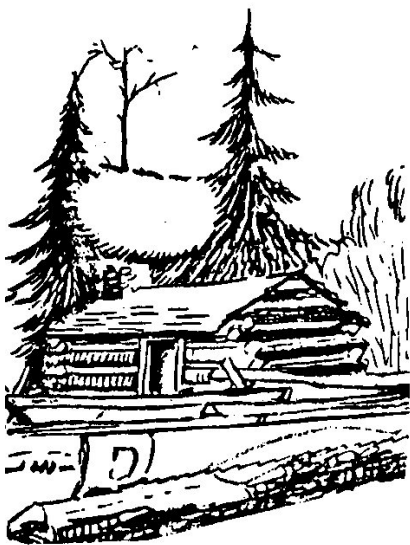




OLD Machinery Club News

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**** OLD MACHINERY CLUB NEWS ****

During February and March, the Caesars Creek Old Machinery Club worked six Sundays on the Harkrader Barn. We are pleased to announce that it is nearing completion. A great big thanks to all those who helped out. There will be work Sundays the 12th and 26th of April also. Work will begin at 1:00 p.m.. All those interested are invited to help out.

The next meeting of the Club will be April 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the maintenance shed. Everyone is welcome to attend.

We will be taking orders at this meeting for the 1987 Old Machinery Days Shirts. To order we will need sizes and kind. There are men's, women's and children's shirts available this year. If you cannot attend the meeting, but wish to order shirts, please contact Gary breeze at 897-7041 after 7 p.m.. Orders are due by April 15th and no more will be taken after that time.



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THREE TRUSTEES ELECTED

Three Trustees were elected in the annual election meeting held March 3 at the regular first Tuesday meeting at the winter meeting location in the basement of St. Mary's church in Waynesville.

Two of the Trustees, Frank Crabtree and Don Richards, were re-elected for an additional three years, and a new Trustee, Becky Siva from Bellbrook, replaced George Wall for a three year term. George declined to run for another term.

After the meeting Richards was re-elected President for another year and Burnett Butterworth as Vice President. The Secretary remains Catherine Butterworth and the Treasurer is Sharon Merrick.

The Trustees are in addition to Richards and Crabtree, Annafrances Riddle, Edna Marsh, Burnett Butterworth, Becky Siva, Stanley Ireton, Joe Worley and Gary Breeze.

HARKRADER BARN SITE CLEARED

Members of the Caesar's Creek Antique Farm Machinery Club, part of Pioneer Village, recently went to the Harkrader barn site to bring a last load of assorted building materials salvaged from that building to the Village and store it in the new barn site location.

This marks the last of the salvage items brought from the barn site, and the completion of work in dismantling, loading, sorting, and hauling the barn and its many parts to the Village.

The left pen of the barn is complete to the rafter logs, with work now centering on the right pen which was much more deteriorated than the left side. Extensive repair and either replacement or splicing of logs on the right side will have to be accomplished before much can be done there.

The club has made very useful work of the track hoe left at the Village all winter by the Don Thompson Construction company of Spring Valley.

KNAPP PICNIC TABLE NAMED

In the previous Log it was written that those who wished to get coupons from the Bill Knapp restaurants to apply toward a Village project could do so and then send them to Miriam Lukens, who is collecting them for the Village. The coupons are based on one per dollar for food eaten at Knapps, and will be applied toward the purchase of a picnic table.

Miriam's address was correctly given (in care of 204 Northwood Drive, Lebanon), but the wrong zip code was added. The Lebanon zip code is 45036.

While corrections are being made, the dates for the Dayton Women's Philharmonic benefit was incorrectly given; the correct dates are: April 30 and May 1.

GREENUP DAY SET FOR AREA

The state park and other public recreational facilities in the area are planning a 'greenup day' for Saturday, April 25, from 9 to 4 PM to clean, repair, pick up, and make a spring housecleaning for the new year. The Village will participate in the program.

PHONE NOW IN VILLAGE'S NAME

Starting with the new local phone books, the Village will have its phone in its own name rather than in L. S. Lee, like it has had for the past several years. Putting the number in a business category rather than in a private one will increase the monthly cost but allow the Village's name to be used as well as a yellow page listing (under parks).

The number remains unchanged—just the price has gone up. It is 897 1120.

LEE TO PARADE IN HAMILTON

Linda Lee, Coordinator, will be in a parade in Hamilton, along with Frank Crabtree, to commemorate the anniversary of the Girl Scouts of America on April 4.

WALL DECLINES TRUSTEESHIP

George Wall, long a Trustee, and a leading resident of Harveysburg declined to run for another term as Village Trustee at the first meeting in March. George is a Village broom maker and has a shop next to the Meeting House. He has contributed much to the Village in collections, furniture, construction work, and assistance in many places and in many ways.

He most recently has undertaken to design and order several new picnic tables that the Village needs to replace worn out ones. This past winter he and several others have been doing inside carpentry to the small section of the Hawkins house.

Several years ago he designed and built the outdoor bakeoven which bears his name. Helen Wall, his wife, is the hostess for the Elam house.

MILD WEATHER BRINGS BUILDERS

This past mild February has accomplished much in the way of progress at various spots around the Village. Don Richards worked on the closet beneath the stairs in the Inn, laid door sills in the Heighway cabin, and worked on the Hawkins chimney.

The farm machinery group got the left pen of the Harkrader barn up. Burnett Butterworth, Stan Ireton, George Wall and Jack Bender got much done in the Hawkins house. Frank Crabtree and Becky Siva dug up the small ash saplings south of the herb garden and planted them in various locations around the Village.

MAPLE SYRUP SEASON ENDS

The maple syrup season ended for all practical purposes with the pancake and "genuine" syrup dinner Sunday, March 8 at the Village. A report of over sixty visitors that day made it the best attended such event since the Village tapped trees and boiled sap.

A sale of \$117 worth of syrup, over \$100 in food donation, and a good collection at the Tollhouse brought the day to a financial success as well as a social and culinary one as well.

Linda Lee reports that about seven or eight gallons of syrup was made. Beck Siva, who has been in charge of the operation, reports that the season is about at an end, the trees are starting to turn green and the holes for the spiles are drying up. She thinks the buckets will be brought in, spiles pulled, and things cleaned up and put away by the weekend of the 15th.

All buckets, all sixty or so of them, will have to be washed by hand, dried and put away for next winter's use. All in all, it has been a enjoyable and successful season, with most cooperative weather, good workers, good food, and the best syrup the Village has ever made. Homer Marsh thinks it is due to the dry season- no rain water in the sap.

COMMEMORATIVE BUTTONS PLANNED

The farm machinery club plans to initiate a series of commemorative buttons, featuring a different log house each year as part of the annual farm machinery show in August.

This collector's series will be a medallion to be in each participant's hands that are a part of the show as a souvenir and badge of participation.

VILLAGE INTERESTED IN MUSEUM

Last fall Trustees were approached by Mr. Philip Trinity, who had contacted Linda Lee about placing a "museum" at the Village's disposal that had been established by his parents and was presently in Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

The subject of the collection was discussed several times, with a decision reached to look into it in further detail as the earliest possible opportunity. The Don Richards journeyed to Mt. Clemens in February to see just what had been offered to the Village.

The Richards found a well defined, small, and rather dust covered collection of material in about half a building; sharing facilities with a local library. Both facilities had been developed by Mr.

and Mrs. Trinity, who had spent a lifetime of collecting items for a display covering taxidermy specimens, a general store sometime set before the turn of the last century, a cobbler shop, dentist's office, post office, candy shop, and blacksmith's shop.

They were well received by the Pieroneks, as Mrs. Trinity, a widow, had remarried about fifteen years ago. The Richards took visual tape of the collections, brought it back where it was viewed at a recent Village meeting.

After assessing the materials seen in the tape, it was decided to approach the Pieroneks to see under what arrangements the several col-

lections that they wished to part with, could be utilized on the Pioneer Village grounds.

Trustees have for some time felt that the empty buildings needed something in them to enhance their attractiveness, bring them to life and fill a mission of providing a setting showing settler's life on the early Ohio frontier.

As a result of the possibility of having the Trinity collections, the Pieroneks have been approached to see under what circumstances they would be willing to allow the general store, dentist's office, and blacksmith shop to be brought to Caesar's Creek.

ANNUAL REPORT OUT IN GOOD TIME

The Village's Annual Report, which is both a report for the past year and a plan for the next, has been compiled, typed, printed, and is in the hands of the various agencies sponsoring or holding control aspects of the Village (the U.S. Corps of Engineers, the State ODNR), as well as Trustees and other local officials.

The report shows a 1986 income of \$44367.24 and expenses of \$50960.24. Special funds are composed of the Harkrader barn fund, at \$4851.89, the Lacey Springhouse fund at \$1199.57, the Meeting House maintenance fund at \$500, the William A. Lukens fund at \$2182.23, the farm machinery fund of \$522.45.

Projected income set for 1987 is \$40800.00, and the expenses come to \$52600.00.

The "School Days" needs volunteers for May 6, 7, and 8

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