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CAESAR'S CREEK

PIONEER VILLAGE

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Maple Syrup 1984

~~COLLETT'S PROVIDE FUNDS~~ 2014

Two recent large and providential gifts have been received by the Village from the Wallace Collett and McKay Collett families, to assist in the restoration of the Collett house. These funds should enable the Village to complete restoration this summer. The Collett house is the only building in the Village to have remained in the same family since it was erected in about 1815. It was brought to the Village from Collett land at the corner of Collett Road and St. Rt. 73 in 1982.

SCHOOL DAYS ROLLS CLOSED

School Days at the Village for May 2, 3 and 4 are filled and no more classes can be taken. The rosters for these seminars for school children by craftsmen and Village guides are full.

Craftsmen have been selected and guides are being scheduled. Lunch will be served to these workers in the food service area all three days.

DUNKIN DONATES FURNITURE

Don Dunkin, a Waynesville resident and owner of the Seitz and George Office Furnishings, a Dayton firm, recently donated a desk, chair and typing stand to the Village for the establishment of an office there.

GROUP GIVES TWO DOORS

Two board-and-batten doors were recently donated by the Centerville Historical Society from a McEwen house. The house had been recently damaged by a run-away truck, which narrowly missed the historical museum.

~~MAPLE SEASON BEING SLOW~~ 2015

Maple syrup has come and gone and a lot of sweet memories (and utensils) are all that is left to ponder.

Buckets were out for five weeks, but during that time the uncooperative weather was either well below zero and dry or blowing snow and rain, or warm and balmy, all not particularly good for the sap to run. About 120 buckets were out.

Homer and Edna Marsh, who ran the camp, made a little over ten gallons, with only two good runs. They reported the syrup was somewhat dark this year.

Maple syrup pancake Sunday March 10, found some thirty people out to eat and keep the camp lively. However, that day the weather was cold and wet, and many who might have come were obviously "weathered out."

Homer and Edna have some for sale at \$7 a quart and \$4 a pint. Any one interested may phone 897-8342 to buy syrup.

A Westchester Girl Scout troop, with their leader, Robyn Fichter, came one recent Sunday and pulled all the Spiles, washed the buckets, and Mic and Don Richards put them away. After Linda Lee and Edna washed the pans, Burnett and Homer put away the rest of the camp equipment.

APOSTELOS RESIGNS JOB

Patty Apostelos, who has been the Village Treasurer for the past year, resigned at the March 6 meeting, having completed the annual report. Copies were distributed to present and past trustees at the March 20 meeting, also sent to the Corps and ODNR. Patty will be much missed.

TRUSTEES ELECTED IN MARCH

Three new trustees were elected at the annual meeting in March: Stanley Ireton, Annafrances Riddle and Joseph Worley. None had held the position previously.

Re-elected were: Burnett Butterworth, Frank Crabtree, Thelma Hatfield, Edna Marsh, Don Richards and George Wall.

VILLAGE TO OPERATE BOOTH

Pioneer Village will have a booth at the Sugarcreek Maple Sugar Festival in Bellbrook March 31 and April 1. The booth, operated by volunteers, will feature general store merchandise, with demonstrations of quilting, Village mounted animals, and rug braiding. The Village also hopes to pass out flyers for the summer programs. Becky Apostelos is serving as the organizer.

BIDS ASKED FOR INSURANCE

Insurance bids are being solicited for insuring the Village under several types of coverage. Several firms have indicated interest.

PIONEER FARM LAID OUT

George Wall, Sharon Cunningham, Jim Merrick and Don Richards met recently at the Wall residence to map out the Pioneer farm and order a set of "early American" fruit trees for the orchard.

Ordered were two Baldwin, two Northern Spy, two Cox Orange, two Astrachan, two Golden Russet and two Maiden Blush apple varieties; two each of Bartlett, Suchel and Kieffer pears. The trees will be financed from the Plecker fund.

NEW SITE PLAN IN WORKS

Chuck Parrish, historian for the United States Army Corps of Engineers in Louisville, was recently in town and in a conversation indicated a willingness to re-map the Village grounds to show the new buildings, additional ground, and other features that were not evident when the first site plan was drawn several years ago.

At that time the Village rather projected a plan to follow without much to put in the plan when the Village consisted of only a few buildings on one side of the green. Since then, many more buildings have been added and such items as the food service buildings, the farm buildings, the fields, the toll house, Collett house, sorghum complex, Hatfield house, fending roadways, camping and parking areas to name a few, have been added.

The new site plan will reflect the features put in the original site plan and now constructed, addition of new features and deletion of others.

Parrish said a team would be here in April to survey and sketch. Parrish has been a Village advisor ever since 1973. He says the Village is Uniquely successful.

SIMPKINS SUES VILLAGE

James Simpkins has filed a complaint against the Village alleging breach of oral agreement with the Village for him to operate the food booth during part of 1983, seeking damages of \$12,500. Mr. Simpkins is represented by the firm of Mark Clark and John Mengle.

The Village has filed an answer and counterclaim, denying liability and alleging that Simpkins breached the oral agreement. The law office of Jackson C. Hedges has been authorized by the Village board of trustees to represent the Village in this legal matter. The Village counterclaim requested that the Simpkins suit be dismissed and that the court determine a judgment in favor of the Village.

GROUP ATTENDA TOURISM MEET

Mic and Don Richards, Linda Lee and Frank Crabtree, and Joe and Miriam Worley recently attended a conference on south-central Ohio tourism at the Southern Ohio Technical College south of Hillsboro. The conference was sponsored, among others, by Sen. Cooper Snyder, and was attended by well over 100 participants.

BY-LAW CHANGE APRIL 3.

Members attending will vote on by-law changes re elections of trustees.

BEVERLY LEE NAMED STOREKEEPER

Trustees recently approved the appointment of Beverly Lee as storekeeper for the 1984 season. Beverly was the storekeeper last summer with the help of her grandmother, Annafrances Riddle.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

Toll house volunteers for the summer weekends are still being sought among members and friends of the Village. Contact the Butterworths, 897-4218, or Ethel Jefferis, 932-2994, for a date to keep the Toll house for a day or two.

TRUSTEE LABELS FLORA

In case you are hiking through the woods around the Village and see little metal tags with strange names on them on various trees and bushes, it isn't the woods pixies or the hobbits that live under the hill. It's Burnett Butterworth who has initiated a project to name (with the common and the Latin) some of the flora along the trails and around the Village grounds. Sometime ago the Armco Company gave the Village through the efforts of Debbie Kopp, a grant for such a project, and it is now being implemented.

YOUR HELP WILL BE NEEDED IN THE TOLL HOUSE THIS SUMMER.

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