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LAST BUILDING TO GO UP

After a lengthy discussion of ways to raise the Inn logs off the ground it was decided for many volunteers to get as many up as possible on the first weekend of November, the 5th and 6th. This would be a good start to avoid winter weather's again damaging the wood.

The Inn is expected to be the last major log building to be re-erected at the Village. 2016

PORCH ADDITION ABOUT DONE

Work is continuing on the store porch with new (old) siding on the upper west gable end and roof sheeting and shingles over that. This addition should prolong the life of the log building and give much needed sales and display space to the store. Homer Marsh, George Wall and Burnett Butterworth are doing much of the construction work.

PICNIC TABLE DONATED

Miriam Lukens recently donated a picnic table to the Village that she has at her home and is no longer using. It probably will be placed in the maintenance building and used for informal gatherings there.

BLACKSMITH SHOP GOING UP

Work on the blacksmith shop is continuing as Jim Merrick and Dave Hastell have the logs up to the one-and-a-half story height.

Sometime in the prior life of the building the ceiling has been raised, so this will be higher than usual. Jim and Dave plan to work on the building during the winter.

TRUSTEES REJECT REQUEST

Trustees met recently in the office of Jack Hedges, Lebanon attorney and counsel for the Village, to decide how to answer a request by Jim and Becky Simpkins for some \$8,000 they claim is due them for the remainder of the 1983 season, because they were not continued through the entire year but were retained until the first meeting in July.

It was unanimously voted not to honor their claim of money feeling that they did not live up to their oral agreement. Lebanon attorney Mark Clark is representing the Simpkins.

MALL SHOW SUCCESSFUL

The booth at the "Country Crafts" show at the Dayton Mall in which the Village acted as a theme, demonstrated and re-tailed merchandise, was a success, according to Linda Lee who coordinated the activities.

Bringing in somewhere in the neighborhood of five hundred dollars for restoration expenses, the five-day affair marked the second such show in which the Village has taken part.

Helping with setting up, dismantling, retailing or demonstrating were Al Byrd, Mic and Don Richards, Lucille Loar, Ethel Jefferis, Miriam Lukens, Linda Lee, Beverly Lee, Annafrances Riddle, Calvin and Carol Purnell, Terri Lawson, Kathryn and Burnett Butterworth, David Hastell, Joe and Miriam Worley, Jim Merrick, Sharon Cunningham, Wanda Hodson, Homer and Edna Marsh, George Wall, Becky Siva, Patty and Becky Apostelos, Beth, John and Joan Kihlstrom, Ralph Kanko, Frank Crabtree, Beth, Ralph Kanko and a few others who came for short periods of time.

PLANNING MEETING HELD

The trustees and other interested members held a planning meeting in the maintenance building on the last Sunday of October, to come up with a calendar and projects for the 1984 year.

State directories and news releases for the 1984 summer season dictate that plans be made well in advance of the time. A more complete listing of details of the calendar will be in the November issue.

THERE WAS ONLY ONE HITCH

The Glanton-Shellenbarger wedding held recently in the Locust Grove near the Elam house went off beautifully, according to those in attendance. Village ladies catered the reception for approximately one hundred guests.

The weather cooperated with a perfect day, and the food was good. Things went off without a hitch, except the one of course in the Grove. The Village made about one hundred dollars for restoration from the catering service.

'EVE PARTY HELD IN SHED

A Halloween party was held in the maintenance shed on Saturday night, Oct. 22. It was to have been in the barn and outdoors, but rain necessitated the change. Craft people, members, musicians and guests came.

The party was conceived as a way of saying thanks to many supporters and friends who helped out in the festivals for 1983.

Members enjoyed a potluck supper, haloween type games, music, pictures and lots of warm friendship.

VILLAGE PROJECTS NEED

At the last Village meeting a guest of Joe Worley, Tim Bashford of Lebanon, a merchant who sells camera equipment in his store, demonstrated a new item, an ektograph, which is a combination of a slide projector and a reverse projection screen in a case about the size of a medium sized portable television set. Joe thought the Village might be interested in such an item due to the use it could be in automatic informative shows with a minimum attention by an attendant. The application was obvious to all who attended the meeting.

While the members could see such an item set with a carousel of slides at a mall show and a descriptive voice tape which coordinates with slides, giving information about the Village, they could also see broader applications for introductory shows of a short duration which visitors could be given prior to entering the Village in the Toll-house. This would help visitors understand the scope, purpose, history and endeavors of the Village.

In short, members felt that such an item could be very applicable to uses at the Village, but felt that the cost, \$500, was more than the budget from a lean year could bear.

It was suggested that an appeal could be made through the Log for help in purchasing such an item. Bashford offered to sell the item at \$500, much less than the \$750 retail price.

Members who wish to contribute to a fund to buy the ektograph are asked to do so by sending checks or money orders to the Village, Box 329, Waynesville, Ohio 45068, possibly to enable such a purchase. Mic Richards reminded the group that fifty members' sending \$10 apiece could buy the machine.

The Village has made its remarkable progress so far on the backs of volunteers who by donating their time, talent and money have created a site of which the entire state is proud, and which has not any equal, as far as we know, in the state, and certainly few indeed in the nation. It is remarkable indeed that the "hard core" of maybe a couple dozen working individuals and more distant supportive members have accomplished this over the years.

There are literally hundreds of members who do not have the time or talent (or strength) or availability to work. This request for funds might be a way of helping also.

FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR

The Village activities have mostly come to an ebb for the present year, but for the sake

of your calendar and considering the long time the Log takes to come from typewriter to mailbox, here are the dates up through the rest of the year.

November: The regular meetings in the maintenance building at the Village, a business meeting for the first and a program meeting for the fifteenth. The program will be by the Centerville Historical Association, an active, local group who have created, by dint of their own efforts, a museum and house of their own in Centerville, over the past decade. Their history parallels ours in many ways.

Pioneer Village will present a program to them on Nov. 17 at the Normandy Church on Alex-Bell Road.

As mentioned, work on the Inn is being planned for the first weekend in November.

The annual Christmas party is set for Dec. 4 at 2 p.m. in the Meeting and Lukens houses.

There will be no other meetings in December.

Meetings for the first few months of 1984 will return to the Episcopal church in Waynesville. The format of business meeting on the first Tuesday and a special program on the third will prevail through April, the group then to decide further arrangements.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP AT THE MALL

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