

Maintenance Shed

THE VILLAGE LOG

Mills Bldg

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NOT ARMCHAIR HISTORIANS

As has been the custom in past issues of the Village Log, part of the November issue has been devoted to the activities and accomplishments of the past year. This year of 1982 has been exceptionally full. Each year it seems that the present year has been more filled than the previous one and it is difficult to believe that the next one could be as active and busy as the past, but here is 1982 and you can be the judge.

During this year the barbecue building was completed (it was started in 1981), the bell was hung, a deep freeze was purchased for it and it was electrified. The stone pit was built and used for several festivals.

In the same general area of the grounds a cooler addition was built on the rear of the kitchen building with a cement floor and then a walk-in cooler was purchased, disassembled, brought in and reassembled in the building, the compressor was added and everything wired, shelves built and the other deep freezer located there.

Slightly further to the west a large (45 by 26) shed was erected with a cement slab, tongue and groove siding and a shingle roof. It was insulated and will be used for a workshop and storage of equipment.

South of the barbecue building the Wall Bake Oven was built of hand-made brick and roofed with a protective cover of shingles.

Behind the barn a water tank on a cradle was built for water storage for the kitchen.

The Toll house, begun in 1981, received a roof, floor on both levels, a stairway, windows and doors and backing between the logs for a fill of chinking and mud.

The corn crib was finished with a roof and door and set of steps.

The left loft of the barn was floored and the right loft converted into an old farm equipment museum.

The Mills house had defective mud filling removed and new put in. It also had its chimney completed, roof finished and interior walls built.

The Hatfield house got a new "turnip top" pailing fence and was completed inside and out, and caretakers installed in residence.

Several light poles were erected around the Green and birdhouses put on them. A tree commemorating Dr. Finley was planted near the Toll house.

Ground was broken for the Inn, Collett house, and black smithshop and footers poured and blocks set. Electric and water was buried to the Inn and Githans house and Maintenance shed.

The Collett house was disassembled and brought in and stored. The Stemens house and Eyman house were both brought in for construction of the Inn building. The blacksmith shop logs were also brought in to a prepared site.

Several buildings were painted and windows were painted in several more as well as doors and trim.

An addition was built to the furnace building and the sorghum press extensively remodeled. Both sorghum molasses and maple syrup in season were made.

The Githens house foundation was finished and the interior set up with looms and a stove.

A potato plow, corn shelter, organ, fodder chopper and grain cradle were acquired.

Additional land between the lake and the original Village site was added. Plans were laid to acquire additional parking areas and a better camping spot.

Several weddings were held, as well as seminars, meetings, reunions, picnics, parties, retreats and two days of Spring Children's Seminars.

Four Gatherings were held through June and a two-day music festival in that month also. A two-day fall festival was put on. Three Mall shows were put on through the winter, each lasting for four to five days at a time.

Additional work was done on the nature trail and on the herb garden.

Meetings were held twice a month, membership notices sent out, books and financial reports made, minutes recorded and read, reports printed, brochures designed and printed, labor and help solicited, supplies purchased, grounds mowed and maintained and the newsletter written, published and mailed eleven times.

The barn floor, long a bewildering tangle of wood, building supplies, junk and debris has been swept clean and is now ready to store the wagons for the winter.

The left loft of the barn has now been floored. George Wall, Burnett Butterworth and Don Richards laid it down. A stairway to the loft was also put in.

MARTIN SPEAKS ABOUT HERBS

Martha Martin was the featured speaker at the last Village meeting. Her topic, herbs, was illustrated with items and lore. She served a potato soup flavored with herbs and a herbal tea. A large crowd attended the meeting

VILLAGE, ODNR JOINTLY PLAN

Negotiations and correspondence headed by Ed Simpkins with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources now indicate that the Village will now be acquiring some additional acreage to the south of the Village, across Pioneer Village Road and possibly to the west along the marina road as well.

A group of ODNR representatives headed by Wayne Warren were recently met by a group of Village trustees and other members at the Lukens house to discuss the auxiliary parking land to the south as well as future expansion plans for the Village and park future plans. Growing out of this discussion was the probability of acquiring the additional land as well as an extra amount of land across the road for parking and camping use.

The ODNR group plans to develop and use plans for the south parking area and place the access drive planned across that land in a border area so as not to sit the land and the Village plans to develop a ten-year plan for expansion and development and present it to the ODNR at a future meeting.

GROB ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 264

For the past several weekends Villagers have put in insulation in the walls of the maintenance shed and worked on that building. A group composed of Tim and Ellen Hill

Becky Sive, Mic Richards, Frank Crabtree and his friend Bob accomplished this task.

Ed Simpkins and Debbie Kopp trenched a line from the shed to the electric building and installed the line and then another to the Githens house and covered it all.

STORE COMMITTEE MEETS

The store Committee consisting of Mic Richards, Linda Fenlon, Mat Fugate and Martha Martin met recently to plan for 1983 and update the inventory and retailing procedures of the store.

The group plans to visit the store at Carriage Hill to learn of their operating arrangements.

GARDEN CLUB INTERESTED

The Four Seasons Garden Club, a club serving part of the south Dayton area, has asked the Village to submit needed plans for plantings, tree allocation, herb garden development and other landscaping plans to them by the end of the year so they can be included into projected plans for 1983. Marge Wyte feels that the club might well wish to work with the Village during the coming year as one of their main projects.

During the past several weeks much restoration work has been accomplished on the Mills house and many people have concentrated on that building which for several years has virtually been ignored.

Becky Siva and Jim Merrick have been replacing the outside mortar filling with new, more suitable filling, and have completed the front and west end. The deteriorated logs have been filled with a sawdust mixture and covered with a tan acrylic rubber compound to match the existing wood.

The chimney is finished and the roof shakes replaced around the hole in the roof.

Much cleaning needs to be done around the site and some step work completed.

SIMPKINS TRENCHES LINES 264

Ed Simpkins trenched a line from the electric shed over to the Inn site and installed cable in it, with Rebekah Apostelos, Becky Siva, Frank Crabtree and his friend Bob, Jim Merrick and Don Richards filling the trenches back in. He also trenched a ditch for water from the well house to the Inn Site with the line installed and hooked up by Jesse Mitchell plumbing and the trench filled in.

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Next Meeting at St. Mary's Jan. 4, 1983, 7:30 PM