

THE VILLAGE LOG

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1988 WAS AN ACTIVE YEAR

This past year was a very active year, but there was more action in the operational parts of the Village than in the developmental one which is a departure from the usual scheme of things.

But there was lots of developmental work too. To list them: The Old Machinery Club was very active and replaced the field lights with much better ones, erected the machinery scales given by the Clinton County Fair Board, improved the pulling track, and enlarged the unloading ramp. They planted the Village crops— sorghum cane, corn, Indian corn, wheat, and pumpkins; took care of them through the summer and harvested them in the fall. They also purchased the pulling sled (a very valuable and unique piece of machinery) and several other pieces of important farm machinery, the largest being the thrasher or separator parked in the Lukens barn, and received several other pieces as gifts. They made improvements on the saw mill and are currently involved in the Harkrader barn.

The Hawkins house got its chimney completed and some inside finishing work done. The tollhouse got some foundation work done. The Lukens house got much needed re-chinking and sealing of logs and the Elam house got a good start. The Furnas house got nearly all its downstairs inside chinking done, and the blacksmith building got much of its inside chinking too, plus a window and a chimney and a hearth or forge and a good start on blacksmithing tools. The Storer shed got its doors hung. The Collett house got most of its inside downstairs chinking in. An extensive addition was put on the rear of the store which nearly tripled the sales space, got water hooked up to it and a drain. Extensive repair was made to the Village kitchen and new picnic tables were bought. Much needed yard work was

done in front of the Lukens house with stumps removed and tree stubbs burned out. Repair work was done to the Mills house, as detailed elsewhere in this issue.

Five two-day festivals were held, a weekend barn sale was put on, three weekends were devoted to the haunted hayride, the Village helped in the Greenup Day, six days of school seminar days were handled, three weeks of maple syrup making went in the spring and a week of molasses making in the fall, the herb garden was expanded and presented continuously, several new benches were secured, several authentic pieces of furniture was stripped and finished, teams contacted local banks and businesses, eleven newsletters were published, a new brochure was designed and printed, flyers, reports, and publicity materials set up, mailed, and distributed. Books kept, bills paid, purchases made, minutes kept, meetings run. Volunteers in the tollhouse, in the drink and food booths, the kitchen and the barbecue building, at the admission gate, in the store, the mill, the fields, on the phone, at the baketable. Musicians, soldiers, settlers, mountain men, drovers, Indians, tractor and antique machinery men and women, field hands, park rangers and local firemen.

Has something been forgotten? Probably. Busy people find time passes quickly. So indeed did this past year.

THANK YOU FOR THIS YEAR

Now that 1988 is drawing to a close it is time to try to remember all the people that took part in the Village's activities during this past year. Much of the time during the year, the time is too short and the pressure too keen to really get a chance to sit down and write a thank-you note to everyone that has a hand in what has become a pretty complex operation. The Village is still operating out of shoeboxes stored under beds and mixed up with personal mail in

desk drawers and will be until the Bullskin Inn gets on its feet.

So at the end of the year it is appropriate to thank all the many volunteers that have made the operation of the Village possible this past year. To try to remember all the names would inevitably miss a few, so possibly the different aspects of the Village could be used to try to thank all that worked on them.

The Friday crew is central to the well-being of the Village, as is the grounds and land management people who have taken care of so much. The volunteers for school days and all the field trips are some of our greatest. Maybe the Harnishes who drive all the way from Oxford are good examples.

Lone workers contribute greatly such as Ethel and Joe and Miriam. People involved in construction, the crops, the machinery, the trail, trees and animals are all so important. Certainly the tollhouse volunteers are to be mentioned. Money is so important to us— Sharon could not be equaled in that respect.

Our festivals and their complexities involve many— the kitchen help, those on the gate, those who pick up and carry garbage, those who contribute to the bake table. Those who help in printing, distribution, art work, host meetings, give legal advice, administer first aid. Those that attend meetings, keep minutes, hassle over day-to-day problems. So I could go on— the musicians, mountain men, craftsmen, the herb lady, those in the ancillary organizations such as the Old Machinery Club. The Village is a creation of all these contributions— without which, I'm afraid, life would be dull indeed.

BLACKSMITH TOOLS DONATED

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Jack Bender, one of the Village's staunchest supporters and regular volunteers, recently purchased a large anvil and several other blacksmithing tools at a sale and has presented them to the Village.

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Holiday greetings from the staff of the Village Log

MEAD OFFICIAL CONTACTED

Trustee Gary Breeze has made contact with Mr. Dudley Kircher, Vice President of the Mead Corporation of Dayton to see if some arrangement can be made to secure logs for the Harkrader barn.

Breeze and others are still trying to reach a decision as to the feasibility of dismantling the pen that has been erected and enlarging the foundation which is cracking and probably can not be used. The logs being sought are for the other side and are to replace deteriorated logs there. It appears as if the footers for the building will have to be extended on both sides.

VILLAGE SHEEP OFF VISITING

The three Village sheep- all ewes, are currently off visiting some sheep of the opposite sex in some local flocks, arranged through the efforts of George Wall and Drew Gilliland. It was thought that the delivery date for the lambs might be early enough in the spring to make them attractive to local 4-H youths for summer projects, for which they would be donated, but it may be that they will be born too late to be able to complete in the show ring with lambs born earlier and thus larger by show time. In any case, Drew says he can find homes for them come springtime.

SOME MORE NEW MEMBERS

Ethel Jefferis, our tireless and remarkable membership chairperson, reports that the following new members are in the Village:

Margaret A. Bissell of Monroe, Donald E. Smith of Maineville, Mark and Cynthia Starr of Springboro, Joe Wilson of Lebanon, Bud and Anita Thomson of Germantown.

DECEMBER IS ONE MEETING MONTH

December has become a one-meeting month, so there will be no second meeting for this month. By the time this newsletter is in the hands of its readers, the December meeting will be past, so about the best information is that the next meeting will be the first Tuesday of January, or January 3. Winter meetings are held at the Village restaurant, Main Street Waynesville, at 7:00 PM on the first and third Tuesdays of each month (except for December). All interested members (and non-members, for that matter) are invited. This month is also a no-newsletter one, as the editor folds up his word processor in favor of a hot toddy and a good cigar, and hibernates beside the woodstove. So if no newsletter comes for December, it isn't the usual delay for second-class mail, its due to first class sloth.

A GOOD CHRISTMAS PRESENT

For the person who has everything- give them a share of the past. One of the Village's best supporters and involved in the lore of Hawkins house, Kathryn Bissell Coning, suggested recently that a present of a year's membership to the Village might be a good gift at Christmastime, and we think such an idea is just dandy. Why we didn't think of it ourselves just goes to prove that every volunteer offers something unique to the Village.

A year's membership costs \$10 and gets the copies of the newsletter sent, information given, and all the work they can handle offered. That's better than a new tie, now isn't it?

USED LOGS BEING DONATED

Pioneer Village has entered into an agreement with Phil Radar who is also a devotee of log buildings to receive several loads of logs from a house site in southern Clinton County where he is building a large log home on a house site he is developing there.

Mr. Radar dismantled and salvaged the Harkrader house at about the same time members of the Village were taking the Harkrader barn down and bringing the logs from that building in. He also dismantled a log house from Springboro,