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HEIGHWAY HOUSE GETS ROOF FINISHED

Heighway 20/5
Frank Crabtree and Don Richards, assisted by Linda and Barry Lee and Mic Richards, recently finished the roof on the Heighway house. The roof was started and about half finished last spring, but nothing had been done on it all summer. Shakes are on and no more water leaks into the people below.

That is, it doesn't leak on you if you are not standing beneath the smoke hole, for this, the earliest and most primitive of the buildings in the Village, represents a settler's cabin and has no chimney, just a hole in the roof for the smoke to drift out. The villagers working on this building are not quite sure how large or how high asto put the hole, for all information concerning such arrangements have long been forgotten with the passing of the frontier and the installation of such modern conveniences as chimneys and fireplaces!

TRUSTEES INTERVIEW COLLECTOR

Most of the Trustees and some members recently were host to Mr. Phillip Trinity, a Columbus resident but a native of Mt. Clemens, Michigan, who having heard of the Village, offered his family's extensive collection of early American artifacts and several collections of early professional offices such as a doctor's office, a dentist's office, a blacksmith's shop, collections of toys, indian materials, farm stools, a general store setting, and other items that he and his family have collected over several decades and is now housed in a large building next to the family home in Mt. Clemens.

Mr. Trinity said that they were looking for a suitable place to display the collections, and that the Village met their criteria better than other places they had investigated. The gift and display transfer would take up to two years to complete.

The Trustees determined to travel to Mt. Clemens to view the Trinity Museum as it is known, sometime this winter.

EISMANN BROTHERS TO CONSTRUCT

20/5
John and Richard Eismann have been given two contracts for construction work at the Village by Trustee action recently. Bidding on three projects, the first floor of the Inn, the second floor of the Inn and the erection and roofing of the Storer shed, Trustees decided to go ahead with the first floor of the Inn and the Storer shed. The logs for the Storer shed have been on the ground for a year and must be put up before any more time passes.

The two roofed the Inn last winter and put on the porch. John is presently repairing several roofs around the Village. The work on the Inn consists of repairing the rear sill, repairing the sleepers, putting in the sub floor, and building the stairway which came from the Harkrader site.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE NAMED

In an effort to coordinate and organize the Village's publicity for 1987, at the last Trustee's meeting a publicity committee was named consisting of Joe and Miriam Worley as chair persons, Linda Lee, Frank Crabtree, Judy Gilliam and Don Richards. Judy represents the antique machinery club of the Village.

In the past the Worleys have handled the major bulk of the publicity work, doing all the mailing and newspaper and radio and TV contacts, Richardss the Enquirer paid ads and the machinery club their own.

LOG REPAIRS BEING INVESTIGATED

Using material ordered from a log house construction firm, George Wall, Stan Ireton, Burnett Butterworth and Joe Worley are doing some research as well as repair on the Lukens house to find ways to repair the deterioration of the logs on the outside of that building.

The material is a plastic-rubber compound marketed by Heritage Log House builders that is applied with an applicator similar to but considerably larger than a cake decorator.

EARLY MEMBER DIES RECENTLY

done 20/5
Will Smith, a charter member of and early supporter of the Village recently died after a lengthy illness. Mr. Smith was an enthusiastic and regular member of the Village for several years and was often on hand to lend muscle as well as psychological support for the project. He was one of the prime movers in the moving of the Meeting House to the Village and worked on the foundation of that building.

His old red truck was often loaded (or overloaded) with blocks, boards or stones from salvage sites around Caesar's Creek, and in the days of no wheeled machinery of any type except for volunteer's vehicles, that was a bonus indeed. The hen coop, used presently for the storage of paper products, and at one time the Village store, was brought from their farm in 174. The Village later bought the radial arm saw in the Head Shed from him.

Will was raised in New Burlington, was a member of an influential family there, gave up their home when the town was purchased by the Corps during lake construction, and later resided on a family farm on Roxanna New Burlington Road, from where the coop was moved. He is survived by his wife Dorothy, and had lived in Florida during winters in recent years.

STATE PARK PROVIDING SERVICE

The Caesar Creek State park under an agreement with John Dobbney, the park Superintendent, has agreed to furnish a dumpster for the Village and to provide regular weekly dumping service as well, at no charge to the Village. The cost of the service, which had grown to \$50 a month, can be put toward other expenses and help with restoration instead of operation.

The state's service, which has been excellent, is most welcome, as members can remember times in hot summers past dealing with dumpsters full of foul smelling ingredients indeed.

SEVERAL NEW MEMBERS NAMED

Ethel Jefferis, Membership Chairman reports that several new families have joined the Village recently. They are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Leyes, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lindamood and Bruce Lindamood. The Leyes and Smiths are residents of O'Neill Road, Waynesville, and the Lindamoods are from Clarksville Road, also a Waynesville address.

HARKRADER BARN LOGS SEPARATED

The members of the antique machinery group met on the past workweekend to pull the logs from the Harkrader barn out in rows, separating them in preparation to laying them up as soon as a back hoe or crane becomes available. The group hopes to use the Don Thompson Construction Company hoe that was used to dismantle it, finding that the crane from Cimster Sign Company is no longer available.

1986 WAS A BUSY AND CHANGING YEAR

Since there will be no Log published in December as has been the past custom this November issue will review the developments for the past year in a final look at the year rapidly ending.

1986 was an extremely busy year, frustrating in many ways, but progressive in many ways also. It was a year in which more current repair was attempted as well as ongoing construction. The grounds were kept better, and more attention was paid to mowing and trimming than ever before. The parking

areas began to look as if they were part of the civilized world rather than meadows chopped out of the woods. The porch on the Inn was completed, wire was set between the logs, both back corners raised and new logs set in, the fireplace and chimney built, and side foundation walls laid. The grounds were cleared of debris behind that building. Much work was done on the Highway house, with all the logs up and a roof on, doors constructed and windows built and in. The herb garden was expanded and cultivated, and some work was done on the Hawkins House chimney. The foundation for the Harkrader barn was built and that building was cleared, tagged, disassembled, brought in and started back up. A wall and sills were built for the spring house, the interior, windows, flooring were completed for the Collett house, and much new wiring was done in and around the store as well as the water line extended to the farm area. Outside electric lights were put in behind the buildings for the pulling track, bleachers were rebuilt and painted, and the farm machinery facilities updated.

Twelve benches were sponsored around the Village. Together with five major festivals, numerous other encampments, parties, school activities, and projects. We even took time off to make a trip to Old Washington!

MEETINGS SET FOR NEW LOCATION

Village meetings will be moved starting the first of January (Jan. 4) at St. Mary's Episcopal church, Third and Miami Streets, Waynesville at 7:30,

PLANNING MEETING SETS UP 1987

Trustees, members, and several visitors representing special groups met in the Head Building November 2 to set up the agenda for 1987, deciding the upon the calendar and special events for next year.

Village meeting dates remain at 7:30 PM the first and third Tuesday of each month, and work weekends (the second Friday and Saturday of each month) are scheduled for each month. Friday is especially available for those retired, while Saturday offers opportunity for those that are not.

The Village is planning five special events again, but the theme of the May one has not yet been decided upon. The June event will try to combine the regular old-time music festival together with an exploration into the presentation of pioneer or frontier food. More will certainly be heard about that later on. July may attempt to combine black powder enthusiasts and civil war buffs together in a similar manner as last year's civil war enactment. August will again be the antique machinery show and September will be the harvest festival.

Two organizations organized within the Village will hold regular meetings at the Village, the Quilting Club and the Antique Farm Machinery Club. For information about the quilting Becky Siva will provide the answers, and for the machinery group, Gary Breeze will provide answers. The Quilting Club will meet monthly on the first Sunday, usually around 11 AM and the old machinery club will meet at 5 PM on the same day.

Don't forget the Christmas party Dec. 7 2 PM in the Meeting House

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