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MUZZLE LOADERS CAMP AT VILLAGE

About forty muzzle loaders, men and boys, camped at the Village over the weekend of the 24th and 25th of October in atwo-day exercise in pioneer living, and authentic camp life. This was the second such camping weekend this group have been at the Village, with the first spent last fall. The group is a church-sponsored organization of Christian campers.

They chose the area in front of the green between the Meeting House and the Tollhouse as their camping site.

STORE CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

Annafrances Riddle and Beverly Lee, storekeepers for the Village, have closed the store for the season. Although it may be opened for special occasions, the cooler weather and diminishing number of visitors make regular hours uneconomical.

In previous years the Village has operated a store booth at one of the mall shows in the area, but the length of time, work, and difficulty of getting people to work at it made this year's close permanent until spring.

CHRISTMAS PARTY AGAIN PLANNED

A Christmas party, planned for December 7 in the Meeting House at 2 PM will again observe the holiday season at the Village.

Although the particulars of the program have not been planned, it will probably follow that of previous programs, with special music, group carolling, a special speaker and then timely desserts and hot beverages following.

Those attending are asked to bring a simple dessert for everyone to share following the program.

UPSTAIRS FLOOR COMPLETED

Frank Crabtree and Linda Lee recently completed the flooring of the upstairs of the Collett house, a job they worked on last winter, but ran out of time to finish before summer.

BENCHES ON HOLD FOR AWHILE

The wooden benches that several donors have placed around the grounds through the summer are all on the grounds and no additional ones will be ordered until next summer, and possibly not then, depending on whether it is felt that more are needed. Several have been purchased for which no donor has been secured, and until all are sponsored, the number will not be augmented.

BREAKFAST SERVED TO CAMPERS

Several members and trustees of the Village pitched in to serve breakfast to the Christian mountain men and boys that recently camped on the grounds.

Gary and Joyce Breeze, Harold and Catherine Smart and Linda Lee and Frank Crabtree pitched pancakes and friend sausages and brewed coffee for the forty or so who had arranged with the Village for breakfast on Saturday morning.

The group contracted with the Village for breakfast and camping at \$5 each.

VACATIONERS FLORIDA BOUND

Linda Lee and Annafrances Riddle have driven to Florida for a well-earned vacation, but plan to be back by the middle of the month, according to Linda. Activities at the Village are at an ebb just now, so it is a good time to take a break from the busy schedule this year.

HOMECOMING PARTY WELL ATTENDED

The Village homecoming party, given for those who have participated throughout the year in Village activities, was as usual well attended in spite of a rainy, rather cold and generally uninviting evening more reminiscent of Halloween than of homecoming.

Hosted by the Village, and prepared by Linda Lee, food consisted of stew, pie, drinks and rolls. A large number of musicians turned out to furnish entertainment and a good time was enjoyed by all.

ANTIQUE MACHINERY GROUP FORMED

Much of the discussion in meeting lately has been about the decision by various members of the Village to form their own antique machinery club. Experiencing some dissatisfaction with the arrangement with the Warren County Antique Machinery Club, with whom the August festival was put on, it was felt that the expenses of such an endeavor could be handled better through the Village's own treasury, and the entire proceeds return to it as well.

Several of the former members of the Warren County group have decided to form the nucleus of the Village organization, and use the facilities that are developing there. Members of the group already have several pieces of machinery for show and operation and the enthusiasm to carry such an organization forward and broaden and enrich the Village in doing so.

Monies needed for the August festival will come from the Village treasury and the returns will go into a separate account, but still in the treasury. The organization will be a integral part of the Village but will hold separate meetings (in the Head shed) and pursue the planting of the crops on Village grounds, harvesting them, the August show, and other farm related activities. Officers so far have not been chosen.

SCHOOL DAYS FOR FALL A SUCCESS

The school children craft seminars, scheduled for the middle of October, went off well enough, although not as many craftsmen turned out as it was hoped, according to Linda Lee, who coordinated the affair. According to Linda, about seven to eight hundred children were handled from several local schools, with good weather in the bargain. Linda also was a speaker and guide for a group of Centerville teachers on a fall in-service day, with activities on the Village grounds.

HARKRADER BARN FOUNDATION DONE 2014

Both pens of the Harkrader barn foundation have been completed by Dale Cook, a local mason and bricklayer. The foundation, now ready for the logs, consists of two twenty foot by twenty foot squares, consisting of blocks four tiers high. The block will be veneered by natural limestone rock in due time. The squares will provide foundations for the log pens which will rise to provide support for the rafters and roof of the barn.

The rafters, several logs and much usable wood and material have been hauled from the barn site off Greentree Road, with several additional loads yet to come, according to Trustee Gary Breeze, who is in charge of the erection of the building. About three fourths of the rafters were salvaged with the remaining number to be fashioned somehow of new material.

Cook has donated his time and talent toward the project.

PLANNING MEETING HELD

A planning meeting for the 1987 year was held in the Head Shed Nov. 2 at 2 PM with Trustees, representatives from several organizations participating and organized within the Village, and interested members joining in to make the coming year an interesting and worthwhile one.

Details of the forthcoming year will appear in the November Log, as the decisions reached in the planning meeting need to be ratified by Trustee action in regular meeting.

PRIORITIES LIE IN COMPLETIONS

With an ambitious program of festivals and other public events lasting through the summer, the fall, winter and spring months hold time for completion of projects underway rather than the initiation of new ones. Among the more important are the following.

The Heighway house needs to have its roof completed and the doors and windows installed. Nearly all the materials are on hand for this work, but people are needed to put it together. Two men can complete the roof in a half day and the rest can be finished in a weekend. When the situation of that building a year ago is remembered, it is difficult to see why such a difficult job of restoration was accomplished last winter under such trying conditions and so little remains, comparatively, to put it together. The group primarily interested in the interior can complete it then under their own schedule.

The Inn presents much work, but again much of the material is on site to close the walls in, put in the windows and doors, and erect the stairs. Sub flooring should be put on, but the actual cost of this work should not be more than a few hundred dollars. The outside is essentially done. With the difficult work of log erection and porch and roof installation finished, relatively few days of work can bring it a long way.

The Storer shed, next to the caretaker's residence, has its

foundation complete and the logs all on site to complete the job in a day. A few hundred dollars and a few days work can put the roof on and bring that building close to completion.

The springhouse is partly done, but lacks the work of a stone mason to bring the walls up. Possibly that can be done yet this fall. The roof should not present much of a job at all. Probably the installation of water to the building is the biggest job.

The largest job now looming is the Harkrader barn. But it now has its foundation complete and its logs nearby. A few days work should have them all up.

VILLAGE ANIMALS NEED ATTENTION

One of the pressing problems facing the Village this fall is what to do with the livestock the Village has acquired over the year.

The two goats and the two sheep have a snug building, but the fence surrounding it has been taken away to work on the log barn, and it would be inconvenient to put it back up again. A temporary pen needs to be put up until the barn is put up, and then it's log walls can act as part of the fence.

There has been some discussion about breeding Samantha for a spring lamb, bring to a total of three sheep on the grounds. No such plans are anticipated for April.

The bringing of the water line to the farm area will certainly help in caring for the livestock this winter.

Join the Friday work group - you'll find it fun and worthwhile

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