon, Edna Marsh from Lytle, Don Richards from Wayne Twp. in War. Cty., Ed Simpkins from Middletown, and George Wall from Harveysburg. Trustees not running this year were Glynn Marsh and Jane Spargur.

Homer Marsh reports that the Village made 17 1/2 gallons of syrup from the maple season, which was rather early and short due to the warm and dry spring weather. This is less than last year. Some syrup is still for sale, at \$5.00 a pint.

About fifty persons gathered at the syrup building on Sunday afternoon, March 6, to enjoy pancakes lathered in genuine maple syrup, with sausage and coffee on the side.

## COSTUMES & FEATURE

One new feature of the spring festival this year will be a costume contest based on the depiction of typical 1830 garb worn by pioneer men and women. An appropriate Indian costume may be entered also, as Indians were still living in the area at that time.

Judges will be Melba Hunt of the Kettering Moraine Museum and Maggie Simpkins from the Warren County Museum.

## FISHERS GIVE ORGAN, PIANO

The Village recently received the gift of an organ from the Paveys and Fishers and Hadleys of Clinton County and Warren County, which was placed in the Meeting House. The Fisher family also gave the Meeting House an upright piano.

The organ, which at one time was in the Meeting House, was brought from the home of the late Lois Fisher through the good graces of her sister, Lucille Hadley. The piano which had been in the Pavey family since 1902 was in the same home.

Jim Spargur and Don Richards brought the organ in Jim's truck. The piano requires more volunteers.

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