

# THE VILLAGE LOG

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## REMEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Probably by the time the Log gets to most homes, the month of December and Christmas activities will be well under way. However, this is to remind people of the Dec. 4th Christmas party in the Meeting House and the Lukens House, at 2 O'clock in the afternoon.

## MUCH ACCOMPLISHED IN 1983

Each November, essentially at the end of the season, it has been interesting to look at the year and summarize its accomplishments. Each year piles on another and brings further progress toward that mythical time when "it's all done." This year has been no exception.

During 1983 the Inn got part way up and the Collett house and blacksmith building up but not roofed. The inside walls of the maintenance shed were completed, lights put in, a grinder purchased, and tables repaired. The Githens house got interior decorating. The Hatfield house got extensive landscaping. The herb garden got a fence all around. The Hawkins house got part of the chimney with one fireplace finished and the other partly done.

The maintenance shed, the Toll house, the Meeting House, and the Furnas house received fresh paint. A privy was erected behind the Furnas house. The Lukens house got extensive cellar repair with a new entrance built. The Toll house received a chimney and fireplace, a sign, interior restoration, fencing and gates in front.

Grounds were improved in many locations with piles of stones and debris removed at the Mills house, Githens

house, Toll house, Meeting House, with a block foundation laid for the churchyard wall. An additional side porch was added to the store.

Burnett Butterworth and Thelma Hatfield made, and Burnett placed, informative plaques on major buildings.

Grounds were cleared to camp both across the road from the Inn and to the rear of the Hatfield house, and some trail work was done.

The loft to the barn was floored. The Mills house got steps both front and back, and paint. A sign was erected in front of the Toll house and roofed. The bake oven got a screened area for food storage. The buffalo head came into its own and wound up in the store. Some repair was done on the east side of the school. Gates were made for the parking area. A light was put up in front of the Toll house and another on the side of the barn. The Meeting House got a piano. The flag pole was moved and several trees were planted. Grass was cut, trees trimmed, sorghum planted, cultivated, processed, and in late winter maple syrup made.

Volunteers managed three festivals and a Civil War re-enactment. Extensive sign painting was needed. There were summer activities using the grounds for hire and a fall wedding. A volksmarsche and the Park winter hike used the grounds. School days were full. Villagers had a parade float in the Harveysburg parade. A birthday party and Halloween party were held. There were several get-togethers off the grounds. A five-day mall show was put on at the Dayton Mall.

Did I forget anything? Is there anything left for 1984? You bet!

## WEEKENDS PROVE FRUITFUL

During November volunteers staged two worth-while work weekends. November 5 & 6, especially set to get the Inn started, accomplished just that. The following weekend saw further progress on the raising of the Inn logs.

These weekends saw the blacksmith building top log finished, wagons put away, picnic tables collected, the work on the porch roof advanced, and some Hawkins house chimney work done.

The main job was to get the Inn started, and the time-consuming task of getting the foundation and sill logs started right took all the first Saturday. The sill logs had to be replaced by barn sill logs brought in earlier by David Hastell.

All the floor joists for the first floor were placed, a major undertaking as all of them were logs. By the end of Sunday the first floor was in place.

The following weekend saw several of the end and front logs up. It began to look like a building.

Among those working at least one of the weekends were Dave Hastell, Jim Merrick, George Wall, Burnett Butterworth, Don Richards, Stan Ireton, who brought his front loading tractor (without which the job would still be in the talking stage), Joe Worley, Bob Cartright, Calvin Purnell, Calvin St. John, Frank Crabtree, Becky Apostelos, Becky Siva, Mic Richards, Miriam Worley, Carol Purnell and daughters, and others. Frank and Dave worked both weekends.

The Inn, the largest log building will sit next to the road.

## TOLL HOUSE PLANS UNDER WAY

Burnett Butterworth, as Chairman of the Visitor Committee, which used to be the Host and Hostess Committee, presented a report to the Trustees with the organization and recommendations for placing hosts in the Toll house in the summer months of 1984.

It was recommended that it be open from noon till six daily, and that volunteers staff it on weekends from the May (spring) festival through September 16.

For the non-festival weekend days a donation of 50¢ for each visitor could be asked and all festival donations be set at one dollar per adult, 50¢ for children.

A schedule will be mailed to members, asking that the designated days be coordinated with available people and possible times, and then be returned to the Butterworths or committee member Ethel Jefferis, who will attempt to unsnarl conflicts and concentrations.

It has been found that the Toll house has been a very consistent source of funds for restoration work this past summer, bringing in weekly donations sometimes as high as fifty dollars. Careful attention needs to be given to operating it so as to be an asset to the Village.

## TWO TO FINISH HOUSE ROOF

At the last trustees' meeting, Dave Hastell and Jim Merrick were awarded a contract to proceed to erect and roof, straighten the logs, and enclose the gable ends of the Collett house, as soon as they can. This means that there are three buildings going up presently: Jim and Dave's contracting the Collett house, Jim and Dave's voluntarily putting up the blacksmith shop, and every one's working on the Inn.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FRAMED

Al Byrd has prepared a wooden barn-siding type frame in keeping with the style of the Village for a recent letter from President Reagen.

During the early spring, Ed. Simpkins had written the President, inviting him to a festival, sending pictures and calling his attention to activities and attractions at the Village. No one really believed he would be able to come, but we received a form letter reply, citing our achievements and congratulating us on accomplishments. It is supposedly signed by him.

Al encased both the letter and envelope in an attractive display which will be hung in the Toll house.

## PROJECTOR TO BE VALUABLE

At a recent trustees' meeting it was decided to purchase the Ektograph projector, with hope that the appeal to members would bring in sufficient funds to assist in the cost.

The Richards used it to present a meeting to the Centerville Historical Society, and reported that it worked well, both as a recorder and projector for automatic slide presentation. Don Richards, Kathryn and Burnett Butterworth, Joe and Thelma Hatfield met at the home of Joe and Miriam Worley recently to put together several shows of specific subjects which would then be available for use with the Ektograph. With the exception of the Richards, the group has literally hundreds (individually) of slides of activities at the Village dating from early 1973 to current work on the Inn.

At Worleys two carousels were prepared: One of the Meeting House, and another of construction activities. Later, Joe organized another of individuals' working at the Village over the years. Several programs are now available. Accompanying tapes remain to be developed.

NEXT MEETING JANUARY 3 AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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