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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DEC. 2

The annual Christmas program will be held in the Meeting House at 2 p.m. December 2, followed by a dessert reception in the Lukens house. The program will feature music of the season, a special speaker, group caroling, and a visit from Santa if he is not tied up at the north pole! This is a good time to usher in the Christmas holidays and an excellent way to get in the spirit of the season.

BUILDING TO GET UNDER ROOF 2016

A bid of \$600 was accepted from Dave Hatfield, a Franklin man, to get the blacksmith building under roof. He will remove the three top tiers of logs, drop the joists, put up the gable ends, roof sheeting and shingles, and frame the large opening to the north. The Village will furnish the materials.

The building was brought in by Dave Hastell and Jim Merrick and set up last year, but nothing further had been accomplished. It will be under roof by the first of the year.

Hatfield also contracted several years ago to roof and finish the Githens house.

TWO TIMES IN ONE YEAR

The second School Days craftsmen seminars for local schools held this year was held Thursday, Oct. 11, at the Village, hosting several hundred children from three different schools.

The Village has provided the program for many years as a spring program chaired and developed by Miriam Lukens, but this fall there was enough of a demand to try it in the fall as well. It was pronounced a success by the children, teachers and Village participants. The Village is considering switching entirely to the fall!

ACCESSIONIST EXPLAINS

Elva Adams, retired Director of the Warren County Museum, and a valued member of the Village, spoke to members at a recent meeting to explain what she is doing to organize and systematize the various gifts and donations that are being given to the Village.

Calling herself a Secretary of Accessions, she detailed her forms and procedure to record, thank, and legalize the gifts. She pointed out that gifts must be officially signed over before they can really become Village property. Several papers and much time are involved with each donation.

The Village members should try to get as much background information on all the buildings as possible and work on getting the Lukens house on the National Register, for which it will qualify, she also said.

Volunteers such as Elva who work quietly and efficiently behind the scenes to keep the Village functioning are worth their weight in gold.

P & G DONATION RECEIVED

Through the initiation and efforts of Al Byrd, who is an employee of Procter and Gamble, the Village has received a grant from that company of \$1,000 toward the purchase of a rear-tine rototiller for use at the Village.

Al informed the trustees of the possibility of qualifying for P & G's program of donations to worthy non-profit enterprises and was asked to go ahead and make an application. Together with Joe Worley, who did a lot of foot work for price inquiries, he sent in the forms last summer.

At the first meeting in October he brought in a thousand dollar check! Joe Worley will take additional treasury monies to buy the tiller, a much needed tool especially for the sorghum field. It will be a Troy-Built model.

ANOTHER MALL SHOW PLANNED

The Village will be the central theme at the Upper Valley Mall crafts show near Springfield November 7 through 11, with the opportunity to demonstrate crafts and run a booth.

Members to be on hand to demonstrate and sell are in demand, although many afternoons and evenings are already filled with volunteers. Linda Lee is acting as coordinator for the five days.

This is the first time for the Village to go to the Upper Valley Mall, and the first time since last spring to participate in any mall show.

TRUSTEES BUY MORE FENCE

The Village has decided to purchase additional two- and three-rail cedar wooden fencing (like that around the green) to enclose the barnyard sometime this winter and then the orchard next summer and additional fields for the future. The Willhote fence company of Greene County offered several hundred posts at an end-of-the-season price, plus some rails. The trustees voted to buy all the remaining posts and as many rails as needed for immediate fencing.

WIGHTS DONATE WINDOWS AND CHAIRS

Al and Marge Wight recently donated several old window sash and two hand crafted, matching arm chairs to the Village. It has been decided to repaint the two chairs instead of trying to strip them, since they probably would have been painted originally. The sash will be stored in the barn for future use. The chairs will fit very appropriately on either side of a fireplace in one of the log buildings.

SHEEP PEN NOW BEING BUILT

Samantha, the sheep (no longer a lamb), has become a permanent and familiar Village resident. She is quite playful now that fall weather has arrived.

She has outgrown her collar and has been running loose in the green for some time. She welcomes visitors who take the time to stop and pet her. She may not think herself a human, but she surely is a pioneer.

However, winter is coming and she needs a shelter for the cold and rainy weather, a place where she can get inside, keep dry, and have a permanent place for her care.

Several weeks ago Burnett Butterworth, George Wall and Don Richards erected a shed frame of locust posts, and a week later George and Don put the roof sheeting on and the shingles are now on.

The eight by ten foot, three-sided shed will be in keeping with a pioneer type shelter and fitting for a pioneer farm. It will be on the east side of the barnyard, directly behind the farm privy to the rear of the Furnas house.

It will open to the north with a door to the barnyard with egress to a field to the east also. The barnyard will be fenced, giving her a pasture area as well as the protection of a fenced-in enclosure.

A chicken coop on the opposite side of the barnyard will complete the buildings, with the exception of a log barn, for which the Village is still looking.

LOG RAISING WELL ATTENDED

On a recent drizzly Sunday, a large group of men assembled, with a backhoe from Don Thompson Excavating and put up most of the logs on the large Inn building. They raised the building to its top log on the east end and most of the logs on the west. Don, Jeff and Tom Patton did the backhoe work.

The following week, the shorter logs were set in, so that all logs are in up to the second floor. A second day of raising will see all logs and most of the joists in place.

Also helping were Burnett Butterworth, Frank Crabtree, Calvin St. John, Dave Hastell, Jim Merrick, George Wall and Don Richards. Several of the ladies cooked a large lunch for the workers.

The building is difficult to erect, since no logs were marked when it was disassembled. It will be a full two stories high with a porch across the front.

PLANS SET FOR NEXT YEAR

The annual planning meeting was held in the maintenance shed on October 28 at 2 p.m. to work out the calendar for 1985. It has become necessary to plan at least this far ahead to get the commitments of the craftsmen, get on others' calendars, and schedule activities at the Village for the summer months that are becoming increasingly busy.

The calendar should be in the next Village Log.

UTILITY TRAILER PURCHASED

The trustees voted at the last meeting to purchase the tandem-wheeled trailer. It has been borrowing from Don Patton frequently. Don offered it to the Village for a price of \$600, which is considerably lower than what he could have gotten elsewhere.

This summer alone it was used to haul the Highway logs, haul saw wood for the Inn, haul seating for the stage, haul the Augsburg artifacts to the Village, and last Saturday it was used all day. It will next be used to haul in fencing.

HOMECOMING ENJOYED BY ALL

The Village enjoyed its second Homecoming on Oct. 20 from 4 p.m. to about 10, with a bonfire, impromptu music, and a dinner of ham and beans with cornbread, cold slaw, pumpkin pie, cider and coffee. About seventy-five attended craftsmen, members and musicians.

Although rain dampened the weather, it did not seem to affect the spirits of every one there.

The dinner was prepared by Linda Lee with help from her daughter Barbara and by Thelma Hatfield, who made the slaw. Several members volunteered to help keep serving lines replenished.

WORK WEEKEND SET FOR NOV. 10 AND 11.

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