

THE VILLAGE LOG

CAESAR'S CREEK
PIONEER VILLAGE
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GATEHOUSE MOVED ON SITE

The most recent house to be moved into the Village and the one planned for the gatehouse was brought in the weekend of Oct. 17 & 18.

Don and Jeff Patton, using Thompson Excavating Company equipment, with assistance of a sizable crew of other volunteers, dismantled the 1 1/2-story log structure at its location on the William Fritts farm on Route 73 about two miles east of Waynesville. The crew removed floor boards, served lunch, stacked logs, de-nailed boards, and worked around the backhoe that lifted down the logs from the 17 x 21-foot building.

The logs were then hauled to the Village and placed on the cement footers and block foundation prepared by Paul Crane the week before and the stone piers Don Richards had laid on top.

Sunday, Oct. 18, most of the logs were raised to their original places with just a few to top it off the following weekend. Another sizable crew worked in chilly weather and a strong wind to assist the backhoe, operated by Jeff Patton.

It was discovered that a sill log had deteriorated too badly for use, so one donated by William LeMay from the Waynesville Mill was used. It is probable that rafters and windows will come from the Vesta Ewing property. The floor joists were sawed by the Thomas Mill on Beechgrove Road in Clinton County.

The gatehouse was a former tollhouse for the Waynesville Wilmington Pike at the Massie-Wayne Township line and has been used as a granery since about 1900.

VILLAGE HOSTS WEDDING

A most memorable and unique wedding was performed at the Village recently as Heidi King and Carl Devine, both of Worthington, Ohio, were united in marriage by Rev. Travis Ormsby of Xenia.

The ceremony, held under locust trees near the Elam house, was accompanied by Indian chants and bells. Guests wore western or pioneer clothes and the bride and groom were dressed in white tanned buckskins. About 250 guests attended the ceremony.

Following the wedding, the Village ladies served a full and extensive meal of frontier cookery garnished with decorations of the woodlands in fall colors.

Mildred Crane organized the reception, held on the knoll to the rear of the picnic shelter. Perfect, autumn weather rounded out a flawless day.

The couple honeymooned in Algonquin Park in Ontario in a canoe that was one of the wedding gifts.

PRIVY PAINTED PRETTILY

Homer and Edna Marsh have given the little privy in the food area a fresh coat of grey paint, making it attractive indeed. The kitchen, by comparison, needs painting too. Volunteers for that job can start any time they wish!

MEMBERSHIP NEARS 500

Miriam Lukens reports a membership enrollment of about 492 persons, divided into: 288 charter or sustaining, 126 family, and 78 individual.

Welcome to recent new members: Mr. and Mrs. Vernon R. Hiley, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Baker, Mrs. Howard Smalley, Mr. and Mrs. Devine and Brian Mefford.

NEW COOKBOOK ON SHELF

Eleanor Flecker and Jane Spargur have produced the second Village cookbook from recipes Eleanor has uncovered and researched as well as ones given to her by Village members.

The attractive book with an original cover design by Andy Kopp and a plastic binder for opening flat will retail for \$3.50, in the Village store and from individuals.

Entitled "The Second Shelf" it is the second Village cookbook edited by Eleanor.

VILLAGE RECEIVES TABLE

The Village was the recent recipient of a redwood stained picnic table donated by Mr. Carey Scroggy of Ogden Road in Clinton County. Mr. Scroggy, a long time member of the Village, has relationship on his mother's side with William Lukens, one of the heirs of the Lukens house and one of the original organizing members in 1973.

The table has been placed in the caretaker house for inside work there.

CHIMNEY READY FOR STOVE

The Friday crew of Village workers has built an inside shelf on which to place the Githens house chimney, building a small closet underneath for storage purposes. Don Richards thinks he can get a chimney built before temperatures too cold for masonry work set in.

Mudding has been proceeding. A good substantially old stove of the flat type (not a parlor stove) is needed for this building.

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LARGE LOG HOUSE ACCEPTED

The trustees in October voted to accept the gift of a 2 1/2-story, 20 x 30-ft. log house from the Celina area. Don and Dot Patton and the Hatfields investigated the house, which is on the ground, labeled and complete. They pronounce it in fine shape and composed of exceptionally large logs.

The house is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Cody Sanford of Vandalia. Although the Sanfords purchased it in the Salina area, they decided not to use it and wished it to be preserved rather than allowed to deteriorate or be destroyed. They offered it to Pioneer Village.

Earlier discussion had been held about the possibility of a village inn, and this large building may become that facility. As in the case of other buildings in the Village, it could serve other purposes as well. The trustees thank Cody and Molly Sanford heartily.

The Village has requested of ODNR a parcel of about 1/2 acre of land between the ravine and the road. This would be a good site for the Sanford Inn. This small parcel never was included in the original grant of land in the lease with the U.S. Government.

TABLES BROUGHT TO VILLAGE

Through the efforts of Lena Iorns, the Village received unexpectedly 33 wooden tables. The tables were half of a group stored in a garage in Lebanon, used in antique shows and other public affairs in and around Lebanon and Warren County. The other half were owned by the Warren County Historical Society and had been previously removed. The 33 belonged to Mrs. Crutcher, who put on shows and displays with them but has discontinued her use of them.

Through Lena's efforts, they were sold to the Village for the storage fees, making them slightly less than a gift but certainly a bargain. The 8 x 3 foot tables have iron legs. Their wooden appearance is ideal for Village use.

GEORGE WALL TO CONSTRUCT OVEN

George Wall is salvaging bricks from the Vesta Ewing house to use in an outdoor bake oven. These bricks, plus those donated from one of the dismantled Armco blast furnaces sometime ago, should provide enough material for the oven. It will be located beside the small grove of trees to the east of the Village barn. George is certainly a jack-of-many-trades and abilities.

REFRIGERATOR DONATED

Recently, Homer and Edna Marsh of Lytle gave to the Village a good, used refrigerator. It has been taken to the Village and will be used in the kitchen. The kitchen will have two, the first having been donated by Walter and Martha Smith several years ago.

SLIDE LECTURES BEING GIVEN

Jow and Thelma Hatfield have been busy during the past weeks presenting slides of the Village on several occasions. They spoke to the annual meeting of the Oregonia Methodist Church, the Fairmonthers Club of the Fairmont Methodist Church in Kettering, and the Dorothy Lane Baptist Church.

Likewise Don Richards has presented the Village slide program several times recently, the last one to the Waynesville Shrine.

RICHARDS ATTEND TOUR

Mic and Don Richards recently spent a day touring historic sites in the Cincinnati area as the Cin. Historical Society held its second lecture and tour. The subject was restoration of the William Howard Taft home.

COME TO THE CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE MEETING HOUSE, DEC. 6, 2:00 P.M.

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