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FESTIVAL AROUND CORNER

The special event for June is the coming Traditional American Music Festival, which has become an annual affair, now ready for the sixth year. Initially started by Ed Simpkins and continued by Debbie Kopp, the music festival is hoped to continue the tradition of excellence which they established.

This year it is being chaired by Bob Sampson and Jim Merrick, and had included Harold Smart, who had to drop out due to illness in the family. It will be a two-day affair, Saturday and Sunday, June 16 and 17. Both days' activities will begin at ten A.m. and will continue with live music through ten p.m. on Saturday and until five p.m. on Sunday. Admission donation is asked of one dollar per adult and children under 12 free. This year, there will also be selected non-music craftsmen on the grounds.

According to Linda Lee, who has been coordinating the event, there will be workshops both days from twelve till three. In addition, there will be Gospel music in the Meeting House and music and folk dancing in the barn. Food will be served at the kitchen as usual.

Most of the half-hour slots for entertainment have been filled, according to Linda.

WILD, WET AND WONDERFUL

School Days, the craft seminars for children, were a resounding, if very wet, success. Over 1100 children were on the grounds over the three forenoons. Guides, craftsmen, cooks, teachers and children all persisted during the wettest of weather.

NEW (OLD) CABIN ACQUIRED 2016

The Village recently acquired the rights to salvage the Samuel Heighway house, perhaps the most historic log building in the area if not southwest Ohio, and perhaps one of the most in the state.

The Heighway house, according to historian and researcher Dennis Dalton, was built as a surveyor's cabin by Heighway and his party in probably 1793 or 1794, on a hillside near a spring part way up the valley now known as Newman's Run south of Waynesville. He surveyed the town of Waynesville and purchased the land with surveyor's fees between the new platt and the creek. Settling the new town with Quakers, he built a house in town about 1797 and settled there.

The cabin, without a fireplace, with only two small windows, and without tillable land to support it, became the dwelling of an unknown succession of poor folk into and through the 19th and 20th centuries until the Edmiston family acquired it, added a second story and a large block rear addition. It partially burned in 1972 and has been abandoned since.

As a result of an offer to the Village several Village men surveyed it recently and pronounced the original logs surprisingly sound. It was felt that panneling had spared the logs.

This building, earlier than almost any other in the state, never having been covered, has logs that have lost the adz and ax marks over the years. It is very unique, as it is the only true settler's cabin of which the Village knows.

ELAM HOUSE IS FURNISHED 2016

Efforts to furnish the Elam house as it would have looked in the days of its erection, early 1800's, showed surprisingly nice results. Under the leadership of Helen Wall, items in private collections were assembled and put on display for the Spring Festival, making the Elam house the first to be represented as furnished. The display received many comments about its authentic appearance.

HATFIELD NAMED TREASURER

Thelma Hatfield has volunteered to be the Treasurer for the 1984 year, replacing Patty Apostoles.

Thelma has been central to much of the Village and is presently a trustee. She and her husband Joe donated the Hatfield house to the Village, and Joe did much early legal ground work to secure the Tax exempt status for the Village. They have been steady supporters since the middle of 1973.

Thelma reports the job is time-consuming and interesting.

KITCHEN GETS ADDITION 2016

The food building has received another addition during the past several weeks. An addition was built on the front to provide a spot for storage and facilitate the screened doors mandated by the department of health.

Sliding screen panels were also added on all bays of the building. Homer Marsh, George Wall, Joe Worley, Don Worley, Burnett Butterworth, Stan Ireton, Tom Lacy, and others worked on the project.

SPRING PLANTING RATES HIGH

"A storybook festival" was what one participant had to say about the spring planting festival held at the Village on May 19 and 20. That description was an apt one as everything seemed to come together and make the occasion beneficial and enjoyable. The enthusiasm, dedication and pleasant attitude of all who participated made it a storybook festival indeed.

Thelma Hatfield, treasurer, reports a gross income of \$5,479, a figure which includes store receipts, food service, gate, and most of the crafts people. This accrual figure will vary a bit as final receipts and bills are submitted.

Villagers, worried about the overwhelmingly damp and cold weather throughout the spring, were pleased to have a nearly perfect weather day Saturday and most of Sunday. A cool breeze kept the temperature in the comfortable low 80's.

Saturday was somewhat light, but Sunday was well attended, partly because of a splendid feature article in the Cincinnati Enquirer, which featured Annabelle Ireton in color, on the front page, quilting, and a two-column story on the first page of the

second section showing Heber Ellis caning a chair, with a third picture of a playful youngster in a handcrafted twig chair.

Linda Lynch and boys had the horse and pony rides as usual. The horses wandered off southward several miles and were located and returned to the green Sunday morning. Jim Merrick and Bob Sampson provided music management on the stage with cloggers to liven things up too.

Don and Dottie Hawke, assisted by some of the best help ever, ran the kitchen in a superb manner. Stan Ireton, Frank Crabtree and the Boyers set out some of the best barbecued chicken ever roasted. The Westchester Girl Scouts kept the drink booths going. Jeff Richards and the volunteers there kept the traffic running smoothly. The Butterworths, the Worleys, and others managed a successful bake table in the barn, and Ethyl Jefferis kept the p.r. position of the gate house. The entire issue this time could be filled with names and details.

The new camping area was initiated but found to be too crowded, sloped and swampy. Some vehicles got stuck and had to be pulled out. A wrecker was brought in to pull the Sampson trailer to higher ground.

MARTIN RESIGNS, RICHARDS NOW

Martha Martin, in charge of the herb garden for the past several years, has moved to Florida, and Mic Richards has volunteered to be chair person to take her place.

Mic has spent several weekends getting the garden organized for this year, bringing in some new herbs, re-arranging inside the shed, and completely turning over the garden ground. It all looks very attractive. Also, a water barrel has been added to catch rain water.

The Village herb garden is on the Cincinnati area herb garden list and thus very likely will attract tours from that city. It is a major early American attraction at the Village.

SERVICE HELD IN THE GROVE

On a recent Wednesday, a Kettering Methodist church celebrated its 100th anniversary by enacting a circuit ride, conducting a service in the locust grove near the Elam house. The minister, Rev. Yoakum, with Dr. Fricke, rode in from Spring Valley and held the service with members of his congregation and several of our costumed Villagers' participating.

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